

# SPECTATOR HOTSPOTS

**1 THE ROSE AND CROWN, AINSWORTH**  
As always, there will be support here at the 17, 51 and 85 mile point on the bike course. This provides easy access to navigate the road closures around Bolton and plenty of time to find your next spot for the run course after your athlete has passed you for the third time. Serving food and drink all day, you have the chance to fuel yourself too!

## ACCESS

Reaching the area is from the South so you avoid the road closures. From Pennington Flash you can use the A527 north after 10am or the B5215 before 10am. Then travel towards Bolton and use Bury New Road to reach Ainsworth and The Rose & Crown Pub.

**2 TOTTINGTON'S BIG DAY OUT**  
Just a 6 minute walk from the bike course, at mile 20, 53 and 87, this provides an opportunity for you to be entertained by bands and stalls whilst waiting for your athletes next pass. Located at St John's Cricket Club, entry is £2 for all attendees and parking is available at the High School.

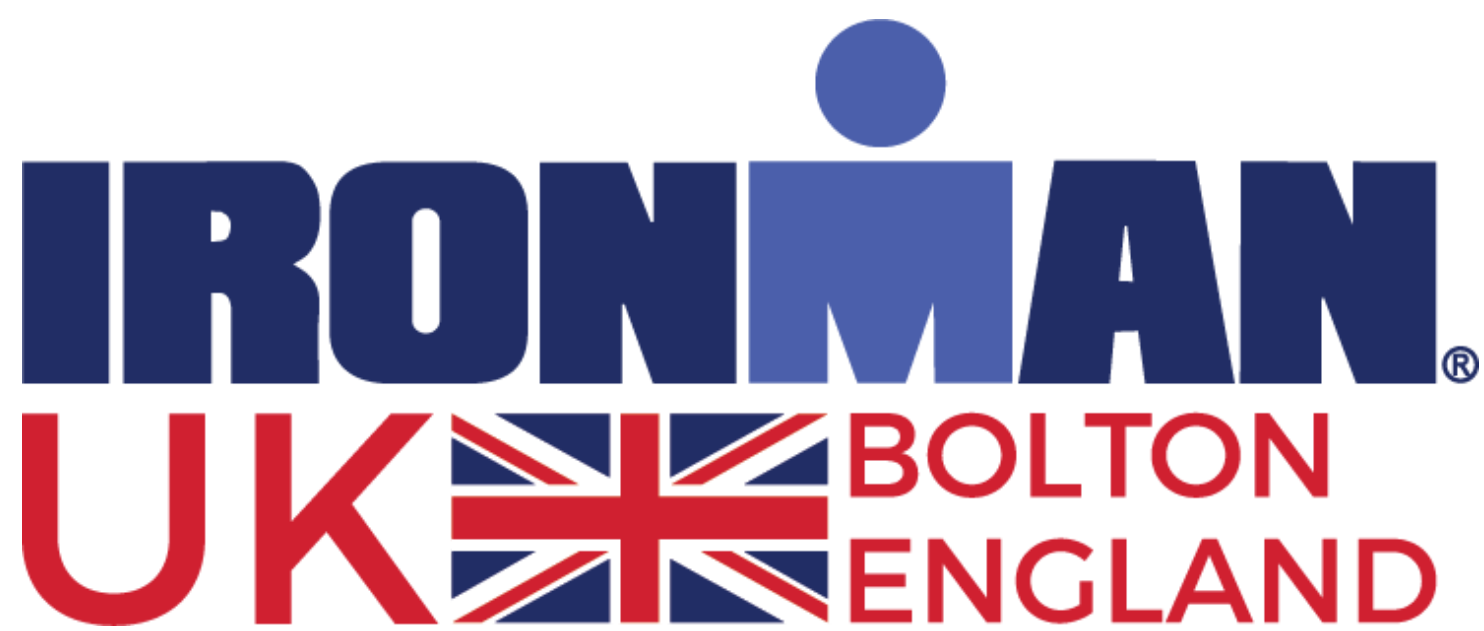
## ACCESS

If you are coming from the M61, take the A58 East around Bolton, heading towards Bury. Tottington can then be accessed by the B6213.

**3 THE BLACK DOG AT BELMONT**  
On the west side of the course lies The Black Dog at Belmont at mile 36, 70 and 103. With easy access in and out, there is still time to head back into town to see your athlete on the run course. Serving food and drink all day, it's a perfect place to grab something to eat whilst waiting.

## ACCESS

Fortunately, this hotspot is easy to get to - avoiding road closures. Sitting on the most westerly point of the course means access in and out is easy to do via the A6 and along Crown Lane to Horwich and then the A673 north before turning right to Rivington and then on to Belmont.



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## **SMITHILLS OPEN FARM**

Closer to town again sees Smithills Open Farm, a perfect place for those who need to keep kids entertained. With over 25 different types of animals in their care, from llamas to meerkats, there's plenty to see and do. Smithills Dean Road is taken on three times, each with a challenging ascent following the descent and with the farm just a 10 minute walk away - you have plenty of opportunities to see your athlete.

