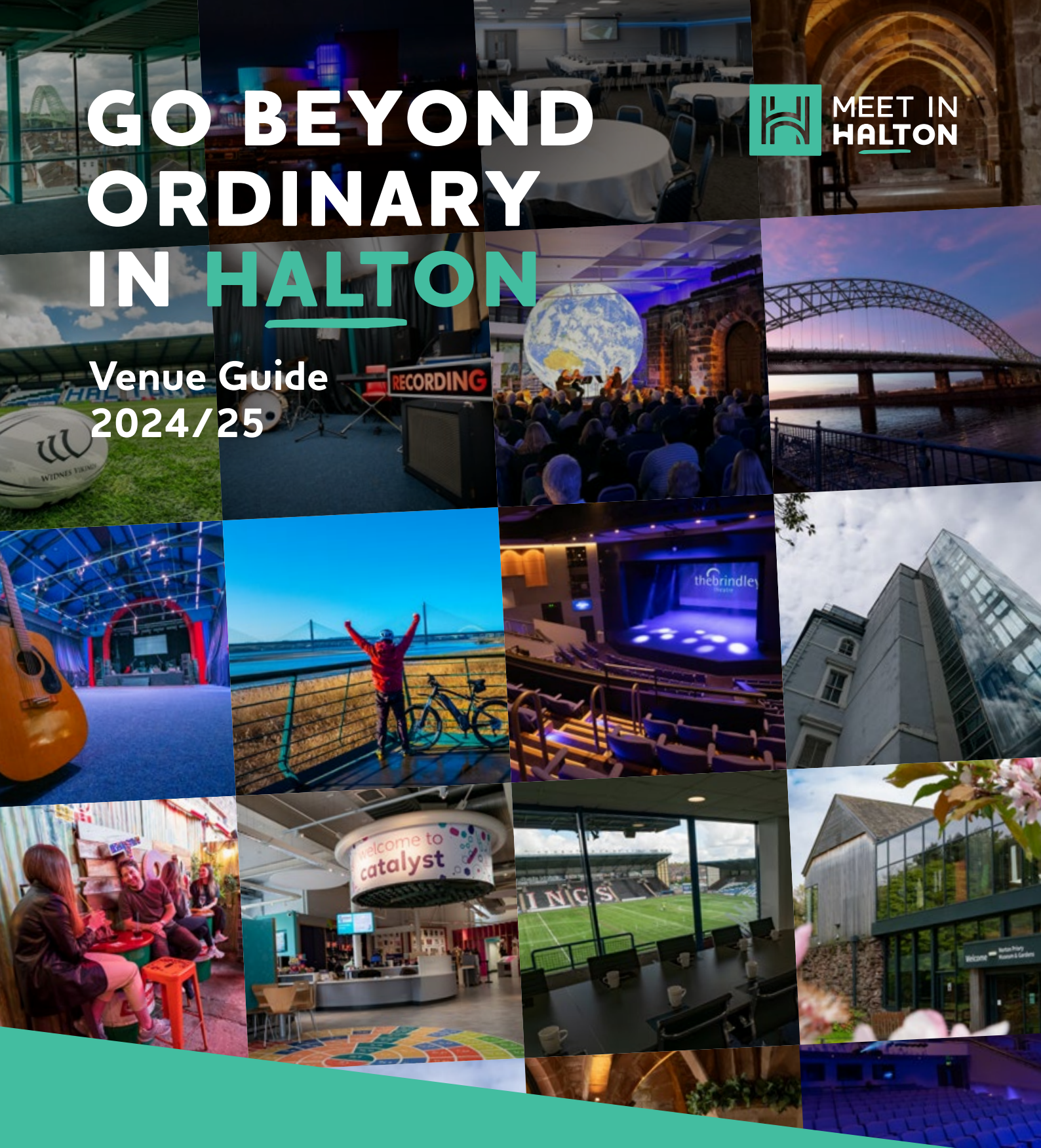


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Venue Guide
2024/25



THE ALTERNATIVE DESTINATION WHERE...

Meetings, Conferences, Incentives and Exhibitions,
meet Science, Sport, Heritage, Theatre and Music.



