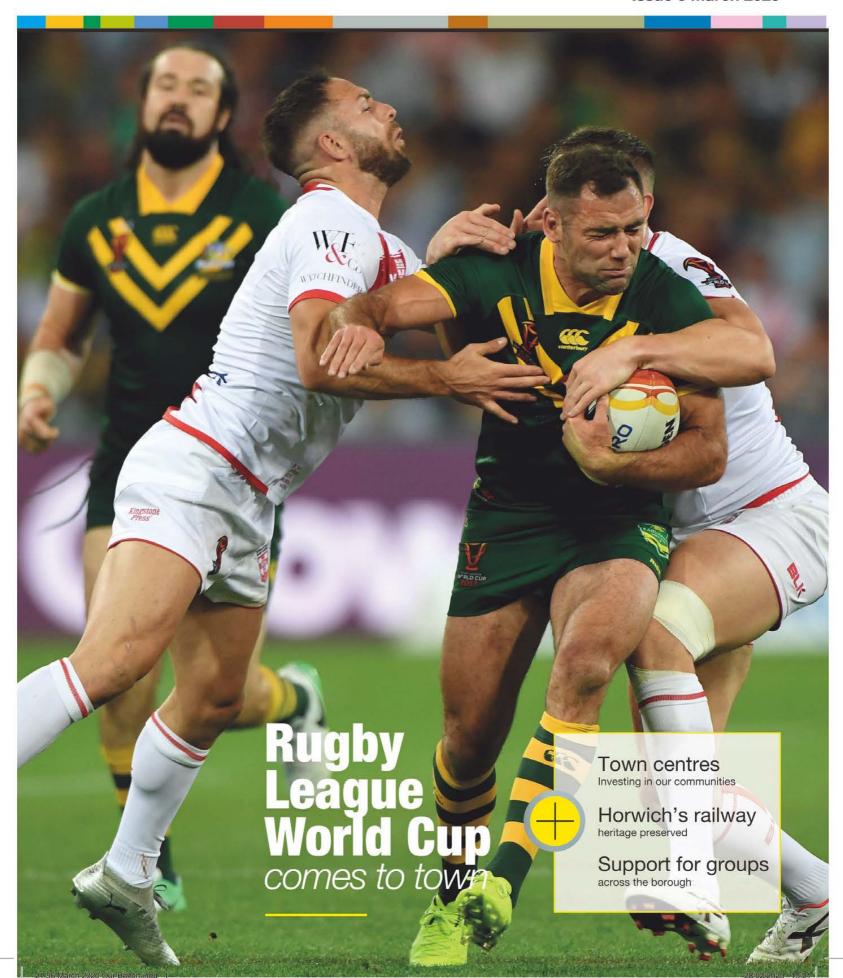
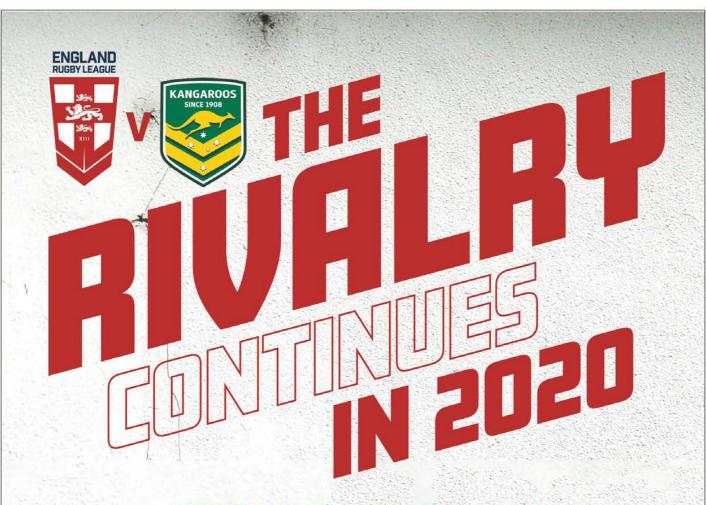
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## **Securing the future of** our town centres

Residents and businesses have had their say about the future of Horwich, Little Lever and Westhoughton town centres.

Proposals for each area were developed following discussions between local residents, councillors, businesses and partners.

Consultation about the ideas (in panels opposite) have now taken place, before a final masterplan document and strategy will be developed for each town centre by the summer.

They are following the lead of Farnworth, whose masterplan was approved last year.

A pot of £16m has been allocated to support all four district town centres.

Bolton Council's Deputy Leader, Cllr Martyn Cox. said: "It was really important that local people had their say about their town centres.

"The ideas came through discussions with local people and councillors, but before the final masterplans are worked up we needed to get as many views as possible. Those comments are important for what goes ahead, what doesn't and what new ideas have come forward."

Urban regeneration specialists BDP drew up initial proposals following discussions with local residents, councillors, businesses and partners. Proposals included suggestions around redeveloping the high street, improving pedestrian access, and creating new town centre homes.

### Horwich

- · Expand plans for the former leisure centre site to include housing and long stay car park as well as a health centre
- Improve Winter Hey Lane for pedestrians and traffic
- · Redevelop sites overlooking Old Station Park and provide better connections between the town centre and park
- · Hampson Street as the proposed site for a creative cluster as it is already home to a mix of small creative businesses
- · Green pedestrian and cycle route through Old Station Park

### Little Lever

- Redevelopment of the precinct with new shops with apartments
- A new town square
- · Building of new library and health centre
- · Redevelopment of old library building
- . The War Memorial could be relocated to the Memorial Gardens
- Improve junctions of Market Street and Church Street, and at east end of Market Street
- Improving the frontages of shops and businesses
- · New housing in and around the town centre

### Westhoughton

- New homes within the town
- · Improving access to the library and Carnegie Hall
- Improving Market Street
- Develop a car parking strategy
- Redevelopment of the town hall
- Improving routes for pedestrians on Library Street, Marsden Street and the links to the town centre market car park from Market Street and from Library Street to Central Park



### Message from the Leader of the Council



Secretary of State for Digital, Culture Media and Sport Baroness Nicky Morgan praised the new look Bolton Museum galleries during her visit to the borough

Over the next few months, there are exciting times ahead for Bolton and our towns within the borough, as this administration begins to deliver the ambitious regeneration programme that our town and borough so desperately needs.

