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## Summer of fun

**THOUSANDS** of visitors will be visiting the borough this summer as part of our events programme.

From Ironman UK to Bolton Food and Drink Festival our events calendar puts Bolton firmly on the map as a host of nationally significant events. Visitors have already taken part and watched Boltfest, Ironman UK, and Horwich festival of Racing.

The highlight of the summer, the Bolton Food and Drink Festival, is still to come and you can find out more inside. More than 267,000 visited the event last year, which is organised by Bolton Council in association with Aldi, and it holds the reputation of being the biggest and best food festival in the north. Bolton town centre is turned into a massive street party of food, drink and entertainment.

It will take place on Friday, August 24 to Monday, August 27.

It's all part of showing how we are committed



**FESTIVAL FUN:** Ainsley Harriott proved the hit of festival last year

to the long term future of the town centre as not just a place to shop but as a destination to live, visit and invest.

Businesses and town centre organisations benefit greatly from our investment in the festi-

val and other events in terms of increased income and footfall. This is particularly important in the light of the challenges of the changing face of retail and the need to support the high street.

The festival is one of

the key events to bringing visitors into the borough as part of our wider tourism strategy – IronMan UK and Ironkids, and the Christmas Lights Switch On and Winter Festival – all designed to showcase

the borough portraying a positive image regionally, nationally and internationally.

It's part of our annual visitor figures beyond 6.5 million people and more than £432m in revenue generated for the local

economy.

Having events as part of our regeneration strategy is essential for our future success to create a vibrant town.

## Free Parking

at NCP multi-storey car parks Deane Road, Topp Way and The Octagon at weekends and Bank Holidays

Plus a Free Metroshuttle bus services operating around the town centre...

For more information visit [www.visitbolton.com](http://www.visitbolton.com)

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# You Can Foster in Bolton

Can you do something incredible and help a local child in foster care achieve their ambition?

The You Can Foster campaign is encouraging more people to come forward and foster for their local authority. In Bolton we really need more foster carers, especially for siblings and teenagers.

As well as providing a loving home for children and young people in care fostering can be rewarding for carers too.

Sean and Karen had previously fostered for a private agency but transferred to Bolton because they felt that only a Local Authority could offer them the professional support they needed when fostering teenage boys.

Sean recalls the first time he took a foster child into his house and says that it was really strange, no mistake, but after the first couple of weeks it became totally natural.

If you've got a spare room and some time to care for a child or young person get in touch with our team to find out more about whether fostering is right for you and your family.

Find out more at [youcanfoster.org/Bolton](http://youcanfoster.org/Bolton), call us on **0800 107 1564** or search for us on Facebook as Foster With Bolton.

“It's the one thing most people ask me when they're thinking about fostering,” he says. “What it feels like to bring someone new into your house. I understand why they're asking but honestly you don't notice after a while. I think becoming a foster carer has made me a more patient person and that's a great thing.”

“I think I must have been very impatient when I was younger,” he laughs. “I'm not now, that's for sure.”

“If I was to offer one piece of advice to a new carer it would be to make sure that you make the young person a genuine member of the family,” says Sean. “Once you do that there is no longer a stranger in your home, and you're building up trust with someone who's probably had very little trust in their life. It really does make all the difference. I know it has with us and the teenagers we've looked after.”



# Next piece of town centre jigsaw

**THE council has bought the Crompton Place shopping centre for £14.8m to help accelerate its £1bn town centre regeneration masterplan.**

Property management company JLL will continue to run the centre, which contains 46 retail units; kiosks; office accommodation, and a 285-space car park.

The purchase has been funded from the council's £100m town centre fund. The fund is financed through a low interest loan which is repaid using dividends from Manchester Airport and the Yorkshire Purchasing Company.

Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr Linda Thomas said: "The purchase of Crompton Place is fundamental to support the regeneration and transformation of our town centre.

"It is at the heart of our town's civic and retail core and this deal means we now have control of a major strategic site that is critical to delivering the Town Centre Masterplan.

"We will now be focusing



on ways to regenerate the area for the long term benefit of the town centre and our residents across the borough.

"We have carried out extensive due diligence checks before acquiring the centre and these have confirmed that the purchase price reflects current mar-

ket conditions and represents fair market value.

"Bolton is following the example of many other local authorities across the country that have also invested in their local shopping centres to deliver regeneration schemes.

"There will be no changes in the day to day operation

and running of the shopping centre in the immediate future, to ensure it continues to operate smoothly for tenants and shoppers."

Over the coming months, detailed ideas for regenerating the centre will be developed and in the long term council chiefs envisage building a completely

new centre.

The regeneration of Crompton Place will form part of the council's wider, longer-term plans to improve the town centre for the benefit of everyone in the borough, including surrounding districts.

## Message from the Leader



Councillor Linda Thomas

**JUBILANT** celebrations swept the country in July to mark the 70th anniversary of our National Health Service.

It was a testament to the true passion our country feels towards the institution and the millions of thankful lives its tireless professionals touch every year.

Bolton's birthday present – wrapped with the ambition to ensure the survival of our NHS for another 70 years – was an historic partnership between Bolton Council and local NHS organisations to join up the disjointed system we have all experienced at one point or another.

### Partners

Collaborating as equal partners is essential as we face up to the challenges of a population that is living longer with more complex health needs.

The partnership includes the council, Bolton NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) – which commands a £380m budget and is responsible for commissioning and buying health services for residents – Royal Bolton NHS Trust, charities and community groups, alongside Greater Manchester Mental Health Trust.

By working together we will be able to avoid duplication, fill any gaps and make more effective use of skills, budgets, and resources.

For further information about how the council and NHS will work together please turn to page 5.

# New Farnworth Bus Station open for business

**FARNWORTH** Bus Station has re-opened following a £1.9m investment.

Passengers will find improved bus shelters, seating and street lighting; CCTV; cycle parking; improved journey information and wayfinding signage.

The junction of King Street and Market Street has also been upgraded to improve walking routes into the town centre and bus journeys to and from the new bus station.

A number of improvements have also been made to key town centre bus stops on Market Street, pedestrian crossings have been upgraded and footways resurfaced.

The project was developed by Transport for Greater Manchester and Bolton Council as part of the Salford Bolton Network Improvement Programme to make better transport links, and funded through the Greater Manchester Local Growth Deal.

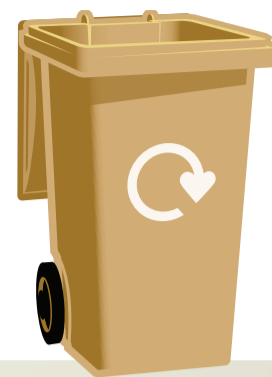
Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr Linda Thomas, added: "This investment in the bus station and public realm will really help to regenerate the whole area. We're committed to Farnworth and we continue to work with our partners and the local community to make change happen.



**NEW START:** Councillor Ebrahim Adia, Deputy Leader of the Council, and Councillor David Chadwick, Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport at the new station

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# Recycle all of these items in the beige bin



## from your bathroom



### Top tip:

Remember to put nappies, wipes, tissues and sanitary waste in your grey bin.



## from your kitchen



### Top tip:

Put shredded paper in a cardboard box to prevent it from blowing down the street when the bin is being emptied.



## from your lounge or bedroom



### Top tip:

Remember to remove any plastic packaging from magazines or polystyrene from inside boxes.

It takes just 7 days for a recycled newspaper to come back as another newspaper!



# Leading the way looking after vulnerable children

**BOLTON is officially one of the best authorities in the country when it comes to looking after its most vulnerable children.**

Ofsted inspectors have given Bolton Council a 'Good' rating following an intensive review of its children's social care services last month.

The council was praised for its good social work practice and for improving the experiences and outcomes of vulnerable children who are looked after:

- Children who need help and protection are supported by timely and effective services
- Services delivered by skilled social workers.
- Children are listened to
- Children's views taken into account via a dedicated forum, Voice4U.
- Social workers build effective relationships with families

- Creative direct work is undertaken with children to ensure that their wishes and feelings are understood and prioritised.
- Senior leaders and politicians have a clear focus on prioritising support and financial resources for the most vulnerable children.
- The Children's Champion ensures that children's voices influence wider council issues.

Only a handful of authorities have been inspected under the new Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services framework (IL-ACS) which was introduced by Ofsted this year.

Bolton's last inspection in 2014 resulted in a rating of Requires Improvement and the department has worked hard to make valid changes which go towards enhancing a young person's experience of the service.

Cabinet Member for Education, Schools, Safeguard-



ing and Looked after Children, Cllr Ann Cunliffe, said: "This is absolutely fantastic news and I'm so pleased for everyone in the department

as I know they have worked incredibly hard to make improvements.

"The views and best interests of the borough's

most vulnerable children are the heart of everything we do, and I'm delighted that this has been reflected in Ofsted's judgement."

## Amazon recruitment begins

AMAZON has announced that recruitment has opened for associate roles at its new fulfilment centre, due to open in Bolton in August.

Amazon is recruiting for a range of positions, from operations managers to engineers to HR and IT roles.

For more information about positions available and future recruitment events visit [www.jobsatamazon.co.uk](http://www.jobsatamazon.co.uk)

Amazon announced plans in October 2017 to open the new fulfilment centre in Bolton in 2018 and recruit for 1200 new, full-time permanent jobs.

The investment in a new fulfilment centre in Bolton will take the total number of permanent jobs Amazon has created in the North West of England to more than 3500.

Wages start at £8 an hour and all permanent fulfilment centre employees are given stock grants, which over the last five years were on average equal to £1000 or more per year per person. Fulfilment centre employees also receive a comprehensive benefits package, including private medical insurance, a company pension plan, life assurance, income protection, subsidised meals and an employee discount.

# Joining forces to deliver health and social care



**BETTER TOGETHER:** Tony Oakman (Chief Executive of Bolton Council), Cllr Linda Thomas (Leader of Bolton Council), Dr Wirin Bhatiani (Chair of Bolton CCG), Su Long (Chief Officer of Bolton CCG), and Jackie Bene (Chief Executive of Bolton NHS Foundation Trust).

**HEALTH** and social care organisations in Bolton are joining forces to improve the health and wellbeing of residents.

Bolton received £28.8 million in 2016 from the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership to take more control of the way it provides health and care services.

The new partnership will deliver the health and care system for the borough and includes NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Bolton Council and Bolton NHS Foundation Trust alongside organisations including Greater Manchester Mental Health Foundation Trust and representatives from the community voluntary sector.

Currently, teams within each organisation separately commission services for local residents such as care home places, home care and learning disability services. By working together, they will be able to avoid duplication and fill any gaps, make effective use of skills and resources, and improve the integration of services for the borough.

The Integrated Care Partnership will bring together hospital, community health, social care, community voluntary sector and GP services. It will co-ordinate care in neighbourhoods and remove the boundaries between organisations supporting staff to help the person in the centre stay well, connected and at home for as long as they are able, so that demands on our hospital and long term care are reduced.

The Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr Linda Thomas, said: "At the moment, people receiving health and social care services can often feel like the system is disjointed and they find themselves seeing a range of different professionals,

and having to tell their story over and over again. Combining our skills and budgets is the logical thing to do and marks the start of an exciting journey for us all."

Dr Wirin Bhatiani, Chair of Bolton CCG, added: "With people living longer, with more complex health

needs, we need to adapt our health care accordingly, and continuing as we are is simply not an option. By bringing clinicians and politicians around the table together, I am confident we can make the best decisions for Bolton people with our limited resources."

Jackie Bene, Chief Exec-

utive of Bolton NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Our aim is to ensure more people receive the support they need in their own community. By joining up teams working in neighbourhoods and focusing on the person's individual needs, visits to hospital will only happen when absolutely necessary."



# Meet your councillors...

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## Food fest boost returns

**THOUSANDS of visitors will once again be tucking in to tasty treats and tipples when Bolton Food and Drink Festival returns.**

The festival is organised by Bolton Council in association with Aldi, and will take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend (Friday, August 24 to Monday, August 27).

Celebrity chefs Michael Caines, Nadiya Hussain, Ainsley Harriott and James Martin are the headline stars of a packed programme. Special events include gin tasting, beer and pasty, brunch and cakes and a night with top chefs Andrew Nutter and Aiden Byrne.

The festival will also feature cookery demos from top regional chefs, a speciality food, drink and crafts market with more than 200 traders, live music, street performers, and children's activities.

Local touring theatre, Little Diamond Theatre Company, have created a magical production 'Stone Soup' to entertain the families at the festival. With fun craft activities and a show that includes song, dance, music and laughter, children are sure to love this.

**Sponsors are:** Aldi; Stateside Foods, and Willmott Dixon.

**Partners include:** Arts Council; Bolton Market; Bolton Library and Museum Services; Carrs Pasties; Greater Manchester Combined Authority; Greenhalgh's Bakery; Octagon Theatre, Market Place Shopping Centre; RRG Group Ltd; Crompton Place Shopping Centre and Little Diamond Theatre Company.

For updates, visit the Food and Drink Festival website and follow the Bolton Food and Drink Festival page on Facebook or @boltonfoodfest on Twitter.

For further information see inside.

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James Martin takes a selfie at the Fred Dibnah statue

## Free Parking

at NCP multi-storey car parks Deane Road, Topp Way and The Octagon at weekends and Bank Holidays

Plus a Free Metroshuttle bus services operating around the town centre...

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# School countdown with M&S Kids

In a few months' time, parents will be leading their little ones through the school gates for the very first time! Whilst this time marks an exciting phase in your child's life, this is naturally very daunting for Mum & Dad – especially the dreaded school uniform! Let M&S Kids take the stress out of the day with new time saving innovation pieces that mean less work for busy parents.

