

do something!

Calderdale Activities
February to April 2018

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Welcome and Information

Welcome to Do Something! February 2018 to April 2018

Spring is on its way! It may still feel like the depths of winter, but the days are getting longer - and so is the Do Something guide, as this edition is packed full of fun activities whatever the weather.

As always, there are plenty of options for February half-term and the Easter holidays, whether you want to venture out into the great Calderdale countryside or join in with some exciting events at our libraries – including plenty of activities for all ages at the new Central Library and Archives in Halifax.

There's also lots to keep sports fans happy, including our popular bikeability sessions and fun for all the family at one of our Better Living Team activity days.

What are you waiting for? Take a look inside and start planning your spring!

Easy to use

The activities in this guide have been organised into clear, colour coded categories, so you can easily find what you're looking for.



Sport and Fitness



Swimming and Pools



Park and Wildlife



Discover Libraries



Discover Museums and Arts



Theatre



Play Schemes



Children's Centres

Booking

BK = Pre-booking required. Please follow the booking instructions shown.

Important: We strongly recommend that in all cases you contact the activity organiser before booking, to check that the activity is taking place, that there are places available and for any special arrangements or instructions.

Activities for disabled children

Most activities featured in this guide are fully inclusive for disabled people. It is essential however to check the accessibility with activity providers in advance.

Passport to Leisure (PTL)

Discounted rate for Passport to Leisure cardholders. For more information about the Calderdale Passport to Leisure scheme visit calderdale.gov.uk/leisurepass or telephone 01422 288001

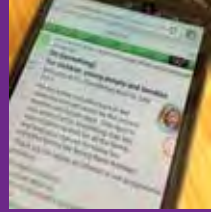
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Would you like us to tell you about future Do Something guides?

Join our mailing list and we'll email you when the next do something guide is available. To find out how to be added to the mailing list visit calderdale.gov.uk and search 'do something'

Check us out online

All activities are also listed online, so you can keep track on what's on no matter where you are
www.calderdale.gov.uk/leisure



yoyo CALDERDALE

If you're 13 to 19 why not visit yoyo Calderdale and find out about programmes and activities for young people all year round.

yoyo.calderdale.gov.uk

Or ring Calderdale Young People's Service on 01422 288213.

If you would like this information in another format, please contact **01422 288001**.

Although every effort has been made to ensure that information in this guide is correct at the time of printing, we recommend contacting the event or activity organisers before attending, to confirm details.

Sport and Fitness

Learn to Ride

A new, **one day** learn to ride cycling course. Starting on balance bikes and moving onto pedal bikes through a series of games and exercises. Packed lunch required, bikes and helmets available but if you have your own bike please bring it.

Ages 5 - 9

£15 max of 12 per course

10am-3pm

Halifax Fire Station

Course 1 Tuesday 3 April Ref: LTR01

Course 2 Wednesday 4 April Ref: LTR02

Course 3 Tuesday 10 April Ref: LTR03

Course 4 Wednesday 11 April Ref: LTR04

Booking 

To book online register at calderdale.gov.uk/sport

Bikeability Level 1

A **full day** National Standard Level 1 Bikeability course. For riders who are looking to develop skills ready for a journey on the road. Bikes and helmets available, but if you have your own bike please bring it. Packed lunch required.

Ages 7 - 10

Free (funded course) max of 12 per course

10am-3pm

Halifax Fire Station

Course 1 Friday 6 April Ref: BAW01

Course 2 Friday 13 April Ref: BAW02

Booking 

To book online register at calderdale.gov.uk/sport

Bikeability Levels 1 and 2

A **two day** National Standard Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability course. An introduction to the road covering bike maintenance, road position and signalling. Packed lunch required, bikes and helmets available, but if you have your own bike please bring it.

Ages 9 - 14

Free (funded course) max of 18 per course

9.30am-3pm

Halifax Fire Station

Course 1 Tues 20 & Wed 21 Feb Ref: BA01

Course 2 Thurs 5 & Fri 6 April Ref: BA02

Course 3 Mon 9 & Tues 10 April Ref: BA03

Booking 

To book online register at calderdale.gov.uk/sport



Bikeability Level 3

A **two day** National Standard Level 3 Bikeability course. For experienced riders covering bike maintenance, route planning and riding on busier roads. Packed lunch required, bikes and helmets available, but if you have your own bike please bring it.

Ages 11 - 15

Free (funded course) max of 12 per course

10am-3pm

Halifax Fire Station

Course 1 Thursday 12 and Friday 13 April

Ref: BAT01

Booking 

To book online register at calderdale.gov.uk/sport



BLT - Activity days

Come along to one of the Better Living Team's family activity days. Enjoy lots of fun activities and learn more about healthier lifestyles with our friendly Better Living trainers. At least 1 adult must attend with the children.

Ages 4-16

Free

9.30am-3pm

Mixenden Activity Centre

Wednesday 21 February

Wednesday 4 April

Wednesday 11 April

North Bridge Leisure Centre, Halifax

Tuesday 20 February

Tuesday 3 April

Tuesday 10 April

Todmorden Sports Centre

Wednesday 21 February

Wednesday 11 April

Booking 

For more details and to book your place, contact blt@calderdale.gov.uk or phone **01422 230230**.

Places are limited so book early.



For information about all the cycle training email bikeability@calderdale.gov.uk or any queries telephone **01422 392800**

OSCA Foundation - Family Archery Club

A mixture of archery activities will be run by OSCA Foundation. Come and try something new!