With planning consents, business plans, viability studies, investment and funding models reaching completion, the town centre will be transformed over five kev intervention areas, to create a mixed offer of Grade A office, residential, hotel, business hubs, retail and leisure.

Our aim is not only to bring economic prosperity to the borough, but also to bring back pride and positivity into our town, attract investment, create jobs, and halt the year on year deterioration.

This regeneration is for the whole borough, with a further investment of £16m in our district centres; a record investment of £12m, and a promise of more, to improve the condition of our roads and pavements; investment in safer neighbourhoods; and introducing fair funding across the borough so all areas and residents benefit.

Years of deterioration have seen negativity and scepticism. But this administration will deliver these ambitions, and with the backing of government with up to £75m available to us through towns and high street funding, we will see Bolton at the forefront of Northern Powerhouse regeneration and the 'levelling up' of Northern towns.

**Cllr David Greenhalgh** 

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# **Bolton's Fund** supports communities



Children and young people are among the first to benefit from a new £2 million community fund.

They've received the money from the Bolton's Fund which has given out its first grants to charities and voluntary groups.

It's about getting money into the hands of those groups directly working with residents, who know where and how to make a difference.

The council, NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group, Bolton at Home and Bolton CVS have all chipped in to make up the grants.

It comes after a review of how the organisations can work together to improve the lives of people across the borough.

This first round of grants was for projects that help children get the best start in life. Small investments of £1500 and up to £5000 were available.

Bolton CVS manages the grants programme on behalf of the partners.

**Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger** Communities, Cllr Nadim Muslim, added: "It's great that we can start to give out these first set of grants to help kids get a good start in life.

"The new fund will give more groups an opportunity to apply for funding and the whole process will be led by senior representatives from the sector, with support from the council.

"I'm grateful to Bolton CVS who are able to use their knowledge and expertise to help as many people as possible.

"Our diverse voluntary and community sector plays an invaluable role in our borough..."

- Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr David Greenhalgh



Bridge Church

"The sector will have one voice and the process will be streamlined and transparent."

Tony Oakman, Chief Executive of Bolton Council said that the funding for this area was key.

"Every pound spent in the voluntary sector goes so much further than the council could spend in the same area. As a council we need to change the way we approach and tackle the issues we all

Darren Knight, Chief Executive of Bolton CVS. said: "The fund is a

face."

"It's great that we can start to give out these first set of grants to help kids get a good start in life." - Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Cllr Nadim Muslim

product of many years of work and builds on our commitment to valuing local communities. It gets the grants into the hands of people who can make a difference."

Future rounds of the fund will look at other areas.

Further information on Bolton's Fund can be found on Bolton CVS's website: www.boltoncvs.org.uk/big-bolton-fund-grants

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# Getting skates on to keep fit

Red Rose Rollers Skating Club is a club for all ages and all abilities.

From seven to eighty year olds, from those who just want to have a 'wheelie' good time to competitive artistic skating.

The club was first set up in 2000 when a group of friends wanted to get together to skate socially. Skaters come from not just Bolton but from across Lancashire including Manchester, Preston and Wigan.

The club is based at Turton High and Smithills Schools and has received a grant of £3248 from the fund.

The grant means the club can purchase training equipment such as a jumping harness to support skaters when learning to jump; lighting, and special equipment to be able to run autism friendly sessions. It will also be able to provide free skating



sessions for young children from disadvantaged areas to try out the sport, and First Aid Training.

As well as being fun the sessions have helped young people to gain confidence, particularly by helping those to junior them to learn to skate.

Around 60 of all ages people come along to each session.

If you are interested please see www.redroserollerskating.co.uk

### **Bridging healthy eating gap**

Bridge Church will promote healthy eating to children and families as well as oral hygiene and exercise in a fun and interactive way with a grant of £3300.

The project will offer new, healthy snack options that children may not have tried before. Information will be provided through posters and leaflets.

They will use their story time sessions to get the message across in a fun and interactive way. Their weekly craft sessions will also be based around these themes.



### Special Needs Under Fives Support

The grant of £4,937 will enable the scheme to provide individual volunteer support to very young children and those with special needs, so they can take part in active play that they wouldn't be able to do otherwise.

### Kidz2gether

Kidz2gether is a Bolton charity specialising in support for those with autism and autistic spectrum disorders.

It works with them in youth clubs across Bolton.

The grant of **£5000** will enable it to set up the Rebound Therapy project at St James C of E School in Farnworth. Rebound therapy uses trampolines to provide therapeutic exercises to people with a wide variety of disabilities and additional needs. It will be a weekly session every Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm.

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# At the heart of the community

Blackrod Sports and Community Centre is receiving £5000 to improve the health of children in the village and surrounding area.



The Hub Westhoughton is a community run project in the town, which provides activities and classes for all ages in a dedicated centre.

It is running it's Fit and Healthy Families programme to reach those families who don't take part in physical activity. It is a once a month support group to help people with the benefits of nutrition and physical activity to help them overcome any barriers they face to being more healthy. It is receiving a grant of £5000.

The centre, a registered charity, already has a successful community health programme for those over 50.

The funding will allow them to expand it to 5-18 year olds to provide free activities in a safe environment.

A community health co-ordinator who will organise activities at the centre to improve unhealthy lifestyles.

