



Bollington

TOWN COUNCIL

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Join us for an evening of fun, fundraising, and friendly competition.

BYOB plus selection of chilli, curry or vegetarian dish included in price

 NORTH WEST Air Ambulance CHARITY



Date: Saturday 24th October

Time: 7-30pm

Venue: Bollington Civic Hall

Ticket Price: £10/person

Team Size: Up to 6

Raffle: Top prizes to be won on the night

All proceeds to North West Air Ambulance

For Tickets Contact:
townmanager@bollington-tc.gov.uk

Charity No. 1075641 nwaairambulance.org.uk

Save THE Date!

THE MAYOR'S CHARITIES

 WINDYWAY TRUST

 Silk Cat Rescue

FUNDRAISER

BOLLINGTON CIVIC HALL

Saturday

6TH MARCH 2027

Supporting our community together we can make a difference

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CHRISTMAS MARKET AT BOLLINGTON CIVIC HALL

Saturday 5th December



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



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Christmas Eve - 6.30pm
Bollington Town Hall - All welcome

Albert Road and Lowerhouse Developments

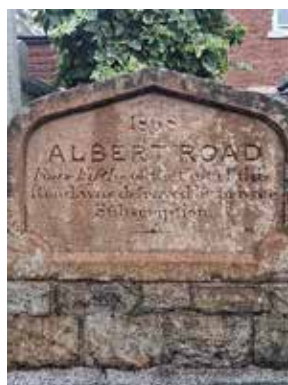
Albert Road and the Lowerhouse area are undergoing a period of major change, with several developments combining to alter the landscape, reduce green space, and increase pressure on Bollington's infrastructure. The area has historically provided a transition between residential streets, industrial heritage buildings, green fields and the valley floor. Recent and proposed schemes now risk creating a much more continuous band of development between Bollington and neighbouring settlements.



Key changes include the loss of green fields and part of the flood plain between Lowerhouse Mill and the former Household Waste Recycling Centre, where two housing schemes totalling 67 homes have replaced land that previously supported drainage, wildlife habitat and the green buffer around the town. The closure of the Household Waste Recycling Centre has raised further concern that the site could become part of a larger housing estate extending towards Whiteley Green, potentially increasing traffic and reducing the separation between communities.

Lowerhouse Mill is also at a turning point. Proposals for around 120 units, including sheltered accommodation, apartments and mixed commercial uses, would bring a substantial increase in activity to one of Bollington's most significant industrial heritage sites. While reuse of brownfield land is welcome in principle, the scale of development must be considered alongside the wider loss of open land nearby.

Other sites add to the cumulative impact. The Euroclamp site is subject to proposals for a nursing home and supported living complex for up to 150 residents, bringing likely increases in staffing, deliveries, service traffic, and demand on local health and social care networks.



Taken together, these developments represent a transformational level of pressure on Bollington's narrow historic road network, particularly Albert Road, Moss Brow, Wellington Road, Henshall Road and Grimshaw Lane. These routes already experience congestion, limited pavement space, tight junctions, blind bends, school traffic, buses and delivery vehicles. Additional housing, care provision and service use will raise serious questions about road safety, emergency vehicle access, parking, air quality and long-term infrastructure resilience.

Bollington needs new homes, care provision and appropriate reuse of existing sites, but decisions must be made with a clear understanding of the combined effect of all current and proposed schemes. Future planning should balance housing need with environmental protection, infrastructure capacity, heritage preservation and community wellbeing. Without a coordinated approach, there is a risk that development will outpace the town's ability to absorb it and permanently erode the green spaces and local character that define Bollington.

Councillor Jon Weston, Chair of Planning and Infrastructure Committee

Finance and Audit

As Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee, my priority is to make sure the Town Council manages residents' money carefully, transparently and with a strong focus on value for money.

