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Guide to buying a home in Westhoughton



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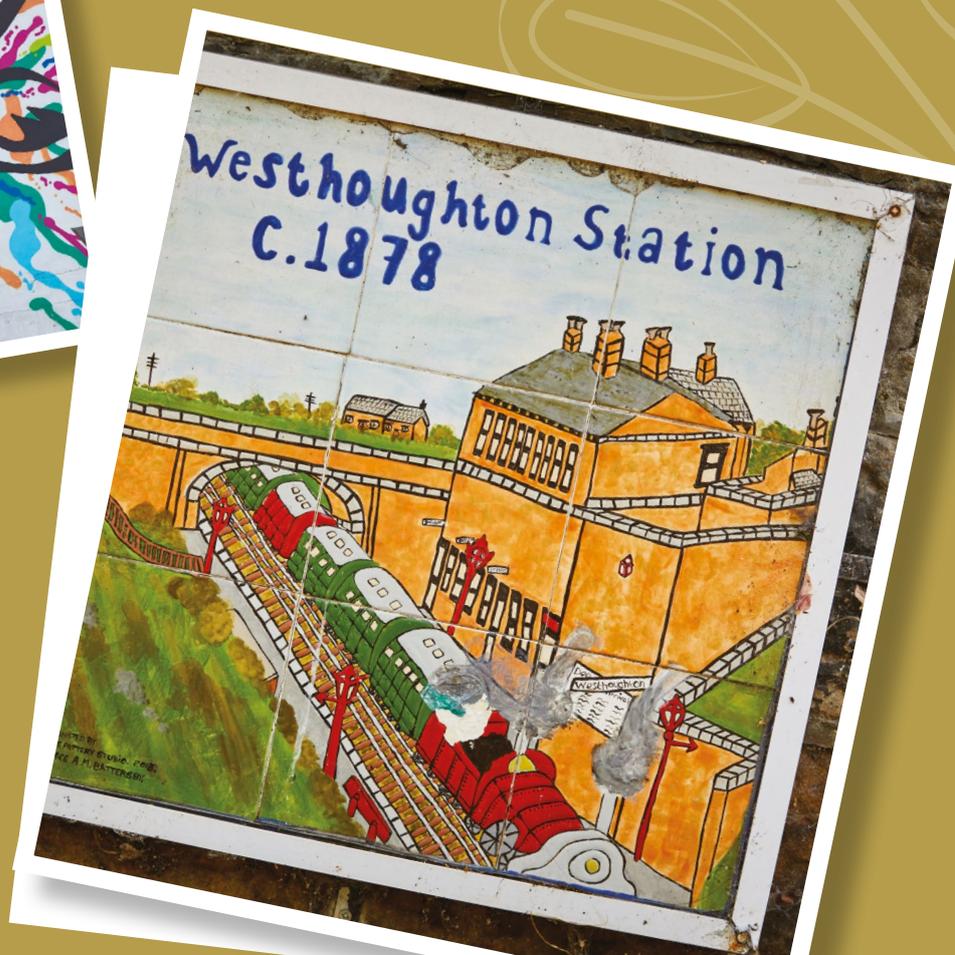
Location is such an important factor when choosing your home, that's why we chose Westhoughton. It has plenty of green space, convenient local amenities, and great transport links to Manchester, providing the perfect balance if you want to escape the city without leaving it too far behind.

We know most people aren't able to spend days at a time exploring their prospective new communities. So we created this guide to help you find out more about Westhoughton. We'll walk you through a brief history of the town, some of the amenities it has to offer and finally share some helpful tips and suggestions on what to look out for when choosing your next home.

# History

Although previously considered to be in Lancashire, Westhoughton is a town in the Metropolitan Borough of Bolton, in Greater Manchester. Once a centre for mining and weaving, Westhoughton has a population of around 25,000.

People from Westhoughton were traditionally called 'Keaw Yed' which is Lancashire dialect for 'Cow Head', because when weavers carried a roll of cloth across their shoulders it looked like a cow's head.



