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LOGISTICS NORTH: The industrial and distribution site is one of the key economic areas bringing investment into the borough

1000 jobs boost

JOBs site Logistics North is providing a massive boost to the local economy.

Well-known brands Lidl and Whistl are the latest companies to sign up to the site in-

vesting many millions of pounds and bringing up to 1000 jobs.

Logistics North is an industrial and distribution centre on the site of the former Cutacre open cast mine, next to junction 4 of the M61 which

includes a 550 acre country park.

The three companies join six others already there or building facilities.

Councillor Cliff Morris, Leader of Bolton Council, said: "This is great

news for Bolton as further well-known names sign up to Logistics North. Through this latest multi-million pound investment we are pleased to have secured 1000 new jobs in addition to the 1200 already

employed on the site. We remain committed to continuing to work with all our partners to bring more tenants jobs and investment to the site in the near future.

"We're excited about the prospect of further

announcements in the coming months, which will increase the number of jobs and the investment levels."

Logistics North is a key part of the council's plans to bring jobs investment to the borough.

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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Our Vision for Bolton in 2030

THE many different partners who have a role to play in helping Bolton grow and prosper came together in January to discuss their vision for Bolton in 2030.

This included partners from health, local businesses, schools and colleges, the university, voluntary sector groups, representatives from faith groups and many other bodies.

Following a really positive session, the partners

have agreed that their vision for Bolton is:

“In 2030 we want Bolton to be a vibrant place built on strong cohesive communities, successful businesses and health, engaged residents. It will be a welcoming place where people choose to study, work, invest and put down roots.”

There was a very strong feeling from people attending the vision conference that they wanted to create a positive vision of Bolton, in terms of what we have to offer, and what we can achieve if we all work to-

gether. They were keen to build on the strengths and assets that exist across Bolton, and to work out how we

can make the most of the skills and experience which Bolton people and organisations have.

“I am delighted with the ideas that came out of today’s Vision conference and with the level of enthusiasm, passion and commitment which all our delegates have shown for developing a vision for Bolton in the future. I am looking forward to working with all our partners to make these ideas a reality for Bolton in 2030.”

Dave Singleton Chair of the Vision Partnership

The Vision Partnership has set out six key areas which it thinks we need to make a real difference in order to deliver on our vision for Bolton in 2030. The six outcomes we want to see for Bolton are:



Start well

- Giving our children the best possible start in life, so that they have every chance to succeed and be happy



Prosperous

- Attracting businesses and investment to the borough, matching our workforce’s skills with modern opportunities and employment



Live well

- Improving the health and wellbeing of our residents, so that they can live healthy, fulfilling lives for longer



Clean and green

- Protecting and improving our environment so that more people enjoy it, care for it and are active in it



Age well

- Supporting older people in Bolton to stay healthier for longer, and feel more connected with their communities



Strong and distinctive

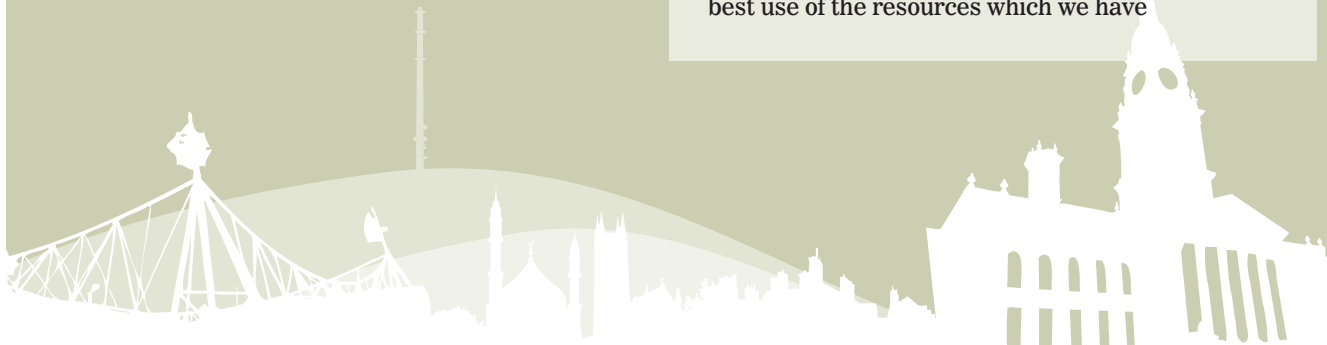
- Developing stronger, cohesive, more confident communities in which people feel safe, welcome and connected

The Vision partners all recognise that to deliver these outcomes, in a time of great change and reduced funding, will need us to work differently. They highlighted three priorities for the partnership:

- Work with our communities
- Deliver good value
- Make our finances sustainable

Our principles

- Driving inclusive growth and prosperity for all – we want everyone in the borough to be a part of a thriving economy and to reap the rewards of their contribution
- Protecting the most vulnerable in our society, particularly children and the elderly
- Working in partnership to design and deliver services which meet the needs of our residents, and make the best use of the resources which we have



Funding in tough times

THE council has passed its budget for the coming two years, as it faces tough choices in the years ahead.

The budget has already reduced by about £185m, compared to what it was in 2011. And by 2019, the council needs to save another £42.5m each year from what it spends right now in 2017.

This means that since 2011 the council has had to save than £202m per year - that is £202m less every year on services.

The budget will use £30m of reserves to cover some of the £42.5m target; but it will still need find the remaining £12.5m savings from services.

It also approved the government's offer of a 3% rise in council tax which can only be used for adult social care, and it set a 1.8% increase for all other services, meaning a 4.8% increase in total.

By 2020 it's possible that councils around the country will receive very little or no grant from the gov-

ernment. Instead, local authorities will have to raise everything they spend through business rates, council tax and any other income they can generate.

In the past the government controlled business rates and how much grant it gave, and council tax was the only part the council had any control over. Business rates were collected by councils and given to the government. Some of this was returned with the government grant.

In 2013 the rules were changed so that councils were allowed to keep half of what they collected with the other half going to the government.

By 2020 the rules will change again - grants from the government will fall almost to nothing (depending on the circumstances of each council) and local authorities

will rely on all the business rates raised in their area and council tax income.

The amount each business pays in business rates is still set by the government.

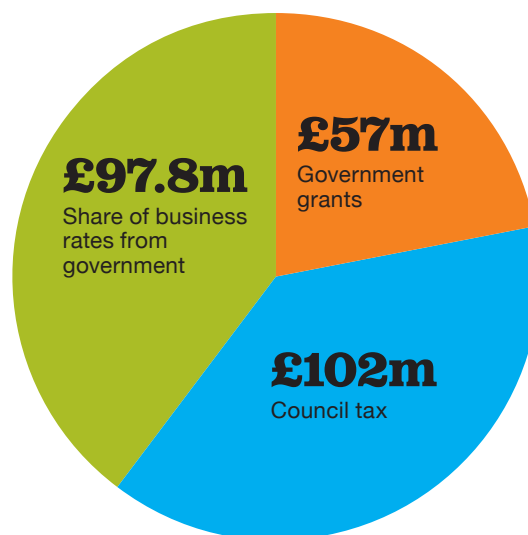
If the council is to continue to provide bin collections, care homes, libraries, road repairs and the hundreds of other services it runs, it needs to have a budget

Thus the council faces a tough choice:

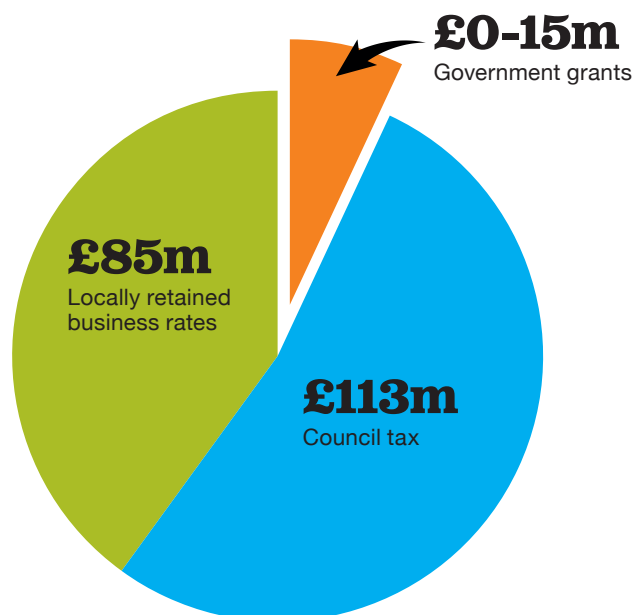
- Continually cutting services to cope with a decreasing budget, while still raising council tax to cope with extra demand
- OR
- Growing the borough to increase the amount it receives in business rates - by attracting more companies to the area, and increasing the number of households that will pay council tax

This means developments such as Logistics North and Rivington Chase are important because they attract new investment and mean more properties paying business rates or council tax

2011 budget



2020 expected income



Message from the Leader



Councillor Cliff Morris

Welcome to the Spring edition of Bolton Scene.

