



Welcome to the **March 2026** edition of your
East

Neighbourhood Newsletter



Things to do.....

Toddlers and Tech

Explore, Play, and Learn:
Digital Fun for Babies & Toddlers!



Bring your babies and toddlers to play, explore, and learn with child-safe cameras, music, apps, and toys.

While they play, parents can discover online safety tips, parental controls, and child profiles—all in a relaxed, fun space.

Tuesday 31st March

Drop in anytime between 11am and 1pm

Bolton Central Library

Le Mans Crescent, Bolton, BL1 1SE

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Get involved



WE ARE THE COMMUNITY CANALS PROJECT

UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL

- > **Guided Nature Walk and Talk with Russ Hedley**
Guided nature walk with local Naturalist
Wednesday 8 April, 2pm - 4pm, meet from 1.30pm
Sign up here: tinyurl.com/Russ080426
- > **Frogs, Toads & Birds Guided Walk**
Join us to look for migrating birds, and newly emerged amphibians!
Friday 17 April, 10am-12pm, meet from 9.30am
Sign up here: tinyurl.com/Frogs170426
- > **Your Vision - Community Consultation**
Share your thoughts and ideas about redesigning your community landscape for people and nature!
Friday 24 April, 10:30am-12:30pm
Location: Little Lever Library
Sign up here: tinyurl.com/Vision240426
- > **Creative Spaces - Consultation Drop Ins**
Help Bolton at Home design facilities to highlight the heritage stories and wildlife found on the canal
Find out more through Bolton at Home's website



SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN OUR MAILING LIST
OR CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION!

 communitycanals@groundwork.org.uk

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Canal Society



Growing the
Good Work Fund

Bolton
at Home



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Get involved



The Big Bolton
Wildlife Friendly Garden
Competition

Great Prizes
Free to Enter

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

Go Wild in Your Garden!

Rotary  ask everyone in Bolton to do a little bit to support wildlife
Bolton Lever

**Enter with your Garden, Courtyard,
Balcony or Window box for the
chance to win a great prize**

Talk to us at Heaton Fold Garden Centre BL1 5BU
10 - 3 on Sunday 29th March or Sunday 26th April

For more details and how to enter
Download your Information Pack here
or email wildlife@boltonrotary.org.uk



Follow us for updates and tips
facebook.com/wildlifefriendlygardencompetition



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 **heaton fold**
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Have your say!



Help shape services for families in Bolton

Bolton Council would like to hear from young people, parents, carers and those working with young people, to share their views on the support available for families in Bolton. This will help share future services for parents/carers and young people in our borough.

For further information and to have your say, please visit: https://bit.ly/Bolton_Consultation. There are two separate surveys, one for parents/carers/professionals and another for children and young people. **Deadline:** Monday 20th April 2026.

Adults Feedback



Young people's feedback



Bolton Family Hubs

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Recruitment Event



Your future starts today

Recruitment event



10am – 1pm
Tuesday 31 March 2026

Great Lever Family Hub,
Leonard Street BL3 3AP

Come and join us for a chat about...

- CV support
- Discuss career options
- Chat to the Recruitment Team
- Discuss transferable skills
- Learn how to apply with Bolton Council



Job Opportunities...

Admin | Apprenticeships | Care | Catering | Cleaning | Libraries | Schools ...and many more!



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WE CAN HELP WITH:

- Local job opportunities
- CV support
- Training and courses
- Career change
- Interview preparation
- General benefit advice/signposting
- Options when leaving education
- Apprenticeships
- Working with a health condition
- Work search guidance
- Job application assistance



For any benefit payment enquiries, please contact us by phone on 0800 328 5644 or visit your nearest Jobcentre.

Our daily schedules, in and around Bolton can be found on the following sites.

