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# Welcome



Welcome to the first edition of Our Bolton for 2023, so much has happened already and we are only in March.

In January, all eyes were on us as King Charles III and the Queen Consort visited to help us celebrate the 150th anniversary of our town hall. As leader of the council, it was one of my proudest moments to greet the royal couple and show them the very best that Bolton has to offer. The highlight for me was introducing our visitors to the many volunteers, community groups, children and young people and organisations which make our borough such a diverse and vibrant place to live.

It was also an occasion to reflect on how much has changed since the town hall doors first opened in 1873. We now find ourselves in another period of transition, as towns across the country adjust to changing shopping habits and the challenges facing our high streets.

This is a challenge Bolton is more than up for, and you may have already seen that construction work has started across the borough as we deliver on our regeneration masterplan.

But as much as Bolton has changed in 150 years, some things have remained very much the same. Just as in 1873, Bolton has never needed an excuse to show up and celebrate. Annual favourites like IRONMAN and the Food and Drink Festival will be back bigger and better this year. Continuing on the royal theme, we are looking forward to sharing our exciting plans for the

coronation in the weeks to come.

We have always been famous as one of the friendliest towns in the country, a place where people are willing to help others in need. We know many residents are struggling with the rising cost of living and we have worked with our partners in the charity sector to deliver a comprehensive support system to help people manage their finances and keep warm.

In this edition you will find more information about the support available and updates on the vital council services that we all rely on. It reflects the hard work of everyone at Bolton Council, and our commitment to making our borough the best possible place to live, work and visit.

All my best wishes

**Cllr Martyn Cox** Leader of Bolton Council

# **Artisan Markets at Heaton Fold**

season of artisan markets on the fourth Sunday of every month.

These dates include.











Heaton Fold is due to host a new Located in a picturesque valley just on the outskirts of Bolton town centre, Heaton Fold offers work experience for adults with learning disabilities.

> This year the Artisan Market will have a number of new stall holders, food and drink stands, and a host of features - come and join the fun.

Find out more visit www.heatonfold.co.uk





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Bolton came together for a historic celebration, as King Charles III and The Queen Consort arrived to mark a major milestone.

The visit came 150 years after The King's great-great-grandfather, the future King Edward VII, officially opened Bolton Town Hall in 1873.

Like then, Bolton residents packed into Victoria Square to welcome the visitors, waving flags and talking to the Royals during a walkaround with the crowd.

The town hall steps were lined with 150 children from uniformed organisations including local schools, Scouts, Cadets and Guides.

Once inside the town hall, Their Majesties viewed an exhibition of artifacts from across a century and a half of civic activity in the Grade II building.

They also met representatives from community groups, charities, schools, sports teams and public services.

The Mayor of Bolton, Cllr

Akhtar Zaman, said:
"As Mayor of Bolton, it
was my privilege to lead
the proclamation of King
Charles III from the steps of
the town hall last
September, following the
sad passing of Queen
Elizabeth II.

"On that day, I spoke to Bolton residents in the crowd, and they told me about their excitement for the new King and their optimism for the year ahead.

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Little did any of us know that just a few months later we would be welcoming King Charles III himself to the town hall to celebrate the 150th anniversary of this historic building.

"Today was all about celebrating the friendly, diverse and vibrant town of Bolton, and inviting The King and The Queen Consort to meet local charities, sports teams and volunteers who help make it such a great place to live."

Bolton Youth MP Harry Brannagan presented King Charles III with a ceremonial grand-master key to the town hall, a replica of the one presented to King Edward VII.

Harry said: "The Youth Voice in Bolton is really important, and it is good that so many children and young people were involved today.

"The King spoke to me about school and I presented him with the ceremonial key.



I think today has shown Bolton really cares about young people and clearly The King and Queen do as well.











# Coronation Save the date

May will see another spectacular royal occasion in Bolton as we come together to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

An extra Bank Holiday has been declared for Monday May 8, part of three days of celebrations to mark this historic event.

The coronation ceremony itself will be held on the morning of Saturday, May 6 and will be broadcast live on TV

On the Sunday, a special Coronation Concert will also be broadcast on TV and communities are urged to gather together for the Coronation Big Lunch.

On the Bank Holiday Monday, everyone is encouraged to take part in the "Big Help Out", an event designed to inspire more people to volunteer in their local area.