Activities will take place seven days a week and include football, badminton, table tennis, karate, yoga, tai chi, dancing and Zumba.

The programme will also cover healthy eating, and wellbeing.

"As well as providing a healthy environment the activities will give the children and young people confidence, and increase their communications skills and self esteem," said David Holden-Locke from the centre.

"Social isolation isn't just an issue that affects older people but the young as well."

The centre sits at the centre of the village and offers a fantastic resource and meeting space for residents both local and further afield. It was formed in November 2015, as a result of a public meeting to discuss the future of Blackrod Community Centre

It already runs activities for people of all ages including karate classes attended by children from all over the borough.

For further information see www.blackrodsacc.org.uk

### TOTS@ R Place



The project will help parents to choose a healthy, balanced diet and increase their physical activity through outdoor play and activities.

The project is based at Johnson Fold and has run a pre-school toddler group for more than 10 years. Parents feel supported and feel they have someone they can talk to.

The grant of **£2,006** from the fund will help support the project.

### Harmony Youth Project

Harmony Youth Project is a charity to help young people, especially those who are disadvantaged, to realise their true potential through creative arts.

The grant of **£4689**, will be used for the QFit programme which is designed to change the mindsets of young people with healthy eating ideas and messages.

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This year's Horwich Festival of Racing receives **£3000** for activities to inspire young people to take part and to encourage families to take part together in the '1 Mile Fun' events.

Horwich Festival of Racing has become a firm favourite in the town with its origins dating back to 1946 when Horwich Cycling Club first became involved with the Horwich Carnival.

The first Carnival 'race' was held on Friday 6 June 1977, as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations.

The races have grown to include a number of other sports including running and triathlon.



Bolton Mandhata Youth group, with a grant of **£1000**, will support girls to keep and stay fit by being involved in folk dancing.

## Also receiving awards are:

**Bolton Wanderers Community Trust** receives a grant of **£4967** to increase physical activity and awareness of healthy lifestyles amount children and families.

**Wave Adventure** receives a grant of **£5000** for children to take part in healthy, non-traditional sports such as climbing, kayaking, mountain biking and gorge walking.

The Ark International (£4994 grant) will work with the local Roma community to support physical activities such as aqua gym; encourage them to register with dentists, and to help parents with the impact and consequences of bad diet and poor oral hygiene.

**Bolton Area Home Educators** with a grant of **£1500** will run healthy cooking classes and get active sessions in Westhoughton.

**Prime Sports NW CIC** will run free multisports sessions, for children with special educational needs and from disadvantaged backgrounds in the borough, with a grant of £5000.

**Bridge Church** will promote healthy eating to children and families as well as oral hygiene and exercise in a fun and interactive way with a grant of **£3300**.

The Sycamore Project (Zac's Youth Bars), with a grant of £4500, will show young people how to meal plan, budget and purchase food, prep, cook and serve food, as well as other activities.

Farnworth Carousels Morris Dancers (£1500 grant) will support girls to keep and stay fit through involvement in the Morris Dancing team.

Friends of Moorgate Primary School (£930) will provide weekly after school family keep fit and healthy eating sessions helping those with weight issues, disabilities or have other medical or physical needs.

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 England's Gareth Widdop goes for World Cup glory during the 2017 tournament against Australia

Bolton will host a triple bill of rugby league greats as the best the sport has to offer comes to town.

The borough is delighted and excited to host three top rugby league events that everyone can get involved in to watch and support.

### **Challenge Cup**

Tickets are now on sale for Rugby League's unique 'triple header': the semi-finals of the men's Coral Challenge Cup and the Women's Challenge Cup Final on Saturday 6 June.

The Women's Challenge Cup was held for the first time in Bolton last year, 4000 when a record crowd of more than 4,000 spectators saw Leeds Rhinos defeat Castleford Tigers 20–14

Tickets for the triple bill, from £25 for adults and £12.50 for under 16s, are available now **www.rugby-league.com** 

### The Ashes

Rugby League's Ashes series returns when England renew their rivalry with Australia, in the first game of the three match test series.

England came agonisingly close to toppling the world's number one team the last time they met. The 2017 World Cup final saw England lose by six-nil and only an ankle tap away from talking the title.

The rivalry stretches back all the way to 1908, when Great Britain first played their antipodean counterparts.

It is 50 years since a British team last won the Ashes.

Tickets are now available for the October clash (see page 2).

You can help make the Rugby League World Cup 2021 a great success by becoming a volunteer. There are all sorts of opportunities to get involved before and during the tournament.

Go to www.rlwc2021.com/volunteers for further details

### World Cup 2021

The draw for the Rugby League World Cup 2021 sees England play France or Greece at the University of Bolton Stadium in the group stage.

The ground will also host a quarter final in the tournament.

France are old rivals at international level and were beaten by Great Britain in the first Rugby League World Cup final in 1954.

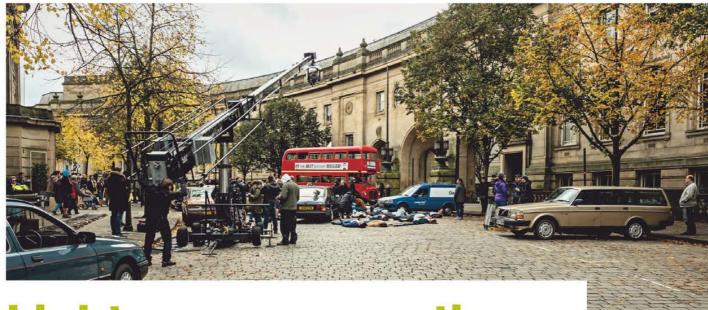
As this edition of Our Bolton went to print, details of the competition and who England will face at the University of Stadium, were to be decided.

Greece are newcomers to the competition having made remarkable progress in the past few years.