Ages 8+

(under 14s must be accompanied by an adult)

£3 per week

4-5pm

Tuesdays from 6 February – 24 April 2018

Booking 

For more information or to book a place please contact CI Adventures via email on info@ciadventures.com or **01422 410727**.
Places are limited, don't miss out.

MBI Shay Stadium Community Football

School holiday football club at the MBI Shay Stadium, Halifax

Ages 5 - 11

£12 per day

(book individual days or for the full week)

9am-4pm

MBI Shay Stadium

19-23 February

3-6 April

9-13 April

Booking 

To book please visit shaystadiumcommunityfootball.co.uk or contact Lee Ashforth on **07834421064**

Soccer Schools 2018

FA Qualified and Academy standard coaches.

Ages 4 - 7 & 8+

Special two day price **£30 (£20 PTL)**

One day price **£16.75 (£11.75 PTL)**

9.30am-3.30pm

Todmorden Sports Centre

February half term 2018

Monday 19 February and

Tuesday 20 February (Age 4-7)

Thursday 22 February and

Friday 23 February (Age 8+)

Easter holidays 2018

Week 1

Tuesday 3 April and

Wednesday 4 April (age 4-7)

Thursday 5 April and

Friday 6 April (age 8+)

Week 2

Monday 9 April and

Tuesday 10 April (age 4-7)

Thursday 12 April and

Friday 13 April (age 8+)

XS Activity Days

XS provides a wide range of exciting activities to help children stay healthy, try out some new leisure activities, play and help improve their skills.

Ages 8 - 15

£21.95 per day (£16.95 per day PTL)

£85 a week (£65 a week PTL) 5 day week

Bank Holiday four day week - £76 a week

(£58 PTL)

North Bridge Leisure Centre

February Half Term 2018

Monday 19 February - Friday 23 February

Easter 2018

Mon 2 April – Thurs 5 April (4 day week)

Tues 10 April – Fri 13 April (4 day week)

Registration from 8-9am

Activities from 9.30am-5pm

Pick up between 5pm and 6pm

or earlier if arranged

Booking 

Ring North Bridge Leisure Centre on **01422 341527**. You will need to pay at time of booking. Online booking also available at calderdale.gov.uk/sport

Swimming and Pools

Swimming, Diving and Synchronised Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons are available for children of all abilities, age 3+.

Diving lessons are also available at Halifax pool on Wednesday and Friday evenings for children age 6+ who can swim 50m confidently in deep water.

Synchronised swimming lessons are available for beginners at Halifax pool on Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon. Advanced class on Saturday evenings for children age 7+ who can swim 100m confidently in deep water.

Swimming lessons are available at all sites throughout the week including evenings and on Saturday mornings and afternoons.

Booking

Please contact individual pools for information and availability, see contact details at the end of this Swimming section.

Why not take advantage of the new Junior Memberships? Pay by monthly direct debit and get more for your money!

	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Fitness classes	✓	✓	✓
2 Jr coaching, swimming diving or synchro lessons			✓
1 Jr coaching, swimming diving or synchro lesson		✓	
Swim for all	✓	✓	✓
Fun swim	✓	✓	✓
Use of the Gym	✓	✓	✓
Jr Gym classes	✓	✓	✓
Jr swim fit	✓	✓	✓
Squash			✓
Off peak badminton			✓
Off peak table tennis			✓
Tennis			✓
Roller XS (skating)	✓	✓	✓
Crazy golf			✓
Sport zone	✓	✓	✓
10% discount on football coaching and XS holiday sessions	✓	✓	✓
Special discounts during the year	✓	✓	✓
Cost per month	£15.50 PTL £13.50	£19.55 PTL £17	£30.95 PTL £ 26.95

Aquababies

Swimming lessons - parent/guardian in the water on a one-to-one basis with the child. All equipment provided.

Ages Start around 3 months of age (however parents/carers should check with their Health Visitor first) to 2 years

£5.10 (£4.40 PTL)

book up to 8 days in advance

Brighthouse Pool

Mondays

10-10.30am

Wednesdays

10.30-11am and

11.30am-12noon

Sowerby Bridge Pool

Mondays

12noon-12.30pm (term time only)

Wednesdays

12noon-12.30pm

Fridays

9.30-10am and

10.30-11am

Todmorden Sports Centre

Fridays

11-11.45am

Booking

Please contact individual Pools for information and availability, see contact details at the end of this Swimming section. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Aquatots

Swimming lessons - parent/guardian in the water on a one-to-one basis with the child. All equipment provided

Ages 2 - 4

£5.10 (£4.40 PTL)

book up to 8 days in advance.

Brighthouse Pool

Mondays

10.30-11am

Wednesdays

11-11.30am and

11.30am-12noon

Saturdays

10-10.30am

Sowerby Bridge Pool

Mondays

12.30-1pm

Wednesdays

12noon-12.30pm (term time only)

Fridays

9-9.30am,

10-10.30am and

10.30-11am

Todmorden Sports Centre

Fridays

11-11.45am

Booking

Please contact individual Pools for information and availability, see contact details at the end of this Swimming section. Please book early to avoid disappointment.



Ducklings Swimming Lessons

Classes are available early evenings and Saturdays as part of our swimming scheme (please contact your preferred site for times and days). Now you can book your little superstar onto lessons and see them learn the basic skills of swimming through a range of games to help build confidence (adult support required on a 1:1 basis).