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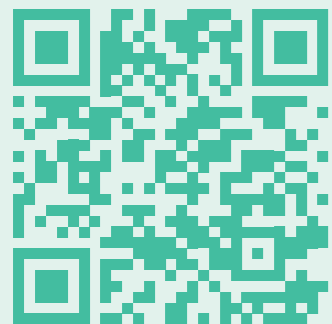
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SCAN TO DISCOVER
MORE OF HALTON'S
ALTERNATIVE
OFFERINGS...



**WELCOME TO THE
HALTON VENUE GUIDE...**

An initiative to promote the award-winning conference and convention facilities throughout the borough. 'The Alternative Destination', as we like to call it, features a whole myriad of venues to make every meeting, incentive, conference, exhibition and event, a highlight of your business calendar.

Halton continues to forge its ambitious plans for technical innovation and key business sector growth. The physical regeneration and transformation of the borough combines rich heritage with contemporary and quirky venues, supported by a strong infrastructure to provide balanced and productive working environments, for now and the future.

Historically Halton has always been at the forefront of trade and connectivity has always been at its heart. Home to an inland port and waterway network that continually transport goods around the country, today Halton remains a prosperous and pioneering industrial giant, as the home of world-class science and innovation, musical and sporting legends along with heritage and cultural excellence.

This Alternative Destination guide offers everything to host any event, from music to arts festivals, new product launches to active away days. So you can plan and book, with confidence.

OUR VENUES

Science, Sport, Heritage, Theatre and Music. Halton's fantastic venues have it all!

CATALYST SCIENCE DISCOVERY CENTRE AND MUSEUM

Meet in the birthplace of chemical industry.

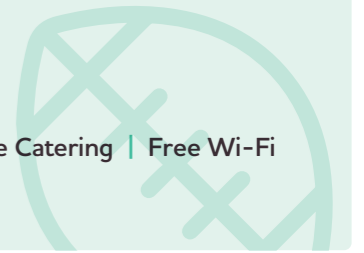
8 spaces | Hosts up to 350 delegates | In-house Catering | Free Wi-Fi
See page 6 for more information.



DCBL STADIUM

Standout and draw in the crowd at DCBL Stadium.

24 spaces | Hosts up to 12500 delegates | Private Breakout Rooms | In-house Catering | Free Wi-Fi
See page 8 for more information.



NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM AND GARDENS

An international site of archaeological significance.

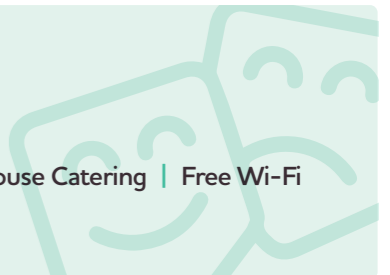
5 spaces | Hosts 200+ delegates | In-house Catering | Free Wi-Fi
See page 10 for more information.



THE BRINDLEY

Take centre stage at this award-winning theatre.

2 large versatile spaces | Hosts up to 400 delegates | Technical Support | In-house Catering | Free Wi-Fi
See page 12 for more information.



THE STUDIO

On the site where The Beatles first performed 'Love Me Do'!

4 spaces | Hosts up to 375 delegates | In-house Catering | Technical Support
See page 14 for more information.



WHY HALTON?

Are you considering Halton as the location for your next meeting or event? Well here are some reasons why you absolutely should...

Location, Location, Location

Nestled in the rural charm of Cheshire, yet retaining its Liverpool edge and being just a stone's throw from the vibrant buzz of Manchester, Halton offers a blend of industrial heritage, natural attractions and alternative cultural highlights, effortlessly connecting with neighbouring cities, yet feeling unique.

Variety of Venues

Whether you're looking for an intimate space, an epic stadium, a state-of-the-art venue, a film-worthy location, or a heritage-rich setting, Halton has a range of diverse spaces for events of any size, type and budget. Each space offers an array of key equipment and features, flexible catering, accessibility and sustainable initiatives along with an unparalleled 'alternative incentives' to add something extra special.

Easy Access

Boasting a regular and direct rail service from London to Runcorn Station via The West Coast Main Line; inbound and outbound domestic and international flight routes from Liverpool John Lennon Airport; and a strategic location at the heart of the major North West motorway network - whether delegates prefer to travel by train, plane or car, getting to the Borough is easy and convenient for all. Once here an efficient transport network ensures seamless navigation throughout the Borough and beyond.

