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Spring into
lots of free
activities
in Bolton

Award
winning
**Bolton
Market**

**Bolton
Family Hubs**
Activities for children plus
support for parents

Cost of Living
Bolton is joining forces to help
local residents cope better with
rising cost of living

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JOIN THE BOLTON FAMILY!

Welcome to Bolton, a town with a proud history and a bright future. And we want you to be a part of it by joining the Bolton Family.

Did you know that there are over 500 different job roles at the Council? Or that you can develop a career with us no matter what your background? We have roles to suit everyone from cleaner to school catering, to HR, marketing, legal, finance, youth work, social care, IT system support, library assistant and everything in between!

It's all about you!

When you join us, we want you to stay so we support you with your financial wellbeing by offering a host of money-saving discounts, the opportunity to purchase a bicycle or car through your salary and have lots of discount offers, including offers with national and local gyms. Your wellbeing is important, so we have on-site mental health first aiders and a free 24-7 confidential counselling helpline for support when its needed.

Annual leave is generous starting at 25 days plus bank holidays and because we know that you might want to give something back to your community, you can take an additional three days' volunteering leave.

Personal development is encouraged, so employees benefit from regular 1-1 supervision sessions and can access a large range of online training courses. We also offer the chance to undertake a more in-depth course of study linked to your job role including apprenticeship courses at all levels.

Help with your application

If you need advice on applying with us, there are loads of tips on the Bolton page of greater.jobs or you can get in touch at recruitment@bolton.gov.uk

We also offer work experience placements so please email details of what you would like to do to recruitment@bolton.gov.uk and we'll try to match you with the relevant team.

So, ready to join us?

Visit greater.jobs for all our roles or come and say hello at one of the events we are at around the Borough. Keep an eye on our socials for when and where!

For more information about a whole range of jobs, careers and apprenticeships at Bolton Council, visit the website at

greater.jobs

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- ✓ Local Government Pension Scheme
- ✓ Career Development
- ✓ Health and Wellbeing Support



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Welcome



Welcome to the Spring edition of Our Bolton.

Traditionally, this time of year is about new beginnings and there is certainly plenty happening in Bolton over the coming months to get excited about.

Among them is the ongoing regeneration work across the borough, and this magazine details both new additions to our town centre and new plans for the years ahead.

We recently announced details on the future of Crompton Place. I know residents are keen to see this key site transformed into something all Bolton residents can be proud of and this council shares that ambition with you.

We are also seeing the first of our regeneration projects completed, including the renovated Bolton Central Library which reopened in January.

Nearby, we are getting ready to welcome our first customers to the new Bolton Market Food Hall, a modern hospitality venue offering a wide variety of food and drink to suit everyone.

Customers will have the perfect view across the road to Elizabeth Park, which will be Bolton's first new green space for 120 years when it officially opens this Spring.

At this time of year, we also look ahead to Summer, which means welcoming some of the biggest events anywhere in the UK, with a comprehensive guide available in this edition.

Our 19th annual Bolton Food and Drink Festival, and the ever-popular IRONMAN UK weekend,

are just two examples of events that bring visitors into our town and show Bolton at its very best.

Elsewhere in this magazine, we highlight the essential day-to-day services that protect Bolton residents, in particular the most vulnerable members of our community.

Adult Services, Childrens Services and our Public Health team all work to ensure everyone in Bolton can get the best possible start and enjoy healthy, active and independent lives.

I know this continues to be a very challenging time for many people, and this magazine includes details of the support available for anyone struggling with the cost of living.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of Our Bolton and I wish you all the best for the months ahead.

Nick Peel,
Bolton Council Leader

Save the date...

Sunday 19 May, Civic Sunday Procession and Church Service

The Civic Sunday church service traditionally marks the appointment of a new mayor and is preceded by a procession through the town centre.

People are welcome to join the procession as it leaves Victoria Square at 10:30am. The route then makes its way to Bolton Parish Church via Hotel Street, Mealhouse Lane, Deansgate, across Bradshawgate and down to Churchgate for the 11am service. The parade will be commanded by Bolton's local 216 Battery of the 103rd Regiment of the Royal Artillery and will be joined by other groups and organisations.

Thursday 6 June, D-Day 80th Anniversary commemoration service

(including wreath laying and lighting of a beacon) will be held at 8pm at Bolton Parish Church.

Monday 24 June, Armed Forces raising the flag ceremony

Service commences at 11am on Victoria Square followed by lunch in the town hall for veterans. Any veteran wishing to attend the lunch to book your free ticket by contacting the Mayor's office.

Saturday 29 June, Armed Forces Day

Join us at Bolton Parish Church grounds between 10am-4pm for the **free** family fun day, featuring parades, stalls, games and music.

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Bolton Food & Drink Festival 2024

FRI 23RD TO MON 26TH AUGUST

We're back again for 2024!

We're going bigger and better than ever before, with plenty of fun for the whole family across this year's August bank holiday weekend on Friday 23 to Monday 26 August!

Bolton Food and Drink festival offers something for everyone to enjoy, but you can expect to see a wide range of celebrity and regional chefs where you can indulge in an engaging cooking experience, allowing you to recreate some tasty dishes in your own kitchen. James Martin will be returning to the

festival, with some new and familiar faces joining him.

We've got an exciting music line up throughout the bank holiday weekend with our two hit stages set to return with new artists and festival favourites ready to make their mark at the iconic festival.

The fun doesn't stop there as it wouldn't be a festival without our 200 renowned artisan stalls offering tastes from around the world to grow your palate, as well as a range of arts, crafts and gifts for the whole family.

Fan favourite event "The Faulty Towers Dining Experience" returns to the Albert Halls and get your magnifying glasses out as we launch the new "Sheer Luck Holmes", an immersive murder mystery night that is sure to keep you guessing.

