

South Neighbourhood Newsletter

November 2025

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This month: Remembrance

A huge thank you to everyone across Farnworth and Kearsley who has supported our Remembrance commemorations this month, whether that be:

- 🌸 Poppy appeals
- 🌸 Remembrance Sunday preparations and services
- 🌸 Armistice Day preparations and services

It has been incredibly heartwarming to see some many people coming together- the support, generosity and tributes have been amazing!

A real testament
to the strength
of our communities!

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*At the going down of the
sun and in the morning
we will remember them*



This month: Neighbourhood Action Days

This month, communities came together for a number of neighbourhood 'Action Days'- showing what community spirit in Farnworth is all about!

Residents were joined by local Counsellors, Bolton at Home, Bolton Council and volunteers from Bolton Borough Litter Pickers, to help this big neighbourhood clear-up.

- Residents were able to fill skips with waste/ junk from their front gardens.
- Bolton at Home have reached out to properties which remain in an untidy state, requesting action be taken- a return inspection and potential enforcement will follow.
- Litter, slippery leaves and fly tipping was collected, and contaminated household bins were removed.
- Other agencies/partners advised residents of local services and support.

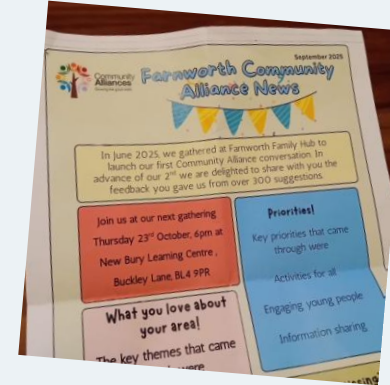
A huge thank you to everyone involved!

And a special mentioned to Steve at New Bury Chippy for providing all volunteers with a voucher for a chippy lunch - a fantastic gesture of generosity and community spirit!



This month: Farnworth Community Alliance

Thank you to everyone who attended the 'Farnworth Community Alliance' at New Bury Community Learning Centre on 23rd October.



It was a great meeting of local residents, community leads, agencies and partners.

Discussions focused on championing free activities for all ages across Farnworth, engaging young people, and the better sharing of everything positive currently happening across Farnworth, Highfield, New Bury, Moses Gate and Dixon Green (including community, health, social welfare, housing, youth and play, public services, etc).

The Community Alliance is an informal network of local residents, voluntary groups and businesses, who come together to link-up and to help improve the place where they live and work.

If you'd like to come to the next meeting, have your say and get involved, please email: paula.garstang@bolton.gov.uk or paul.haunch@bolton.gov.uk (Farnworth Area Co-Ordinators).

For more information, please visit: <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/area-working-1/community-alliances>

This Month: NHS Vaccination Van

 The NHS Vaccination Van is coming to Bolton!

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

 Where to find us:

Matalan, Tonge Moor Road  Friday 21 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 



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This Month: Self-Care Week (17th- 23rd Nov)



Self Care Week is a national event that happens every year in November.

This year's theme is 'Mind and Body' and it's the perfect time to think about how we live our lives and how we can make some small changes that will improve our health and wellbeing, and our families too.

Winter can be tough on our health – it can worsen existing conditions, increase the risk of falls, and make us more vulnerable to respiratory illnesses. Staying active, keeping check of regular medication and knowing how to treat common illnesses yourself can help to prevent health and wellbeing issues getting to the point of needing medical assistance, which hugely helps the NHS when it is under pressure during the winter months.

Here are our tips on how to 'Stay Well This Winter'

- ✓ Stay up to date with vaccinations
- ✓ Stay on top of prescriptions- and reach out to your local Pharmacist for advice on common illnesses
- ✓ Keep yourself and your home warm- and make sure any heating/ cooking appliances are working safely
- ✓ Stay hydrated
- ✓ Check your home for safety hazards (e.g. fire risks)
- ✓ Prioritise your mental wellbeing
- ✓ Keep active



Winter can be particularly hard for older neighbours, friends, and family members as they may need extra help. Keep in touch with them, especially if they live alone. Let's support each other and #StayWellThisWinter! 💙

You can find information and tips on keeping well at:

<https://www.selfcareforum.org>

<https://letskeepboltonmoving.co.uk>

This month: Healthy Choices Campaign



This month saw the launch of the NHS Health Choices Campaign!