Great Value Accommodation

Halton offers accommodation options to suit every preference and budget. From modern, comfortable rooms to quaint, cosy inns and larger international hotels, delegates will find the perfect place to rest and recharge.

From sporting arenas to concert hall theatres to historic monasteries, Halton offers a plethora of settings to elevate your meetings and events.



Image credit: Avanti West Coast



Work Hard, Play Hard

From an all-action round of golf to a cycle along the Trans Pennine Trail, watching a high energy rugby match to taking time to relax with a rejuvenating yoga class or a leisurely canal trip, getting creative with a sound recording studio session or taking a journey into virtual reality, whatever the occasion, Halton has a wide range of attractions to experience.

So, for your next meeting, incentive, conference or event, choose Halton – the 'Alternative Destination' for your business.

CATALYST SCIENCE DISCOVERY CENTRE AND MUSEUM

Mersey Road, Widnes, WA8 0DF



Meet at the birthplace of the chemical industry. Let the interactivity and adaptable spaces be the catalyst to increased productivity and satisfaction for your event!

Housed in a Grade II listed building, Catalyst Science Discovery Centre and Museum is steeped in industrial history with fascinating exhibits and interactive displays. Delegates are able to explore them during breaks, whilst marvelling at the stunning views of the Mersey Gateway Bridge. Whether you want to host a large-scale training event in The Observatory Gallery with 360 views of the Borough or a carry out a small meeting for a team of 10 in The Gossage Room, Catalyst has a range of meeting spaces for a variety of different sized events.

ALTERNATIVE INCENTIVES

- Wellness activities with MIND Halton
- Team Building activities
- Teacher led lab sessions and workshops

CAPACITY

350

EVENT TYPES

- Meetings
- Receptions
- Training / Team Building
- Product Launches
- Workshop Functions
- Networking

★ KEY FEATURES

- ✓ Free Wi-Fi
- ✓ Blackout Curtain
- ✓ AV: Video Conferencing
- ✓ Lectern
- ✓ AV: Lighting
- ✓ Catering
- ✓ AV: Sound System
- ✓ On-Site Parking
- ✓ AV: Projection

♿ ACCESSIBILITY

- ✓ Lifts
- ✓ Accessible Parking
- ✓ Wide Doorways
- ✓ Induction Loops
- ✓ Accessible Toilets
- ✓ Changing Places Facilities
- ✓ Accessible Parking
- ✓ Ramp Access

🌿 SUSTAINABILITY

- ✓ Renewable Energy
- ✓ Recycling Initiatives
- ✓ LED Lighting

BOOKING ENQUIRIES

Phone 0151 420 1121
Email info@catalyst.org.uk

Catalyst were a great help in arranging our event.

All attendees really enjoyed the day and were complimentary of the setting.

Cheshire Asbestos Victim Support Group



ROOMS AVAILABLE	SPECS		CAPACITIES							
	SIZE SQM	DAY LIGHT	MEETING	BOARD ROOM	THEATRE (TIERED)	CLASSROOM	RECEPTION	CABARET	STANDING	EXHIBITION (no. of tables/stalls)
THE DEACON ROOM	22	✓	8							
THE FRIENDS ROOM	25	✓		8			15			
GOSSAGE ROOM	44	✓		16	30					
THE DISCOVERY LAB	74	✓								
THE THEATRE	84	✓		25	70					
EDUCATION CENTRE*	67 (each)	✓			50 or 100	36 or 72				
THE OBSERVATORY GALLERY**	188	✓						40	100	6**
GROUND FLOOR AREA	NA	✓					100		100	

*Across two separate rooms, which can be opened up into one large room.

**This exhibition setup is ideal for local community exhibitions with display space of 2.2m x 2.8m and 2.2m x 1.7m including a large screen TV for associated powerpoints or short films.



DCBL STADIUM

Lower House Lane, Widnes, WA8 7DZ

Stand out and draw in the crowd at this purpose-built community stadium. This world class arena will be more than just a match with your delegates!

Home to the Widnes Vikings, Widnes FC and City of Liverpool FC, the Stadium is one of the most versatile venues in the area. There are 24 flexible meeting and event rooms equipped with the latest presentation and communication technology. Whatever you need to make your event a touchdown, this epic stadium will go the extra yard.