Here in Bolton, we have lots of exciting plans to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. Keep an eye on the council website and social media accounts for more updates.

Anyone planning a street party is urged to request a road closure as soon as possible by completing the application form on the council website.

Bolton Council's Deputy Leader, Cllr Hilary Fairclough, said:

"Nobody throws a party like Bolton and this will be the biggest celebration yet as the country marks the first coronation of a new monarch in more than 70 years.

"Bolton went all out for Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee and I am sure the community will come together again for this historic royal event.

"We are very excited to share our plans for the coronation in the coming weeks."



# Battling against the Cost of Mine

Bolton is fighting back against the cost of living, supporting residents needing specific help with food, fuel and finances.

Local organisations have helped create www.bolton. **gov.uk/costofliving** as a single point containing all the advice and information people need about debt. money, benefits, food, energy, health, wellbeing and safety, housing support, getting better jobs and business assistance.

Drop-in advice sessions have taken place across the borough which have proved popular, particularly for those preferring personal 1-2-1 help, and all forthcoming events are listed on the website.

In addition, a network of Warm Spaces are available offering people a safe haven during the winter as they can grab a hot drink, chat with friends, or join in fun

Cllr Susan Baines, Bolton Council's Executive Member for Wellbeing, said: "Lots of people are finding it difficult to make ends meet but thankfully there's help at hand.

"So don't suffer in silence, simply ask for help and check if you are claiming all the benefits you are entitled to."

# Where you can get help... Debt, money and benefits:

Age UK Bolton 01204 382411

**Bolton Families** Information Service

01204 332170

Bolton Jobcentre Plus 0800 169 0190 52

Citizens Advice Bury & Bolton **0808 278 7804** (freephone)

Council Tax Support 01204 331590

Discretionary Council

Tax Reduction 01204 331590 Discretionary Hardship Payment

01204 331590

**Hoot Credit Union** 01204 365024

Housing Benefit 01204 331590

Housing Benefit

01204 331901

Household Support Fund 01204 331590 / 332272

Local Welfare Provision 01204 332772

Money Skills Service

01204 332916

**Pension Credit** 0800 99 1234

Royal British Legion

0808 802 8080

Welfare Rights Service 01204 333820

Universal Credit Helpline 0800 328 5644

**United Utilities** 

0800 072 6765



## Food, energy and safety

**Electricity North West** 0800 195 4141

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 four years.

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

0800 555 815

In an emergency always call 999

### Health and wellbeing

Bolton's HAF Programme

01204 332323

www.bolton.gov.uk/haf

Free food, fun and creative sessions over Easter, summer, and Christmas for children and families on benefits 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

Bolton's libraries are open to the public as warm spaces throughout winter. Drop in during normal library opening times for free activities and group events or to 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 the 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 169 0190 52

## **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

www.bolton.gov.uk/costofliving

# We don't teach our carers understanding and compassion.

They already have that in bucket loads before they decide to become a foster carer.

Benefits include discount cards and free access to leisure centres

# Take that

# first step today

Bolton Council is looking to recruit more single carers, couples or families who can open their hearts and their homes to our looked after children.

Becoming a foster carer is about creating a safe place for a child or young person who is distanced from the family and home that they know. It takes a certain kind of person to do that, and with the right support, and training, which Bolton Council will provide, together we can support every child who needs our help.

Fostering for your local council helps keep that child in familiar surroundings, providing some stability when they are at their most vulnerable and fearful of losing all that they have known.

### What makes a foster carer?

Every potential carer is unique, and our experienced team will get to know you, the people around you, and your lifestyle, to support you in making fostering a part of vour life.

#### The rewards and benefits are huge.

Not least that your understanding and compassion can change the whole world of a child in foster

A self-employed role - you will receive a competitive allowance, reward and discount schemes,

training allowances, and help with setting up your home.

When you foster with Bolton Council, you will be part of the largest fostering community in Bolton, where long established carers support new carers, and where our council teams work together with you to help Bolton children in care.

#### You are never alone.

When you decide to find out more about fostering with your local council we will leave no stone unturned, managing your expectations throughout.

After all, we want fostering to be the best thing you ever decided to do.

