

A black and white photograph of a tenement street in a worktown. The street is lined with rows of small, multi-story brick buildings. In the background, a city skyline is visible, including a tall, thin tower and several smokestacks emitting plumes of smoke. The overall atmosphere is hazy and industrial.

WHAT THEY THINK IN WORKTOWN: USING
PHOTOGRAPHY TO CREATE A PARTICIPATORY ARCHIVE



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CRISIS ISSUES

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THE KING:
AND
MRS. SIMPSON

DUKE OF YORK
RETURNS
TO LONDON
EVENING
NEWS





Tom Harrisson being scarified, photo by Zita Baker 1933



- × Reactions for and against vaccination
- Anti-semitism
- Funerals and undertaking
- × Behaviour at war memorials
- × Sophistication and class *Social class*
- 'Flu epidemics
- × Quick and slow walkers
- × Punctuality of visitors
- Effect of aeroplanes, especially when flying low
- Contents of shop windows
- × Litter on streets
- × Use made of street crossings
- × Smoking. Note *when* people start smoking; what
were they speaking about when they produced
cigarettes
- × Secret societies
- × Childbirth and female problems
- Depilation
- Cultural significance of the indoor plant
- × Gestures and shouts of motorists





Observation is the key word. The ideal instrument for the job is an ear-plug. See what people are doing. Afterwards ask them what they think they are doing, if you like. (72)



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"Wolves" Reserves Outplayed

The Bolton Reserves gave even greater satisfaction than did the premier eleven at Wolverhampton. There was not a department of the game in which they did not prove their superiority to the rival Wanderers in the Central League encounter at Burnden Park. Hence the enjoyment, by over 5,000 spectators, of a match that was marred only by a tendency on the part of the visitors' defenders, in the later stages, to resort to ultra-vigorous methods. To some extent it was understandable, if inexcusable. For quite 70 of the 90 minutes they had been run off their feet by enterprising, speedier Bolton forwards who, with a little more penetrative power in the rounding off of attacks, might easily have doubled their total of four goals. In the centre, Calder was always ready to snap up a shooting opportunity, and if only he can pull out an extra yard of speed the Scot should render yeoman service to his club this season.

The scheming of his inside colleagues, Woodward and Howe, was also admirable, and with Taylor (G. T.) as slippery as an eel, and a repeated source of trouble to the opposing goalkeeper, the "Wolves" half-backs were so fully engaged in stemming these onslaughts that they were able to give little assistance to their forwards. Bolton's defenders played soundly to a man, Hanson being so well covered in goal that he was never seriously troubled. McCormick, the Flint amateur, certainly pulled his weight at left half, and left no doubt that he has football in him. Calder, Woodward, Halford, and Howe (penalty) were credited with the goals, though the third was to all intents and purposes Taylor's.

Horwich Too Good for Lancaster

Horwich R.M.I. gave one of their best displays of the season in defeat-

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Marg Bond likes this.



Anita Bateson those gates and railings are very distinctive - I'm sure someone should recognise them - is it a school ?

January 13 at 4:08pm · Like



Kieth Stott Used to use the gates as goals Gaskell st school was further up on the left side of picture and The Royal pub on vernon street further down on right hand side of picture.

January 20 at 2:55pm · Like



Tom Ryder union mill me thinks.

January 20 at 4:18pm · Like



Norman King this was opposite my grandparants house in davenport st. the lad on the ledge is my uncle bob harwood

January 22 at 2:04pm · Like



Colin Gradwell did he have a fruit shop

January 24 at 5:04pm · Like



Norman King bob harwood snr and mary had a fruit and fish shop at the end of davenport st . young bob saved a lad from drowning in the mill lodge. he was quite a hero in the bolton evening news

January 24 at 6:03pm · Like



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THAN
FICTION

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Bicycles outside the West Ward Labour Club. The bicycles are on Back Ruth St, which leads on to John Brown St. [View comment](#)



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A car and man outside a house in Bolton. In the next photograph (1993.83.09.03) the car has gone so we can pro [View comment](#)



