

Neighbourhood Bulletin

Community Alliance

GREAT LEVER COMMUNITY ALLIANCE



Have a say on what happens in your area.... lets shape it together!

When: Wednesday 10th December 2025

- **Session 1:** 12:30pm, Slaterfield Community Centre, Carrington Drive, BL3 6YE
- **Session 2:** 6:30pm, Rose Hill Church, 75 Bradford Rd, Bolton BL3 2HE

All welcome – local residents, community groups, volunteers, and businesses, come along and get involved with your community alliance!

Refreshments provided



Please confirm if your attending session 1 or 2 from the above

Learn more: www.Bolton.gov.uk/communityalliances
Contact/Questions: Lauren.Casey@bolton.gov.uk

Horwich North Community Alliance



Tuesday 25th November 2025
5.30pm

**Horwich Resource Centre, Beaumont Rd, Horwich,
Bolton BL6 7BG**

Community Alliances are a new initiative which aims to bring the local community together to grow the good work they are already doing. Community Alliances are an informal network of local residents, community groups, voluntary organisations and businesses who care about the local neighbourhood and the places they live and work in. As a part of this network you are integral to making Community Alliances successful, come and join us to hear the latest updates and give us your views on plans for the future.

Link: www.bolton.gov.uk/communityalliances
Email: Ibrahim.Kala@bolton.gov.uk
Email: horwichnorthca@gmail.com

Christmas Market- Eagley

FRIENDS OF EAGLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

Christmas MARKET

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 4.30PM - 7PM

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET EVENT!

THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS OUR BIGGEST YET!

Festive Arts & Crafts including making your own reindeer food

Santa Meet & Greet

Hot dogs, mulled wine and hot chocolate with some Christmas cheer!

RAFFLE

Tombola and raffle - prizes totalling over £400!

Confirmed stallholders

- Toys, games and sweets
- Rebellious Rose fashion
- Delicious brownies
- Handmade jewellery and key rings
- Croc charms
- Handcrafted wooden items
- Christmas decorations
- Personalised clothing and slates

Farnworth Christmas Light Switch On

Ring O'Bells

Christmas LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Saturday 29th November

Join us for a magical evening of festive fun — and it's **FREE ENTRY!**

EVENING LINE UP

5:00 - 6:00PM
Our little elf Kristina Cunningham singing festive favourites

6:15 - 6:45PM
Brass Band Performance

6:45 - 7:15PM
Farnworth C of E Primary School carol singing & Official Light Switch-On

8:00PM - till late!
Keep the festive spirit alive with DJ Andy playing all your favourite party tunes!

PLUS

A visit from Santa himself — with treats for all the children who've been good this year!

The Ring O'Bells | Farnworth Village | From 5PM

MULLED WINE • HOT CHOCOLATE • MINCE PIES • COZY ATMOSPHERE • GREAT COMPANY • PLENTY OF CHEER

Christmas Fayre



Christmas Fayre
Saturday 29th November
10am - 2pm

Handmade Jewellery
Gifts
cakes
Candles
Tombola
Crafts
Raffle
Brews
Food
Dog Treats
Santa's Grotto

St. Pauls Community Centre, Halliwell Road

Winter Fayre



Our Pleasure To Welcome Everyone to Our
VILLAGE WINTER FAYRE
SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 1pm-4pm
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
CHURCH ROAD, PRESTOLEE. M261HJ
Entrance 50p
children under 10yrs free
To be opened by Sylvia Crossley @ 1pm
Cafe, Face Paints, Barbecue
Stalls
Lots of activities for all the family