The Committee oversees the Council's budget and finances, balancing the need to fund the services and priorities that matter to Bollington with keeping the burden on precept payers in mind. We scrutinise spending and income, oversee financial controls and risk management, and make sure the choices and trade-offs we face are clear and transparent.

We also oversee the Council's community grants programme, helping local organisations and initiatives that make a real difference to our town.



Cllr Alison Rodwell | Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee

Celebrating Bollington's Business Community



As a small business owner, I am acutely aware of just how tough it is to make a success of it. As a Town Councillor here in Bollington, I think it is important to try to get to know the businesses based in the town. Being Mayor this year has enabled me to visit some of these great businesses, learn about the challenges they face, and celebrate & promote their contribution to the community.

It really is vital that Bollington remains a working town, providing good job opportunities close to where people live. The Town Council will do all that it can to help sustain our business community, which includes light industrial, farming, the creative industries, leisure, tourism, retail and hospitality.

Thank you to those businesses that have invited me to see their work and meet all their wonderful staff, so far this year. I very much look forward to visiting many more, before my Mayoral year finishes.

Cllr Dickie Fletcher, Town Mayor 2026-27

White Ribbon Campaign

White Ribbon is the leading charity in England and Wales to prevent men's and boy's violence against women and girls. The charity does this by addressing the root causes of men's violence such as attitude, behaviour and negative gender norms.

The White Ribbon movement began in 1991 by a group of men in Canada as a response to the École Polytechnique massacre of female students.

At its Council meeting on 7th October 2025, Bollington Town Council resolved to become White Ribbon accredited.

But what does this mean?

- Committing to a three-year plan to help prevent violence, abuse, and harassment against women and girls by promoting gender equality
- Engaging men and boys and community stakeholders to challenge attitudes and become part of the solution
- Nominating a Council ambassador to raise awareness.



A White Ribbon Working Group meets regularly at the Town Hall with the next meeting scheduled for 30/10/26.

By making the White Ribbon Promise and becoming an Ambassador and Strategic Lead for Bollington Town Council's Working Group, I hope to challenge the concept of toxic masculinity, encourage discussion between men about their own culpability and show that violence by men against women and girls has no place in our wonderful Bollington Community.

Cllr Rich House, Chair of Personnel, Policy, Communications and Governance Committee

Bollington Civic Hall

The Civic Hall, ideally situated in the centre of town right above the library, is Bollington Town Council's flagship building offering a great space for meetings, performances, parties and functions.

The venue is licenced for live music and entertainment until midnight, has a stage that can be customised to suit your event and boasts Bollington's only retractable tiered seating. Alternately, tables and chairs can be arranged to suit the occasion.

This year, the Council has been focused on a programme of much needed improvements beginning with repainting the perimeter railings which were in very poor condition and replacing the hearing loop. The entrance way and foyer have been repainted with fresh colours and new flooring laid. All work has been completed by local people.

The Facilities and Finance and Audit Committees will be considering a programme of works for the 2027-28 financial year with a view to continuing the refurbishment and ensuring the Civic Hall remains a welcoming and well-used community venue for years to come.

Town Manager

"One of the key roles of Bollington Town Council is to manage and maintain our town assets. It's been great to see the Civic Hall receive some much-needed TLC over the past year with more improvements to come making it an excellent multi-use facility for the community."

Cllr Brian Perkins, Chair of Facilities Committee



If you would like to book the venue, we would be pleased to show you around.

Pricing can be viewed at www.bollington-tc.gov.uk/venues/bollington-civic-hall/.

Contact civichallbookings@bollington-tc.gov.uk for more information and availability.

'It's My Responsibility'

Do you sometimes think...what can I do that will make a real difference to Climate Change?...after all China produces a third of the greenhouse gases emitted...the UK only produces about 1%.

Did you ever expect to see the burnt out remains of houses in Stourbridge due to wildfires arising from drought conditions?

Every little helps and we must all do our bit, because if we don't, our way of life will soon drastically change for the worse.