At the Budget meeting last month, I set out what the council's finances would look like for 2017 to 2019.

There's no doubt that these are very challenging times for councils across the country, and Bolton is no different in that respect.

We are having to make very difficult decisions, not only about which services we are able to continue providing, but also how we can work together with our many partners to invest in growth and our local economy.

Put simply, we have two options.

We can try to manage costs and demand so that we are able to live within the income which we currently get - but inflation and social care demands mean that this will involve cutting back further on other services.

Or we can look to invest in growth, which will produce more income from business rates and council tax that can be used to provide the services which people need.

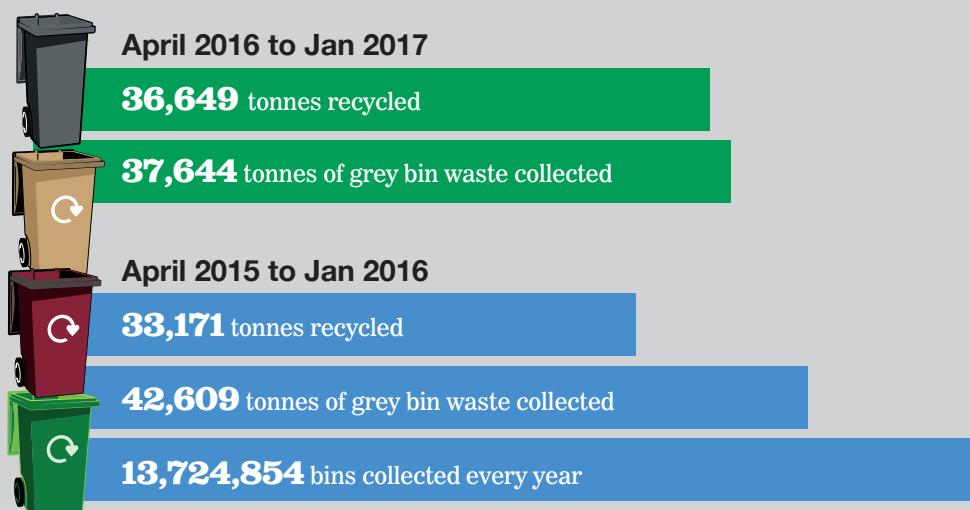
The Bolton 2030 Vision which we are developing is based on a positive ambition of a Bolton which is Active, Connected and Prosperous, because this is what our partners and residents tell us they want.

And we can see that it is working: Logistics North is just the latest example, where in a little more than two years more than 2000 well-paid jobs have been created, with more to come.

We now need to build on this success, so that we can attract more investment - but also to make sure that we can connect local people to the opportunities that these new jobs and investments bring.

None of this is simple, and it will require some difficult decisions - but we are committed to an open and honest debate about how we can best meet the needs and expectations of people across Bolton, and how every one of us can play our part in making it happen.

Slim bins save £1.7m



THANK you for helping us to avoid £1.7m of waste disposal costs, by recycling more and disposing of less in the grey bins.

Since June 2016, we have replaced 240 litre grey bins with slim 140 litre grey bins.

The amount of flytipping reported to the council between April 2016 and January 2017 has also decreased from the same period in 2015, with 94 tonnes less being collected. The amount of street litter also fell over this period, with 111 tonnes less collected.

Visit www.bolton.gov.uk/loverecycling

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Building Interchange latest



BOLTON'S new state-of-the-art transport interchange is taking shape.

The passenger concourse and bus operators' facilities are nearing completion and are currently undergoing an internal fit-out, which includes the necessary

mechanical, electrical, plumbing and joinery works. Work on the area which buses drive and manoeuvre on, is also being finalised.

When complete, the new interchange will provide better passenger information and ticketing facilities, and a more secure waiting environment. It will also of-

fer improved links between the town's bus services and rail station.

The bridge, which is being constructed by Network Rail on behalf of Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), is being constructed off-site in separate sections that will be lifted into place overnight by crane. The £48m facility, paid for

by the Greater Manchester Transport Fund, is due to be fully operational by summer 2017, subject to the completion of all works and a successful testing and commissioning process.

Bus passengers will be notified well in advance of services moving from the existing Moor Lane bus station to the new interchange.

Trinity Gateway vision revealed



NEW BUILD: The Trinity Gateway scheme could be similar to the pictured development in Stockport above

A NEW hotel, office block and a multi-storey car park could be built on Trinity Street.

The council wants to develop the junction of Trinity Street and Bradshawgate and transform it into the 'Trinity Gateway'.

The local authority purchased the Wayne Walker meat store site, at the junction of Bradshawgate and Trinity Street, after it was advertised for sale by its owner last October. The store announced its closure earlier this month.

The council only approached the company after owners put the land up for sale.

Bolton Interchange, being built next to the site, will replace the existing Moor Lane bus station when it opens in mid-2017.

A planning application is expected to be submitted mid-year, and subject to approval, work on the car park could be the first thing to start later this year.

Bolton

Albert Halls restored to former Victorian glory

THE refurbishment and restoration of the Grade II listed Albert Halls is now complete.

The work included repair and replacement of the roof, and refurbishment of all the function and conference rooms, including fresh paintwork and new carpets, new lighting, heating and ensured the building is compliant with disability access requirements.

In the Hall and Corridor of Remembrance, memorials have been collected from factories, churches and other public buildings around Bolton and will be displayed to honour the memory of those who died in the wars.

The new layout also includes a café bistro and the council is due to announce



HERITAGE REFURBISHMENT: One of the restored corridors in the restored town hall

a potential occupier soon. If you are interested in booking the conference or

meeting rooms, or a wedding or another large function at the Albert Halls, please con-

tact Liz Gatrack on 01204 332157.

Curtains up for Octagon project

THE Octagon Theatre has announced the architects to work on its redevelopment.

Feilden Clegg Bradley, a Stirling Prize award-winning architectural practice, will be the architects of the theatre's upcoming project.

The plans, first announced in January 2015, focus on modernising and enlarging the building to improve accessibility and accommodation for the theatre's on and off-stage projects.

The Octagon is now in its 50th season having opened in 1967 at a cost of £95,000.

The plans include replacing the auditorium seating, improving the front facade and installing air conditioning.

An extended and enhanced Octagon would feature new rehearsal studios for actors, students and youth theatre and more room for community work.

There would also be improved production and backstage facilities, meeting rooms and administrative spaces.

First glimpse at new Egyptology gallery



BOLTON Museum has revealed for the first time how its new Egyptology gallery could look.

Conceptual designs for the Eternal Egypt gallery have been drawn up by Huddersfield-based exhibition designers Leach Studio.

The images show four different stages of the potential visitor experience to Eternal Egypt.

It's proposed visitors will enter the Rotunda which will set the scene and explain why Bolton Muse-

um has such an extensive Egyptology collection; a section named Land & People devoted to artefacts showing the everyday life of Egyptians; the Eternal Egypt experience could then take visitors through to the darkened Beliefs section - focussing on death and the afterlife - before leading to the museum's full size reproduction of the Pharaoh Thutmose III burial chamber; and the Reflections area could offer visitors the chance to reflect on why Boltonians are similar to Ancient Egyptians.

More detailed concepts will then be drawn up in early 2017 and final designs submitted in the Spring, with the museum re-opening to the public in 2018.