Cultured Kitchen



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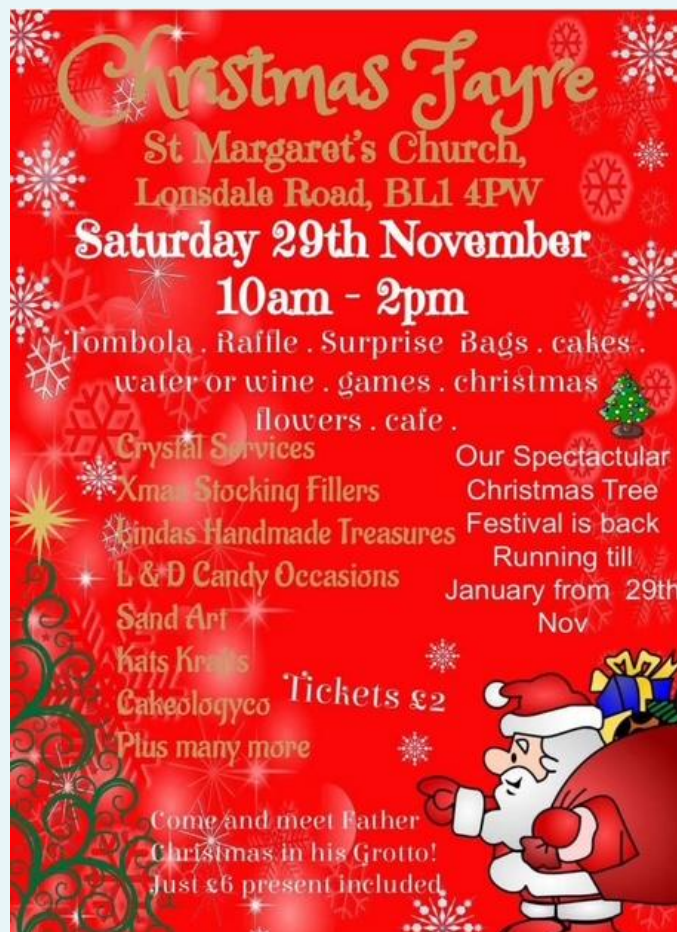
The Karmic Collective CIC hosts Cultured Kitchen. A new initiative bringing women together through food.

Join us Saturday 29th Nov 2025 at 4pm for our third event hosted by Amera bringing a taste of Libya to Halliwell. This is a free event thanks to Growing the Good funding but places must be booked via Lisa please text 07485280919 to book or message the page.

Please feel free to bring homemade treats to share with the group and if you'd like to host a cuisine for us we would love to discuss. Children are welcome to Saturdays event.

Girl Guides HQ, Shepards Cross Street. BL1 3BS

Christmas Fayre



Christmas Fayre
St Margaret's Church,
Lonsdale Road, BL1 4PW
Saturday 29th November
10am - 2pm

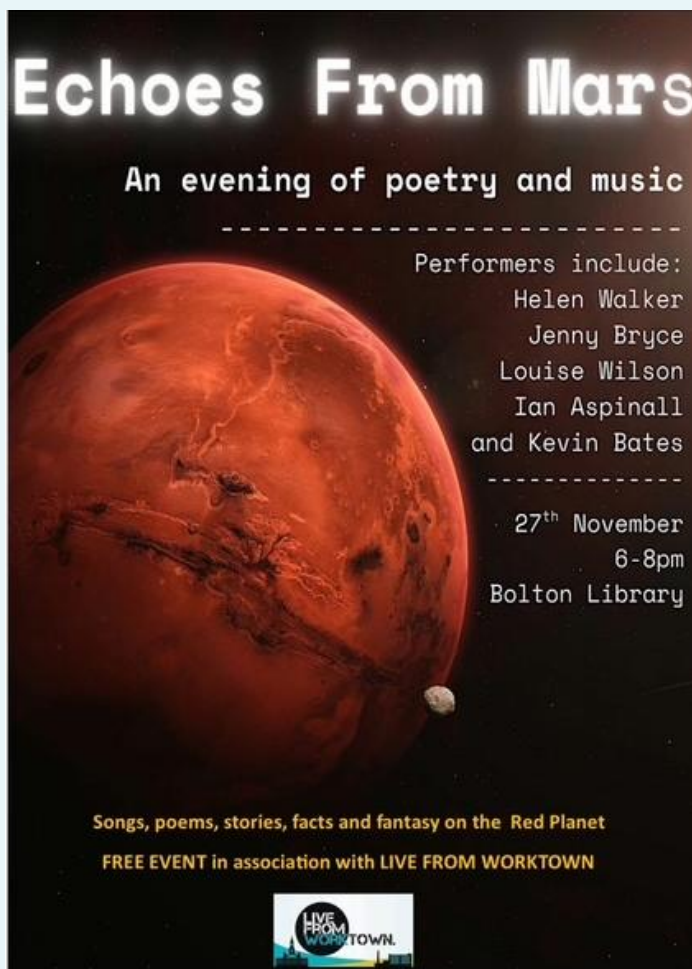
Tombola . Raffle . Surprise Bags . cakes .
water or wine . games . christmas
flowers . cafe .

Crystal Services
Xmas Stocking Fillers
Ginas Handmade Treasures
L & D Candy Occasions
Sand Art
Kats Knits
Cakeologyco
Plus many more

Our Spectacular Christmas Tree Festival is back Running till January from 29th Nov

Tickets £2
Come and meet Father Christmas in his Grotto! Just £6 present included

Echos from Mars




Echoes From Mars

An evening of poetry and music

Performers include:
Helen Walker
Jenny Bryce
Louise Wilson
Ian Aspinall
and Kevin Bates

27th November
6-8pm
Bolton Library

Songs, poems, stories, facts and fantasy on the Red Planet
FREE EVENT in association with LIVE FROM WORKTOWN



Write out Loud



WRITE OUT LOUD

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025
BOLTON SOCIALIST CLUB
WOOD STREET BL1 1DL

Doors 7.00 pm Start 7.30pm
Admission £2 Licenced bar (cash only)
16 x 5 minute open mic slots (sign up on door)
Favourite Winter/Christmas poem showcase (10 x 2 min slots)

Introducing our new organisers
Helen Shenton
Laura Kovaleva




Autism Support



FARNWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH
Autism SUPPORT

TUES 2 DEC 10-11AM

SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

A friendly, parent/carer-led group offering a relaxed environment to share experiences and support each other.

TOPIC: DEALING WITH THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

- Chat and receive support
- Share experiences & advice
- Exchange positive strategies
- Find helpful resources and signposting
- Celebrate achievements and discuss challenges together

The Well, Trafford Street, Farnworth. BL4 7PQ.

Christmas Switch On



Kearsley Community Christmas Tree & Star Light Switch On

TUES 2ND DECEMBER AT 6:30 PM

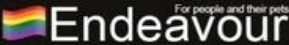
KEARSLEY MOUNT METHODIST CHURCH
MANCHESTER ROAD, KEARSLEY. BL4 8QL.

KEARSLEY YOUTH BRASS BAND
KEARSLEY COMMUNITY CHOIR
VISIT FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS

JOIN US TO LIGHT UP OUR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE AT KEARSLEY MOUNT AND STAR ON TOP OF ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH. LOCAL ARTIST PAUL COOPER WILL BE SWITCHING ON THE LIGHTS.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Endeavour: Candlelit vigil and Christmas Concert



For people and their pets


CANDLELIT VIGIL & Christmas Concert

Join Endeavour for our memorial service followed by our Christmas Concert with **Bolton Rock Choir**

Friday, 5 December 2025 at 6pm
Bolton Parish Church, Silverwell Street, Bolton BL1 1PS

In support of those experiencing Domestic Abuse and in memory of those who lost their lives

Everyone is welcome...refreshments available



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Endeavour is a working title of Paws for Kids, a Company Limited by Guarantee No: 4070391 Registered Charity No. 1084861

Pop-up Library



Stoneclough Stories

• CHILDREN'S POP UP LIBRARY •

6 DEC

SPECIAL GUEST VISIT BY THE CAST OF PETER PAN PANTO

ST SAVIOUR CHURCH, RINGLEY. M26 1FT.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS • STORYTIME • REFRESHMENTS • CHRISTMAS JUMPER COMPETITION • CHRISTMAS MUSIC

FREE ENTRY - EVERYONE WELCOME!