Think ease, think comfort, think smart. Our new uniform features easy to iron shirts, permanent pleat skirts and Velcro fastenings on shirts - great for those who are still learning.

If this wasn't enough, M&S has a name labels service – all done by one simple text. Great value for money and means that you don't have to worry about mixing up PE kits!

The Easy Dressing Range is a range of uniform designed for 2-16 years, created to make dressing for school easier, quicker and more comfortable. A key piece includes the Easy Dressing Triple Action Stormwear Trousers which has no fiddly zips or buttons and simply pulls up.

All schoolwear is available in store or online now at [www.marksandspencer.com](http://www.marksandspencer.com)

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## M&S Opticians to open in Bolton



**One of the UK's first M&S Opticians will be opening its doors on the 16 August in Bolton.**

The brand new store, on the ground floor next to the food hall of the Marks & Spencer store on Deansgate, will offer a range of optical and eye health services, including eye tests; contact lens advice and free trials; men's, women's and children's eyewear; leading designer brands; prescription sunglasses and free retinal photography. Prescriptions are also welcomed from other opticians.

The launch event, which will take place at 10am on the 16 August, will see a special local guest cut the ribbon to officially open the store to the public. Customers are able to book their eye test online or over the phone ahead of the store opening, or go into store on the day for a test depending on availability.

Ben Pedley, Optician Manager, said: *"We are extremely excited to open the doors to the practice and welcome our new customers. We have a fantastic range of eyewear which we are confident will be a hit with Bolton shoppers."*

*Whether it's a new pair of frames, an eye test or general advice, our experienced team will be on hand to offer the high level of customer service that is synonymous with the nation's favourite retailer."*

To book your eye test, book online at [www.mandsopticians.com](http://www.mandsopticians.com), call **0345 266 5860** or book in-store.

M&S  
OPTICIANS

## Pack a perfect picnic

**The grass between your toes; sunshine on your face; and a rug spread with tempting treats: you just can't beat a summer picnic.**

And there's still plenty of time to enjoy the continuing warm weather.

For fresh-air feasts big and small, discover all you need with M&S food to make your picnic even more delicious.

Our Food to Order service is perfect for sunny summer birthdays and big weekend get-togethers.

There's an array of irresistible picnic favourites, from runny-yolked scotch eggs and beautifully presented sandwiches, to crunchy crudites and bowls of ripe, sweet strawberries with clotted cream.

This summer's new additions include a hearty Melton Mowbray pork pie, and a delicate selection of mini cakes inspired by classic British tea-time treats (blackcurrant sundae tart, anyone?). Everything is really easy to transport, while the online ordering system means you can pick up your picnic spread from your nearest store when it suits you. Just remember to pack a bottles of your favourite beverage and a cosy rug to sit on: heaven.





# Win festival goodies!

Fancy getting your hands on a fab Festival flask and apron combo?

We'll even get the apron signed by some of our celebrity chefs.

Head over to Bolton's Food & Drink Festival website - <https://www.boltonfoodanddrinkfestival.com> - enter your email address and you could be in luck.

More than 267,000 visited the event last year, which is organised by Bolton Council in association with Aldi, and it holds the reputation of being the biggest and best food festival in the north.

Celebrity chefs Michael Caines, Nadiya Hussain, Ainsley Harriott and James Martin are the headline stars of a packed programme. Special events include gin tasting, beer and pasty, brunch and cakes and a night with top chefs Andrew Nutter and Aiden Byrne.



We'd also like to send you a short survey after the Festival, to ask what you enjoyed and what could be improved?

Everyone who completes that survey will be entered into another prize draw.

For further information about what's on during the festival turn to the centre pages or see the website <https://www.boltonfoodanddrinkfestival.com>

**Bolton Market**  
*Support local life*

The market has over 200 stalls to choose from located both indoors and outdoor which are all under cover.

**Opening Times**  
Open every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm.

Ashburner Street, Bolton BL1 1TJ  
Contact: 01204 336825  
email: [bolton.markets@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:bolton.markets@bolton.gov.uk)

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# Summer of fun with Crompton Place

The summer holidays are here at Crompton Place and we have lots of things to keep you entertained.

## Family Flicks

Every Wednesday from 25 July – 29 August

Family Flicks is back this summer with lots of block bustingly brilliant films to keep your family happy.

- Wednesday 25 July – **Paddington 2**, 11am – 2:30pm
- Wednesday 1 August – **Coco**, 11am – 2:30pm
- Wednesday 8 August – **Despicable Me 3**, 11am – 2:30pm
- Wednesday 15 August – **Peter Rabbit**, 11am – 2:30pm
- Wednesday 22 August – **Ferdinand**, 11am – 2:30pm
- Wednesday 29 August – **Duck Duck Goose**, 11am – 2:30pm



## Crompton Kitchen

25 – 27 August 11am–3pm

Crompton Place is getting foodie with local chefs cooking up a range of free delectable dishes for you to try at our kitchen – all as part of this year's Bolton Food and Drink Festival!

**Saturday 25th August** Commencing our food journey in the boot of Europe, taking inspirations from Italy's many culinary excellences.

**Sunday 26th August** Crossing over the North Atlantic and down to the Gulf of Mexico, we will be turning up the heat with traditional Mexican dishes.

**Monday 27th August** Our final stop will take us the hustle and bustle of India where we will offer a range of regional dishes to try.



Alongside our cooking stations we will have an interactive kids station for those little chefs in the making.

Visit <http://www.crompton-place.co.uk/whatson/> for further information.

# Bolton Food & Drink Festival 2018



**FRI 24 TO  
MON 27  
AUGUST  
2018**

**Bolton's biggest and most popular festival is back with a bang this August bank holiday weekend and it promises to be the best yet!**

**Drop by Bolton Town Centre to enjoy a magical four days of food, drink, fun, family entertainment and live music.**

#### Our top 10 things not to miss

- 1** Daily celebrity chef cookery demos – join Nadiya Hussain, Ainsley Harriott and James Martin for some fantastic, fun shows
- 2** Regional chef cookery demos at Bolton Market – Friday and Saturday all day
- 3** Over 220 food, drink, arts and craft stalls, including a teenage market, open each day from 10am
- 4** The return of our popular special events; including Slattery Afternoon tea, Saturday Brunch, Pasty, Pie and Beer tasting
- 5** All new events for 2018 – including an uber cool Gin Festival on Saturday and Sunday Club with two of the region's finest chefs – Andrew Nutter and Aiden Byrne
- 6** Great children's entertainment – don't miss 'Stone Soup' an all singing and dancing, interactive stage show the kids will love (grown-ups will like it too!)
- 7** A festival music stage on Le Mans Crescent with daily headline acts
- 8** Two fantastic festival bars
- 9** The return of our Headline Sponsor Aldi's, Prosecco bar 'Top Tipples' on Victoria Square
- 10** Top class street entertainment

Don't forget there's loads of seating right across the town centre too so you can take a break from shopping to soak up the fab atmosphere (or plan what to do next).

