

Burton's Bollards



Back for its second year, Burton's Bollards returns to a town we love dearly — Burton-on-Trent, or 'Burton Yarn Trent' as another woolly project once called it. It's a place chockablock with creativity and community spirit, positively humming with heart and humour.

If you're a knitter or a crocheter, why not help us create custom covers to brighten up that forgotten item of street furniture – the humble bollard? Burton's Bollards love a cheeky pun, but all designs WILL be family-friendly.

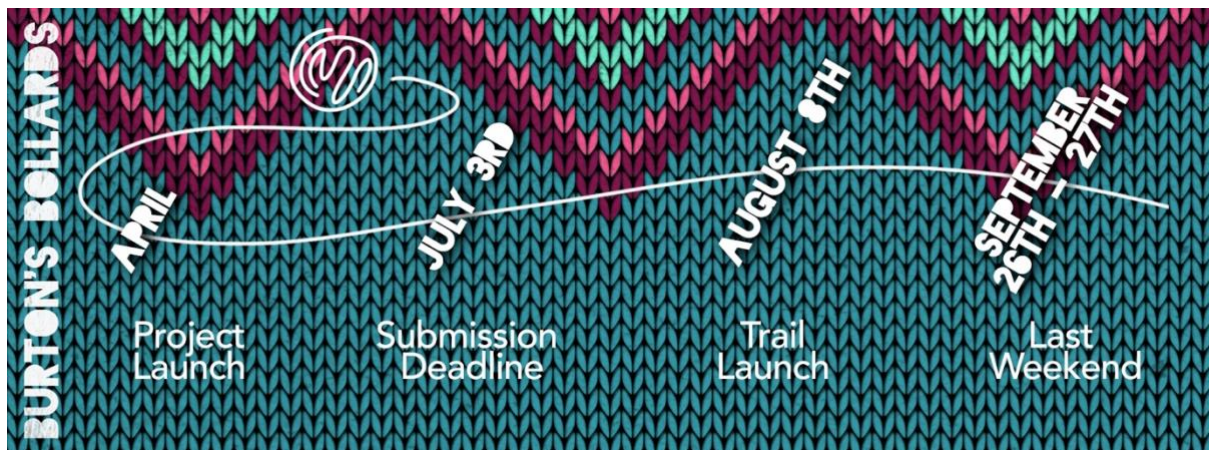
Bollards don't want to stand around in the buff being boring. So, let's brighten them up this summer with some fun and quirky covers that will bring a smile to people's faces, get them taking summer selfies and talking about our town for all the right reasons. #BurtonIsBrilliant

You don't have to be the world's greatest expert with knitting needles or crochet hooks. What we need is basically a big sock! #SockItToMe. We'll provide dimensions and signpost you to some patterns for inspiration. But we encourage you to let your imaginations run wild with bold colours and joyful designs.

Not crafty at all? Not a problem. You can still be one of the bollard bunch by donating unused wool that's cluttering up your cupboards. We'll have a collecting bin at the Brewhouse Arts Centre where you can leave a woolly gift. The bollard sock squad will give your unloved yarn a new purpose in their designs. Donated wool will help us re-use and recycle. #EnvironmentallyFriendly

The rules (there's not many)

- Your finished cover needs to be durable enough to stand up to our wonderful weather for nine weeks. Acrylic yarn is recommended. You don't want your wool to shrink or sag in a shower of rain.
- Make sure your bollard is very securely sewn together.
- It needs to fit snugly but also be easy to remove when the time comes. Our terrific team of installers will sew the covers into place.
- We love a bit of cheeky crafting – but finished designs HAVE to be family friendly, and no religious or political designs please.



The yarn bombing timeline

The final deadline to drop off your finished cover to the Brewhouse Arts Centre is the **July 3rd 2026** – but if you can get it to us sooner, PLEASE do. We can't wait to see what you've created.

Your submission must be accompanied by a signed agreement at the end of this document. Just print out the last page, fill it in and safety pin it to your bollard submission.

Our installers will be dressing up Burton's bollards in **early August**, and the unique street celebration will run until the **27th September**.

After the last weekend, we'll collect all the covers, dry and store them safely and hopefully we can make this an annual event where they'll come out again in future years and be joined by other new covers.

Happy crafting!

Bollard sizes

The bollards we would like to cover are the following sizes.

Bollard	height	Circumference	notes
01	91cm	38cm	These covers need some stretch, the largest circumference is 56cm. These bollards are behind the Brewhouse Arts Centre.
02	84cm	45cm	
03	97cm	70cm	
04	96cm	54cm	
05	100cm	46cm	The only bollards with a rectangular cross section.
06	94cm	63cm	
07	104cm	36cm	



Burton's Bollards submission form

Thanks for being a bollard buddy. You're the BEST!

Please drop your finished cover off at the Brewhouse Arts Centre before July 3rd 2026 with this form.

You can choose to stay anonymous, like a masked superhero bringing fun to our streets, and we've kept the questions short and sweet.

Name		
Would you like to remain anonymous?	YES	NO
Your social media handle if you have one and want us to share it		
Design name		
Inspiration behind your design (Go on! We're nosey!		
Email (We'll not let anyone spam you, but we would like to keep you posted):		
Would you be interested in being a woolly volunteer during the trail? More details to follow.		

By dropping off your beautiful bollard cover to us, you are agreeing that you won't get it back. But we hope you'll visit it this year and in future years if possible. We hope to make Burton's Bollards an annual event. We promise to love it like it's our own.

If you've been a bit of a Bollard baddie and broken one of our rules – 1) keep it **family-friendly** and 2) **no political or religious content** – we won't be able to use your cover nor can we return it. The same applies if you got the measurements a bit wrong. If we CAN do some stitching to make it fit, we'll try - but we can't guarantee it. Whilst we have provided sizes for the bollards, we will locate your design where it fits best. You will not get a say in it's location.

If you agree with the terms above, please sign here!

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Drop off your bollard cover and printed submission form to The Brewhouse Arts Centre, Union St, Burton-on-Trent DE14 1AA by the 3rd July 2026.