



# Bollington

## TOWN COUNCIL

### Merry Christmas & Happy New Year From Bollington Town Council

**Carols round the Tree**  
with  
**Bollington Brass Band**

**Christmas Eve - 6pm**  
**Bollington Town Hall - All welcome**

**Bollington TOWN COUNCIL**

### THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

Thank you to everyone who came to the recreational ground on Sunday 27th November to browse and buy from Love Bollington Market, enjoy a burger and some mulled wine or visit Santa in his Grotto.

A special thank you from Bollington Town Council to Canalside Radio, Bollington Brass Band, Neil Shaw-Hulme and all the volunteers who worked behind the scenes.



### Mental Health Support

**KEEP ME!** I am worth saving !!! Stick me to your fridge or pinboard!

#### Mental Health and Wellbeing Support **Bollington**

##### Where do I start?

- Your local G.P. practice**  
It may sound obvious but people don't always think of it!
- Cheshire NHS 24/7 mental health helpline**  
Open 24 hours a day, everyday  
For all ages - including children & young people.  
Tel - 0800 145 6485
- Talking Therapies (NHS)**  
Online, face to face, by telephone, video calls and group sessions. You can refer yourself if you prefer.  
Tel - 01625 469950 (Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm)  
Website - <https://www.mytalkingtherapies.com>

**REMEMBER!**  
Call 999 or go to A&E if there is an immediate, life-threatening emergency requiring mental or physical health assistance.

**SAMARITANS**  
If you need someone to talk to now, call The Samaritans.  
FREE to call from landlines or mobile, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year  
Tel- 116 123  
Email- [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)  
Website - [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

##### Social activity and social contact are essential for wellbeing

- Social Prescriber**  
Some GP practices now have a Social Prescriber who can link you to sources of support and social groups within your community. Ask your GP if this free service is available.
- Poynton Area Community Partnership - 'Guide to Local Interest & Hobby Groups'**  
Information about social groups in North East Cheshire, including Bollington. Search online for 'Poynton Town Council' interest and hobby groups' Also available at Bollington Town Hall.  
Note - It was produced prior to the pandemic, so details may have changed.



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Cheshire East Council's 'Live Well' website has information about over 3,000 health, well-being and support services in Cheshire East.  
[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell)

**SCAN HERE TO SAVE WITH WEBLINKS**

**Papyrus** PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE (15 & under)  
Tel - 0800 068 4141  
Text - 07860 039 967  
Email - [pat@papyrus-uk.org](mailto:pat@papyrus-uk.org)  
Website - [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)

**Mayor of Bollington's Senior Citizen's Committee**  
Support, companionship and help for Bollington Senior Citizens.  
For information on social events and other activities, contact 01625 573851

**For Men**  
• **Mentell**  
**Is it time to talk?**  
Free circles for men aged 18+ to talk in a safe and confidential space, free from advice and judgement.  
Choose a convenient date and time to book in, for a 10-minute telephone introduction.

**Bollington Community Support**  
• **Bollington Dementia Friendly Group**  
Support, help and friendship for people living with dementia. Meet weekly at 2pm Wednesdays at Bollington Library.  
Email - [helen.sheldon@hotmail.com](mailto:helen.sheldon@hotmail.com) or [Gill.Lancaster37@btinternet.com](mailto:Gill.Lancaster37@btinternet.com)

**Older People**  
• **The Silver Line**  
Free confidential helpline providing information support to older people. 24 hours a day, every day of the year.  
Tel - 0800 470 80 90  
Website - [www.thesilverline.org.uk](http://www.thesilverline.org.uk)  
• **Age UK Cheshire East**  
Services, information, activities, and befriending for older People (aged over 55)  
Tel - 01625 612958 (Mon-Fri 9am - 4pm)  
Website - [www.ageuk.org.uk/cheshireeast](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/cheshireeast)  
• **Changing Lives Together**  
Provide a 'buddy' to visit, call or online chat once or twice a week.  
Tel - 01606 827120 and leave a message.  
Website - [www.changing-lives-together.org.uk](http://www.changing-lives-together.org.uk)

• **The Bridgend Centre**  
A home-from-home, where people can meet new friends or talk to Community Workers, in a non-judgmental environment.  
'Bridgend Buddies' can support people to get out and about  
Website - [www.bridgendcentre.org.uk](http://www.bridgendcentre.org.uk)  
Email - [info@bridgendcentre.org.uk](mailto:info@bridgendcentre.org.uk)  
Tel - 01625 576311.  
• **The ALEX project**  
Activities, leisure and exercise for anyone affected directly or indirectly by Parkinson's Disease. Meet on Wednesdays at Bollington Health and Leisure  
Tel - 07967 801 285  
Email - [tony@akw22.uk](mailto:tony@akw22.uk) or [maccpds@gmail.com](mailto:maccpds@gmail.com)

**Domestic Abuse**  
• **Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Hub**  
24 hour point of contact for anyone experiencing domestic abuse or concerned for someone else.  
Tel - 0300 123 5101  
Text - 07777 941 464  
Website - Search for 'CEDAH'  
Remember - abuse can be emotional, sexual or financial, as well as physical.

