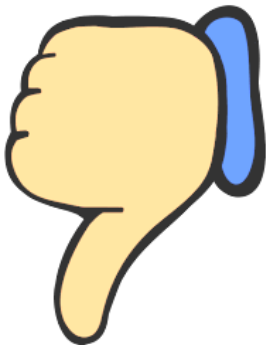




Holmes Chapel Partnership Community Newsletter

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WELCOME TO OUR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER!



The optimism of the August edition concerning Active Travel Funding for Holmes Chapel proved to be unjustified. We have set up a new page on the website Safe Walking Routes to Schools - have your say!



We have our usual **Spotlight on ...** section. This month we are focusing on Uniformed Organisations.

If you fancy a day out, check out Tony's and Graham's Wayfarer ticket tips!



September and things are starting up again - most significantly the schools. We wish both pupils and their teachers all the best in this venture, as getting back to routine - and a masked routine for some - will probably not all be plain sailing. September also brings autumn colour so send in your photos for the Virtual Gardens and check out what the Partnership website has to offer.

We have news of what is happening and what is not happening because of current restrictions: Community Cinema, Music Society, Clonter Fair. People are endlessly inventive and many are using technology to overcome the restrictions on social gatherings.

With best wishes from
Your (dedicated) Partnership Team (see here at work!)

The forecast said there was only a small chance of rain! It was wrong and our low tech socially distanced meeting in the garden was a very wet experience. It might have to be Zoom next time!



SPOTLIGHT ON...Uniformed Organisations

HOLMES CHAPEL SCOUTS

The Scout group in Holmes Chapel have been teaching young people skills for life since 1926. Each week we have about 150 young people between the ages of 6 and 14 who take part in a wide variety of activities and challenges as they learn new skills and gain badges.



At the beginning of the year, we excitedly looked forward to a wonderful mix of camps along different themes; seeing the delight on the faces of our members as they camp for the first time, sleep in hammocks under the stars, toast marshmallows around a campfire, climb mountains, sail on lakes, undertake nature walks, learn to climb on our climbing wall, target sports like archery, bike rides, team challenges, survival skills as well as craft activities such as making cards and junk modelling. The highlight of the year was to be a 10 day trip to the International Scout Centre in Kandersteg, Switzerland.

Instead, this has been a great year for our leaders to learn new skills in how to run Scouting sessions using video conferencing tools and being ingenious in finding activities that our young people can do at home under lockdown.

During April, we took part in a Camp at Home challenge and had over 100 of our members make dens and shelters at home to sleep in – some camped every night in April. We've done various activities such as made cakes and pizza, played bingo, run quizzes and completed scavenger hunts. We have also had loads of badges completed at home with activities such as learning to ride and look after your bike, helping at home with cooking and cleaning, growing vegetables in the garden.



SPOTLIGHT ON...Uniformed Organisations

Do you enjoy building dens?

Building dens is a real treat when you are eight, and even more fun when you are an adult!

We need you to come along and support our young people.

Not just den building, but doing map work, craft, hiking and even making stuff from bits of wood (we call that pioneering).

What we need is an extra pair of hands to help the leaders provide these fantastic activities.

Anyone for marshmallow toasting?

Yes, we want someone to toast marshmallows. Ok, so you'll need to light the fire first and it will probably be raining. Oh, and did we mention the kids?

Enjoy camping, lighting fires, toasting marshmallows, having a laugh and learning new skills?



If you're interested in joining in the fun, drop us an email to

JoinUs@HolmesChapelScouts.org.uk

SPOTLIGHT ON... Uniformed Organisations

GIRLGUIDING HOLMES CHAPEL Lockdown Guiding & Beyond



Our meetings came to a sudden end mid March but that didn't mean Guiding activities ended.

Some units were able to continue with regular Zoom meetings. Our Rainbow units and 2 Brownie units were able to meet via Zoom, lots of fun was had with some of the Girlguiding programme activities as well as lots of scavenger hunts, baking mug cakes, quizzes, bingo, themed nights and lots more!



Many girls have continued to work on their interest badges at home and they were able to engage with Girlguiding UK's 'Adventures from Home' activities, including a 'Festival in a Day'. Many girls also completed a Camp at Home Challenge with their families during lockdown and others have continued it into the summer holidays.