Friday 24 August		
10am	Markets Open	Across the town centre
10am	Regional chef demos	Bolton Market
1pm and 3pm	Stone Soup children's production	The Albert Halls
7pm	Gala dinner	Main festival marquee
Saturday 25 August		
10am	Markets open	Across the festival site
10am	Regional chef demos	Bolton Market
10.30am	Saturday Brunch with Nadiya Hussain	Main festival marquee
11am, 1pm and 3pm	Stone Soup, children's production	The Albert Halls
12.30pm	Nadiya Hussain cookery demo	Main festival marquee
2.30pm	Slattery Afternoon Tea with Nadiya Hussain and friends	Main festival marquee
6pm	Gin Festival	Main festival marquee
Sunday 26 August		
10am	Markets open	Across the festival site
10.30am and 3pm	Ainsley Harriott cookery demos	Main festival marquee
11am, 1pm and 3pm	Stone Soup, children's production	The Albert Halls
12.30pm	Pasty, Pie and Beer tasting with Ainsley Harriott	Main festival marquee
6.30pm	Sunday Club with Aiden Byrne and Andrew Nutter	Main festival marquee
Monday 27 August		
10am	Markets open	Across the festival site
11am, 1pm and 3pm	Stone Soup, children's production	The Albert Halls
11am, 1pm and 3pm	James Martin cookery demos	Main festival marquee



**Free parking** Every weekend and Bank Holidays  
**NCP** Octagon, Topp Way Deane Road  
 Free metroshuttle bus around town centre

[www.boltonfoodanddrinkfestival.com](http://www.boltonfoodanddrinkfestival.com)

Follow us on @boltonfoodfest BoltonFoodandDrinkFestival 2018 boltonfoodfest



# Stone Soup

A magical tale of sharing and caring

Join Deedee and her best friend Tobias (a little mouse with a big squeak!) as they help a mysterious and hungry stranger create the yummiest soup of them all!

With fun craft activities and a show that includes song, dance, music and laughter, children are sure to love this.

**Tickets £6**  
**Family ticket £20**  
 (2 x Adults, 2 x children or 1 x Adult, 3 x children)  
**Concessions**  
 Carers free

Set in the Albert Halls

**Book now at:**  
[boltonfoodanddrinkfestival.com](http://boltonfoodanddrinkfestival.com)  
 Tel: 0843 208 0500

Please note: On Saturday 25th August, the 1pm show will be a BSL signed performance

## CELEBRITY CHEFS

MICHAEL CAINES NADIYA HUSSAIN  
 AINSLEY HARRIOTT JAMES MARTIN

**FESTIVAL MARKETS** OVER 220 MARKET TRADERS

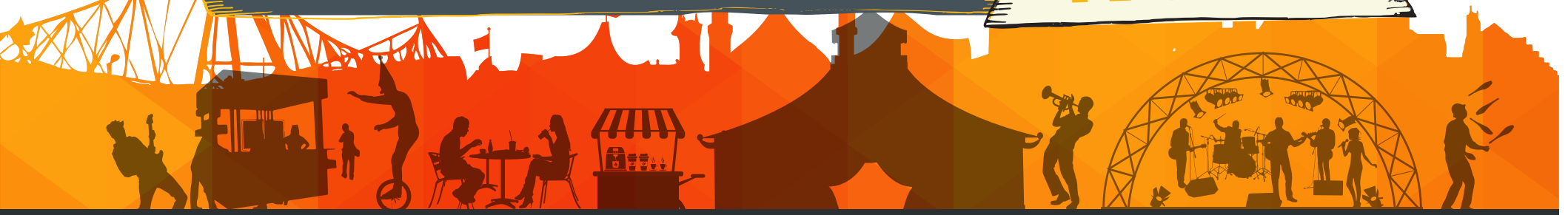
**SPECIAL EVENTS** **KIDS ENTERTAINMENT**

**FESTIVAL BARS** • **LIVE MUSIC** •

**ENTERTAINMENT** **FREE FAMILY FUN**

**at's Entertainment**

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!**



Thanks to all our partners too!

# A colourful start to the autumn

Bright colours are in this autumn. Take a look at our tasty selection that will grace any wardrobe. Whether you're going away in autumn to somewhere nice and hot with the family then it is always best to be comfortable and relaxed in what you are wearing.

We have perfect outfits that could be chosen from that are stylish and comfortable for men, women and children. They are suitable to be worn all day and night.



Blush & Rose Gold Tone Embellished Cross Body Bag  
£34.99  
TK MAXX



Big and Tall Blue Sid Skinny Jeans  
£35.00  
River Island



Blue Washed Floral Embroidered Jeans  
£9.99  
TK Maxx



White Tapered Leg Trousers  
£36.00  
River Island



Red Striped Tie Front Cropped Shirt  
£28.00  
River Island



White Round Neck T-shirt  
£3.99  
H&M



Yellow Short-sleeve Shirt Regular Fit  
£9.99  
H&M



Yellow Dress and Jacket Combo  
£16.99  
TK Maxx



White K-Swiss premium leather trainers  
£70.00  
River Island



Sandals  
£30.00  
River Island



Red Cross Strap Heeled Sandals  
£19.99  
TK MAXX

# A world of choice for Bolton foodies

**It's no secret that the stunningly transformed Market Place in Bolton is a veritable honeypot for families and fashion lovers alike.**

You'll find a fabulous line up of your favourite high street brands, including Topshop, Zara, Debenhams, H&M, Next, New Look, Smiggle, JD Sports, The Entertainer and River Island in the spectacular Victorian Market Hall.

Food lovers are equally well catered for in The Vaults – Market Place's sympathetically restored vaulted cellars that offer up a variety of delights for those discerning enough to descend. From the vibrant flavours of the cheekiest chicken restaurant to hit the UK – Nando's, to the beefiest burgers in town, at Gourmet Burger Kitchen. Looking for something a little less mainstream?

The Bank Bar & Grill is your bag – with a home-created menu, bursting with flavours from around the globe. Baltic Cellar will take your taste buds on a journey to Russia and beyond, while Prezzo serves up a contemporary twist on classic Italian cuisine. Fancy a nightcap? The Cave is perfect for a cheeky tippie or two, but if you prefer your drinks on tap, Great Ale is your go-to place.

Film fans are also well served at The Light – the centre's state-of-the-art cinema, showing the latest blockbusters and classic movies.

Market Place is proud to sponsor the Bolton Food and Drink Festival 2018, from Friday 24th to Monday 27th August and to celebrate, they'll be hosting a variety of Egyptian-themed events for the whole family, right across the weekend.