**Debt, Housing, Legal advice etc.**  
• **Citizens Advice**  
Information and advice service for North Cheshire via telephone  
Tel 01625 708608 (9am - 5pm Mon-Fri) (leave a message, they will ring you back)  
Website - [www.citizensadvicecn.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicecn.org.uk)

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## Climate emergency – what can we do in Bollington?

The science is clear: we are in a climate emergency. We must take drastic actions to avoid raising global temperatures by more than 1.5°C. This is the point of no return, when the worst impacts of climate breakdown — ecosystem collapse, billions of lives lost — are inevitable.

Bollington Town Council declared a climate emergency in 2019. This year, Cheshire East set a goal to become a Net Zero borough by 2045. This target includes greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from residents and industries, not just the Council's directly controlled assets.

But “Net Zero by 2045” does not mean we have 23 years to reduce our carbon emissions. At current emission rates, in less than 7 years global temperatures will increase by more than the safe limit of 1.5°C. To avoid ecosystem collapse, most of the emissions cuts towards Net Zero must be carried out by at least 2030, if not 2025.

If you haven't yet committed to significant action to limit climate change, it's likely you have very good reasons not to. For instance:

*It's not safe for the kids to walk or cycle to school. There are no bike racks at work. The buses are not as easy or cheap as a car. I can't afford an electric car / e-bike. My home is badly insulated but I can't afford improvements, and besides there's no cavity wall. I can't afford a heat pump. I like meat – and tofu has no flavour so my family won't eat it. I don't believe that my actions will make a difference.*

I hope to persuade you that individuals *can* make a significant difference to reducing GHG emissions, and that collective action – residents working together – could overcome some potential barriers.

Of course, businesses and institutions (including local government) must take action to reduce emissions from sources they control. But across Cheshire East, the combined emissions from residential housing and on-road transport are *double* those from industrial, commercial and institutional buildings<sup>1</sup>. So “decarbonising” our homes and use of transport will make a significant impact. So will changing our diet (including avoiding air freight of out-of-season foods).

### Together, Bollington residents can make a difference

Some actions are easier to take collectively, or with support. Collective action could be through neighbourhood, community or workplace action. Support could be financial (from central or local government grants), but also through sharing of time, skills and knowledge.

How can we mobilise residents and businesses to reduce their own emissions, and that of businesses and institutions in our town? For instance:

**Housing:** Could you lend a hand to help others with DIY loft insulation or pinning thermal lining to curtains? Is there a way we can collaborate with other communities in Cheshire East, for instance to share expertise on how to insulate our 100-year old housing stock?

<sup>1</sup> Figure 8: Borough-wide emissions profile in Carbon Neutrality Action Plan (report for CEC by environmental consultancy Anthesis, 2022)

**Transport:** How do we get the school “walking bus” restarted? Can we campaign together for big Tesco to add bike racks (ones that aren't tucked away in the staff smoking shed?) Can we figure out a way to start a community taxi or shuttle bus?

**What we eat:** Is there a way to start a “community kitchen” or “eating together” club, to invite people for vegetarian meals costing only £1?

### How can I help mobilise our community to take climate action?

1. Join a local eco-group: Transition Bollington and The Treehouse produce a joint newsletter and also hold monthly Eco-Hubs at Bollington Community Centre. See the Transition Bollington Facebook page for more details of the newsletter and upcoming events. Macctastic also have a newsletter you can subscribe to, and regular meetings / talks at St Michael's Church.

2. Build a network: Talk to friends, family, neighbours or colleagues – what would help them to make changes? How could you share ideas, time and information? How do you mobilise others?
3. Get involved through Bollington Town Council: The Council's climate action Working Group aims to help the town's residents and businesses approach carbon neutrality by 2030. One plan is a series of free, virtual eco-seminars (with Q&A) from expert speakers, with topics from insulating your home to changing your diet to reduce your carbon footprint. Get in touch with myself, or Councillors Jo Maitland or David Kent if you or your network want to contribute to a community-led action plan.