For the younger festivalgoers, we have plenty of child friendly entertainment, including a variety of free events activities and street performers in the Children's zone ran by Octagon Theatre and Bolton Central Library and museum, which will definitely keep our younger guests busy this year.

Bolton is the place to be this summer!

Follow our socials and check out our website for all the latest news and announcements.

Some partnership and sponsorship opportunities are still available, for details contact us at sponsorship@bolton.gov.uk

Rest in peace Dave Myers, one half of the Hairy Bikers

Thank you from everyone in Bolton for all the amazing memories.



boltonfoodanddrinkfestival.com

[boltonfoodanddrinkfestival](https://www.facebook.com/boltonfoodanddrinkfestival) [@boltonfoodfest](https://twitter.com/boltonfoodfest) [boltonfoodfest](https://www.instagram.com/boltonfoodfest)

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Book your date with IRONMAN

Don't miss out on Bolton town centre's biggest weekend of sport this summer.

IRONMAN 70.3 weekend arrives in June with three days of sporting activities and action, and there's something on offer for every age and ability.

NIGHT RUN
BOLTON UK Presented by IRONMAN

Kicking off the weekend on **Friday, June 28**, is Night Run Bolton UK.

Hundreds of people will head to the town centre to take on challenges ranging from jogging the 5k route to setting a personal best on the 10k route.

IRONKIDS

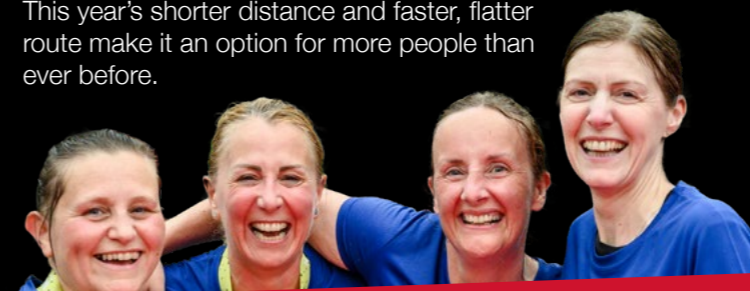
Then on **Saturday, June 29**, the world's biggest IRONKIDS returns to Bolton. New for this year, the number of places on offer has risen to an all-time high of 6,000.

Be sure your children do not miss out, as despite the record number of places, three-quarters have already been snapped up.

There will be plenty to keep children and the whole family entertained before and after the event, with food stalls, face painting and a climbing wall among the highlights.

IRONMAN
UK BOLTON ENGLAND

IRONMAN 70.3 comes to town on **Sunday, June 30**, featuring thousands of athletes competing along a 70.3-mile course. This year's shorter distance and faster, flatter route make it an option for more people than ever before.



Register now...

go.ironman.com/bolton



Road closures

This year, for the first time, both the run and bike legs of IRONMAN 70.3 on Sunday, June 30, will take place mainly within Bolton.

For safety reasons, this means roads in the area will be closed for part of the day and unfortunately some disruption is inevitable.

The run route is similar to previous years.

The bike route will require temporary road closures in the area of Pennington Flash, into Bolton along Atherleigh Way, North Road and Chew Moor Road, and along Chorley New Road between the town centre and Horwich.

All road closures will be advertised well in advance through signage, announcements in the local press, on social media and on the council website.

IRONMANUK

[IRONMAN England](https://www.facebook.com/IRONMANUK)

[VisitBolton](https://www.visitbolton.com)

[visitbolton](https://www.facebook.com/visitbolton)

Serving up even more choice

Shoppers will soon have yet another reason to visit the award-winning Bolton Market, with a brand-new food hall opening this Spring.



The market is well-known for offering great value for money alongside fresh produce from local suppliers.

But the venue has recently been transformed by a £5.59m government investment, meaning visitors and Bolton residents alike can enjoy an even better market experience.

The renovation is designed to increase the variety of stalls available, appeal to younger shoppers, and create a space where people can meet and socialise in the evenings.

The work includes the addition of the Bolton Market Food Hall, featuring nine catering units, an indoor dining area for 192 customers and additional outdoor seating.

Diners will be able to enjoy a programme of live entertainment, a bar and televised live sports.

The new space is fully connected to the rest of the market, allowing visitors to move easily between shopping at the stalls and sitting down to enjoy a wide variety of dining options.

Food Halls are an increasingly popular hospitality option, with communal seating offering a modern flexible space perfect for both small parties and larger groups.

Bolton Market Food Hall will open later on Fridays and Saturdays and is sure to become a popular destination with visitors of all ages.

A recent open day saw dozens of potential food and drink businesses express an interest in taking on one of the units.

The final line-up of traders will be announced ahead of the grand opening, and selection will be based on giving customers the widest possible variety of food and drink to choose from.

The new traders will be fully supported by the team at Bolton Market, who have an excellent track record in supporting businesses to thrive and expand.

boltonmarkets.com



Artisan markets to return

Popular markets set to return to Heaton Fold this spring.

Visitors to Heaton Fold Garden Centre can enjoy delights from Bolton Artisan Market as the monthly Sunday markets return next month.

The first market of 2024 will be held on Sunday 21 April from 10am to 3pm.

There will be a variety of locally produced food, drink, homeware and gifts from some exciting new stall holders as well as the return of some old favourites.

Heaton Fold Garden Centre is located at the bottom of Overdale Drive, off Chorley New Road. Free parking is available on site.



The garden centre is council-run and offers work placements to adults with learning disabilities; all income goes straight back into supporting them.

Students come to Heaton Fold to undertake a range of work-related tasks and activities in a safe and supportive environment to enhance their skills.

Markets commence 21 April then every fourth Sunday of the month 10am – 3pm

Sunday 21 April

Sunday 26 May

Sunday 23 June

Sunday 28 July

No market August

Sunday 22 September

Sunday 27 October

Opening hours:

Garden centre
Mon to Fri 9am – 4pm
Sat to Sun 10am – 4pm

Café
Wed to Sun 10am – 3pm

To find out more visit www.heatonfold.co.uk



heaton fold
GARDEN CENTRE



Regeneration round-up

Major regeneration projects can be seen right across the borough, delivering much needed homes, new job opportunities and improved public buildings for everyone.