We also have regular Ducklings lessons at Brighthouse during the day (see below).

Ages 3 - 4

£5.10 (£4.40 PTL)

Brighthouse Pool (teaching pool)

Mondays 9.30-10am

Wednesdays 10-10.30am

Booking

Visit calderdale.gov.uk/sport for more details.



Family Swimming

Family swimming sessions are times to swim with children under 8.

Adult **£4.20 (£3.20 PTL)**

Child **£2.30 (£2 PTL)**

Under 3s **free**

Family Ticket (2 adults/2 children)

£11.05 or £8 PTL

Brighthouse

Mondays

9.30am-12noon

Wednesdays

10am-12noon

Halifax Pool (teaching pool)

Mondays

12noon-1.15pm and 3-3.45pm

Tuesdays

12noon-3.45pm

Wednesdays

10am-1.30pm and 2.15-3.45pm

Thursdays

12noon-1.15pm and 2.30-3.45pm

Fridays

12noon-3.45pm

Saturdays

1-2.15pm

Sundays

9am-4.30pm

Sowerby Bridge

Tuesdays 3-4pm

Thursdays 3-3.30pm

Fridays 3-4pm

Saturdays 12-2pm

Sundays 9am-12.30pm

Todmorden Pool

Sundays

10am-12noon

Booking

Visit calderdale.gov.uk/sport for more details.

Family Fun Swims

Fun swims for adults with children. Please check individual sessions for age limit.

Child - £3 (£2.75 PTL)

Adult - £4.35 (£3.35 PTL)

Under 3s free

Brighthouse Pool (teaching pool)

Mondays - under 5s

12noon-1pm

Fridays - under 5s

9am-1.15pm

Saturdays - under 11s

1.30pm-2.45pm

Sundays - under 11s

9am-1pm

Sowerby Bridge Pool (teaching pool)

Mondays - under 5

9.15-11.15am

Fridays - under 5

11am-1pm

Sundays - under 5

12.30-2.30pm

Booking

Booking not required.

Visit calderdale.gov.uk/sport for more details.

Fun Swims

Wild and wacky session with giant floats.

Ages 14 years and under

Child - £3 (£2.75 PTL) per session

Adult - £4.35 (£3.35 PTL) per session

Brighthouse Pool

Saturdays

1.30-2.45pm

Sowerby Bridge Pool

Saturdays

1.30-2.45pm

Todmorden Sports Centre

Saturdays

1.15-2.30pm

Sundays

1.15-2.30pm

Additional Holiday Fun Swims available at all pools at Easter and Spring Bank - visit calderdale.gov.uk/sport for further details.(Excluding Bank Holidays)

Booking

Booking not required.

Diving Boards

Children must be 4' tall and able to swim 20m confidently in deep water on front and back.

Adult £4.20 (£3.20 PTL)

Child £2.30 (£2 PTL)

Halifax Swimming Pool

Saturdays

11.30am-4pm

Sundays

11am-4pm

Booking

Booking not required.



Children's Parties

Teaching Pool Explorer Party

Explore the depths of the teaching pool collecting hidden underwater surprises and treasure, and splashing around on rafts. This party is ideal for those who love water!

Ages Up to 11 years

From £90

Brighouse Pool and Sowerby Bridge Pool
Contact individual sites for details.

Inflatable Pool Party

Race along the obstacles of the giant inflatable at your very own pool party. With exclusive use of the swimming pool for you and your friends, this party is a fun and exhilarating way to celebrate birthdays and occasions.

Ages Up to 14

From £145.50

Time in the pool lasts 1 hour (which includes changing time), plus room hire if booked. You can book parties at the sites within the times shown below.

Brighouse Swimming Pool

Sundays

1.30-5pm

Sowerby Bridge Pool

(Including pool inflatable)

Sundays

2.45-7pm

Todmorden Sports Centre

(Including pool inflatable)

Sundays

2.45-3.45pm

Booking 

Please contact individual Pools for information and availability, see contact details opposite.

Contact details

For information on all activities visit www.calderdale.gov.uk/sport or email sport@calderdale.gov.uk:

Brighouse Pool and Fitness Centre

Woodvale Road HD6 4AX 01422 288068

Halifax Swimming Pool

Skircoat Road HX1 2SN 01422 366624

Sowerby Bridge Pool and Fitness Centre

Station Road HX6 3AB 01422 288078

Todmorden Sports Centre

Ewood Lane OL14 7DF 01706 839090

North Bridge Leisure Centre

North Bridge HX3 6TE 01422 341527



Parks and Wildlife

Bird box building

Come along to Ogden Water to learn about nesting birds and build a bird box to put up in your garden. No unaccompanied children and no dogs please.

Ages 7+

£5 per box made

Saturday 3 February

1.30pm

Booking

Booking essential. To book, visit ticketsource.co.uk/calderdalecountryside

Campfire cooking

Come to Ogden Water to learn how to light a fire, create something to cook in the classroom then cook your food over the fire before having lunch in the woods. Wrap up warm and enjoy being outdoors in the winter. No unaccompanied children.

Ages 7+

£5 per person (adults and children)

Includes ingredients.

Thursday 22 February

11am

Booking

Booking essential. To book visit ticketsource.co.uk/calderdalecountryside. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements by emailing countryside@calderdale.gov.uk.

Round Ryburn Reservoir

Meet Steve Blacksmith from Halifax Scientific Society for a three mile, slow paced walk around the reservoir to look for and record nature, and enjoy the scenery which is some of the most beautiful in Calderdale. Contact Steve on 0771 500 5379 for more information.