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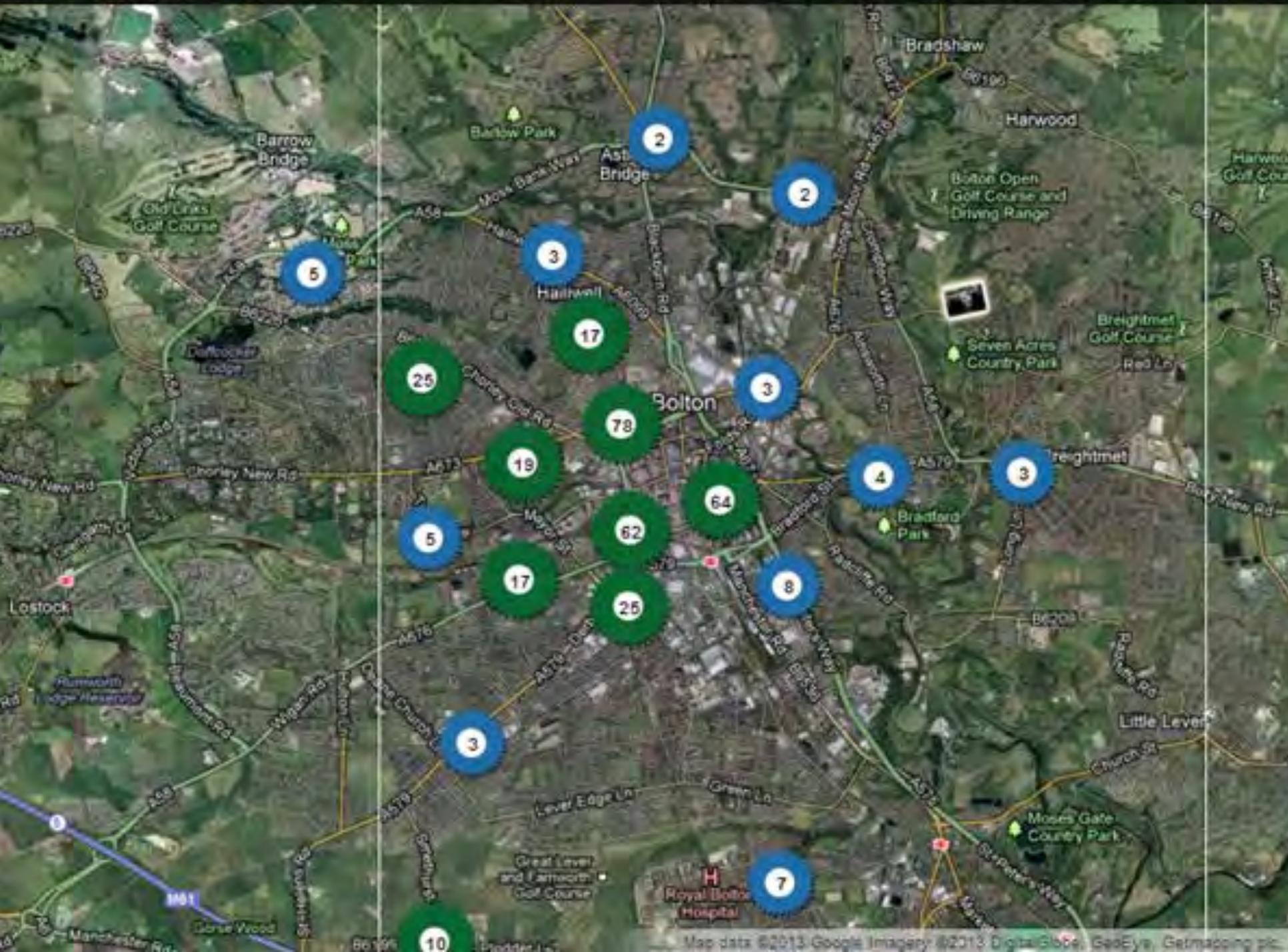
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For more information contact Caroline Edge on ce1art@bolton.ac.uk.

The course runs for 10 weeks from May 11th at Bolton Museum. Advance booking required as places are limited. To book call 01204 332209.

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Conversation in St. George's Rd.

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Sunday: Feb: 13.

Time 6.50.

Weather - cold. see underfoot. occasional snow.

20.25


"No children ... there'll be
plenty more."

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"This looks like watching"
"watching" (they turn round
to look at observer who is sitting
at street corner.)

Weather: overcast/sunny

Time: 13.50

Date: 01/06/13

Trucks

~~Trucks~~ making beeping noises
Paramedic on a bike

hotdog stand (mmm!)

second-hand stall

gubs arguing and swearing
person eating waf

Town hall clock is out of sync

person buying a holiday at Thomas
Cook























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