CAPACITY
12500

EVENT TYPES

- Conferences
- Business Meetings
- Celebration Events

★ **KEY FEATURES**

- ✓ Free Wi-Fi
- ✓ Lectern
- ✓ In-house Catering
- ✓ Free Parking
- ✓ Alcohol License
- ✓ Natural Daylight
- ✓ Air Conditioning
- ✓ Technical Support
- ✓ AV: Conference Microphone
- ✓ AV: Sound System
- ✓ AV: Lighting and Projection
- ✓ AV: Video Conferencing

♿ **ACCESSIBILITY**

- ✓ Lifts
- ✓ Induction Loops
- ✓ Accessible Parking
- ✓ Accessible Toilets
- ✓ Ramp Access
- ✓ Wide Doorways
- ✓ Changing Places Toilet
- ✓ Breakout Areas

🌿 **SUSTAINABILITY**

- ✓ Renewable Energy
- ✓ Recycling Initiatives
- ✓ LED Lighting

ALTERNATIVE INCENTIVES

- Entertainment
- Social Events
- Games

BOOKING ENQUIRIES

Phone 0151 510 6000
Email stadium@halton.gov.uk

We had really positive feedback about the venue, staff and food.

All of the venue staff put in hard work and effort to ensure that the event ran smoothly. All of the staff were super helpful, accommodating and efficient.

We highly recommend others to use the stadium for their future events.

University of Liverpool



ROOMS AVAILABLE	SPECS		CAPACITIES						
	SIZE SQM	DAY LIGHT	MEETING	BOARD ROOM	THEATRE	RECEPTION	CABARET	CONFERENCE	EXHIBITION (no. of tables/stalls)
THE BRIDGE SUITE	527	✓		40	400	250	250	60-400	30
KARALIUS SUITE	165	✓	20	35	100	120	120	20-120	15
EXECUTIVE SUITE (21 ROOMS)	Min 12 Max 38	✓		24				2-24	
EXHIBITION FACILITY	674	✓			600	420	420	250-600	50

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM AND GARDENS

Tudor Road, Runcorn, WA7 1SX

As a site of archaeological significance, Norton Priory's atmospheric Medieval ruins, beautiful Georgian walled garden and modern facilities will add impact to any occasion!

With 900 years of stories to spark creativity, this site has a wealth of history to inspire and invigorate your delegates and their work.

Throughout the rooms available, the stunning views of the Priory's historic grounds provide a tranquil backdrop, which is sure to leave a lasting impression on those in attendance at your event.

During breaks, there are plenty of opportunities for exploration across 42 acres of grounds, which will leave delegates feeling refreshed, rejuvenated, and ready to increase productivity.



ALTERNATIVE INCENTIVES

- Classes/Workshops
- Team Building
- Social Events
- Guided Tours
- Meditation and mindfulness sessions
- Bee Sessions with Priory Ranger

We found that Norton Priory provided the perfect combination of a formal working space in a unique and relaxed venue.

Halton Borough Council

★ KEY FEATURES

- ✓ Free Wi-Fi
- ✓ Lectern
- ✓ Catering
- ✓ Free On-Site Parking
- ✓ Dedicated Event Manager/Artistic Directors
- ✓ AV: Lighting*
- ✓ AV: Projection
- ✓ AV: Sound System*
- ✓ AV: Video Conferencing*

♿ ACCESSIBILITY

- ✓ Lifts
- ✓ Induction Loops
- ✓ Accessible Parking
- ✓ Accessible Toilets
- ✓ Ramp Access
- ✓ Wide Doorways
- ✓ Accessible Outdoor Space
- ✓ Breakout Rooms

🌿 SUSTAINABILITY

- ✓ Renewable Energy
- ✓ Recycling Initiatives
- ✓ LED Lighting

*Available at an additional charge.

CAPACITY

200+

EVENT TYPES

- Conferences
- Dinners
- Meetings
- Receptions
- Product Launches
- Celebrations/Weddings
- Photo/Film Shoots

ROOMS AVAILABLE	SPECS		CAPACITIES						
	SIZE SQM	DAY LIGHT	MEETING	BOARD ROOM	THEATRE	RECEPTION	CABARET	CONFERENCE	EXHIBITION (no. of tables/stalls)
THE MEDIEVAL UNDERCROFT	116	✓	50		80		40/50	80	10*
THE ATRIUM	197	✓	100	50	140	100	60	120	10*
THE FOYLE ROOM	80	✓	50	30	60	50	40	60	
THE UPPER GALLERY	240	✓	50	30	60		50	50	14*
THE DISCOVERY ROOM	65	✓	50	30	60	50	40	60	

*Please get in touch to discuss larger scale exhibitions.

