

# Bolton Scene

The council newspaper for the Bolton family

[www.bolton.gov.uk](http://www.bolton.gov.uk)

Issue 141

Summer 2017



**Bolton Food & Drink Festival 2017**

Let us entertain you

25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> August

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

ALDI

GROSVENOR WINDRES

STATESIDE

University of Bolton

WILLOWTON

## Five star festival menu



**JAMES Martin** returns to this year's Bolton Food and Drink Festival in a packed recipe of entertainment.

The event, in association with Aldi, is set to entertain the crowds this August Bank Holiday weekend (August 25 to 28).

The festival opens on Friday 25 with two Michelin-starred chef Michael Caines.

It features cookery demonstrations from Strictly Come Dancing star Ainsley Harriott, co-presenter of Channel 4 Sunday Brunch Simon Rimmer and festival favourite James Martin.

Tickets are available from the Bolton Octagon Theatre, via [www.boltonfoodanddrinkfestival.com](http://www.boltonfoodanddrinkfestival.com) or by calling 01204 520661. The box office is open 9am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday.

**TASTE SENSATION:** James is pictured at the 2015 festival. This will be his 9th appearance at the festival

## 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)

**Bolton Council**



# Meet your councillors...

## Astley Bridge



**Hilary Fairclough**  
01204 336343 or 07814378406  
hilary.fairclough@bolton.gov.uk



**John Walsh**  
01204 332216, 840118,  
07836 363635  
john.walsh@bolton.gov.uk



**Paul Wild**  
01204 591824 or 331957  
paul.wild@bolton.gov.uk

**Surgeries**  
Fri 25 Aug,  
6-7pm at  
Drummond  
Street  
Community  
Centre

## Bradshaw



**Mudasir Dean**  
01204 336493  
mudasir.dean@bolton.gov.uk



**Stuart Haslam**  
01204 385096  
stuart.haslam@bolton.gov.uk



**Jackie Radcliffe**  
07935 835771  
jacqueline.radcliffe@bolton.gov.uk

**Surgeries**  
Fri 25 Aug,  
6.30-7.30pm  
at Harwood  
Methodist  
Church Hall,  
Longsight

## Brightmet



**John Byrne**  
01204 337878 or 07917072264  
john.byrne@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries** Every Mon, 5.30-6.30pm by appointment only



**Lynda Byrne**  
01204 337878 or 07751199861  
lynda.byrne@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries** Every Mon, 5.30-6.30pm by appointment only



**Debbie Newall** 07392 108252  
debbie.newall@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Tues 1 Aug, 10.30-11.30am, Brightmet Library,  
Brightmet Health Centre, Brightmet Fold Lane. Fri 25 Aug,  
10.30-11.30am, Brightmet UCAN Centre, New Lane

## Bromley Cross



**Norman Critchley**  
01204 594311  
norman.critchley@bolton.gov.uk



**David Greenhalgh**  
01204 335621 or  
07813 386415  
david.greenhalgh@bolton.gov.uk



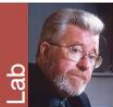
**Alan Wilkinson**  
01204 305934 or 336028  
alan.wilkinson@bolton.gov.uk

**Surgeries**  
Please  
contact for  
details

## Crompton



**Hanif Darvesh**  
0771 5048806 or  
01204 336195  
hanif.darvesh@bolton.gov.uk



**Guy Harkin**  
01942 811932 or 336256  
guy.harkin@bolton.gov.uk



**Bilkis Ismail**  
07766 443052  
bilkis.ismail@bolton.gov.uk

**Surgeries**  
Please  
contact for  
details

# News in brief

## Tackling fly tipping

The government has given council's new powers to tackle fly tipping. Bolton Council will issue a fixed penalty notice of £400 to offenders, reduced to £300 if paid within 10 days.



## Manchester Memorial

Moving tributes, laid by the public in Bolton town centre, to remember the victims of the Manchester Arena attack will be preserved and become part of the museum's permanent collection.



## Market Place award

Bolton's Market Place Shopping Centre has won the Best Large Commercial Building category at this year's Local Authority Building Control (LABC) North West Awards, following the recent £20m redevelopment of the centre.



## Cultural stars

Bolton Schools' Library Service, Blackrod Library and Blackrod Church School scooped the 'Library Partnership Award' in the North West Cultural Education Achievement Awards. Visitors up 23% and computer use by 73% per cent at Blackrod Library.



## School safety

Around 40 flashing speed warning signs outside schools are now operational across Bolton. The flashing amber warning lights and a 'children crossing' sign urge motorists to slow down to 20mph.



## Secret illegal tobacco haul seized

Our trading standards officers with the police have uncovered illegal cigarettes and tobacco in a recent operation.



**4** shops

**9,700**



illegal cigarettes

**850**  
grams



of illegal tobacco,  
valued at £4365

# You are an Ironman!

Fabulous crowds, sunshine, and a great Bolton welcome greeted more than 2300 athletes competing in this year's Ironman UK triathlon.

A drizzly start didn't dampen the spirits of the competitors as they gathered at 6am to start the gruelling event. A 2.4 mile swim around Pennington Flash in Leigh, was followed by 112 mile cycle ride through the Lancashire countryside where the sun broke through. Crowds cheered on the cyclists through the villages evoking the Tour de France spirit.

A quick change at the Macron Stadium before they set off on the final

stage a 26.2 mile run through the streets of Bolton finishing on the famous red carpet along Le Mans Crescent.

There were 154 athletes from Bolton taking part, many for the first time. The youngest participant was Boltonian Jordan Stanworth, who turned 18 on race day - the oldest was 70 years old. Most athletes were from Great Britain (88%) with 3% from Ireland and 9% from the rest of the world. Most competitors were male with women making up 15% of the start list. Athletes have to complete the event in 17 hours.



**IRON WINNERS:** Frenchman Cyril Viennot returned to Bolton to win the race for a second time completing it in 8hrs 41 min 7 sec. He was joined on the podium by GB's Will Clarke and last year's winner Kirill Kotsegarov from Estonia.



# Understanding the Armed Forces

ARMED Forces Day last month saw local soldiers, and the town's veterans and civilians get together.

The day began with Bolton Sea Cadets raising their ensign flown from their mast head.

There was a short service and a wreath laying ceremony led by the Mayor of Bolton, Councillor Roger Hayes.

It was attended by 216 Battery Bolton Artillery; Bolton United Services Veterans Association (established 1906); Royal British Legion, other veteran organisations and Bolton's

Armed Forces Cadets.

The day included displays from the armed forces and cadets of vehicles and equipment, plus inter cadet challenges.

Live music played throughout the day from local cadet bands and charities and local history societies had stalls and exhibitions on the armed forces, including memorabilia and old photographs. Visitors were also able to try their skills on a climbing wall, ride a smoothie bike or have a kick-about on a mini football pitch.

A team of service and ex-service men and women from Royal Bolton Hospital carried a 'tactical advance to battle' by arching from Rivington Pike to Victoria Square.

ARMY DAY: The Mayor of Bolton, Cllr Roger Hayes lays the wreath during the day with veterans in attendance



## Message from the Leader



Councillor Cliff Morris

Welcome to the summer edition of Bolton Scene, the council's newspaper.

We're coming up to the biggest event in the Bolton calendar, the Food and Drink festival, and you'll find further information about the exciting menu we have lined up inside.

We've also just had the gruelling Ironman UK triathlon which is not just a marvelous sporting event, but, like the Food and Drink Festival, brings in visitors and investment to the borough.

Getting local people into jobs is a priority that I have been pushing for many years because I believe that everyone deserves a helping hand and an opportunity to get a steady job. I want to share with you the progress we have made, by working closely with our partners and encouraging the regeneration we all want to see.

One of our flagship projects has been the Logistics North site in the south of the borough.

In a very short space of time this site has become one of the largest logistics sites in the North of England, which brings with it huge job opportunities for local people. Major global brands are bringing their business to Bolton bringing thousands of jobs to the site.

The latest business to take a unit is Lidl. This is yet another giant in the supermarket sector that has chosen Bolton, taking its place alongside Aldi, and will create 500 more jobs.

There are many priorities for your local council and each has its own set of unique challenges that we must overcome, but I have been clear that the importance of a steady job cannot be kicked into the long grass. It puts a roof over your family's heads, puts a meal on their table and it gives you the chance to start putting some money away for your retirement. It also gives you the means to treat yourself, now and again.

Every job that we create locally empowers our local economy because every new shopper puts cash in the tills of our local businesses. Some of that cash then goes towards business rates which help us continue to deliver important community services.

# Billion pound plan for Bolton town

A £1 BILLION masterplan to regenerate Bolton town centre has been unveiled.

The ambitious redevelopment proposals aim to transform the centre - and £100m will be funded by the council, with the value of the plan rising to £1bn as private sector partners come on board.

Work on the huge plan, which will pull together a host of sites for development across the town centre, has been ongoing for several months.