## See the world differently this summer

**Would you love to be glasses free this summer?**

Imagine holidays without the hassle of contact lenses. Swimming, lazing on the beach and playing sports can all be troublesome for glasses and contact lens wearers. Change that dream of ditching your glasses and contact lenses into reality with Visualase Laser Eye Clinic.

Based on Newport Street in Bolton town centre, we have been performing laser eye correction since 2001 and thousands of local people are already enjoying the benefits.

One patient, Kerry a strategies manager from Bolton says **"Having laser eye treatment has been amazing. A few weeks after my treatment we went on holiday to Italy. It felt really strange not packing the never ending list of paraphernalia for my eyes I used to have to take with me. No more contact lenses, solutions, cleaning pots, spare glasses etc. It was great to go swimming without fear of my contact lenses being washed out and I treated myself to a**

**great pair of designer sunglasses as I no longer needed my prescription pair. This treatment has changed my life and I want to say a huge thank you to all the team at Visualase for putting me at ease and supporting me throughout my experience".**

Hilary Duxbury, clinic manager says **"It is always lovely to receive such wonderful feedback like we hear from Kerry and many patients come to Visualase from recommendations they have received from family, friends & colleagues".**

To make laser eye treatment affordable to every patient, there's a wide range of payment plans including 18 months 0% interest-free credit.

An assessment and consultation, which is performed by your treating doctor to determine whether you are a suitable candidate for laser eye correction, is free of charge.

For more information, phone Visualase on **(01204) 387467** or visit **www.visualase.com**



# What's on at Bolton Museum and Library

## Excitement is building with the new Egyptology gallery set to open as Bolton Scene was in production.

But in the meantime there's lots to do and see.

## Arty Babies!

Calling all babies and their families.

Join us for Arty Babies which brings our collections and resources to life through songs, play and sensory activities. Suitable for ages 0 to 2 years.

Free entry, just pop by. Arty Babies will meet at 10.30am on: Tuesday 14 August and Tuesday 28 August.

## Animals and Us exhibition

Leopold, the inquisitive mouse, guides visitors through the exhibition, showing them how all animals – from insects to elephants – are an important part of our everyday lives.

The Animals and Us exhibition is in the new exhibition space on the lower ground floor of the museum in Le Mans Crescent.

In the 'Grand Hall' visitors can see how animals appear as symbols for big ideas; in the 'Curator's Office' they can learn why museums have natural history collections, while on the 'High Street' the emphasis will be on how animals have influenced fashion.

The 'Farmyard' highlights how animals have been key to our survival, and finally 'The Lodge' will show how they have become a major part of our leisure, home and family life.

Entrance to the exhibition is free. It's open to **Sat 1 September, Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri and Sat 9am to 5pm, Wed 9.30am to 5pm and Sun 10am to 4pm.**

## Down Memory Lane - reminiscence group

Do you or someone you know have dementia? Bolton Central Library hosts an Age UK group for people with early onset dementia and their carers.

Come along for an informal chat, experience the



reminiscence boxes, share memories and reminisce. Light refreshments provided.

The sessions take place on the first Wednesday of the month, until 5 December,

between 11.30am and 1pm. For more information contact Bolton Central Library on **01204 332853** or Dawn Crossley at Age UK on **01204 701525** or [dawn.crossley@ageukbolton.org.uk](mailto:dawn.crossley@ageukbolton.org.uk)

# Tall tales in the park

This summer the Octagon Theatre Bolton will transform Queens Park into the extraordinary land of Lilliput from the classic children's tale *Gulliver's Travels*.

Gulliver's fantastical adventures will be brought to life for a huge celebration of Bolton communities in the Octagon's first ever park show.

A cast of professional actors will be joined each performance by young performers, local choirs and community companies featuring a puppet that is eight metres high and currently the tallest puppet being made in the UK.

Gulliver is a traveller and a teller of some rather tall tales. This one is maybe his tallest yet! Gulliver wants to be a hero in his daughter's eyes. So he takes her on a journey to a land where he is literally a giant. Travel with Gulliver to the land of Lilliput where war is brewing, trouble is coming and Gulliver finds himself at the centre of it all.

We hope you and your family can join us on the adventure this summer.

For more information go to [Octagonbolton.co.uk](http://Octagonbolton.co.uk) or follow us on social media

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**THIS SUMMER AT QUEENS PARK**

Thu 16 - Mon 27 August 2018

Octagon Theatre Bolton presents

## GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

Based on the novel by Jonathan Swift  
A new adaptation by Satinder Chohan & Mike Kenny  
Directed by Elizabeth Newman & Ben Occhipinti

**Tickets £15**  
**Child/Concessions £12**  
Age guide 5+

[octagonbolton.co.uk](http://octagonbolton.co.uk)  
Box Office 01204 520661

# What does the council do for me?



We empty **13.3m** bins every year



We received **1,199** complaints for **Trading Standards** to investigate last year



**1564** books are borrowed every day from our libraries



We issued **2,399** licences last year such as taxi driver applications and street trading



More than **1m** visitors to our libraries and museums last year



More than **1m** people visited one of our leisure centres last year



**317** miles are covered every time we do a **full route grit**



We carried out **830** requests for **pollution inspections** last year



**1,200** older people received a visit last year to plan with them how they can live independently in their own homes



**757** food hygiene inspections are carried out last year



More than **11,000** children and young people received **social care help** last year



We helped **3,127** people with **advice about housing** last year



We register **9,316** births, civil marriages and deaths last year

## ...and much more!

To find out what else the council does for you visit [www.bolton.gov.uk](http://www.bolton.gov.uk)



# New routes make beeline for success

A NEW walking and cycling route to Bolton town centre along Chorley Old Road could be created.

The £1.5m project is the first scheme put forward to the Greater Manchester Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund

The scheme includes signed quiet routes, improved crossings and routes through parks and public spaces.

It's part of seventy-one miles of new walking and cycling routes planned across the borough as part of a new network across Greater Manchester.

As well as the new routes, eight miles of Dutch-style

segregated cycling lanes and 124 new or upgraded crossing points are being proposed to better connect every community in the borough and to make cycling and walking a real alternative to the car.

The plans are part of a new 1000 mile long network - named Beelines - that has been developed with all 10 of the local authorities in Greater Manchester.

The proposals, were announced by Greater Manchester's Cycling and Walking Commissioner, Chris Boardman, this summer.

Bolton Council's Executive Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr David Chadwick, said: "Beelines is all

about connecting communities and this project will make it easier and safer for people to cycle and walk to the town centre.

"The scheme for the Chorley Old Road area was identified through working with Sustrans - a sustainable transport charity that wants to make it easier for people to walk and cycle."

Greater Manchester's Cycling and Walking Commissioner, Chris Boardman, said: "The list of proposed projects announced is the first of many for each local authority. One thing we won't compromise on is quality; we're working closely with all 10 local authorities."



