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Welcome

What's inside



Welcome to the first edition of Our Bolton in 2025.

This is typically a time for fresh starts and new beginnings, and fittingly the first wave of residents are now moving into their new homes at Moor Lane and Deansgate Gardens.

These are the first completed schemes of our regeneration masterplan, welcoming the first of a projected 5,000 new town centre residents who will support local businesses and boost the Bolton economy.

But 2025 will be an even bigger year for regeneration as we start the transformation of Church Wharf, which will deliver more than 400 homes and a hotel.

Most importantly, this will be the year that we take the crucial first steps towards the regeneration of Crompton Place.

Demolition will start in the summer, opening up our town centre, re-connecting Victoria Square and Bradshawgate, and setting the stage for many exciting regeneration opportunities.

Meanwhile, we are working to enhance our reputation as a cultural powerhouse, attract more visitors to see the very best of our borough, and create a new sense of pride and ambition in Bolton.

This year, our award-winning Bolton Food and Drink Festival celebrates its 20th birthday, and we look forward to welcoming you all to a party fit for this huge milestone.

Our Visitor Economy Strategy has been established to attract people to Bolton all year round to see our stunning architecture, breathtaking countryside, famous film locations and leading cultural venues.

We are also continuing our year as Greater Manchester Town of Culture, which has already seen so many fantastic events, exhibitions and performances across the borough.

All this great work can be seen on the new We Are Bolton website, which highlights all the many opportunities that make Bolton the ideal place to live, work, study, invest and visit.

There is so much to look forward to this year, and plenty to read about in this magazine - including updates from our vital frontline services, guidance on how to stay healthy in 2025, and valuable support with the cost of living.

Thank you for reading, and here's to another great year for Bolton.

**Councillor Nick Peel,
Bolton Council Leader**

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Bolton IS BORN TO PERFORM.

wearebolton.co.uk

An impressive new website, wearebolton.co.uk, has launched that tells Bolton's unique story and showcases everything our town has to offer for residents, visitors, students, businesses and investors.

Whether you are an entrepreneur looking for reasons to invest in Bolton, or looking to plan your next family-fun filled weekend, this new website provides you with everything you need to know to make the most of Bolton.

This comes at an exciting time for Bolton, with the launch of the new Bolton brand and Bolton Brand Ambassador Board.

This partnership takes full advantage of what we do best; radiating influence, building confidence, cultivating strong leadership, developing new relationships and bringing business and place together.

To find out more about the Bolton Brand Ambassador Board, contact

info@wearebolton.co.uk

We are proud to tell Bolton's story which highlights the distinctiveness, charm and characteristics that make Bolton so special.

Bolton means business

Businesses have the foundation to grow in Bolton thanks to excellent connectivity, great value land, loyal workforce and space to expand.

Bolton better connected

Bolton is one of the most important towns in Greater Manchester and is ideally located to act as a hub for national and international business.

A culture & leisure renaissance

Bolton's unique cultural offer is one of its greatest strengths, setting it apart from other towns. In Bolton, culture is not a "nice to have" but an essential part of the town's identity.

Get involved and be part of our story at
wearebolton.co.uk



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VISIT Bolton

Welcome to Bolton's
official online tour guide



Bolton Council is excited to announce the launch of the new Visit Bolton website, where visitors can access all the latest information on Bolton's fantastic attractions and events.

With its modern design and intuitive navigation, the website is user friendly to help visitors explore the best of Bolton from any device.

The revamped website is packed with new features, offering seamless access to information, including a comprehensive events calendar, an array of local attractions, dining, and shopping.

There's also a build your own itinerary option to help visitors plan their trips with ease.

In line with Bolton's recognition as Greater Manchester's Town of Culture 2024, the website highlights major cultural events, including the famous Bolton Food and Drink Festival and the IRONMAN weekend.

Visit Bolton has also developed a new brand that will not only serve tourists, but also fosters community pride among residents, encouraging them to rediscover local gems and support the local economy.

Bolton Council's Executive Member for Culture, Nadeem Ayub, said:

"The enhanced Visit Bolton brand is a testament to our commitment to elevating Bolton's reputation as a destination of choice, drawing visitors from near and far.

"This new website provides an engaging and informative resource that reflects the vibrancy and welcoming spirit of our town."

To check out the brand-new website, head on over to www.visitbolton.com

You can also share your favourite place to visit in Bolton by using the hashtag **#visitbolton**
All Bolton based businesses can join the platform for **FREE**, just visit our website.



Bolton

TOWN OF CULTURE



presents

Bolton Gala 2025

Celebrate our town's reign as Greater Manchester's Town of Culture at Bolton Gala!