Once the details are finalised in coming weeks it will be made public, and a report about the masterplan will be considered by the council's

Cabinet for approval.

It includes land in council ownership and privately owned where there are development proposals or challenges that need to be addressed.

Bolton Council's leadership has revealed that the masterplan will focus on:

- A more focussed and stronger retail core.

- Introducing town centre housing - focussing on empty and brownfield sites close to the centre to build high quality housing, including a mixture of affordable homes.

- Grade A office development - there is strong demand for office space and a lack of avail-

ability locally and regionally.

The council will borrow £100 million over a 50 year period to kick-start different development schemes and it will mean that no cost savings will need to be made to fund the redevelopment.

The loan will involve a repayment at a very low interest rate, which will be paid back using the Manchester Airport dividend and a dividend from the Yorkshire Purchasing Company, which it receives annually.

Areas for development will include the Church Wharf area, at the rear of Bolton Parish Church, and Trinity Street -

where a new hotel, office block and a multi-storey car park could be built.

Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr Cliff Morris, said: "The masterplan is intended to facilitate the redevelopment and growth of our town.

"We know that town centres have changed due to factors such as the shift to online shopping and this masterplan will reflect that.

"It is very important to us that we are able to fund this robustly and be confident that the money we need will not have to be sourced as a result of cuts - we are very pleased that this will be the case.

"We are speaking to a number of developers about different schemes and this is a complex process which can take a lot of time.

We are, however, committed to regenerating Bolton town centre and as soon as possible.

"With the new transport interchange and the investment in electrification, living here if you work in Manchester would be a very good proposition."



# Meet your councillors...

## Farnworth



**Jean Gillies**  
01204 332131  
jean.gillies@bolton.gov.uk



**Asif Ibrahim**  
01204 336884  
asif.ibrahim@bolton.gov.uk



**Noel Spencer**  
01204 793800 or 336833  
noel.spencer@bolton.gov.uk

**Surgeries**  
Sat 5 Aug and  
Sat 2nd Sept  
10.30-11.30am  
at Farnworth  
Town Hall (use  
the rear door)

## Great Lever



**Mohammed Ayub**  
07838 119522  
mohammed.ayub@bolton.gov.uk



**Mohammed Iqbal**  
01204 335620  
mohammed.iqbal@bolton.gov.uk



**Madeline Murray**  
01204 694092  
madeline.murray@bolton.gov.uk

**Surgeries**  
Tue 15 Aug,  
5-6pm at  
Park Lodge,  
Green Lane,  
BL3 2HP

## Halliwell



**Cliff Morris** 01204 336329 or 331094  
cliff.morris@bolton.gov.uk  
My next ward surgery will be at Bolton Town Hall. Please contact Members Secretariat office on (01204) 331094 for an appointment



**Linda Thomas**  
01204 332090 or 07879 891129  
linda.thomas@bolton.gov.uk  
Please contact Members Secretariat office for a surgery appointment on (01204) 331094, or 07879891129



**Akhtar Zaman**  
07980 962826  
akhtar.zaman@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Please contact for details

## Harper Green



**Mike Francis**  
01204 336331  
michael.francis@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Please contact for details



**Susan Haworth** 07415509103  
susan.haworth@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Fri 4th Aug and 1st Sept at 10-1.30am at Southfields Community Room, 19 Green Lane and 2.30-4.30pm at St Catherines Church, Highfield Road



**Champak Mistry**  
01204 397522 or 331320  
champak.mistry@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Please contact for details

## Heaton and Lostock



**Robert Allen**  
01204 451341 or 335096  
robert.allen@bolton.gov.uk



**Andrew Morgan**  
01204 331019  
andrew.morgan@bolton.gov.uk



**Colin Shaw**  
01204 844489 or 331958  
colin.shaw@bolton.gov.uk

**Surgeries**  
Please contact  
at area forum  
meetings or  
contact direct

# New look takes centre stage



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

**FURTHER information about the plans to transform the Octagon Theatre have been announced.**

As Bolton Scene was being produced the theatre had submitted a planning application for the refurbishment.

The plans for redevelop-

ment, first announced in January 2015, will be the most comprehensive in its 50 year history.

The building will be enlarged and modernised, which will involve demolishing large sections of the building and rebuilding around the core of the theatre's auditorium. It will:

- 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 work will start, subject to planning permission, in the middle of 2018 and the theatre will re-open in autumn 2019.

When it is closed the theatre will continue to stage performances in locations around Bolton and there will be a Box Office in the town centre.

# Jobs site expands

**THE next stage of the Logistics North development has been announced.**

The Harworth Group plc has announced a joint venture with the Lancashire County Pension Fund (LCPF) to develop ten new commercial units across 31.2 acres.

It's the seventh deal at Logistics North in the past three years. Most recently Whistl took a ten year lease on a unit, following the likes of Aldi, Lidl, MBDA, and Joy Global.

Councillor Cliff Morris, Leader of Bolton Council, said: "The news that a deal has been finalised to secure even more development and investment at Logistics North

is fantastic.

"The site is already a huge success with a number of major companies already operating from there and this agreement will bring even more investment to Bolton and provide new jobs for our residents.

"I am confident that there will be other exciting announcements about Logistics North for many months to come."

LCPF will fund 80% of the acquisition and the development, with Harworth funding the remaining 20%.

The new units will be constructed in three separate phases with the first phase due to be completed by December.

## New store

ALDI has opened its new supermarket at Logistics North development.

Olympic cycling gold medallist Jason Kenny officially opened the store.

It employs around 30 members of staff on a plot next to Junction 4 of the M61.

Aldi already employs 550 staff at the development within its 610,000 sq. ft regional distribution centre, and features a whole floor dedicated to the Academy, Aldi's recruitment and training department.

# New Skoda dealership approved

A major car retailer's plans for a new town centre Skoda dealership have been given the green light.

At least 30 full-time jobs and five part-time jobs will be created by RRG Group's new state of the art car showroom after the application was given the go-ahead by councillors.

The dealership will now be built at a prime location on the north side of town, where St Peter's Way and Topp Way meet - a key gateway site into Bolton town centre.

The new development will create a car sales showroom, workshops for servicing, and mezzanine office space covering 917 square metres.

RRG already undertake service and repairs for Skoda at their site on Bury New Road and this new site will add new and used car sales to their operations.



**NEW DEVELOPMENT:** An artist's impression of the new Skoda garage



# Supporting local communities

Funding to improve the lives of local people is available for community groups

**WE have a strong, dynamic and diverse voluntary and community sector in Bolton.**

To help us achieve our vision we need to work together in a way that our residents feel empowered and builds on the good things that already exist in many of our neighbourhoods.

The council has invested £1.3m in the Community Empowerment Fund so that local community, voluntary and other not for profit organisations can help us achieve the priorities that are set out within our Vision 2030.

New and innovative proposals for between £500 and £40,000 are invited to provide opportunities for Bolton people to be active and connected and help us

towards achieving at least one of our priority themes:

- Giving children the best possible start in life, so they have every chance to succeed and be happy.
- Improving the health and wellbeing of residents so they can live healthy, fulfilling lives for longer.
- Supporting older people to stay healthier for longer, and to feel more connected with their communities.

- Protecting and improving our environment, so more people enjoy it, care for it and are active in it.
- Developing stronger, cohesive and more confident communities in which people feel safe, welcome and connected.

Full guidance and online application form are available at [www.bolton.gov.uk/cef](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/cef)

## Improving our green spaces

A NEW project is improving the borough's green spaces.

From the moors above the town, to river valley corridors connecting important nature reserves such as Darcy Lever Gravel Pits, from large formal parks such as Moss Bank Park through to small pocket greenspaces within our local neighbourhoods these are among the borough's greatest assets.

Bolton Forum for Green-space (BFG) has through the Community Empowerment Fund to help support many community groups who play a vital role in helping to manage these.

The reduction in staff at Bolton Council, along with reduced grant funding sources has the potential to jeopardise the level of community involvement with greenspaces.

BFG is a pilot project co-ordinated by Lancashire Wildlife Trust which

aims to address this risk by strengthening the working relationships between existing groups so that resources, skills and expertise can be shared. It will improve communication between them and support new groups.

Twelve community groups have been involved in the first five months, including Friends of Long-sight Park, Bridge Street Conservation Group, Lostock and Chew Moor Conservation Group, and Darcy Lever Gravel Pits.

They have identified what activities are taking place and what skills and knowledge they have, what groups can offer each other, identified training needs, and how relationships can be strengthened.

For more information please contact Stephen Cartwright at Lancashire Wildlife Trust on 01204 663754 / [scartwright@lancswt.org.uk](mailto:scartwright@lancswt.org.uk)



**COUNTRY SIDE:** The group protecting Darcy Lever Gravel Pits is one of those supported (picture by Alan Bromiley)

## Going for Gold

THE fund is helping to develop sporting talent.