If you're ready to improve your overall health and wellbeing, but not sure where to start- the free NHS Healthy Choices Quiz is here to help – and it only takes 5 minutes!

You can answer questions about your lifestyle to receive an overall score as well as personalised guidance to help you live a healthier life.

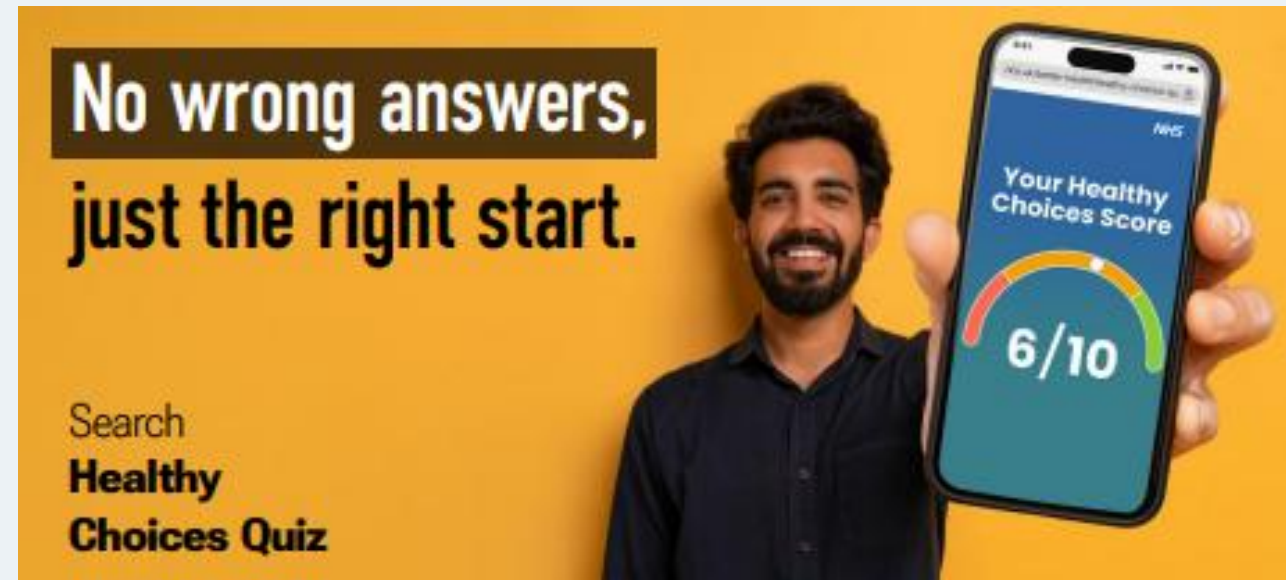
To take the quiz now, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/hcquiz>

To find out more about the local support available, please visit:

<https://letskeepboltonmoving.co.uk>

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This month: Progress to reduce smoking

According to data released earlier this month, Bolton has achieved its lowest recorded smoking prevalence to date at 11.5%, bringing us closer to the England average than ever before (10.4%).

[Smoking Profile - Data | Fingertips | Department of Health and Social Care](#)

Given that smoking is the single most important entirely preventable cause of ill health, disability and death in England- this is a fantastic milestone which reflects the hard work and commitment across our borough and something we should all be proud of!

Thank you to everyone whose support and commitment has helped to make this happen!

To learn more about the range of free services and support available to help people quit smoking and lead healthier lives – please visit: www.letskeepboltonmoving.co.uk/smoking

To read The Bolton News article, please visit: [Adult smoking in Bolton at lowest ever recorded level | The Bolton News](#)



This Month: Movember

Movember takes place every year to raise awareness and funds to support men's health throughout November and beyond- from mental health and suicide prevention, to prostate and testicular cancer!



