



## Where to look for accommodation

There are a number of different places to look for accommodation depending upon the type of accommodation that you wish to move into.

### Renting from a Housing Association

Housing associations (also called Registered Providers) are not for profit organisations providing and managing homes for rent and sale.

There are a number of **housing associations** in the Bolton area with houses to rent. Many of these houses are available through the Homes for Bolton scheme. This scheme allows applicants to 'bid' for available properties of their own choice, based on their housing need. To find out more, or to apply for a housing association home please go to [www.homesforbolton.org.uk](http://www.homesforbolton.org.uk)

For information on buying a housing association property please visit **Find a home**.

### Renting in the Private Rented Sector

There are many advantages to moving into privately rented accommodation, including;

- the accommodation is often available immediately, so you can avoid the lengthy waits often associated with social housing
- a wide range of locations available, including outside the borough
- flexibility to move to a particular location for schools, jobs, transport links or local service
- a variety of types of homes available e.g. apartments, houses with gardens.

There are a number of ways you can search for privately rented properties.

- Letting agencies
- Local newspapers
- Word of mouth
- Shop windows and notice boards
- Online property websites and estate agents web pages
- Other sites such as [www.gumtree.com](http://www.gumtree.com), [www.zoopla.co.uk](http://www.zoopla.co.uk)
- Letting friends and family know you are looking through social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter.