

Christmas
Dinner on
Jesus

Ho! Ho! Ho! ...

Have you noticed as you look around the town that Christmas is on its way although Christmas Carols have not quite made it into the shops!

We too at UOB are preparing for this year's

Christmas Dinner on Jesus hampers.

This is where our amazing town becomes 'one big family' seeking to bring some Love and Joy to many individuals and families who for many reasons are finding times difficult. Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered for packing.

What fun we will have!

COOKING CLUB!

Thanks to support from **Warburtons, Friends of Fun Food** teamed up with **RISE** for a 3 day cooking club during October half term with 7 young people the RISE team have been working with.

We had a great time cooking with the young people - teaching some new recipes and cooking skills, and trying some new flavours! They all made some delicious dishes including lasagne, apple crumble and cheesecake which were all thoroughly enjoyed!



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Autumn 2025

Food Team

Autumn marks the start of a busy harvest season for the Food Team. Throughout September and October, Urban Outreach staff went into **37** schools and **5** churches across Bolton delivering harvest messages and saying thank you for all their generous donations.

All of the donated food is used to make up food parcels for Storehouse Foodbank and Pantries. These then go out each week to help people who are in need across Bolton. The large amount of food that comes in at harvest sustains these projects throughout the year so it has been amazing to see these donations pour in.

Through the generosity of so many across Bolton,

12.3 TONNES

of food was donated over the harvest period!



Thank you so much to all of the schools, churches, businesses and individuals that have given over this harvest season. It is only with your help that we can continue supporting people across Bolton with food parcels.



Adults Team

Our Genesis community have been working hard around the grounds of the Amber Centre. All summer crops have been harvested and new vegetables have been planted.



STREET *Life*



Case Study

Over the last quarter alone (July to Sept), **Street Life** has had **60** new households approach for support, made up of **83** individuals, including men, women and children. These people will be offered support with housing related issues such as eviction advice and support.

All the while people will be welcome to attend the **Street Life** drop-in each week to check for housing updates and for help with various housing related needs like registering with Homes for Bolton, getting the correct documents for a prospective landlord, sourcing ID etc.

A man attended the Street Life Drop-in with a friend supporting him. The friend explained that this man had autism and learning differences and due to not keeping up with previous rent payments, had been left sleeping rough.

Street Life made contact with all the relevant housing providers to see if they had any homes available and started looking for private rents for him. Over the next few months Street Life tried hard to find accommodation but unfortunately none were suitable as he only wanted one locality.

Street Life worked hard negotiating with Housing Options and managed to gain High Needs Plus on his Homes for Bolton registration.

A month later a property in the right area became available for him, which was near his friend who is happy to continue to support him.

He did not have photo ID or a birth certificate so Street Life was able to support him to get these and he moved into the property. Street Life was also able to support him to get white goods. We celebrate this great news with him!

Since July 2025 **Reach Out** have worked with **11** women who are involved in sex work, offering harm reduction, referrals to services like Achieve for drug and alcohol support, guidance around staying safe, finances and more.

REACH OUT



Children and Families

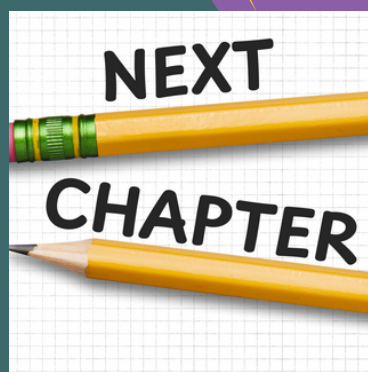


This Autumn we hosted a series of Emotional Health Group sessions through September and October.

5 new young people attended.
6 new parents/carers were engaged with.

RISE overall supported **47** young people and **49** parents throughout July to September.

"On a positive; "B" has been raring to go into year 7. Your programme worked wonders for him. He's a different lad. Thank you." – From a parent whose child engaged with our Next Chapter Project.



Our school transition project, **Next Chapter**, offers group and 1-1 support for those needing emotional health guidance moving from primary to secondary school to encourage positive and resilient mindsets. Currently we have connected with **22** children aged 10 and 11 years.

Our Re-Root, reduction in Youth Violence, project has involved **35** young people on the programme at present aged 11-17. We are launching class/year/assembly presentations alongside virtual reality modules on Knife Crime, County Lines, Self Harm, Grooming, Cyber Bullying and Sexual Exploitation.



RUNA attended return interviews with **192** children in response to **442** missing episodes July to September.



The Children and Families Team have had the privilege in supporting with the delivery of Harvest Assemblies across schools in Bolton. This has been a great opportunity to engage with young people and include them in our projects.

Team News

THANK YOU!



Thank you to the willing team of volunteers from Smithills who have been tackling the removal of the flooring this quarter to make way for our new carpets over at our new office space. Thank you to Don, Alistair, Martin, Nigel, Jonny and our very own Dave and Chris B, who have all kindly given up their evenings to pull up old carpet tiles and wooden flooring!

We'd love to say a **HUGE thank you** to our friends at **Seddons** for their support in painting and decorating at our new office and for their plumbing expertise!



EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

We are currently looking for volunteers to support our Street Life and Genesis projects.

If you have a **passion** for supporting people with complex needs this might be an opportunity for you! Please get in touch with us if you are interested.

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Urban Outreach attended a networking event at the Bridge Church Conferencing Centre, hosted by Bolton Guild of Help. They are a charity that helps people in Bolton suffering from financial and emotional distress. It was a great day of getting to know other services in our town.



A BIG thank you to **SG Windows Systems Ltd**, who have fitted new windows at the **Amber Centre**. We look forward to a warm and cosy winter period there! Our next job will be installing a new roof and an improved heating system at the centre.