THE BRINDLEY

High Street, Runcorn, WA7 1BG

Add some stage presence to your event at The Brindley, a multi-purpose, state-of-the-art theatre that performs each and every time!

After opening in 2004 this venue has become centre stage for arts and entertainment in Halton.

This award-winning venue has hosted notable names such as Gary Barlow and Peter Kay. With its unique, modern and accessible design, The Brindley is a location that will leave your next event with a standing ovation. The main Auditorium and Studio spaces are available to hire for performances, conferences and meeting. The Brindley also features a lovely Terrace Café overlooking the adjacent Bridgewater Canal.



CAPACITY

400

EVENT TYPES

- Conferences
- Meetings
- Events

★ KEY FEATURES

- ✓ Free Wi-Fi
- ✓ Lectern
- ✓ Catering
- ✓ Disabled Access
- ✓ Alcohol License
- ✓ Event Support
- ✓ AV: Lighting
- ✓ AV: Projection
- ✓ Blackout Curtains
- ✓ AV: Sound System
- ✓ Technical Support

♿ ACCESSIBILITY

- ✓ Lifts
- ✓ Induction Loops
- ✓ Accessible Parking
- ✓ Accessible Toilets
- ✓ Ramp Access
- ✓ Wide Doorways

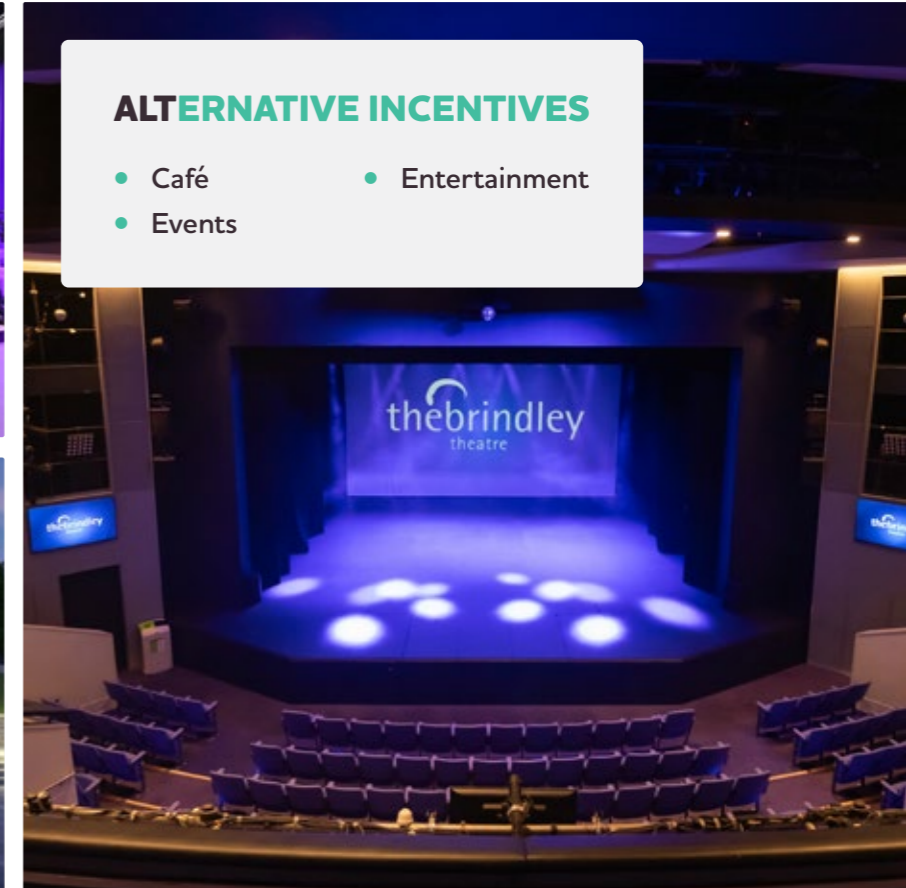
🌿 SUSTAINABILITY

- ✓ Recycling Initiatives
- ✓ LED Lighting

BOOKING ENQUIRIES
 Phone 0151 907 8360
 Email thebrindley@halton.gov.uk



Visual mockup of The Brindley Theatre Enhancement (Development starting in 2024)



ALTERNATIVE INCENTIVES

- Café
- Events
- Entertainment



Brindley Theatre Enhancement

As part of the Runcorn Town Investment Plan, the Brindley will undergo a major development, starting in 2024. An extension to the building will incorporate the library service to build into the wider ambition of creating a cultural hub for the community. There will also be a well-designed large café restaurant that will complement the library relocation into the building.