**SAFE ROUTES:** Champion cyclist Chris Boardman presenting the plans to the council's Cabinet

## Get help to find work

DO YOU need or do you know someone who needs free support finding work or improving their skills?

Skills for Employment is a Greater Manchester Programme which offers free one to one support, training, qualifications, work experience and help finding the perfect job. Around 40% of people who enrolled on the scheme have found work since it started in 2016.

Bolton Council's Workshop has supported hundreds of people through the programme. In the latest figures released, out of 14 suppliers across Greater Manchester, the team were first for placing people into work placements and qualifications and fourth in terms of job outcomes.

Participants need to be aged 19+ (or 18+ if in receipt of out of work benefits on the day they start on the programme), unemployed, not in full time education or with limited recent employment experience.

To find out more - please contact Bolton Council's Workshop on 01204 333209, email - elaine.sessions@bolton.gov.uk or visit the Skills for Employment page on the council's website.

Skills for  
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# Curtain up for Octagon's new look



**CULTURE ATTRACTION:** Plans to redevelop the Bolton Octagon Theatre will see it greatly expand

## BUILDING work has started on the new look Octagon Theatre.

The work will see the theatre enlarged and modernised; be more accessible to those with disabilities; have more space for young people and community groups; improve audience comfort and facilities including air conditioning, seats and toilets; have two multi-purpose studio spaces for rehearsals, participation activities and performances; and have new revamped café and bar areas.

The new look building will open in 2020.

In the meantime productions won't finish with the theatre performing around the borough as part of its 'Out and About' season. Productions will take place in locations such as Queens Park, the Macron Stadium and the Albert Halls.

Staff have moved to temporary offices. The box office and café at the Market Place Shopping Centre.

Tickets will be available to purchase as usual online and over the phone as well as in person from the temporary box office on the upper floor next to Debenhams.

The theatre's drama groups including Art Beat, Headspace, the Youth Theatre and Bridges Company will all also be relocating to the Market Place.

The project is being supported by Arts Council England, Bolton Council, grants from supporters, trusts, foundations, and the ongoing public fundraising campaign Octagon Reimagined.

The project is the biggest redevelopment in the theatre's 50 year history and will ensure that the Octagon will be open and accessible for artists and audiences for generations to come.

# Celebrating Armed Forces Week

A PACKED programme of events celebrated Armed Forces Week this summer.

The Armed Forces flag was raised over the town hall to fly all week leading up to Armed Forces Day.

The day saw Bolton Sea Cadets raise their ensign flown from their mast head, followed by a short service and a wreath laying ceremony.

There were cadet marching displays, armed forces vehicles and equipment on shows, and an inter-cadet challenge.

Local voluntary and armed forces organisations had stalls and exhibitions and there was an inflatable darts stadia and lots of children's activities.

It was attended by the Duke of Lancaster Regiment; 216 Battery Bolton Artillery; Bolton United Services Veterans Association (established 1906), other veteran organisations and Bolton's Combined Forces Cadets.



**COMMEMORATION HONOUR:** Members of local veterans organisations and other groups took part in a service and wreath laying as part of the Armed Forces Day events



# Bolton embraces health apps

TO HELP us all be a little healthier, the council and health service have launched a free website to help us find the best and safest health and care apps.

Lots of us are already using apps to support our exercise or diet but, wider than this, with more than 325,000 health and care apps on the market it becomes a bit of a lottery to choose the one best for you.

A new website at [bolton.orcha.co.uk](http://bolton.orcha.co.uk) is here to help.

ORCHA (Organisation for the Review of Care and Health Applications) carries out independent and impartial reviews of health and care related apps; looking at, for example, their effectiveness and data security. These apps are then split into categories such as quit smoking, fitness, stress, diabetes, and mental health with the highest rated ones always at the top.

Health and care professionals in Bolton are being given awareness training, so that where appropriate they can recommend apps to patients to support their care. ORCHA has already been introduced to almost half of all GP Practices in Bolton, and this will continue in coming months, as plans also reach Bolton NHS Foundation Trust, and local voluntary services.

"It's all about getting technology to work for us to make us fitter and healthier," said Councillor Debbie Newall, Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health.

"This is a real opportunity for people to take control of their own health. This site means that we can be more independent – we can learn more about our health, and we can improve our chances of staying healthy."

Dr Liaqat Natha, a Bolton GP added "I'm fully supportive of ORCHA and of patients working to manage their own health and find apps that are the best and most trustworthy. Not only is it helpful for patients to use themselves, but as health and care professionals it's great to have the option to recommend the best apps as part of our care delivery."

Visit [bolton.orcha.co.uk](http://bolton.orcha.co.uk) now to find out more.



**FINISHERS PODIUM:** Pictured celebrating their success are the first three female finishers: Lucy Gossage of Great Britain, Camilla Lindholm Berg of Sweden, and Angela Naeth of Canada. The men's winner was GB's Joe Skipper.

## Ironman UK's sporting success

IRONMAN UK Bolton reached more than five million views from fans all around the world on Facebook.

Live race coverage of the gruelling triathlon attracted a global audience on Facebook Watch, which notched up 163,000 reactions and 9,500 shares.

Almost 10 hours of live broadcasting gave extensive coverage of the event, which saw thousands of athletes and spectators take over Bolton at the weekend for the town's tenth Ironman UK spectacular.

Around 2,500 competitors swam, cycled and ran in the epic challenge, finishing in

Bolton town centre on Victoria Square.

This year, athletes swapped their bikes for running shoes at Queens Park, on Spa Road – previously this took place at the Macron Stadium. The park also hosted free live music and free family fun.

The world's largest

Ironkids, held the day before, saw 3,000 children participate in the town centre 'fun run'. The event is worth around £3 million a year to the local economy and Bolton has successfully staged the triathlon since 2009.

Bolton will continue to host the Ironman UK triathlon until 2022.

## Have your say about rights of way

YOUR views are being sort about public paths and other rights of way.

Public paths, including public rights of way and routes in parks, have traditionally enabled people to exercise and explore the countryside around them and, increasingly, are popular routes for commuting and accessing essential local amenities.

The council is seeking comments about its latest draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) 2018-2028. The plan assesses the current rights of way network and identifies steps which the council intends to take with various stakeholders.

The draft plan looks at the way that the network is managed in the context of challenging public finances and addressing the challenges and opportunities which arise as a result of the continued high level of development within the borough.

You can find a copy of the draft plan by going to the website: [www.bolton.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/consultations) or view a paper version at the One Stop Shop.

The deadline for comments is 10 November.

Comments can be sent by email to [consultation@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@bolton.gov.uk) or by post to Directorate of Place, Public Rights of Way, 3rd Floor, Paderborn House, Howell Croft North, Bolton BL1 1UA.

## Joint bid to host World Cup

COUNCILS across Greater Manchester have launched their bids to host the Rugby League World Cup in 2021.