Ages 5+

Free of charge but donations welcome to Halifax Scientific Society

Saturday 24 February

10.30am

Meet in the car park at Ryburn Reservoir, near Ripponden (turn off A58 at Swift Place), grid reference SE024187.

Booking

Booking not required.

Landscape and Rock of Scarr Wood, Halifax

Meet Alison Tymon from West Yorkshire Geology Trust for a gentle walk along the path in Scarr Wood to look at the Millstone Grit crags and the views from Albert Promenade.

Ages 5+

Free of charge but donations welcome the West Yorkshire Geology Trust

Saturday 10 March

2pm

Meet at the junction of Albert Promenade with Birdcage Hill, at the path into Scarr Wood (Grid Ref. SE 083 232)

Booking

Booking not required.

Discover Libraries

Bookstart Busy Babies

Songs and rhymes are the best introduction to the magical world of language and literature. Come along to Bookstart Busy Babies for 40 minutes of songs and rhymes led by our Early Years Librarian and Early Childhood Music Specialist, Ben Lawrence. You and your baby will explore traditional songs and rhymes and add new ones to your repertoire.

Ages 0 - 2

£2 per child (FREE PTL)

Hebden Bridge Library

Monday mornings

11-11.40am

5, 19, 26 February

5, 19, 26 March

9, 16, 23, 30 April

Brighouse Library

Tuesday mornings

10.30-11.10am

6, 20 February

6, 20, 27 March

10, 17, 24 April

Central Library and Archives

Thursday mornings

10-10.40am and 11-11.40am

1, 8, 22 February

1, 15, 22, 29 March

12, 19, 26 April

Booking

All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Booking is not required, please pay on the day. For more information, please contact Ben Lawrence on 01422 392620.

Storytots: Stick Man

Join us for a special event based on the well-loved book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. Listen to stories and make your very own stick creature!

Ages 2 - 4

£3 per child (£2 PTL)

King Cross Library

Tuesday 20 February

2-3pm

Central Library & Archives

Wednesday 21 February

10.30-11.30am

Hebden Bridge Library

Wednesday 21 February

2-3pm

Brighouse Library

Friday 23 February

10.30-11.30am

Sowerby Bridge Library

Friday 23 February

2-3pm

Booking

All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

Please note a small booking fee will apply.

For more information please contact Ben Lawrence on 01422 392620.

Storytots: Peter Rabbit – The Tale of a Naughty Little Rabbit

Join us for this fantastic session based on the wonderful characters of Beatrix Potter. Activities include stories and crafts.

Ages 2 - 4

£3 per child (£2 PTL)

King Cross Library

Tuesday 10 April

2-3pm

Central Library & Archives

Wednesday 11 April

10.30-11.30am

Hebden Bridge Library

Wednesday 11 April

2-3pm

Brighouse Library

Friday 13 April

10.30-11.30am

Northowram Library

Friday 13 April

2-3pm

Booking 

All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

Please note a small booking fee will apply.

For more information please contact Ben Lawrence on 01422 392620.

Flat Stanley

Stanley Lambchop is just a normal healthy boy, but ever since a large notice board fell on him, he's been only half an inch thick. But amazing things can happen to you when you are flat! Come along and enjoy the magical and brilliantly funny adventures of Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown. You will make your very own Flat Stanley and Airmail envelope!

Ages 5-8

£3 per child (£2 PTL)

Halifax Central Library & Archives -

The Imaginarium

Monday 19 February

10.30-11.30am

Elland Library

Tuesday 20 February

10.30-11.30am

Rastrick Library

Tuesday 20 February

2-3pm

Booking 

All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

Please note, a small booking fee will apply.

For more information please contact Ben Lawrence on 01422 392620.



Horrid Henry and the Bogey Babysitter

Horrid Henry is an anti-hero who attracts trouble as surely as jam attracts wasps. Join us for this funny encounter where Horrid Henry meets his match - Rabid Rebecca, the toughest teen in town! You will capture your very own spider and play some devilish games.

Ages 5-8

£3 per child (£2 PTL)

**Central Library and Archives -
The Imaginarium**

**Monday 9 April
10.30-11.30am**

Elland Library

**Tuesday 10 April
10.30-11.30am**

Raistrick Library

**Tuesday 10 April
2-3pm**

Shelf Library

**Thursday 12 April
10.30-11.30am**

Booking 

All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

Please note a small booking fee will apply.

For more information please contact Ben Lawrence on 01422 392620.



Diary of a Wimpy Kid

The hazards of growing up are uniquely revealed in this hilarious book by Jeff Kinney. You will listen to an excerpt of the book, make your very own hairy journal, monster key ring and a slice of mouldy cheese. Try not to touch it!

Ages 8-10 - £3 per child (£2 PTL).

**Central Library & Archives -
The Imaginarium**

Monday 19 February 2-3pm

Booking 

Parents are welcome but not required to stay. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

For more information please contact Gillian Rice 01422 392638.

Middle School - The Worst Years of my Life

It's the first day of sixth grade and Rafe isn't exactly a fan of his new school. Luckily, he's got a plan to make it the best year ever, if only he can pull it off; with his best friend Leonardo the Silent awarding him points, Rafe tries to break every rule in his school's oppressive Code of Conduct. Come along and join in the fun as we celebrate this hilarious series by blockbuster author James Patterson. You will make a duct tape pencil case, a comic book fridge magnet and play a Middle School inspired nerf target game.