**Gillian Lindsey, personal email [bollington.cop26@gmail.com](mailto:bollington.cop26@gmail.com)**

#### Useful links

[cheshireeast.gov.uk/carbonneutral](http://cheshireeast.gov.uk/carbonneutral)

[www.ggdot.org](http://www.ggdot.org) – download the Climate Food flashcards to compare the carbon footprint of many different foods

[zero.giki.earth](http://zero.giki.earth) Calculate your carbon footprint and find steps to reduce it

#### Climate Clock Tower



***The Climate Clock tower at COP27 counts down the critical time window to reach the “safe” limit of 1.5 °C of global warming, given current emissions rates.***

**Bollington**  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Community  
litter pick**

**Sunday 29th  
January 2023  
10am-12pm**

**Meet at the Town Hall**

email [townmanager@bollington-tc.gov.uk](mailto:townmanager@bollington-tc.gov.uk)  
to register interest

**Middlewood**

**WE'RE CHANGING  
THE WAY YOU  
CONTACT US ONLINE**

From 1st December 2022,  
there will be a new way of  
contacting us online.

AskmyGP will be replaced  
by an online consultation  
system, called PATCHS.

For more information, visit:  
[www.middlewoodpartnership.co.uk/PATCHS](http://www.middlewoodpartnership.co.uk/PATCHS)  
or see information in our practices or local libraries

**Middlewood  
patches  
Contact Your GP Online**

# CONSERVATION

A polite CONVERSATION about CONSERVATION!

Please if you live in a Conservation Area check the regulations before changing your property.

Save yourself time and money

Dear Residents,

Bollington is still a community where there is much history and heritage in the built environment. The architectural heritage of the first industrial revolution in the world looms largely in our town.

That heritage in its huge mills, modest rows of stone terraced cottages, aqueducts and the mighty viaduct now the Middlewood Way striding across the centre of our Town bears witness to the enterprise and industry of our Victorian ancestors. It is a privilege to live here.

But dear residents it is also a responsibility.

To protect this heritage we have Conservation Areas. The first protects the village of Kerridge and its surrounds. The second protects the Town of Bollington proper centred on the Market Place and what has been known as The Golden Triangle of Water Street, Palmerston Street and High Street. The Third protects our original medieval centre of Bollington Cross and the history of the Gregg family in Bollington. At that Cross itinerant Friars would have preached the Word of God from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. centuries while the Corn Mill, nearby on the river Dean, ground the people's daily bread. Finally the Macclesfield Canal has been designated a Conservation Area that widens in Bollington to include the mighty Adelphi and Clarence Mills.

Many of our residents live in Conservation Areas and these areas have their own rules and regulations as to what you can and cannot do to your houses and the surrounds you own. Some residents live in 'Article Four' dwellings where proposed internal changes need to be notified. Your solicitors should have informed you of these conditions on purchase.

From time to time residents are caught in the net of these regulations. A stone wall is removed for example and this act turns out to contravene a regulation that protects the nature of the area as a whole. Then a complex process begins of retrospective planning applications that may be refused and the wall has to be replaced whole or in part.

So please can we ask that all residents check the area where they live and before any external work is done consult our Town Clerk or our local Conservation Officer, Andrew Ramshall at Cheshire East.

Such precautions will ensure that any changes to your property will be properly authorised and unnecessary expense and concern avoided.

Our town and community will retain it's reputation for being 'an urban jewel' in a rural setting that benefits us all now and in the future.



## CIVIC AWARDS

### Civic Award and Mayor's Commendation Presentations

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October



**Debra Nixon**  
~Civic Award  
(Shuttle)~

For leading, organising and coordinating the Bollington Poppy Appeal over 25 years.



**Annette Hurst**  
~Commendation for  
Long Service in the  
Community~

For taking on many volunteer roles across several community sectors.



**Love Bollington Market**  
~Commendation for  
Services to the  
Community~

For providing a market over the last few years and adapting to online during the Covid pandemic.



**Bollington Dementia Group**  
~Commendation for  
Services to the  
Community~

For establishing the group 4 years ago, providing support and help to those with dementia and their carers.



**Bollington Towpath Team**  
~Commendation for  
Services to the  
Community~

For the restoration and maintenance of the towpath from Beehive Bridge to Sugar Lane.



**Edwina Wood**  
~Commendation for  
Services to the  
Community~

For giving hours and hours of her time planting up the community and tidying and cleaning communal spaces.



**The staff at the Cotton Tree pub**  
~Commendation for  
Services to the  
Community~

For providing a welcoming, community spirited environment where everyone is welcome.



**Carolyn Thorpe**  
~Commendation for  
Bollington Based  
Business~

For helping owners train their dogs in Bollington for nearly 10 years and providing advice on her social media platforms.

## SPEED DISPLAY UNITS

Bollington Town Council has just invested in a replacement Speed Display unit to track traffic and speeds around the town.