Elsewhere in this magazine, you can read about the renovations of both Bolton Market and Bolton Central Library.

Here is a summary of just some of the many other projects that will also help transform life in our borough.

Plans for Crompton Place takes major step forward

Councillors are set to approve plans which could see the regeneration of Crompton Place start as early as this year.

The council bought the shopping centre in 2018 and began the long process of helping shops relocate to other parts of the town centre so work could start.

Among the few remaining shops is M&S, which retains access rights to its former store using the roof of Crompton Place and the bridge across Hotel Street.

But now, the council's cabinet has approved a deal to end this agreement early.

That could mean work starting as soon as Primark moves to the Market Place Shopping Centre in late 2024 or early 2025.

At first, the inside of the building will be stripped before the exterior can then be demolished.

Our council leader, Nick Peel, said:

“The redevelopment of Crompton Place presents us with an opportunity to replace an underused and unappealing building with something everyone in Bolton can be proud of.”

This key town centre space will continue to play an important role in Bolton life before, during and after the regeneration work.

The redevelopment of the site will focus on opening up more public space and creating direct access between Victoria Square and Bradshawgate.

Experts on board to help run new Wellsprings hub

Anyone visiting the town centre recently will have noticed the major refurbishment work to transform the Wellsprings office building into a modern space for business start-ups.

The council is working alongside Oxford Innovation Space to deliver the project.

The company already runs 32 similar centres in the UK and Ireland, and has helped 7,000 small and medium sized enterprises become more sustainable businesses.

New businesses based at the centre will be able to work collaboratively, will be supported to access funding and will benefit from support and mentoring.

Development of The Wellsprings Innovation Centre is backed by £6.9m from the Government's Towns Fund and £1.4m from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.



Due to open in September, The Wellsprings Innovation Centre will bring quality jobs to Bolton and provide affordable, modern, and flexible office space.



Previous plans for the site show how Crompton Place could look.



New health skills training centre to welcome first students

The brand-new Bolton Institute of Medical Sciences (BIMS) will open its doors in September this year.

The building will boast the latest technology, including simulation suites which can replicate different hospital wards; an immersive 4D room, which uses projectors, sounds, lighting and smells to generate realistic scenarios; and two assessment suites with life-like mannequins and virtual dissection beds.

The institute will train approximately 3,000 learners a year, with courses ranging from apprenticeships to undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

But not only is BIMS creating new jobs and training the NHS workforce of the future, it is also benefiting the wider community.

Recent figures for the project show that local spending in 2023 was £12.3m, supporting the borough's economy and boosting businesses based here in Bolton.

The site has also engaged with local good causes, including £154,000 spent with social enterprises like We Are Footprint, a recruitment agency that finds people facing barriers to employment and supports them back into work.

The Bolton Institute of Medical Sciences received £20m from the first round of the government's Levelling Up Fund.

Growing the good work with Community Alliances



After speaking with residents, we have changed the way we engage with and support communities across Bolton.

We have refreshed our approach and we have now created Community Alliances to help people who live locally to develop and expand the good and positive community work they do in their areas.

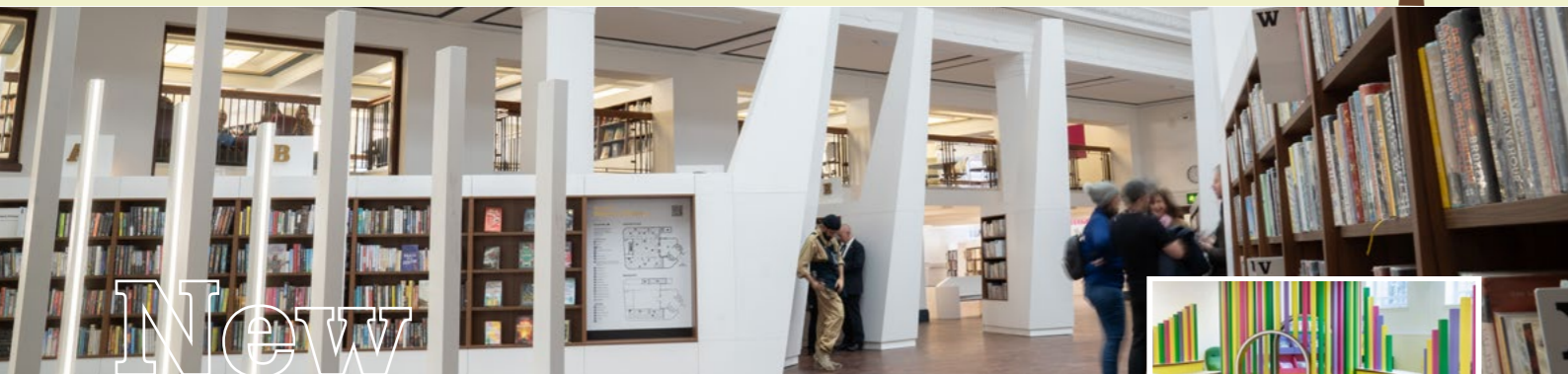
A Community Alliance is an informal network of local residents, voluntary groups and businesses who care about the place they live and work in and, want to make it better.

The aim of this approach is to help communities to develop more local activities that, make a difference to their local residents and the place they live in using their skills, knowledge and interests.

Each area has its own Area Co-ordinator that is on hand with advice, support and guidance on connecting with new people.

Community Alliances means discovering community solutions, to community issues, delivered through community actions.

To find out more about Community Alliances and find local Area Co-ordinators visit www.bolton.gov.uk/communityalliances



Bolton Library

Bolton Central Library, on Le Mans Crescent, is now back open after a £4.43m makeover.