Ages 8-10 - £3 per child (£2 PTL).

Brighouse Library

Thursday 5 April 10.30-11.30am

**Central Library & Archives -
The Imaginarium**

Thursday 5 April 2-3pm

Booking 

Parents are welcome but not required to stay. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

For more information please contact Gillian Rice 01422 392638

Imagination Gaming

Do you love board games? Why not join us for a fun session with Chris Standley from Imagination Gaming (www.imaginationgaming.co.uk)

Chris will bring tons of new and unusual games from his huge collection. Whether you like board games, card games or something a bit different, there will be loads of exciting games to try! This is perfect for families as games suit all ages – come and play together!

Ages 8+ (5+ if accompanied by an adult)

Free

Central Library and Archives -

The Imaginarium

Saturday 24 February

10am-3pm

Saturday 14 April

10am-3pm

Booking 

Parents are encouraged to stay. Booking is not required. Drop-in session. For more information please contact Gillian Rice on 01422 392638.

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Mix it Up!

Are your afternoons boring? Why not 'Mix it Up' and do something different? Sessions include art, crafts, board games and more!

Ages 8+

Free

Mixenden Library

Thursdays

1 February, 1 March, 5 April

3.45 -4.45pm

Booking 

No need to book. Just turn up on the day. For more information please contact Gillian Rice 01422 392638.

Board not Bored!

Do you love playing board games? Why not come along to our Board Game Club at Bailiff Bridge Library and Todmorden Library during February Half term and the Easter holiday. Check out our new weekly Board not Bored! at King Cross Library. There will be lots of new, exciting and unusual games for you to try and it is completely free!

Ages 8-14 - Free

Bailiff Bridge Library

Thursdays

22 February and 12 April

2.30-3.30pm

Todmorden Library

Mondays

19 February and 9 April

10.45am-12noon

King Cross Library

Tuesdays

20, 27 February, 6, 13, 20, 27 March

3.45-4.45pm

Booking 

No need to book. Just turn up on the day. For more information please contact Gillian Rice 01422 392638.



Harry Potter Night

Make a date in your diary for our **Harry Potter Book Night 2018**. This will be a family event aimed at fans of all ages – further details will be available on our website nearer the time but it will involve storytelling, crafts and potions. We would love you to come along dressed as your favourite character.

Ages 6+

Cost to be confirmed

Bankfield Museum
Thursday 1 February
6-8pm

Booking 

All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

For more information please email discover@calderdale.gov.uk

Pebble Craft

Rock hunting on the beach can be great fun, but what should you do with all those gorgeous rocks you find? Christina, from Ikkle Dragon Crafts, has the answer! Come along and make your very own pebble-cactus-plant. They look amazing and don't need watering - what more could you want!

Ages 8-12 - £5 per child (£4 - PTL).

Central Library & Archives -
The Imaginarium
Saturday 10 February
10 -11am

Booking 

Parents are welcome but not required to stay. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

Please note, a **small booking fee will apply**. For more information please contact Gillian Rice 01422 392638.

Jewellery Workshop

Come along and meet Christina from Ikkle Dragon Crafts. You will get creative with jewellery and make rings, bracelets, necklaces and more!

Ages 8-12 - £5 per child (£4 - PTL).

Central Library and Archives -
The Imaginarium
Saturday 10 February
11.30am -12.30pm

Booking 

Parents are welcome but not required to stay. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

Please note, a **small booking fee will apply**. For more information please contact Gillian Rice, on 01422 392638.

Festive Fabric Heart Craft

Love to sew? Come along and meet Christina from Ikkle Dragon Crafts and make your very own fabric heart garland/hanging mobile. Choose the fabric and embellishments and get creative!

Ages 12-18 - £5 per child (£4 - PTL).

Central Library and Archives -
The Imaginarium
Saturday 10 February
1-2pm

Booking 

Parents are welcome but not required to stay. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

Please note, a **small booking fee will apply**. For more information please contact Gillian Rice, on 01422 392638.



Brush up your art skills!

Come and develop your artistic side in the inspiring new Central Library & Archives. This is your opportunity to learn with top artists and explore a variety of artistic mediums.



Create Comics

Always wanted to create your own comics? Now is your opportunity! Come along and study with the amazing Jim Medway, the incredible comic book illustrator and image maker. There will be lots of fun drawing games and exercises covering character design, speech and thought, clarity and black and white contrast and composition. Jim will also offer an insight into his life as a comic book artist, show some of his published comics, and talk about the ideas, processes and practical considerations behind them.

This is your opportunity to learn all the tricks from one of the industry's best! Great for comic fans, but also those interested in art, illustration, graphics, film, game design, animation. Places limited so book now to avoid disappointment.

Ages 12-18 - £10 per child (£8.50 - PTL).

Central Library and Archives -

The Imaginarium

Saturday 17 March

1-3pm

Booking 

Parents are welcome but not required to stay. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

Please note, a **small booking fee will apply**. For more information please contact Gillian Rice, on 01422 392638.

Doctor Simpo's Print-making Masterclass

Interested in comic books and how illustrations were traditionally created? Learn fantastic new skills and get creative in this print making masterclass and meet the wackily amazing cartoonist and visual artist Doctor Simpo, you will produce some amazing keepsakes in this lino-cut, collograph and etching print workshop. Places limited so book now to avoid disappointment.