Bolton has had a jam-packed summer and winter filled with creative workshops, performances, music sessions, film tours and our famous Put Big Light On light art festival.

The fun hasn't stopped there though! There's so much more to get involved with at Bolton Gala 2025.



On Saturday 15 March, there will be exhibitions, workshops, performances and storytelling sessions as venues across Bolton celebrate.

Highlights include...

Exhibitions:

- **Documenting Your Community** An exhibition with British Culture Archive, local photographer Don Tonge and the public
- **Falcon Mill Open Art exhibition**
- **Beacons of Bolton** at P5 Gallery
- **Social Fabric** at Creatives Now Gallery

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Hatshepsut Exhibition Tours

Tours at
11am &
2pm
30-40mins

Join our Curator of Egyptology, Ian Trumble, as he takes you on a tour of the temporary exhibition In the Temple of the Female Pharaoh: Howard Carter and Hatshepsut. Suitable for all ages. Free. No booking. **Meet in the Museum Foyer, 1st Floor, on the following Wednesdays:**

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Mar

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May

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Bolton's Egypt Study Day: "Queens of Ancient Egypt"

Saturday 29 March, 10.30am to 7pm

Join world-leading Egyptology experts as they take you on a journey to explore the lives of influential Egyptian queens, looking at their roles in politics, religion, and society.

Enjoy expert talks, immersive workshops, as well as lunch, drinks and nibbles.

Bookable through Eventbrite or the museum shop, in person or by phone on 01204 332211.

www.eventbrite

£40

£45
inc. lunch

£5
single lecture



SCAN ME

The Earl and the Pharaoh: From the real Downton Abbey to the discovery of Tutankhamun

A talk by the Countess of Carnarvon

Friday 7 March, 10.30am to 11.30am

As part of Women's History Day celebrations 2025, we're pleased to welcome for the first time in Bolton, the Countess of Carnarvon to talk about her recent book, *The Earl and the Pharaoh*, which documents the relationship between Lord Carnarvon, archaeologist Howard Carter, and Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamun.



Find out how the world's most famous discovery was directed from the Countess's home, Highclere Castle, aka Downton Abbey.

A book signing of *The Earl and the Pharaoh* will take place after the lecture. If you wish to buy a book and have it signed by Lady Carnarvon, please arrive in advance of the lecture. At the request of Lady Carnarvon, all proceeds from the event will go to the Mayor's Charities.

Bookable through Eventbrite or the museum shop, in person or by phone at 01204 332211.

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adult

£3
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Smithills Hall Fun Dog Show

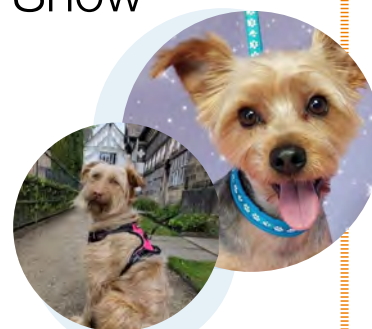
Sun 11 May, 12pm to 4pm

Are you ready for another year of woof-tastic fun at Smithills Hall Dog Show?

Expect exciting classes, lots of stalls and refreshments for everyone.

Free admission for visitors. Charges will be applicable for the dog competition, stalls, activities and refreshments.

Dog Show registration details will be available on Eventbrite.



Download the Bolton Library and Museum's What's On guide online at boltonlams.co.uk or pick up from the Central Library to discover all the year's events!

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Bolton's Fund 5th Birthday

Celebrating volunteer and community groups

Local volunteer groups were recognised in December as Bolton's Fund celebrated its fifth birthday with an awards ceremony.

Since 2019, Bolton's Fund has handed out more than 1,200 grants totalling over £6.5m to voluntary, community and social enterprise groups in Bolton, enabling them to deliver projects, services and activities for local people.

The six award winners were Bolton Toy Library, Henshaws, Bolton Hindus Age Inspiration, Re-cycle IT, Halliwell Environmental Ramblers Association and Changing Life Directions.

Each winner received £500 towards their continued work.

Bolton's Fund is delivered by Bolton Council, Bolton CVS and NHS Greater Manchester, and the awards were sponsored by Seddon, Bolton Wanderers in the Community, Lightful Ltd and Adullam Homes.



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Mayor celebrates success stories

In his year as Mayor, Cllr Andy Morgan has gone above and beyond in celebrating the very best of Bolton.

Boxer Cindy Ngamba captured the world's imagination in Paris last summer, as she became the first ever athlete to win a medal for the Refugee Olympic Team.