One of the schemes to benefit is Castle Hill Wrestling Club. It was awarded £33,000 to set up a wrestling club for children from the ages of five upwards. One of those to benefit is Luke Bennison-Moore (10), who won a Gold medal at the Derbyshire under 12s competition recently.

Luke attended wrestling taster sessions at Tonge Moor Primary School and enjoyed them so starting attending the wrestling club sessions in the

evening. He soon entered competitions between clubs which led him then to enter the larger competition.

He has worked very hard in the sessions and has really put a lot of effort in that has paid off with his Gold medal.

The club, called Future Heroes teaches children the basics of wrestling, but also healthy eating and nutrition. The funding will help the club to find and train volunteers, with the aim of becoming financially sustainable in the future.



## Meet your councillors...

### Horwich and Blackrod



**Alan Bury** 01204 332238  
[alan.bury@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:alan.bury@bolton.gov.uk)

**Surgeries:** Mon 21 Aug, 7.30-9.30pm at Blackrod Community Centre, Greenbarn Way



**Ann Cunliffe** 01204 332375  
[ann.cunliffe@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:ann.cunliffe@bolton.gov.uk)

**Surgeries:** Sat 12 Aug, 10-11am at Blackrod Library. For issues in Horwich please contact me for an appointment



**Stephen Pickup** 01204 337078  
[stephen.pickup@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.pickup@bolton.gov.uk)

**Surgeries:** Sat 12 Aug, 10-11am at Blackrod Library and Sat 2 Sept, 9.30-10.30am at Horwich Library

### Horwich North East



**Joyce Kellet**  
[joyce.kellet@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:joyce.kellet@bolton.gov.uk)

**Surgeries:** Please contact for details



**Kevin McKeon** 01204 692115  
[kevin.mckeon@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:kevin.mckeon@bolton.gov.uk)

**Surgeries:** Sat 2 Sept, 10-11am at Horwich Library



**Richard Silvester** 01204 467914  
[richard.silvester@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:richard.silvester@bolton.gov.uk)

**Surgeries:** Please contact for details

### Hulton



**Diane Parkinson**  
07799592604  
[diane.parkinson@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:diane.parkinson@bolton.gov.uk)

**Surgeries:** Please contact for details



**Shafaqat Shaikh**  
07775007853  
[shafaqat.shaikh@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:shafaqat.shaikh@bolton.gov.uk)

**Surgeries:** Please contact for details



**Darren Whitehead**  
07816337857  
[darren.whitehead@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:darren.whitehead@bolton.gov.uk)

**Surgeries:** Please contact for details

### Kearsley



**Derek Burrows** 01204 335231  
[derek.burrows@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:derek.burrows@bolton.gov.uk)

**Surgeries:** Fri 25 Aug, 6-7pm at Kearsley and Farnworth Labour Club and Sat 2 Sept, 11am and noon at St Stephens Church



**Mark Cunningham**  
[mark.cunningham@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:mark.cunningham@bolton.gov.uk)

**Surgeries:** Please contact for details



**Liam Irving** 07824363013  
[liam.irving@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:liam.irving@bolton.gov.uk)

**Surgeries:** Sat 12 Aug at 10.30-11.30am at Kearsley Mount Cottage, St Johns Fishers

### Little Lever and Darcy Lever



**Rees Gibbon**  
07738 493122  
[rees.gibbon@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:rees.gibbon@bolton.gov.uk)



**Sean Hornby**  
07583 725578  
[sean.hornby@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:sean.hornby@bolton.gov.uk)



**Paul Richardson**  
0781 5678640  
[paul.richardson@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:paul.richardson@bolton.gov.uk)

**Surgeries:**  
Tues 15 Aug, and  
Tues 5 Sept, 10am-11am, in Little Lever Library



# Meet your councillors...

## Rumworth

**Dr Ebrahim Adia**  
01204 332371  
ebrahim.adia@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Please contact for details

**Ismail Ibrahim** 01204 337636  
ismail.ibrahim@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Every Saturday, 10.30am to noon please contact to make an appointment

**Shamim Abdullah** 07392 108236  
shamim.abdullah@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Sat 2nd Sept, 10am to noon at High St Library, by appointment. To arrange please call myself on 07392108236 or email at shamim.abdullah@bolton.gov.uk

## Smithills

**Roger Hayes** 01204 841008  
roger.hayes@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Sat 16 Sept, 10-11am at St Margaret's Church, Lonsdale Road

**Andrew Martin**  
07890 880053  
andrew.martin@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Please contact for details

**Carole Swarbrick**  
01204 492967  
carole.swarbrick@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Please contact for details

## Tonge with the Haulgh

**Martin Donaghy**  
01204 336239  
martin.donaghy@bolton.gov.uk

**Nicholas Peel**  
01204 459949  
nicholas.peel@bolton.gov.uk

**Elaine Sherrington**  
01204 391092  
elaine.sherrington@bolton.gov.uk

**Surgeries**  
Mon 4 Aug at 6-7pm at Tonge UCAN centre and Fri 18 Aug, 5-6pm at Tonge Ucan Centre

## Westhoughton North and Chew Moor

**Martyn Cox**  
01204 331190  
martyn.cox@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Please contact for details

**Christine Wild**  
07977 516192  
christine.wild@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Please contact for details

**Zoe Kirk-Robinson**  
01204 331020  
zoe.kirk-robinson@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Please contact for details

## Westhoughton South

**David Chadwick**  
01942 818526  
david.chadwick@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Please contact for details

**Kevan Jones**  
01204 337969  
kevan.jones@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Please contact for details

**Anna-Marie Watters**  
01204 335516  
anna-marie.watters@bolton.gov.uk  
**Surgeries:** Please contact for details

# Giving pupils a good start to the day



A SCHEME to provide children with the most important meal of the day is going down a treat in the borough's primary schools. Last year the council gave more than £250,000 to primary schools so they could start or expand a free breakfast club.

The scheme was so successful that we pledged a further £520,000 in March, in a second round of funding, to enable even more pupils the chance to start the day the right way.

One school, Ladybridge Primary, took the opportunity to use the funding to start up a new free breakfast club, catering for up to 60 pupils at a time.

Headteacher Colin Watson explains the positive impact the new club has had on his pupils: "Having a healthy breakfast means our children are entering the classroom

energised, focussed and ready to engage." Children have a choice of cereal, toast, yoghurt and fresh fruit, with 'treat Friday' offering pancakes or waffles with fresh fruit.

The club runs from 7.30am to 8.50am and as well as a hearty meal, the pupils can enjoy a range of activities, from traditional playground games where they can run around, to using the library and computer suite to assist with homework.

Mr Watson added: "Getting children ready for school in the morning can be stressful and if parents are rushing around, the idea of breakfast can just add to that stress. The breakfast club means that there is one less thing to worry about."

"It's also having an impact on children arriving late to class: if they make it



HEALTHY DAY: Pupils from Ladybridge are pictured enjoying their healthy breakfast and activities before their school day starts

to breakfast club, then they make it to class on time. One mum told us that her children asked could they go to breakfast club the following day.

She replied that they could if they went to bed early. So not only did they eat a healthy breakfast, they got a good night's sleep as well and attended school refreshed the next day."

Mr Watson is grateful for the council funding, which has enabled him to buy equipment and provide the food and games.

"It's a free club for our children, and quite simply, we wouldn't be able to run it without the funding," he said.

# Support for vulnerable young people

THE council is helping some of the most vulnerable in our society.

Young people leaving care aged between 18-21 will receive a 100% discount for council tax. Those care leavers between 22-25 will receive a discount depend-

ent on their circumstances. Often when care leavers move into independent accommodation, they begin to manage their own budget fully for the first time. Evidence from The Children's Society shows just how challenging care

leavers can find managing their own budgets and, in particular, how scary they found falling behind on their council tax.

In interviews undertaken by The Children's Society with young people, they reported that managing

and understanding council tax bills for the first time is frequently a very big challenge for them.

The discount will support their move into independent life.



