

# ONE TRAFFORD

Local News from the One Trafford Partnership



## Green Flags Awarded Third Year Running

Our local communities have much to rejoice at, for an amazing total of 11 parks and green spaces across Trafford have received a Green Flag Award! The Green Flag Award scheme recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for their management across the United Kingdom and around the world.

The 11 award winning parks are Davyhulme Park, Denzell Gardens, Flixton Gardens, Hullard Park, John Leigh Park, Lostock Park, Victoria Park, Walkden Gardens, Walton Park, Woodheys Park and Worthington Park.

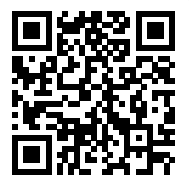
These parks are managed by the One Trafford green space and ground maintenance teams, with the support of volunteer Friends of Parks groups. The teams have been working together to ensure the Green Flag standards are met and are consistent throughout the year.

Trafford's Green Flag parks have met and surpassed in quality a specific set of criteria. These include

important features of parks such as aesthetics, horticulture, and biodiversity. Over the last few years, One Trafford have been working with Friends of Parks groups to create better habitats for pollinators and insects in a number of Green Flag parks. This will help to increase biodiversity within green spaces. Thousands of perennial bulbs such as native daffodils, crocus and snowdrops have been planted at John Leigh Park, Victoria Park, Walton Parks and Worthington Park. Similarly, some parks now have wildflower meadows and beds, which are helping to provide stepping-stones of habitats across the borough.

The parks are among 2,127 UK parks and green spaces that will receive a Green Flag Award for 2021. The award, accompanied by the famous flag, is a mark of a quality park or green space. It is managed by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. The scheme also operates in an additional 14 countries including Portugal, New Zealand, and USA.

If you would like to visit your local Green Flag park, please visit [www.trafford.gov.uk/GreenFlagParks](http://www.trafford.gov.uk/GreenFlagParks).





A total of **144 hours** have been volunteered through community involvement days to support the Trafford community this summer

## Supporting the Community

This summer 18 members of staff used their community involvement day to support local groups in Trafford.

Seven of our grounds maintenance colleagues cleared out overgrown plots at St Mary's allotments in Partington, in aid of BlueSCI Support. The organisation helps individuals who may be experiencing emotional or psychological distress, isolation, or loneliness. The team removed over 1.4 tonnes of cuttings and detritus to prepare the plots for planting. Great care was taken to not disturb wildlife by leaving hedges and secluded areas as they were found.

Elsewhere, six colleagues from our Highway's Consulting Team took their community involvement day at Walkden Gardens. They helped to prune hedges and weed beds. A further five colleagues returned to cut back the borders of the path leading to the garden rooms.

A colleague from our Highway's Team took on the Race the Sun Challenge, **raising £2,344 for the Children's Adventure Farm Trust in Bowdon.**

Leaving Timperley by minibus at midnight, he started the ride at sunrise in Skegness. Completing the 175-mile ride in Liverpool by sunset 17 hours later, this was his toughest, longest, and most physically challenging bike ride yet!

## Kickstarting Careers at One Trafford

In June, Tom joined the Communications Team through the government's Kickstart scheme. The programme provides jobs for young people at risk of long-term unemployment. Here's what Tom had to say:

"I had been unemployed for some months when I heard of this Kickstart opportunity. My work background included retail service and warehouse production, but I wanted to try something different. At the time I was looking for an accountancy apprenticeship but when I found out about this Communications Assistant role through the Kickstart programme, I felt it was too good an opportunity to miss. It would give me experience in a form of work I had never done before.

Whilst on the programme, I have been gaining and improving universal work-related social skills with the help of the Skillsbuilder activities, which focuses on skills such as teamwork and leadership, and being in a new to me working environment. The experience is also giving me a deeper understanding into the Communications profession and how services at Amey work behind the scenes.

In my first few months, I have been posting proactive and reactive tweets on the [@OneTrafford](#) twitter page to share information with the Trafford community and help with queries. I also work on articles for the community newsletter, including this edition, and drafted new waste collection calendars for houses and flats to go out across Trafford in November.

This has been a valuable experience for me so far and I can't wait to learn more. For anyone even slightly interested, I would highly recommend looking into placements such as this as they will provide you with a lot of insight into the industry."





L-R: Becci and Natasha receive clothing from Maaheen and Tom donated by staff from the One Trafford Partnership



## Dressed to impress! Trafford Working Wardrobe launches with success

New charity, Trafford Working Wardrobe, launched this autumn with the help of One Trafford. Working Wardrobe is a charity initiative run by Groundwork in Greater Manchester that offers interview support and tailored outfits to unemployed people for their upcoming interviews.

Staff from One Trafford, and their friends and family, donated over 200 items of formal clothing to Trafford's Working Wardrobe.