Cindy moved to Bolton from Cameroon at 12 years old, and overcame many hurdles on her way to winning a bronze medal.

But the rewards did not end there, in December the Mayor organised a civic reception and presented Cindy with a formal scroll in recognition of her unprecedented feat.

In January, six-time Special Olympics Gold Medal winning cyclist Kiera Byland was the guest of honour at a ceremony to add her name to a unique collection.

First opened in 2017, Brilliant Bolton Women displays photos and descriptions of the achievements of notable local women.

Kiera was joined by the Mayor to officially unveil her portrait alongside details of her many accolades.

The Mayor said: "It's hoped that Kiera's story, alongside those of the other brilliant women featured here, will continue to inspire generations to come."

The medallists kept coming, this time in the form of Bolton's highest civic honour.

Last year Cllr Morgan, announced the reintroduction of the Bolton Civic Medal with four recipients chosen for their outstanding contributions to life in the borough.

Inspired by personal experience, Jane Dixon established The Bereavement Café to support families and young people dealing with the death of a loved one.

Known as the Father of Fitness, Ken Heathcote raised a fortune for various charities by completing marathons, cold water swims and many other impressive physical feats.

Dee Luczka is CEO of Sapphire Partnerships, a charity that supports vulnerable young adults with neuro diverse needs and disabilities.

Since arriving in the UK in the 1970s, Ganshyam Patel has supported many others to settle and feel a sense of belonging in Bolton.

The Mayor said: "I am so proud to be mayor in the year this great tradition has been revived and I look forward to seeing many more Civic Medals awarded into the future."



Building on success

An even bigger year for regeneration in Bolton



As the regeneration of Bolton continues to gather momentum, 2024 saw several key projects successfully completed.

These included residential developments across the town centre, flexible office and co-working space at the Wellsprings, the £40m Bolton Institute of Medical Sciences and much more.

But as fast as progress has been in the last 12 months, things will step up another gear in 2025 with the start of two truly transformational projects, Church Wharf and the redevelopment of Crompton Place.

Local developers Watson will shortly put forward their plans for more than 400 homes and a hotel at Church Wharf.

This will add to the new homes already created at Moor Lane and Deansgate Gardens, as part of a plan that will eventually bring 5,000 new residents to the town centre.

New housing is an essential part of plans for the reimagined centre of Bolton, together with a

modern mix of retail, restaurants, leisure opportunities and workplaces.

Shopping still has an essential role to play in Bolton's future and a quality retail offer is now consolidated around Market Place, which has been strengthened by the recent relocation of Primark and other big names.

With Crompton Place now empty, it paves the way for what will be the flagship redevelopment project for Bolton.

Demolition is due to start in the summer, and residents and visitors alike will quickly see the benefits of a more open town centre with direct links between Victoria Square and Bradshawgate.

The cleared site will have enormous potential and will be the ideal place for a mixed-use, phased regeneration scheme.

Council Leader, Cllr Nick Peel, said:



“The redevelopment of Crompton Place is a once in a generation opportunity at the heart of our town centre.

“This will be our flagship project, signalling to investors that Bolton means business when it comes to regeneration.”

“Now is the time to build on this success and we look forward to more exciting announcements in 2025.”



For the latest on Bolton's regeneration, visit investinbolton.com

Spring clean for roads

A new clean-up team will tackle anti-social behaviour like fly-tipping and littering on problem roads.

The two-person team at Bolton Council will focus on unadopted roads – roads that are not owned by or the responsibility of the council, but which often attract nuisance behaviours and complaints.

They will work with local residents and also have the power to issue on-the-spot fines of up to £300.

Bolton Council's Executive Member for Climate Change and Environment, Cllr Richard Silvester, said:

“No one likes living near fly-tipping, litter or overgrown greenery and these kinds of nuisances can have a very real impact on communities.



“That’s why, even though the council is not officially responsible for unadopted roads, we want to try a new approach in the hope that it will benefit people.”

The new team is in addition to regularly scheduled street cleansing services.

Contact the team via the council website,

01204 336632 or neighbourhoodservicesinbox@bolton.gov.uk

Create your dream garden

Sitting in a picturesque valley just on the outskirts of Bolton town centre, Heaton Fold Garden Centre has everything you need to create your dream garden, from seasonal bedding plants, perennials, composts and decorative aggregates to ceramic planters, garden furniture, pots and ornaments.

We stock a selection of seasonal giftware and a range of garden sundries to suit all pockets.

You can also relax with a drink and a bite to eat in our licensed café, which serves a range of snacks and light lunches including our delicious afternoon tea.