Bolton, Manchester, Wigan and Trafford are all bidding to host games for what promises to be the biggest Rugby League World Cup ever. Oldham and Salford are also bidding to be a part of the tournament through hosting sides and events, with Rochdale planning support activities and building on their strong links with Fiji.

The rugby spectacular will be watched worldwide by an estimated 150 million people across 115 countries.

The tournament, which will be held in October and November 2021, will feature the men's, women's and wheelchair tournaments.

It will bring 40 squads of elite players to the UK, as well as thousands of overseas supporters, making it the most diverse and inclusive rugby league tournament ever held. More than 1 million people will attend the games over the five weeks the tournament runs.

As well as hosting a successful tournament the Greater Manchester bids will focus on the legacy of the tournament and increasing health and wellbeing among all ages.

Cllr Thomas, the Leader of Bolton Council said: "Events are a key part of our regeneration strategy to improve the prosperity of the borough and the Rugby League World Cup 2021 is a unique and fantastic opportunity. The tournament



**BID TEAM:** Representatives from the councils and partners launch the Greater Manchester bid for the RLWC2021, the Westhoughton Lions mascot, Salford Reds players and England internationals James Simpson and Rachel Thompson. (Right) **WORLD CUP:** The trophy the 16 teams will be playing for in the men's tournament



will benefit Bolton's economy and get our communities involved in sport, and will highlight the region and Bolton at its best - the countryside, the people, the

town – to visitors, players and spectators from around the world. We recognise the value of events which are key to attracting visitors, new spending and invest-

ment into the borough to boost the local economy."

For further information visit: [marketingmanchester.com/rugbyleagueworldcup](http://marketingmanchester.com/rugbyleagueworldcup)

# Keeping people safe and sound

**DO you care for someone who has dementia and worried that they might go missing?**

You can help keep them safe and sound by recording vital information about them.

Bolton Council is supporting a new national scheme, 'The Herbert Protocol', which can help.

The idea is that beforehand you complete a form recording all the information about the person who might go missing.

This can include places they like to go, medication, their general routine, description, and a recent photograph.

Should they go missing the form can be quickly given to the police to reduce the time taken to gather this information, and remove some of the stress.

"There is nothing more frightening or distressing than when a loved one, friend, or neighbour fails to return when they should," said Councillor Debbie Newall, Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Health.

"By preparing beforehand, families and carers have one less thing to worry about should someone go missing.

"Improving the lives of people living with dementia is a priority for the council. Following a successful pilot in Horwich, we have launched the Bolton Dementia Alliance to bring local organisations, groups, and businesses together. Each organisation has an action plan of how they aim to improve the lives of people living with dementia.

"In Bolton the number of people aged 65 and over with dementia is expected to grow from 3,187 in 2017 to 4,625 in 2030. By working with other agencies our aim is to make Bolton and Greater Manchester the best place to live in the world for people with dementia, and their carers, by 2020."

To download the form and find out more go to [www.gmp.police.uk/Herbert](http://www.gmp.police.uk/Herbert)



## Wanderers legend opens new 3G pitch

BOLTON Wanderers all-time Premier League leading goalscorer, Kevin Davies, officially opened a new third generation artificial grass pitch with Cllr John Byrne at Ladybridge High School.

Bolton Council invested £400,000 from its capital budget towards the project and Ladybridge High School was also awarded a £143,302 grant from the Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund, which is delivered by the Football Foundation.

The funding enabled Ladybridge High School to install a

new state-of-the-art pitch, replacing a grass pitch.

The new pitch will benefit community groups as it can be used in the evening thanks to the installation of floodlights.

Bolton Wanderers FC Community Trust also plan to use the site to deliver weekly Premier League Kicks sessions.

Cllr John Byrne, Executive Cabinet Member for Culture, Youth and Sport in Bolton, said: "This pitch will provide a high quality, modern facility which can be used all year round, in any weather."



**PITCH PERFECT:** Kevin Davies cuts the ribbon with Cllr John Byrne (centre left) and Ladybridge High School representatives and pupils



## Youth connect in conference

ONE hundred and thirty children from across the borough joined in a conference to discuss how they could play their part in Bolton's plans for the future.

The second annual Youth Vision Conference, at the Albert Halls, was centred on the theme of 'being connected'.

And children from 34 schools completed a series of missions, including an 'Apprentice' style challenge. Groups of budding entrepreneurs pitched projects to a panel of how they could connect better with their community.

Ideas included helping older people to use digital technology, organising school litter picks, and asking local businesses to come into school to talk about jobs.

Chair of the Vision Partnership, Dave Singleton, said: "The event was tremendous and showed that young people matter. Young people have a certain insight that is not tainted. Vision 2030 is a vision for every person in Bolton."

Executive Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Councillor Ann Cunliffe, added: "The youth of Bolton are absolutely



**FRESH IDEAS:** Young people presenting their thoughts at the Youth Vision conference

fantastic and definitely connected and engaged in their Bolton Vision 2030."

Ammar Ingar, aged 11, from Sunninghill Primary School, said: "I liked presenting my idea to the panel and communicating with the panel to help Bolton's Vision".

Hafsah Patel, aged 9, also from Sunning Hill, added: "I liked having my voice heard and having my idea heard to help Bolton in the future."

# Support following the fire

The Ironman Foundation is donating \$10 000 (£7667.20) to two Bolton-based groups who have been a vital part of the efforts to control the massive moorland blaze on Winter Hill.

Donations of £3833.60 each will go towards two local groups whose volunteers were a central part of the response to the fires – Bolton Mountain Rescue Team, and the Rivington Gardens Trust.

With IRONMAN UK having taken place in Bolton last month for the 10th year, the race organisers worked with Bolton Council so the race could go ahead safely.

Bolton Council's Executive Cabinet Member for Culture, Tourism and Sport, Cllr John Byrne said: "It is fantastic that the IRONMAN Foundation is honouring local charities who have worked extraordinarily hard in the aftermath of the Winter Hill fires."

The 2019 edition of IRONMAN UK will take place Sunday 14 July 2019, general entries are now open on the event website. For more information, please visit the event website, [www.ironman.com/uk](http://www.ironman.com/uk).



**VOLUNTEER DONATIONS:** (Pictured from left to right): Chris Greenhalgh and Diane Blakeley from Bolton Mountain Rescue, IRONMAN UK and Ireland Managing Director Declan Byrne, Bolton Mayor Cllr Elaine Sherrington, Bolton Chief Executive Tony Oakman, Bolton Council Executive Cabinet Member for Culture, Tourism and Sport Cllr John Byrne, Andrew Suter and Venessa Ashworth from Rivington Heritage Gardens Trust.

# Saying it with flowers



The Mayor of Bolton, Cllr Elaine Sherrington, takes a look at the annual, traditional floral display in Queens Park, accompanied by the Mayoress, Sam Sherrington.



