

## Hello from your community co-ordinator, Lynne Dunleavy

Irwell Valley Homes celebrates it's 50th birthday!

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Recently myself and several colleagues attended the drop in café at Trinity Baptist Church in Radcliffe.

It was a great opportunity for us to engage with you, our residents, as well as build stronger partnerships with other local community organisations, all while enjoying some tea, toast and cake!

The drop in café is open every Friday from 9am-12pm and is proudly sponsored by the Irwell Valley Foundation.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we're keen to hear from as many customers and community groups who might benefit from a grant as possible. For more info click here:  
<https://www.irwellvalley.co.uk/our-foundation/>

As well as attending the drop in café, some colleagues also spent part of her day volunteering at the Trinity Foodbank, a vital local resource.



## Summer Holiday Information

We know that the summer holidays can be an expensive and difficult time for parents. However, there are lots initiatives this school holidays to help you. Kids can eat for free or at discount at various supermarkets and restaurants, some of these are:

Asda - Kids can eat at any time of day at Asda's cafes for just £1.

Morrisons Cafe - Children aged 16 and below can get one free meal with every adult meal. You can also get 2 free crumpets when you ask for 'Ellen'.

Dunelm - Kids can enjoy one mini main, two snacks, and a drink for free with every £4 spent in their cafes.

Sizzling Pub and Grill - The Lock Keeper - Sizzling Pub & Grill offer the chance for kids to enjoy a main meal for just £1 with the purchase of every 1 adult main meal bought in the same transaction.

You can find out what else is available here: <https://www.bury.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>



# Local Community Pantries

Your Local Pantries are places that can soften the blow of high living costs and bring people together around food. Pantries operate along cooperative lines, and many volunteers are members too. They are open to all - You don't need a referral - anyone who lives in an area served by a Pantry can join.

Pantries stock an abundant and wide range of top-quality food including fresh fruit and veg, frozen and chilled food, meat and dairy products, and long-life tinned and packaged food.

Members pay a small subscription of a few pounds a week, and in return can choose groceries worth many times more, often saving up to £1,000 a year. Pantries are just like a shop, in that you choose the food you want from the shelves. See below some local pantries.



# We are replacing our App!

We're working on a new service that will let you manage your home and tenancy online. From raising a repair to viewing your rent account, or live chatting with our Customer Service and Support Team, the new online service will make it quicker and easier to contact us and access information you need.

If you already use our Irwell Valley Homes app, the new customer portal will replace this.

We will be in touch again soon with further details about the registration process as well as some helpful how-to guides. Keep an eye on your inbox and connect with us on social media @IrwellValleyHomes for the latest updates.



## Your local pantries

Bolton Road Community Pantry

Bolton Road Methodist Church, Bolton Road, Bury, BL8 2NZ

[boltonroadpantry@gmail.com](mailto:boltonroadpantry@gmail.com)

Membership is £3 per week to do 1 shop of groceries, fresh produce and toiletries.

Opening Time(s) Thursdays 9.30 - 1.30

Trust House Bury Pantry

Metro Christian Centre, Parkhills Road, Bury, BL9 9AU

<https://m.facebook.com/trusthousewhitefield.org>

Food pantry Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-12pm

Standard pantry £3 and family £5