



# The Town Council's Newsletter Horwich

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## Festival of Horwich Community Event

Horwich Town Council will be putting on a fabulous FREE community event on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 12pm 'til 10pm

Where? at the Horwich RMI Club and grounds.

Prior to the main event, there will be a soft play session located in the Brunel Suite from 10am – 12pm for the babies and toddlers with refreshments and

There will be something sure to get you out of your seat, from choirs, dance performances, to amateur theatre shows and then onto local talent from amazing artists. There is something for the whole family from a toddler soft play session, magician, bubble woman, youth play sessions, tea cups to tea dances and evening entertainment. There will be foods to suit all tastes and a bar open until late. You can even bring your four-legged furry friend along and enter them into the dog show which has many categories they can compete in.

If that isn't already enough, there are two competitions to enter. You could be in with a chance of winning Lakeland goodies by entering the bake-off competition or an iPad in the Find the Mayor competition.



# COMING SOON

The Horwich Town Council's website will be undergoing a complete transformation. It has been agreed at the Finance and General Purposes meeting that the website requires updating to be in line with accessibility requirements. The new website will feature additional information such as a services tab which will direct the public to the relevant organisation/department and will also include business and group information. Keep your eyes peeled.

## Mayor Opens Up Exhibition

"I see you shiver with antici....pation."

Well the wait is over, the Mayor of Horwich officially opened up the 1970's exhibition at the Horwich Heritage Centre on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

In 1971, Britain went decimal. Before this, there was 12d in a shilling and 20 shillings in a pound. In 1972, British Soldiers shot into a group of protestors marching against internment without trial in Derry, Northern Ireland. In 1973, the United Kingdom joined the European Communities. In 1974, the Hawking Radiation Theory was calculated. Sex Pistols formed in London in 75. The PM, Harold Wilson resigned in 1976. In 1977, the Nation took to the street to celebrate Queen Elizabeths II Silver Jubilee. In 1978, the first birth from IVF. Margaret Thatcher becomes Prime Minister in 1979. Also, during this decade, there were a number of inventions such as the Walkman and the VHS video recorder. Popular toys included the Space Hopper, roller-skates and Monopoly. The Exhibition will end on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023.





A row of six light-colored wooden blocks, each with a black letter, spelling out the word "GRANTS". The blocks are arranged on a light-colored surface. In the background, a red pom-pom is visible, slightly out of focus.

# GRANTS

## HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL GRANT AWARDS

The Town Council will be awarding a second round of grant funding for the current financial year to local voluntary and community organisations that are either located in, or serve the residents of the Parish.

Closing date for applications is 30 September 2023 for consideration in October 2023. Grants are available up to a maximum of £500 and application forms are available from [Horwich Community Centre](#) or by emailing:

[townclerk@horwich.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@horwich.gov.uk) / [deputytownclerk@horwich.gov.uk](mailto:deputytownclerk@horwich.gov.uk) or they can be downloaded from our website [www.horwich.gov.uk](http://www.horwich.gov.uk)

Previous awards have included funding to Holy Trinity for their wildlife/conservation project and St Catherines Church for summer activities for seniors. Funding also went to Horwich Leisure Centre Amateur Swim Club, 42nd Bolton Scouts, Horwich Harvest Project and Horwich Community Choir

Other grants available from: Bolton Community and Voluntary Service (CVS), Rotary Club of Horwich, Bolton at Home, Giving Back – Greater Manchester Police Grants and NHS Partners.

Horwich Town Council at the Finance and General Purposes Meeting in September approved the Town Councils Action Plan.