The building has been stripped back to reveal many of the original features but with the addition of an expanded children's area, improved social spaces, updated digital facilities and the brand-new Cafe Crescent.




The new space has been designed to reflect the changing way in which communities use their local libraries, with

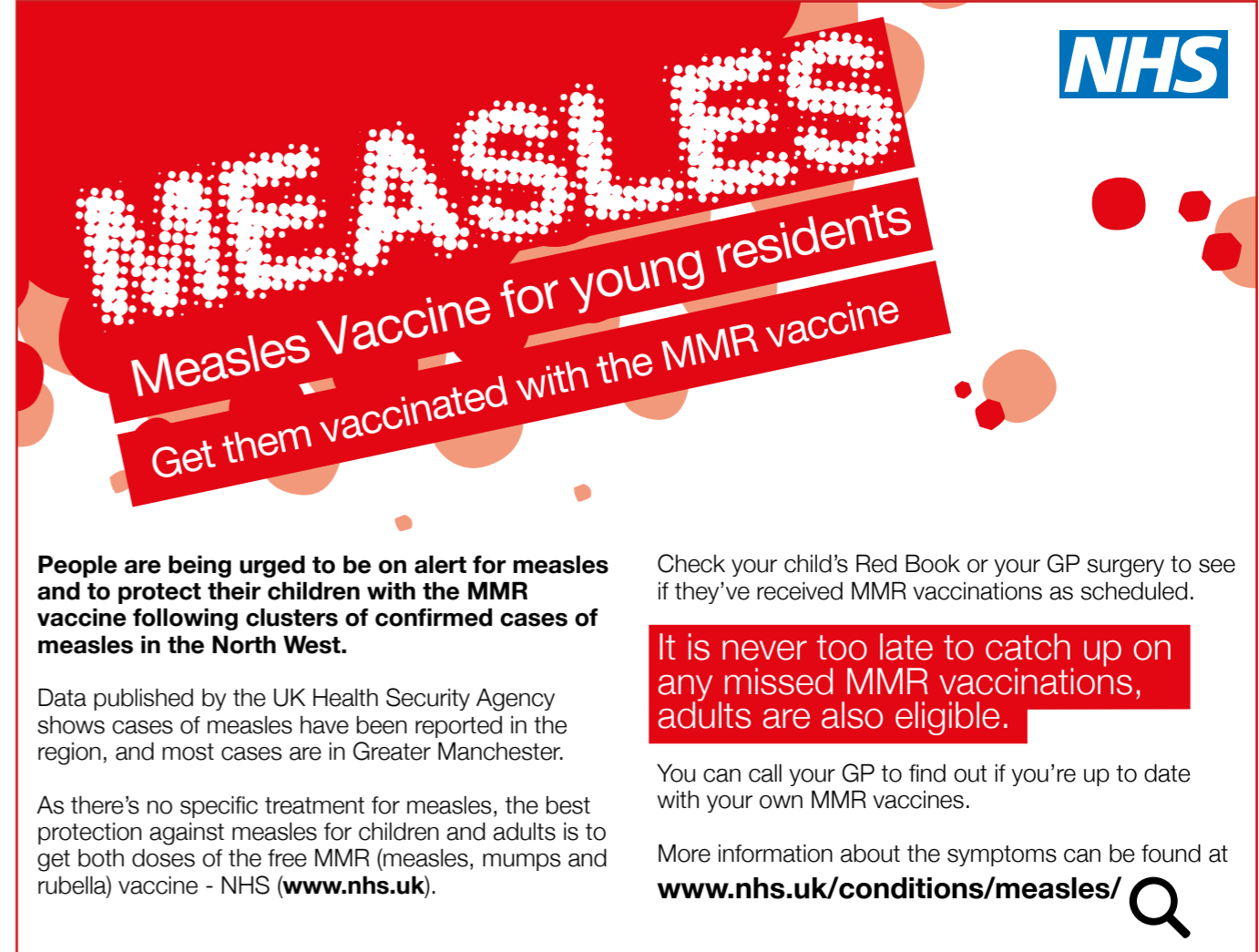
an added emphasis on reading, creativity and ensuring there are digital facilities for everybody to use.

Lots of activities will take place for children and young people, there's a mezzanine floor where community groups can meet and there's also an area where new businesses can get support.

The renovations also include a Changing Places Toilet that has extra equipment and space.



For more info visit www.boltonlams.co.uk or follow Bolton Library and Museum Services on socials   

Measles
Get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

Measles Vaccine for young residents
Get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

People are being urged to be on alert for measles and to protect their children with the MMR vaccine following clusters of confirmed cases of measles in the North West.


Data published by the UK Health Security Agency shows cases of measles have been reported in the region, and most cases are in Greater Manchester.

As there's no specific treatment for measles, the best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the free MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk).

Check your child's Red Book or your GP surgery to see if they've received MMR vaccinations as scheduled.

It is never too late to catch up on any missed MMR vaccinations, adults are also eligible.

You can call your GP to find out if you're up to date with your own MMR vaccines.

More information about the symptoms can be found at www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/ 

Ready to quit smoking?



