

# ONE TRAFFORD

Local News from the One Trafford Partnership

## Wilding Trafford is buzzin' for Bees' Needs Award

One Trafford's Wilding Trafford project has been presented with a Bees' Needs Champions Award 2020 by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

The Wilding Trafford project has been run by One Trafford, Friends of Parks groups, In Bloom groups and The Conservation Volunteers (TCV). The prestigious award recognises that the project has helped to support the bee population in Trafford by creating pockets of nature rich areas for bees to thrive.

In the last three years, Wilding Trafford has introduced better habitats for bees, insects and other pollinators by creating wildlife corridors in a number of existing green spaces.

Since the start of the project, over £100,000 has been invested into habitat improvement through the green space capital programme. In that time, the borough has seen thousands of new bulbs, wildflower seeds and hundreds of shrubs planted to create wild corridors for bees.

These corridors consist of wildflower meadows and beds in seven parks in Trafford; Hullard Park, Seymour Park, Longford Park, Turn Moss Park, Lostock Park, Moss Park and Gorse Hill Park. The green spaces within these parks and some highway verges were identified as ideal locations to begin growing strengthened habitats for wildlife.

With a reduced grass cutting regime the wildflower meadows within these parks will now only be mown once a year; giving the wildflower meadows a chance to flourish and attract bees in the summer months. These parks provide stepping-stones of habitats from the River Mersey Valley towards the centre of Manchester and north of the borough, all the way south to the Cheshire plain.

One Trafford is moving away from seasonal planting to instead installing perennial plants, which supports a longer lasting season of nectar sources for bees. Thousands of perennial bulbs such as native



**Bee keeping at Turn Moss Park**

daffodils, crocus and snowdrops have been planted at John Leigh Park, Victoria Park, Walton Park and Worthington Park.

Providing bee colonies with homes, volunteers at Hullard Park, Turn Moss Park and Longford Park are running beehives. This will also allow the public to learn more about bees, while continuing to support the bee population.

To find your local Trafford park visit [www.trafford.gov.uk/parks](http://www.trafford.gov.uk/parks). For green space updates, search [#TraffordParks](https://twitter.com/TraffordParks) on Twitter.



**Wildflower meadows encourage pollinators**

# #TraffordParks in focus

## Trafford celebrate 11 Green Flag Awarded parks two years running



In October 2020, a total of 11 Trafford parks have been awarded the prestigious Green Flag.

These parks have been recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme as the very best in the world. 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 top 11 parks have met the specific set of

criteria, achieving a high standard. These include park aesthetics, horticulture and biodiversity.

Trafford's Green Flag awarded parks are managed by the One Trafford grounds maintenance teams, with the support of dedicated volunteers from Friends of Parks groups. The teams have been working together to ensure the Green Flag standards are met and are consistent throughout the year.

To find your local Green Flag awarded park visit [www.trafford.gov.uk/greenflagparks](http://www.trafford.gov.uk/greenflagparks)

**Trafford's top 11 parks**  
are among over **2,000 UK parks**  
and green spaces that will receive a  
**Green Flag Award** for 2020

# New schemes underway to improve Trafford's thriving green spaces

Trafford Council have invested a total of £200,000 to deliver 12 schemes in parks and green spaces which have been identified for improvements.

We have continued to deliver green space capital schemes in parks across the borough including Ashton Park, Longford Park, Timperley Green and Worthington Park.

Schemes include the installation of new play equipment, repairs to multi-play units, improved surfacing and new outdoor fitness equipment. One Trafford's dedicated green space team are working with Friends of Parks groups to ensure the schemes are delivered with the community's input.

In the **last 5 years**, just **over £1.1 million** has been invested in to **parks and green spaces!**

In the last 5 years, improvements have included 11 climbing frames, 6 roundabouts, 7 see-saws, 5 slides, 21 pieces of trim trail equipment and 11 football posts. Last year, 19 new gates were installed in some play areas to improve safety, 230 brand new park signs were installed, including 118 new welcome signs.