ROOMS AVAILABLE	SPECS		CAPACITIES							
	SIZE SQM	DAY LIGHT	MEETING	BOARD ROOM	THEATRE	RECEPTION	CABARET	CONFERENCE	STANDING	EXHIBITION (no. of tables/stalls)
AUDITORIUM	NA				400					
STUDIO	190		on request	on request	119	on request	80	119	150	14

THE STUDIO

Lacey Street, Widnes, WA8 7SQ

Creating music is a large part of Widnes' heritage, it's what people do around here. Your guests will love you for hosting your event a stone's throw away from where The Beatles first performed 'Love Me Do'.

This hybrid community venue is run by LOOSE, a charity who aim to remove barriers to arts and culture in Halton. This space includes a modular stage that can be used to build further raised platforms and a gallery space to display artwork. The Studio invites you and your delegates to find your voice and get creative, with all the high-tech equipment you could need.

CAPACITY

375

EVENT TYPES

- Conferences
- Meetings
- Receptions
- Training Parties
- Workshops
- Exhibits

★ KEY FEATURES

- ✓ Free Wi-Fi
- ✓ Lectern
- ✓ Catering*
- ✓ Alcohol License
- ✓ Blackout Curtains
- ✓ Dedicated Event Manager
- ✓ AV: Lighting
- ✓ AV: Projection
- ✓ Disabled Access
- ✓ AV: Sound System
- ✓ Kitchen & Bar
- ✓ Technical Support

♿ ACCESSIBILITY

- ✓ Accessible Toilets
- ✓ Ramp Access
- ✓ Breakout Areas
- ✓ Wide Doorways

🌿 SUSTAINABILITY

- ✓ Recycling Initiatives
- ✓ Composting Initiatives
- ✓ LED Lighting
- ✓ No Bottled Water
- ✓ Rainwater Harvesting

*Provided by a third party.

BOOKING ENQUIRIES

Phone 0151 420 8997
Email info@thestudiowidnes.org.uk



ALTERNATIVE INCENTIVES

- Classes
- Workshops
- Activities
- Social Events
- Games
- Entertainment



ROOMS AVAILABLE	SPECS		CAPACITIES							
			MEETING	BOARD ROOM	THEATRE	RECEPTION	CABARET	CONFERENCE	STANDING	EXHIBITION (no. of tables/stalls)
	SIZE SQM	DAY LIGHT								
THE MAIN SPACE	207	✓					150	200	375	20
THE GALLERY	38	✓							30	6
REHEARSAL ROOMS	8	✓								
LIVE ROOM	16	✓								

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

Travelling to and from Halton by road, rail or air is easy. The Borough is well connected, making all of our venues accessible whichever way you travel.

By Road

Halton is situated at the heart of the major North West motorway network, with quick and easy access throughout the region and the wider UK via the M62, M56 and M6.

For convenience, there are several electric car charging points and free parking available throughout the Borough. Runcorn and Widnes are connected by Merseyflow's Mersey Gateway Bridge; the toll system means there are no pay booths, which helps reduce journey times and minimise congestion. Payment can be made prior to your journey or up to 12 hours after your crossing at merseyflow.co.uk.

By Air

We have two international airports nearby. Liverpool John Lennon Airport is under 15 minutes away providing flights from major European business centres. Manchester Airport is approx 30 minutes away and has direct flights from over 200 national and international destinations.

By Rail

London is just two hours away by train with services every hour into Runcorn. The station itself lies on the Liverpool branch of the West Coast Main Line with hourly services from Liverpool Lime Street and direct rail services from Birmingham and Chester. If you're travelling from Manchester or Warrington there are direct trains to Widnes station.

Overnight delegates can recharge at one of the borough's great value hotels, all within easy reach of the venues and networking spaces. Providing them with everything they need to work, live, and relax while away from home...