> For our brochure, 'Your Guide to Fostering in Bolton' email

fostering@bolton.gov.uk call **0800 107 1564** 

or complete an enquiry form







# Comsider a Career With

We are looking for new **Shared Lives carers to** join Bolton Cares, a company wholly owned by the council and Bolton's biggest care provider.



Shared Lives is when families or individuals open up their homes to support and care for adults with a variety of care needs including those with learning disabilities, autism, or poor mental health, as well as older adults, and young people transitioning to adulthood.

**Bolton Cares matches** people with approved carers who share their daily lives and their hobbies and activities.

Joining the Shared Lives service is often a turning point in people's lives and helps them gain important life skills so they can thrive.

For some it could be the first time they connect with their community,

cook a meal, go out with friends, or go on holiday.

From cooking and crafts to football and concerts, Shared Lives carers work to make it happen.

Some people move in with their Shared Lives carer, others just visit in the day and many combine day and overnight visits.

If you are over 18,

rent or own your own home and have a spare room, you could become a **Shared Lives Carer.** You don't need qualifications; the most important thing is that you're enthusiastic about developing the independence and

skills of others.

professional married couple who share their lives with 'S' who is 20 and has complex needs.

They said: "'S' is the focal point of our happy family life. He has impacted our lives in such a positive way and given it new meaning."

Annette lives with her teenage son and looks after a number of people on a short and long-term respite care basis.

She said: "I love caring and thinking up creative ways of engaging with people to nurture them.

"Doing a variety of activities helps build a rapport with the people I support; it also builds their confidence and gets them talking and sharing."

Council's Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Services, said: "It's incredibly rewarding to bring hope and happiness into people's lives, and being a Shared Lives Carer really does make a huge difference to adults

"If you think you could help enhance the life of someone in need then please contact Bolton Cares and find out more."

with care needs.

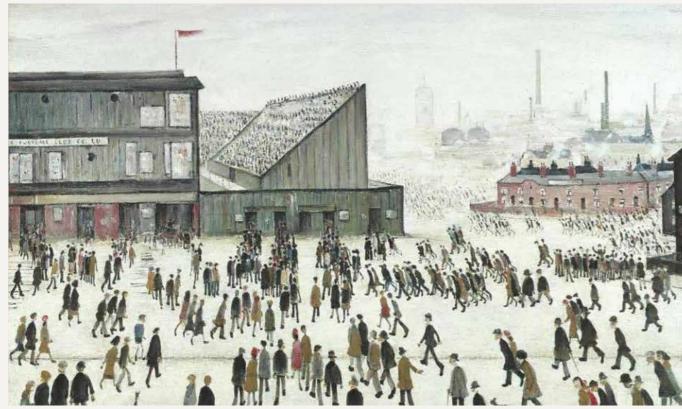
"There's lots of training and support available, so, if you want a rewarding career in care, while working from home and earning a decent income, get in touch."

sharedlives@boltoncares.org.uk 01204 331111



# L.S. Lowry and Bolton Wanderers

# Going to the Match



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# Iconic football painting is heading for Bolton

L.S Lowry's "Going to the Match" will soon be part of a special exhibition at Bolton Museum. The 1953 work shows fans arriving for a Bolton Wanderers game at their former home of Burnden Park.

It was recently put up for auction at Christie's where it was purchased by The Lowry in Salford for a record £8.1m. The purchase was made possible thanks to a generous gift from the Law Family Charitable Foundation.

The painting will be the centrepiece of the exhibition "Going to the Match: L.S. Lowry & Bolton Wanderers", opening on Saturday 25th March. The exhibition will explore Lowry's links to Bolton and the wider history of Bolton Wanderers.

At the heart of the exhibition will be the stories of Bolton Wanderers fans, the very people celebrated in Lowry's painting.

Bolton Council Leader, Cllr Martyn Cox, said: "'Going to the Match' is a key part of our sporting and cultural heritage and I was delighted to hear it will be staying in the North West where it belongs.

"For such an important work to be loaned to us so soon after the auction is a real coup for Bolton, and I would like to thank The Lowry, Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett, and all our friends in Salford for this wonderful gesture.

"I'm sure visitors from across the borough, and further afield, will take the opportunity to view the painting in what is sure to be a fascinating exhibition."

The exhibition is currently scheduled from **Saturday 25th March to Sunday 26th June** at Bolton Museum, Le Mans Crescent.