Too many men are dying before their time- for reasons that are largely preventable! Men's Health Awareness month encourages us to support prevention, prioritise early detection and promote open conversations

Here are five things' men can do to live happier, healthier and longer lives:

- ✓ Spend time with people who make you feel good- stay connected
- ✓ Talk more
- ✓ Know your numbers and your risk- at 50 (or earlier if you're from African/ Caribbean descent or have a family history), talk to your doctor about whether it would be helpful to have a PSA test
- ✓ Know your nuts- know what is normal for you, and speak to your doctor if something doesn't feel right
- ✓ Move more- do what makes you feel good

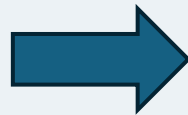
For more information about Movember, to donate or support the campaign, please visit: <https://uk.movember.com/>



Throughout November, Nuffield Trust are offering their members the opportunity to bring a friend to workout with them for free- just mention 'men's health awareness month!'

Coming up: GM Police Surgery

Please join us
for the next
Police Surgery



Details of police surgeries, 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/>

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POLICE SURGERIES

Meet your local officers alongside partner agencies and raise concerns about key issues within the community.

The next surgery will be held on:

Monday 8th December 2025

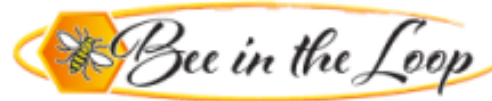
Located at:

New Bury UCAN Centre, George Street

Time:

11:00AM – 12:00PM

To help us identify the issues in your area please get in touch with your
Neighbourhood Policing Team and tell us what matters to you.



Sign up to receive free community alerts
www.BeeintheLoop.co.uk

For non-emergency calls or to report a crime call: **101** or use Live Chat at gmp.police.uk
Use **999** only in emergencies where there is a threat to life or crime in progress



For more information visit:
gmp.police.uk

Coming up:



Farnworth & Kearsley
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

**SUPERMARKET
FOOD DRIVE**

Could you spare a hour or two to support your local foodbank to give shopping lists to customers and collect donated food items.

Drop us an email at
info@farnworthkearsley.foodbank.org.uk
or call 01204 861671 to book your slot.



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Farnworth



**FRI 27TH / SAT 28TH /
SUN 29TH NOVEMBER
9AM-5PM**

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The Light of the World

A new, wonderful, modern musical
adaptation of the Christmas story.

Performed by
THE EDEN SINGERS

The cantata contains beautiful choral songs,
solos, duets and timeless bible readings

SAT, 29 NOVEMBER | START AT 7.30PM

Farnworth Cricket ,
Lavender Road, Bolton. BL4 0EA.

Tickets: £7
Contact: 01204 861671
Book via QR code





**FUNDRAISING
CONCERT**

FARNWORTH
BAPTIST CHURCH
EDEN FARNWORTH TRUST

Coming up: Winter Wonder

Winter Wonder Farnworth is nearly HERE!

Saturday 6th December 2025 | 12pm – 8pm
Outside Home Bargains, Market Street



- Live stage performances
- Santa's Grotto
- Funfair rides for all ages
- Tasty food & drink stalls
- Fireworks to finish the night with a bang



This is more than just an event- this is
Farnworth coming together like never before!

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Coming up:

WILLOW HEY PROJECT
**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS
CARBOOT/FAYRE**

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER
Call Bev 07946491276
Book now for

Indoor and outdoor stalls

Southfields pub
green lane
great lever

Food & drink Gifts Craft stalls
Cake stalls and more..... Wreaths Tombola

Fayre Indoors
Carboot Outdoors
8:00am sellers
9:00am buyers
Finishes at 1pm

£5
per stall

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Please come along to
St John's Church
Festive Fayre
Saturday

29th November

11:00 until 1:00

In Church

To be opened by St Johns School Choir



www.stjohnsfarnworth.co.uk



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 is a Christian Church and Registered Charity in England and Wales (214779), Scotland (SC009359) and the Republic of Ireland (CHI6399).

Spotlight on: Local Groups

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Creative Textiles with Densal Global



New textiles and craft class

Run by professional artists.

Includes:

Macramé · Crochet · Knitting · Weaving · Rag-rug Making · Batik · Quilting · Appliqué

Skills will be taught, so no previous experience necessary.

