

**BOLTON BY BOWLAND GISBURN FOREST & SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**(Gisburn Forest Ward)**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (SEC. 87(2))**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a casual vacancy is deemed to have occurred in the office of Councillor for the Parish of Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley (Gisburn Forest ward) following the disqualification on 21 April 2026 of Councillor Hayden Fortune.

Rule 5(1) of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006, provides that on a casual vacancy occurring in the office of councillor of a parish, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held if, within fourteen days (computed as stated below) after public notice of the vacancy has been given in accordance with Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, notice in writing of a request for such an election has been given to the proper officer of the council of the borough within which the parish is situated by TEN electors for the electoral area (ward) in which the vacancy has occurred.

The Proper Officer is the Returning Officer, Ribble Valley Borough Council, Council Offices, Church Walk, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 2RA

Dated this twenty third day of April 2026

Cathy Holmes

Clerk to the Council

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In computing any period of time for the purposes of this notice a Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a Bank Holiday or day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning, shall be disregarded.