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# Regem: Our Bolton

# The regeneration of Bolton town centre continues to gather momentum with several major projects now underway, and even more to come.

Visitors will have noticed a flurry of activity on the corner of Black Horse Street and Ashburner Street as work continues to refurbish both the market and Central Library, thanks to the government's Towns Fund.

Just next door to the market, Step Places and social housing provider Bolton at Home are working with Bolton Council on the Moor Lane development.

The project will transform the 4.5-acre former bus station site into 208 new homes, with green spaces and shops.

A short walk from there, PlaceFirst have started work on the £35m Central Street development, delivering 167 high-quality rented homes on a brownfield site.

Elsewhere, Forshaw
Construction is delivering
the 58 home Your Housing
Group development on
Bark Street and St
George's Road – a key part
of the Croal Valley
intervention area.

Developers Capital&Centric

have confirmed plans for Neighbourhood Bolton, a new project that will see townhouses built on a number of plots near the transport interchange. Demolition work is also near completion at Church Wharf after the council acquired a number of disused buildings in the area, clearing the site for regeneration.

Bolton Council Leader, Cllr Martyn Cox, said: "Anyone visiting Bolton town centre will notice a number of key projects are well underway as we deliver on our regeneration masterplan.

"Individually, each of these projects represents an exciting opportunity for Bolton but taken together they represent a wider vision to make our town a more vibrant and exciting place to live, work and visit."

#### Beyond the town centre

Away from the town centre, Bolton Council has committed millions of pounds to fund projects in Farnworth, Horwich, Little Lever and Westhoughton.

These include the Farnworth Green development, the

completed Little Lever Library and improved paving schemes and pedestrian links in Westhoughton.

Bolton Council's Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Cllr Adele Warren, said:

"This council is committed to expanding regeneration well beyond the town centre to other areas of the borough.

"Our District Centres fund is designed to do just that and it is already delivering key projects that will make a positive impact in our local communities.

"Each development is based on feedback from local stakeholders to make sure that every pound we spend is being used to address the main priorities of our communities."

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# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A BOLTON **COMMUNITY CHAMPION**

The Community Champions program has been running for nearly two years now and a lot has happened and changed in that time!

We've worked through the COVID-19 pandemic, looked to the future, developed the project with existing champions and whilst doing that, recruited many more amazing champions to help schedule, you could make a the people who live, work and study in Bolton be as healthy and happy as they can be.

I'm Craig Henderson, and I run Craig's Barber Shop in Tonge Moor.

Being a community champion is something that comes naturally to me by supporting my community with their mental wellbeing and being available to listen to them, ask them important questions and signpost them to many of the valuable resources and support services that are available to them.

What I do could improve their life and sometimes even potentially save their life. All from just a simple chat and listening.

On the champions program, I've completed various courses including the Alcohol Health Awareness training which

Let's Keep Bolton

Moving > > > ACTIVITIES | HEALTH | WELLBEING has given me skills to help my community with alcohol dependency or misuse.

I use what I've learned while I'm at work and also out within the community.

Anyone can be a community champion, if you give up even a few hours of your busy small difference to someone in your community and these small differences have huge positive impacts.

It builds friendship and trust in the community again, which is what we need at the moment when we are living in difficult times.

another and look out for each other as we are all valued human beings." Thanks to people

like Craig, people in local communities have somebody to turn to with their problems, who can give them the support thev need.

This is why training and development for champions is important to us and becoming a champion opens up a world of benefits not just for you but for our communities.

To find out more and sign up visit www.letskeepboltonmoving.co.uk /communitychampions







# Are you ready?

# Everyone needs photo ID to vote at elections in May.

For the first time, residents in Bolton will need to show photographic ID to vote at this year's local elections.

Residents are being urged to make sure they are ready to vote in May by checking they have an accepted form of ID.

Accepted forms of ID include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK or EEA drivers' licence; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass or an Oyster 60+ card.

Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online at voter-authority-certificate. service.gov.uk or by completing a paper form.

Ailsa Irvine, Director of Electoral Administration and Guidance, said: "Anyone voting at a polling station in England this May will need to show photo ID before they can be given their ballot paper.

"It's important that everyone understands what types of ID they can use, and how to apply for free ID if they need it.

"You can find information about the new requirement and what to expect at the polling station on the Electoral Commission's website."