Back in May, Brownies contributed red, white and blue pom-poms to help decorate St Luke's church garden for the special VE Day 75th anniversary commemoration and many families marked the day occasion with street party celebrations at home.

Four amazing Brownies used their imaginations to raise an amazing £4,984 for different charities during lockdown. Their efforts included a sponsored read, a virtual treasure hunt, a Zoom quiz and a mile a day marathon and another has completed the new full set of interest badges while at home.

Looking ahead units are hoping to return with Zoom meetings until they are able to meet face to face again and some are hoping to have some outdoor meetings where possible with things like walks and geocaching. We are all looking forward to welcoming this term's new starters.

Girlguiding only happens because of its fab team of volunteers, lots of girls are waiting to take part in the fabulous opportunities but we need more volunteers to help us provide them. If you would like to find out more about being part of our great team or putting your daughter on a waiting list please register your interest on the website: **[girlguiding.org](https://www.girlguiding.org)**

SPOTLIGHT ON... Uniformed Organisations

TREFOIL GUILD IN HOLMES CHAPEL



Trefoil Guild is a branch of Girlguiding and Jodrell Trefoil Guild is the local group and includes ladies from Holmes Chapel, Goostrey, Kermincham, Knutsford and Chelford. Under normal circumstances we meet monthly to enjoy talks, outings, games

evenings, walks, lunches out and general chats (always accompanied by cake). During the current pandemic our meetings have been very restricted but people have kept in touch by phone and emails and the picture shows a 'socially distanced' afternoon tea in a member's garden.

In Trefoil Guild, members aged 18+ make new friends, travel, explore, serve their communities and help Guiding (and Scouting) thrive across the UK where there are over 1,100 Trefoil Guilds with over 20,000 members. All our present members have been leaders in guiding but it is not a pre-requisite for joining. However, all members agree to support the guiding ethos - including the pledge to help other people. Many members pass on their skills and knowledge to local guiding units, from helping Rainbows with crafts, Brownies working towards a badge or helping to prepare older girls for a camping adventure.

Whether you're involved in guiding or not, Trefoil Guild is a wonderful opportunity to meet like-minded people to share your next adventure – whatever that might be! There are plenty of opportunities for members to try something new, take on a new personal challenge, make new friends and escape the daily routine. If you would like to join us or find out a bit more, please do contact Dorothy Davidson, 01477 537679 or go to www.trefoilguild.co.uk for more information.



A brief history of The Trefoil Guild:

1909 Girls appeared at the first Boy Scout Rally at the Crystal Palace, demanding to be allowed to join the movement.

1910 The Girl Guides Association was formed.

1920 Ex-Guides began to form unofficial groups with the purpose of maintaining contact with their old Guide companies.

1935 An organisation named 'Old Guides' was formed.

1943 The Girl Guides Association amalgamated the various groups of 'Old Guides' and the name 'Trefoil Guild' was adopted.

1952 The Trefoil Guild, while remaining part of the guiding movement, was given recognition as a self-governing, self-financing body and became responsible for former Guides in the United Kingdom and overseas territories.

1971 The minimum age for membership of the Trefoil Guild was lowered to 18 from 21.

1984 A resolution was passed to admit men into The Trefoil Guild.

2020 there are now 9 guilds in our county of Cheshire Border - contacts:

Email trefoil@girlguidingcheshireborder.org.uk

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/cheshireborder.trefoilguild>

NEWS FROM DANE VALLEY POLICE

Hello, I am your local community support officer for Dane Valley – PCSO Liz Chesters.

During August we noticed an increase in incidents being reported for suspicious activity involving a wheelie bin being moved at a property to potentially gain access and that a door handle had been attempted to be opened during the evening.

Therefore we wish to provide you with some home security advice such as reconsidering the layout of your garden and look for potential easy access points that you can make harder for criminals to use. Check for weak spots for example a low or sagging fence or a back gate with a weak lock. We know it has been a warm few months but avoid leaving your windows open during the night and double check your doors are locked before you turn in for the evening.

We are glad to say that over the last three weeks we have started to open up our weekly community meetings held at Holmes Chapel Community Centre. This has been possible as we have a new vehicle that has been used for 'mobile' meetings that are held outdoors on the top car park to ensure we are compliant with the current COVID19 legislation.