# 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](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/fostering)  
Email us [fostering@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@bolton.gov.uk) or ring

**0800 107 1564**



**Bolton Council**



# Our plans for Bolton

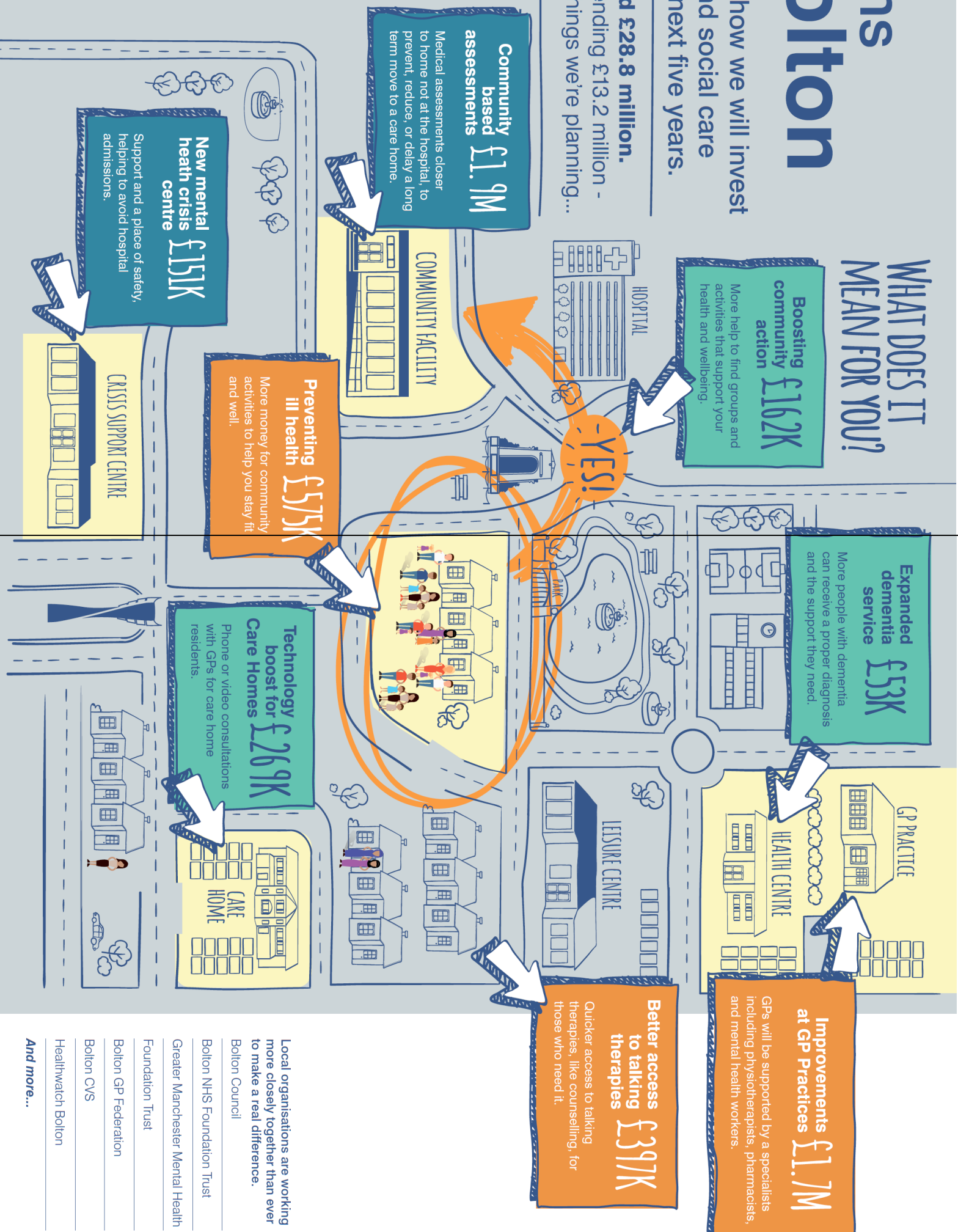
Our plan sets out how we will invest in YOUR health and social care services over the next five years.

**We've been awarded £28.8 million.**  
In 2017-18 we'll be spending £13.2 million - here are a few of the things we're planning...

As part of devolution, Greater Manchester was awarded a Transformation Fund to support big changes to health and social care.

## What can you expect?

- ✓ We want to build things around you.
- ✓ Joined up services and keyworkers to make things simpler.
- ✓ Help to join in with what's going on in your community so you can live a healthier life.
- ✓ More care close to home so you won't always need to go to hospital.
- ✓ Good quality hospital care, there when you need it.



Local organisations are working more closely together than ever to make a real difference.

- Bolton Council
- Bolton NHS Foundation Trust
- Greater Manchester Mental Health Foundation Trust
- Bolton GP Federation
- Bolton CVS
- Healthwatch Bolton

And more...




# Thank you Bolton!

## Due to the success of the slim bin roll out we have:



Avoided **£3.1m** in waste disposal charges



Used some of the savings from the slim bins to protect school crossing patrols 



Collected **9,313 tonnes** less  grey bin waste. That's 931 less bin wagons



Increased our recycling rate by **5%** to **44%** in 2016/17



Collected an additional **1,200 tonnes** of glass, cans and plastic bottles. That's the equivalent to:  
**2.9m** drinks cans  
**3.2m** food cans  
**2.6m** coffee jars  
**4.3m** pop bottles



Collected an additional **3,288 tonnes** of food and garden waste. That's the equivalent of **4.1m** loaves of bread 



For the first time ever in May and June 2017 we recycled over **50%** of our household waste



Collected an additional **750 tonnes** of paper and card. That's the equivalent of **2.6m** newspapers 



To order your free recycling containers visit [www.bolton.gov.uk/lovere recycling](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/lovere recycling)

 recycle for Bolton

**Bolton Council**



# Get your job for the future

Are you looking for work or training opportunities in the Bolton area?

Come and join us in September at Bolton's biggest employment and training event.

The Bolton Jobs and Skills Fair, now in its 7th year, returns to Bolton College on 28 September with more than 75 employers in the marketplace on the day.

The free event is organised by Team Bolton - a partnership between Bolton College, Bolton Council, Bolton at Home, Job Centre Plus, Bolton University and the Bolton Workbased Learning Provider Partnership Network and a range of other public and voluntary sector partners.

Bring your CV along to find both seasonal work and long term jobs with a range of employers from around the Bolton area.

Anyone can attend the event which last year had around 1000 live job opportunities with local employers who you can talk to.

You can also try out practical skills by taking part in

'have a go' activities such as health and beauty, catering and construction, motor vehicle and engineering. Get help with writing your CV and advice about searching and applying for jobs, interview techniques and much more.

The Jobs and Skills Fair takes place between 10am-3pm. From 3.30pm Year 11 students and parents are welcomed to Futures4Me event to look at their post-16 choices including A levels, Vocational Qualifications and Apprenticeships.

Personal Advisers from Connexions will be on hand to provide information, advice and guidance, and local employers, who are recruiting, can provide detailed information about careers in their job sectors.

Last year's Futures4Me event attracted more than 600 students.

To find out more please visit [www.findyourfuture2017.co.uk](http://www.findyourfuture2017.co.uk) or call 01204 482036



## Community resource

WESTHOUGHTON community college building is now being run by the local community.

They will use it as a meeting place for local groups and a place to attend a new range of courses.

The deal, which involves the transfer of the building into community ownership, has been arranged by Bolton Council and Bolton College.

Residents want the building to remain open to benefit the community by providing a range of services, such as vocational and non-vocational courses, public services, and a place for local groups to meet and run from. The college has agreed to hand the building back and to work with local councillors and other community representatives to transfer the building into the community.

Officers from the council and the college are now working with ward members, local community groups and Bolton CVS to develop a new constituted group and an action plan to take ideas forward. This will include a consultation exercise with Westhoughton residents to find out more about what they would like to see running from the building.

The college has committed to continue as a tenant in the building.

## Improving the environment

FIVE new behaviour change teams have been improving the environment around the borough.

They are part of a £1.3m investment made in 2015. The focus of the funding was to sustain standards of cleanliness in the borough's communities, neighbourhoods and open spaces, which would also include measures to tackle fly-tipping and to change people's behaviour.

The teams:

- Patrol and visually inspect areas
- Educate customers around domestic waste management
- Examining illegally deposited waste for evidence
- Distributing education leaflets
- Request waste is removed back into properties
- Issue fines and final warning letters
- Challenge behaviour

**2808**

residents spoken to



**241**

streets leafleted



**538**

fines issued =

**£25,705**



**5832**

different jobs carried out including enforcement



**79** court cases with **£42,305.27**

fines and costs



## Happy Birthday

BOLTON Cares, the adult social care company established by Bolton Council is celebrating its first anniversary.

Bolton Cares, which was established in July 2016, is a not-for-profit company that provides a range of care and support for adults in the community including: supported living services; day care; extra care services; short breaks and the shared lives and outreach service

During the last year, the company has grown and now employs around 500 staff. It has also taken on new business and has expanded its day care, extra care services and shared lives services. In March, Bolton Cares was awarded a contract from the council to deliver extra day care services. Bolton Cares has also taken on the running of six new Extra Care schemes across the borough and now looks after a total of over 250 extra care users at 10 locations across the borough.



# Moving to a new vision

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.

In January the council and our partners came together to discuss improving the borough.

The Vision Partnership includes partners from health, local businesses, schools and colleges, the university, voluntary sector groups, representatives from faith groups and many other bodies.

We are working together to ensure Bolton in 2030 is: Active, Connected, and Prosperous.

Since the conference the partners are coming together under the different themes to plan ahead. It's not all about the council – but how can we help the public to help themselves.

A lot of work is taking place under the 'Getting Active' theme with the aim of holding an event on Victoria Square on 25 July to launch this work.

