

# LOVING THE FLOW

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THE FLOWHESION FOUNDATION

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We've got the Bolton Mark! And also met the chief executive of NHS England on his short visit to Bolton.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR AT THE FLOWHESION FOUNDATION



It has been a really testing time for boltonian's as we have had to struggle with a new variant of covid19 in the borough. However, the spirit and resolve our communities has been remarkable. Our Foundation has been working tirelessly with health, welfare, education and third sector partners during these times to provide accurate information, bilingual videos, leaflet drops and a host of other service to ensure that we can all keep safe and take the vaccinations available to us. It was therefore a privilege to be asked to meet briefly with the chief executive of sir Simon Stevens (picture on front cover). We discussed the take up of the vaccination during the Muslim fasting period of Ramadhan and how bamer communities and charities in the borough were working together to provide a meaningful response to the challenges that have presented themselves.

We are also very proud of our staff, volunteers and the support of the wider community in Bolton we serve as we receive the prestigious Bolton mark for inclusion. This award recognises the dedication of our staff, our professionalism in programme delivery and the fact that we are a safe and effective organisation. I hope we can continue to work hard with sincerity to benefit Bolton's most vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.

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# Team



*Our team showing no signs of slowing down. Despite the pandemic they met virtually and only when allowed met in person adhering to covid regulations.*

Written by Adam Ismail

# Aspire

The unfortunate but lovely ex-mayoress of Bolton had to part ways with her citizens due to an extreme event. She leaves behind 'a wonderful legacy' for the town to inherit. At the age 58, Gay Wharton (a person who dedicated her life for the better by sacrificing her freedom to give out everything Bolton needed e.g setting up charities) tragically died from her wounds after being struck by a car on Chorley New Road last month. Mrs Wharton who leaves her family (her husband Steve and her two kids, Matthew and Adam) was the mayoress of Bolton alongside the 2014 mayor Cllr Martin Donaghy and another mayoress called Jacqueline Tracey.

On a freezing Friday morning, many people lined Chorley New Road and the entrance lane to Overdale West Chapel where a private funeral for Wharton took place. The funeral cortege stopped in front of the grievors as they paid their respects to the mayoress while the car carrying her coffin turned off towards the crematorium a sway of sorrow claps busted out as all of the people huddled together showed their appreciation of her determination.

Among the gathered people was a very important person called David Hayes who worked at the



mayor's office at Bolton council. He talked about her enthusiastic, affectionate and resilient personality in her role of being a mayoress and how her actions persuaded people to do things for the better including himself. A direct quote from him states that "Gay was a total pleasure to work with during her year in the office and with her attitude during that year, I know she changed me and many others. Her inspiration changed things for the better with how we work with charities and that is still going on and so she leaves a legacy of kindness for the people of Bolton." Among the causes, closest to her heart was the woman's refuge Fortalice.

The second mayoress in 2014 (also known as Jacqueline Tracey) worked with Mrs Wharton at Sainsbury's in Bolton and was also another important person in the crowd. Fighting back tears she says that "Gay was lovely, kind, hardworking and a friend to everyone she met. It's gratifying, but no surprise to see all the people out here paying their respects as she was held in such genuine affection by everyone she encountered." Frank Delacy, aged 64, said his heart shattered when the news was broken to him. He said "I first met Gay a few years ago when I sat up some marquees for a charity event she organised. We saw each other several times since and got on so well. I was always struck how kind and generous she was and when I heard how she died it genuinely affected me. It's so tragic, heart-breaking, such a loss of a lovely person."

It is hoped that after this horrid pandemic ends and all of the restrictions are lifted, hopefully in a couple of months, a real memorial service for Mrs Wharton will take place at Bolton Parish Church were even more people can show their gratitude.

# Value

Written by Adam Hussain

All souls was first established at the heart of the Crompton community in 1881 by the Greenhalgh brothers.