Located at the bottom of Overdale Drive, Heaton Fold Garden Centre is open 7 days a week.

Opening hours:

Garden centre

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

Café

Wed to Sun 10am – 3pm

We are a Bolton Council run facility that is open to the public and also offers work experience for adults with learning disabilities.

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



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GARDEN CENTRE





Be part of the action

Following last year's record-breaking weekend of sport, when over eight thousand people took part in three exciting events and thousands more cheered them on, Bolton's **IRONMAN 70.3** weekend returns this June.

Don't miss out on the chance to be part of the action, as **Night Run Bolton UK**, **IRONKIDS** and **IRONMAN 70.3 Bolton** fill the streets with sporting spectacle.

Night Run Bolton UK gets the party started on Friday, June 6, with up to 2,000 runners of all ages and abilities expected to take to the streets of the town centre amid a fabulous atmosphere.

Bolton's famous **IRONKIDS** event – still the biggest in the world – takes over the town centre on Saturday, June 7, when up to 6,000 youngsters will be cheered all the way to the finish on the red carpet in Victoria Square.

Sunday, June 8 brings the challenge of **IRONMAN 70.3 Bolton**, as thousands of athletes swim, cycle and run an amazing 70.3 miles.

Places are still available for all three events but are selling fast.

Find out more and register for events at **Night Run** and **IRONKIDS**.



BOLTON

FITNESS FOR HEALTH

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Live well at home

A new 20-bed intermediate care unit has opened to help people regain their independence after a period of ill-health, as either an alternative to hospital or on discharge from hospital to help them return home.

Bolton Council is running the care service alongside its existing intermediate care services from the Dove House Unit in Great Lever.

The service provides a more suitable environment than unnecessarily waiting in hospital, for people who may need further assessment or rehabilitation before returning home. It is part of Bolton's approach to enabling people to live well at home.

Cllr Sean Fielding, Bolton Council's Executive Member for Adults and Housing, said:

"It is great to see this service officially open as we know that intermediate care has a massive impact on people's recovery and helps them to regain independence and confidence."





Bright future for families



Bright Meadows Family Hub is the latest addition to a network of six centres across Bolton, with two more expected to open in 2025.

The hubs offer a variety of services for families, including antenatal clinics and advice on issues like parenting, health and wellbeing, infant feeding, debt, welfare and housing.

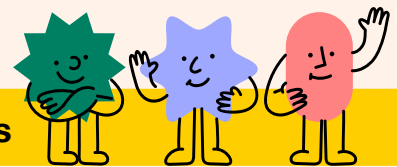
Family Hubs welcome families with children up to the age of 19, and up to 25 years for those with special educational needs and disabilities.

Bolton Council's Executive Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Cllr Martin Donaghy, said:

"Bolton's expanding Family Hub network is making a real difference

to young families across the borough by providing the services that people need, all in one place, and close to where they live.

"Bright Meadows is a fantastic place for young families and I'd urge anyone to drop in, have a chat and find out what is on offer."



Find out more at www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/familyhubs

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Let's help make Bolton safer



Antisocial Behaviour is conduct that has caused, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person.

We believe in challenging the behaviour of those who spoil the peaceful enjoyment of someone's home or community and will make them aware of the consequences of their actions.

Hate Crime is when someone commits a crime against you because of your disability, transgender identity, race, sexual orientation, religion, or alternative subculture. It doesn't just mean physical violence.

Someone using offensive language towards you or harassing you is also committing a hate crime.

Domestic Abuse is any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.

Honour-based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation are all forms of domestic abuse. Any form of domestic abuse is a crime.

How to report



To the Police

All crime, and certain types of anti-social behaviour, can be reported to the police.

If you're in immediate danger, call **999**.
For non-emergencies call **101**.

Reports can also be made online via www.gmp.police.uk

Antisocial Behaviour

To the **police** via the above details.

To the **Local Authority** – call **01204 336500** or email asbreporting@bolton.gov.uk.

Further information is available at www.bolton.gov.uk
If you are a tenant of a Registered Social Landlord property then report the issues to them.

Hate Crime

To the **police** via the details opposite or via www.letsendhatecrime.com which contains further information.

Domestic Abuse

To the **police** via the details opposite.

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- **Fortalice** (24 hour support)
01204 365677
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- **Endeavour**
01204 394842
email info@endeavourproject.org.uk

For further information visit www.bolton.gov.uk





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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 Bolton 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

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We also offer work experience placements so please see our dedicated page for more info **Work experience with Bolton Council.**

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! [#boltoncouncilcareers](https://twitter.com/boltoncouncilcareers)

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Flavours of the world in Bolton Market Food Hall...

