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Local News from the One Trafford Partnership



Parks and Green Space

Gorse Hill Park play area received £113k makeover

Newly installed spaceball and climbing boulder, and restored elephant springers



As part of the ongoing green space capital programme, Gorse Hill Park received a £113k makeover.

A redesign of the play area has made room for more equipment. Two brand new pieces of climbing equipment have also been installed – a geometric spaceball and a rock climbing boulder. The trim trail has also been upgraded, plus a new balance beam, slides, a see-saw and a tyre swing have all been installed. But it's not out with the old because some of the much-loved existing equipment has been restored! The elephant springers, which were installed nearly 20 years ago, have been repainted and relocated for the next generation of children to enjoy.

To help choose the most popular play equipment for local kids, the green space team led consultations with six local schools including Gorse Hill Primary School, St. Teresa's Primary School, and Stretford High.

The investment of £72,000 in capital funds for this scheme was boosted by a winning bid from Viridor

Credits' Landfill Communities Fund, which Friends of Gorse Hill Park applied for. The win allowed for a further £41,168 to be added to the capital budget. Paula Pearson from Friends of Gorse Hill Park said: "We are delighted with the new play area. It has had huge community involvement. The restoration of our much loved equipment has pleased many parents who grew up with them, making it a very unique playground."

Viridor Credits Environmental Company is an independent, non-for-profit organisation that awards funding for community, heritage and biodiversity projects across the UK through the Landfill Community Fund. This funding is used for a wide range of projects in the vicinity of landfill sites.

Find out more about the green space capital programme at www.trafford.gov.uk/parkmaintenance

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Trafford has 11 of the very best parks in the world!



Friends of Davyhulme Park together with One Trafford's green space and ground maintenance teams

Find your local **Green Flag Award winning park** at www.trafford.gov.uk/greenflagparks

An incredible 11 parks across Trafford have been recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme as the very best in the world. This year Davyhulme Park joins 10 other parks which have maintained their prestigious Green Flag status.

Davyhulme Park, along with the 10 other parks, were judged on 8 main criteria points, including how welcoming the space is, its biodiversity and community engagement. The Friends groups who represent each award-winning park have dedicated themselves to ensure the park consistently meets the criteria.

All 11 parks are among a record-breaking 1,970 UK parks and green spaces that received a Green Flag Award. The award, accompanied by the famous flag, is a mark of a quality park or green space.

Meet the latest addition to One Trafford... The Recycling Team

Introducing the One Trafford Recycling Team who will be on hand to answer your recycling queries and quandaries!



One Trafford's Recycling Team

Trafford recycles 58.5% of waste making us the best borough in Greater Manchester, but we can still do better.

Ian, Anna and Iain are here to help us all do just that. From visiting individual residents, to hosting events and surgeries, the recycling team will be helping Trafford to recycle better and minimise our waste.

The team will also be supporting social housing providers and community groups to resolve bin issues and recycle even more.

The team will be making home visits to help individuals bust those recycling myths and misconceptions.

 **@OneTrafford** Follow us to find out where the recycling team will be next! Recycling is easy but some household items can throw us off. Why not use our handy guide at www.trafford.gov.uk/bins

Fundraising and the local community

Walken Gardens Community Involvement Day

A total of 16 members from One Trafford's Consulting team took their community involvement day at Walkden Gardens in Sale.

In support of the Friends of Walkden Gardens, who regularly help to maintain the Green Flag Award winning gardens, the Consulting team swapped their theodolites for trowels and hedge shears.

The team carefully pruned the boxed hedges, whilst the edges along the iconic borders were neatly trimmed, weeded and deadheaded.



One Trafford's Consulting team got together at Walkden Gardens for their Community Involvement Day



Since the start of 2019
20 members of staff have used
their community involvement day!

One Trafford helps to flush away poverty

The One Trafford Partnership have teamed up with Toilet Twinning to flush away poverty. Four depot loos have now been twinned with four safe and clean toilets in the Central African Republic, Malawi and Zambia.

By donating £60 per toilet, Toilet Twinning helps to fund projects in poor communities to enable families to build a basic latrine, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that can help to save lives. A total donation of £240 was made to Toilet Twinning by the One Trafford Partnership.

A total of 2.3 billion people don't have safe and hygienic access to a basic bathroom. Children under 5 are put at risk of death due to poor sanitation, whilst many teenage girls drop out of vital education due to the lack of proper toilets.

Four safe and clean toilets have been sponsored and twinned:

- One latrine in Mabilbo, Mzimba in Malawi
- One latrine in Choma, Southern Province in Zambia
- Two latrines in Bangui District in the Central African Republic



Twinned! Four depot loos receive their Toilet Twinning certificates

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Great British Spring Clean sweeps Trafford

After kicking off Keep Britain Tidy's #GreatBritishSpringClean in March, One Trafford continued with supporting community litter picks across the borough. In fact, the street cleansing team collected and disposed of over **474 bags of litter** collected by community groups, residents, businesses and schools.



One Trafford also teamed up with staff from Manchester United to litter pick Trafford Wharf Road and areas surrounding the stadium

The estimated total weight of litter picked and cleared throughout the borough was **2.85 tonnes of litter**, which is the same weight as half an elephant!

If you would like to litter pick your local area, you can request litter bags and/or inform us of where your full bags will be left for collection at OneTraffordLitterBagCollection@amey.co.uk.

Put the kettle on! It's time for the Big Brew Up

With a cuppa in hand and a biscuit in the other, One Trafford put the kettle on in support of SSAFA's (Soilder, Sailor, Airmen and Families Association), annual Big Brew Up.

Donations were made for every biscuit, cake and cuppa made, totalling £139.42. Matched by the Amey Foundation, the total donation of £278.84 will go towards SSAFA's network of volunteers who provide practical and emotional support for serving personnel, veterans and military families across the UK.

Since the beginning of the One Trafford Partnership, we have raised and donated **£5,675.56**.

Sharing experiences during Mental Health Awareness Week

To help raise awareness of good mental health and support this year's 'Body Image' theme – how we think and feel about our bodies – we ran a week of activities at the One Trafford depot.

The first activity of the week was a body image workshop to start an open and honest conversation with everyone to help share experiences. Every day during Mental Health Awareness Week, the team also took part in meditation sessions to encourage everyone to take 15 minutes during the working day to practice mindfulness.

Some members of the team also cooked up a treat with a bake sale in support of Mind. A total of £67.30 was raised by One Trafford and was match funded by the Amey Foundation taking the total donation to £134.60. Mind support people in the UK struggling with their mental health through advice and guidance, providing a listening ear and making referrals.

One Trafford's Mental Health Ambassadors helped to raised £134.60 for Mind



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