Sue Johnson, Returning Officer at Bolton Council, said: "With elections taking place in Bolton on 4 May, it is important that anyone who wants to vote makes sure they have an accepted form of ID.

"Residents who do not have one of the accepted forms of ID can apply for free ID either online or by completing a paper application form and sending this to our electoral services team."

Anyone who wants to have their say in the elections this May must also be registered to vote. It only takes five minutes to register online at www. gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Voters wishing to apply for free voter ID should first make sure they are registered to vote.



Find out more at

electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

No ID? You can apply for free voter ID



# Fun and excitement at **IRONMAN 2023!**

England's best IRONMAN weekend returns to Bolton from Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July and you can take part, support the athletes or simply enjoy the

Helping to celebrate the achievements of all the athletes and fun runners there will be a fabulous finish along the IRONMAN red carpet, family fun area, music stages, festival zone and food and drink stalls.

**Night Run, Friday 30th June**Join over 1,000 runners of all abilities. New for this year: 10k course added, official timings for all runners and special offers for groups. Find out more and register at www.ironman.com/im-uk.

# **IRONKIDS, Saturday 1st July** It's bigger than ever, as over 4,000 young athletes race

the town centre course in the largest IRONKIDS event in the world! Pop down to cheer them on and soak up the

### **IRONMAN UK, Sunday 2nd July**

Thousands of athletes from around the world head to Bolton to take on the gruelling swim, bike and run

#### Bolton's famous support makes it special!

Head to the town centre on 30th June and 1st July to cheer on the Night Runners and IRONKIDS and enjoy the festival and family fun zones.

Then on Sunday 2nd July, you can support the IRONMAN UK athletes all around the course.

There's all-day excitement at Le Mans Crescent, Queen's Park and Chorley New Road as the athletes pass by multiple times, and don't forget the fantastic red-carpet finish in Victoria Square.

Spectator hotspots along the bike course are Smithills Dean Road (with a farm, café, family activities, parking and a footpath for safe viewing), and Egerton village (with local shops, pubs and restaurants at the foot of a long

Come along and be part of the action!

**IRONMANUK** 

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# Bolton Food Drink Festival 2 23

FRI 25 TO MON 28 AUGUST

In partnership with



The North West's biggest and best Food and Drink **Festival returns this August Bank Holiday to celebrate** its 18th birthday.

Last year's record breaking and award-winning event attracted nearly half a million visitors over the four days, enjoying fantastic food, drink, free live music, and entertainment in brilliant sunshine and it's back this year with more surprises in store!

With this year's exciting celebrity chef line up yet to be announced, you can guarantee more famous names will be dropping by to say hello. Along with our celebrity chefs; regional chefs and rising food and drink stars of the future will be demonstrating their skills, so be sure to check out the regional chef demo stages to catch some brilliant new talent.

As usual the town will be packed with people browsing our award-winning markets, offering cuisine from around the world, as well as a selection of arts, crafts and gifts. We're continuing to be greener, cleaner and more environmentally friendly with a focus on local produce, sustainable practices and attention to reducing, reusing, repairing and

Nowhere parties like Bolton and our 18th birthday celebration will also be bringing a mix of special events, children's activities and cookery classes, street entertainment and live music, getting everyone dancing in the streets late into the evening.

If you're looking for something a bit more relaxed, there's still places to chill out offering plenty of space for wheelchairs, pushchairs and seating right across the town centre where you can sit back and soak in the wonderful friendly atmosphere.

There is something for everybody but don't just take our word for it, festival favourite, TV Chef, James Martin, said last year: "It is the biggest food festival in the UK and probably the biggest in Europe, it's pretty incredible. The streets are packed and the selection of chefs, a variety of producers, and there's food from five or six countries in a matter of yards.'

Keep your eyes peeled on the festival's social media for the announcement about this year's cracking chef line up as well as all the other exciting stuff that's happening over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Partnership and sponsorship opportunities are also available – for details contact us at sponsorship@bolton.gov.uk

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**Bolton** Council



### New premises does the job for council's employment support service

The Workshop is better placed than ever to help Bolton residents, thanks to its new town centre premises and securing industry gold-standard accreditation.

The council service, which helps residents learn new skills and improve their career prospects, has moved into a new bespoke office space in Crompton Place.