The next meetings will be held on the below dates:-

Friday 4th September 15:00-16:00
Tuesday 8th September 09:30-10:30
Tuesday 15th September 15:00-16:00

If you are also interested in more of our activity and advice during this time then please follow us on social media where we are able to speak directly to you as our community about incidents and crimes we are finding in the area.

Your local officers social media pages are 'Dane Valley Police' for Facebook and '@DaneValleyPol' for our Twitter account. You can also contact us via Crewe.LPU@Cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Once again, to each and every one of you that is helping us and your community to stay safe, thank you.



NEWS

HOLMES CHAPEL CINEMA UPDATE

Due to the current government guidelines we are unable to show any films at the Community Centre. Apart from the logistics of taking everyone's contact details, at present we are unable to use the Community Centre facilities. We are all missing the cinema evenings, and had to cancel our March film 1917. At present we have no idea when we will be able to start back.

As soon as we have any news we will let you know. Thanks to all who have supported us. Judith and the committee.



HOLMES CHAPEL MUSIC SOCIETY



PROFESSIONAL MUSIC CONCERTS IN THE HEART OF CHESHIRE

Sadly, along with all other live music venues, we have had to cancel our concerts - initially up to Christmas. However, we have not entirely cancelled them!

We are discussing with the performers who were booked to appear at Holmes Chapel whether they are able to provide a "virtual concert" for our members. One musician, Danny Driver, who was due to perform for us in October, has already agreed to do so - in fact, it was his idea!

Danny will introduce and perform a programme of piano pieces for us, and these will be streamed via our website to our members. We hope that some of our other bookings will be able to do the same.

So the 49th Season will happen after all - albeit in a virtual form. Members will be informed as soon as we know details.



Danny Driver

Please see our website (www.themusicsociety.org.uk) and our poster in the Precinct for more news.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE



Planning Applications

The Parish Council is consulted on planning applications on properties within the village. Whilst the Parish Council does not make the decision on whether a planning application is accepted or not, we do consider and make a response Cheshire East Council on many applications each year. Information about the planning applications we are discussing, which meeting we are discussing them at and responses we have made can be found on our website:

<https://www.holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk/planning>

Take a look and see what planning applications are being considered.

2020 Civic Service

The Parish Council has decided to cancel the Civic Service for 2020. We had hoped to rearrange it for September, but in light of the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, it was felt that we would not be able to celebrate as we would like to. We hope to hold our 2021 service in June next year. Watch this space!

Council and Committee Meetings

The Parish Council holds regular meetings of the Full Council, but also three Committees; Amenities, Village Infrastructure and Strategy & Finance. The Committees cover a range of different areas including Highways, the Dane Meadow, Council Finances and much more. The dates, times, agendas and minutes for these meetings can be found on our website: <https://www.holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings>

We discuss a wide range of issues that affect the village and residents are very welcome to attend these meetings. There is always a time at the start of the meetings for members of the public to participate in. We usually hold these meetings in the Community Centre but due to the current situation are holding them via Zoom. All the information on how to join the meetings can be found on the relevant agenda.

Community Support

Don't forget that if you need some help with basic errands such as food shopping or prescription collection, please contact the Parish Office on 01477 533 934 (lines open 9am to 1pm Mondays to Fridays) or mail Clerk@holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk and we can link you up with a trusted volunteer for help.

NEWS

DANE SOUND COMMUNITY RADIO

Have you listened in to your local community radio station?

Dane Sound Community Radio is your local online community radio station run by volunteers and broadcasts from Cranage Village Hall. We feature regular shows of all genres, community news, local events, topics of interest and specialist shows involving local people and groups.



HOW TO LISTEN IN:

Go to **www.danesound.com** on your computer, tablet or phone and click on the 'LISTEN' button. Google Chrome is the best search engine to use.

Via your Smart Speaker - ask it to 'Play Dane Sound Community Radio'

Our weekly show schedule can be viewed on our website and daily schedule is advertised on our Facebook page. Like our page DaneSoundHC for updates.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

We are always looking for volunteers for a variety of roles. If you are interested get in touch by emailing **contact@danessound.com**.