### **ACCESS**

The athletes turn left off Scout Road down Smithills Dean Road, the hotspot will be either side of this road as athletes will ride down and up, three times. From Pennington Flash, use the A527 north after 10am or the B5215 before 10am and travel towards Bolton. Take the A666 north and left onto the A58 to the bottom of Smithills Dean Road.

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## **CHORLEY NEW ROAD**

A great location to give words of encouragement will be anywhere along Chorley New Road. With athletes passing along here four times on the bike and eight times on the run, it's the most frequented hotspots on the course. With bars and restaurants like The Retreat, you have plenty of time to enjoy yourself whilst supporting.

### **ACCESS**

With Chorley New Road having both the bike course and run course, parking nearby is a little more difficult. For this reason, we suggest following the Road Closures on our website to park in the centre and then walk up to this hotspot which should take 20 - 30 minutes.

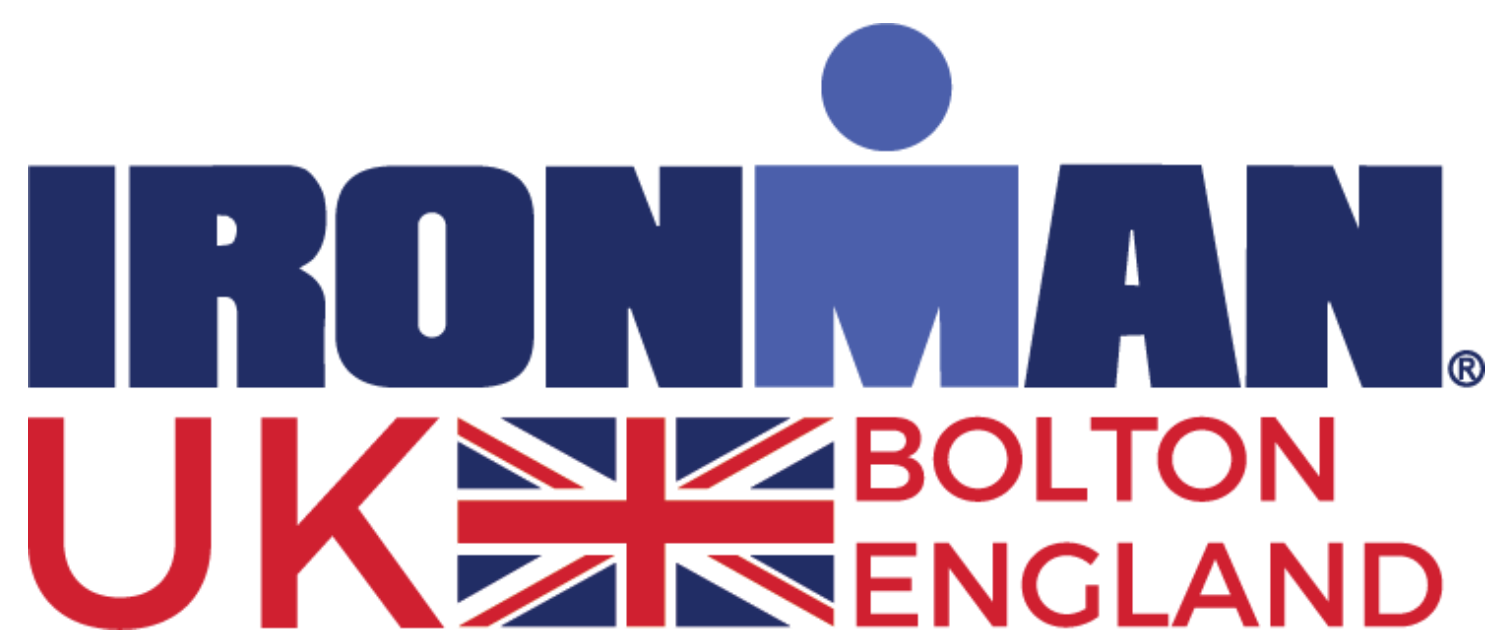
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## **BOLTON TOWN CENTRE BARS AND RESTAURANTS**

This will be a great supporter base for the day and full of entertainment. This location offers the best opportunities for you to see your athlete on the run course and of course, the Finish Line. The Market Place and The Vaults offer a wide variation of places to eat and drink - as well as a quick shopping trip if you fancy it!

### **ACCESS**

Road access maps can be found on our website for you to best navigate your way around Bolton Town Centre and to a central car park.



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## **QUEENS PARK**

This will be a great family base for the day and full of entertainment. This location offers the best opportunities for you to see your athlete as they complete the run course as they run through the park a total of eight times!

## **ACCESS**

Road access maps can be found on our website for you to best navigate your way around Bolton Town Centre and to a central car park. The closest car park will be The Octagon Car Park.