

South Neighbourhood Newsletter

July 2026

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Spotlight on: Cool Spaces

With the recent high temperatures and heat alerts, we wanted to raise awareness of Warm Welcome's network of Cool Spaces.

Many Warm Welcome Spaces open their doors during periods of hot weather, offering local people a safe, welcoming place to sit, rest and cool down - particularly important for older people, families with young children, and people with long-term health conditions.

People can find their nearest Cool Space using the Warm Welcome map and filtering by the Cool Space icon: <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/find-a-space>

Warm Welcome Spaces and community organisations can find lots of tips here how to run a Cool Space: [**Cool Spaces Blog**](#)

We would be very grateful if you could share this information with your local networks, community organisations, Warm Welcome Spaces and residents where appropriate.

As well as helping people stay safe during periods of extreme heat, Cool Spaces provide opportunity for people to stay connected and access support within their local community.

If you would like to register a Cool Space, you can do so by following the website address above, choose the 'Get Involved' tab at the top of the page, followed by 'Register your space'- at this point you will be asked to log-in (if you are already registered) or to create a log-in.

Thank you for your support!



Spotlight on: The Well

The Well Foodbank warehouse is currently low in stocks of several items.

Now is the time for heroes to step up!

With every weekly shopping trip, you can make a significant difference.

Please consider buying an extra carton of fruit juice to donate to the foodbank—be a crucial support for those in need.

You can drop off your donations at The Well or in the collection tubs located at Farnworth Asda or Farnworth Tesco.

Alternatively, you can purchase via Give Today, an online shopping portal <https://bit.ly/4l5iygB>

Thank you!



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Salvation Army Baby Bank



Farnworth
Church & Community Centre



Little Steps Baby Bank

Held at The Salvation Army, Brackley
Street, Farnworth the last Monday of
the month.

1pm – 2.15pm

Referrals only via Health Visitors, Baby
Basics or The Well Foodbank,
Farnworth

Farnworth
www.salvationarmy.org.uk/farnworth
Registered Charity no. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359,
General: Lyndon Buckingham Territorial Commander for the United Kingdom with the Republic of Ireland: Commissioner Paul Main

This Month: Rock Hall

Rock Hall are delighted to announce that they've been awarded £4,465,552 in partnership with Lancashire Wildlife Trust from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Thanks to National Lottery players, this support will help to transform Rock Hall into a community heritage hub and visitor destination.

The Rock Hall Revival project will restore and repurpose the historic building, creating a welcoming space for local people and visitors.

Plans include heritage interpretation, community activities, learning opportunities, and improved access to the surrounding landscape.

A huge thankyou to everybody that has supported the project.



This Month: Farnworth Focus

The Farnworth Focus Project was a targeted 18-month community regeneration project by Be One Homes (previously Bolton at Home). The project operated out of a local community hub to make it accessible and integrated- a place where staff and partners tackled local priorities and supported over 800 residents, addressed hundreds of property repairs and hosted numerous community events.

The team have developed a short film to capture the impact of the project. You can watch the video by following the link: [Farnworth Focus: watch our short film dedicated to all involved - Be One Homes](#)



The team said:

'We'd like to dedicate this short film to all the residents, partners and colleagues who supported our Farnworth Focus project. It's a longer watch, so we won't blame you if you can't make it through in one sitting. But if you're from the area, there's a good chance you'll spot a familiar face, hear from someone you know, or maybe even see yourself..?'

In the film, our Community Engagement colleagues reflect on the work carried out across Farnworth, working alongside local partners to tackle the issues residents told us mattered most, including antisocial behaviour, environmental concerns, repairs and maintenance, and more.

You'll also hear from residents who've benefitted from the project, sharing what the changes have meant to them and how they plan to continue playing an active role in their community.

None of the positive outcomes highlighted in this film would have been possible without the support, involvement and commitment of the people of Farnworth. If you played a part in the project, thank you'.



Coming Up: GM Police

Please join us for the next Police Surgeries:



Kearsley

- 11 – 12
- Tuesday 25th
August 12A Roosevelt Rd

Farnworth

- 11 – 12
- Thursday 16th July
- New Bury UCAN
Centre, George Street

Farnworth

- 2 – 3pm
- Tuesday 11th August
- Coffee House, King
Street



This is a great opportunity to raise any concerns, ask questions and find out what the local policing team are doing to address issues that matter most to the community

Details of police surgeries and P.A.C.T. meetings, can be found on Bee in the Loop and on our website:



Bee in the Loop: <https://orlo.uk/qCDeT>

GMP website: <https://www.gmp.police.uk/>

Coming Up: Family Hubs



The new Family Hub Guide to Services and Activities: July- August 2026 has just been released!