To keep up to date with what's happening at Bolton Library and Museum Services, follow them on Twitter @BoltonLMS or like their Facebook page.

The museum building in Le Mans Crescent will also receive £200,000 to spend on sprucing up the entrance and foyer area, to complement the new gallery

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Reel jobs benefit



TEAM BOLTON: From left, new recruit Helen Gernon, Bolton Council's Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration Cllr Ebrahim Adia, Job Centre Plus Manager Chris Pritchard, Chair of Team Bolton Partnership Kate Smith, Bolton College's Head of Community Regeneration Jayne Tramontana, Cinema manager Tania Araujo and new recruit Murad Sharples.

BOLTON'S newly-opened cinema has recruited almost two thirds of its staff through a pioneering scheme to get local people back into work.

Nineteen of the 30 new employees at the Light Cinema at Market Place Shopping Centre have been taken on through the Team Bolton Partnership - a collaboration of work and skills providers who work together to help get local people into employment.

Bolton Council, Bolton College and Job Centre

Plus, part of Team Bolton, worked closely with the Light Cinema as part of the recruitment process.

The majority of the employees are customer service assistants.

Ainsley Battel was one young man taken on in the recruitment drive.

He had been out of work for about three months - but realised he "had to get my act together" as his girlfriend was pregnant.

Ainsley, aged 24, from Astley Bridge, said: "We have a great working environment and everybody gets along. The Open Day and training allowed my confidence to build getting to know what my employ-

er expected from me and them to know what I was like before we started work. Ainsley, who has now been promoted to supervisor, said: "If it wasn't for this opportunity I can honestly say I wouldn't know where my life would be right now. It has been a bit of a blessing."

All 30 of the new recruits, apart from the cinema manager, have been taken from the local area.

Helping people stay warm and safe at home

OLDER and vulnerable residents can get help to improve their homes to maintain their independence.

Bolton Care and Repair works with them so they can remain in their own home for as long as they wish.

A lot of the services are free but some are charged for.

The service offers impartial advice and support and will work with residents to find solutions to any home improvement issues:

- Heating and insulation
 - Small repairs (Handyperson service available)
 - Large essential repairs to bring poor condition homes to a decent standard
 - Disabled adaptations
 - Housing advice and information
 - Advisory list of contractors
 - Burglary reduction
 - Fire Safety
 - Housing options e.g. moving home to more suitable accommodation
- These services are available to private sector res-

idents over 60 or those in receipt of Personal Independence Payment benefit who would like to improve their home.

For further information contact Bolton Care and Repair on 01204 328178 or email: boltoncareandrepair@boltonathome.org.uk

- In 2016 we:
- made 86 heating improvements
 - improved 86 homes for vulnerable residents
 - 126 customers were given information and advice
 - completed 1460 small repair jobs

EMPTY HOMES: Hundreds of empty homes have been brought back into use. Owners of properties empty for more than six months, can apply for an interest free loan of up to £20,000 to bring them up to a standard to rent. Contact Empty Homes Team on 01204 338921 or housing-standards@bolton.gov.uk

FLYTIPPING FINES: Six residents were fined between £170 and £1613 for flytipping waste. Two other residents who refused to clear up piles of rubbish in their own yards also received hefty fines. Flytipping can be reported at www.bolton.gov.uk Complaints about waste on private land, including properties, should be made to 01204 336550.

AWARD WINNER: Bolton Market has scooped an energy efficiency award. The market won the 'Super Saver' prize in the annual Love Energy Savings Awards. The council has saved £17,000 on energy bills by changing all lighting to new LEDs. Motion sensors have also been introduced to control the lights.

AIR QUALITY: New plans to improve air quality, reduce pollution, and reduce carbon levels have been announced by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. The Greater Manchester Low-Emission Strategy, Air Quality Action Plan, and Climate Change and Low-Emission Implementation Plan are now available to view online www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

BREAKFAST CLUBS: Hundreds of school children get a free breakfast thanks to council funding. Around £300,000 will be spent on either starting up or expanding breakfast clubs in Bolton primary schools. The money will be distributed as part of a scheme to ensure children are getting a nutritious start to the day.

SPEED SIGNS: Flashing advisory 20mph speed limit signs are being put in place outside 60 schools to reduce vehicle speeds and make the borough's roads safer. Flashing amber hazard warning lights on the signs, along with a 'children crossing' warning sign will urge motorists to be aware of their speed.

Improved day care



NEW CENTRE: Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr Cliff Morris, cuts the ribbon at the new Brazley Centre, with the Mayor of Bolton, Cllr Lynda Byrne, guests and staff from Bolton Cares

IMPROVED day care facilities for adults have been officially re-opened in Horwich thanks to a £1m building refurbishment.

The Brazley Centre, off Cedar Grove, has been refurbished to provide older adults' day care and day care for adults with learning difficulties.

The day services are run by Bolton Cares Ltd. The building is also home to a community centre, which has benefited from a refresh.

Work to the centre, which was funded by Bolton Council, has included a new extension to the front of the building with a welcoming entrance, sensory room and activity room.

Visitors to the older adults day centre can enjoy aromatherapy sessions and have their hair

and nails done in fresh, bright surroundings.

There is also a new, pleasant conservatory style extension to the side of the building which provides a lounge area, plus improved outdoor space for both sets of service users.

In addition, improvements have been made to car parking and the drop-off area.

Bolton in brief

GOLDEN AWARD: Bolton's Market Place Shopping Centre has struck gold and won a top national award.

The redeveloped shopping centre won the 'Best refurbishment/extension over £5m' category at this year's Revo Annual Gold Awards dinner.

The Market Place won the award following a two year £20m refurbishment by its owners Moorgarth Group. The work has included opening up the original Victorian Vaults for restaurants and developing a new cinema, The Light.

Footfall has increased by 18.5% year on year and there has been a 71% uplift in car park use and turnover growth of 25%.

VEHICLE SHOWROOMS: Plans are being put forward by private investors for new car dealerships in the town.

Audi dealer Inchcape has announced plans to move its current showroom from Mill Hill to the site of the former Bolton College on Manchester Road.

RRG Skoda has submitted a planning application for a new dealership at the site of the former Clarence Street college. And plans have been submitted for a Jaguar Land Rover showroom on old mill land at Higher Bridge Street.

FESTIVAL WINNERS: Last year's main town centre events saw record breaking crowds. The 2016 Bolton Food and Drink Festival attracted more than a quarter of a million people and scooped the Best Food Market' category at the British Market of the Year Awards earlier this year. And our Christmas attractions have been hailed a huge success after bringing thousands of visitors into the town centre. Around 30,000 people flocked to either have a go on the giant snow slide, a skate on the ice rink or to visit Santa's grotto.

THE LINK: Work to a new shopping centre has started in the town centre.

The former Bow Street car park is being converted into a centre for boutique, artisan shops, and cafes. It is being developed by the owners of Spice Valley and the conversion of the former snooker hall and MFI showroom on Blackburn Road.

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New Mayor welcomes year ahead

THE next Mayor of Bolton (from May) has found Bolton to be a very welcoming place.

Councillor Roger Hayes was born in Cheltenham in Gloucestershire, and came to live in Bolton in 1973.

"Gloucestershire is beautiful but the Bolton area is equally so," he said. "Many from elsewhere in the country don't realise how lovely this area is."

As an active young man Cllr Hayes often concentrated on sport rather than his studies, but after gaining his A Levels he went to Exeter University to study a Diploma in Public Administration.

After working in committee administration and personnel management at two London councils he decided to move into the private sector in the north west – another big draw was that housing was far cheaper than in the capital. That's when he moved to Bolton with his former wife who was from the town.

He worked as Personnel Manager in a range of private sector industries, including sugar refining, plastics, aerospace and food production, being based mainly on Merseyside.

He has always been a liberal since the age of 14 – despite his parents not being politically active he took an interest in it and joined the old Liberal party. After moving to Bolton he was asked to stand for election to the Council. He was elected in Smithills Ward in 1984. He briefly stood down in 1996 for work and personal reasons. He was persuaded to stand again in 1998 and has represented Smithills ever since.