What's Your Beef

Cuisine: **American/Burgers** Trader: **Neil Standing**

What brought you to the new food hall at Bolton Market?

We've been serving the Bolton community for ten years, participating in the annual Food & Drink Festival. During this time, we've built a strong Bolton customer base, and we knew we couldn't miss the opportunity to establish a permanent presence here.

Have you had any memorable customer interactions?

We've had several wonderful interactions with new customers who are curious about the origins of our ingredients, and we enjoy sharing these with them!

What's your signature dish, and what makes it stand out?

Our Double Bacon Cheeseburger is a customer favourite. It features a generous portion of high-quality Lancashire beef and Yorkshire slow-reared bacon, complemented by our house sauce, pickles, and onions - a truly delicious combination!

Are there any new products or specials you plan to launch soon?

We're excited to announce the launch of a brand-new menu in the coming weeks. It will showcase new burgers and sides that have been very popular at our Salford location.



KAT'S'U' KAT'S'U'

Cuisine: **Japanese** Trader: **Altan Au**

What's your favourite menu item, and why do you think it represents Japanese cuisine so well?

Katsudon is a favourite - it's a one-bowl wonder and very traditional, true comfort food! People love the katsu style, and this one is a tasty pork cutlet and egg rice bowl.

How do you source your ingredients?

We always source ingredients with a variety of suppliers to make sure we can serve amazing, fresh food for customers.

How do you see your business evolving in the next few years?

We'd like to introduce more Japanese culture to everyone through delicious food, and we're excited to keep doing more and more traditional Japanese dishes in the future.

What's your favourite part about being a trader at the food hall?

In addition to the comfortable environment and convenient location, there are many delicacies from different countries here, where we can exchange the cultures through food. We're delighted to be one of the traders here, and it's been a very great experience for us!



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Workwell is just the job

A new service is helping people cope better with their health conditions so that they can find work and stay employed.

WorkWell sees work and health coaches deliver personal assessments and tailored programmes to help people with employment.

The service is open to all adults including those currently employed or who have left work due to ill-health.

The number of economically inactive people in Bolton is above the national average, with government research showing long-term sickness is the biggest reason.

Maggie Porter, one of Bolton's work and health coaches, said:

"Our work and health coaches are here to work one-to-one with people to assess their needs and create tailored plans focused on overcoming health-related barriers to employment.

"We are already supporting a number of residents with their health conditions to help them remain in work or re-enter the workforce."

For more information visit **Let's Keep Bolton Moving** or call **01204 338 981**

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Hefty fine for illegal e-cig seller

A shop owner has been successfully prosecuted after more than 8,000 illegal e-cigarettes were seized by Trading Standards.

The successful prosecution for supplying non-complaint vapes is the first of its kind in the North West of England, as well as the largest such seizure in Bolton.

The products were found at a Texaco petrol station on Chorley New Road.

Mr Salim Patel pleaded guilty to supplying illegal vapes at Bolton Magistrates Court.

He was handed a fine of £7,500 and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £3,000 plus £4,781 in costs.



Clr Hamid Khurram, Bolton Council Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for regulatory services, said:

"The business owner showed complete disregard for the law and continued to sell these

illegal goods despite numerous warnings and a formal caution.

"I hope this case and the huge costs incurred by the owner act as a deterrent to any business selling illegal vapes in Bolton."



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Need help with the Cost of living?

Bolton is 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**

Find out about where you can get help on...

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- Food, energy and safety
- Jobs and skills
- Health and wellbeing
- Support for businesses

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01204 336632

Council tax

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01204 331599

Housing and finding a home

To register for council-related accommodation, find information and advice on sheltered accommodation, or for 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, applying for food parcels and furniture, or for 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...

Quit smoking the Easyway

A free and effective way to quit smoking is now on offer in Bolton.

Allen Carr's Easyway method has already helped millions to kick the habit and is being offered by Bolton Council.

The programme is a mix of an online or in-person seminar plus follow up support, and boasts a success rate of over 50%, even after 12 months.

The approach is drug-free and instead aims to change the way smokers think and feel about cigarettes.

www.letskeepboltonmoving.co.uk/smoking

Supporting communities

Local groups are tackling disinformation, supporting young people and strengthening safety and securing following violent disorder in Bolton last August.

The government awarded Bolton £600k from its Community Recovery Fund.

Bolton Council has put together a seven point plan working with networks, voluntary groups, housing teams, schools, businesses, health organisations and the Youth Council.

The full report is available to view [online](#).

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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