

Is theboltonnews.co.uk legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

theboltonnews.co.uk

Verdict



90
OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

theboltonnews.co.uk appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Homepage of The Bolton News — a regional newspaper site featuring local news, sports (notably Bolton Wanderers), business, crime, entertainment, public notices, and subscription prompts. Monetized via ads, subscriptions and classifieds.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: **UNKNOWN**

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	20 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2006 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by GeoTrust TLS RSA CA G1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2006.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The Bolton News is a regional newspaper website presenting local news, sports, business, crime, entertainment, public notices, classifieds, newsletters, and subscription options. Its apparent business model is that of an established local publisher funded through advertising, paid digital access, listings, and related local advertising services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed across the supplied evidence: there were no phishing, impersonation, blacklist, or malicious-reputation findings, and the homepage's editorial presentation is consistent with a local newspaper rather than a deceptive financial or investment service. The site exposes no login form, sensitive data form, wallet connection, or wallet-draining behavior in the observed interaction. Some dynamic-page activity—including advertising-related scripts, external requests, and post-interaction document changes—was detected, but this is compatible with an advertising-supported news site and did not converge with any confirmed abuse pattern.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies “The Bolton News” and presents local news, sports, business, crime, entertainment, public notices, newsletters, classifieds, and subscription content.
- The homepage analysis recorded no red flags, no suspected brand impersonation, no hidden forms, and no external sensitive form destination.
- External reputation checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections, with no phishing or blacklist finding.
- The domain was registered on 2006-05-03 and is 20.28 years old; historical records contain 5,000 snapshots across 16 years, from 2006-10-21 through 2021-12-22.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The available evidence is consistent with a regional news publisher, not a site presenting regulated financial products or making a licensing claim. The homepage links to Newsquest, IPSO, and the publication's social presence, which supports an identifiable publishing context, but the real-world operator identity is not independently verified by the supplied evidence and those links should not be treated as proof of legal ownership. No separate licensing conclusion is warranted for the described newspaper and subscription activity.

A separate broker-reputation check found no matching broker record; that is contextual reputational information only and is not a regulatory determination.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage describes a local-news publishing model with advertising, subscriptions, classifieds, and local listings rather than financial services.
- The homepage contains links labelled for contact, subscription, Newsquest, and IPSO.
- The site's transport encryption uses a valid DV certificate issued by GeoTrust TLS RSA CA G1, valid through 2026-12-10.
- The hosting network is AS8075, operated by Microsoft Corporation in the United States.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, independently confirm the publisher identity, subscription terms, cancellation and refund arrangements, and the payment-protection options available for any paid service. Contact details should be validated through an independently sourced corporate or publication channel rather than relying solely on information presented within a transaction flow. For ordinary content access, the evidence supports routine use.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides separate subscription and contact pathways that can be compared with independently sourced publisher information.
- The site advertises digital subscriptions, newsletters, classifieds, and local listings, making cancellation, refund, and payment terms the relevant transaction checks.
- The homepage links to Newsquest and IPSO, providing concrete external references for independent identity and publishing-context checks.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website and supports a high-trust, low-risk posture. The site's operator identity remains likely rather than independently verified, so legitimacy should be understood as evidence-consistent rather than proven.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website is protected by CDN/WAF infrastructure, and the observed address belongs to a Microsoft-hosted edge network; the origin server was not observable in this analysis. This is a mitigating defensive characteristic that reduces direct origin exposure, but it is not proof of operator legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- The observed edge address was 20.90.133.1 on AS8075, with Microsoft Corporation identified as the hosting provider.
- CDN/WAF protection was detected, with one observed edge IP and no likely origin candidate identified.
- The site's TLS certificate is DV, issued by GeoTrust TLS RSA CA G1, and expires on 2026-12-10T23:59:59+00:00.

Closing Assessment

The appropriate posture is normal, proportionate use with ordinary independent checks completed before submitting credentials or making subscription payments.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-11 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	73/100
Identity verification confidence	74%

- Trusted social count=1

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of theboltonnews.co.uk.

- The request stayed on theboltonnews.co.uk. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Newsquest Media Group Limited t/a Newsquest Digital Media. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by com., across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2028-05-03. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2006-10-21. CLEAR
- It is hosted on MICROSOFT-CORP-MSN-AS-BLOCK, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Newsquest Media Group Limited t/a Newsquest Digital Media
Hosting	MICROSOFT-CORP-MSN-AS-BLOCK - Microsoft Corporation, US
Country	US
Server IP	20.90.133.1
Name servers	ns1-04.azure-dns.com., ns2-04.azure-dns.net., ns3-04.azure-dns.org., ns4-04.azure-dns.info.
SSL issuer	GeoTrust TLS RSA CA G1
SSL expiry	2026-12-10
Domain age	20.28 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2028-05-03
Archive first seen	2006-10-21

Archive snapshots	5000
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about theboltonnews.co.uk at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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