

Camra Bolton Branch and its Pubs 2024

Bolton Branch Pubs included in the 2024 Good Beer Guide were

Bolton – Bank Top Brewery Tap, Bunburys, Great Ale at the Vaults, Kings Head, Northern Monkey Bar, One for the Road, Spinning Mule

Farnworth – Kings Arms

Harwood – House Without a Name

Horwich – B33R@33, Bank Top Brewery Ale House, Brewery Bar, Crown

Westhoughton – Beer School, Brewery Tap

Branch Meetings 2024

Sweet Green Tavern 04/01/2024 Committee

Spinning Mule 11/01/2024

Millstone 01/02/2024

Nook & Cranny BX 21/02/2024 Committee

Bar Four 07/03/2024

King's Head 19/03/2024 Committee

Spinning Mule 04/04/2024

B33R@33 24/04/2024 Committee

UKI Club 03/05/2024

Bank Top Brewery Ale House 29/05/2024 Committee

Brewery Bar 04/06/2024

Heaton Sports Club 26/06/2024 Committee

Bolton Castle 30/07/2024 Committee

Northern Monkey Brewery Tap 01/08/2024

Sweet Green Tavern 20/08/2024 Committee

Old Man & Scythe 12/09/2024

Crown 26/09/2024 Committee

Beer School 08/10/2024

Thomas Egerton 29/10/2024 Committee

Spinning Mule 07/11/2024

King's Arms 28/11/2024 Committee

Old Man & Scythe 05/12/2024

The Following Pubs closed in 2024.

Railway 4-6, Egerton Street, Moses Gate, Farnworth. For Sale by Fleurets on behalf of Joseph Holt 21/05/23, noted as sold STC on 25/09/23, still listed as open though on Joseph Holt website in October 2023, Facebook page noted as being closed 29/04/24 as the pub had closed on 22/04/2024.

Waggon & Horses 170, Chorley Road, Westhoughton. Pub closed 01/10/2024 and boarded up by 05/12/24. Madmiral Taverns sold the pub to property developers Thistlewood Properties; with a nice big car park and nice views I wonder what is going to happen? Plenty of activity but no planning applications yet.

Cotton Tree 15, Prince St. Pub was for Sale with Fletcher CRE for £295K 25/07/23, no longer listed 31/01/24. The pub closed on 12/09/2024, the locals were very unhappy. Planning Application 18150/24 to turn into a Nursery, due to open May 2025. The old Greenalls Cotton Tree Sign has finally been taken down!

Courtneys 21/23, Bradshawgate. The bar closed on 01/07/2024 after the resignation of the sole director of the owning company on 01/07/24, up for sale with AG & G. Planning Application 20124/25 for retail and apartments refused 07/08/25 and which was being appealed in January 2026 but was rejected by the inspector on 25/03/26.

Upside Down 18, St. Andrews Court, Mawdsley St. Downstairs bar reopened 18/03/2023 after Definitely Maybe (1) had moved out. No Facebook postings since 29/12/23 or any sign of it being open since. Bar was closed after New Years Eve by 06/01/2024.

Bar Four Vaults below Market Place. The bar closed 30/03/2024, the branch held a meeting there on 07/03/2024 when there was a Lancashire Hot Pot provided.

2 Stories 73/75, Bradshawgate. The bar lost its licence on 29/12/2024, this was after a serious glassing attack on 16/12/2023 between intoxicated customers, plus an almost total lack of cooperation with police investigations. The premises had opened as Depost Bar in 2022, then 2 Stories and subsequently became an unlicensed café called Moonlight after the ruling, then the Blue Nile Café.

The Following Pubs Opened in 2024

It Sear Bar & Grill 93, Market Street Westhoughton. Bar opened on 12/01/2024, no cask beer is available.

Rogue's Bar Deansgate. The bar opened on 14/12/2024, if darts is your thing then this is the place for you.

Bolton Wanderers Fanzone Bar. The bar opened at the start of the 2024/5 season on 20/08/2024. Initially Blackedge Trotters Ale was available, in 2025/6 it was Bank Top White Horse Ale. The bar is only open when matches are being played.

Chill at the Markets Food Hall. Bar opens 07/06/2024 but does not sell cask beer

Sparrows Rum Bar 32, Winter Hey Lane, Horwich. Bar opens 12/09/2024 in former Fancy Dress shop. Two cask beers and real cider are available.

Earls 621, Chorley Old Road. Café style bar opens 20/12/2024 selling a Rivington Key Keg beer.

Evolution 12, Deansgate. Bar opens 02/08/2024 but no cask beer is available. Later in 2026 Bank Top Flat Cap is on the bar.

The Following Changes Took Place in the Pubs during 2024.

Barnstormers Lostock Lane, Lostock. The pub had closed on 08/05/2021 after the landlord left. Planning Application 17556/24 was to convert premises to a nursery. Now Lilys Nursery May 2025.

Star & Garter 11, Bow St. Last Facebook post was made on 29/07/22, initially closure was understood to be only temporary. However, a planning application 17402/23 was to create 13 Bedroom HMO with a rooftop garden! This has been refused as did not satisfy conservation requirements and was deemed to provide poor living standards, 17958/24 is for an 11 Bedroom HMO and was approved 31/05/24.

Albion 34/36, Moor Lane. The Pub was demolished during 2024, after being closed in 2019.

Horwich Conservative Club. 123, Church Street, Horwich. Club had closed in 2020 and been for sale at £200,000. Planning Application 18499/24 for 8 x 1 Bedroom flats (described as dwellinghouses!) Approved August 2024.

Anchor Inn 14/16 Union Buildings, off Bradshawgate. It is a Jewellery training business in 2024, seemingly without change of use from a pub.

Old School House, Old Bradshaw School, Lea Gate, Harwood. The pub had finally been rebuilt as flats; the freehold was for sale in 2024 for £2.4 Million!

The Following Cricket Club Bars were added to the pub database during 2024

Tonge CC was selling Wainwright Gold.

Deane & Derby CC no cask beer available.

Bolton Indian CC no cask beer available.

Bolton CC no cask beer available.

Little Lever CC no cask beer available.

Blackrod CC cask beer is available during the season.

Eagley Sports Complex no cask beer available.

Darcy Lever CC no cask beer available.

Daisyhill CC was selling a Ossett White Rat and holds an annual Beer Festival.

St Gregory's Social Club no cask beer available.

Cask Beer was available again at the following pubs in 2024

Alma Bradshawgate

Poacher Blackrod

Spread Eagle Eagley

Yates Bradshawgate

Last Drop Village Drop Inn Bromley Cross

Cask Beer was no longer available at the following pubs in 2024

Royal Oak Westhoughton

Crofters Harwood

Market Farnworth