The council is working with Bolton Wanderers Community Trust, Bolton CVS, Bolton Lads and Girls Club, Bolton Arena, Bolton Community Leisure Trust, the University of Bolton, and Greater Sport:

- support the Bolton population to decide to exercise
- enable mass participation and grassroots sporting activity
- target groups known to be inactive

- working with local people – 'doing with' not 'doing to'
- building and strengthening local communities

As well as improving people's health and wellbeing being active:

- Contributes to community cohesion
- reduces social exclusion and isolation
- makes communities feel safer and stronger

The next steps are to look at what is and isn't provided and available at the moment, and to focus on those not taking part in any form of activity.



Bolton 2030: The Mayor, Cllr Linda Byrne launches the Vision Conference

## A Passion for Bolton 2030 Vision

A real passion for Bolton was shown as more than 80 church leaders and representatives of Christian organisations gathered at the Macron stadium this spring to look at the commitment of the Christian Church to the vision.

They shared good practice of work and how they could help people get a good start in life, and live well into adult hood and older age. They left with a 10 point challenge and the next steps to take back to their churches and organisations to take the work forward.

## Bolton's Best 2017 awards



**CUSTOMER STARS:** The Bridges Family Support Team receive last year's award from Ian Savage - Editor, Bolton News

Nominations for this year's Bolton's Best staff awards have opened.

And you can nominate the person, team, or project who you think has given you excellent customer care.

The Best Customer Care Award, supported by the Bolton News is for the person, team or project that delivers outstanding service to our customers. Nominees are working towards one or more of the Vision outcomes:

- Our children get the best possible start in life, so that they have every chance to succeed and be happy
- The health and wellbeing of our residents is improved, so that they can live healthy, fulfilling lives for longer.
- Older people in Bolton stay healthier for

longer, and to feel more connected with their communities.

- Businesses and investment are attracted to the borough, matching our workforce's skills with modern opportunities and employment.
- Our environment is protected and improved, so that more people enjoy it, care for it and are active in it.



**SPECIAL AWARD:** Council leader, Cllr Cliff Morris presents a special award to Chris Kelly for his charity fundraising

- Stronger, cohesive, more confident communities in which people feel safe, welcome and connected.

Nominees will demonstrate:

- they work with our communities, engaging and empowering them and changing behaviours

Last year's award was won by the Bridges Family Support team. The managers and staff are extremely committed to managing the health and

support needs of our most vulnerable families in their home. It offers short breaks to young people with a range of disabilities and provides invaluable support to the families who make use of this service.

To nominate please email:

[boltonbest@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:boltonbest@bolton.gov.uk)

Nominations close on 8 September. In November you will be able to vote for the winner.





# New carers' strategy launched

**HELP, support and recognition for people who look after their family members are at the heart of a new three-year plan for carers.**

Bolton Council has joined forces with NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Bolton NHS Foundation Trust, Bolton Community and Voluntary Services (CVS), local carers' organisations and carers themselves to produce Bolton's Carers Strategy 2017 – 2020.

It builds on the borough's previous strategy; also takes into account recent changes in the law due to the Care Act and the current economic climate.



There are around **30,000** people in Bolton who we know look after a family member at home.

It is these unpaid carers whom the strategy is aimed at helping.

The strategy aims to:

- identify and engage with carers of all ages in the borough;
- enable them to maintain their own health and wellbeing;
- make clear the range of support they are entitled to and that they know their rights as a carer;
- make sure they feel valued, and
- that carers' needs are promoted in wider society and the workplace.

The new strategy is available on the Bolton Council website: [www.bolton.gov.uk](http://www.bolton.gov.uk).

**24-hour Carers Helpline, to provide help and support to people looking after someone at home: 01204 363056.**



**CARE HELP:** Deputy Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr Linda Thomas, and Dr Wirin Bhatiani, Chair of NHS Bolton CCG, with the new Carers Strategy

## News from Greater Manchester Combined Authority

This year has seen the election of the first Mayor of Greater Manchester to run the new Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

The authority has received powers and budgets from the government for:

- more control of local transport, with a long-term government budget to help plan a more modern, better-connected network
- control of long-term health and social care spending with a budget £6 billion
- new planning powers to encourage regeneration and development through a new Greater Manchester Land Commission

- a new £300m fund for housing
- extra funding to get up to 50,000 people back into work
- incentives to skills-providers to develop more work-related training
- extra budget to support and develop local businesses
- the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner has

been merged with the elected mayor with flexibility about criminal justice and offender management.

- control of investment through a new 'earn back' funding arrangement which gives us extra money for the region's infrastructure if we reach certain levels of economic growth.

The elected mayor is also responsible for the fire service.

In Bolton Scene we will feature regular updates from the authority. For further information see [www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/](http://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/)

## Tackling pollution

**CLEAN Air Day** aimed to raise awareness of air pollution and how everyone can work to improve air quality.

In Greater Manchester the day was about raising awareness of the problems and plans by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to tackle them

Up to 2,000 people die prematurely in Greater Manchester each year due to air pollution.

It is estimated that Greater Manchester road transport, particularly diesel vehicles, accounts for 65 per cent of nitrogen oxide and 79 per cent of particulate (dust and soot) emissions

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) and local councils are implementing the policies and measures in Greater Manchester's Low Emission Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan. The plan concentrates on ways to tackle emissions from road transport to improve air quality and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by

- Reducing traffic: for example, by encouraging travellers to switch from cars to use public transport, cycle and walk more;
- Increasing efficiency: improving traffic flow by reducing congestion and stop-start travel to decrease air pollution peaks and to lower emissions overall; and
- Improving fleet: by encouraging the replacement of older, more polluting vehicles with newer, smaller, cleaner, lower-emission vehicles.

For further information see [www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/](http://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/)



## New law could ring bus changes

NEW laws will allow the elected Mayor of Greater Manchester to make significant changes to the way bus services are managed.

The Bus Services Act grants combined authorities with an elected mayor, the powers to franchise bus services. This could enable Greater Manchester to create an integrated transport network with a simple fares and ticketing system.

It also means that service quality, branding and customer information could be standardised.

Currently Greater Manchester has a deregulated bus market. This means that private bus operators set their own routes, frequencies, timetables, fares and quality standards for most services. Under a franchised system, such as that used in London, Greater Manchester authorities would take control of bus

service planning, with services run under contract by private operators.

Changes to the way the bus market in Greater Manchester is managed would be subject to a public consultation before any decision was made.

Buses account for 79 per cent of all public transport journeys in Greater Manchester – around 210 million a year. But bus patronage in Greater Manchester has fallen by over 140 million passenger journeys in the last 30 years.







## Steaming ahead

SEE some of the north's industrial heritage this August Bank Holiday.

Bolton Steam Museum will be opening its doors to the public for its popular Steam Days. It has the largest collection of working textile mill steam engines in the country. The museum preserves some of the steam engines which powered the textile industries of Lancashire and Yorkshire and is run by volunteers from the Northern Mill Engine Society.

It will be open Sunday and Monday 27 - 28 August, 10am - 4pm. Admission is free but donations can be made to Northern Mill Engine Society.

The museum is located on Morrison's Atlas Mills Supermarket site (next to the petrol station), Mornington Road, Off Chorley Old Road, Bolton, BL1 4EU

## Tributes to Manchester victims



Tributes to the victims of the Manchester terror attack are now on display in the library.

The items which were lain on the steps of Bolton town hall following the attack in May have been carefully preserved.

Candles, mementoes and handwritten messages have been placed in two display cases in the Upfront Area of the library.

Also included in the display are some bee-themed artwork by schoolgirl Amy Bostock, plus a heart-shaped display of 22 bees from the Library and Museum Services' natural history collection, to commemorate each of the 22 victims.

The cuddly toys that were placed on the steps have been cleaned and will be donated to charity at a future date.

## Bolton Food & Drink Festival - Temporary Road Closures & 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.83) ORDER 2017

The Borough Council of Bolton has made an Order, which will enable the Food and Drink Festival to take place on the roads specified below, between 6am Monday 21 August & 6pm Tuesday 29 August 2017.

### TEMPORARY 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.

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

Queen Street from Back Deansgate to a point 15m south of Cheadle Square;  
Back Deansgate from Howell Croft North to Queen Street.

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

Blackhorse Street between Ashburner Street and Deansgate;  
Meal 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 ONE WAY TRAFFIC MOVEMENT:

Back Deansgate from Howell Croft North to Queen Street, permitted direction of traffic from east to west;  
Queen Street from Back Deansgate to 15m south of Cheadle Square (south side) permitted direction of traffic from north to south.

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

Blackhorse Street between Deansgate and Ashburner Street.

### TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF LEFT TURN ONLY:

Blackhorse Street (northbound) at Deansgate.

### TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PROHIBITION OF DRIVING:

Old Hall Street North, from a point 16m south of, to a point 47m south of Deansgate.

### TEMPORARY HACKNEY CARRIAGE 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.

These restrictions will be in effect between 6am Monday 21 August 2017 and 6pm Tuesday 29 August 2017. Diversion routes will be signposted. This Order will cease to have effect at approximately 6pm on Tuesday 29 August 2017.

