

Re: Bolton News 19 July 2011

It is refreshing to see that some people in Bolton (*Word on the Street* 19/07/11) understand that compensation cannot be claimed for simple mishaps.

Mr Turtington is quite right: Bolton Council should perhaps take a more dedicated approach to pathway maintenance if it would like to see needless injuries, and their subsequent costs, fall.

Unfortunately there is sometimes a misconception that injured people are opportunists. Headline figures do not explain the circumstances and suffering of an injured individual. The purpose of compensation is not to deliver a windfall but to help an injured person but his life back on track.

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