DANE VALLEY ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY GROUP



Are you looking for inspiration and ideas about how to become more environmentally friendly? There is a really useful and friendly group on Facebook where a wide variety of information, hints, tips and experiences are shared. With 350 members it is a great source of information on local and global environmental issues and sustainability. Everyone is welcome to join the group.

HOLMES CHAPEL UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Do you have old school, sports or club uniforms lurking at the back of the cupboard and wondering what to do with them?

You may be interested in a group that has just been formed on Facebook whereby you can either give away or sell your pre-loved uniforms. It's a great way to save money and prevent the uniforms going into landfill.

Everyone is welcome to join the Facebook group - **Holmes Chapel Uniform Exchange**.

THE BEES SAY GOODBYE TO JODRELL BANK

Not only people fall victim to Covid-19! Jodrell Bank opened its doors to visitors again after lockdown on August 22nd but sadly the Arboretum will be minus its apiary. Before you start worrying about the bees – they didn't get Covid, they are more or less as fine as neglected bee colonies can be, and have been removed to a place where they can be nurtured.

South Cheshire Beekeepers trained the Head Gardener at Jodrell Bank in beekeeping and helped set up the apiary a few years ago. It was a popular visitor attraction with regular beekeeping displays in the summer months. Come lockdown the gardeners were furloughed and no one was allowed on site, so the bees had to look after themselves. Eventually after much tussling with bureaucracy members of the beekeeping association got access to the site to check on the bees and phew! they were still alive in their overgrown apiary.

Unfortunately, though, the gardeners who looked after the bees have been declared redundant so, even though Jodrell Bank is open to the public again, they cannot care for the bees. The once thriving and attractive apiary is sadly fast disappearing into the undergrowth but after further lengthy tussles with red tape the bees have been removed and are now being cared for by the South Cheshire Beekeepers at their apiary in Bradwall.



The neglected apiary

The bees were managing to get in and out of their hives somehow!





One of the three hives of bees in transit from the far end of the Arboretum. Or more exactly a moment's rest during transit!

It was quite heavy manual labour since no vehicles were allowed to be taken beyond the main car park.



Anyway who needs bees? There will be a stunning new visitor attraction when it opens in 2021. The First Light Pavilion "will house an exhibition gallery, education areas, a projection space and a new cafe situated within the gardens at Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre."

ACTIVE TRAVEL MEASURES

Holmes Chapel doesn't get a look in!



This is an abridged version of the Press Release from Cheshire East Council

"In line with government advice, Cheshire East council are implementing measures in order to improve active travel in the local area. Nine new schemes will come into effect from the 12th August 2020 as a first phase to improve routes to schools and workplaces, boost social distancing, encourage walking and cycling and improve our town centre environments. The move follows recent submissions by town and parish councils and local members of more than 500 local ideas as to what measures may work in their towns and villages"

The first nine active travel schemes, totalling investment of £155,000, will be located in **Crewe (2) Congleton— Macclesfield (2) — Wilmslow—Sandbach—Knutsford— Alsager:** The council aims to develop a further series of projects, informed by discussions with town and parish councils and ward members, that will be delivered in coming weeks, following pledged government funding of £619,000. These measures include:

Pop-up cycle lanes, with protected spaces for cycling;

Measures to reduce rat-running in streets;

Improved walking and cycling routes to school;

Safer junctions, with the potential for bus and cycle-only corridors;

Implementing lower speed limits; and

Wider pavements, which also enables social distancing.

Potential schemes for the Second Phase in Autumn will be located in

Wilmslow (2) - Crewe—Macclesfield—Sandbach—Congleton—Knutsford - Middlewich"



- The Department for Transport has released two tranches of funding (£155,000, £619,000) to promote cycling and walking in Cheshire East. The distribution in the first and second phases looks remarkably similar! The only difference seems to be that Alsager has replaced Middlewich. This does not seem a very fair way of distributing the money.
- Holmes Chapel needs **wider pavements** as we have pointed out before - in fact we actually need them more than the town centres because of the size of the HGVs which traverse our village on roads that were never intended or constructed to accommodate vehicles of that size.
- Holmes Chapel needs **Improved walking and cycling routes to schools** as anyone trying to walk along Macclesfield Road, cross Station Road or Chester Road at the junction with the A50 will know. These are main A roads with through traffic and not town streets from which the majority of through traffic has been diverted.