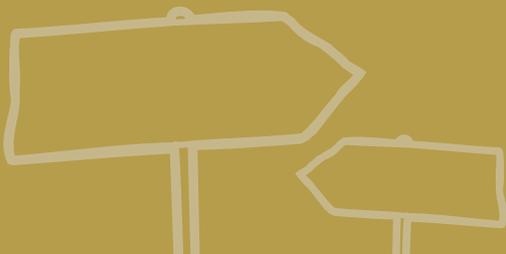


# Location and transport

Located just two miles south west of Bolton and approximately 12 miles north west of Manchester, Westhoughton has fantastic transport links.

Manchester City Centre is just half an hour by both car and train, you can join the M61 at Junction 5 or catch a train from Westhoughton station.

A little bit closer to home you'll find Bolton. The UK's largest town is just 20 minutes away by car, with the town centre's shops, cafes and bars being easily accessible in less than 10 minutes on the train.





# Living in Westhoughton

## Shopping

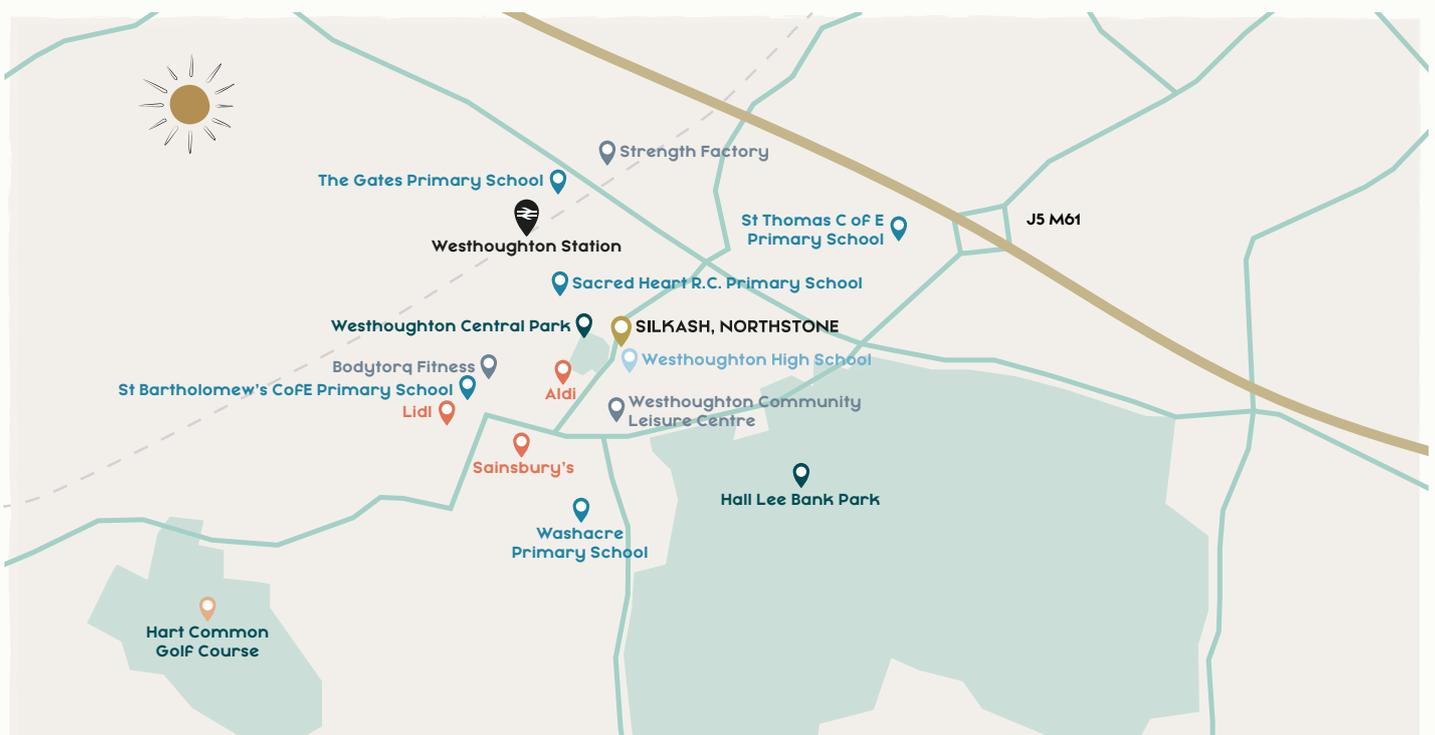
If retail therapy is your thing, the town's transport links to Manchester, Bolton and Middlebrook Retail & Leisure Park mean a day of shopping until you drop is never too far away! And if you need to pop out for a loaf of bread, there are three major supermarkets within walking distance of our Silkash community. With Aldi, Sainsburys and Lidl so close you'll be spoilt for choice.