# Bolton Food & Drink Festival 2018

## TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF BOLTON

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994

THE BOLTON (FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL) (TEMPORARY CLOSURES, RESTRICTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS) (NO.89) ORDER 2018

**The Council has made an order which will enable the Bolton Food & Drink Festival to take place on the roads specified below, between 6am Monday 20 August and 6pm Wednesday 29 August 2018. Restrictions are as follows:**

### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Le Mans Crescent from Howell Croft North to Howell Croft South;  
Deansgate from Market Street to Knowsley Street;  
Howell Croft North from Back Deansgate to Le Mans Crescent;  
Ashburner Street from Queen Street to Howell Croft South;  
Howell Croft South from Ashburner Street to Victoria Square South;  
Coronation Street from Victoria Square South to the Newport Arcade;  
Victoria Square North from Le Mans Crescent to Victoria Square;  
Victoria Square South from Le Mans Crescent to Coronation Street;  
Corporation Street from Knowsley Street to Bridge Street;  
Market Street from Corporation Street to Hotel Street;  
Lorne Street between Bridge Street and Market Street;  
Old Hall Street between Deansgate and Victoria Square North

### TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC MOVEMENT:

Blackhorse Street between Ashburner Street and Deansgate;  
Hotel Street between Market Street and Mealhouse Lane;  
Mealhouse Lane between Hotel Street and Deansgate;  
Coronation Street between the Newport Arcade and Great Moor Street.

### TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CONTRA-FLOW BUS LANE:

Blackhorse Street between Deansgate and Ashburner Street.

### TEMPORARY TAXI STANDS TO BE ESTABLISHED:

Deansgate, from 14m west of Howell Croft North for 25m in a westerly direction;  
Deansgate, from 60m west of Howell Croft North for 20m in a westerly direction.

Diversion routes will be signposted. This order will cease to have effect at 23:59 on Wednesday 29 August 2018.

Dated 6 August 2018

Gerald Brough, Director of Place  
Town Hall, Bolton BL1 1RU  
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# Bolton Life!

Events, sport, festivals, culture

Back to the days of steam

BOLTON Steam Museum opens its doors this summer and winter for its popular steamings.

Its volunteers have rescued and restored 30 old stationary steam engines, some of the engines which once powered the cotton mills and woollen mills of the North of England, including six built in Bolton. Some of the engines are now unique - the only one of their kind to survive anywhere in the world.

The oldest is now 180 years old and most are well over 100.

The museum will be open:

- Sunday 26 and Monday 27 August from 10am - 4pm
- Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 October from 10am - 4pm
- Friday 28 and Saturday 29 December from 10am - 4pm

Bolton Steam Museum is on Mornington Road, off Chorley Old Road, Bolton, BL1 4EU behind Morrisons. Admission is free and there's further information on [www.nmes.org](http://www.nmes.org)

## New look museum to open its doors

**BOLTON Museum's exciting new exhibition and gallery spaces are to open their doors this September.**

The refurbished museum, opens with a Family Fun Day on Saturday 22 September with a whole range of activities.

It will take place from 9.30-3.30pm with tours of the new museum, interactive storytelling, craft activities, glitter tattoos and facepainting, photo booths, badge and keyring making and lots more.

As well as objects from Bolton's history and of local interest there are three new galleries.

Visitors to 'Bolton's Egypt' will be able to learn about the town's important links to the world of pharaohs and pyramids in the family-friendly, interactive gallery.

Bolton's Egyptology collection is one of the most significant ancient Egyptian collections in the UK. A local mill owner's daughter, Annie Barlow, was a member of the Egypt Exploration Society in the 19th Century and helped to raise funds for excavations in Egypt. The Egypt Exploration Society donated numerous finds to the Chadwick Museum - the Victorian forerunner for Bolton Museum.

A new 'Bolton's Nature' gallery has been created which, as well as objects from the natural history collection, will include new animals such as a huge brown bear from Manchester Museum.

The museum's collection of paintings, sculptures, statues and other artworks will now also be on display in a new gallery called Bolton's Art.

The museum has been closed since December



**AFTER LIFE:** How the full size replica of the pharaoh's tomb will look

2016 while the work has been taking place. The project also includes work to the other exhibition spaces in the museum and art gallery along with essential maintenance to the Grade II listed building.

The £3.8 million scheme has been funded from one-off capital funding, income from the museum's exhi-

bitation, plus a contribution from sponsor Eddie Davies.

The Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr Linda Thomas, said: "Bolton's Egypt is a wonderful showcase of our nationally important artefacts and the museum is renowned for its extensive Egyptology collection.

"This will be a major tourism attraction for Greater

Manchester and the North West which will attract national acclaim, enhance our visitor numbers and further boost business in the town

"As the Culture Lead for the Greater Manchester Combined Authority I am proud that as a town Bolton is helping to put us on the map as a region of great cultural activity."

## Sing Hallelujah for return of musical theatre

SISTER Act, Whoopi Goldberg's 1992 smash hit, is coming to the Albert Halls in September, as musical theatre returns to the venue.

The show, staged by Bolton Catholic Musical and Choral Society (BCMCS), tells the hilarious story of Deloris Van Cartier, a disco diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a gangland murder. Under police protective custody she is hidden in the one place she won't be found - a convent.

Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and an uptight Mother Superior. The convent and its church are facing financial difficulties but using her unique disco moves and singing talent to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church and community, but in doing so, blows her cover. Soon, the gangsters are giving chase only to find themselves up



against Deloris and the universal power of her new found friendship and sisterhood.

Filled with powerful gospel music, outrageous dancing and a truly moving story, all performed by a cast chock full of amazingly talented actors and backed by a live orchestra, Sister Act is a must see event in the calendar of amateur theatre in Bolton.

The show will be performed on 25-29 September at the Albert Halls com-

mencing at 7.30pm. There is also a matinee performance on Saturday 29 September starting at 2.30pm.

For the hard of hearing the performance on Thursday 27 September at 7.30pm will be a BSL translated one.

Tickets can be bought online at [www.stagestubs.com](http://www.stagestubs.com) or through the BCMCS website at [www.bcmcs.co.uk](http://www.bcmcs.co.uk). Family and group tickets are available by phoning the BCMCS Ticketline on 07955 064976.

**BCMCS Musicals**  
[www.bcmcs.co.uk](http://www.bcmcs.co.uk)

# Sister Act

Music by Alan Menken - Lyrics by Glenn Slater  
Book by Cheri Steinkeller & Bill Steinkeller  
Additional Book Material-Douglas Carter Beane

**25th to 29th September 2018**  
**The Albert Halls, Bolton**  
at 7:30 pm (2:30 pm Saturday matinee)  
BSL translated performance on 27th September

Tickets £15  
available online from [stagestubs.com](http://stagestubs.com)  
Family Tickets £55 (2 adults + 2 children)  
from BCMCS Box Office 07955 064976

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with MTI (Europe)