Holmes Chapel Partnership has created a page on its website calling for Safe Walking Routes to School, please visit it and share your experiences as pedestrians or cyclists trying to navigate our roads and pavements.



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UPDATE ON THE NEW TREES PLANTED IN THE DANE MEADOW



They may be difficult to spot as the surrounding vegetation has run riot in the warm wet weather, but the trees we planted in March are coming along nicely.

This young birch tree has grown its way out of the plastic sleeve, and is heading upwards, as are many of the rowan trees too.

The Friends of Dane Meadow have spent a few work sessions checking up on the trees and trying to make sure they have enough light to grow, by pulling up the nettles, thistles, willow herb etc that have sprung up around them.

Once the trees and shrubs have grown a bit more and begin to have the upper hand, they should start to shade out the anti-social weeds which should make it easier to visit and appreciate the trees.

THE LOCKDOWN LIBRARY IS NEARING THE END OF ITS RUN



The Lockdown Library run by Holmes Chapel Partnership Vice Chair Teresa McFarquhar from her home at 1 Riverside Crescent has been hugely popular over the summer. However Teresa has decided it is time to call it a day since the youngsters will be back at school and the official Library is now open again.

From mid - September the doors will be closing. There is still quite a lot of "stock" so if you find something that interests you, please take it - and don't bring it back! Any books, jigsaws etc that are left will be offered to charities.



HOLMES CHAPEL RAILWAY STATION CORNER

One of our best kept secrets!



One of our best kept secrets is the Wayfarer Ticket and here is an example:

The Station Master, Graham, sells these tickets when the booking office is open at Holmes Chapel Railway Station. He is usually there from Monday to Saturday in the mornings. If he is on leave the person in the booking office should be able to help.

I purchased this ticket and explored parts of Manchester including the Imperial War Museum of the North via train and tram on the 24th August 2020. I adhered to all the 2020 Pandemic precautions and I was pleased to witness that the railways and tramways and shops and museums are taking all necessary precautions for our safety. The ticket is available for one day and costs:

- Adult; £14.40
- Concession ; £9.50 (for holders of the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme - the bus pass!) for older or disabled people.
- Child; £7.20 (for children aged 5-15 inclusive).
- Group; £28.80 (up to 2 adults and 2 children (children must be aged under 16)).

Wayfarer tickets can be used on the day of purchase or purchased up to three days in advance. Apart from Graham, Wayfarers can be purchased from a variety of places including Transport for Greater Manchester Travel Shops. These tickets can be used throughout Greater Manchester and parts of Cheshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire, Staffordshire, West Yorkshire and the Peak District. The Wayfarer can be used on almost any bus, train, Metrolink tram, changing as often as you like! The Wayfarer leaflets show the area covered (shown below). The map shows the rail and Metrolink lines where you can use the tickets including the boundary for the bus services you can use. Notice that we are the last station to qualify on the Manchester to Crewe line.

Travel times - after 09:30 am Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and bank holidays. So - a perfect day out for family and friends with freedom to travel on trains, trams and buses! Further info www.tfgm.com and search for 'Wayfarer'.

Wayfarer



There are so many places to visit - I will mention just a few: Chadkirk Chapel, Bury Transport Museum, Hope Valley, Heaton Park, the Science and Industry Museum in Manchester, Peel Tower (Holcombe), Healey Dell Nature Reserve, Bolton Town Hall, Stockport, Littleborough, the Bridgewater Canal, the Goyt Valley, the Roman Fort (Castlefield) and so on.

As I said earlier I chose to use a Wayfarer ticket to visit Manchester City Centre on the 24th, arriving at Piccadilly Railway Station from Holmes Chapel. Then down the stairs and directly on to the Metrolink at the Station to Cornbrook, changing on to the new tram line (only opening in March at the height of the Pandemic). The new tram line takes you for example) to the Imperial War Museum of the North.





Travelling by tram on the new Imperial War Museum line takes you past the Trafford Road Bridge (which crosses the Manchester Ship Canal) and by the new Coronation Street studios and the Grade 2 listed 1902 Trafford Park Hotel.