Annual Tractor Run

Annual Tractor Run

Sunday 7th December
4.30pm



Harwood Methodist Church is opening its doors to all those who would like to watch the marvellous annual Tractor Run in a more comfortable place!

Come and enjoy some carol singing, before the view from the warmth of our lovely building of the tractor run with a brew and mince pie!

Donations will be accepted for RABI and Maddies Butterflies, which are Turton Young Farmers chosen charities.

Christmas Market



KEARSLEY CRICKET CLUB

CHRISTMAS MARKETS & FUNFAIR

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

GERMAN SAUSAGE | MULLED WINE | STALLS

KEARSLEY CRICKET CLUB, SPRINGFIELD ROAD, BL4 8LA

OPEN FROM 1PM

Christmas Event

A Christmas Journey
Bolton to Bethlehem

Free Entry
Free Parking
Refreshments
Crafts
Prizes

Saturday
13th December

Bolton Parish Church

Drop in between
11am and 2pm

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD

Places Project

Salvation Army Carol Service

Celebrating Christmas With
The Salvation Army

Community Carol service

With BBC Radio Manchester

Wednesday 17th December
1pm

Refreshments provided.

Farnworth Salvation Army
Brackley Street

THE SALVATION ARMY

Live Carols
Down

The Salvation Army is a Christian Church and Registered Charity in England and Wales (214779), Scotland (SC009359) and the Republic of Ireland (CHY6399).

Festive Community Meal

Hosted by Bolton Brownlow Fold
Church of the Nazarene

Festive Community Meal

Haliwell Community Alliance
Community Alliances
Growing the good work

Join us and share a fabulous Festive Community Meal together

Sunday, 21st December 2025

Bolton Brownlow Fold Church of the Nazarene, Yarrow Place, B11 3UR
2:00pm - 4:00pm

This year we are offering a British Style Christmas dinner buffet, and inviting community partners to bring and share

FREE FOR EVERYONE - BOOKING ESSENTIAL BY SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER. LIMITED SPACES

Book your place today & don't miss out

Castle Hill Holiday Care Sessions

Castle Hill HOLIDAY CARE - CHRISTMAS SESSIONS

Holiday Care Times: 8.00am - 6.00pm

Monday 22nd Dec
Tuesday 23rd Dec
Wednesday 24th Dec
(Closing early at 5pm)

£18 per day for 1st child
£16 per day for siblings

Activities Include:

- Baking
- Silent Disco
- Team Games
- Sports
- Arts & Crafts
- Christmas

Festive Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 23rd December

HAF / Free Play Sessions:
11.00am - 3.00pm

Priority given to children with a unique HAF code

Book Now - Places are Limited!
Contact Kelly or Lena on 01204 338190

Wiggle Tots



FREE!
OLDHAMS CHURCH

wiggle Tots

Baby & Toddler Group
Every Wednesday (term time)
10:30am to 11:45pm
Oldhams Family Hub

Contact Melanie on 07786 328042 for info

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND | Diocese of Manchester
CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD
THE ANTIOCH NETWORK

Stay and Play



Free weekly sessions
Greenway Community Centre
Hall I 'th Wood

Starting Thursday 20th November
10am - 11am for 5 weeks

The morning includes fun opportunities to learn through play with your child, share stories & rhymes

For children aged 5 & under and their parents/carers
No need to book just drop in on the day!

