

Things to Do in Halton This November

With Christmas just around the corner, it's the perfect time to get out and try something new and discover what's happening on your doorstep.

Across Widnes and Runcorn, there are plenty of ways to fill your autumn calendar. Get creative with clay, celebrate local talent, step back in time to solve a mystery or start getting into the festive spirit with handmade gifts and Christmas decorations.

As **Culture 26: Made in Halton** continues to put the borough's creativity, people and talent centre stage, there's never been a better excuse to explore somewhere new and support the brilliant things happening in your community. Whether you're planning a weekend outing, looking for a new hobby or ready to embrace the festive season, here are ten events to add to your November calendar.

1. **Get Creative at Talking Threads Sewing Workshops**



When: Saturday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th; 10AM – 3PM.
Where: Talking Threads Sewing Studio, Widnes Market, Bradley Way, Widnes, WA8 6UE
Price: From £10 for two hours
Best for: Age 16+
Ever fancied learning to sew, or looking to brush up on your skills? Talking threads Sewing Studio is hosting Saturday workshops throughout November, offering the perfect opportunity to get creative, learn something new and meet like-minded people. Whether you're a complete beginner or already love working with a needle and thread, you can enjoy a friendly, supportive space to experiment, develop your skills and bring your ideas to life.
Why visit? Swap another afternoon scrolling, for some creativity. You might even discover your new favourite hobby.



2. **Make Your Own Christmas Tree Lantern**



When: 2 Part Workshop - Saturday 21st November, 10AM – 1PM & Saturday 5th December,10AM–12PM
Where: Hazlehurst Studios, *71 High Street Runcorn WA7 1AH*
Price: £50, for both sessions.
Want to add something a little more personal to your Christmas decorations this year? Get hands-on with clay at Hazlehurst Studios and create your very own ceramic Christmas tree lantern.
This two-part workshop takes you through the process from start to finish. In the first session, you'll learn ceramic hand-building techniques to shape your lantern, adding textures, patterns and little openings for candlelight to shine through.
Then, in December, it's time to add some colour using specialist underglazes. Your finished creation will be glazed and fired, leaving you with a handmade decoration to bring out year after year.
Why visit? Get into the festive spirit, try something creative and make a decoration that's completely your own. No mass-produced Christmas décor here!

3.Experience 'Light and Magic' in Halton!







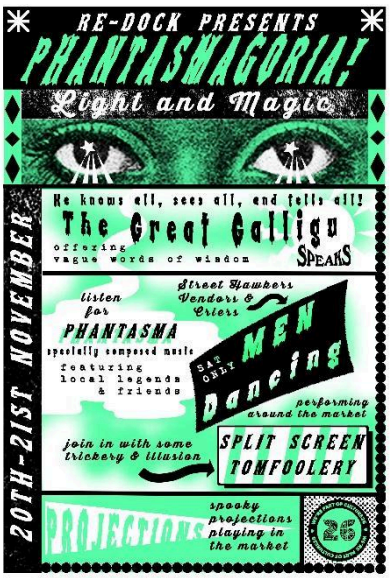


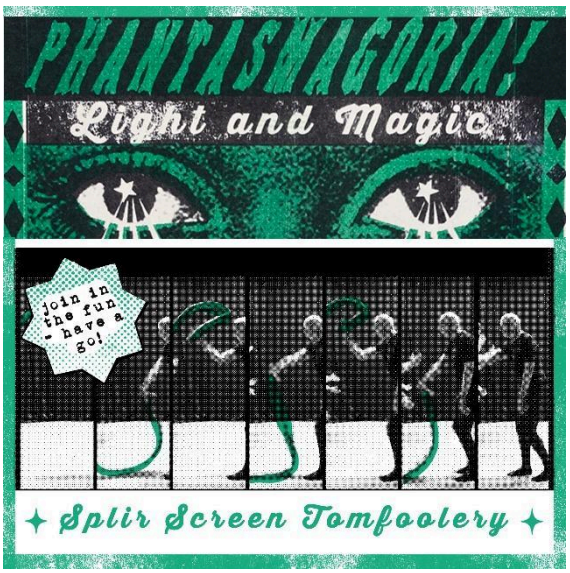
When: Friday 20th November 4-7pm – Market Open 9-7pm

Get ready for an evening of festive wonder as Light and Magic brings Widnes Market to life with an enchanting programme of entertainment, performances and Christmas celebrations.
Daytime activities and entertainment will before the excitement builds towards an evening parade packed with magical characters and spectacular performances.

Look out for evening creatures, hula hoop performers, stilt walkers, Jack Frost and Snow Patrol as they bring a little extra magic to the celebrations.
More lanterns to decorate and carry in the parade which will take place within the market. Walk with our illuminated characters as you experience the market after dark.
And, of course, no Christmas celebration would be complete without a tree lighting! Gather together for the big Outdoor Market Christmas Tree Light Switch-On at 6.30pm.

Friday 20th and Sat 21st Daytime at Widnes Market will also have the results of the Phantasmagoria Project which saw Widnes Market have their first Artists in Residence funded by Culture 26 Aspire grant.
Re:dock present A weekend of arty happenings with a distinctly spooky flavour
pop up around the market. Come and see, come and join in!







Why visit? Plenty of daytime activities, festive shopping and an evening filled with magical performances.