In 2007 a local resident, Inayat Omarji recognized the church's neglected potential. He gathered support for the regeneration of All Souls and began to seek financial backing. In partnership with the Churches Conservation Trust a rescue plan was developed which would breathe new life into All Souls, crucially, for the benefit of the community and Bolton as a whole. With all plans and permissions in place building work finally began in August 2013.

There are 5 meeting rooms for the colleagues to work in, communicating with each other and developing new plans.

The main body for the church is the heritage community as there are lots of activities for them to participate in. Its unique beauty makes it a fitting place to gain a greater understanding of the heritage of the church and its surroundings.

There is lots of office space for private and social enterprise.

All souls respect people from different backgrounds and communities as they are no different from us and that is why anyone can do the activities and get involved with the Centre.



We have a history wall that is filled with photographs and stories that can tell you about All souls history and the surrounding communities history too.

Today All Souls Bolton is funded by the Lottery Heritage Fund, The Churches Conservation Trust, Bolton Council and the Tudor Trust. The Flowhesion Foundation who are based in the All Souls have recognized the good work that the All Souls do and what an important part of the community they are have recently gifted a generous donation to them.





# Belong

Written by Ibrahim Dean and Mohammed Esa Khan

**B**olton began as a small village. However Bolton grew larger and more important in the early middle ages. In 1251 Bolton became a town. In those times there weren't very many shops so people would have to buy and sell products in markets/stalls.

In medieval Bolton there were fairs held once a year for a few days and people from across Lancashire would come to attend. Even Though Bolton had many people coming in from across Lancashire it only had a population of several hundred people. Apart from being a small market town, they still had a wool manufacturing industry.



Bolton grammar school was founded in 1516. At first it was lord Leverhulme's mansion but it was given to the people as school. Bolton was still a fairly small town but it was growing rapidly. In the 17th century a cotton weaving industry. In the mid 17th century Bolton probably had a population of around 2000 people. In the mid 17th century a writer said that Bolton is a well built town.

In the late 18th century Bolton was transformed into an industrial revolution. The cotton industry then grew at an outstanding rate.

The first railway was built in 1828 from Bolton to Leigh, the next one to Preston in 1843, and the last one to Blackburn in 1848.

In 1901 the population grew massively at an incredible 170,000 from 1900s and onwards electric trams took the roads of Bolton. However buses took over in the year 1943. The last electric tram ran in 1947.

Bolton has grown economically and industrially strong over the years, to obtain a great status among other towns. We are proud to be a part of Bolton.

# Build

Written by **Mohammed Hasim Hussain and Mohammed Esa Khan**

Every household across England and Wales, will have received Census 2021 documentation, by the middle of March. This is so, all households could complete the census to provide a snapshot of all people living in the property on Sunday 21st March.

information of all adults, children and visitors who are present in the household on Sunday 21st of March 2021. These could be friends, relatives and lodgers and tenants.

The census asks questions such as; number of family members, number of vehicles, bill payers and the status of your accommodation (mortgage, rented, owned), ethnicity, religion and culture. It will also ask about your annual income, your health and education status.



The census has taken place every ten years, since 1801, although the 1841 census registration is classed as the first modern census for England and Wales. The last census was carried out in 2011.

It is a requirement for all households to take part in the census, as it helps the Office for National Statistics (ONS) generate data to inform organisations to make decisions on planning and funding public services in your area, including transport, education and healthcare etc.

All English and Welsh citizens must take part and complete the household census. This includes

Not all questions are compulsory- some are optional and can be missed out if you do not want to fill these in.

If you are abroad and there is no one staying or living at your house during this census period you will have to use your access code to complete online whilst you're away from the country. If you are away from the UK less than 12 months you will still be counted in the census.

If you were to fail to complete the census, a census officer will contact you and encourage you to complete it. If the form is still not completed in the time limit then it is classed as committing a crime.

To overall conclude, this form should not be taken lightly and should be filled in as soon as possible.