For more information contact
Gaynor.cox@boltonathome.org.uk 07979 705123

BOLTON TOY LIBRARY | Bolton Together | Bolton at Home

Repair Café



Beechcroft Repair Cafe

Where to find us
Beechcroft Grove, Darcy Lever
Bolton, BL2 6EZ

IN THE HIVE AT BEECHCROFT VILLAGE
Furniture repair cafe
Thursdays 10am-2pm

Clothing repair cafe
Mondays 1pm-3pm

- Learn how to repair your furniture
- Learn how to use household tools
- Bring your up-cycling projects to give them a new lease on life
- No Experience needed
- Equipment provided, just bring your furniture
- All materials provided

- Bring your clothing and learn how to alter and fix them
- Learn how to use a sewing machine
- Alter your soft furnishings
- Understand how to follow patterns better
- No experience needed!
- All materials provided

WE CAN REPAIR IT FOR YOU, OR WE CAN TEACH YOU HOW!

For more information contact Geoff on 0744479620
email: beechcroftvillage@gmail.com Facebook: beechcroftvillage

Ladies Football

Training:

- Little Lever High School
- Tuesdays
- 7-8pm

Weekend Games:

- Lancs Women's Div 1
- Sundays
- 2pm KO's

For any interest please contact Darren - 07973 315027



LADIES FOOTBALLERS WANTED

AFC BOLTON LADIES TEAM

Due to popular demand and growth of our ladies section within the club. We are looking to recruit more ladies players age 16+

Training be will held on Tuesday evenings with a Sunday competitive league game

Interested?

If you require any info or have any questions please contact - Darren: 07973 315027 or darren@afcbolton.co.uk

All Our Coaches are:
DBS Checked
FA First Aid Trained
FA Qualified in Coaching



BOLTON COLLEGE

ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING (19+)

2025/26 Term 1



Course	Dates	Times	Location	Course Code
Beauty Level 1 Award	Mondays starts 24th Nov 23 weeks	9:15-12:15	Brownlow Fold	HT278-CLFS
Basic Massage Techniques	Tuesdays starts 25th Nov 4 weeks	9:30-11:30	Deane Road	HT997-CLPC
Intro to Using a Sewing Machine	Tuesdays starts 25th Nov 3 weeks	13:00-16:00	Deane & Derby	AC079-CLPC
Fit For Summer	Wednesdays starts 26th Nov 4 weeks	14:00-16:00	Deane Road	LT214-CLPC
Bookkeeping Intro	Thursdays starts 27th Nov 6 weeks	9:00-12:00	Brownlow Fold	BA114-CLPC
Intro to Working in a Beauty Salon Level 1	Thursdays starts 27th Nov 24 weeks	9:15-12:15	Deane & Derby	HT264-CLFS
Intro to Hairstyling	Thursdays starts 27th Nov 8 weeks	9:15-12:15	Brownlow Fold	HD134-CLPC
Cake Decoration Creative Flowers	Thursdays starts 27th Nov 4 weeks	18:00-21:00	Brownlow Fold	CA346-CLPC
Find Out About Early Years	Mondays starts 1st Dec 5 weeks	12:30-15:30	Deane & Derby	EY026-CLPC
Find Out About Working in Schools	Mondays starts 8th Dec 5 weeks	9:30-12:30	Deane & Derby	TA115-CLPC
Hospitality Level 1 Award	Thursdays starts 11th Dec 10 weeks	9:30-14:30	Deane Road	CA812-CLAD



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BOLTON COLLEGE ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING (19+)



Deane Road Campus Deane Road, BL3 5BG 01204 482 000	Deane and Derby Community Learning Centre Board Street, BL3 3EH 01204 482 920
Brownlow Fold Community Learning Centre Eskrick Street, BL1 3EF 01204 482 900	Farnworth Library Market Street, BL4 7PG 01204 482 980

ENROL NOW!

You can enrol for courses online at www.boltoncollege.ac.uk or in person by coming into one of our college buildings.

You may be entitled to **free** or reduced tuition fees when you study with us at Bolton College. This entitlement is based on age, income (linked to benefits received), qualifications already held and the type of course you want to study. Evidence confirming that you meet requirements will be required when you come to enrol.