4.Crack the Case at Catalyst's Escape Room

When: Friday 20th November
Where: Catalyst Science Discovery Centre and Museum, Mersey Road Widnes WA8 0DH
Price: £30
Think you have what it takes to solve a mystery? Step back to 1868, when the Catalyst building was home to Gossages soap works and take on a mission where every clue counts.
William Gossage has suddenly left the factory to deal with a family emergency, while security has discovered an unidentified intruder inside the works. Could a rival competitor be trying to steal Gossages' closely guarded soap formula?
There's only one way to find out.
Working as a team of factory workers, you'll need to crack codes, unravel clues and solve puzzles to find the hidden formula before it falls into the wrong hands. Time is ticking, and the future of the factory is in your hands!
Why visit? Put your problem-solving skills to the test, uncover a piece of Halton's industrial heritage and experience local history in a way that's anything but ordinary.

5. **Find Your Calm at Norton Priory**





When: Tuesday 24th Novembert 9am
Where: Norton Priory Museum and Gardens
Price: £10
Need a little breathing room before the Christmas rush begins? Take some time for yourself with a relaxing meditation session led by Mima Cornish from HedgeRose Healing at Norton Priory.
Surrounded by the peaceful setting of the museum and gardens, it's an opportunity to slow down, clear your mind and enjoy a quieter start to the day.
Whether meditation is already part of your routine or you're curious to give it a try, this could be the perfect excuse to press pause for a while.
Why visit? Sometimes the best way to spend a day is to slow down. Make space for a little calm before the festive season gets into full swing.

6.Get Festive at the Christmas tree light switch on



When: Saturday 21 November, 10am–2pm
Where: Community Square, Runcorn Shopping City
Price: FREE
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Get ready for a day of festive fun as the Christmas celebrations arrive at Runcorn Shopping City.



Bring the family along for a packed programme of FREE entertainment, activities and festive surprises. Enjoy Rumi & Elsa bringing you your favourite K-pop and Frozen hits and a little entertainment and wonder for younger visitors. Join in with face painting and Christmas craft workshops and say hello to Chrissy Tree and the Present Princess! Enjoy performances from local school choirs and browse the Christmas artisan stalls and find something special for your loved ones.
And, of course, don't miss the big moment! Gather together for the Christmas Tree Light Switch-On at 2pm.
Why visit? A free festive day out for the whole family, packed with entertainment, local talent and plenty of Christmas magic.

7. Get a Head Start on Christmas at the Norton Priory Gift Fair



When: Sunday 22nd November; 11AM – 4PM
Where: Norton Priory Museum and Gardens

If you love finding thoughtful gifts and supporting independent makers, put the Christmas Gift Fair on your November list. Browse handcrafted gifts from local suppliers, discover something a little different for the people on your list and enjoy live music alongside festive food and drink. It's a chance to shop locally, meet makers and soak up some Christmas atmosphere without leaving your gift shopping until the last minute.

Why go? Find gifts with a little more personality, support local businesses and enjoy a festive day out while you're at it.

8. Enjoy an Evening of Live Music at Catalyst





When: Thursday 26th November, Doors open at 7pm
Where: Catalyst Science Discovery Centre and Museum, Mersey Road Widnes WA8 0DH
Price: FREE Booking essential
Best for: Over 16s only
Looking for something different to do on a November evening? Head to Catalyst Science Discovery Centre and Museum for a night of live music, with Daisy Hannah opening for Mondegreen.
Swap your usual evening routine for live performances in a unique setting, with a bar and snacks available throughout the event. Experience a gig with 360 view of Halton, incredible panoramic views from Catalyst's rooftop.
Whether you're planning a night out with friends or simply fancy discovering some live music, it's an affordable way to enjoy a different side of one of Widnes' best-known attractions.
Why visit? Great music, a relaxed atmosphere and a venue with a story to tell. What better way to spend a November evening?

Make November a Month of Discovery

You don't have to travel far to find something new. Whether you're learning a creative skill, celebrating local talent, uncovering a piece of history or getting a head start on Christmas, Halton has plenty to offer this November.

DECEMBER: Save The Date! Sat 5th December 10-4pm





Runcorn Town Hall Open Day, the Mayor of Halton welcomes you into ‘Halton Grange’ with stalls, choirs and festive celebration this year for Culture 26 we celebrate all things Made In Halton, including the author Lewis Carroll and are delighted to have the Birdcage Stage with us and their Queen of Hearts performance!

Come for an event. Follow the music. Try something new. And discover more of Halton.

Keep exploring what’s happening across the borough and join us in celebrating the people, places and creativity that make Halton special through **Culture 26: Made in Halton**.

NOTES TO EDITORS

About Visit Halton

Commissioned by Halton Borough Council, Visit Halton promotes the borough as an exciting destination which can be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

Halton unites the two towns Widnes and Runcorn on either side of the River Mersey, 10 miles upstream from Liverpool.

The name of the district was inspired by the ancient Barony of Halton which had owned land on both sides of the river with the iconic Silver Jubilee Bridge linking the two towns which share a common heritage. Widnes was regarded as the birthplace of the chemical industry and its development spread to Runcorn in the 19th century. This backstory inspires a fascinating and proven formula for visitors and residents to discover old and new; surprising, unforgettable and Instagrammable moments.

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