<https://jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk/>

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TIMETABLE Bolton

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Slaterfield Community Centre, BL3 6YE	Tuesday 7 April 2026	9:30am to 1pm 2pm to 4pm
John Holt Centre, Birch Ave, Westhoughton, BL5 2NR	Wednesday 8 April 2026	9:30am to 12pm 1pm to 3pm
Bridge Church, 109 Bradford St, BL2 1JX	Thursday 9 April 2026	09:30 to 1pm 2pm to 4pm
Asda Astley Bridge, Moss Bank Way, BL1 8QG	Friday 10 April 2026	9:30am to 1pm 2pm to 4pm
Be the Change Youth Hub, Rear of 199 Deane Church Lane Deane, Bolton, BL3 4EW	Monday 13 April 2026	9:30am to 12.30pm
Horwich Leisure Centre, Victoria Rd, Horwich, BL6 5PY	Monday 13 April 2026	2pm to 4pm
Westhoughton Community Hub, Central Drive, BL5 3DS	Tuesday 14 April 2026	9:30am to 1pm 2pm to 4pm
Tesco Little Lever, Crossley St, BL3 1AA	Wednesday 15 April 2026	9:30am to 1pm 2pm to 4pm
New Bury UCAN Centre, 53 George Street, BL4 9PU	Thursday 16 April 2026	9:30am to 12.30pm
Asda, Brackley Street, Farnworth, Bolton, BL4 9DT	Thursday 16 April 2026	2pm to 4pm
Masjid-e-Noorul Mosque Prospect Street, BL1 3QH	Friday 17 April 2026	11am to 3pm

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The Cancer Awareness Roadshow is coming to Bolton

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- Chat to a nurse about how small health changes can reduce your cancer risk
- Learn about screening and where to get more information
- Talk about the importance of spotting cancer early by speaking to the GP about any concerns

Bolton Market BL11TJ: April 9, June 4, July 9, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10.

Victoria Square BL1 1RJ: 19/20 May, 4/5 August, 22/23 September.

10am – 4pm



For more information visit:
cruk.org/roadshow



Spotlight on HOOT Credit Union....



News from Hoot

Hoot Credit Union is joining forces with Manchester Credit Union to form a bigger, better credit union

Hoot Credit Union and Manchester Credit Union are delighted to announce their plans to merge. The Boards of both credit unions have agreed that together we will be able to offer enhanced services, greater financial resilience and expanded opportunities to all our members whilst retaining our local focus.

As neighbouring, and in the case of Bury, overlapping credit unions, that share the same values and commitment to excellent customer and community service; the move to come together and form a stronger credit union is the logical next step to securing credit union services in the years to come.

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Coverage of combined credit union

Anyone who lives, works or studies in the areas outlined below can join the credit union from July 1st



Chris Canham CEO of Hoot says *"As a member owned organisation, we have consulted with our members at a series of meetings. Members agreed unanimously to the proposal to merge with Manchester Credit Union on July 1st of this year."*

Both credit unions have been supporting the financial well-being of their communities for many years, and believe this joint venture will secure the future of credit union services locally, and enable the development of bigger and better credit union services."

Spotlight on HOOT Credit Union....

What does this mean for you?

We still maintain our relationship with our key partners in the community and business sectors.

Working with the merged credit union will mean there will be more opportunity for collaboration and we will continue to maintain our local links.

More information about key contacts etc. will be provided nearer to the merger date of July 1st.

If you want to discuss how the merger will affect you, please contact connect@wisewithmoney.org.uk to arrange a discussion.

Changes to our Bolton branch

From June 1 this year members will no longer be able to deposit or withdraw cash from our Victoria Square branch.

We have taken the difficult decision to remove this service because the demand for cash withdrawals has reduced dramatically in favour of our online and app account.

The branch will still be open for enquiries, registrations and other services.

We are working with individual members who have been using our cash services to look at alternative options such as basic bank accounts or the Onepay prepaid card.

Each person has received an information pack that includes how to apply for a Onepay card, or how to apply for a basic bank account.

If you work with someone who uses the Bolton branch to withdraw cash, please assist them in finding an alternative, or ask them to contact us to arrange an appointment to discuss their options.



Are you a Hoot payroll partner?

If you are an employee who has a payroll deduction scheme with Hoot you don't have to do anything different right now.

Send your reports and settlement payments as usual, and we will be in touch if anything changes.



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Thank you for your continued support!

If you would like to showcase your work or service in the next newsletter, please send the details to:

Kelly.wray@bolton.gov.uk

If you know of anyone who would like to be included in the distribution list, please also let **Kelly** know 😊