Dated 7 August 2017

Stephen Young, Director of Place. Town Hall, Bolton BL1 1RU  
www.bolton.gov.uk/trafficorders

## Skills for Employment Can we help you?



IF YOU'RE struggling to find work then the council can help you get the skills you need.

The council's 'The Workshop' delivers the 'Skills for Employment' programme. It will speak to you one to one about anything stopping you find a job and support you in improving any skills you need to find work. The support is designed to meet your personal needs

A dedicated Learning Mentor will guide you to:

- Complete personalised skills training and gain a qualification
- Seek support with CV and interview techniques
- Participate in motivational and confidence building activities
- Undertake work experience in your chosen area and gain a reference
- Find sustainable employment

"I came to see The Workshop with alcohol issues and had no confidence or self-worth and hadn't worked in over 20 years. I'm now part of the way through my journey and I now have a CV, job searching skills and I'm currently at college doing a Level 1 in office Skills and I also do an IT class as well. I've stopped drinking since starting on the programme and I'm looking at starting a work placement with my Learning Mentor."

Sarah is one of a number of people who have received support on the 'Skills for Employment' programme.

The team will advise you on the best ways to fulfil your potential, boosting your confidence in the process, so you can find the right pathway to a positive future.

Once you're in a job they will help you adjust to the world of work and access the skills and support you need to progress in your chosen career.

For further information please email: [elaine.sessions@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.sessions@bolton.gov.uk) or call 01204 333209.



**Skills for  
Employment**



# Sneak peek inside new Horwich Leisure Centre



Building works progress at the new leisure centre

**THE public were able to see where the building work for the new Horwich Leisure Centre is up to at an open day.**

The new centre will include a 25 metre six lane swimming pool, a separate teaching pool, a 100 station fitness suite, spin and dance studios, a four court sports hall, changing facilities and a new car park.

The administration base for Bolton Community Leisure Trust is being moved to another centre which allows for the new virtual spin studio to be based in that area. It also means there is 60m<sup>2</sup> of extra space in the new fitness suite.

Customer feedback and a recent Gymetrix survey, which records usage levels of each piece of equipment, has enabled the layout for the suite to be finalised:

- A spacious fitness area
- Diverse range of the latest equipment
- Discovery Series equipment from Lifefitness with touch console technology that will allow you to run, cycle or cross train through the Grand Canyon.
- Watt Bikes used by World and Olympic champions and elite cyclists
- An Octane free runner which allows a workout with no impact on the joints of the body and can be used for walking, jogging or running.



The new wet changing village on the ground floor will include different spaces suitable for individuals, families and groups.

This project is being funded by Bolton Community Leisure Trust which manages the centre, and Bolton Council.

To find out more visit:

- The dedicated information board in the current Horwich Leisure Centre
- Horwich rebuild page at [www.boltonleisure.com](http://www.boltonleisure.com) to view the time lapse images and live coverage
- Follow us on Twitter @WDHorwichLC

## Work starts on refurb for Bolton One



NEW LOOK: The refurbished Bolton One will include new equipment and facilities

**WORK has started on a £1m refurbishment of the Jason Kenny Centre at Bolton One.**

The refurbishment will include new equipment and new facilities, with the aim of providing high quality, state of the art facilities for Bolton residents.

In the gym, main fitness suite and the free weights room, equipment will be upgraded or replaced with new equipment and the rooms will be refurbished.

The studio and changing rooms will also be refurbished and a new sauna and steam room installed.

The fitness suite has temporarily moved into the University of Bolton Sports Hall in Bolton One. There will be no free weights available and a reduced number of classes will take place in the studio. The changing facilities will also not be available during this period, but members can still change and shower in the swimming changing facilities on the ground floor.

To compensate for the inconvenience to members, all Bolton One memberships will be changed to a walk about membership enabling them to use any of the Bolton leisure centres. Staff at Bolton One will also be available if anyone needs help or advice.

The work, by Bolton Council and Bolton Community Leisure Trust, is due to be completed by September.

Leader of Bolton Council, Councillor Cliff Morris said: "We are pleased to have started work on this comprehensive refurbishment. Bolton One opened five years ago and it is important that we refurbish it now to keep the facilities and equipment up-to-date for our members and residents."

"We hope that this refurbishment, which will provide high quality facilities at leisure centre prices will attract more people to get involved in sport, as well as improving health and wellbeing across the borough."

## Kick off for new pitch

A NEW hi-tech 3G pitch in Westhoughton has been completed.

The pitch has been built on an existing shale pitch at Westhoughton High School and is being used by the school teams and the local community.

It was built by local company GreenFields which has built 3G pitches at football clubs and schools across the country. It has been completed in time for the school and community teams to use it for the spring and summer season and is the first of three new 3G pitches to be completed, as part of £1.5m of capital funding from the council.

These pitches will add to the six 3G pitches already approved or operating in Bolton: Ladybridge Football Club; ESSA School; Bolton Arena; and St Catherine's Academy; Bolton Lads and Girls Club and one more in development at Ladybridge High School.

All the new facilities will be managed by Bolton Community Leisure Trust with a pricing structure similar to that which has been adopted at the new 3G pitch at Bolton Lads and Girls Club and is proposed at Ladybridge High School.



NEW SURFACE: Representatives of the council, school and BLCT try out the new pitch

## Competition

To tie in with the refurbishment, Bolton Community Leisure Trust has also launched a competition to find the most beautiful image of Bolton. Simply upload an image of your favourite Bolton beauty spot or view with the hashtag #BeautifulBolton, like our page @BoltonOne and tell us in under 50 words where it is.

The winning image will feature on a large wall in the newly refurbished Bolton One Fitness Suite that is set to reopen in mid-September and the winner will win a free 12 month pass for Bolton One.





# BOLTON COLLEGE

## Course Guide 2017-18

Ofsted  
Graded 2  
'Good'



### BOLTON COLLEGE

#### Course Guide 2017-18

[www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/course-guide](http://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/course-guide)

**The No 1**  
Tertiary & FE College for  
16-18 overall achievement rates  
in Greater Manchester.

We're Ofsted  
Graded  
2 'Good'



Adult Learning

Young People

Apprenticeships

Community Learning

Access to HE

Higher Education

[www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/course-guide](http://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/course-guide)



Opportunities for Young People at Bolton College

APPLY  
NOW

# It's Not Too Late to Apply!



We're the number 1 Tertiary & FE College  
for 16-18 overall achievement rates in  
Greater Manchester.

[www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/apply](http://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/apply)



# CentralScene

www.visitbolton.com

Issue - Summer 2017

## Town centre tucks in to amazing selection

**We have an amazing line-up of celebrity chefs for this year's Bolton Food and Drink Festival in association with Aldi.**

After last year's record-breaking event where more than 263,000 people came along we hope this year's event will be bigger and better.

Michelin-starred chef Michael Caines will launch the festival on Friday August 25 before hosting a gala dinner the same night.

Chef and co-presenter of Channel 4 Sunday Brunch, Simon Rimmer, will showcase recipes and host a 'Saturday Brunch' event.

He said: "I first came to the festival in 2008 when it was a small scale event but over the years it has grown massively in size and reputation. I can't wait to make a return visit."

Strictly Come Dancing star and one of the country's favourite TV chefs, Ainsley Harriott, will be appearing at the festival for the first time.

He will be performing a live cookery demo and hosting an afternoon tea on the Sunday August 27. He said: "I've always enjoyed visiting Bolton and I've heard great things about this festival - so I can't wait to come back, get stuck in and meet all the fantastic people."

James Martin will notch up his ninth appearance on the Bank Holiday Monday, August 28, the final day of the festival. He said: "I love this festival, the people are so welcoming. I've been doing it for so many years and there is always something new and different to look forward to."

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.