## Entertainment

There's several local pubs and restaurants within walking distance from our Silkash community, and if you're willing to look a little further afield the North's largest retail and leisure destination, Middlebrook Retail & Leisure Park is just a 10-minute drive.

Middlebrook is the perfect place to entertain the whole family, whether you want to watch the latest blockbuster, catch up with friends over lunch or one of the park's 62 high street names. Middlebrook has something for everyone – including the University of Bolton stadium where you can cheer on local team, Bolton Wanderers and enjoy other major events throughout the year.





## Outdoors

There's lots of beautiful outdoor space to enjoy in Westhoughton. Central Park, just off Bolton Road is a welcoming space for all ages where you can hone your tennis skills or make use of the playground. Hall Lee Bank Park and Nature Reserve is a large park to the east which has circular walks and woodland trails – the perfect place to walk your dog. So, if you're after outdoor activities or just a leisurely stroll, there's plenty of green space to explore nearby.

## Fitness

Whatever your workout routine looks like, there will be something to suit you. From the local leisure centre to privately owned gyms and pilates studios, Westhoughton has a range of options to help you stay fit, whether you prefer working out in a group or alone, indoors or outdoors.



## Education

If you're looking for somewhere to raise a family, you'll be pleased to hear Westhoughton has five primary schools rated Good or Outstanding in just a 1-mile radius of our Silkash community. For those with older children, Westhoughton High School is short walk from Silkash, and there are six other secondary schools locally rated Good or Outstanding. If your little ones are really young there's also a number of great nurseries and pre-schools locally.