Returning to Holmes Chapel after an interesting day out makes me glad we have access to the Wayfarer ticket and now I have shared the secret with you!

Tony Wright



Quotes from ex team members who joined The Prince's Trust

From being in trouble, doing The Prince's Trust, to going to university in twelve months. It worked for me and changed my life forever.

I lost my job, my flat, ended up living in sheltered accommodation, not liking who I was, with no future. I joined The Prince's Trust through the job centre and I am now re-employed, earning money and looking for a new flat. My prospects look a lot better and I feel good about myself.

From staying in bed doing nothing, going nowhere, no job, no money, my parents giving me a hard time and being called lazy, I joined The Prince's Trust to stop my parents having a go. I now have a job and some qualifications and no-one calls me lazy anymore.



For more information about the Prince's Trust Team Programme:

www.cheshirefire.gov.uk
www.princestrust.org.uk

Contact Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Youth Engagement Team:

t: 01606 868700
e: princestrust@cheshirefire.gov.uk



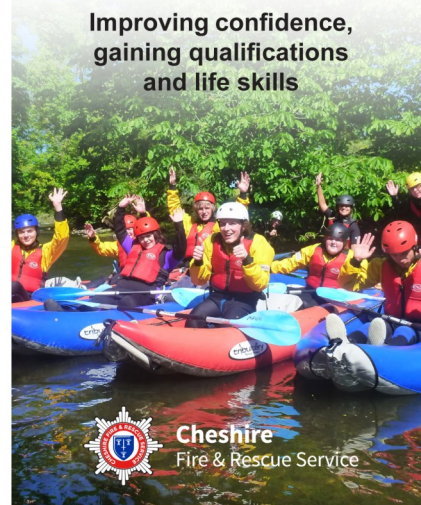
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Team programme

Personal Development Programme

Improving confidence, gaining qualifications and life skills



Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service

The Prince's Trust Team programme is a 12 week personal development programme for young people aged 16 to 25.

The programme consists of:

Team building

Weeks 1 and 2 are all about getting to know each other, including a team building outward bound residential.

Community Project

In weeks 3, 4, 5, and 6 you will fundraise for, organise and work on a project for the community.

Employability Skills

In week 7 we will help you write your CV, practice interview skills and look for employment/education.

Individual Work Experience

In weeks 8 and 9 you will attend a 2 week work experience of your choosing. Previous work experience has included M&S, the Zoo and the Nike Store.

Event planning and hosting activities within your local community

In weeks 10 and 11 you will fundraise, organise and deliver a final team challenge for a local community group.

Final presentation

In the last week you will celebrate your achievements in a black tie presentation evening and give a speech to your family and friends.



The Prince's Trust Team Programme, delivered by Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) is designed to develop your skills, self confidence and motivation.

Gaining recognised qualifications will help you to gain employment or enter into further education. This is at no cost to you.

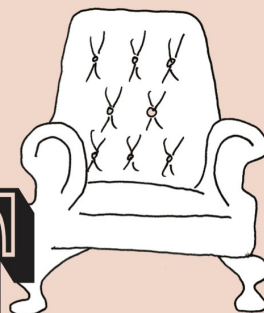
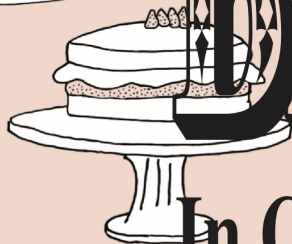
Join a team of about 15 people of similar age, both unemployed and employed.

Spend 12 weeks having fun, making new friends, helping the community and the environment.

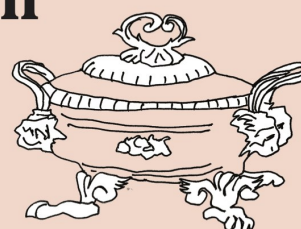
During the course you will take part in team building activities, fund raising, work experience and a residential week.



CLONTER'S FAMILY DAY OUT



In Collaboration with
Congleton Beartown
Classic Car Club



Dogs may bring
their owners on a lead

Sun 6th Sept 2020
10am - 4pm



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Cheshire, CW12 2LR
www.clonter.org

Registered Charity No. 1083903



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