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Walk Five

## Celebrated Boltonians Walk

Introduction: Walk Five in the 'Crompton Walks' series connects the history of celebrated Boltonians; both historic and modern.

**Time: 2 hours**

**Distance: 5.3 miles**

**Energy used: 390 calories**

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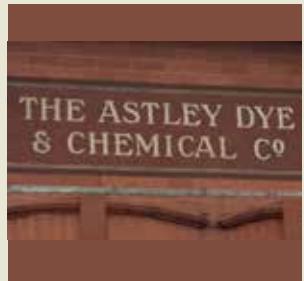
**Hall'i'th'wood**, Greenway, Crompton Way, BL1 8UA  
Celebrated Boltonian: Samuel Crompton. Constructed in the 1500s; here in 1779 Samuel Crompton invented his Spinning Mule. The building was bought by Lord Leverhulme in recognition of its historical importance; handed over to Bolton Corporation 1902.



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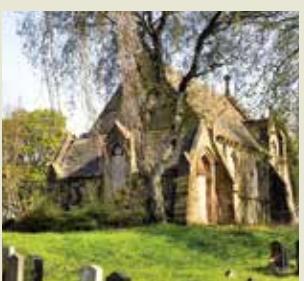
**Astley Dye and Chemical Company**,  
Mallison Street, BL1 8PP  
Celebrated Boltonian: Harry Pilling. The international ACDO brand developed here by Harry Pilling in 1919. To promote the product Henry would take his mother to church halls and schools, him talking and her scrubbing washing as they showed off the miracle washing tablet.



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**Astley Bridge Chapel**, Eden Street, BL1 6NY  
Celebrated Boltonian: Henry Warburton. Credited with expanding the Warburtons bakery in the early twentieth century is buried here, he was also a local magistrate, Alderman and Mayor of Bolton 1930. Astley Bridge Chapel built 1883 by J Simpson architect for Astley Bridge Local Board.



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A Bolton Community Inspired Walk

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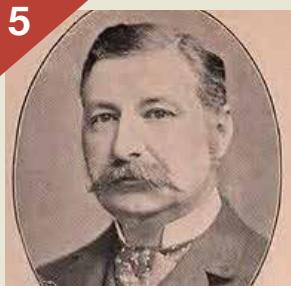
### St Paul's Church and School buildings,

Halliwell Road, Bolton, BL1 8DE

Celebrated Boltonian: Peter Ainsworth established a bleaching business in Halliwell; he was known as the “opulent bleacher” However his son John Horrocks Ainsworth funded this church; taking inspiration from almshouses during his travels, he brought this idea of housing here to Bolton. Church built; 1847 architect Mr James Greenhalgh.



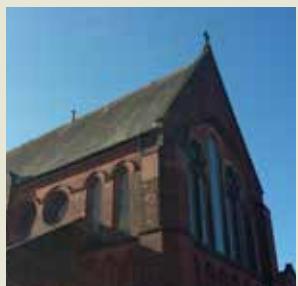
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### St Thomas The Apostle Church, Eskrick Street, BL1 3JB

Celebrated Boltonian: Herbert Shepherd-Cross.

Conservative Member of Parliament for Bolton 1885; holding the seat until 1906. Shepherd Cross Street locally is named after him. His father Thomas Cross JP of Mortfield, bleachworks funded this church. Consecrated 1875, architect E G Paley and H J Austin.

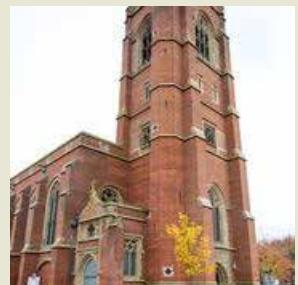


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### Church of All Souls, Astley Street, BL1 8EY

Celebrated Boltonian: Inayat Omarji MBE grew up nearby; the church had closed 1986; he had a vision to redevelop the church into a community centre. Funding was sought; OMI architects commissioned; opened 2014. The church was originally funded by mill owner Thomas Greenhalgh who inherited monies 1877 when his brother Nathaniel died. Completed 1881, architects Paley and Austin.



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### St Peter's Church, Churchgate, BL1 1HX

Celebrated Boltonian: Canon James Slade, vicar here 1817-1856. Dedicated himself to improving the conditions of Bolton people, developed Bolton Infirmary and Bolton Church Institute which became Canon Slade Grammar School. Building consecrated 1871, architect E G Paley.



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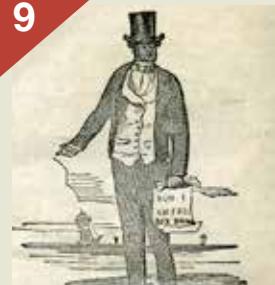


### Bradshaw, Gass and Hope architects, 19 Silverwell Street, Bolton, BL1 1PR

Celebrated Bolton company: Architects Bradshaw Gass and Hope established 1862, originally by John Jonas Bradshaw (in photo) business here since 1871, they have completed many beautiful buildings. Notable regional buildings are Le Mans Crescent, Bolton and Manchester Royal Exchange, Manchester.



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**Former house on this street**, 11 Silverwell Street, Bolton  
Celebrated Boltonian family: 1850s home to the Abbatt family, who provided hospitality to James Watkins an ex-slave, they were prominent in the anti-slavery movement. They ran a printing business Market Street, Bolton and published "Narrative of the Life of James Watkins, formerly a "chattel" in Maryland US. (copy in Bolton Museum)



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**Bolton Socialist Club**, 16 Wood Street, Bolton, BL1 1 DY  
Celebrated Boltonian: Sarah Reddish was a member here and a trade union organiser in Bolton's cotton mills, she was regional organiser for The Women's Co-operative Guild and was the first woman elected to the Bolton School Board 1890.

The building was also a house previously:  
Celebrated Boltonian: Lord Leverhulme - William Hesketh Lever born here 19th September 1851. Developed Sunlight Soap and subsequent Unilever empire. He built model housing for his workers at Port Sunlight, Wirral. He purchased Hall I'th'Wood for the people of Bolton.



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**Bolton Town Hall**, Victoria Square, Bolton, BL1 1RU  
Celebrated Boltonian Councillor Sufrana Bashir-Ismail; grew up within the Crompton ward, her family originally came from Gujarat, India to work in local mills. 2006 she was elected as Bolton's first female Muslim Councillor. Centre of Bolton's civic pride, Town Hall built 1873; architects William Hill of Leeds and George Woodhouse of Bolton. Later extended 1930s by Bradshaw Gass and Hope.



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**Statue Fred Dibnah**, Oxford Street, Bolton Town Centre, BL1 1RD

Celebrated Boltonian: Fred Dibnah MBE. Born in Bolton he worked as a steeplejack, going on to create a successful career in television. Fred's passion was steam power and he could often be seen at various steam rally's around the country talking with fellow enthusiasts.