TRAVELODGE

Fiddlers Ferry Road, Widnes, WA8 0HA

- 52 Rooms
- Free Parking
- Wi-Fi
- EV Charging
- Pet Friendly
- Breakfast Available

travelodge.co.uk/hotels/191/Widnes-hotel • 0871 984 6183



THE HILLCREST HOTEL

Cronton Lane, Widnes, WA8 9AR

- 50 Rooms
- Free Parking
- Restaurant / Bar
- Room Service
- Free Wi-Fi
- 24 Hour Front Desk
- Breakfast Available
- Taxi Service Available

hillcrest-hotel.co.uk/hotel • info@hillcrest-hotel.co.uk



EVERGLADES PARK HOTEL

Derby Road, Widnes, WA8 3UJ

- 65 Rooms
- Free Parking
- Free Wi-Fi
- Restaurant / Bar
- Gym
- Pool, Sauna, Jacuzzi
- Breakfast Available
- Dog Friendly

everglades.lavenderhotels.co.uk • reservations@lavenderhotels.co.uk



HOLIDAY INN

Wood Lane, Runcorn, WA7 3HA

- 153 Rooms
- Free Parking
- Restaurant / Bar
- 24 Hour Front Desk
- Free Wi-Fi
- Gym with classes
- Breakfast available
- Pool, Spa, Sauna

hiruncornhotel.co.uk • 0333 320 9350



PREMIER INN

Chester Road, Preston Brook, Runcorn, WA7 3BA

- 88 Rooms
- Free Parking
- Free Wi-Fi
- Restaurant / Bar
- EV Charging
- 24 Hour Front Desk
- Breakfast Available

premierinn.com/gb/en/home • 0333 321 8459



PREMIER INN

Venture Fields, Ashley Way, Widnes, WA8 0GY

- 87 Rooms
- Free Parking
- Wi-Fi
- Restaurant
- 24 Hour Front Desk
- Breakfast Available

premierinn.com/gb/en/home • 0333 321 9239

HALTON HIGHLIGHTS

Showing the best of what the borough has to offer...

Halton is an area best known for its industrial heritage and iconic Silver Jubilee Bridge. But did you know, there is much more to Halton than meets the eye?

Comprising of the two major towns of Runcorn and Widnes, along with the idyllic villages of Hale, Daresbury and Moore. There's always something happening in Halton, from live music and theatre performances, to food festivals and outdoor adventures.

A rural hinterland boasting a range of fascinating attractions, renowned heritage and countryside that draws visitors from across the UK.



The Mersey Estuary



Widnes Vikings playing at DCBL Stadium

With nature in abundance, it's easy to escape and wander around the Borough, on foot or bike with hundreds of trails to choose from, many along the River Mersey, and through the parks and woodlands.

From the award-winning cultural hub, The Brindley, to the historic Norton Priory Museum and Gardens, all of our venues are attractions in their own right.

Catering to the history buffs, nature enthusiasts, or those simply looking for a getaway filled with surprises, this hidden gem in the heart of the North West is well worth exploring, making it even more appealing as a location for your next meeting or conference.



Discover the Lewis Carroll Centre in Daresbury



Take in the views from Halton Castle



Norton Priory Museum and Gardens



Hale Lighthouse

Visit our website to access the latest information on venues, accommodation and attractions. Also, be sure to check out our blogs for insightful guides and itinerary inspiration. Whether you're planning a corporate gathering, team retreat, or conference, Halton has everything you need to make your event unforgettable.

So, why wait? Visit [visithalton.co.uk](https://www.visithalton.co.uk) for more inspiration and discover more **#HaltonHighlights** today!

MAP KEY

- 1. CATALYST**
Mersey Road,
Widnes, WA8 0DF
- 2. DCBL STADIUM**
Lower House Lane,
WA8 7DZ
- 3. NORTON PRIORY**
Tudor Rd, Windmill
Hill, WA7 1SX
- 4. THE BRINDLEY**
High Street,
Runcorn, WA7 1BG
- 5. THE STUDIO**
Lacey Street,
Widnes, WA8 7SQ



MAKE IT MORE ALTERNATIVE
MEETING SPACES WITH **CHARACTER**

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This guide is part of a pilot project. If you would like your venue or business to be included in a potential future iteration, please contact: visithalton@halton.gov.uk