OPEN EVENINGS!

Want to find out more? Come to one of our Open Evenings! Come and have a chat with our lecturers and find the perfect course for you!

All Open Evenings are 5-7 pm at Deane Road Campus

Wednesday 15th October 2025
Tuesday 18th November 2025
Monday 15th December 2025
Monday 9th February 2026
Thursday 12th March 2026
Tuesday 12th May 2026
Thursday 18th June 2026



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It's not too late to book a Maths or English assessment! These assessments are an informal opportunity to meet our tutors and find out your level so our tutors can guide you to the right course for you. You can book an assessment using the following link:

<https://bookwhen.com/adultmathsenglish#focus=ev-si65-20250915160000>

Register interest for ESOL using this link: <https://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/courses/adult-esol/>

Anyone who wishes to enrol (19+) can do so using the following link:

<https://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/course-type/adult/> or by coming into any of the college hubs.

Greater Manchester Older People's Network

The Greater Manchester Older People's Network (GMOPN) brings together people aged 50+ from every borough of Greater Manchester to make sure older people's voices are heard and valued. With more than 600 members, they are a strong, active network working to create an age-friendly city region where everyone can age well.

By joining the GMOPN, you can:

- Influence local decisions, services and policies
- Meet new people and share experiences
- Take part in consultations, events and campaigns
- Help challenge ageism and promote positive ageing
- Be part of a supportive, inclusive community

The network focuses on tackling social isolation, improving neighbourhoods, and making sure older people's priorities are recognised across Greater Manchester. As a member you would have the option to attend events, [Working Groups](#) and project groups – including the [GM Older People's Equality Panel](#) and [GM Mature Minds Matter](#). You would also receive their monthly newsletter with the latest relevant information and age-friendly events. The network works alongside the Greater Manchester Ageing Hub (GMCA) and is facilitated by Manchester Community Central.

If you're aged 50+, you can sign up as an individual member and help shape a fairer, more age-friendly Greater Manchester for everyone.

To sign up as an individual, please visit the following link: [Sign up as an individual member here!](#)

As an organisation, you can join to also become involved as important advocates for older people.

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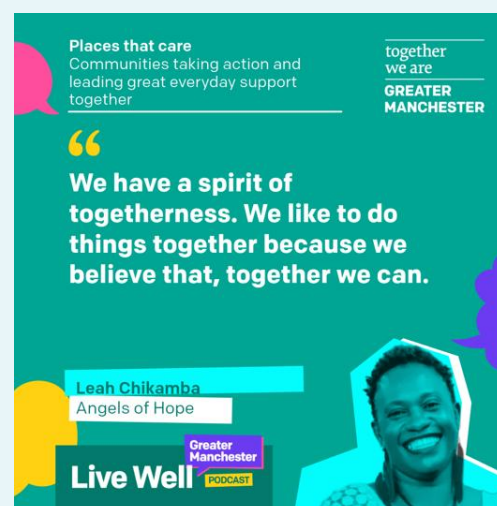
To learn more about the GMOPN, please visit the following link: [Greater Manchester Older People's Network!](#)

If you or your group would like a member of the team to come to your group or an event to share more information about the work of the GMOPN, please email GMOPN@macc.org.uk

Episode 2: Greater Manchester Live Well Podcast is Live

This episode focuses on *Places that care: Communities taking action and leading everyday support together*. Community action is the heartbeat of our neighbourhoods — where peer support groups, taxi drivers, barbers, neighbours and volunteers are stepping up, connecting and creating change.

This episode is filled with stories of our communities showing up for each other; friendly faces and places for people to turn to without referrals, long waits and fear. This episode features voices from across Greater Manchester, from our libraries, food banks, music cafés, youth hubs and women-led groups. It also includes voices from organisations that are part of the Ageing in Place Pathfinder.



This episode shows how trust, hope, and collaboration are growing healthier, stronger and fairer communities.