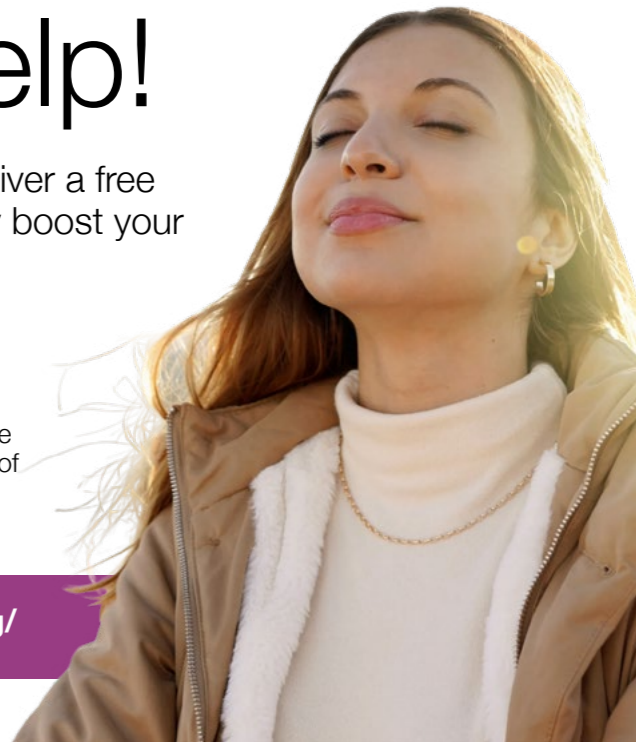
We're here to help!

Bolton Council has commissioned ABL Health to deliver a free and friendly stop smoking service that can massively boost your chances of quitting for good.

They make the process as easy as possible, with flexible appointments available face-to-face in Bolton, over the phone or online.

The 12-week programmes are run by expert advisors who provide a range of proven methods to help you quit, as well as supplying up to 12 weeks of free nicotine replacement products.

Book your place today www.yhbolton.co.uk/quit-smoking/



Cleaning up our streets

The council continues to crackdown on flytipping in the borough, issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) and prosecuting offenders where possible.

In 2023, a total of 1,769 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for environmental offences which includes flytipping as well as other issues such as littering and dog fouling.

This is a huge increase on the 128 FPNs issued in 2022 thanks to some partnership working and continued dedication of council enforcement officers in investigating offences.

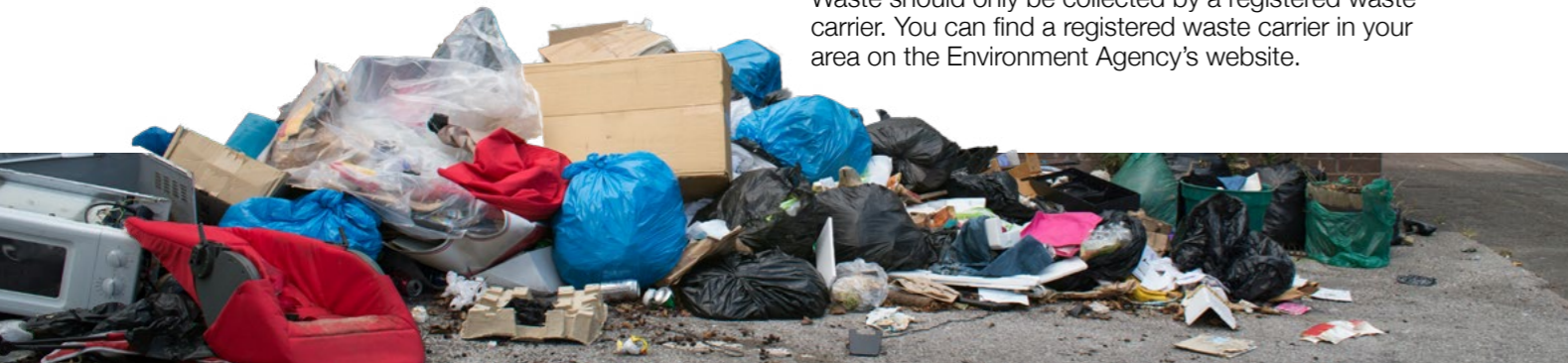
Bolton Council's Executive Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Cllr Sue Haworth, said:

"Flytipping is antisocial behaviour, which shows a complete disregard for the local area and for local people. We issue Fixed Penalty Notices where we can trace those responsible.

"Residents are therefore encouraged to continue reporting incidents of fly tipping in neighbourhoods and on local land, via the website."

It's important to know you can be fined or prosecuted if your waste is flytipped by someone else on your behalf.

Waste should only be collected by a registered waste carrier. You can find a registered waste carrier in your area on the Environment Agency's website.



The time has come... Clock tower back in working order



Bolton's famous train station clock tower is ticking once again, thanks to a timely intervention from the council.

Engineers have been working on the popular landmark to return the clock to working order.

The work was done in partnership with Transport for Greater Manchester, who have overall responsibility for the clock tower.

The clock tower was built back in the late 1800s when it was part of the old Trinity Street Station.

It was rebuilt to be part of the new railway station in the late 1980s.

Bolton Council's Executive Cabinet Member for Transport, Housing and Highways, Cllr Hamid Khurram, said:



"It's great news that the clock is working again."

"Not only is it relied upon by people making journeys in and out of Bolton Interchange, it's also an important piece of historical architecture.

"Landmarks like this are an important part of Bolton town centre's heritage and this latest work complement other recent restorations to the Market Cross and our war memorial."

New Family Hubs

Bolton Family Hubs and Start Well Centres are places where families can share the joys and challenges of childhood and parenthood.

They offer a range of activities for children plus support services for parents, all under one roof.

with every aspect of parenting, including advice and guidance on issues such as debt, welfare and housing.

a share of the government's £302m Family Hub and Start for Life fund.

"They cover a wide range of needs, and visitors will appreciate the friendly and approachable service that encourages trust and supportive relationships.

Exciting and fun activities like Busy Babies and Nature Club help children learn, develop and get the best possible start in life.

The hubs are being delivered by the council in partnership with Greater Manchester Mental Health and Bolton NHS Foundation Trusts, Bolton Together, Bolton Community and Voluntary Service and other community organisations.

"The focus is on quality and continuity of care, better connected services, and outcomes for everyone as the hubs help people feel more empowered to take control of their own lives."

Plenty of useful advice for parents is available on topics such as breastfeeding and baby's first food, as well support from professionals and other parents.