In celebration of the Amey Centenary, colleagues aimed to donate 100 items but reached **a total of 224 pieces of formal clothing!** From full suits, blazers, and shoes, all the way down to ties, belts and jewellery, the items were collected and delivered to the Working Wardrobe launch event at Trafford Town Hall.

Trafford Working Wardrobe organiser, Natasha, is now running a mobile service from various pop-up locations across the borough. Clients will receive styling and interview coaching sessions, completely free of charge and available to everyone aged 16 and over. If an interview is successful, clients can return to select a 'working wardrobe' outfit for their new place of work. The clothing stock is based entirely on donations from businesses and the public. The Working Wardrobe team have spent a lot of time collecting, sorting, and valuing the items to ensure that a quality service is

We are accepting referrals to our service via registered referral partners. If you are working with a service that are signed up to us, then they will be able to pass you over to get support. These include Job Centre Plus, Manchester Growth Company, Trafford Council, Trafford College and many more. Once you have been referred, one of the Working Wardrobe team will contact the client to get information about their sizes and preferences and book them into one of our pop-ups across the Trafford borough. These include Sale, Old Trafford and Partington.

Natasha

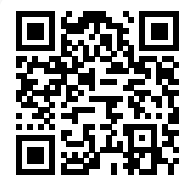
being provided that doesn't feel second-hand. In addition, the Working Wardrobe keeps sustainability at the heart of its values. Apart from recycling clothing, the Trafford Working Wardrobe travels in an electric van. Any surplus clothing is passed on to charities across Manchester so their lifecycle can continue.

So far, the Working Wardrobe has supported 13 clients since the launch in September. Natasha and her team hope to continue on this trajectory with

an aim of supporting over 250 individuals over the next two years.

Claire, who used the Working Wardrobe service, said: "It felt like a shopping trip with a friend. You made me feel really comfortable around trying things on as I'm usually quite self-conscious. I've had so much fun today!"

If you would like to find out more about the Working Wardrobe and how it supports those in unemployment, visit [gmworkingwardrobe.co.uk/how-it-works/](https://gmworkingwardrobe.co.uk/how-it-works/).



## Friends of Turn Moss

It's been a hive of activity at Turn Moss Park over the last few months. From planting projects to kite flying, let's see what Friends of Turn Moss have been up to.

With the help of joint funding from One Trafford's Parks Innovation Fund and The Conservation Volunteers (TCV), a pocket park and herb bed were installed this summer. Friends of Turn Moss, who were awarded the £2,000 funding in early 2020, were able to finally begin the build this year over three days with the support of 14 TCV members. The pocket park, located at the edge of the entrance road, includes Thyme, Foxglove, Borage, Armeria Dreamaria, and Cercis Eternal Flame. In the herb bed, near the car park, are fragrant herbs such as mint, rosemary, and curry plants. Herbs cutting can be taken by anyone so if you're ever walking through, take a clipping for your next meal! Many of the plants and herbs were chosen by members of the 23rd St Matthews Cub Group who often use Turn Moss for their activities.

Friends of Turn Moss also got together with Trafford Leisure and Northern Kite Group to host the very first Kite Festival at Turn Moss Park, in July. The event included an amazing professional display of kite flying by Seth Rimmington and a kite building workshop.

Kite flyers came from across the country including Staffordshire, Cumbria, and Derbyshire, as well as local flyers. On a clear and sunny day, the sky was filled with brightly coloured kites shaped as animals, including a stingray, an octopus family of four, a gecko, and a teddy bear to only name a few. When laid on the ground the teddy bear's feet alone measured taller than a person! With such a great turnout, kites accompanied with picnics, incredible photos, and great weather, it's hoped that this can return annually.



For more information, events, and news about the Friends of Turn Moss visit [ourturnmoss.org](http://ourturnmoss.org).



## Friends of Flixton Gardens

Friends of Flixton Garden unveiled the restored pond this summer. With the help and support of employees from multinational company, LyondellBasell, Friends of Flixton Gardens were able to bring the pond back to its original form.

The pond was previously an inverted dome which meant it could not hold enough water and so was not beneficial to local wildlife. It was removed and a bog garden was installed instead. Friends of Flixton Gardens worked together to plan a replacement pond.

LyondellBassell offered to implement a nature wildlife pond and to reinstall railings around the new pond. The pond was reprofiled and lined with shelves to hold a variety of plants and to support its use by wild pond life. Unfortunately, the railing part of the project had been put on hold due to Covid. Eventually the company recreated the railings and returned to the site to put them in place.

The pond has now attracted a whole host of wildlife and now Friends are looking to invite local schools to visit and learn about pond life.



If you would like to find out more about your local park, visit [trafford.gov.uk/parks](http://trafford.gov.uk/parks)

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