

Climate emergency

Overview¹



There is **clear evidence** that climate change is **already happening**. If we **act now** to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we can **limit, adapt to and manage** the changes

In Bolton we'll see:



- **Milder, wetter winters**
- **Hotter drier summers**
- More extreme weather events e.g. **flooding and storms**.



Direct health impacts – deaths or ill health because of **heatwaves, wildfires, flooding, or air pollution**



Indirect health impacts – leading from **actions we take** to respond

- **Positive** e.g. if we eat less meat so eat more fruit and veg instead
- **Negative** e.g. if carbon taxation weighs heaviest on those with least, worsening cost of living issues



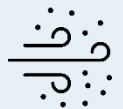
Transport & travel



Road transport is responsible for **38%** of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions in Bolton²



Road vehicles are a major source of air pollutants. Tailpipe emissions have fallen but improvements in **fine particulate matter** from **tyre and brake wear** have stalled⁷



5.2% of Bolton **deaths** from all causes are due to **fine particulate matter**⁸



Many residents' journeys are short⁹

- **47%** are no more than **2km** **25 mins walk** or **10 mins cycle**
- **74%** are no more than **5km** **20 mins cycle**



Bolton's Weston St bus depot has **charging** for **155 electric busses**¹⁰

Energy & buildings



Electricity generation has **decarbonised** but **gas** usage is still a **major emitter** of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) in Bolton²

- **2022** – electricity emitted 180kt CO₂e; gas 360kt
- **2012** – electricity emitted 560kt CO₂e; gas 450kt



Buildings emissions can be reduced through **energy efficiency** measures and switching to **low-carbon heat** sources³



In 2023, Bolton generated⁴:

- **22,000MWh** of electricity from **solar**
- **40MWh** of electricity from **wind**
- Power for **~8,000 homes** for a year⁵



Energy performance certificates in Bolton⁶

- **41%** of **homes** assessed rated **A - C**
- **43%** of **non-domestic** properties assessed rated **A+ - C**

Natural environment



The last 50 years has seen a **drastic loss** in global **wildlife** populations. But **nature can recover**¹¹



- **33% drop** in **skylark** numbers in GM 1980-2011
- **24% drop** in **hedgehog** numbers in GM 1995-2021



The biggest risks to the UK's natural landscapes and **wildlife habitats** are from **higher temperatures**, changes in **rainfall**, **sea level rise** and **ocean acidification**.¹²



Sustainable drainage using **plants** stores uses, and transports **rainfall** – stopping drains overflowing. It also **greens streets**, provides **biodiversity** and **shades and cools** in **hotter summers**¹³

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Circular economy



In a circular economy waste is **designed out** with a **plan** for its end of use. This gives space for nature to thrive¹⁴

Products and materials are circulated at their highest value¹⁴



- **Kept in working order:** maintenance, repair, finding a new user



- **Updated for a new use:** reconditioning or components reused

- Raw materials **recycled or composted**



Each year, Bolton Council collects **300kg** of **waste per person**¹⁵

Waste disposal has changed¹⁵



- **2003/04** – 80% landfill; 2% incinerated; 18% recycled/ composted

- **2013/14** – 40% landfill; 9% incinerated; 46% recycled/ composted

- **2023/24** – 8% landfill; 43% incinerated; 45% recycled/ composted



Business & skills

8% increase in **green jobs** 2021-22 across the UK¹⁶



- **32,000** in **waste**
- **16,000** in **low carbon transport**
- **13,000** in **renewable energy**
- **10,000** in **environmental consultancy**



Bolton has **few jobs** in the UK's **biggest emitting sectors** per job: Electricity & gas; Mining & quarrying; Agriculture forestry & fishing^{16, 17}



Public admin education & health has at **50,200 jobs** the most jobs in Bolton – a **lower emitting** sector^{16,17}



Transport & storage; and Manufacturing are important emitting sectors. Bolton has: ^{16, 17}

- **21,900** jobs in **Distribution, hotels & restaurants**
- **8,500** jobs in **manufacturing**

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