Support is available for families with children up to the age of 19 years old, and up to 25 years for those with special educational needs and disabilities.

Our Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Cllr Martin Donaghy, said:

Alexandra Family Hub
Farnworth Family Hub
Great Lever Family Hub
Oxford Grove Family Hub
Tonge Family Hub

The hubs also bring together a wide range of support services to help

The hubs are a result of Bolton being one of 75 local authorities to receive

"Bolton's Family Hubs are family-centric, linked to existing community services and accessible in person or online.



Find out more about Bolton's Family Hubs and the activities on offer at boltonstartwell.org.uk/familyhubs





Caring for you in your own home

We all want to live in the place we call home, with the people and things we love around us, and the support of the people we know and trust.

Many of us will need care and support at some point in our lives, whether it's to recover from a short-term illness, or more intensive support later in life with residential nursing care.

Bolton's Living Well at Home vision supports the belief that everyone wants to live in the place they call home and their services target people's strengths, with all the personal care, practical assistance, and support required to live life as comfortably and independently as possible.

Our Home Support Reablement Service helps deliver this, which has been rated as 'Good' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), confirming services are safe, effective, caring, responsive, and well-led.

The inspectors complimented its procedures, being well managed for risk prevention and infection control,

administering medications health and nutrition needs, promoting individual's rights and communication needs.

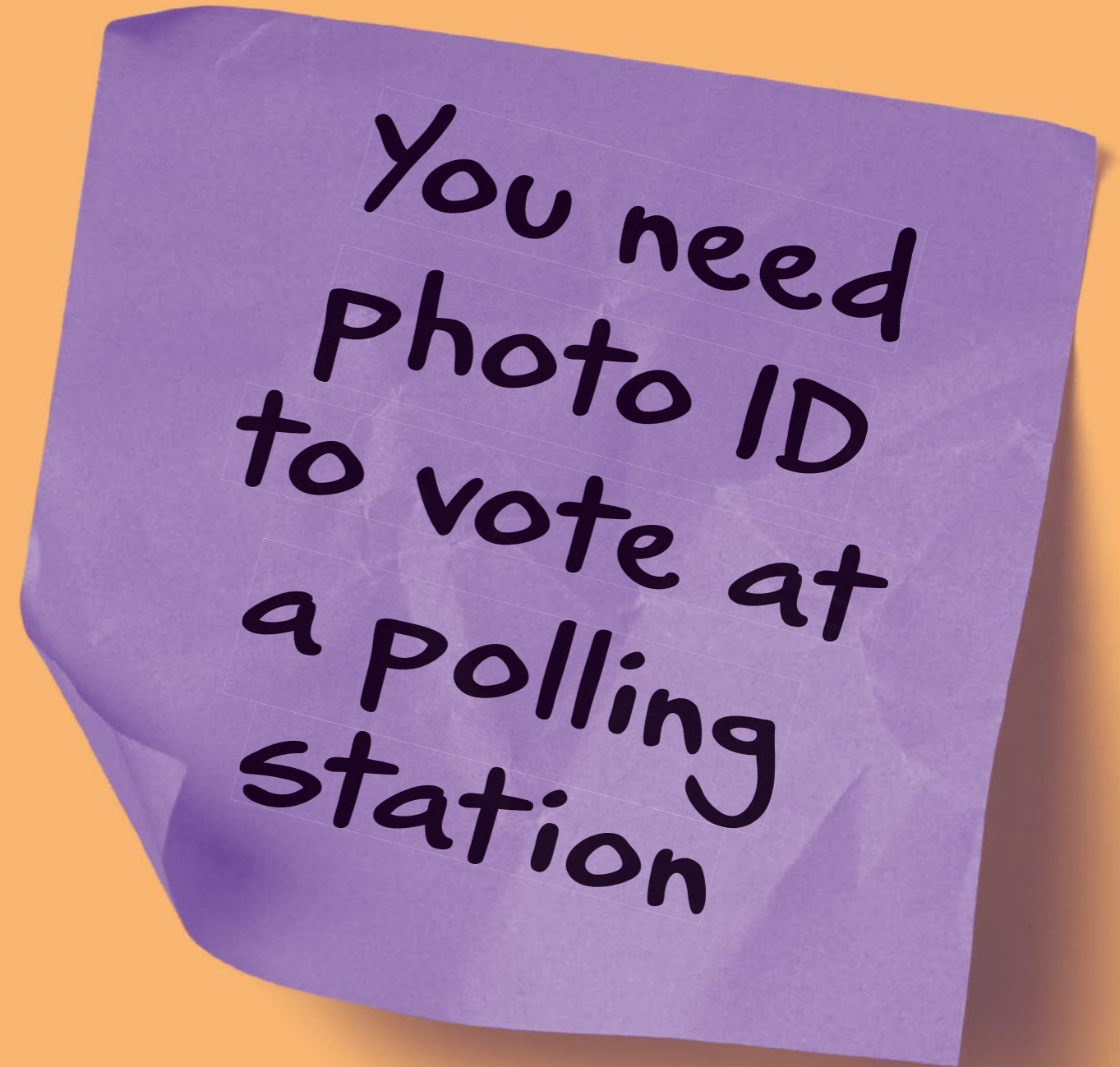
The service is supported by many partner organisations offering high quality information, advice and guidance, adaptive equipment, care and carer assessments, short-term reablement, and care and nursing home beds.

In 2017, a 'Good' rating was awarded to the service but this time it's been achieved against a backdrop of a pandemic, rising costs, an ageing population and limited government funding.

Bolton continues to achieve good results despite enormous challenges and will continue to lobby the government for the critical funding it desperately needs to maintain standards in the future.

Find out more at bolton.gov.uk/health-care 

The Electoral Commission



No ID? You can apply for free voter ID

Find out more at

electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

or call 0800 328 0280



Need help with the Cost of living

Bolton's helping locals cope better with rising cost of living.

