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# Trafford Matters



## A word from Andrew

Welcome to Trafford Matters, our digital residents magazine

Welcome to the latest edition of Trafford Matters where you will find lots of information about what is happening across the borough.

It promises to be a hectic summer with Trafford playing host to some world class sporting events.

Lancashire Cricket Club is the venue for six matches during the Cricket World Cup and thousands of fans will be visiting the borough during the tournament as well as millions watching worldwide.

It provides the perfect platform to promote Trafford and all that is good about the area.



And at the end of the summer there is another high-profile cricket event, the England v Australia Test match.

As a massive cricket fan I can't wait to see some of the world's best players coming to the borough.

Another feather in our Trafford cap has come with the announcement that Altrincham is to be the starting point of the final stage of the OVO Energy Tour of Britain, one of cycling's most prestigious events.

I hope you can join me and thousands of others at Trafford Live – a fantastic day-long free festival which

is taking place on Sunday 21 July.

We are teaming up with our close partners Lancashire Cricket Club to put on the event which will take place in the grounds of the club and town hall. It will showcase the borough's sports, history and culture and offers something for young and old to enjoy and take part in.

It's not just sporting events on offer though - we also have our literary WordFest events and our popular Refract arts festival going on too!

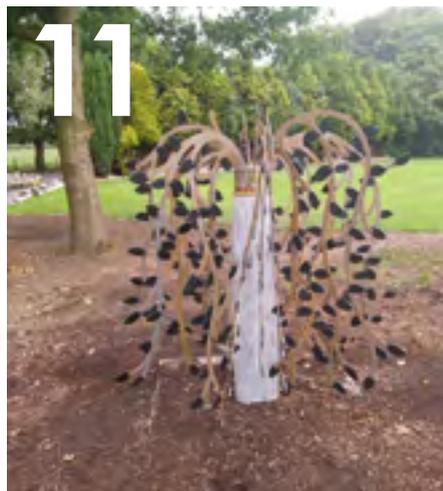
See you there and enjoy the magazine!

Thanks, Andrew

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# New councillors are welcomed

Following the local elections on Thursday 3 May the Council has welcomed 12 new councillors.

The results saw the Labour Party gain overall control of the Council for the first time in more than 10 years. Cllr Andrew Western remains Leader of the Council, while Cllr Nathan Evans has become the new Leader of the Conservative Party, who remain in opposition.

In addition to the incoming councillors, the Council's Executive Committee has new members and areas of responsibility. The Executive is made up of the Leader and nine cabinet members. Each member of the Executive can make decisions relating to their area.

The Executive is responsible for all key



Council leader Cllr Andrew Western (left) and opposition leader Cllr Nathan Evans



decisions and the strategic management of services and acts in line with the policies and budget of the Council.

Most important decisions are made by the Executive collectively, although Executive Councillors can take some decisions individually within their area of responsibility.

For more information about the make-up of the council, and of your ward councillor, visit [www.trafford.gov.uk/about-your-council](http://www.trafford.gov.uk/about-your-council)



## Rob dons the mayoral chains

Cllr Rob Chilton has taken over the mayoral chains of office following the Annual Meeting on 22 May.

Rob, who has taken over from Cllr Tom Ross, was born in Brooklands and, after a spell living in east Lancashire, returned to Sale after leaving college.

Rob, who is currently Chairman of the Friends of Dainewell Park, Sale West Community Garden, and Sale Civic Society, is a Governor at Firs Primary School and All Saints RC Primary School, Sale.

His interests include travelling, theatre, photography and playing snooker badly!

Rob's chosen charities for his Mayoral year are Manchester Foundation Trust Charity, in particular Wythenshawe, Altrincham and Trafford hospitals, the Alex Hulme Foundation and the Society for Abandoned Animals.