England have been drawn against Samoa, France and Greece in the group with the opening game against Samoa at St James' Park, Newcastle.

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# Lights, camera, action... Bolton

↑ Filming for Channel 4 series 'Boys' on Le Mans Crescent (photo courtesy of Paul Longden)

Bolton is riding on the crest of a filming boom on the backs of the rise of online services such as Netflix and Amazon Prime.

In the past year, 10 different films or TV series have rolled into town, bringing a host of famous faces to the streets and buildings of the borough.

So much so that Creative England has said Bolton is a "... contender for busiest production hub in the North West."

TV viewing has changed. No longer do people chat about the latest episode but can now discuss a whole series as they are released at the same time.

It means release rates of TV productions are at an all-time high, which is employing thousands of people and increasing searches for the right locations and facilities.

Town centre workers, shoppers, and visitors have been able to get a glimpse of Robert Carlyle, Martin Compston, Jennifer Saunders, and Richard Armitage in recent months.

Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr David Greenhalgh, said: "From the grand Victorian architecture of our historic town hall to the beautiful surrounding countryside, Bolton offers many unique filming opportunities.

"As a council, we work hard to accommodate requests and we have a deserved reputation in the industry as a film-friendly town.

"Filming brings many economic benefits for our local businesses and the town's appearances on prime time television, Netflix and Sky productions show an international audience everything that Bolton has to offer."

### **Productions since Jan 2019**

- Bancroft (ITV1)
- Years and Years (BBC1)
- · Cobra (Sky One)
- The Stranger (Netflix)
- Traces (Alibi)
- Get Even (Netflix)
- Intergalactic (to be broadcast in 2021)
- Cold Feet (ITV1)
- Boys (Channel 4)
- Alma's Not Normal (pilot for BBC2)

James Muirhead, Location Manager for BBC and Red's 'Years and Years', spoke highly of the town and production's experience.

"Bolton offers the production both period and contemporary locations," he said.

"Having spent the day in the town we managed to achieve period London to high-end futuristic office. All sorted by the excellent team at the council. It's a safe pair of hands, from a location manager's point of view."

Bolton's reputation as a film-friendly town has grown so much that representatives have been asked to sit on a panel at a national filming conference about how local authorities can make a success of filming.

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The Octagon presents a programme of bold, adventurous and popular theatre when it re-opens this summer. The final touches to the new building are being put in place as Our Bolton went to print.

The theatre has been enlarged and modernised; will be more accessible; has more space for young people and community groups; improved audience facilities including a new Changing Places toilet; seats and toilets; a brand-new purpose-built studio for events and performances, and a new two-storey kitchen and bar.

The season commences with Richard Bean's sensational hit comedy

### One Man, Two Guvnors

Thursday 3 Sept – Saturday 3 Oct 2020

Promising a riotous mix of slapstick, farce and music in this side-splittingly funny, brand-new production. The Octagon will then present the world premiere of the inspirational true story,

### Marvellous

Wednesday 7 – Saturday 31 Oct 2020
A co-production with New Vic Theatre. Originally a novel, then made in to a BAFTA award-winning BBC film, this new stage adaptation tells the life affirming, uplifting account of the life of Neil 'Nello' Baldwin.

Audiences can expect a joyous musical extravaganza with the Octagon's festive production, a brand-new musical adaptation of Charles Dickens'

#### **A Christmas Carol**

Thursday 19 Nov 2020 – Saturday 16 Jan 2021 The season continues with the regional premiere of Vinay Patel's critically acclaimed play,

### An Adventure

Thursday 28 Jan –
Saturday 20 Feb 2021
A compelling story
spanning seven decades
and three continents
following the journey of
Indian husband and wife
Rasik and Jyoti.

Bringing the season to a sensational close, the world premiere stage adaptation of Marcus Zusack's worldwide best-selling novel **The Book Thief**Friday 12 Mar –

Saturday 10 Apr 2021 in this superbly crafted new musical premiering in Bolton.



The season also includes an exciting programme of events in the venue's brand-new purpose built studio, plus unmissable celebratory opening events throughout the summer. Full details can be found on the website.

Priority booking is now open and general bookings open on Monday 9 March at 9am. To book tickets visit octagonbolton.co.uk or call the Box Office on 01204 520661.



With a new season upon us, it's time to stash away those winter woollies and refresh your wardrobe.

## Spring Fashion Fix

### Market Place has it covered!

With bright, spacious malls making shopping a breeze, Market Place has all the fashion inspiration you need to stay on trend this spring.

Proud to be Bolton's high-fashion hotspot, you'll find a brilliant line-up of outlets such as Next, River Island, Zara, H&M, Romans, Clarks, Tessuti, JD and Footasylum, open every day.

For exclusive style, look no further than the wide range of independent stores on the upper mall. Across two floors you'll find a treasure trove of fashion, lifestyle and coffee shops, including Dajan, Glassy Garden, Daniel Christian Menswear, Norton Barrie, Carters Jewellers and Klubb & Co.

What better way to celebrate your purchases than to enjoy a drink and a meal in the stunning backdrop of The Vaults? With Nando's, Prezzo and a tempting range of independent eateries on offer, you'll be spoilt for choice.

### Followers of fashion will be glad to hear that Market Place is sponsoring the first ever Bolton Fashion & Lifestyle Festival on Friday 27 March!

This exclusive event, held at Bolton Whites Hotel, follows the success of the MCR Fashion Festival and puts Bolton on the map as the north west's go-to destination for fantastic shopping.

### Want to know what makes us better than the rest? Come see for yourself!

With 'The Light', a state-of-the-art nine screen Cineplex, and a calendar of fun family events, even fashion-phobes will be entertained.

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Welcome additions to town centre menu

Whether it's a bite to eat, some organic skincare or children's clothes, there are plenty of brand new businesses around the town centre to pop into.