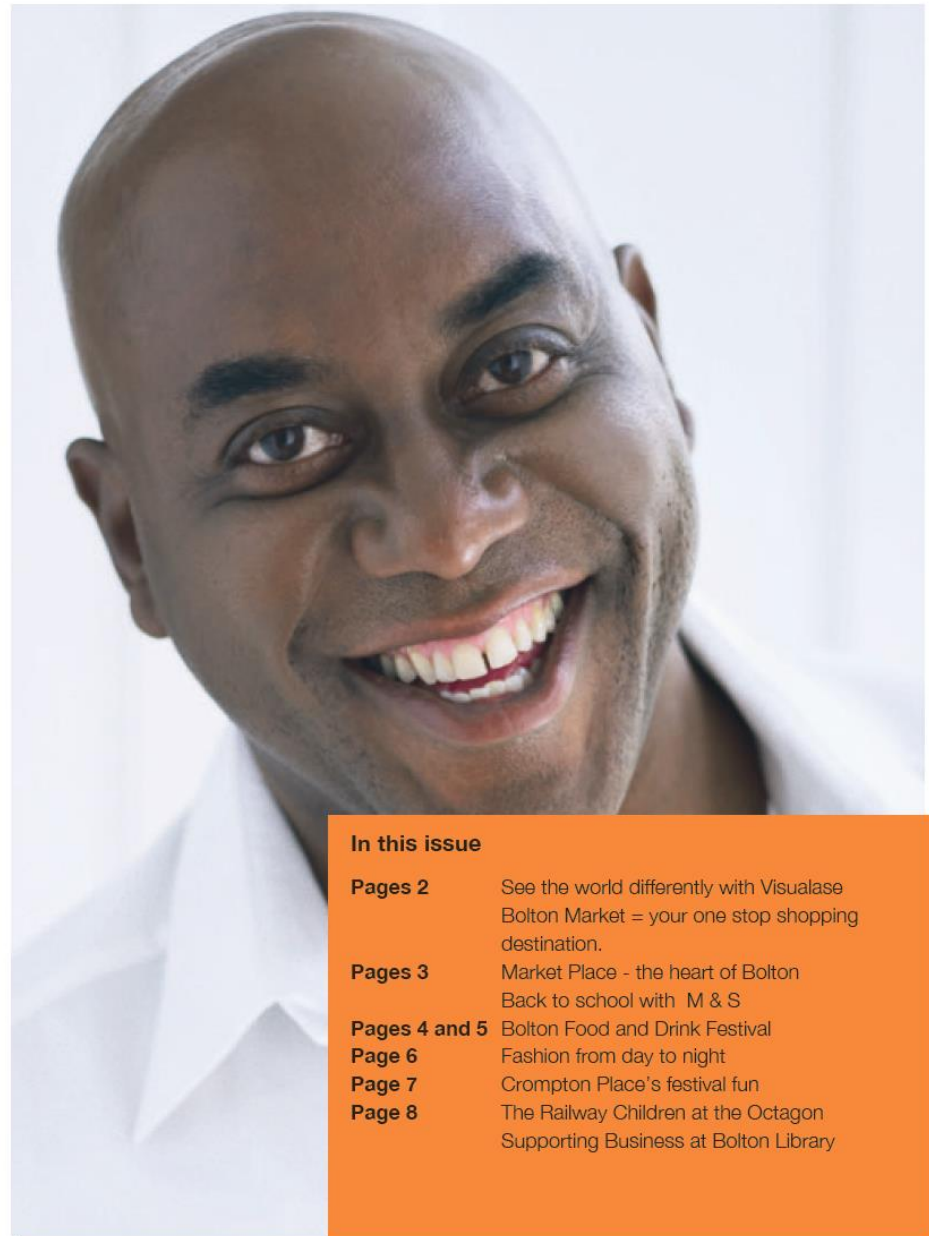
#### **Sponsors are:**

Aldi; University of Bolton; Market Place Shopping Centre; Stateside Foods; Willmott Dixon, and Grosvenor Windows.

#### **Partners include:**

Arts Council; Bolton College; Bolton Library and Museum; Bolton Market; Carrs Pasties; Crompton Place; Greenhalghs; Last Drop Hotel; Octagon Theatre; RRG Group, and Slattery.

**For updates and tickets, visit [www.visitbolton.com](http://www.visitbolton.com).**



In this issue	
Pages 2	See the world differently with Visualase Bolton Market = your one stop shopping destination.
Pages 3	Market Place - the heart of Bolton Back to school with M & S
Pages 4 and 5	Bolton Food and Drink Festival
Page 6	Fashion from day to night
Page 7	Crompton Place's festival fun
Page 8	The Railway Children at the Octagon Supporting Business at Bolton Library

This supplement and all of the features within have been paid for by members of the Central Bolton Partnership. The views expressed are those of the individual and not Bolton Council.

## 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)



# See the world differently this summer



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 in the pool or the ocean 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 is just one aspect of how this treatment has changed my life and I want to say a huge thank you to all the team at Visualase. They have all been so professional, helped put me at ease and supported me throughout my experience. I cannot express my gratitude enough as this really has given me a new lease of life."

Hilary Smith, 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 which is a fabulous acknowledgement for us".



Hilary Smith, Clinic Manager & Elaine Lee, Patient Advisor

## 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.

To make laser eye treatment affordable to every patient, there's a wide range of payment plans including 12 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.

**Bolton Market**  
*Support local life*



OPENING TIMES: TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 9AM-5PM



# Market Place – the Heart of Bolton

Whether you're looking for delicious food, fabulous shopping, a way to entertain the kids or somewhere to watch the latest movie releases, you can find it all at Market Place, Bolton.

If it's shopping you're after, the historic market hall forms a stunning backdrop to a full day of retail therapy. Whether you're updating the whole family's wardrobes, restocking your beauty bag or just picking up essentials, there's plenty of choice with stores including Zara, Debenhams, H&M, Boots, Topshop and Clarks. Plus if you want to treat the kids there's an Entertainer and Kids Fashion Mart to enjoy.

Head downstairs into the Vaults – which have been stunningly transformed from the original Victoria Vaults dating back to 1855 – and you'll find Bolton's ultimate drinking and dining destination. There's something for every taste with popular chains like Nando's, Prezzo and Gourmet Burger Kitchen, alongside local independents like Great Ale and Bank.

The Vaults is also home to a jungle-themed soft play adventure playground called Amazonia, with bridges, tunnels and obstacles for kids of all ages to tackle. Plus, you'll find an 18-hole adventure golf course where you can test the skills of your entire family through the twists and turns of the 'The Lost Valley', before following up with a thirst quenching, hunger-busting visit to The Jungle Café.

Head back upstairs and you'll find The Light, a fabulous nine-screen cinema with state-of-the-art digital picture and sound auditoriums, plus premium seating throughout.

So, as you can see, you can easily spend the whole day at Market Place.



**These easy dressing short sleeve blouses have been developed in collaboration with The National Autistic Society.**

We've replaced the first 4 buttons with a hidden panel of soft velco®, this should make getting dressed quicker with less time spent fiddling with small buttons. This is our Ultimate non-iron shirt meaning the taped seams, non-iron & stain away™ finishes makes life easy for parents.

This range has been developed with help from The National Autistic Society, designed to make it easier for children to dress themselves and be comfortable all day. 10% of the sale price of this garment will be donated to The National Autistic Society – the UK's leading autism charity, registered in England and Wales (No.269425) and Scotland (No.SC039427).

In your local Bolton store pop in and see a member of staff for more information!





# Bolton Food & Drink Festival 2017



Let Bolton Food and Drink Festival 'Entertain You' this Summer. Stop by Bolton Town Centre this August Bank Holiday Weekend for the 12th Bolton Food and Drink Festival and enjoy a **magical four days** of food, drink, fun, family entertainment and live music!

There's so much going on that we're sure you'll want to spend more than just one day here... read on for our highlights of what to see and do each day and get planning your visit!

- **Daily Celebrity chef cookery demos in the main Festival Marquee in Victoria Square**
- **Regional chef cookery demos at Bolton Market (Fri and Sat only) and the Regional Chef Marquee each day**
- **200 food, drink and arts and craft stalls, opening daily at 10am**

## Fantastic new special events, including:



### Made In Bolton

by Aiden Byrne

Pop up restaurant

£60 per person

### Saturday Brunch

with Simon Rimmer



Adults £20 Children £10



Adults (over 18) £15

### Beer and Pastie tasting

with Simon Rimmer

### Wine Tasting

with Ainsley Harriott



Adults (over 18) £20



Children £5 Adults £2.50

### Slattery Afternoon Tea

Adults £25 Children £10

**Mad Hatter's Tea Party** - each day at the festival children can join Alice on her adventures in a world of peculiar creatures. With a great craft activity, a musical performance and a picnic fit for a mad hatter kids won't want to miss this.



**Great children's activities** - there's loads of free activities taking place too, drop by Central library and museum, The Octagon theatre and Crompton Place.

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



## Bountiful Markets

Our market was voted the best Food Market by the National Association of British Market Authorities last year, so you won't want to miss it.

We aim to bring you the best food, drink and arts and crafts traders from around the region and beyond and this year promises to be a bumper one too. With hundreds of traders making Bolton their home for August Bank Holiday Weekend, you'll be spoilt for choice on what to eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner. So drop by and sample food and drink from around the world.

When you've had your fill don't forget to check out the arts and crafts stalls too for some unique gifts or drop in to the Arts Circle exhibition space on Newport Street (near to Bolton's New Transport Interchange) for some fantastic art created by local artists.

## Music and Entertainment

If you need to simply sit back, relax and catch your breath then let us entertain you in style. We've gone 'large' with our all new Festival Stage and Bar on Le Mans Crescent, with a fantastic line up of live bands each day, and open from 11am to 11pm (7pm closing on Monday), with lots of seating we think it's going to be the place to be!

There's also a dedicated stage for local musicians in our Real Ale and Cider bar on Victoria Square so there'll be lots of great live music to get your toes tapping.