## Members of Trafford Council Executive

### Name

Cllr Andrew Western  
Cllr Catherine Hynes (Deputy Leader)  
Cllr Stephen Adshead

Cllr Jane Baugh  
Cllr Mike Freeman  
Cllr Joanne Harding  
Cllr Tom Ross  
Cllr Jane Slater  
Cllr Graham Whitham  
Cllr James Wright

### Role

Leader of the Council  
Children's Social Care  
Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change  
Culture and Leisure  
Public Safety, Governance and Reform  
Adult Social Care  
Finance and Investment  
Health, Wellbeing and Equalities  
Communities and Partnerships  
Housing and Regeneration

# Free fun for all the family!



Lancashire Cricket Club and Trafford Council are set to host the biggest family day out of the summer on Sunday 21 July.

The club is incorporating the Durham Vitality Blast fixture as part of their family friendly, Trafford Live event which celebrates the best of Trafford.

The joint festival, a free event, will be held within the grounds of the town hall on Talbot Road and the Foster's Fan Village at Emirates Old Trafford will be open for all to attend.

Visitors can experience a host of events, activities and displays designed to showcase the borough's sports, history and culture offering, with a bit of everything for both the young and old to enjoy.

The Emirates Old Trafford

Foster's Fan Village at Lancashire Cricket Club will be free to enter, with reduced ticket prices available for Lancashire Lightning, in their first home Vitality Blast clash of the summer.

Tickets bought in advance will cost a discounted £5 for adults and juniors from £1. The match begins at 2.30pm.

Last summer's event saw the family stand sell out completely ahead of the match with an attendance of nearly 10,000 for the club's game against Northants, which included a link-up with the popular ECB All Stars Cricket initiative.

Trafford Live, which is organised and run by the Trafford Partnership, will run from 11am – 4pm on Sunday 21 July and includes the following zones:

- Sport – Try a variety of different sporting activities.
- Communities - Celebrating our diverse community groups.
  - Armed Forces – a selection of vehicles and equipment from our Armed Forces
  - Blue Light Services – Your chance to sit in a police car, fire engine or ambulance
  - Family entertainment – live music and dance throughout the day
  - Arts and Crafts – try your hand at different crafts
  - Nature trails – Meet the National Trust, make a bird feeder, complete a nature trail
  - Food & Drink – On offer all day from our restaurant
  - Lego Land – Meet one of Legoland's master builders, make your own model, play all day.

## Philanthropist's bust unveiled

**A** bust of entrepreneur and philanthropist John Rylands has been unveiled at Stretford Public Hall.

In one of his last engagements, The Mayor of Trafford, Cllr Tom Ross, gave a speech to a gathered audience while unveiling the impressive sculpture.

The bust, which was relocated from Trafford Local Studies Library, was designed in 1894 by the firm Gaffin and is believed to have been used as a template for the statue located in the John Rylands library.

Throughout his life, Mr Rylands became known for his philanthropy. In 1877 Mr Rylands, who lived in Longford Hall in Stretford's

Longford Park, paid for six cottages in Longford Park to provide homes for elderly ladies and in 1878 built Stretford Public Hall at a cost of £11,600. Later additions included a free lending library in 1883 and also the first public baths in Stretford.

After his death in 1889 his widow Enriqueta Rylands, founded the John Rylands Library in Deansgate.

Cllr Ross told the audience he was delighted to be unveiling the bust. He said: "John Rylands lived a long and full life.

"It is fitting for the bust to now be located at Stretford Public Hall, built from funds provided by John Rylands and where more people will be able to see and admire it."



## Council cash will help club boost mental health

**A**n exercise group that helps people manage their mental health is just one of the organisations that have benefited from the second round of Inclusive Neighbourhood Grants, given out by Trafford Council.

Hard Yards Running Group, from Stretford, received £2,000 after the council completed its second wave of grant giving through the Inclusive Neighbourhood Grants scheme, distributing

£20,000 to 19 local community projects across the Trafford borough.

The running club uses physical activity, peer support and social engagement to help individuals manage their mental health and make positive changes to their lives.