Where possible, some park equipment has been restored instead of removed and replaced. This helps to prolong the longevity of the equipment and reduce replacement costs. In Gorse Hill Park play area, the 20-year-old elephant springers were restored to their original condition for the next generation of children to enjoy. Whilst at Abbotsfield Park, the Sputnik roundabout received new bearings and fresh coat of paint last month.

Discover more about the green space capital programme for 2020-21 at [www.trafford.gov.uk/parkmaintenance](http://www.trafford.gov.uk/parkmaintenance)



Gorse Hill Park restored elephant springers



Moss Park



Abbotsfield Park Sputnik roundabout revamp



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In August and September, **11** Amey employees used their community involvement day to support local causes and communities

## Helping the Trafford community

All Amey employees are entitled to take one paid day per year to work on a project in the local community run by a non-for-profit organisation or charity which supports an environmental, education or employment aim.

### Walk this way!

In August, five employees from One Trafford put on their walking boots to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Adventure. Teams across the Amey business took part to support outreach to young people. Trafford's Community and Communications team together with the Consulting team covered 18km, raising a combined total of £390.

The money raised has contributed to a company-wide total of £5,337! Duke of Edinburgh aims to be accessible to as many young people as possible; to improve their wellbeing, increase their job prospects and help them play an active role in restoring their communities.

Discover more at [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org).



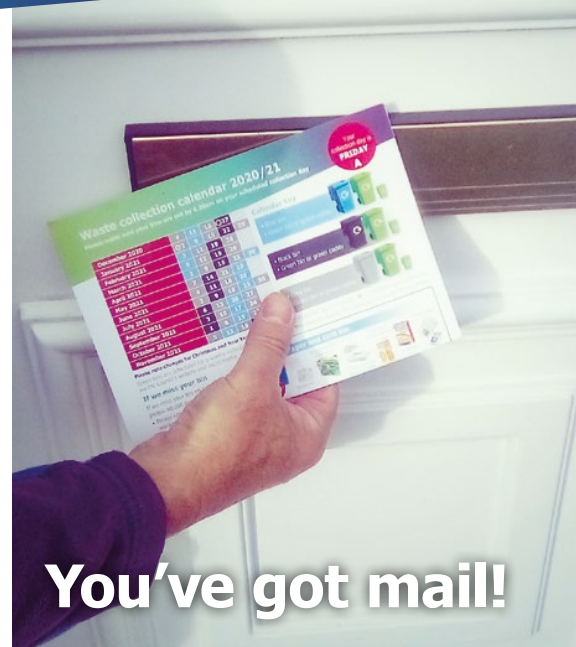
### Blooming in Stretford

In September, two employees used their community involvement day to support Stretford in Bloom. Working on a small patch of green space between Urmston Lane and Sandy Lane, the team worked together to remove old shrubbery, cut back and neaten the grass line and de-weed beds. The team helped to plant 60 new plants on the green, giving it a new lease of life.



### Old Trafford alleyway gets spruced up!

In late September, four employees helped to clear an un-adopted alleyway in Old Trafford. The team, which was made up of staff from Highways and Operations Control, helped to clear out fly-tipped waste and remove weeds. With support from the drainage team, they were also able to jet the gullies as well as tarmac small defects in the surfacing.



## You've got mail!

We've delivered a new bin collection calendar for 2020/21 to every household in Trafford. Your new calendar includes your collection schedule, a mini recycling guide and information on Christmas and New year collections.

You can also search, download and print your calendar at [www.trafford.gov.uk/bincollections](http://www.trafford.gov.uk/bincollections). Simply enter your postcode and select your address to find your collection calendar.

Alongside the calendar, we've also delivered a new roll of compostable bags to every home. Your new roll includes a yellow tag to help you order more bags when you run out. If you need more compostable bags, tie the yellow tag to your green bin on your scheduled green bin collection day, and the crew will supply you with a new roll (subject to availability). Alternatively, you can order a roll by ringing 03330 035 865.

Discover more about food waste recycling at [www.trafford.gov.uk/greenbin](http://www.trafford.gov.uk/greenbin).

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