Ages 12-18 - £10 per child (£8.50 - PTL).

Central Library and Archives -

The Imaginarium

Saturday 28 April

10am -12pm or 1-3pm

Booking 

Parents are welcome but not required to stay. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

Please note, a **small booking fee will apply**. For more information please contact Gillian Rice, on 01422 392638.

Minecraft Stop Motion

The creepers are coming! Is Stevie ready for action? Create unique movies using stop motion animation, swapping backdrops and props for endless storytelling. Children will be required to work in small groups.

Ages 8-12 - £3 per child (£2 - PTL).

Central Library and Archives -

The Imaginarium

Saturday 24 March

10-11am

11.30am-12.30pm

2-3pm

Booking 

Parents are welcome but not required to stay. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

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Look Into My Eyes – Ruby Redfort

New for 9+. What would you do if you were a 13 year old girl and a secret agency asked you to become their ace code-cracker? Break out of boredom with Ruby Redfort, the super-awesome teen detective series from multi million copy bestseller and Poet Laureate, Lauren Child. You will be customising your own tea light jar and sleuth notebook, and if you like solving puzzles you may be tempted to try and crack our Ruby Redfort inspired code and win a prize.

Ages 9-13 - £4 per child (£3 - PTL).

**Central Library and Archives -
The Imaginarium**

**Friday 6 April
10.30-11.30am**

Booking 

Parents are welcome but not required to stay. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

Please note, a **small booking fee will apply**. For more information please contact Gillian Rice, on 01422 392638.

Family Film Club

Ages 5-14 Free

**Central Library and Archives -
The Media Store**

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Wednesday 21 February
1.30-3.30pm**

**Horrid Henry
Wednesday 4 April
1.30-3.30pm**

Booking 

All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Tickets are free but must be booked in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

For more information please contact Ben Lawrence on **01422 392620**.

Geek Girl

New for 9+. Harriet Manners is a socially awkward 15 year old schoolgirl. Join us as we go from geek to chic and celebrate this smash hit debut novel from the bestselling Geek Girl series written by Holly Smale. You will personalise your very own canvas tote bag and create a bag charm!

Ages 9-13 - £4 per child (£3 - PTL).

**Central Library and Archives -
The Imaginarium**

**Thursday 22 February
2-3pm**

Booking 

Parents are welcome but not required to stay. Tickets must be purchased in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/discover

Please note, a **small booking fee will apply**. For more information please contact Gillian Rice, on 01422 392638.



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Play Schemes and Childcare providers:

- These activities are for families only.
- Childcare providers must contact Ben Lawrence on 01422 392620.
- We endeavour to make all our activities inclusive for all children. If you have any queries about the suitability of our activities, please contact Ben Lawrence on 01422 392620.

Discover Museums

Horrible Halifax exhibition

at Bankfield Museum

Explore the new exhibition and some of our objects linked to Horrible Halifax and create your own Victorian character to take home.

Free drop-in session

Saturday 17 February - 11am-3pm

Paper Dolls and Patterned Clothes

at Bankfield Museum

Children will use examples from Calderdale Museums Pattern Book Collection to design and create clothes for their little paper people.

Ages 6-12 Free drop-in workshop

Saturday 17 February - 1-2pm

Sparks! Half Term Fun

at Bankfield Museum

Ages 4-12 Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

£3.50 per child (£2.50 PTL)

11am-12noon, 1-2pm and 2-3pm

Tuesday 20 February

Meet a Victorian teacher and create your own silhouette picture.

Wednesday 21 February

Find out about the healthcare of the Victorians and create your own special potion.

Thursday 22 February

Come and find out about the job you might have had as a Victorian child and make your very own Victorian character.

Friday 23 February

Find out about inventions of the Victorian Age and make your own special creation.

Sparks! Easter Holiday Fun

at Bankfield Museum

Ages 4-12 Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

£3.50 per child (£2.50 PTL)

11am-12noon, 1-2pm and 2-3pm on each of the dates listed

Join us for an egg hunt around the museum on each day below

Tuesday 3 April

Find out what a Victorian Easter was like and create a Victorian Easter craft for your goodies.

Wednesday 4 April

Join us for an Alice in Wonderland Tea Party and make your very own themed hat.

Tuesday 10 April

Come and play with our Victorian toys and make one of your very own.

Wednesday 11 April

Experience a Victorian seaside and create a porthole picture.

Booking

Please book online, www.ticketsource.co.uk/calderdale or phone 01422 352334.



Bankfield Buddies!

at Bankfield Museum

Come along to Bankfield Museum and join in our craft activities. In this relaxed, friendly environment children can play, enjoy a story and learn more about the fascinating objects on display. Meet in Akroyd Library in the Museum.

Ages 5 and under - £2 per child

10.30-11.15am

2, 9, 16 February

2, 9, 16, 23 March

20, 27 April

Booking 

Push chair access is around the back of the building and FREE parking.

Booking is not required, please pay on the day. If you have any particular questions please contact Fiona Willats on 01422 352334.

Easter Bunny Fun

at Shibden Hall

Join the Shibden Bunny in its search for eggs and friends hidden in Cunnery wood and grounds, then make a felt Easter themed craft. (Please note this activity includes a woodland walk which is unsuitable for prams and buggies).

Ages 4-8

Included in the admission to the hall

10.30-11.15am

Thursday 5 and Thursday 12 April.

Sessions at 11am-12pm, 1-2pm and 2-3pm

Booking 

Please phone 01422 352246 to book.

