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*The  
Feather  
Fixer*

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All you need to know about the Feather Fixer:  
What's been happening and what's ahead.

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I am a leadership problem solver. I strengthen organisations at the top with straight-talking mentoring and an abundance of common sense. I'm the go-to for CEOs and senior leaders who need clarity, not confusion. Talk to me about mentoring or consultancy to make you stronger.

I am Maura Jackson and with 18 years experience as a CEO I work as a non-executive director and mentor to CEOs and Senior Leadership Teams.

I'm the partner who will come in and guide leaders through the tough stuff, clear the path, and help leaders lead boldly—with purpose, clarity, and impact thus stepping into their full potential.





## WHAT HAVE I BEEN UP TO THIS QUARTER?

26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

I'm WAS ONE OF 6 KEY NOTE speakers at the launch of brand new research 'CLASS CEILING', a look at developing working class talent in the Arts & Culture sector. This was at the prestigious Whitworth Art Gallery in Manchester.



5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

I was one of 6 speakers at TEDx Wigan at Civic Millgate. My topic was "When Love Leads" stories of leadership and how I needed everything I'd ever learned to navigate being a foster carer, and why we all need to develop leadership skills. I succeeded and failed simultaneously.

It turned out to be one of the most stressful speaking days of my life. The dress rehearsal went terribly. I kept forgetting my lines and had to be prompted again and again. By the time the event started, the joy had completely disappeared and all I felt was pressure. Everyone there was being so kind, trying to encourage me and it made no odds.

I was trying so hard to stick to the script. Rewrote it, re read it for 4 hours..... getting more and more agitated. Then three minutes into the talk... I forgot it again. So I made a decision.



I stopped trying to perform the script and started speaking from the heart. I went completely off-script. Produced the backup prompt cards from my bra and went for it. And suddenly everything flowed. The talk became authentic, real, and had an overwhelmingly positive response. Ironically, because I broke the format, (the rules) the video probably won't be released. I have made peace with this, it is sad but ok. I still delivered all the content I planned around "when love leads" and my concern that kinship carers need more status or recognition for their roles.





6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

International Womens Day. As the host and speaker we talked BALLS, BOUNDARIES, BUSINESS AND BOLTON. An event with myself and Sarah Hulme sponsored by Miller Metcalfe. Absolutely amazing. same time next year!



It's been a series of leaving lunches and celebration of my tenure at BACKUP as CEO. 14 years and 25 days. 2 Civic Lunches, a night out and a lunch to mark my last day in the office. It has been emotional and overwhelming.





I had the honour of hosting Boltons Women in Business Awards **28<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. An event beautifully delivered and managed by Anita McKay



My book **FINDING YOUR FEATHERS** (Lessons we can learn about invincible leadership from birds) is still doing well. **BUY YOUR COPY:** Finding Your Feathers by Maura Jackson | Maddison House Press





I am off to London on the 14<sup>th</sup> April to find out if my book has been selected as a finalist in the Business Book Awards 2026, Leadership category.



I am hosting BACKUP charity ball 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026.



I am keynote speaker in June at a corporate conference in Leicester.



In between I am working with 7 small but mighty business owners offering 1:1 mentoring. AND leadership consultancy for an international import business AND supporting 2 separate homeless charity CEOs with strategy development (one in Manchester and one in Dorset).



I am taking 3 days away after I finish my job to think, breathe and maybe write. **Because the next quarter is the start of my being self employed, let's hope it's not unemployed.....**





Did you know “stand up comedy” is my hobby?

## Upcoming Comedy Events



25th April 2026 - Bolton



4th June 2026 - Horwich

	
	
<b>TICKET</b> <b>£20</b>	<b>AT THE MATTHEW HILTON STUDIOS</b> <small>STIRLING ACADEMY, 490 HALLIWELL ROAD, BOLTON, BL1 8AN</small>
<small>FREE PARKING   CARRS PASTY   NORTHERN COMEDY</small>	
<b>COMEDY AND PASTY NIGHT</b> SATURDAY 25TH APRIL FROM 7PM <b>LINEUP</b> Resident MC - Nathan Wedge Amit Mistry   Debbie Holt The Halls of Ridiculous: Comedy Duo Chris Lumb & Phil Allan-Smith Maura Jackson - Back with NEW MATERIAL!!	
<small>TICKET AVAILABLE - WWW.STIRLINGMANAGEMENT.CO.UK          WHATSAPP 07949 638 201</small>	

<b>4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026</b> <b>SPICE VALLEY</b> <b>LEE LANE</b> <b>HORWICH BL6</b>	
<b>FOOD SERVED FROM 7PM</b> <b>SHOW STARTS AT 8:00PM</b>	
<b>COMEDY AND CURRY</b> <b>JAMIE SUTHERLAND</b> SUPPORT: MAURA JACKSON MC: JIM BOB	
<b>TICKETS £25.50 INC 2 COURSE MEAL</b> <b>TICKETS</b>	
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