The space is proving to be a hit with customers and comes equipped with enhanced training facilities, new meeting rooms and one-to-one support areas across two floors.

The Workshop delivers a variety of employability contracts to help Bolton residents find sustainable employment. It also offers training workshops, access to exclusive work experience and job vacancies, along with health and wellbeing support.

Since it was established in 2010, The Workshop has helped hundreds of people into work, thanks to it's experience and strong links with local employers.

Across all programmes, more than half of participants go on to find sustainable employment.

In recent years, the team has made almost 1,000 referrals to local organisations who can help with some of the other barriers to work, including language skills, financial advice, anxiety or health issues.

Among the satisfied customers is Sarah, who said: "I came to see The Workshop and had no confidence and hadn't worked for over 20 years.

"I now have a CV, job searching skills and a Level 1 in Office Skills. I'm now looking to start a work experience placement working with my learning mentor."

Anthony, another service user, said: "All I can say is that if it wasn't for The Workshop I do not think I would have got the job I am now in.

"It provided me my own laptop and bus travel for up to six weeks, and

brand new safety boots. I am truly grateful."

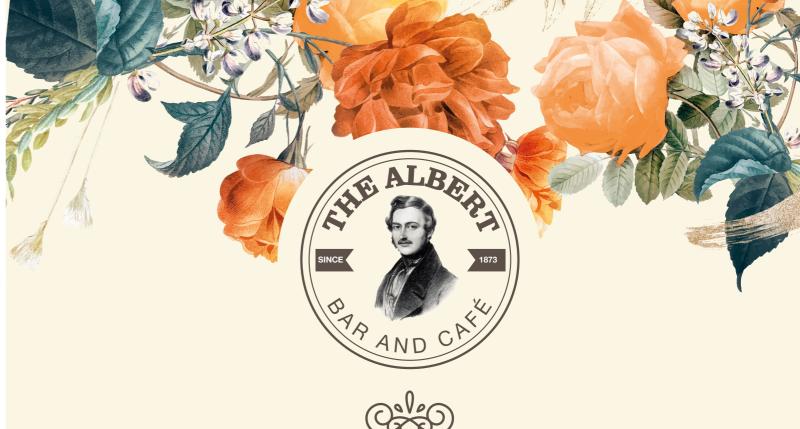
Executive Cabinet
Member for Regeneration,
Cllr Adele Warren, said:
"We are committed to
regeneration across the
borough and that goes
beyond new buildings
to include giving our
residents the skills
and confidence to find
meaningful new careers.

"I would urge anyone looking to improve their career prospects to speak to their job coach about the support The Workshop can offer, or to contact the team directly to see how they can help you or your business."

www.bolton.gov.uk/theworkshopbolton

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# Wednesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm

Visit us at our exclusive bar to enjoy your favourite drinks and taste our brand new food menu

You can also get your tickets at our new box office too!

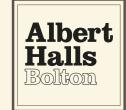
Albert Halls, Victoria Square, Bolton



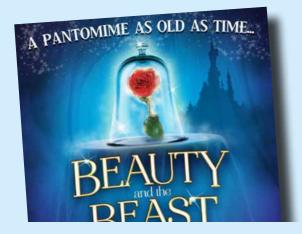




alberthalls-bolton.co.uk



# What's on at the Albert Halls



**Beauty and the Beast** 7th April-8th April 2023



**Absolutely Dragulous** 12th May 2023



The Serial Killer Next Door 12th June 2023



**UK Pink Floyd Experience** 21st April 2023



**Calling Planet Earth** 18th May 2023



The Very Best of Tommy Cooper 24th June 2023



# 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.

# Spring / 19 Before you go...

#### **Holiday, Activities** and Food

**Team Bolton's Holiday Activities** & Food (HAF) sessions are back this Easter with a host of providers giving young people on benefits related free school meals access to enriching activities and something to eat.

Whether its sports, music or drama, or just meeting up with friends, there's something for everyone!

**Bolton Council's Executive Cabinet** Member for Children's Services, Cllr Anne Galloway, said: "School holidays can be a challenging time for families who may be struggling with the rising cost of food and childcare.

"The HAF programme has been really well received and these sessions give children the opportunity to make new friends, get active and learn new skills."

Check out what's on in your area this Easter by visiting our HAF microsite at bolton.gov.uk/HAF



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