How about a personal or family inventory with some targets.

TRAVEL Walk or cycle short distances. Use the bus for longer journeys. Only use the car when necessary. Car share when possible. Drive fuel efficiently.	WATER CONSERVATION Have a water butt (or 2 or 3) to collect rainwater. Have a compost heap. Shower instead of bath. Shower for shorter time. Turn temperature down a bit. Repair any leaks. Turn off the tap when cleaning teeth. When using kettle only boil the amount you need.
ENERGY USAGE Use insulating strips to eliminate draughts. Turn down heating by a little bit. Put on an extra layer. Top up the insulation in the loft. Close curtains in the evening. Turn off TV/computer instead of leaving on standby.	FOOD AND DRINK Buy loose...avoid packaging where you can. Buy local. Grow your own vegetables. Drink tap-water rather than bottled water. Freeze left-overs for another day.
ELIMINATE WASTE Recycle correctly...the right thing in the right bin. Try to reduce food waste...the new food caddy can help you measure food waste. Recycle/sell/donate clothes and toys you no longer need. Repair items (take to Repair shop in Macclesfield) rather than replace.	We can all make small changes and it does make a difference. All of the suggestions can be done with little or no cost. Of course you could invest in extra insulation, fit a heat pump, install solar panels etc...these are significant investments and not possible for everybody, but grants are available in certain circumstances.

We all need to do our bit NOW. We only have one planet.
Cllr David Kent (Bollington Town Council Green Champion)

Calculate your environmental footprint at <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>

Britain in Bloom 2027

Bollington is a lovely place, flanked by the beauty of the farmlands, hedgerows and woodlands of the Cheshire Plain and the majestic hills of the Peak District National Park. We are lucky to live in a town that is full of the history and character provided by its mills, stone cottages, canal and Middlewood Way, White Nancy and Nab Head. Perhaps they're the reason our community spirit is so strong.

Volunteers plant daffodils, hanging baskets, tend

planters and care for our walkways, creating a town that always feels loved.

As a horticulturalist, organiser of the annual Bloomin' Bollington competition and someone who has worked in the garden industry all my life, the work of the Happy Valley in Bloom and KRIV teams and other individuals always impresses me and it's with this background that the Council agreed that Bollington will enter the Britain in Bloom Competition in 2027.

This annual regional and national competition recognises community activities to enhance their local environments through horticulture, environmental responsibility and community participation.

As a town, we already do a huge amount of this, but in addition, the Council is working with local landscape designer Tildsley Transformations, to plant up the Wellington Road bank, opposite the Co-op,

with pollinator-friendly perennials, grasses and bulbs to create a centre-piece for the competition, provide masses of colour and year-round interest and supports bees and other pollinators.

Hopefully, this is just the start, as there are many other areas around the town equally suited to a bit of a garden make-over!

Please join us at our launch to learn more on Saturday 17th October 2pm-4pm and find out how you can get involved.

Cllr Martin Simmons, Chair of Community and Environment Committee



Britain in Bloom

WELLINGTON ROAD BANK

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Help us make our community Bloom!

THE VISION

- POLLINATOR RICH PLANTING
- STRONG IMPACT
- PERENNIALS & BULBS
- ALL YEAR INTEREST
- EASY MAINTENANCE

THE BENEFITS

- Supports bees, butterflies and other pollinators
- Improves biodiversity and local habitats
- Creates a beautiful, welcoming place for everyone
- Boosts community pride and wellbeing
- Enhances the look of our town and supports local economy

THE ASK

- LAND PREPARATION
- SPONSORSHIP
- DONATIONS
- PLANTING
- WEEDING / MAINTENANCE

LAUNCH EVENT

JOIN US!

AT THE CIVIC HALL

17TH OCTOBER 2 PM TO 4 PM

Bollington TOWN COUNCIL

Many hands make light work and beautiful things grow!