To explore the guide, please use the link:
[Family Hubs Newsletter Jul-Aug 2026](#)

For more information about Family Hubs, visit: [Families \(including Best Start Family Hubs Bolton\) – Bolton Start Well](#)

You can also follow on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/boltonfamilyhubs/>

<https://www.facebook.com/boltonearlyyears>

Best Start Family Hubs Bolton Guide to Services and Activities 20/07/2026 - 28/08/2026

LOCAL HUBS AND CENTRES

Alexandra Family Hub

Blackledge Street BL3 4BL
01204 337347

Bright Meadows Family Hub

Greenroyd Ave, Breightmet,
BL2 5DD
01204 336691

Farnworth Family Hub

King Street BL4 7AP
01204 334955

Great Lever Family Hub

Leonard Street BL3 3AP
01204 337333

Harvey Family Hub

Shaw Street BL3 6HU
01204 337390

Oldhams Family Hub

Forfar Street BL1 6RN
01204 334992

Oxford Grove Family Hub

Shepherd Cross Street BL1 3BH
01204 337090

Tonge Family Hub

Starkie Road BL2 2ED
01204 336745

Horwich Health and Wellbeing Hub

Victoria Road BL6 7BT
01204 335138

The Hub at Westhoughton

The Hub, Central Drive, BL5 3DS
01942 635985



Summer REAL Activities

(Raising Early Achievement In Literacy)

Perfect for ages 3–4, but all families welcome. Enjoy logo hunts, story time and messy play, and take home simple low-cost ideas to support literacy.

No need to book!

Meet the Crocodile!



Alexandra Best Start Family Hub	Thu 23 Jul	1–2pm
Oldhams Best Start Family Hub	Fri 24 Jul	9:30–11am
Great Lever Best Start Family Hub	Mon 27 Jul	9:30–11am
Harvey Best Start Family Hub	Mon 27 Jul	1–2pm
Blackrod Young People's Centre	Tue 28 Jul	10–11:30am
Bright Meadows Best Start Family Hub	Tue 28 Jul	1–2:30pm
Tonge Best Start Family Hub	Fri 31 Jul	1:30–3pm
Tonge Best Start Family Hub	Mon 3 Aug	10–11:30am
The Gates Primary School	Mon 3 Aug	9:30–11am
Great Lever Best Start Family Hub	Tue 4 Aug	9:30–11am
Oxford Grove Best Start Family Hub	Wed 5 Aug	10–12pm
Alexandra Best Start Family Hub	Wed 5 Aug	1–2:30pm
Farnworth Best Start Family Hub	Thu 6 Aug	1–2pm
Harvey Best Start Family Hub	Fri 14 Aug	9:30–11am

Scan the QR code with your mobile camera to access more free activities



Coming Up: Family Hubs

Does your child enjoy cooking, or would they like to learn a new skill? If so, Cooking Wizards is for them!
This session will increase their cooking skills, whilst gaining more confidence in the kitchen environment.

Session details below 🙌

🍕 Pizza making workshop

📅 Saturday 25 July 2026

🕒 10.00 - 12.00

🍰 Baking workshop

📅 15 August 2026

🕒 10:00am - 12:00pm

📍 Farnworth Family Hub, King Street, Bolton, BL4 7AP

For children aged 8 onwards

To book a free place: enquiries@cookingwizards.co.uk ☎️ Rizwana on 07780 840338



Coming Up: Children and Young People

Bolton's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is back for summer 2026!

Funded by the UK Government and co-ordinated locally by Bolton Council, our HAF programme supports children and families on **benefits related Free School Meals** with

FREE physical and enriching activities alongside a **hot meal** for a minimum of **4 hours** a day, **4 days** a week and for **4 weeks** over summer! There's even a chance to try your hand at cooking!

Whether you love **sport**, enjoy the **arts**, or just want something **fun** to do with **friends**, our HAF programme is jam packed with **unique experiences** in a location near you! Simply click on the postcode you're interested in before following the booking instructions from you're selected provider. You will need to provide your unique HAF code when booking, for eligibility.

Don't have a HAF code? Whilst the programme is aimed at children and young people on benefits related free school meals #TeamBolton's Play & Youth Service offer **FREE sessions** and food to all school aged young people across the borough!

For more information about what's on, visit the website:

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/HAF>

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TERM TIME 2026

FREE LOCAL YOUTH CLUBS

LOCATION: Farnworth Young People's Centre, BL4 7AP

- **MONDAYS - Youth Club:**
6.30pm - 8.45pm (Yr 8 to Yr 13)
- **WEDNESDAYS - Youth Club:**
6.30pm - 8.45pm (Yr 8 to Yr 13)
- **FRIDAYS - Youth Club:**
3.30pm - 6.00pm (Yr 8 to Yr 13)

Focus on Farnworth **Play and Youth Bolton** **Bolton Council** **PRIDE IN PLACE**
LED BY YOU - BACKED BY UK GOVERNMENT

ENJOY. ACHIEVE. INSPIRE. ASPIRE. #GETINVOLVED

[@TeamBoltonYouth](#)

Coming up: Think Cre8tive

6-week community heart recovery programme for adults after heart attack, surgery, stent or bypass

Take Heart!