Russell Nash, from Hard Yards Running Club, said: "We are so grateful to receive the grant from Trafford Council. These funds will

allow us to initially grow the membership of the group and enable us to become sustainable in the longer term.

The Inclusive Neighbourhood Grants scheme offers funding of £500 for local events and up to £2,000 for community projects. The next deadline for applications is 31 July.

For more information about the grants, and to apply, visit [www.trafford.gov.uk/inclusiveneighbourhoods](http://www.trafford.gov.uk/inclusiveneighbourhoods)



## Plaque remembers our war heroes

THE generations came together to remember our First World War heroes when a commemorative plaque was unveiled in Newton Park, Timperley. The unveiling was performed by Trafford's Mayor, Cllr Rob Chilton, as part of the Royal British Legion's Centenary Field project.

## Stunning art goes on display at new library

**A** picture paints a thousand words! And that is certainly the case at Altrincham Library after artist Katharine Wiseman presented staff with a stunning painting of Altrincham's Town Hall.

The painting, which will now be a permanent feature at the library, was officially unveiled by Katharine and Trafford Mayor, Cllr Tom Ross, in one of his last engagements.

Cllr Ross said: "The painting is stunning and we were

delighted to have received it from such a talented artist. It will now take its place in the new Altrincham Library to be enjoyed by generations of art and book lovers.

"Our thanks go to Katharine – what a wonderful gesture."

Katharine, who spent six days on the 200cm tall painting, said: "It was my pleasure to paint the Town Hall. I'm excited to have my artwork displayed at the library – it will now be seen by the thousands of people who use the facility."



# Heroic soldier honoured

**T**rafford Council is unveiling a Blue Plaque to war hero William Speakman VC at Altrincham Transport Interchange on Thursday, 20 June at 2pm.

Private Speakman, who was born in a house near the site of the Interchange in 1927, received the Victoria Cross for an incredible act of bravery during the Korean War on 4 November 1951.

The father-of-six leapt into action when his battalion, the 1st Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, were under fire from 6,000 Chinese troops.

He pelted the attackers with grenade after grenade, pausing only to return to refill his pockets.

Despite being shot twice, he even went back to the



fight when the medics were not looking.

The citation for the Victoria Cross said: "Private Speakman's heroism under intense fire throughout the operation and when painfully

wounded, was beyond praise and is deserving of supreme recognition."

Cllr Jane Baugh, Trafford Council Executive Member for Culture and Leisure, said: "Private William Speakman was a hero in every sense of the word and the plaque will be a lasting reminder to his bravery."

Private Speakman was the last person in Trafford to be awarded a Victoria Cross. He left Wellington Road Secondary School in Timperley aged 14 and married Rachel Ann York Snitch in Singapore in 1955.

Following health issues, he was admitted to the Royal Hospital Chelsea as an in-pensioner and died on 20 June 2018 surrounded by family.

## Popular Refract festival is back with a bang

**T**he successful Refract festival is back with a bang for its third edition this July at Waterside.

Running from Thursday 18 July to Saturday 27 July, this 10-day event promises the very best in live comedy, music, dance, experiential performance and theatre.

Expect the unexpected as Trafford's award-winning arts destination host everything from firm favourites and familiar faces, to new talent, Edinburgh previews and a few surprises along the way.

Kicking off on Thursday 18 July is WireDo – a daring spectacle of tightwire stunts

combined with the Japanese rope art of Shibari. Minute Taker, Manchester-based and acclaimed alternative singer-songwriter, producer and multi-instrumentalist Ben McGarvey, also returns to Refract.

Children will love SLIME – a squishy, squelchy show across Trafford libraries and at Waterside, as well as Our Kids Social's Silent DisGlo – a special neon edition of their ever-popular silent-disco-meets-arts-and-craft and MiniFest – a kids' music festival in Waterside's exclusive Jazz Club! And there will be two free outdoor spectacles on the Waterside Plaza for dance lovers.