All equipment provided. £4 per week

Work towards creating your own project!

Every Thursday 10am – 12pm

Ageing Well Centre, Farnworth

Starting November 2025

Contact us on 01204 701525



Little Fishes Playgroup

Every Thursday

09:00 – 10:00

For ages 0–3 years

St Saviour's Church Hall

A safe space to connect to
other new mums & dads, bring
your little one for nursery
rhymes, sensory play, books and
more.



CONTACT

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Spotlight on: Transforming Lives Group



We transform lives by creating a safe and welcoming space where individuals can connect and share issues.

We help people who may be struggling with mental health issues, substance/ alcohol abuse- or any day-to-day problems.

Our activities bring people together for conversation, encouragement, and a sense of belonging (further details on the next slide)

Like a family, we stand by each other — offering guidance, understanding, and a helping hand whenever needed. You're never alone with Transforming Lives!



For more information, please visit: <https://transforminglivesgroup.org>
To contact the team, please email: Transforminglivesgroup@gmail.com



Spotlight on: Transforming Lives Group Activities

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & WELLBEING:

Physical activity is a proven way to improve mental health, reduce stress, and build resilience. It boosts mood and motivation while helping to combat anxiety and depression.

MEET AND EAT:

Our **Meet and Eat** isn't just about food — although the food is pretty amazing — it's about being in a friendly environment of support, and meaningful connections, so we can move lives forward, together.

MONDAY

Boxing:

12pm-1pm @ Elite Boxing Gym, Wordsworth Mill, Wordsworth St, Halliwell, Bolton, BL1 3ND

Men's Health and Wellbeing Support Group:

6.30pm-8pm (every other week) @ Highfield Hall Community Centre, Marsh Lane, Farnworth, Bolton, BL4 0AW

TUESDAY

Open Age Football and Walking Football:

10am-11am @ Burnden Park Sports Facility, Croft Lane, Burnden, Bolton, BL3 2RS

Meet and Eat:

6pm-8pm, on the last Tuesday of every month @ New Bury UCAN Centre, 53 George St, Farnworth, Bolton, BL4 9PU

WEDNESDAY

Gym Session:

11am-12pm @ Warrior Gym, Brownlow Business Park, Halliwell, Bolton, BL1 3HW

THURSDAY

Open Age Football and Walking Football:

10am-11am @ Burnden Park Sports Facility, Croft Lane, Burnden, Bolton BL3 2RS

Drop-in (social activities and advice services):

11am @ Burnden Park Sports Complex, Croft Lane Bolton

FRIDAY

Open Age Football and Walking Football:

10am-11am @ Burnden Park Sports Facility, Croft Lane, Burnden, Bolton BL3 2RS

Boxing:

7pm @ Elite Boxing Gym, Wordsworth Mill, Wordsworth St, Halliwell, Bolton, BL1 3ND

WEEKENDS

Various activities such as cycling, walking, fishing, outdoor swimming.

Spotlight on: Reach



The Reach Family Project was founded in 2013, providing early intervention family support to children & families in need. The Reach Befriending service launched in 2020, providing support for the elderly and isolated.



The 3 main services the team provide are:

- Weekly Home Support – working with all family members to an agreed Action Plan
- Group Parenting Courses – held across communities. These can also be as 1:1 sessions if needed
- Weekly Drop In – available to all parents/carers to access friendship, support and guidance.

In addition, the team do an annual Christmas Gift Appeal (further details on the next slide) and provide half term lunches twice a year.

Our vision is that no one will feel excluded from society, lonely or forgotten, but instead know that they are valued. We carry out this vision by aiming to improve the quality of life of children, families, and those who are elderly and isolated. We always go the extra mile to show love and care for our communities!