Luxury dessert parlours and restaurants are just some of the venues that have opened their doors in Bolton town centre in the last year.

An office on
Bradshawgate was
converted to the luxury
Haute Dolci restaurant –
dessert lovers have been
enjoying treats there since
last February.

A new family-run Indian restaurant Double Tree 23 also opened on the same street in September.

August September also saw the opening of the Heavenly Desserts restaurant in the former Beales department store.

Slaters Menswear also

opened for business last May, in part of the historic Grade II listed building – relocating from its Oxford Street store.

The Northern restaurant run by celebrity Bolton chef Paul Heathcote opened in the nearby beautiful Albert Halls building in August.

The restaurant champions 'proper northern, old-fashioned food', celebrating classic British recipes, using produce sourced from the region.

Market Place Shopping Centre has also welcomed six new openings in the last year – Basic Kneads, Berries Bagels and Shakes, Cadar Chimney Cakes, Dajan Organics, Fazz's Indian Kitchen, and Klubb & Co.

Mulberry and Broome Eyecare is now open on Market Street, and Kids World, which sells a range of baby and children's clothing, also opened a shop on Newport Street.

Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr David Greenhalgh, said: "New dessert bars, cafes and restaurants mean there's now more reasons than ever to enjoy a night out in Bolton town centre.

"They are places to meet friends, enjoy some nice food and have a drink. These businesses are already proving popular with residents and encouraging more people from outside to Bolton to visit.

"It is about getting the right balance—we want a diverse offer where there is a good mix of activities for everyone to enjoy and this is a key part of our £1.5bn masterplan.

"In the coming months we can look forward to the Octagon Theatre reopening and this will bring even more people into town.

"We are more than happy to speak to anyone who wants to move into the town centre. Contact our Business Bolton team and we will be able to give you all the advice and help you need."

Contact Business Bolton at businessbolton@bolton.gov.uk for further information.

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The iconic Ironman UK triathlon returns to the borough this summer with the finish on Victoria Square.

The race has announced a new bike course which takes more of the borough with a three lap course.

The revised route will offer competitors an exciting new challenge and give spectators more opportunities to cheer on athletes as they make their way through the town centre

The gruelling Ironman UK triathlon consists of a 2.4-mile swim in Pennington Flash, a 112-mile bike ride in and around Bolton, finishing with a marathon into Bolton town centre.

This year will once again see the Ironman weekend as a full, three-day festival weekend of sport with the addition of Night Run on Friday (July 10), followed by the world's biggest Ironkids on Saturday (July 11), and the main event, Ironman UK on Sunday (July 12).



organisers agreed to make it a permanent addition.

The event is aimed at Each participant will encouraging people of all receive a t-shirt and

fitness levels to have fun while being active. A total of 1500 places are available and entrants

must be aged 16 plus.

The run will take place on Friday, July 10, starting in Le Mans Crescent at 7pm.

Runners will head through the town centre, into Queen's Park before returning to the town centre and finishing in Victoria Square on the same finish line as the Ironman athletes.

Entries cost £10. For further details and to enter, visit www.ironman.com/im-uk-register



Each participant will receive a t-shirt and everyone who finishes will get a medal.

Musical entertainment around the course, and a festival zone with food and drink vendors will be available on Oxford Street.

Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr David Greenhalgh, said: "We are delighted to welcome Night Run back to Bolton.

"Last year was the first time we hosted it and the response was just phenomenal. It attracted people of all ages and abilities, which is exactly what the event is about.

"Everyone I spoke to loved it, there was a real party atmosphere and it really was a fun evening.

"Together with Ironkids and the triathlon on Sunday, it really is a fantastic celebration of sport."



# What's on at the library and museum

### **Reading Friends**

Bolton Central Library, second Friday of every month, 2pm to 3pm

Join us to enjoy conversations about reading. Becoming a Reading Friend is a chance to take time out, meet new people and share stories.

Reading Friends is a national initiative co-ordinated by The Reading Agency and funded by The National Lottery and Arts Council England. Admission is **free**.

### **Arty Babies - Bolton Museum**

Calling all babies and their families.

Join us for Arty Babies, a fortnightly group for babies and their families at Bolton Central Library and Museum, bringing our collections and resources to life through songs, play and sensory activities for you and your baby to enjoy.

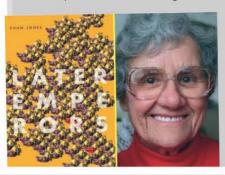
Suitable for ages 0 to 2 years. Free entry, just pop by. Arty Babies meets at 10.30am on: Tuesday 10 March, and Tuesday 24 March.

### **Spring Live Literature**

Bolton Central Library and Museum, 6.30pm to 8pm

Come along to free poetry and performances events as part of the 'Live Literature' series organised by University of Bolton and Bolton Central Library.

- Tuesday 17 March Later Emperors: Evan Jones launches his new collection of poems, with host Professor Michael Schmidt and special guest Carcanet poet
- Tuesday 21 April Doris: John Graham Davies and Alison Down discuss their development process using research and script extracts from this piece of new writing



### **Elemental exhibition**

Bolton Museum until Monday 13 April

The work of Paul Miller, artist in residence for the recent Elements science exhibition, will be displayed to coincide with British Science Week.

This digital installation is an exploration of the elements and their relationship to us and the world we live in. This project has been funded by Arts Council England. Admission is **free**.

### Photographing the English North, 1890-1990 Bolton Museum, Temporary Exhibition Gallery,

Saturday 14 March to Sunday 26 April

This exhibition examines how the North of England has been portrayed in the work of leading British and international photographers. The exhibition has been curated by Dr Ian Glover with support from Dr Keith Roberts, both from the University of Bolton, and has been created as part of the 2020 Worktown Festival.