## FUNDRAISING DINNER



**Save The Date**  
Mayor's Fundraising Dinner  
Raising funds for  
Bollington Cricket Club Nets  
Three Course Meal  
Auction and Raffle



Venue: Hilltop Country House

Date: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

**Tickets £30**



## Community Grocery Store

Bollington Town Council is teaming up with Cre8 to offer a weekly Community Grocery Store; a surplus food re-distribution service.

From late January 2023, the store will operate weekly from outside Bollington Town Hall (dates and times to be confirmed).

We are seeking volunteers to assist the Cre8 team hand out food bags.

To register your interest, email Harriet on [townmanager@bollington-tc.gov.uk](mailto:townmanager@bollington-tc.gov.uk).



## Do you know what to do in a flood?

- Monitor the weather and flood warnings
- Check your insurance
- Know how to turn off your utilities
- Move important items upstairs
- Keep yourself and your family safe
- Follow advice from emergency services

See our guide on the Council website for more information: [www.bollington-tc.gov.uk/the-community/guide-to-planning-for-a-flood](http://www.bollington-tc.gov.uk/the-community/guide-to-planning-for-a-flood)

### Would you know what to do in a flood?



FLOOD ALERT

**PREPARE**

- Prepare a bag that includes medicines and insurance documents
- Visit [www.gov.uk/check-flooding](http://www.gov.uk/check-flooding)



FLOOD WARNING

**ACT**

- Turn off gas, water and electricity
- Move things upstairs or to safety
- Move family, pets and car to safety



SEVERE FLOOD WARNING

**SURVIVE**

- Call 999 if in immediate danger
- Follow advice from emergency services
- Keep yourself and your family safe

Visit [check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/plan-ahead-for-flooding](http://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/plan-ahead-for-flooding)

#PrepareActSurvive

# Warm Spaces

Every Tuesday 10.00am - 12.30pm  
Bollington Community Centre

Come and join us for warmth, company and chat.  
Hot drinks, games and activities available.



**All are welcome and it's free !**



For more information and dates, please contact us

Tel: 01625 572985

Email: [enquiries@bollington-tc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@bollington-tc.gov.uk)



# THANK YOU

A Big **THANK YOU**  
to the volunteers from Bollington  
who have given their time and efforts  
to plant up our twelve hanging baskets  
across the town free of charge .



# CHURCH SERVICES

## St Oswald's Christmas Communion Service

Sunday, 25 December 2022  
10:30 am - 11:30 am

## Life Church Christmas Celebration

with  
"festive refreshments"  
on Sunday 18th 11:00am

### COME AND JOIN US

## YOUR COUNCILLORS



**Bollington**  
TOWN COUNCIL

Bollington Town Hall  
Wellington Road, Bollington, Cheshire SK10 5SR  
Email: [clerk@bollington-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bollington-tc.gov.uk)  
[www.bollington-tc.gov.uk](http://www.bollington-tc.gov.uk)  
Tel: 01625 572985



**Town Clerk**  
**Julie Mason**  
[clerk@bollington-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bollington-tc.gov.uk)  
01625 572985

### BOLLINGTON TOWN COUNCILLORS WEST WARD COUNCILLORS



**Clr Ken Edwards**  
[ken.edwards@bollington-tc.gov.uk](mailto:ken.edwards@bollington-tc.gov.uk)  
01625 572985



**Clr James Nicholas**  
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01625 262173



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01625 572985



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01625 262173

### CENTRAL WARD COUNCILLORS



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### EAST WARD COUNCILLORS



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01625 572985



# MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR

Are you passionate about your local area?

Then put yourself forward to be elected to sit on Bollington Town Council as a Councillor. There are 10,000 local councils in England, with 100,000 councillors. They are the heroes of their communities and give residents a voice on the decisions a council makes. They can improve the lives of fellow residents and make a real difference to their community.

## ELECTIONS MAY 2023

**THINKING OF STANDING AS A LOCAL COUNCILLOR ?**

**WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT TAKES ?**

**HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE ?**

**WHAT ARE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ?**

**WHAT SUPPORT IS OFFERED TO NEW COUNCILLORS ?**

**IN 2023 FIND OUT FROM PEOPLE WHO KNOW AND ATTEND A 'DROP IN SESSION' ON 24th JANUARY 2023 @ 7PM**

To register please email [Clerk@bollington-tc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@bollington-tc.gov.uk)

To qualify to become a councillor you must be:

- a Commonwealth citizen (which includes being a British subject) or a citizen of a member state of the European Union.
- over 18;
- an elector of the parish; and in addition
- have been either during the whole of the twelve months before the day of nomination or the day of election resided in the parish or within three miles of it or occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises therein or had principal or only place of work there.