### Nurseries

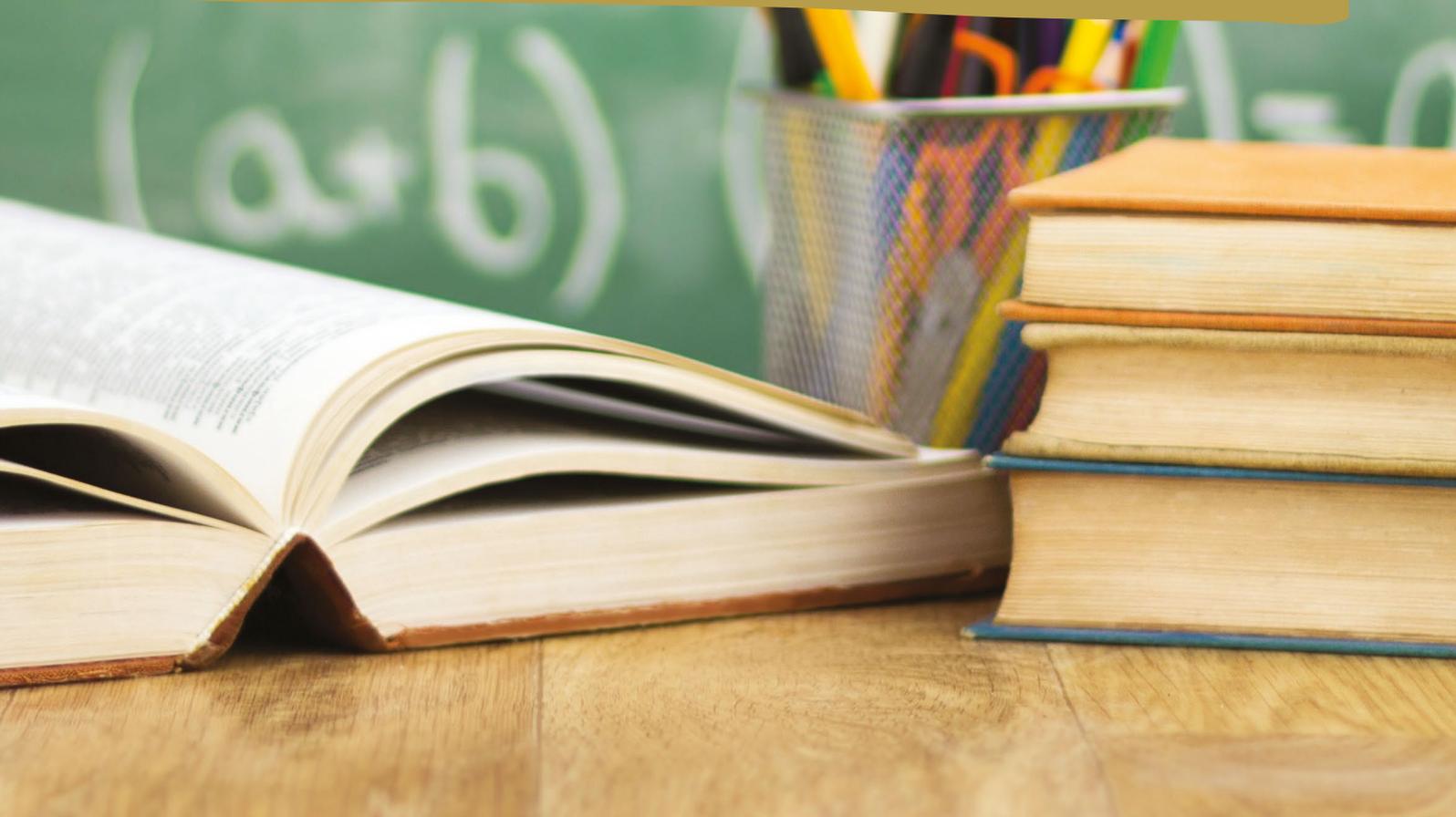
- Brighter Bunnies Pre School
- Liliputs Day Nursery
- Hart Common Pre School
- Rose Cottage Day Nursery

### Primary schools

- St Thomas CofE Primary School
- Sacred Heart R.C. Primary School
- The Gates Primary School
- Washacre Primary School
- St Bartholomew's CofE Primary School

### Secondary schools

- Westhoughton High School
- Ladybridge High School
- Rumworth School
- Oakfield High School and College
- Bolton Muslim Girls School
- Thomasson Memorial School



# Choosing your perfect home

Location is a huge factor when choosing your home and we hope this guide so far has helped you understand why Westhoughton is a great place to live. But location is certainly not the only element to consider, so here are some other things to think about when looking for your perfect property.

## Community

If you're moving somewhere new, knowing there's a friendly and supportive community can make all the difference. Why not see if you can chat to your prospective neighbours to hear what they have to say about the community? Or take a wander around the local area to get a feel for the place.

## Design

The benefit of buying a new build is that you can help to design a space that works for you – from the floorplan to the finish of the taps, the colour of the kitchen cupboards and more. Ask the housebuilder about personal choices.

With Northstone, dependent on build stage, you can choose the layout of the ground floor to decide where your kitchen and living room are located, and you can have fun customising your fixtures and fittings to create a space that perfectly suits you and your lifestyle.

## Sustainability

Ask the housebuilder about the materials used to construct their homes, any policies they have around sustainability and what they're doing to support local nature and wildlife. Sustainability is becoming increasingly important, and it can save you a lot of money.

## Technology

Is the home future-proofed? Technology is at the heart of modern living and some new builds come jam-packed with integrated technology to make your life easier. If this is something you're after, make sure to ask about what clever home technology is included.

If you're interested in finding out more about Westhoughton or our Silkash community, contact our friendly sales team on:

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