

## City anniversary - 800 years of Bocholt

The city of Bocholt celebrated its 800th anniversary for a whole year, or 365 days to be precise.

**800 years of Bocholt** was a joint effort - all events and activities in the anniversary year were based on the ideas submitted by citizens. A total of 54 larger and smaller events, campaigns and projects took place in the anniversary year. A varied programme was created that had something for everyone. Art and culture were given just as much space as sport, history, faith and traditions.

The anniversary year was meant to be for everyone - and it was.

**What remains** is the feeling of togetherness and a different or more appreciative view of Bocholt - a city that has developed excellently and is able to show this.

It was a unique anniversary year with impressive highlights that will remain positive memories for a long time to come!

# Highlights & Impressions







**20 800 BÄUME**  
**22 BOCHOLTER STADT**



# History

779

First mention of a place "bohholz"/"buocholt"

800

Foundation of the "original parish" of St. Georg Bocholt

1222

Granting of the Münster town charter

1415 - 1486

New construction of St George's Church

1550

Start of cotton weaving

1618 - 1624

New construction of the historic town hall

1635 - 1652

Occupation by Hessian troops

1803 - 1810

Capital of the Principality of Salm

1852

Start of industrialisation

1861

Foundation of the secondary school

1878

Connection to the railway network

1923-1974

The town of Bocholt becomes independent

1945

Destruction of the city centre

1975

Municipal reorganisation

1982

Establishment of the Mussum industrial estate

1983

Completion of the Aasee

1992

University of Applied Sciences location

2022

800 years of city law



1222 - 2022



## Thank you for an eventful anniversary year

**A big thank you** to all anniversary sponsors! It is their financial support that has made such a varied anniversary programme possible. Thanks also go to all the full-time and voluntary helpers, without whose commitment such an anniversary would not be possible.

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