Many people do not claim all they are entitled to, yet support is also available to those not on benefits or previously in receipt of support. Find out more www.bolton.gov.uk/costliving/debt-money-benefits

Get support with:

- Emergency support accessing food, gas and electricity, travel and other essentials like cookers, fridges and washing machines
- Warm Spaces, open for locals to escape cold weather and get advice
- Local events offering personal support at schools and other community venues

Government funding is not guaranteed so Bolton Council and its partners are developing an anti-poverty strategy to continue delivering essential support in the future.

Electricity North West Extra Care Register

During a power cut, Electricity North West's free register provides extra support to keep you safe and comfortable until the power's back on.

Check eligibility and register now at www.enwl.co.uk/extracare or call **01204 331968**

Where you can get help...

Debt, money, and benefits:

Age UK Bolton
01204 382411

Hoot Credit Union
01204 365024

Pension Credit
0800 99 1234

Bolton Jobcentre Plus
0800 055 6688

Housing Benefit
01204 331590

Royal British Legion
0808 802 8080

Citizens Advice Bury & Bolton
0808 278 7804 (freephone)

Housing Benefit – Home Visits
01204 331901

Welfare Rights Service
01204 333820

Council Tax Support
01204 331590

Household Support Fund
01204 331590 / 332272

Universal Credit Helpline
0800 328 5644

Discretionary Council Tax Reduction
01204 331590

Local Welfare Provision
01204 332772

United Utilities
0800 072 6765

Discretionary Housing Payment
01204 331590

Money Skills Service
01204 332916

Food, energy, and safety

Electricity North West
01204 331968
extracare@enwl.co.uk

Free School Meals
www.bolton.gov.uk

Healthy Start Scheme
0300 330 7010
Help to buy healthy food and milk for those with children aged 10 weeks to 4yrs.

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service
0800 555 815
In an emergency always call **999**

Health and wellbeing

Bolton Families Information Service
www.bolton.gov.uk/fis
Offers free information on early education and services for children, young people and families in Bolton (including help with childcare costs).

Bolton's HAF Programme
01204 332323
www.bolton.gov.uk/haf
Free food, fun, creative sessions over Easter, Summer, and Christmas for children and families on benefit related Free School Meals.

Silverwellbeing Therapy Service
01204 917745
silverwellbeing@1pointbolton.org.uk
Free counselling and talking therapies for bereavement, loss, and relationship counselling.

Warm Spaces
www.warmwelcome.uk
Bolton's libraries are open to the public as warm spaces throughout spring. Drop in during normal library opening times for free activities, group events or use the free Wi-Fi and computer access.

Housing support

Do you rent your home? Contact your housing provider to see how they can help with cost of living.

Bolton Care and Repair Service
01204 328177 / 01204 328178
Helping those aged 60+ or with a disability to make home repairs or adaptations

Housing Options Service
01204 335900
Helping the homeless or those at risk of becoming homelessness.

Jobs and skills

Bolton Council's Workshop
01204 338981
the.workshop@bolton.gov.uk
Upskilling, training and helping people find better jobs.

Bolton Jobcentre Plus
0800 055 6688

Support for businesses

Business Bolton
01204 336222
businessbolton@bolton.gov.uk

More help...

Get Online at Bolton Council libraries
01204 332853

Bolton Community and Voluntary Service
01204 546010

Find out more at
www.bolton.gov.uk/costofliving 



Bolton Central Library and Museum What's On



School's out! Bolton Central Library and Museum, 11am to 3pm

Come along during the school holidays for fun activities, storytelling, trails and film screenings.

Sat 30 March to Sun 14 April

Find out more about the Special Effects Making Models for Film and TV exhibition.

Sat 25 May to Sun 2 June

Explore how nature features in so many Fairytales and the museum's new exhibition 'Nature into Art'.



Fish Feeds

During the school holidays there will be fish feeds on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1pm. Join our Aquarium experts to find out more about our Freshwater fish collection.

Cinema at the Crescent Lecture Theatre, 2pm

Family-friendly film screenings.

Sat 13 April - The Little Mermaid (2023)

Sat 11 May - Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie

Under 12-year-olds must be accompanied by an adult.

The University of Bolton Special Effects Model Making for Film and TV exhibition Mon 11 March to Sun 12 May, Up Close Gallery

The University of Bolton's Special Effects Model Making for Film and TV degree is a unique programme developed and taught by industry professionals, that explores a wide range of specialist skills for the creation of physical and digital effects for film and television. From alien spaceships and automated robots to ancient statues, model and prop making is used to create physical artefacts to support the action, as well as provide a sense of place, time and atmosphere for actors and audiences to respond to. Visit the exhibition and see for yourself how special effects transform what we watch!



History Explorers at Bolton Museum

In these monthly family-friendly sessions, we will explore the people, places, and events that make up Bolton's history.

Each session will focus on a different topic - from the history of the toilet to textile pattern design - and will end with a creative activity. Free, no booking required. Age 7+.

11am to 12.30pm on the following Saturdays:

- 13 Apr
- 11 May

Dug It Archaeology ID Days

Found something in the flower bed? Discovered something on a dig? Show what you have uncovered to our expert archaeologist for identification.



Drop in from 11am to 3pm on:

- 23 Mar
- 10 Apr
- 18 May
- 12 Jun

Suprises from the Natural History stores

Become a nature detective and explore the natural world by getting up close to the natural history collections at the museum not currently on public display.

1pm on the following Saturdays:

- 23 Mar
- 20 Apr
- 18 May



Archive Stories, Sat 13 April to Sun 26 May

New textile art inspired by the Joseph Johnson Collection.

An exhibition of one of Bolton's most successful cotton manufacturers, Joseph Johnson Ltd.

Family fun day, Sat 13 April, 11am to 3pm

Join us to celebrate the opening of Archive Stories with playful pattern making activities and storytelling. Free, no booking.