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To contact Reach Family Project, please
email: hello@reachfamilyproject.co.uk

call: 01204 934075

Or follow 'reachfamilyprojectbolton' on Facebook

Spotlight on: Reach

Christmas Gift Appeal launched earlier this month, in partnership with Kings Church Bolton & BCG Brightmet Community Group

Gifts can be dropped at the drop off points listed below, or you can donate through this link ❤️👉

<https://lovegiving.co.uk/ReachFamilyProject/gift-appeal>

A very special mention to this year's sponsors Change Glazing and Locks Limited & Eagley School House Nurseries 🥳

*If you own a business and would like to be a drop off point or arrange a collection of gifts amongst your staff- the team would love to hear from you

BL1

- 🌟 GG Boutique Fashion
- 👶 Theatre Dance Studios
- 👱 Nails by G
- 🍊 Kandy Krush (Bolton Market)
- ☀️ Shaws Funeralcare
- ❄️ Relphs Funeral Care
- 👑 Bolton Co-op Funeralcare (Crompton Way)

BL2

- 🏰 Kings Church Bolton
- 🎄 The Mill Coffee House
- 👑 Black Horse, Tonge Fold
- 🍊 Morrisons Harwood
- 👱 Bradshaw Conservative Club
- 👶 Ladderstore
- 🧸 G&J Borek Carpets
- 💜 Millercare
- ☀️ Hardman & McManus Co-op Funeralcare

BL3

- 👱 Paul Davies Kitchens & Appliances

BL4/M26

- 👶 PR World Travel 0161 725 9113
- 🧸 The Horseshoe-Ringley
- 👱 Farnworth Co-op Funeralcare

BL6

- 🎄 Beeleys Bar

BL7

- ❄️ Eagley School Nurseries
- 🌟 Bakers



Spotlight on: Illegal Money Lending

Christmas can be a stressful time financially! Loan sharks prey on those in need, leading to mounting debt and relentless pressure. If you're struggling, reach out to local support services or look for a safer way to borrow. Let's keep this festive season safe and loan shark-free!

If you think you, or someone you know, is involved with a loan shark contact @SLS today: WhatsApp: 07700 102773 (9am – 5pm, Mon – Fri); Call 0300 555 2222 or visit: www.stoploansharks.co.uk



Spotlight on: Farnworth North Ward

Our people



14,800 people live in the ward¹

Resident age¹:



- **26%** are aged **0-15**
- **28%** are aged **25-44**
- **7%** are aged **65-74**
- **6%** are aged **75+**

Resident ethnicity²:



- **30%** from **Asian** backgrounds
- **4%** from **Black** backgrounds
- **62%** from **White** backgrounds

Household makeup²:



- **27%** are **single person** households
- **38%** have **dependent children**

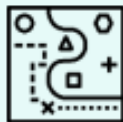
Housing type³:



- **58%** of households **own** their home
 - **33%** own their **semi-detached**
- **21%** live in a **social rented** home
 - **9%** live in a socially rented **semi**
 - **6%** live in a socially rented **flat**
- **21%** live in a **private rented** home
 - **10%** - a private rented **terrace**

Our place

Land use within the ward⁴



- **44% developed land**
 - 14% highways and road transport
 - 12% community buildings
- **55% undeveloped land**
 - 15% forest, open land and water
 - 15% outdoor recreation
 - 18% residential gardens



2 retail centres in or near the ward⁵:

- Farnworth – **£19** million
- Great Lever – **£1** million



0% of ward residents live in an area with a nationally **high risk of transport related social exclusion**⁶



10 listed buildings⁷ - all grade II listed

- Horrockses Mill
- Town Hall
- The Brooklyn
- ...

Our health



81% say their **health is good/** very good²

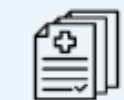


Health behaviours among adults:

- **32%** are physically **inactive**^{8,9}
Less than 30 mins brisk walk a week
- **18%** smoke¹⁰
- **6%** drink alcohol at high/ very high levels¹⁰



43% of young people in **Year 6** (age 10-11) are **above a healthy weight**¹²



Long term conditions¹⁰:

- **20%** experience **depression**
- **1%** experience **severe mental illness**
- **7%** experience **asthma**



Life expectancy at birth gives an overview of population health¹¹

- **Male 78**: 1 year below England
- **Female 81**: 2 years below England



15 road traffic collisions with 1+ person **killed or seriously injured** 2022-24¹²

- 6% of Bolton's total

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