The Action Plan covers the aspirations of the Town Council over the next 4 years

The Town Council's priorities are to:

- Improve the quality of life of residents by attaining and enhancing assets.
- Work in partnership with other organisations to create a vibrant, attractive town where people want to live, work, and visit.
- Put local people's aspirations at the heart of the council's decision making through community engagement.
- Inspire and support organisations to secure improvements in social, economic and environmental well-being with its grants.
- Work together with partner organisations to make Horwich a destination town.
- Play a positive role in addressing the causes and effects of climate change.
- Work with local organisations and other sectors to conserve and enhance the distinct historic and natural environment that retains the qualities that make Horwich an even more attractive and desirable place to live, work, play and visit.
- Encourage active, sociable, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing.
- Work with external organisations to help tackle crime and anti-social behaviour



# A Space for the Whole Community



The Centre is a bustling hive of activity within the community used by a full range of different and diverse classes.



There's a **Toddler group** drop-in on Tuesday mornings and music sessions for toddlers and babies throughout the week. There is a **Seniors Lunch Club** including bingo and activities for older people on a Tuesday. With other groups such as **St John Ambulance Cadets, the Stroke Association, KD's Over 50s Men's Club, Over 50's Club**, there's definitely something for everybody of all ages.

There are classes in various **Languages, Art, Upholstery, Sewing, sign language, Heritage talks, with fitness groups** offering everything from **Boxing, Yoga, Pilates, Taijiquan, Aikido and Horwich Prize Medal Morris Men.**

**Citizens' Advice Bolton** offers help and advice during its Drop-in sessions every first Friday of the month from 9am – 12pm. No appointment required.

There are **activities for children** taking place during the school holidays which are **funded by Horwich Town Council.**

If you've ever dreamt of starting up your own class or group, get in touch with us to find out how we can help you. We hire out our Hall and three smaller spaces all at a reasonable cost. With a fully equipped kitchen, we could even be the venue for your children's birthday party.

We are fully accessible and there is free parking nearby.

Look for us on Facebook to find out what's happening or call in.



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# Which Council?

Sometimes it is hard to know which council to contact. We are happy to help, but hope these lists guide you:

Horwich Town Council	Bolton Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Grants</li><li>• Local voice on Planning &amp; Development</li><li>• Floral Troughs</li><li>• Christmas Lights</li><li>• Christmas Lights Switch-on</li><li>• Remembrance Sunday Service</li><li>• Town Mayor</li><li>• Neighbourhood Plan Implementation (subject to community interest and Council start up)</li><li>• Annual Events</li><li>• Community bins</li><li>• Dog waste bag scheme</li><li>• Horwich Community Centre</li><li>• Civic Recognition</li><li>• Youth award scheme</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council Tax</li><li>• Planning &amp; Development</li><li>• Bins, Recycling, Street Cleaning &amp; Litter Bins</li><li>• Roads, Transport &amp; Parking</li><li>• Social Care &amp; Health</li><li>• Births, Deaths &amp; Marriages</li><li>• Schools</li><li>• Business rates</li><li>• Licensing</li><li>• Environmental Health</li><li>• Libraries</li><li>• Leisure Centres</li><li>• Jobs, Skills and Training</li><li>• Housing</li><li>• Electoral Services</li></ul>
<p><b>Horwich.gov.uk</b> <b>01204 691 090</b></p>	<p><b>Bolton.gov.uk</b> <b>01204 333 333</b></p>



Citizens Advice Bury and Bolton are an independent, impartial and not-for-profit charity. As an organisation, they provide free, confidential, independent and impartial advice and information.

CABB hold a drop-in session on the first Friday of the month, here at the Horwich Community Centre. The sessions start from 9am – 12pm and do not require you to make an appointment.

They have **specialist advisers** in the following areas:

**Welfare Benefits**

**Money & Debt**

**Community Care**

**Housing**

**Immigration & Asylum**

But, if your issue falls outside of these areas then not to worry, they can still help you with your issue as they work with a number of other partners and have access to the Citizens Advice unique information system to provide help and support to the people that need it on a range of different issues.

**If you are unable to attend the drop in, you can contact 0808 278 7804, Monday to Friday from 10am – 4pm**