Smithills Halls



Nature Walks Thurs 4 April, 1pm

Join our Curator of Natural History to explore the nature surrounding Smithills Hall. We'll be hunting for insects, learning about trees, and looking for signs of other wildlife in the gardens.

School holiday crafts Fri 5, Fri 12 April, Fri 31 May, 11am to 12.30pm

Come along for a fun themed craft session at Smithills Hall.

Book via **Eventbrite**
Tickets: £3 per child

Family Fun Day and Dog Show Sun 19 May, 12pm to 4pm



Lots of classes and family friendly activities. Free admission for visitors. Charges will apply for dog classes, stalls, activities and refreshments. Dog Show registration details will be available on Eventbrite in March.



UNITED WERUN

Bolton



United We Run is a groundbreaking running initiative aimed at inspiring women in Bolton to embark on a journey towards a happier and healthier lifestyle.

This innovative running program is designed to inspire and empower women of all ages and fitness levels to start or re-start running.

The app gives access to daily, weekly and monthly challenges, live streamed and playback classes, strength training programmes, global members community and local support groups.

It's not about speed or distance, it's about the journey to becoming fitter, stronger and healthier.

It has been brought to Bolton thanks to a collaboration between Bolton Council, Bolton GP Federation, Bolton Wanderers in the Community and Her Spirit.

As part of the United We Run partnership, access to the Her Spirit app will become available for free to 12,000 Bolton women who currently struggle to access or afford online support and coaching.

Her Spirit is a mobile fitness app that creates a female only community that motivates, coaches and connects women together, helping them to get started, stay motivated and meet other like-minded women to talk, walk, run, swim and cycle together in real life.



More information can be found at www.unitedwerun.co.uk/bolton



TRIO ENTERTAINMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE BOLTON ALBERT HALLS PROUDLY PRESENT
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AS THE EVIL RINGMASTER

THE HILARIOUS - PANTO FAVOURITE
ANDREW CURPHEY
AS RINGO THE RINGBOY

THE DELIGHTFUL
REBECCA LAKE
AS GOLDILOCKS

Goldilocks
AND THE
AMAZING THREE BEARS

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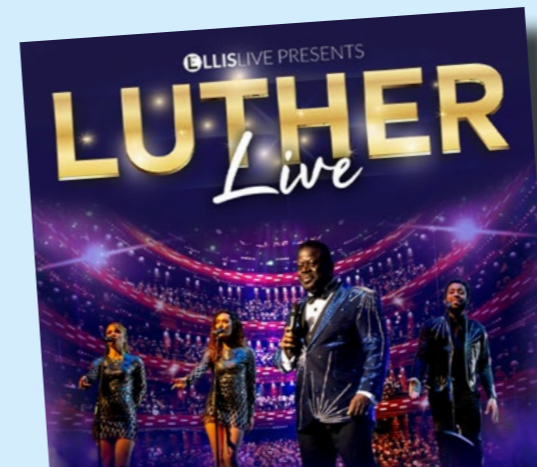
What's on at the Albert Halls



**Dinosaur Adventure Live –
Trouble on Volcano Island**
31st March



Arrival – The Hits of Abba
7th April



Luther
26th April



The UK Pink Floyd Experience
27th April



**The Ultimate Classic
Rock Show**
3rd and 4th May



High Jinx
28th May

Tel 0343 208 0500

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Contact your friendly fostering team

Tel: 0800 107 1564

Website: www.bolton.gov.uk/fostering

Email: fostering@bolton.gov.uk

Foster
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Useful contact details

Rubbish and recycling

For general enquiries and how to report a missed bin collection or order a new bin go to www.bolton.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling
01204 336632

Council tax

To register for council tax or report a change of address or circumstances. To access your account online, view council tax charges and check your bill go to www.bolton.gov.uk/council-tax
01204 331599

Housing and finding a home

To register for council rented accommodation, information and advice on sheltered accommodation, adapting your home and preventing homelessness go to www.bolton.gov.uk/housing-options-advice
01204 335811 Homes for Bolton
01204 335900 Housing Advice

Benefits

For council tax support, housing benefits, apply for food parcels, furniture or help with gas and electric go to www.bolton.gov.uk/benefits
01204 331590

Blue badges

To apply for, renew or report your Blue Badge lost or stolen, go to www.bolton.gov.uk/parking-permits/blue-badges

Licensing

To apply for or renew a license for taxis and private hire, alcohol and gambling, street licenses and charity collection go to www.bolton.gov.uk/business-licensing
01204 336584

Business rates

To pay your business rates, report a change in circumstances or find out about business rates reductions go to www.bolton.gov.uk/business-rates
01204 331730

Births, deaths and marriages (Registrar's Office)

To register a birth or death please go to www.bolton.gov.uk/registering-birth-death
01204 331185

We've listed these useful telephone numbers, but all applications and most services will require you to go online to make an enquiry. If you don't have access to the internet at home, you can come to the One Stop Shop in the Town Hall, your local library or community hub.

Before you go...

Bolton Market Cross restored to golden glory

The Market Cross at the entrance to Churchgate has stood on that site since 1482, making it one of the oldest heritage monuments in the town centre.

The cross, which had become badly weathered over the last 15 years, has now been repainted by a specialist team from our Highways Department.

Shining a light on Bolton's war heroes

We have upgraded the lighting on Bolton's cenotaph, allowing the Grade II listed monument to be seen fully at night for the first time in years.

The flood lighting on either side of the monument had not been working properly because of a supply fault.

But the cenotaph has now been returned to its full glory thanks to the work of our street lighting team.

Cllr Ayub, Cabinet Member for Culture, said: "The work to restore and improve the lighting is part of our ongoing commitment to make the most of Bolton's many great heritage and cultural assets."

Tell us what you think...

We want to hear your views. Please let us know your thoughts on ourbolton@bolton.gov.uk

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