Photographs from a range of national and international collections will feature in the exhibition including pieces by Bill Brandt, Martin Parr, Bert Hardy, Humphrey Spender, Sirkka-Liisa Konttinen, Tish Murtha, and Chambré Hardman. Admission is **free**.



### **Family History workshops**

Do you want to know more about your ancestors but have hit a brick wall in your research?

Come along to a series of four workshops from 10am to 12.30pm on Saturday 14 March, Saturday 21 March and Saturday 28 March.

The cost for the workshops, run by the Family History Society, is £25 and includes refreshments and course notes. For further details and to book a place, please call **01204** 525472.

### Lunchtime talk

Discover more about Bolton Central Library's special book collections as we discuss the Power and the Glory: 500 years of Religion in Bolton.

The talk is on Wednesday 25 March, at 1pm and admission is **free**.

## **Bolton Market**

With over 200 stalls to choose from located both indoor and outdoor which are all undercover. Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm

















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## Getting a good start in life

It's good to talk. And for young children little chats could make a big difference when it comes time to start school.



Children from less advantaged backgrounds start school knowing fewer words than other children, but some simple steps could change this.

That was the topic of discussion when 150 childcare providers came to the Bolton Start Well Conference. They were talking about communication skills and closing the word gap.

Bolton's Start Well Service works with the Early Years sector across the borough to improve standards and make sure every child gets the best possible start in life.

One of the key aims of the service is to make sure children arrive at school able to express themselves and to learn effectively.

Improving the number of words a child can speak has a direct impact on a child's reading ability, writing skills and other factors that influence academic performance and social mobility.

"From families to childcare professionals, we all have a role to play in helping our young people build their vocabulary."

- Cllr Anne Galloway, Executive Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Conference delegates heard how regular communication aids brain development, discussed the power of vocabulary and received practical advice to help children build their language skills.

Childcare professionals from across Bolton received expert advice on helping children improve their vocabulary, including the Five Golden Rules for Communication:

### Five Golden Rules for Communication

- · Use actions to help children understand
- · Repeat what a child says and add extra words
- · Sit at their levels when talking
- 10 second rule: give them plenty of time to reply
- Offer choices and give alternatives

"We want every child in Bolton, regardless of their background, to get the best possible start in life.

"A key part of doing that is making sure young people arrive at school with the skills they need to learn and reach their full potential.

- Clir Anne Galloway, Executive Cabinet Member.

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Almost £2m has already been spent on resurfacing dozens of roads, fixing potholes and repairing pavements in the Bolton borough since October.

The investment has come from a new £12m pot – £10m put in by the council last July and £2m agreed in the 2019 budget.
Highways officers worked with councillors over several months to establish priorities for each area.

From that, a programme of residential roads and streets which needed addressing was drawn up.

The fund is split equally, ensuring all 20 wards across the borough get an equal share.

Executive Cabinet
Member for Highways
and Transport, Cllr Stuart
Haslam, welcomed the
work that had taken place.

### Work started in October and to date

- 55 roads have been repaired
- Another 18 roads will be fixed by the end of March
- By the end of March, every ward in Bolton will have had roads resurfaced
- · Work on 31 road schemes will start in April
- Seven projects are planned to take place over the summer holidays
- Three major footpath projects are complete
- Another four will be finished by the end of March
- A further eight pavement schemes will be complete by the end of June

"A decent, good quality road and footpath network is vital for the quality of life for our residents.

"We know that residents feel that tackling poor roads and footpaths is an important issue. That is why we made money specifically available to carry out much-needed improvements across the entire borough through an intelligent and well-planned programme of work.

He added: "There are clearly many challenges in improving our highways and that is precisely why we allocated £10m extra funding last July.

"By the end of next month all 20 wards will have had at least one road repaired and all the schemes in the programme are set to be completed within the next year."

The £12m is on top of the usual highways' maintenance budget used to repair roads.

To report a fault, visit... www.bolton.gov.uk/report-street-problem or call 01204 336600

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### NOT ENTERED OUR 10K OR FAMILY FUN RUN YET? YOU'D BEST GET A JOG ON!

Not a runner? You can still be involved, why not become a Volunteer on race day.

Sign up on the website below for what promises to be a fantastic weekend.

Marathon, 10K and Family Fun Run routes // Includes all areas of Bolton // Great mix of town and countryside course // Dedicated spectator points // Single use plastic free // Single lap course // Start/finish Queen's Park



If you're a local resident and want to know how the routes may affect you, visit our website or email team@boltonmarathon.com for more details.

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Heritage plans on track for Loco Works

Horwich's historic railway heritage will be celebrated as part of the plans for the Rivington Chase development.

The Heritage Core will reflect the history of the local area and will provide the main entrance into Rivington Chase from Horwich, and provide retail and leisure opportunities for the local community.

Developer, Bluemantle is keen to hear from residents about the ways in which the history of the Loco Works can be honoured in the developments. Railway artefacts are being preserved and the company has worked with Horwich Heritage, Historic England, and the community during the planning process.

The development will see 1700 homes, retail, leisure and business facilities and a new road providing easy access to Middlebrook Retail Park, Horwich railway station, and the M61.

The Leader of Bolton Council, Councillor David Greenhalgh said: "This site will deliver 1,700 new homes for the future, helping meet demand as more people realise that our area is a wonderful place to live and work.

"Not only will this revitalise a brownfield site, but it will improve the local highways and sustainable transport infrastructure.

"I am also delighted that Rivington Chase will rightfully pay homage to the Loco Works and the proud industrial heritage of Horwich."

Rivington House was the first of the workshops built and opened in February 1887. Local company,

Fluent Money, occupied part of the building in 2008.

Tim Wheeldon, Chief Operating Officer at Fluent, said: "We are extremely proud to be in a position where Fluent is able to take over the whole of the Rivington House building, given the success of the core secured loans business, and the further expansion of our operations with the addition of Fluent Mortgages in 2017.