He was Leader of the Liberal/Liberal Democrat Group from 1986 to 1996 and again from 2007 to date. When the Liberal Democrats ran Bolton Council in 2004-6 he was Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Cabi net Member for Direct Services and Environmental Services.

His love of the natural beauty of the borough saw him serve on the West Pennine Moors Steering Committee and Doffcocker Lodge Committee. He is also a school governor at St Peters Smithills Dean C of E Primary School, a Council representative on the Smithills Leisure Centre, and had served on the Statutory Functions Committee at the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities.

He met his new wife



MAYOR ELECT: Cllr Hayes will become Mayor of Bolton in May

Jaleh in 2001 and they have been together ever since, marrying two and a half years ago. No stranger to the role of Mayoress, Jaleh served in the role when fellow Smithills councillor Carole Swarbrick was Mayor of Bolton.

Originally from Iran, Jaleh has been in England since 1963 and became a British citizen in 1983. She is looking forward to the

role again and found out a lot about Bolton when she was Mayoress and saw what great work is done by a whole variety of organisations and volunteers in the Borough.

Cllr Hayes said: "I've found Bolton to be so friendly and most people are welcoming to people arriving here and most groups do integrate. It's a two way process and we have to show

what we have to offer as the Bolton family.

"There are many superb voluntary organisations in the borough who do lots of good work. As one of my charities I'll be supporting Urban Outreach who do a lot of good work including in my ward at Johnson Fold with the Storehouse project. I'm also looking to support other Bolton based charities."

Every street 2030

In 2030 we want Bolton to be a vibrant place built on strong cohesive communities, successful businesses and healthy, engaged residents. It will be a welcoming place where people choose to study, work, invest and put down roots. Working together with our partners such as the NHS, private businesses, voluntary and community groups we can all improve the borough.



Dave and Fred have expanded their business with a pop-up restaurant at Smithills Hall to take advantage of high visitor numbers.



Smith family, both parents work locally and are able to make use of good local transport. Both studied at the University of Bolton and stayed in their home town to make a life due to the opportunities available. Their children go to good, local schools which are preparing them for life beyond education. They enjoy a wide range of local activities, sports and culture.




Mr Smith saves £40 a month by cycling to work.



Granny Brown lives alone in a bungalow after her husband passed away and children moved out of the area. She gets a wide range of support from local groups as well as health and social care services. The local shops have everything she needs so she doesn't have to travel very far. She goes along to the local library and community club to enjoy more activities and she has made many friends so she doesn't feel lonely.



Once a week, **Andy** cooks a spare meal for **Granny Brown**.




The Shahs, are a young couple with an adopted child and receive a wide range of support. Good public transport links across the borough and beyond mean they can enjoy the local countryside, shopping, leisure, and cultural facilities. They both put something back into the community with Mr Shah being a football referee in the local football league, while Mrs Shah volunteers with local drama groups.




They both volunteer with a local group for foster parents and have made many friends. Good housing meant that when they adopted their daughter and were looking a bigger property they had plenty to choose from and didn't need to leave the borough.



Mr and Mrs Jones have an adult daughter who needs 24 hour support which she gets from health and social care services and local voluntary groups. Their daughter is able to enjoy organised holidays which also give her parents a break. With a large range of activities around the borough they keep active along with other families in a similar situation and don't feel isolated.



Andy Kowalski returned to his hometown after studying at university, away from Bolton, to a well paid job, and was able to buy his own home. He's active, taking part in the free weekly Park run in Leverhulme Park, and a member of clubs such as his local triathlon club. He is proud of the community he lives in and organises litter picks and visits to older people who may be lonely.



As a Web Designer, **Andy** has worked for Dave and Fred's restaurant. He's able to work from home a lot of the time due to good broadband connectivity.



Dave and Fred set up a restaurant several years ago with the support of the council. It has been so successful that they are expanding with two more in smaller town centres in the borough. They're able to source all their food locally and customers come from the local area and from out of town.



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Award winning events

This year promises to be even bigger for our events.

Last year's main town centre events saw record breaking crowds and we're aiming to be even better this year.

The 2016 Bolton Food and Drink Festival attracted more than a quarter of a million people and scooped a coveted national award for having the best food market in the country.

And our Christmas attractions have been hailed a huge success after bringing thousands of visitors into the town centre. Around 30,000 people flocked to either have a go on the giant snow slide, a skate on the ice rink or to visit Santa's grotto.

The food and drink festival won the 'Best Food Market' category at the British Market of the Year Awards earlier this year. The competition is organised by the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA), and the winner was judged by a panel of industry experts.

Visitors travelled from as far afield as France and all across the UK to sample food

and drink from 180 traders, and watch top chefs in action.

Bolton Food and Drink Festival is organised by Bolton Council, in association with sponsors, and the four day foodie spectacular takes place annually on the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Christmas

The council arranged the special Christmas programme, from December 10 to January 8, to attract visitors and boost town centre trade over the festive period.

The town centre was transformed into a sparkling seasonal attraction, with an artificial 55-metre snow slide in Newport Street, a covered ice rink in Victoria Square and Santa's grotto in Oxford Street.

Other attractions included camels, reindeer, a Santa's Express train, and an artisan market with a vintage bus bar and 40 traders selling a range of produce.

Planning is well underway for this year's events. The Food and Drink Festival takes place on the Bank Holiday weekend - Friday 25 to Monday 28

August - with the popular mix of celebrity and regional chefs, special events, and the food and drink markets.

The Christmas Lights Switch On is being planned for Thursday 23 with the Winter Festival Saturday 2 Dec to Sunday 7 Jan.

And that's not all. With IronMan UK and Ironkids taking place in and around the town centre on the weekend of 15 and 16 July; Bolton Pride during Friday 29 and Saturday 30 September, and Sunday 1 October; commemorations of Armed Forces Day (Sat 24 June) and Remembrance Sunday (Nov 12), there's something for everyone this year in Bolton town centre.

BRITAIN'S BEST: Bolton Food and Drink Festival scooped the 'Best Food Market' category at the British Market of the Year Awards. The four day foodie spectacular organised by Bolton Council, in association with sponsors, won the competition organised by the National Association of British Market Authorities. Pictured is one of the cookery demonstrations in the main marquee



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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

Fresh online presence for market

Bolton's main market on Ashburner Street, has a sparkling new website.

The new site has all you need to know about the range of fruit and veg; meat and fish; fashion; health and beauty; home and garden; jewellery, entertainment; and speciality products on offer. Navigate your way around the different halls with the directory of stalls.

See the website at <http://www.boltonmarkets.com/>

It also includes information about events such as the healthy cooking demos. Come and see the food and health team every second Friday of the month at the market.

There will be cooking demos with free tasters and recipes, and free support and advice. They also take you on a free shopping tour with a one-on-one market food shopping tour and advice on savvy shopping.



ACTIVE CAREERS FOR ACTIVE PEOPLE



DECATHLON
BOLTON

Salon Services unveils trends videos to put a spring in your step...

Salon Services is excited to unveil the hottest looks for SS17 in their first ever exclusive trends videos.

The series will showcase the hottest looks for the coming season for men and women, based on trend forecasting and research from the Salon Services experts.

A series of videos have been created and will be released across Salon Services social media channels in the coming months, including YouTube and Facebook. Created to help professionals stay ahead of the curve, the videos bring to life the top SS17 trends for men and women, as well as sharing step-by-step guides to achieving each look – from technique to recommended products. The aim is to help professionals offer their clients head-turning

looks this season showcasing the latest in hair, barbering, nails and cosmetics.

Filmed over two days, the shoot brought together Salon Services customers, industry professionals, media and top bloggers, giving them first-hand access to the hottest trends and a chance to be part of the action.

Warren Scarr, Managing Director, Salon Services UK & Ireland said, "We are delighted to be able to unveil a brand new, visually engaging approach to our SS17 trends that will provide our valued customers with even greater insight to boost their businesses.

"Being able to bring together so many people at the shoot was an incredible experience and we've had fantastic feedback. It was such a success that we are already planning the next shoot."





HAPPY
Mother's
day

Sunday 26th March 2017

Mums are in for a treat at Crompton Place

Trying to find the perfect present for Mother's Day?