And, with some of the finest street artists around performing daily in the town centre, you're sure to catch a fantastic show, all of which are sure to amuse and delight, as well as cause general mayhem around the town!



**Book your tickets now**

**Tickets are on sale now for all our special events and celebrity chef cookery demonstrations so don't miss out by booking early!**

For further details about what's taking place and for the latest news don't forget to visit our website

**boltonfoodanddrinkfestival.com**

**f** boltonfoodanddrinkfestival **t** @boltonfoodfest

**@** boltonfoodfest

## Here's our handy day by day guide

### Friday 25th

1pm and 3pm Mad Hatter's Tea Party  
7pm Gala Dinner

### Saturday 26th

10am, 12noon, Mad Hatter's Tea Party  
2pm & 4pm  
10.30am Saturday Brunch with Simon Rimmer  
12.30pm Simon Rimmer cookery demonstration  
2.30pm Pastie and Beer tasting with Simon Rimmer  
6.30pm onwards Made in Bolton, by Aiden Byrne

### Sunday 27th

10am, 12noon, Mad Hatter's Tea Party  
2pm & 4pm  
11am Ainsley Harriot cookery demonstration  
2pm Afternoon Tea with Ainsley Harriot and guests  
6pm Wine tasting with Ainsley Harriot

### Monday 28th

10am, 12noon, Mad Hatter's Tea Party  
2pm & 4pm  
11am, 1pm & 3pm James Martin cookery demonstration  
2.30pm Regional Chef cookery show down with Aiden Byrne and Andrew Nutter

**Aldi is gearing up to reveal its exclusive Top Tipples Prosecco bar at this year's Bolton Food and Drink Festival, as it prepares to showcase its exquisite portfolio of wines and spirits to guests.**



Headline sponsor of the festival for a third year running, Aldi, will be inviting festival goers to sit back and relax at the bar right in the centre of Victoria Square, to enjoy a specially selected range of Prosecco, wine and cocktails alongside a choice of delicious nibbles, throughout August bank holiday weekend.

Master of Wine, Sarah Abbott will also host a series of wine tasting sessions from Aldi's headline sponsor marquee outside Bolton Town Hall, where visitors will have the opportunity to sample Aldi's offering and learn more about each specially selected bottle. Visitors will be able to purchase their favourite wine from the stand, and an exclusive free gift will be given away with every 6 bottles sold.

Aldi will also be supplying various wines, beers and spirits to a number of celebrity events throughout the festival, including Ainsley Harriot's wine tasting and Aiden Byrne's 'Made in Bolton' pop restaurant.

Make sure you pop along and enjoy some of Aldi's top tipples. The Aldi team is looking forward to seeing you there!





# Fashion from day to night ...

## The perfect recipe for Bolton Food and Drink Festival 2017

With four full days of activities there's something for everyone. Whether you will be walking around the festival, enjoying the chefs demonstrations or attending one of the special activities, you can then end the day with some evening entertainment.

It can be quite tricky to arrange an outfit which will be stylish, comfortable and suitable for a full day out. But we have the perfect menu that you'll be able to wear from morning to night.

**Gingham tie detail midi dress**  
River Island  
£40.00



**Black Jumpsuit**  
M&S  
£55.00



M&S £8.00



**Chinos**  
Next  
£22.00



**Navy Pattern Shirt**  
Next  
£25.00



**Derby Shoes**  
H&M  
£34.99



**Chinos**  
Debenhams  
Jasper Conran  
£38.00



**White Linen Shirt**  
Tu at Sainsbury's  
£14.00



**Platform mules**  
H&M  
£24.99



# Crompton Place's Festival Fun



## Join Crompton Place's festivities as part of Bolton Food & Drink Festival

Crompton Place Shopping Centre will be transformed into a sensational sensory space for family visitors to Bolton Food and Drink Festival. Join Bolton Library and Museum staff in our creative space to listen to sensory stories and sing your favourite songs in our magical land. Read books, play instruments and make some noise!

Find out more about your local Library and Museum, including the exciting new plans for Bolton's Egypt gallery. Hop between creative stations to make mummy spoons, keyrings and mask to take home with you!

In addition there will be special celebrity appearances from guest Chefs including Rosie's Cake Diva and David Smart from Greenhalgh's.

All activities are taking place in the unit near Subway between Friday 25th and Monday 28th August, 10am – 4pm and are free of charge. Please visit [www.crompton-place.co.uk](http://www.crompton-place.co.uk) for more information.

### Back to School

The arrival of August also means that the start of school is just around the corner and Crompton Place has everything you could need to get the youngsters ready to return. From clothing essentials in Primark, stationery in The Works, last minute bits and bobs in Poundland to backpacks, sports clothes and more in JD Sports - Crompton Place has parents covered.



## Town centre news

### Free parking

Free parking in Bolton town centre has been extended until September 2018.

Parking in three NCP multi-storey car parks - Octagon, Topp Way and Deane Road – will continue to remain free at weekends and bank holidays for another 14 months.

The announcement comes as new figures show that since free car parking was introduced as a pilot project in 2012, the number of vehicles using the multi-storey car parks has risen by 175%.

In 2012, 85,873 visitors used the NCP car parks and this figure rose to 236,725 in 2016.

The council's partner NCP, who operate the car parks, is implementing the scheme.

### University takes flagship building

The University of Bolton will be moving into Bolton Central; the new flagship building on the corner of Great Moor Street and Newport Street.

The university will be the sole occupier of the building which will be used for its new Institute of Management. Construction on the Bolton Central building, at the corner of Great Moor Street and Newport Street, started in December 2015 and completed last month.

Two and a half thousand students and over 60 staff will use the five storey building. Staff from the University will begin to occupy the building from next week, with the final classroom layout ready for the new academic year in September.

The Bolton Central building was delivered by PSP Bolton LLP – an innovative public and private sector partnership, comprising Bolton Council and Public Sector Plc. The work has been carried out by Robertson Construction and local contractors including Lancashire Brick and Tile have also been involved in the project.

### Finishing touches to interchange

The finishing touches are being completed to Bolton's new interchange.

The final building and decoration work is taking place as this edition of Bolton Scene goes to print.

The skylink bridge linking the bus and railway stations has been completed.

The new Bolton Interchange will provide better passenger information and ticketing facilities and a safer, more secure waiting environment. It will also offer improved links between the town's bus services and rail station, as well as providing a far more attractive 'gateway' to and from the town centre.

The transport interchange is being delivered by TfGM in partnership with Bolton Council and Network Rail, and is being funded by the Greater Manchester Transport Fund and will support wider regeneration plans in the area.

**BRIDGE LIFT:** The final section of the skylink being lifted into place



Finishing touches to interchange





# The Railway Children

Join us this summer as we bring to life E. Nesbit's beloved children's novel, The Railway Children in a wonderful young people's production. Performed by a cast of 100 young people alongside professional actors, this will be a joyous production full of adventure.

Bobby, Peter and Phyllis' lives are turned upside down one night when their father leaves their family home with no explanation. Falling on hard times, they move with their mother to a cottage in the country where they soon discover new friendships and become fascinated by the nearby railway.

Based on the novel by E. Nesbit, adapted for the stage by Janys Chambers, and directed by the Octagon Artistic Team

Thu 17 - Sat 19 August  
 Tickets: £6 (concessions available)  
 Original Photograph by Mark Latham

## Octagon Railway Station – Platform 50

This August Bank Holiday the Octagon will be transformed into a magical railway station from the golden age of travel. Families will be transported to the best-loved train stories including a journey back in time to Ancient Egypt – complete with desert sand and the Nile.

There will be lots of craft activities, storytelling, face painting and interactive songs for people of all ages to enjoy!

Fri 25 August - Mon 28 August 2017  
 11am - 3.30pm

Tickets: FREE - no need to book - just turn up and enjoy

# Supporting business



**Learn how to help your idea take off or save your business time and money with these sessions on a range of topics**  
**Big Ideas Generators will support innovation and enterprise across the 10 library authorities in Greater Manchester.**

One team will be working across the area offering one-to-one business information surgeries, 'How to' sessions, workshops and informal networking opportunities, as well as specialist training in skills such as 3D printing. The project lasts until March 2018.

During the next 10 months there will be seminars, workshops and 1-to-1 information sessions on all kinds of topics, from starting up in creative industries, 3d printing, running an online business and much more.

Informative talks and seminars from experts in their fields to kickstart your business ideas, inspire innovation and offer tips and advice about setting up new enterprises and running small businesses. Informative talks and seminars from experts in their fields to kickstart your business ideas, inspire innovation and offer tips and advice about setting up new enterprises and running small businesses. Beginners session including short demos, aimed at startups and SMEs.

Central Library events  
 Visit our new History Centre on the first Saturday of every month, 9.30am to 12pm, where members of Bolton Family History Society will be available with advice on how to trace your family tree. No need to book just come along.

Join our new Saturday Club, where each week you can take part in free activities from 1.30pm to 3pm. Admission is free.