Saturday Art Clubs

A variety of creative arts and crafts activities in museums and galleries.

Ages 8 - 14

£5

**Brighouse Saturday Art Club
Smith Art Gallery,
Halifax Road,
Brighouse HD6 2AF**



**10 February, 24 February, 10 March,
24 March, 28 April then fortnightly
10.30am-12.30pm**

**Halifax Saturday Art Club
Bankfield Museum,
Boothtown Road,
Halifax HX3 6HG**



**3 February, 17 February, 3 March,
17 March, 21 April then fortnightly
10.30am-12.30pm**

Booking 

To book a place please contact Jeffrey on 01422 352334 or email jeffrey.andrews@calderdale.gov.uk www.calderdale.gov.uk/museums



Theatre

Chinese New Year Extravaganza

Touring across the country to celebrate the biggest festive event on the Chinese calendar, the 'Chinese New Year Extravaganza' features a team of performers showcasing amazing Chinese performing arts. From the cheerful spirit of the auspicious Lion Dance to the majestic and awe-inspiring contortionists, the show is a colourful display of Chinese cultural tradition. Witness daring stunts of Chinese acrobatics, alongside energetic kung-fu, the ancient magic of Face Changing and more.

Ages Family audience

Tickets: **£19.75- £23.75** with concessions available.

Victoria Theatre, Halifax
Friday 9 February 7.30pm

Booking

Box Office: 01422 351158
www.victoriatheatre.co.uk

Dear Zoo

Dear Zoo, the timeless children's classic book, makes its stage premiere!

Rod Campbell's best-selling 'lift the flap' book has delighted generations of young readers since it was first published in 1982, and has sold more than 8 million copies worldwide.

This production will delight all those who have read the book (both young and old) as it unfolds with engaging puppets, music and lots of audience interaction.

Ages 2+

Tickets: **£15.75** with family and school ticket offers available.

Victoria Theatre, Halifax

Tuesday 6 March
1pm and 3.30pm

Wednesday 7 March
11am and 2pm

Booking

Box Office: 01422 351158
www.victoriatheatre.co.uk



Romeo & Juliet

Shakespeare's tale of primal passion and timeless tragedy is brought to life by Prokofiev's soaring score with emotionally charged choreography that befits the world's greatest love story. This star-crossed story of duels, bitter family feuds and love that cannot be, is unmissable.

Ages Family audience

Tickets: **£29 - £37**

Victoria Theatre, Halifax
Monday 26 March
7.30pm

Booking 

Box Office: 01422 351158
www.victoriatheatre.co.uk

Swan Lake

The greatest romantic ballet of all time featuring Tchaikovsky's haunting and unforgettable score, this compelling tale of tragic romance has it all. The dual role of Odile, the temptress and the Swan Queen, Odette, is one of ballet's most unmissable technical challenges.

Ages Family audience

Tickets: **Matinee: £22**
Evening Performance: £29-£37

Victoria Theatre, Halifax
Wednesday 28 March
2.30pm and 7.30pm

Booking 

Box Office: 01422 351158
www.victoriatheatre.co.uk

Cinderella

The world's favourite rags to riches fairy-tale where dreams can come true, is a magical mix of Prokofiev's energetic score, lively choreography and colourful costumes.

Ages Family audience

Tickets: **£29 - £37**

Victoria Theatre, Halifax
Tuesday 27 March
7.30pm

Booking 

Box Office: 01422 305959
www.victoriatheatre.co.uk

Beauty and the Beast

Don't miss another fun-filled Easter pantomime, with a star cast, impressive music, energetic dance routines as well as plenty of jokes, slapstick and heaps of audience participation! Our spellbinding pantomime for Easter 2018 tells the story of Beauty who longs for romance and adventure, a bad-mannered Prince who is transformed into a beast to teach him a lesson and a Good Fairy who makes both their dreams come true.

Ages Family audience

Tickets: **£20** with concessions and group tickets available

Victoria Theatre, Halifax
Thursday 5 April
2pm and 6pm

Booking 

Box Office: 01422 351158
www.victoriatheatre.co.uk



Play Schemes

Play Development Service - Term Time/after school play sessions

Free open access after school inclusive play schemes for children and young people across Calderdale.

Ages 5 - 14 (16 with disability/special need)

Beech Hill School

Mount Pleasant Avenue, Halifax, HX1 5TN

Mondays

3-6pm

Brighouse Youth Club (age 8+)

Aire Street, Brighouse, HD6 3RB

Mondays

4-6pm

Mixenden Activity Centre

Clough Lane, Mixenden, HX2 8SH

Tuesdays

4-7pm

Pellon Network Centre

53-55 Rye Lane, Pellon, HX2 0QB

Tuesdays

3-6pm

Queens Road Neighbourhood Centre

Queens Road, Halifax, HX1 4NE

Wednesdays

3-6pm

Todmorden Sport Centre

Ewood Lane, Todmorden, OL14 7DF

Wednesdays

3.30-6pm

Field Lane Porta Cabin

Burnsall Road, Rastrick, HD6 3JT

Fridays

3-6pm

Holiday Play Schemes

We deliver inclusive holiday play schemes during the school holiday periods, please contact the Play Development Service for more information.

Booking

No need to book, just come along on the day. We do ask children with a disability/special needs to book on using the contacts below, so the service can meet their particular needs.

For more information visit

www.calderdale.gov.uk and search for **Play Development**.