Then look no further than Crompton Place for a wide range of gifts that any mum will love. How about a new perfume from The Fragrance Shop such as the new Miss Dior Daisy Dream?

If it's jewellery you're after then you'll be spoilt for choice at Ernest Jones, Beaverbrooks and Warren James, while Midas Diamonds have a great selection of Thomas Sabo charms, especially for mum.

From No.7 skincare to Soap & Glory shower and bath sets, Boots have something to suit all budgets this Mother's Day.

Pop into Primark for everything from photo frames to pyjamas and handbags, or for that personal touch add your own photo or image to cards, mugs, cushions and photo frames at Card & Party Centre, prices start from just £4.99.

This Mother's Day at Crompton Place shoppers are in for a treat as selected mums will receive a free daffodil while shopping. All daffodils will have a greeting tag attached, with a select few revealing details of a prize. From perfume to gift vouchers, there are some great prizes to be won. Simply head down to Crompton Place from noon on Saturday 26 March and you could be a winner.

To keep up to date with the latest events, offers and competitions visit www.crompton-place.co.uk, like 'Crompton Place Shopping Centre' on Facebook or follow @CromptonPlace on Twitter.

Spring into 2017 with Visualase

As a glasses or contact lens wearer, what's in store for you in 2017?

A new pair of prescription sunglasses for the summer, or will you switch from daily disposable contact lenses to the best extended wear monthly ones so you don't have to take them out every night?

We have another option for you. Banish your glasses and contact lenses and make this year the year you have laser eye correction. Just think of all the benefits laser eye surgery can bring. Imagine clear vision as soon as you wake up every day. Not having the hassle, irritation and ongoing expense, of contact lenses. Not having to clean your glasses. The freedom to participate in sports better.

Having laser eye surgery could be more cost-effective for you in the long-term and is probably more affordable than you might think. We offer a wide range of payment plans including 12 months 0% interest-free credit.

So, if you think it's time to make a change and would like more information please browse through our website www.visualase.com or give us a call on (01204) 387467. We'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thousands of the patients we have treated over the last 16 years are happy to be waking up with great eyesight every day, enjoying family life, sports, hobbies and holidays without the hassle and inconvenience of glasses or contact lenses. And don't forget, at Visualase, located on Newport Street, you receive a no obligation, no pressure, free assessment and consultation with the actual surgeon who will perform your procedure - something which is surprisingly rare amongst other laser eye surgery clinics.

For many of our patients, laser eye surgery proves to be life-changing and the only regret most have is not having had the treatment done earlier so make 2017 the year you treat yourself to better vision.



An active year of fun

It's an event packed year in and around Bolton town centre. We're really getting active with a whole range of sporting events from IronMan UK and Iron Kids and Bolton Half Marathon to our three day Sports Festival.

But it's not just exercise. Our major events with the Food and Drink Festival, and Christmas Lights Switch On and Winter Festival will be bigger and better than ever before. And there's so much more. Our town centre really will have something for everyone.

Keep an eye out on the websites below or www.boltonlife.org.uk or www.bolton.gov.uk as further details are released

MAY

Sunday 21

Civic Sunday

Service and parade of the new Mayor of Bolton

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28

Bolt Fest

Now in its third year Boltfest has grown from strength to strength and becomes more popular each year. Taking place in Queen's Park at the edge of the town centre tickets are free to the two day event bringing the best tribute bands on the planet to the town. www.boltfest.com



JUNE

Saturday 17

Bolton Hospice Midnight Memories Walk

10pm at Victoria Square
An eight-mile sponsored walk to raise vital funds for Bolton Hospice. www.boltonhospice.org.uk

Wednesday 21

Genocide Memorial Day Service

Saturday 24

Armed Forces Day



JULY

Saturday 1 and Sunday 2
Bolton Strongman

Victoria Square
www.strongmanbolton.com

Saturday 15
Ironkids

Sunday 16
Ironman UK



The supreme test for any athlete returns to Bolton with the final marathon stage finishing in the town centre. After completing a 2.4-mile swim at Pennington Flash, and a 112-mile bicycle ride round Lancashire the competitors take part in the 26.2 mile run which includes three laps in and out of the town centre, finishing with the iconic IronMan red carpet to the line on Le Mans Crescent. The day before children of all ages get to taste that finishing line experience with a variety of races in the town centre. www.ironman.com

Tuesday 25 to Thursday 27
Sports festival
Victoria Square

AUGUST

Friday 25 to Monday 28
Bolton Food and Drink Festival



This year's festival promises to be bigger and better than the 2016 record-breaking event. With new celebrity chefs, more stalls, and more events it is going to be fabulous. www.boltonfoodanddrinkfestival.com

Sunday 10
Bolton Half Marathon



Photo courtesy of Mark Lysyca
www.marklysyciaphotography.com

Friday 29 and Saturday 30 Sept, and Sunday 1 Oct
Bolton Pride

Bolton's third Pride event returns. www.boltonpride.co.uk/

Saturday 11 Nov
Remembrance Concert

Sunday 12 Nov
Remembrance Sunday

Thursday 23 Nov
Christmas Lights Switch-on

NOV/DEC

Setting the trend for 2017...

Now that spring is finally on its way ... we've got some great fashion pieces to brighten up any wardrobe.

Floral

Bold florals and standout stripes are setting the trend for 2017



M&S court shoe £45



River Island bag £42



Next floral dress £24

Stripy



H&M striped dress £9.99



Peacocks quilted rucksack £16



M&S ballet pumps £19.50

The off-the shoulder numbers are also seeing a revival this Spring!