Bollington Community Resilience Emergency Plan

The purpose of the Bollington Community Resilience Emergency Plan is to provide a framework for a response to a localised emergency whilst awaiting support from the main responding agencies. Emergencies may include flooding, extreme weather, acts of terrorism, industrial accidents, breach of infrastructure, disease and pandemics.

Following the release in 2025 of Bollington Town Council's revised Community Resilience Emergency Plan, we held an exercise at the Civic Hall in March 2026.

The exercise, a simulated major flood incident, brought together representatives from multiple responding agencies, including Cheshire East Highways, Cheshire Police, Cheshire Fire and Rescue, Environment Agency, Civil Corp, First Responders as well as Town Councillors and key members of the community.

The exercise was designed to test:

- How the council prioritises resources when multiple areas need help at once.
- Managing vulnerable residents and community communication during infrastructure failures.
- Coordination between internal teams, emergency services, and partner agencies.

Observations and recommendations from the participants at the exercise have been evaluated and will be used to inform the revision of the plan as well as strategies to best support our community in the event of an emergency including communication, prioritising vulnerable residents and establishing rest centres.

Cllr David Kent and the Town Manager have been jointly tasked by the Community and Environment Committee to coordinate and deliver revisions and associated actions.

Household Emergency Plan

It is recommended that each household has its own plan including:

- A list of key phone numbers
- Insurance details
- List of current medication
- Where to turn off mains water, electricity and gas (only a qualified engineer can reinstate gas supplies)
- An emergency grab bag with:
 - Torch
 - Phone charger/power bank
 - Spare batteries
 - First aid kit
 - Medication
 - Wet wipes and sanitiser
 - Bottled water
 - Non-perishable food
 - Baby supplies

Elections 2027

Make a change - become a Town Councillor

The voices of some of our Town Councillors:

It is a real privilege to be asked to represent friends and neighbours as a Town Councillor and a particular honour to be chosen as the Town Mayor (twice!)

For anyone wanting to give something back to our community, this is a really important and enjoyable thing to do. No special training is needed - just common sense and a commitment to a few hours a week.

Cllr Jon Weston

In May 2027 I would have been a resident elected Town Councillor for 2 years. I would encourage younger people and women to join our Town Council. It is rewarding to listen to residents and shape feedback into the various committees. Engagement and enthusiasm are the key requirements. Our community is amazing and diverse yet I feel the younger community are not represented.

Cllr Brian Perkins

As a fairly new councillor I am happy to say that in a very short period of time I now regard my fellow Town Councillors as colleagues - we come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences - and working together, with the reassuring support of our staff, convinces me I am in my own way helping to keep Bollington as a great place to live.

One big aspect I'd previously mostly been unaware of before becoming a Town Councillor is the sheer amount of work that goes on at the Town Hall on a daily basis that ensures Bollington goes about its business smoothly, and for this I take my cap off to our brilliant staff!

Cllr Alan Wilson

Local elections are in May 2027.

If you're passionate about our community, why not stand as one of Bollington's next Town Councillors?

To find out more about the role, contact Ruth on clerk@bollington-tc.gov.uk

An opportunity to support members of our community who are dedicated to the greater good.

The chance to influence the priorities of the Town Council and ensure that Bollington's interests are seriously considered by Cheshire East.

Working together with people from varied backgrounds and with different perspectives.

Supporting the dedicated Town Hall staff to deliver Community events and initiatives.

Cllr David Kent

It's a chance to have a finger on the pulse of the community and help to give back for all the hard work the Town Clerk and the team do.

We are all from different backgrounds which is what makes a community. It's the collaboration of several people who strive to make Bollington a wonderful place to live.

Cllr Nancy Pemberton

The best part of being a Town Councillor is meeting so many people who give their time and energy to Bollington. I also enjoy the very practical side of the role such as finding ways to improve our town, look after the things we value and make sure residents' money is spent wisely.

Cllr Alison Rodwell

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