Alternatively please call Play Development Service on 01422 380995.

Please note that all sessions are correct at the time of printing and may be subject to change.

We operate on a first come first served basis, in our busy periods it is advised to arrive early to avoid disappointment as places are limited and are filled quickly.



Children's Centres

Upper and Central Calderdale Children's Centres

We offer a wide variety of fun, friendly and free activities for families with children aged 0-5 including baby groups, baby massage, parent and toddler groups and creative/messy play groups. We also offer a range of free training courses, cooking courses, parenting courses, support with finding employment, debt management and activities for dads and male carers.

We provide family support to families with children aged 0-19, family support drop-in sessions and holiday activities during school holidays, suitable for children up to age 8 across all our centres:

February half-term holiday events

Don't miss out on our free February half-term holiday events where there will be lots of games and activities suitable for families.

Ages Up to 8 years - Free

Todmorden Children's Centre

Todmorden Community College, Burnley Road,
Todmorden, OL14 7BX
Tuesday 20 February
1.30 – 3pm

Outback at Jubilee Children's Centre

Lightowler Road, Halifax, HX1 5NB
Wednesday 21 February
1.30 – 3pm

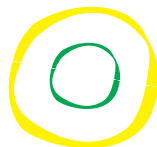
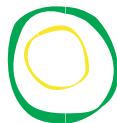
St. Paul's Church

Tower Hill, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 2EQ
Friday 23 February
10.30am – 12noon

There's no need to book, please just come along to your nearest event and join in the fun!

For more information please contact your nearest Children's Centre, find us on Facebook or check out our website www.childrenscentres.co.uk

Contact details for our Children's Centres and information about all our activities and services can be found on our website.



Sure Start Children's Centres North and East Halifax

Surestart Children's Centres North Halifax Partnership

Sure Start Children's Centres North and East Halifax covers the areas of Illingworth, Mixenden, Ovenden, Northowram and Shelf and parts of Pellon. There are six centres and a Core Services team within this area;

Core Services Team (main office)

01422 251090

Ash Green Children's Centre

01422 243941

Big and Little Explorers

Ages Pre School

£1.60 per family

Upper portacabin

Tuesdays 9-11am (term time only)

Singing and Story time

Ages Pre School

Free Activity

Holy Nativity Church

Thursdays 11-11.30am (term time only)

Creations Community Children's Centre

01422 434006

Manic Mondays

Ages 0-5 years

£1.60 per family

Mondays 9.30-11.30am

Baby Play

Ages 0-2 years

£1.60 per family

Tuesdays 9.30-11am (term time only)

Illingworth Community Children's Centre

01422 243633

Inbetweeners

Ages Walking to 3 years

£1.60 per family

Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am

Buddy Bears

Ages Walking to 4 years

£1.60 per family

Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am

Baby Adventures

Ages 0-2 years

£1.60 per family

Fridays 1-2.30pm

Innovations Children's Centre

01422 248222

Bumps and Babies Group

Ages 0-2 years

£1.60 per family

Tuesdays 9.30-11am (term time only)

Kevin Pearce Children's Centre

01422 252209

Mini Movers Baby Group

Ages 0-2 years - Free

Mondays 9.45-11.15am (term time only)

Well Baby Clinic (run by the Health Service)

Free

Tuesdays 9.30-11am

Northowram Hub

01422 434006

Tiny Me

Ages age 0-18 months - £1.60 per family

Tuesdays 9.30-11am (term time only)

Chat and Play

Ages 0-5 years

£1.60 per family including refreshments

Thursdays 1.30-3pm



Sure Start Children's Centres Lower Valley

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Sure Start Children's Centres in the Lower Valley cover the areas of Elland, Rastrick, Brighouse and Holywell Green. There are 4 centres within this area:

Elland Children's Centre

01422 266197

Tiny Treasures

Ages 0-Walking

£1.50 per family

Wednesdays 1-2.30pm

Family Support Drop In

Fridays 9.30-11.30am (no need to book)

Field Lane Children's Centre

01484 386621

Family Support Drop In

Mondays 9-11am (no need to book)

Messy Monkeys

Ages Walking to 5 years

£1.50 per family

Mondays 1.30-3pm

Tiny Treasures

Ages 0-Walking

£1.50 per family

Tuesdays 1.30-3pm (term time only)

Postnatal Buggy Walk

Just turn up for a coffee, a chat and some exercise.

Wednesday 9.30-10.30am

Holywell Green Children's Centre

01422 266197

Tiny Treasures

Ages 0-Walking

£1.50 per family

Tuesdays 1-2.30pm

Messy Monkeys

Ages Walking to 5 years

£1.50 per family

Thursdays 1-2.30pm

Wellholme Park Children's Centre

01484 714768

Please contact Wellholme for any activities running at Whinney Hill Community Centre.

Childminders group

Tuesdays 9.15am – 10.45am

Drop in, no need to book

£1.50 per family

Messy Monkeys

Ages Walking to 5 years

£1.50 per family

Whinney Hill Community Centre

Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am (term time only)

Baby Group

Ages 0-Walking

£1.50 per family

Thursdays 10-11.30am

Saturday Splat!

(Children with additional needs)

£1.50 per family

First Saturday of every month

10-11.30am

Booking

To find out more about all the activities and services running in North & East and Lower Valley Children's Centres please contact your nearest centre or visit our website www.surestartchildrenscentresnhp.org.uk/

Find us on facebook at Sure Start Childrens Centres North East Halifax.

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