Zara stripy top £25.99



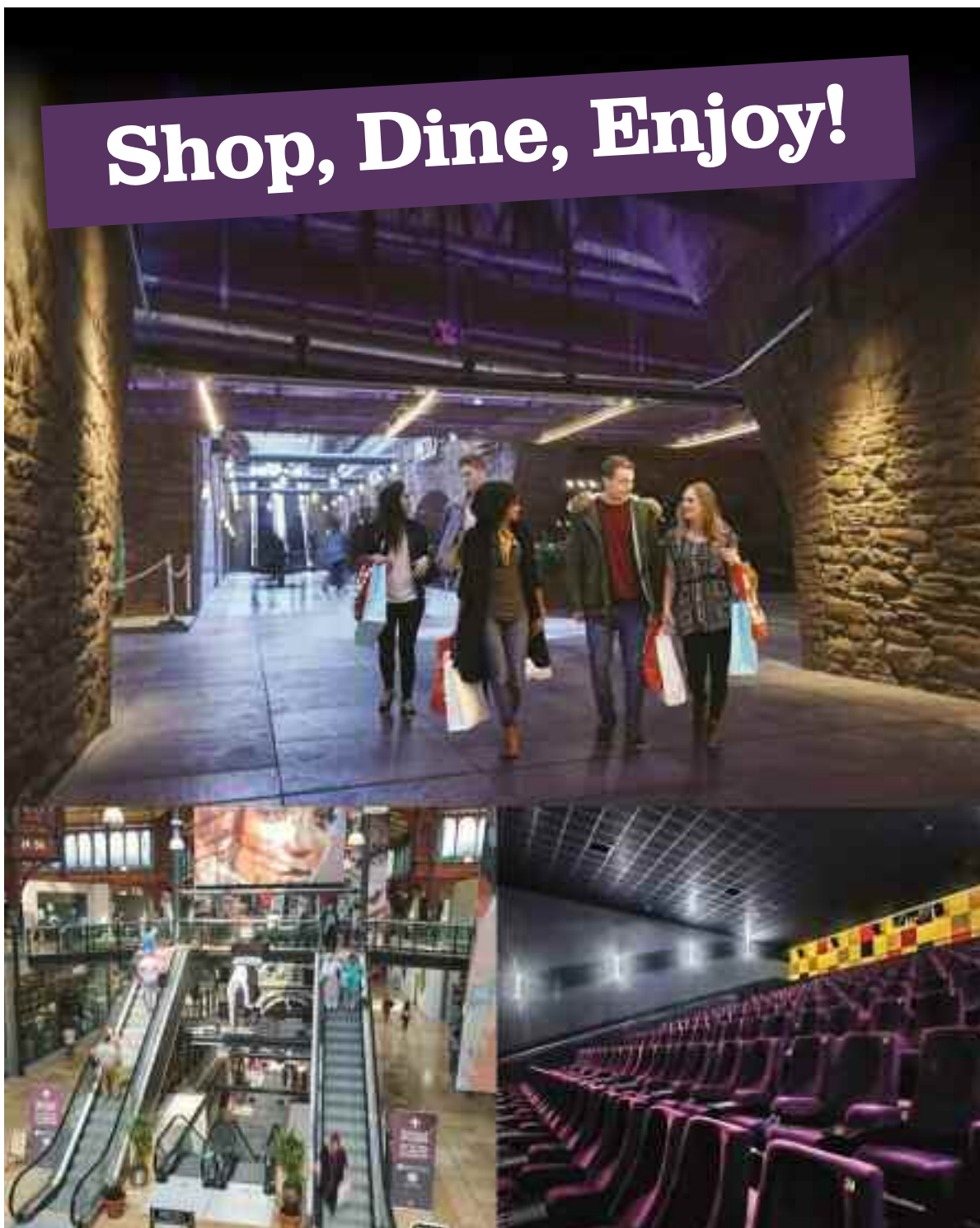
Zara shoes £29.99



M&S cropped skinny leg jeans £19.50



Shop, Dine, Enjoy!



Located right in the heart of Bolton, Market Place's historic covered market hall forms the stunning backdrop to a fabulous day's shopping.

Whether you're looking to refresh your summer wardrobe for those alfresco evenings out with friends or lounging on the beach in the sun – your favourite fashion stores have you covered. With names including Topshop, Zara, Debenhams, H&M, Next, New Look, Warehouse, New Look Men, Oasis, River Island and Clarks all packed with the latest trends.

You'll find all your summer essentials in Boots and The Body Shop and gifts for a special someone in stores like Pandora and The Entertainer.

If you're looking to catch up with friends, you'll discover a totally unique and contemporary vibe in the stunningly transformed, Victorian vaults. With a great selection of restaurants including Nando's, Prezzo, GBK, Pepe's Grill and Great Ale – The Vaults makes the perfect destination for a relaxing lunch or a great night out. Our new state-of-the-art, luxury cinema – The Light

offers you the very best cinematic experience. Their fully licensed screens mean you can enjoy a cheeky tippie with your movie, while the seats offer the ultimate legroom.

For those days where you're at a loose end and the kids are driving you up the wall, a trip to Amazonia indoor adventure play makes the perfect treat. And there's plenty of fun for grown-ups too - everyone can enjoy the Lost Valley, Amazonia's 18-hole adventure golf course.

Shop, dine and enjoy summer! At Market Place,

Make it her day with Marks & Spencer...

You know your mum best, so tailor-make her Mother's Day on March 26 so it's filled with things she loves and makes her feel special. Prepare a beautiful lunch



Taking the time to cook a meal from scratch is a lovely way to show you care. The vivid hue and refreshing tartness of in-season blood oranges makes this colourful vegetarian lunch extra enticing. Blood orange and butternut salad (ready in one hour, serves six)

- **800g butternut squash, peeled, deseeded and cut into 4cm cubes**
- **3 sprigs of thyme**
- **2 cloves garlic, unpeeled**
- **3 tbsp olive oil**
- **200g couscous**
- **5 blood oranges**
- **75g pomegranate seeds**
- **100g rocket leaves**
- **Half a 25g pack coriander, chopped**
- **200g feta, crumbled**

Heat the oven to 180oC/1600C fan/gas 4. Put the squash, thyme and garlic in a roasting tin. Season. Drizzle with 1tbsp oil, then roast for 35-45 minutes. Squeeze the garlic from its skin

Meanwhile put the couscous in a bowl and add 300ml boiling water. Set aside for 15 minutes then fluff with a fork.

Peel and slice 4 of the oranges. Squeeze the juice from the remaining orange, whisk this with the remaining oil and season.

Stir the pomegranate seeds, rockets and coriander into the couscous (reserving some to scatter over). Divide among 6 plates and top with the squash, sliced oranges, feta, pomegranate seeds, rocket and coriander. Drizzle with the dressing to serve.

Sit down to tea and cake

Create an afternoon tea with a difference by bringing these carefully crafted treats to the table. Made from chocolate sponge with a chocolate buttercream centre our NEW Mother's Day Teapot Cake (£12) is covered in soft icing and decorated with a lace-effect rose – it's so realistic you'll need to look twice. NEW Raspberry and Prosecco Flavour Viennese Creams (£1.75) make a colourful accompaniment. A touch of real prosecco in the buttercream makes them really special – serve them alongside a glass of fizz. And our Nougat with Honey, Pistachio and Sour Cherry (£5) is made in small batches with English honey and flecked with jewel-like sour cherries and nuts.

Choose the perfect flowers

Whatever your mum's taste, we've a bouquet to suit – see the range in store, or order online for delivery to her door.

“Heroism is danger and risk, and frankly, until now, it’s been male.”

In the near future a group of women gather in a half built hotel on Winter Hill in Bolton; is it a book group discussing famous heroines? Is it a chance to meet with friends and drink wine? Or is it...a revolution?

Winter Hill

In this new play by one of the most influential British playwrights, Timberlake Wertenbaker, author of the award-winning plays *Our Country's Good* and *Jefferson's Garden*, we see how seemingly ordinary women endeavour to protect the landscape of

Bolton forever, no matter the cost. Questioning the lengths people go to for a cause they believe in, we are left asking at what point does the fight for freedom become terrorism?

The play will be here at the Octagon from Thu 11 May – Sat 3 June.

For booking details see: www.octagonbolton.co.uk



Book into your Central Library



A range of free events take place at Central Library.

The museum, which is situated on the top floor of the building, is now closed to the public while the new Eternal Egypt gallery is built. It will re-open in 2018.

Visitors can continue to enjoy exhibitions during the refurbishment in two new galleries on the lower ground floor, next to the Aquarium which is open as normal.

Making Landscape 1778 to 2016 - Bolton Central Library and Museum

The museum's art collection is represented in a new exhibition, on the lower ground floor.

Entitled *Making Landscape*, the exhibition features a selection from 1778 – 2016, including stunning 18th century watercolours to contemporary photographs. The exhibition is open until to Friday 30 June, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9am to 5pm, Wednesday 9.30am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm.

Arty Babies - Bolton Central Library and Museum

Calling all babies and their families. Join us for *Arty Babies* - a fortnightly baby group at Bolton Central Library and Museum. *Arty Babies* brings our collections and resources to life through songs, play and sensory activities. Free entry, no need to book, just pop by.

Arty Babies will meet at 10.30am on: Tuesday 14 March, and Tuesday 28 March.

Toddler Tales - Bolton Central Library

Join us every Friday at 11am for free storytelling sessions for children and their mums, dads and carers, ideal for under 5s. Sessions take place at all Bolton libraries throughout the week. Contact any Bolton library for details.

Chair based exercise with Age UK

Help loosen your joints and keep yourself active, healthy and feeling good. Join us every Monday at 2pm for gentle seated exercises to help improve mobility, muscle strength, suppleness and posture.

For further information call **01204 37879**.

Email lucybird@ageukbolton.org.uk or visit ageuk.org.uk/bolton Admission is free

You can recycle all of these items from around your home

good to know from your **bathroom**

Top tip:
• Remember to remove the lids



good to know from your **bedroom**

Top tip:
• Remember to recycle your toiletries



good to know from your **kitchen**

Top tip:
• Squash cans to save space in your recycling



good to know from your **lounge**



To order your recycling containers visit www.bolton.gov.uk/lovere recycling

 recycle for Bolton

Bolton Council

New centre for health and care



NEW CARE: Pictured opening the new centre are (from left) Dr Jackie Bene, Chief Executive, NHS Foundation Cllr Cliff Morris, Leader of the council; the Mayor of Bolton, Cllr Lynda Byrne; Cllr John Byrne, the Mayor's Consort; Cllr Linda Thomas, Deputy Leader of the council, and Dr Wirin Bhatiani, Chair of NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group

HEALTH and social care services have been brought together under one roof in an innovative new centre.

