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Local News from the One Trafford Partnership



Trafford on board with first Communication Station

We are supporting local parent, Georgia Wilson, to introduce Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) boards in a play areas, schools and libraries.

Having installed AAC boards in some local schools, Georgia approached One Trafford with her idea to install them in parks too. The first Communication Station has now been installed in Ashton Park, with full support from One Trafford who funded the board and its installation.

The Communication Station features numbers, letters, emotional prompts and phrases to aid non-verbal children with conditions like Verbal Dyspraxia, Apraxia and Autism. Children can point or indicate on the board to show what they would like to express.

Georgia and four-year-old son, Zach who has Verbal Dyspraxia, have been raising awareness about the condition and other neurological speech conditions.

AAC boards have other applications too, as useful tools for those who do not speak English as a first language or those suffering from trauma. To help more Trafford children, and even adults, benefit from the Communication Station, Georgia is calling on residents to support her in getting the boards in parks, schools and libraries.

She said: "I'm so pleased that this initiative is being supported by One Trafford and local councillors. The Communication Station in Ashton Park will hopefully be the first of many. We want AAC boards not just in play areas, but other communal spaces too like schools and libraries. We have seen first-hand how the Communication Station can help children communicate clearly with others, which is why I want parents to endorse this project so we can make this a reality."

"Zach and other children suffering from this condition know what they want to say but speech is unintelligible and is very difficult to understand. You can only imagine how frustrating and lonely this could be for a child."

"Donations are welcome but even simply helping to raising awareness will allow us to identify other funders and help us deliver as many boards as possible. For details, please visit <https://gofund.me/55c63c3d>"



Supporting dementia care through social procurement

We're working with Ethstat Ethical Stationery CIC, a cooperative social enterprise, to support dementia care at Manorhey Care Centre in Urmston.



As a supply chain partner, 100% of the profits generated from the goods and services that are purchased from Ethstat, go towards supporting the most vulnerable in society; from supporting dementia care to ending homelessness.

To celebrate the partnership, One Trafford colleagues and Ethstat visited Manorhey Care Centre in Urmston, who has been sent gifts for their residents. The recent purchase of reusable water bottles for all One Trafford staff and the continued purchase of Jamila's Ethical Coffee, is enabling Ethstat to donate dementia dolls, painting sets and water sweets to support Manorhey's residents affected with dementia. As more coffee is purchased by the OTP, Manorhey Care Centre will continue to receive gifts for their residents.

In addition, with the environment in mind, Jamila's Ethical Coffee is not only ethically sourced, but the tin is also entirely recyclable. It is the only coffee tin in the UK that's plastic free and 100% home and office recyclable.

Carla, the Activity Coordinator at Manorhey Care Centre added: "The dolls and dementia aids donated by Ethstat through their partnership with the OTP have made a massive difference to the lives of our residents. We have given out many dolls to various floors as well as placed some in our lounge. Our residents have a chance to

engage with the dolls and pets and they bring comfort and peace."

Yasmin Halai-Carter from Ethstat said: "Ethstat Ethical Stationery is the first and only fully not-for-profit Social Enterprise Co-operative delivering products and services to the corporate sector. We supply all the goods and services you need to keep your office running, with a supply chain brimming with social and environmental good. We use the profits from our trading to fund community solutions to local problems ranging from ending homelessness to supporting families with dementia.

The OTP's purchase of re-usable water bottles allowed us to provide Manorhey Care Centre with 1 dementia dog, 12 boxes of water sweets and 30 painting kits. In addition, a further four dementia dolls have been donated as a result of other social purchases. These are all gifts provided to their residents, in support of dementia care, and really showcases social procurement in action and the impact it can make in the local community."

We've helped to provide Manorhey Care Centre with **4** dementia dolls, **1** dementia dog, **12** boxes of water sweets and **30** painting kits through **Ethstat!**

In addition to dementia care, the OTP's social purchasing with Ethstat has also allowed them to support Feed My City, an Emergency Food Charity operating in Manchester, Salford, and Trafford. The charity provides simple hot vegetarian meals, using organic food (where ever practical), served in environment friendly packing, free of charge.