A gentle, singing-led programme that supports cardiovascular recovery through reinforcing recovery skills and anxiety reduction

- gentle movement, singing and social participation
- reinforce pacing, breathing and recovery skills
- strengthen motivation, routine and heart-healthy habits

Experience:

- increased confidence after heart attack, surgery, angioplasty, stent or formal cardiac rehabilitation
- reduced anxiety and fear of overdoing things
- reduced drop-off after rehab through community-based follow-on

Contact us for next course dates and venues:
www.thinkcre8tivegroup.com
Contact Pamela 01204 263165
info@thinkcre8tivegroup.com

Think Cre8tive Singing Club

6-week respiratory programme for adults living with COPD and other respiratory long-term lung conditions

Breathe Easy!

A gentle, singing-led programme that maintains and strengthens lung health through posture and mobility work and simple self-management education

- pacing, sleep-friendly calming strategies, flare-up planning and energy management
- gentle movement and body awareness
- personalised lung health self-management toolkit for home use

Experience:

- increased breath confidence managing symptoms day to day
- supported emotional wellbeing and reduce isolation
- progression into longer-term community wellbeing activity

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Think Cre8tive Singing Club

6-week community programme for adults living with frailty

Step Up!

A gentle, singing-led programme that helps prevent falls and builds strength and balance through chair-based exercises and confidence-building interventions

- chair-based or standing exercises
- confidence-building singing
- breath and posture practice

Experience:

- increased confidence
- reduced isolation and stronger social connection
- improved general and emotional wellbeing
- continuation into wider community wellbeing activity

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Think Cre8tive Singing Club

If you would like to find out more about Think Cre8tive Group and the singing programs they host across Bolton, please visit their website or YouTube channel to find out more about their amazing work. www.thinkcre8tivegroup.com
<https://www.youtube.com/@boltonsingingclub>

Coming up:

The Big Bolton Wildlife Friendly Garden Competition

Free to Enter **Great Prizes**

Rotary Bolton Lever

Open to BL1 - BL7 residents
Closing date 16th August 2026

Let's All Go Wild in Bolton!

We want everyone in Bolton to do a little bit to support our wonderful wildlife

You don't need a garden to take part!
Even one pot of flowers really helps
Window boxes, pots or tubs in a yard or balcony are ideal

How it works:

- Get your free information pack
- Make some changes that will help wildlife
- Take photos and email them to us (no garden visits)

Download Your Information Pack  Or email: wildlife@boltonrotary.org.uk

Follow us for updates and tips
facebook.com/wildlifefriendlygardencompetition  

RHS heaton fold Bolton Garden Centre Rotary Bolton Lever



S.P.a.R.K. Community Alliance

Stoneclough, Prestolee, and Ringley, Kearsley Community Alliance

We are a group of residents, community groups, services, and local workers who get together to share what's happening in the SPaRK area and share ideas to make the area a better place to live and work.

NEXT MEETING

Join us to share your ideas at
St John Fisher Church Hall, BL4 8QQ
Thursday 16th July 2026,
11:30am - 1pm

For more information please contact:
Debra Barlow (Chair) on debrabarlow93@gmail.com
or Corinna Cowley (Area Working Coordinator) on
corinna.cowley@bolton.gov.uk or tel 07584 491097

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Kearsley Circle Dance

*Kearsley New Church, Charles St,
Kearsley, Lancs BL4 9DD*

Thursdays
2pm

2026

July 16th, Aug 27th
October 1st & 29th
November 19th
December 10th

*For further information and dates please contact
Carolyn Kennion: 07847 064135
Suggested donation £3*

Coming Up:

We are delighted to announce our 9th Kearsley Scarecrow Festival will be taking place on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September 2026.

We are now taking entries for this year's event so if you would like to register a scarecrow with your family, community group or business then let us know!

To register, scan QR code or use link:

<https://forms.gle/qBnvTUQvevMg2Gqy8>

Complete online form and send your £5 entry fee via PayPal (details on form)



The poster for the Kearsley Scarecrow Festival 2026 features a blue sky background with a sunburst logo at the top that says 'KEARSLEY SCARECROW Festival'. Below this, the text 'SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2026' is written in large, 3D block letters. A silhouette of a scarecrow stands on a green field in the foreground. The dates 'SATURDAY 19TH AND SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER' are displayed in green and blue. Below the dates, it says 'SCARECROW TRAIL OPEN FROM 10AM UNTIL 4PM'. A QR code is shown with the text 'SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR SCARECROW' and 'DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2026'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'For further information or assistance with your entry form, please contact us by email at: kearsleyscarecrowfestival@hotmail.com' and 'Follow us on Facebook Kearsley Scarecrow Festival'.

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Aphasia Bolton

UCAN CENTER
59 George St, New Bury
Farnworth, Bolton
BL4 9PU



Monthly Meetings 2026

For Members and carers

Wednesdays 10am till 11:45am

8th July

19th August

9th September

14th October



Contact us for information and how to book
office@speakeasy-aphasia.org.uk



Thank you for your continued support!

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