"Fluent is a key employer in the Horwich locality, providing jobs for over 330 staff on site, and we are keen to respect the natural heritage and ethos of the whole building in our expansion and within the new interior design plans.

"The conceptual designs

have been developed to reflect the local railway and steam locomotive heritage, to recapture décor from the Victorian times to modern day times, in line with the evolution of the railway industry."

Horwich Loco Works opening in November 1886 by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway. It closed in 1983 and was converted into an industrial estate.

Planning permission for Rivington Chase was granted in 2015.

The first residential phase, Barton Quarter, consists of 112 homes and is under construction.



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# Getting off a stop earlier

That Counts!

Moving for just 30 minutes a day will perk you up! You'll feel better and you'll sleep better. Best of all it doesn't cost a penny.

From walking around the park to getting off a stop early there's plenty of great ways to #GetYour30in

Find local walking groups, routes and inspiration in Bolton at gmwalking.co.uk/bolton







Find the best way to get your 30 in

thatcounts.co.uk

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A local business is the latest to take advantage of the council's apprenticeship scheme.

G Taylor Plumbing & Heating's newest recruit, Ewan McKendrey, has joined the company as one

"I'm really enjoying the course at Bolton College..." of the hottest new prospects to benefit from Bolton's apprentice grant

The scheme gives employers in Bolton the

chance to develop their workforce by taking on a new apprentice or training existing staff.  Up to £3000 of funding for any small and medium size businesses to create new job opportunities by taking on an adult or young person as an apprentice.

- Funding for training
- Business support

Ewan, 17 years old from Blackrod, was delighted to be offered the apprenticeship.

"I'm really enjoying the course at Bolton College and my manager spends quality time sharing his knowledge and skills with me on the job," he said.

"My aim is to become a fully qualified plumbing and heating engineer, eventually becoming as good as my manager."

Bolton Council's Deputy Leader Martyn Cox added: "We have an excellent record in Bolton when it comes to taking on and developing apprentices. An experienced and well-trained workforce is vital for the future of the local economy and we are particularly keen to engage with sectors where we know there is a skills gap. The Greater Manchester Combined Authority has awarded Business Bolton the second highest amount for the apprenticeship support package and we are aiming to see up to 50 new quality apprenticeships created in Bolton this year."

The grant funding is provided by Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA).

### Further information

If you're interested in recruiting a new apprentice visit www.businessbolton.org/SMEapprenticeships

Support includes business development support and access to the <a href="https://www.levymatchmakingservice.co.uk">www.levymatchmakingservice.co.uk</a> to cover the cost of training an apprentice from Level 2 to Degree and Masters.

For wider business support information advice visit www.businessbolton.org

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# What does the council do for me?

Bolton Council runs hundreds of different services. This is just a taste of what we do...



Over **510km** had a full road route grit completed



**12,763** potholes and urgent repairs made to highways with 12.8 miles completely resurfaced



13.3m bins are emptied every year



**2,885**LED lanterns installed by Highways last year



858 residents with debt problems helped by our Money Skills Service saving them £174k



**1,047**Food hygiene inspections in the last year



**1.3m** visits to our leisure centres run by Bolton Community Leisure



**562,446** items borrowed from our libraries



**1,279,763** visits to our libraries and museums last year



**8,220** children helped each term with early education funded places



There were **26,627** contacts for adult social care services last year



We registered
9,316
births, marriages and deaths last year



There were 11,889 contacts for children's social care services last year



**291** people facing conflict at home or in the workplace supported by Mediation, helping 87% of young people at risk stay at home or with close family

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# HORWICH CIVIC EVENTS 2020

### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF BOLTON ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994

THE BOLTON (CIVIC EVENTS HORWICH) (TEMPORARY CLOSURES, SUSPENSIONS AND PROHIBITION OF WAITING) (NO.30) ORDER 2020

The Council intends to make an order which will enable the following events to take place in Horwich on dates as indicated:

#### **RIVINGTON PIKE FELL RACES**

Between approximately 2pm and 4.30pm on Saturday 11 April, Lever Park Avenue will be closed from Scholes Bank to Dryfield Lane.

### A DAY FOR ST GEORGE

Between approximately 11am and 2.30pm on Saturday 25 April, Brownlow Road will be closed from Lee Lane for approximately 30m in a north-easterly direction (the area of carriageway adjacent to the Saddle Public House). The alternative route for traffic will be via Longworth Road.

### HORWICH CARNIVAL PROCESSION

Between approximately 11am and 2pm on Sunday 7 June, the following roads will be closed:

Chorley Old Road between Stocks Park Drive & Church Street,

Church Street between Chorley Old Road and Lee Lane, Lee Lane for its entire length,

Chorley New Road (south-east bound) between Scholes Bank and Ramsbottom Road,

Ramsbottom Road for its entire length,

Victoria Road between Ramsbottom Road and Church Street.

In addition, the 7.5 tonne weight restriction limit (except for access) will be suspended on Stocks Park Drive between Victoria Road and Chorley Old Road / Church Street.

The alternative route for traffic will be:

- (a) North-west bound Stocks Park Drive, Victoria Road, Chorley New Road.
- (b) East bound (phase one) Scholes Bank, Chorley New Road, Victoria Road, Stocks Park Drive.
- (c) East bound (phase two) Scholes Bank, Lee Lane, Church Street, Chorley Old Road, Stocks Park Drive.

### HORWICH FESTIVAL OF RACES

Between 7am Saturday 20 June and 6pm Sunday 21 June, the following roads will be closed:

Jones Street for its entire length.