The OTP's other purchases include rolls of compostable bag for household food waste recycling, which enabled Ethstat to provide Feed by City with 3500 labels for food parcels, printers and cartridges, day to day stationery, 400 food bags, 120 face coverings and donate 2 fridges to keep food fresh.

Further details on Ethstat can be found at www.ethicalstationery.com



Highway improvement programme is nearly complete!

So far we've surface dress and resurfaced **282,214m²** of **#TraffordRoads!**
That's the equivalent size of nearly **40 Manchester United** football pitches

Did you know...
One Trafford manages over **500 miles** of road network **all year round!**

A total of 192 schemes on the highway improvement programme for 2022-2023 are complete, with just eight schemes pending to start in 2023.

The programme consists of 200 schemes, with treatments ranging from protective surface dressing to full resurfacing.

Protective surface dressing is a layer which is added onto a road surface which looks like it's in good condition. The layer provides a protective seal to increase the life of the road and reduce water ingress, which is main cause of pesky potholes!

Other treatments like resurfacing and reconstruction include the removal of the top layers of the road surface, which is then replaced with a fresh surface. This is usually for roads where the surface is in need of repair.



Some of the schemes completed on the programme included Edge Lane in Stretford, Moss Lane in Altrincham, and Chapel Lane in Partington.

Check out the full list of road repair schemes and where we'll be next at www.trafford.gov.uk/traffordroads.

Winter is here!

As the frost starts to settle across Trafford, the winter maintenance team will be on call around the clock ensuring #TraffordRoads remain safe.

The team will be continually treating the network with grit during those chillier days and nights, so if you spot them, make sure to give them a wave!

Out of over 500 miles of road in the borough, around 170 miles are considered priority roads. This includes arterial carriageways like A56 and bus routes. These are continually monitored and made safe for the travelling public.

To determine when to grit, the team receive regular updates from the Met Office. Highways engineers also monitor road conditions with atmospheric and road surface sensors.

This helps us to accurately predict the conditions of Trafford roads.

Discover more about how we're keeping you moving this winter a www.trafford.gov.uk/gritting.





Natasha from Trafford Working Wardrobe with Sheridan Hilton from One Trafford at Sale West Community Centre

Dressed for success: Trafford Working Wardrobe continues supporting employment

Earlier this year One Trafford sponsored a room at Sale West Community Centre, allowing Trafford Working Wardrobe to continue operating from there every Thursday.

Delivered by Groundwork Greater Manchester, the Working Wardrobe (WW) supports local residents to be interview and job ready. The team provide an individually tailored programme of interview support and styling.

The Working Wardrobe is designed for people who have a confirmed job interview for a paid position, an apprenticeship or in need of clothing for a job. Clothing has been donated to the WW and last year One Trafford donated 224 items of smart wear during the launch of the initiative.

As Sarah had lost a significant amount of weight following treatment, she was in desperate need of a capsule wardrobe that she could wear in her new role. Following a consultation, Natasha from WW booked Sarah in for her first styling session as Sale West Community Centre. Sarah's capsule wardrobe was put together with some mix and match pieces that she could feel confident in and take through all seasons.

It included a tailored blazer, dresses, blouse and skirt, and a polka dot jumpsuit. Natasha also paired up

Sarah: "Working Wardrobe did a superb job! A good selection of clothing, which I'm grateful for. I now feel well equipped for my new job."

Sarah was referred to WW for support with new clothing for a full-time job she had secured after dealing with serious illness. Her cancer diagnosis put her career on hold. But after a long and difficult recovery, Sarah was finally ready to return to employment. Her illness and recovery sparked a new lease for life and she wanted to grab all the opportunities thrown her way.

clothing with accessories and shoes. Sarah's confidence has grown since her first meeting with WW. Sarah experienced huge changes with her body, but WW were able to help her harness her confidence. She even stepped out of her comfort zone and into a jumpsuit that she would not have normally chosen!

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