Each episode of the GM Live Well Podcast has been shaped through the voices of colleagues, communities and partners who've helped grow Live Well into a driving force behind Greater Manchester's ambitions for prevention, early help and public service reform. Tune in to explore what great everyday support feels like to the people of Greater Manchester.

Episodes are released weekly and can be found here: <https://podfollow.com/greater-manchester-live-well-podcast>

Information about Winter Fuel Payments

Pensioners across England and Wales will receive between £100 and £300, with payments being made automatically throughout November and December. The amount pensioners are paid will be dependent on whether they live as a couple, if they are entitled to other benefits and whether or not they live in a care home. It comes as the Department for Work and Pensions warns of a 150 percent surge in Winter Fuel Payment scam activity. These scams see fraudsters pose as Government officials or payment providers in an attempt to trick people into sharing their personal information.

As payments begin, pensioners are being urged to continue to look out for these scam messages and remember that they will never be asked to provide bank details to receive the payment. Anyone who receives a text message inviting them to apply for a payment should not engage with it, including clicking on links, and instead forward it to 7726.

The vast majority of pensioners should see this payment in their bank account by mid-December. If any pensioner has questions on whether they are eligible or has not received a payment by 28 January 2026, they are encouraged to contact the Winter Fuel Payment Centre on 0800 731 0160.

For more information, please visit the following link: [Millions of pensioners to receive Winter Fuel Payments from today](#)

Winterwise Training by Independent Age

Independent Age offers free training to share knowledge and upskill frontline staff who support older people in their communities. Training sessions are running weekly up until 8 Dec, starting again in January.

Winter can be particularly challenging for older people due to financial worries and an increased likelihood of developing cold-related health problems, as well as slips and falls in icy conditions. The high cost-of-living has left many concerned about food and energy prices as the weather gets colder. Increased loneliness and isolation in winter can further exacerbate these issues.

Equipping older people with the right information to help keep warm and safe can make a huge difference to their wellbeing. The Winterwise course and guide has been developed to address these issues.

If you are a professional supporting older people this winter, you can register for the training here: [Training on supporting older people in winter | Independent Age](#)

You can also order free copies of the guide written for older people here: [Winterwise advice guide | Independent Age](#) As well as access lots of free resources, available on the website!

Vaccine Van

The NHS Vaccination Van is coming to Bolton!

Protect yourself and your loved ones this winter. No appointment needed!

Where to find us:

- Bolton Market New Street (Food hall main entrance) 📅 Thursday 27 Nov
9am-3pm

What's available:

- Flu jab: For those aged 65+, pregnant, or with a weakened immune system
- COVID-19 jab: For those aged 75+ or with a weakened immune system
- Blood pressure checks: For anyone 40+ not currently on blood pressure medication

🔗 Check if you're eligible:

- Flu vaccine eligibility: <https://bit.ly/47PzzVN>
- COVID-19 vaccine eligibility: <https://bit.ly/4hSYQTI>

Let's keep Bolton healthy this winter 💚

Salvation Army

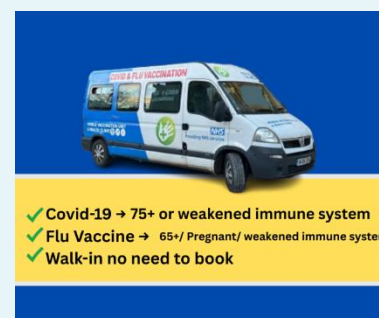
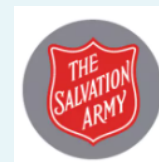
Could you help make Christmas special for those who may have very little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning?

The Salvation Army are collecting the following items as part of their 'Be a Star' campaign:

- Body Care sets for Teenagers e.g. Lynx, Impulse etc
- Sweets, biscuits and warm socks for elderly residents of a local care home
- Toys for children between 0-16 years

Gifts gratefully received!

For further information, please visit: farnworth@salvationarmy.org.uk



THANK YOU!