

# B Up To Date!

# B Smart!

Welcome to your Spring 2009 BSmart! newsletter with updates on activities.

If you haven't used your card yet, we'll tell you how to BSmart!

BSmart! – Get all the answers at [www.bolton.gov.uk/bsmart](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/bsmart)



## Look who's being smart in Bolton

The Open Evening Event at Bolton Lads & Girls Club was a great success, which included the registration of the BSmart Card. Everyone we spoke to thought the BSmart card was a great idea.

Laurelle Fitzsimmons told us that she was really excited about the Chill Factor package that is being put together and cannot wait for the opportunity to go by using her BSmart card.

Jason Wrench also enjoyed using his BSmart card and has used it in many ways, including free entry to Horwich Swimming Baths, his entrance fee to the Lads & Girls club where he plays football and badminton. It also paid for a residential course organised by the Lads & Girls Club where he went to Ormside Mill and did rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing and kayaking. He said the card is a great idea because it meant that he didn't need to carry cash in his pockets!

Catherine Burke also had her BSmart card with her and although she had been using it to pay for her entry fee into the Lads & Girls Club, got a nice surprise when told she could use it for free swimming at Turton, her local leisure centre!



### What people are saying

Robert Quigley is one young enthusiastic card user and his mum remarked that she thought it was a shame the project isn't guaranteed to run for longer!

Robert has been going to Leverhulme Track Centre and has now bought a 12 month membership by using his BSmart card! He will also be very excited at being able to use it for the packages being put together for the Chill Factor and skating at the Blackburn Ice Rink. Robert is also a keen tennis player and can now use his card at the Bolton Arena for extra tennis lessons.

**Stop press! You can now pay for Cineworld, Chill Factor and Bolton Wanderers vouchers with your BSmart card. Further details on page 4.**

## Half term fun at Castle Hill

Castle Hill Youth Centre opened its doors to dozens of young people from across the whole of Bolton who enjoyed a full programme of activities all week.

The week long event was to encourage the use of the **BSmart!** card, with help on hand from the **BSmart!** team and sQuad to help with the registration of cards and to answer any questions about using the card.

There was something for everyone with activities including dance sessions, table tennis, DJ'ing, multi sports, football and much more.

A daily free draw was held with the opportunity to win an iPod shuffle, there was also the chance to win a Nintendo Wii.

The lucky winners of the iPods were *Callum Schofield, Courtney Parker, Tom Higgs, Christian Fairhurst, Megan Ryan and Bradley Moden* with *Joe Lewis* winning the Nintendo Wii. *Lewis Jepson* was the winner of a sQuad football and *Daniel Leigh* a sQuad T-Shirt.



## I haven't got a card...

### ...How can I BSmart!?

**Step 1** Download an application form from [www.bolton.gov.uk/bsmart](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/bsmart) (click the Sign Up link) or visit your nearest leisure centre, library, or One Stop Shop to pick one up.

**Step 2** Take your completed application form to your nearest library or the One Stop Shops in Bolton, Farnworth, Horwich or Westhoughton Town Halls. For more information call **01204 334123**. A photograph will be taken and your **BSmart!** card will be posted out to you. Remember to bring proof of your address with your application form, along with proof of benefits entitlement if you want to pay at a reduced rate in Bolton Community Leisure Centres. Your parent / guardian should also sign the form if you are under 16.

To create your BSmart sQuad account and then register your card go on line at [www.bolton.gov.uk/bsmart](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/bsmart) (click the BSmart sQuad card account link) and follow the instructions.

## Already got your BSmart card?

If you have not yet created your Bsmart sQuad account and registered your card – get help by calling the BSmart Helpline on 01204 334917 leaving your name, date of birth and telephone number. If the answerphone is on we'll call you back as soon as we can.

### What's a BSmart! Card?

All 11 to 16 year olds in Bolton can get a BSmart card which they or their parents / carers can load with money to pay for activities the cashless way.

It's three cards in one, you can use it as ID for concessionary travel on buses\*, it's your library card, plus it entitles you (if aged 16 or under) to free swimming / swimming lessons in Bolton Community Leisure Pools through the Freebie scheme – another great way to be **BFit!**

### Why BSmart! ?

- **No more lost cash! - safe, cashless transactions using sQuad technology**
- **Easy to top up**
- **Manage your account online**
- **Fast and easy to use**
- **Get discounts – at local shops and restaurants**
- **ID concessionary bus travel (currently only on Arriva Buses)**
- **It's your library membership card**
- **Go swimming for free**



## Don't forget!

Young people aged 13 to 16 in receipt of free school meals, or those looked after by foster carers are eligible for their card to be credited with a government bursary of £35 per month (through to March 2009). Money on the card can be spent through to June 2009.

For more information call **01204 334917**

### BSmart! at the library

For library membership you simply need to take your BSmart card to a local library and register at the reception counter. Some libraries have DVD's / CD's to rent, you can use your card to pay the rental charge.

### BSmart! at the pool

For Freebie (free swimming) or other leisure activities at Bolton Community Leisure Centres simply take your BSmart card to a local centre and register at reception.

### BSmart! on the bus

Show your BSmart card to the driver each time you travel.\* Check out the BSmart website for news about when other operators will accept the card too.

\*Only valid on Arriva buses at date of publication - and if under 16 at date of travel.

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# Where else can I BSmart!?

**There's lots of venues in Bolton with many new activities being added each week. Go online to the BSmart! website for the latest updates - don't miss out!**



## **BFit!**

Take advantage of a years junior gym membership for just £70 and 10% off a great range of activities\*\* at Bolton Community Leisure Centres when paying with your BSmart card. Current activities include Aquafit, Athletics, Boxing, Canoeing, Dance mats, Goshin Jujitsu, Gymnastics and Trampolining courses, plus Half Term activity programmes.

Check out Bolton Arena and Gloves gym who have just gone live as BSmart venues, plus Bolton Excel, Bolton Indians, Bolton Wanderers Football in the Community, Bolton YMCA, Smithills Sports Centre and more. And there's more, you can now pay for a friend / friends to come with you. Check direct with the venues.

Check out the latest dance moves and more at:

- Casey Lee Jolleys Academy
- Northern Academy of Dance & Stage
- Phoenix Arts

**Ever thought of qualifying as a sports coach?**

Contact the Sport, Health and Inclusion Team at **01204 334237** to find out more.

## **BCreative!**

If you're into the arts or books visit Bolton Museum and Art Gallery, Smithills Hall or Firecatcher Books. If you're into crafts visit Hab Fab or Crafty By Nature.

## **BSmart!**

Get involved and get along to your local youth centre or playscheme including BCOM, Bolton Lads and Girls Club Castle Hill, Farnworth and Harmony. Plus - A number of secondary schools also accept the BSmart card to pay for out of school activities. You can use your card for your entrance into the club and any extra activities taking place.

*Full details are on the website.*

*\*\*Limited offer - check centres for details.*

## **Get your vouchers for Cineworld, Chill Factor and Bolton Wanderers now!**

Cineworld, Chill Factor and Bolton Wanderers vouchers can now be paid for using your BSmart card. Call in any Friday (till the end of March) at the One Stop Shop in Bolton Town Hall between 3pm and 6pm to collect yours. P.S. We are looking to extend the voucher offers to other venues. Check out the BSmart website for the latest news.