The Winifred Kettle Centre, in Westhoughton, has been transformed into a base for a range of community

health and care services. The building is now home to health visitors, midwives and district nurses; physiotherapy; podiatry; speech and language therapy.

It also has treatment rooms offering residents access to clinical assessment for a variety of wound

care issues, including leg ulceration and injection administration.

All of these services are being delivered by Bolton NHS Foundation Trust for the first time together in this part of the borough.

The Older Adults Day Care unit, delivered by Bolton Cares, has returned and there will be children's

and family services delivered in partnership with Bolton Council and Bolton NHS Foundation Trust.

The centre is also a base for the new Care4Bolton integrated neighbourhood team. Care4Bolton is a partnership between Bolton Council, Bolton NHS Foundation Trust, NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning

Group (CCG) and Greater Manchester West NHS Foundation Trust who work together with local GPs to support people with complex health and care needs.

The charity, Senior Solutions, which provides a visiting and befriending service, has also moved in from its former home in Central Drive, Westhoughton.

Become a dementia friend

THERE are more people in the borough supporting those with dementia than those with the disease.

But the numbers of people getting the condition is expected to keep on growing.

In Bolton the number of people aged 65 and over with dementia is expected to grow from 3093 in 2015 to 4203 in 2025. Meanwhile the number of people who have trained as Dementia Friends is 3887.

A Dementia Friend learns a little bit more about what it's like to live with dementia and then turns that understanding into action. Anyone of any age can be a Dementia Friend. Businesses can also become Dementia Friends and the council has worked with businesses in Horwich to create a dementia friendly community, and with pharmacies.

More than 88 businesses have signed up to become Dementia Friends in the borough.

The aim of a Dementia Action Alliance is to bring local organisations, groups, and businesses together to improve the lives of people living with Dementia.

Typical organisations include businesses, shops, bus companies, taxi firms, police forces, fire and rescue services, local authorities, tourist destinations, charities, care providers and health trusts. To join Bolton Dementia Action Alliance see http://www.dementiaaction.org.uk/local_alliances/15662_bolton_dementia_action_alliance

Symptoms

Dementia is not a single illness but a group of symptoms caused by damage to the brain. The symptoms include loss of memory, mood changes and confusion.

Following Greater Manchester's health and social care devolution agreement, improving dementia care and support has been identified as a priority. The aim is to make Greater Manchester the best place to live in the world for people with dementia, and their carers, by 2020.

For further information see www.bolton.gov.uk/dementia and <https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/>

Funding boost for extra childcare

FREE childcare for three and four year olds in Bolton is to receive a boost.

The Department for Education has announced that four schemes in the borough will benefit from a total of £232,243 of capital funding to expand their free childcare offer to working parents.

Currently, all families with children aged three

and four years old can access 15 hours a week of free childcare.

However, from September 2017 children of working parents will be entitled to 30 hours per week and this funding will support providers to increase the number of places they have available.

The four providers set to benefit are Heaton House and Croft House, which

are private nurseries, and St Joseph's RC Primary School and St James's CE Primary School, Daisy Hill, which will be providing nursery places for the first time as a result of the funding.

All establishments have been rated as either good or outstanding by Ofsted and as part of the bid had to also contribute some funding.

Together with their contribution, the total investment into early years' provision will be £416,384, which will go towards expanding or refurbishing existing accommodation.

All schemes must be up and running by September.

Bolton Council's Cabinet Member for Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked After Children, Cllr Ann Cunliffe, said: "This is

a significant investment into childcare in the borough which will go towards meeting current demand for three and four year olds. We want to encourage as many parents as possible back into work and enable their young children to start school equipped with the relevant skills, and this scheme will enable them to access high quality, affordable childcare."

▶ Working together for a Better Bolton

We want everyone in Bolton to live longer and healthier lives – that means doing things differently. Bolton Council and NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group, along with our hospital and community and voluntary sector, are working together to improve health and care services so they meet the needs of local people and are fit for the future. Bolton people need to do their bit too by taking charge of their own health and wellbeing. That could mean changes like eating more healthily or getting more active.

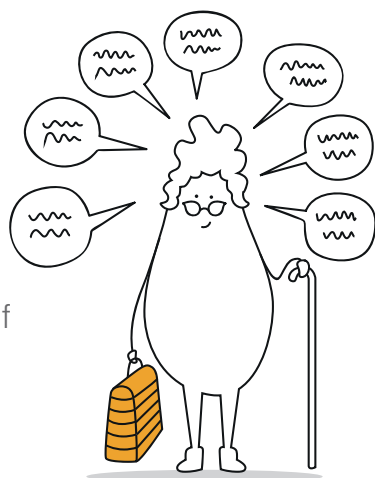
We're making lots of changes for a better Bolton – what will you do? (more about this on the next page).

The Bolton Care Record - What's it all about?

Have you ever been to A&E or a hospital appointment and wondered why they ask you so many questions? Your name, date of birth, and address over and over again, plus all the details of your health condition and the medicines you're taking. Yes, we've all been there.

Surely they know all these things already? Well, no actually. At present, there's no way of efficiently sharing information between the different organisations that provide care in Bolton. Information is shared over the phone and on paper, but the IT systems don't 'talk' to each other. So, for example, the hospital can't see what's in your medical record at your GP practice.

The Bolton Care Record is a new confidential computer record that will allow health and care professionals directly involved in your care to access the up to date information about you. It does this by sharing appropriate information from your medical and care records between health and social care services in Bolton. This means your GP, a specialist at the hospital, a district nurse, or a social care professional will have access to the information they need and you won't have to repeat yourself all the time!



What information will be shared?

- Address and telephone number
- Illnesses or health conditions
- Prescribed medicines
- Allergies
- Test results
- Referrals, clinic letters, and discharge information.

Benefits for patients

- Joined up care is safer care
- Faster care in an emergency - health/care professionals can skip the questions and focus on you!
- More time spent on you and your care, instead of going over the same information over and over again
- Your Care Plan (if you have one...) is quickly available to everyone involved in your care
- More effective record sharing helps services work better together, potentially reducing hospital stays so you can get home sooner.

www.boltoncarerecord.org
@BoltonCareRec #SharingisCaring

Your questions answered...



Can anybody see my records?

No. Only health and care professionals directly involved in your care will see your Bolton Care Record. Your details won't be made public or passed on to third parties not directly involved in your care.

How do I know my record is safe and secure?

By law, everyone working for the NHS and social care must respect your privacy and keep your information safe.

Can I access my Bolton Care Record ?

Yes. Under the 1988 Data Protection Act you can request all information that an organisation holds about you.

Do I have to share my records?

You can choose not to have a Bolton Care Record, but sharing your medical and social care information through a Bolton Care Record will make it easier to provide the best care and support for you.

How do I opt out?

Your information will only be viewed with your consent. You can say no to any health or care professional who asks permission to view your information. You can also completely opt out and not have a Bolton Care Record. Contact your GP if you wish to opt out.

Reasons to get walking...

There are great reasons to walk. Your heart will get stronger, you'll lower your blood pressure, and your bones will get stronger.

Walking can be an opportunity to get out and about with friends or it can provide some "me" time to clear out the cobwebs. It can ease stresses, helps you sleep better, and can boost your outlook on life.



Keeping your heart healthy

Being active reduces the likelihood of heart disease and stroke.

Walking can help to lower your blood pressure and improve cholesterol levels. Walking for just 30 minutes a day, most days can help keep your heart strong. Brisk walking for 60 minutes or more on most days of the week dramatically reduces your risk of heart disease.



Healthy weight

Power-walking - keeping a brisk pace at moderate to high intensity - can burn the same amount of calories as jogging or running. So it can be useful for helping with weight loss.

Walking uphill is great for toning up your hips, legs and bottom.



Preventing diabetes

Being active reduces the risk of diabetes.

The number of people with diabetes has almost doubled in the last 10 years. Most of this increase is in Type 2 diabetes, which is more likely to affect older people or those who are overweight or obese.

Walking regularly can help to keep weight down and help to prevent Type 2 diabetes. Doing an extra 3500 steps every day can lower your risk of diabetes by a third.



Improve your mental health

Being active improves mental health. Getting outside and walking regularly can help relieve depression, stress and anxiety.