Walsh Street between Lee Lane & Back Wright Street Between approximately 5.30pm & 10.30pm on Saturday 20 June and between 8am and 6pm on Sunday 21 June, the following roads will be closed:

Lee Lane for its entire length,

Winter Hey Lane for its entire length,

Chorley New Road between Crown Lane & Winter Hey Lane.

The alternative route for traffic will be signed, via Victoria Road, Chorley New Road, Mason Street, Vale Avenue, Crown Lane, Scholes Bank.

#### In addition:

(a) the 7.5 tonne weight restriction limit (except for access) will be suspended, on Mason Street between Chorley New Road and Vale Avenue; on Vale Avenue between Mason Street and Crown Lane; on Crown Lane between Chorley New Road and Station Road; on Station Road between Crown Lane and the A6 Blackrod By-Pass.

(b) there will be a temporary prohibition of waiting restriction established on Crown Lane (west side) from Chorley New Road for 25 metres in a southerly direction; (east side) from Chorley New Road to 15m south of Vale Avenue; on Vale Avenue (both sides) from Crown Lane to Mason Street; on Mason Street (south side) from Vale Avenue to 50m west of Greenstone Avenue; and on Mason Street (north side) from 60m west of Tomlinson Street to Vale Avenue; Scholes Bank, (south side) from its junction with Chorley new Road to its junction with Lever Park Avenue.

During the period of each event all vehicles not directly engaged in the event will be prohibited from entering the lengths of roads affected. Further details on our website. Street notices will be published prior to each event and this Order will only be operative during the times and on the days specified above in respect of each individual event.

Bolton Council. 1 March 2020. www.bolton.gov.uk/trafficorders

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# Community in brief...





Cllr Silvester (third left) and members of the committee are encouraging recycling of computer consumables

Namibia Link Committee are collecting used computer ink cartridges, both laser and domestic for recycling.

"Please call into any of the four churches and

correctly and monies

### Tour of Britain Land Art winners

Walmsley Primary School and Egerton Park have been congratulated for their winning design promoting the Tour of Britain.

Tour of Britain mascot ToBi presented them with their trophy for winning the National Land Art competition.

The 2019 Tour of Britain finished with a spectacular Greater Manchester stage, that saw the world's top professional cyclists race through all 10 boroughs.

The Egerton community came together with Walmsley Primary School to create the winning cycling installation that was shown around the world on the race's live television coverage, and came out on top in the public vote.



### Addressing speeding on the roads



Harper Green ward councillors heard from dozens of residents over many months about worsening speeding on main roads in the ward.

Residents highlighted Bradford Road, Plodder Lane, Green Lane, Harper Green Road and Lever Edge Lane as problem areas. They heard that Daffodil Road is being used as a cut through road more often and that some drivers race in order to beat the traffic lights.

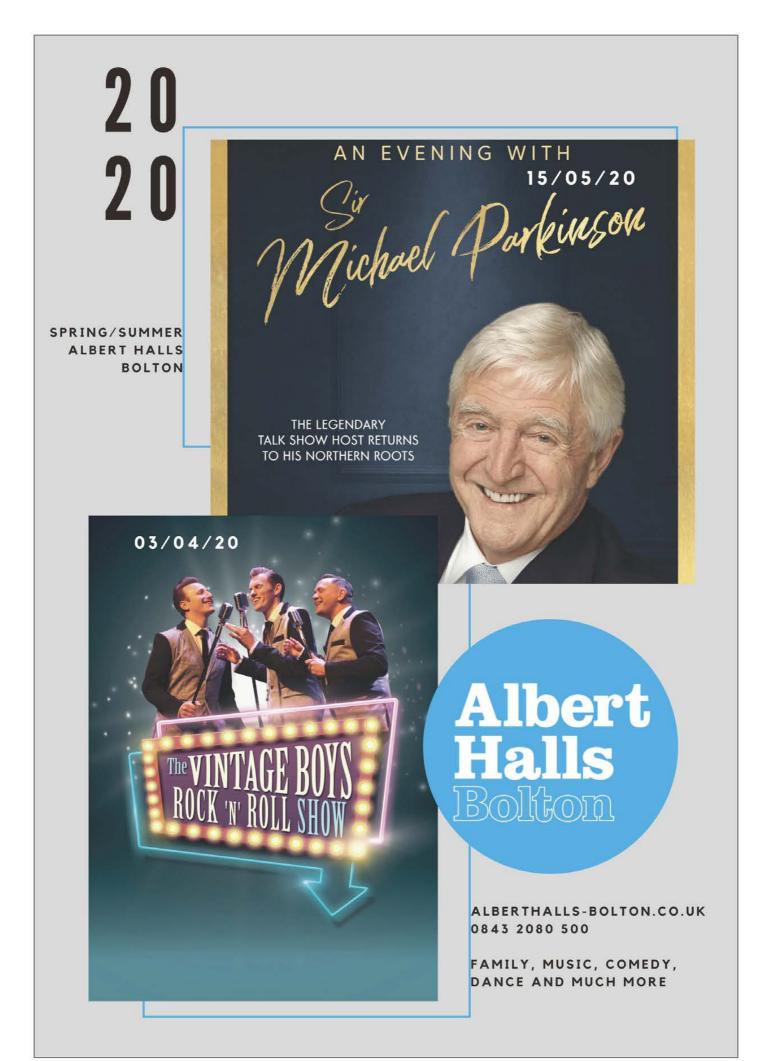
"We know it is a resident's priority," said Councillor Susan Haworth. "We are working on measures to have speeding and dangerous driving tackled.

"The overwhelming call from residents was for speed cameras. In 2016 we had volunteering for Speedwatch where the interest was Plodder Lane. We expect Speedwatch to get a go ahead in our area in a roll out in Bolton from the current single scheme.

"Rather than dealing with each road one by one your councillors have called for an assessment of roads that many say are used as a race circuit at Bradford Road, Harper Green Road and Green Lane."

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