The mental health charity, MIND, found that 83% of people with mental health problems said that physical activity helped to lift their mood.

Reducing your cancer risk

Being active can help to reduce the risk of 13 types of cancer. It's all about being active, and keeping active. Regular walking, as part of a healthy lifestyle, helps to prevent bowel cancer, breast cancer after the menopause, and womb cancer.

Give it a try!

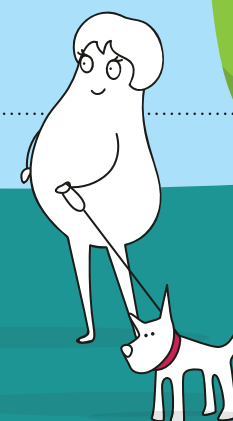
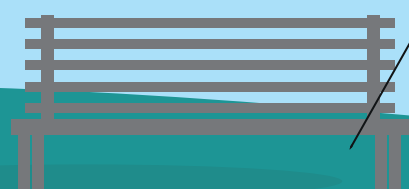
If you feel walking is for you, but it's a while since you've been out and about, why not start slowly with just five or 10 minutes a day and work up gradually to at least 30 minutes on most days of the week?



Strong bones

Being active keeps your bones healthy – especially important as we get older.

Walking for an average of four hours a week can reduce the risk of hip fractures in later life by almost half.



Want to find out more?

Visit www.getactivebolton.co.uk for organised walks near you.

Head to www.walkingforhealth.org.uk for more information on how you can get walking

Do something incredible

A **CAMPAIGN** has been launched to attract more people to become foster carers.

Bolton is one of 23 local authorities backing the #youcanfoster campaign which aims to replace foster carers leaving due to retirement and natural turnover, at the same time as an increase in the numbers of looked after children.

The campaign wants to dispel some of the out-dated misconceptions about children in foster care as well as those around who is eligible to foster - and attract more people to step forward and find out more.

Whether you are older, single or never had chil-

dren, you can foster.

Bolton currently has more than 280 children and young people in foster placements and this number continues to grow.

Need

Bolton needs foster placements for:

- brothers and sisters – including sibling groups of three or more children or young people;
- older children and young people – more than half are aged 10 or older;
- long term – where children and young people are not be able to live with their own families for a number of years, if at all. Children and young peo-

ple stay in a family where they feel secure, while maintaining contact with their birth family.

- Children with complex or additional needs including behaviour that challenges. There is a need for ‘short break’ carers – carers providing a variety of different types of part-time care, stays for anything from a few hours each week to a couple of weekends each month, giving their own family or their full time foster carers a break).

Everyone

The council’s Cabinet Member for Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked After Children, Councillor Ann Cunliffe,

said: “We are always on the look-out for new foster carers, from all walks of life, and we appreciate those who are able to create a family for our children who need it most. The council can offer a wealth of experience and support to foster families and we encourage people who might be interested to talk to us about the possibilities available.

“We are particularly keen to hear from local residents who can offer a home to local children who are older or are part of a larger sibling group – maybe their own children have grown up and left home and they have space in their home and heart to continue family life with a foster child.”

For more information on fostering visit <http://youcanfoster.org/>

“Fostering has been the most challenging but also the most rewarding thing we have ever done”

Pearl 56, from Farnworth, who has fostered 20 children during the last 16 years said: “My husband will agree with me when I say that it has been the most challenging but also the most rewarding thing we have ever done. I used to work as a nurse but I decided I wanted to devote my time to fostering and I love it. I enjoy working from home and it doesn’t feel like work at all.

“We make the children part of the family and I can’t think of anything else that I’d rather do. Initially we did worry about the kinds of challenges we would face, but you get an abundance of information beforehand from social services and there has never been a child that we have said no to. The key is never to be afraid to ask for help or advice if you need it.”

Foster our future

Are you.. **Committed?** **Inspirational?** **Resourceful?**

If you are, then **Bolton Council** Fostering Team **needs you** to care for children and young people



Meet the challenge – reap the rewards

We offer competitive rates, excellent support and development opportunities

We are looking for exceptional people to support, motivate and encourage young people to make positive life choices

We need carers for children over 7 and groups of brothers and sisters

Visit our website www.bolton.gov.uk/fostering
Email us fostering@bolton.gov.uk or ring

0800 107 1564



Bolton Council

Taking shape



NEW BUILD: Construction on the pool at the new Horwich Leisure Centre is well underway

VISITORS to Horwich Leisure Centre can now see the impressive steel frame construction of the new building.

And before the new facility even opens it is benefiting the town.

Three Horwich people have been recruited as labourers and a cleaner by Bromack Recruitment, and builder Wilmott Dixon is supporting apprentices on the scheme.

They are studying brick-laying and one is a trainee manager.

The new centre will include a 25 metre six lane swimming pool; a separate teaching pool; a 100 station fitness suite; spin and dance studio; a four court

sports hall; changing facilities, and a new car park.

Pupils from Horwich Parish CofE Primary School have also visited the site to see the work from the viewing platform and to listen to safety messages.

Alongside the structure, work is progressing with roof works and swimming pool foundations put in place.

For further details see the dedicated information point in the centre; check out the Horwich rebuild page at www.boltonleisure.com to view the time lapse images and live coverage or follow the project on Twitter @WDHorwichLC

If you have any comments or queries please get in touch with us by email: horwich@bolton.gov.uk

Interested in the world of construction?

Book onto one of the exciting tours taking place at Wilmott Dixon Horwich Leisure Centre construction site on the 28th March, as part of the 'Open Doors' initiative.

'Open Doors' is a unique opportunity for you to see behind the scenes at a major 'live' construction site. It is your chance to discover

how the new Horwich Leisure Centre is being constructed and the diverse range of skill and professions needed on site.

The tours are perfect for young people interested in learning how to start a career in construction. Book your place by the 16th March at www.openddoors.com

New pitch promotes health



NEXT GENERATION: The new 3G pitch at Westhoughton High School will be open to the community (picture courtesy of Living inBL)

A NEW 3G synthetic pitch due to open, as planned, this March at Westhoughton High School, to support participation in sports, and promote health and well-being amongst young people and adults.

The pitch, constructed by local company GreenFields, will be used by the school in the day and the local community at night and the weekend. Featuring a shock pad with

a synthetic surface on top the pitch will be suitable for both football and rugby league, and is FIFA accredited. Floodlights are also installed around the new pitch.

The cost for hiring the Westhoughton 3G pitch for both adults and juniors one hour is £25 for 1/3 pitch, £50 for 2/3 pitch and £75 for the whole pitch. To book please contact Westhoughton Leisure Centre on 01942 634810.



Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June 2017

Run, cycle, swim.
Join us for this fun family event.

Festival programme

Saturday

Times and races are subject to change – correct at time of printing

- 2pm – Fun Swim Run
- 3pm – Lostock AC Tri and NHS Fun Tri
- 8pm – Youth Cycle Races (under 14's and under 16's)
- 9pm – Elite Horwich Grand Prix (30 laps E1/2/3 categories)
- 10.30pm – Finish



Also...

Wednesday 14th June 2017
7.30pm Horwich Cycling Club/
HFoR Hill Climb (16 years plus)



Sunday

Times and races are subject to change – correct at time of printing

- 10am – Youth Cycle Races
- 10am – Sprint Orienteering (off circuit)
- 10.45am – BMAF 5km Walking UK Championships
- 10.50am – BMAF 5km Running UK Championships
- 11.30am – Youth Cycling Relay (7-11 years' teams of 4)
- 12.20pm – Horwich Open 5km Run
- 1.05pm – Unicycle Road Race
- 1.50am – Sprint Orienteering Final
- 2.25pm – 1 Lap Cycling Street Race (max age 15 years)
- 2.45pm – 1 Lap Fun Run (optional fancy dress)
- 3.15pm – 1 Lap Fun Cycle
- 3.35pm – Australian Pursuit Cycle Race
- 4.45pm – Finish



Fun, fun, fun...

Not a pro?
We've got it covered with the Fun Run and Fun Cycle events... any age and ability can join us on this unique traffic free course!

For entry details and the most up to date information get online at www.horwichfestivalofracing.co.uk

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