## You're hired! Can you be an apprentice?



Looking to learn new skills? Or thinking of taking on an apprentice at your business? Then the Council wants to hear from you.

Between now and next March, we're running an Apprenticeship Support scheme, offering a financial boost to employers who welcome an apprentice into their business.

The See Different SME Apprenticeship Support scheme, has launched across the Greater Manchester boroughs, and offers £3,000 to businesses with less than 250 members of staff who

recruit an apprentice of any age.

While as an apprentice, there's the chance to find an exciting role in a business that can be the first step in an exciting and rewarding career.

Whether you're 20 or over 40, you'll be paid a competitive salary and reap employee benefits such as pension schemes, and training programmes.

To find out more, call Nidi or Becci on 0161 812 4176 or email [apprentices@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:apprentices@trafford.gov.uk). More details are at [www.theapprenticeshiphub.co.uk](http://www.theapprenticeshiphub.co.uk)

## Pilot plan to improve our areas

The borough's Safer Trafford Partnership is running a 12-month pilot project working with local offenders to carry out improvements to neighbourhoods across Trafford.

This Community Payback scheme has been helping to clean-up areas that have become too much for communities to do themselves.

Since the initiative launched in January 2019, 12 offenders who have been ordered by the court to carry out community service, have completely rejuvenated 30 sites.

They have been clearing wasteland, removing graffiti and tackling fly-tipping among other things.

If you are part of a community group and would like to put forward a project for the Community Payback scheme to consider, email [safer.communities@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:safer.communities@trafford.gov.uk)



# WordFest joy for everyone

Some of the borough's younger readers got to enjoy their favourite bedtime stories at Sale Library's Pyjamarama on Saturday 8 June.

As well as wearing their favourite PJs, the children also had their faces painted and received a free copy of the book *Car, Car, Truck, Jeep* by Katrina Carman and Nick Sharratt.

The event at Sale Library was one of a few happening across Trafford libraries as part of the WordFest celebrations.

The festival continues throughout June with something for everyone from authors, poets and writers workshops.

For details please see [www.trafford.gov.uk/wordfest](http://www.trafford.gov.uk/wordfest)

Meet some of our acclaimed authors and find out the stories behind their books, and their lives. Or even have a go at your own creating writing and song structure.

There's always something interesting happening in Trafford Libraries, so if you can't make it to Wordfest, check out what else is on offer at [www.trafford.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.trafford.gov.uk/libraries).



## Open day can break the taboo

**B**ereavement... It can be a very difficult time and an equally difficult subject matter to talk about.

To assist in breaking the taboo, Trafford Council believes it is helpful to give people the opportunity to come together to share views and to see what goes on behind the scenes in your local crematorium and cemetery.

Trafford Bereavement Services has therefore organised an open day at Altrincham Crematorium and Dunham Lawn Cemetery on Sunday, 23 June, between 10.30am and 3pm.

David Jennings, Trafford Council's Bereavement



Services Manager, said: "The open day is designed to help people who want to know more about burials and cremations and to provide an opportunity for people to share their experiences.

"We will also try and

answer queries people have and provide guidance. In addition we are creating a 'Friends of Altrincham Crematorium and Dunham Lawn Cemetery' and information will be available on how to join us in this venture."

The open day involves tours of the crematorium and a number of exhibits and activities including calligraphy demonstrations, memorialisation and jewellery stalls.

To find out more, please contact the Trafford Bereavement Services team on 0161 912 1515 or email [Altrincham.crematorium@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:Altrincham.crematorium@trafford.gov.uk)

## Spotlight to shine on our unsung heroes

**R**ESIDENTS and businesses can say a big 'thank-you' to Trafford's unsung heroes – by putting forward nominations for the 2019 Volunteer Awards.

The scheme was launched by Trafford Council on Saturday June 1, as part of National Volunteer Week.

All nominees will be invited to a presentation hosted by the Mayor of Trafford, Councillor Rob Chilton, at Trafford Live on July 21.

The mayor said: "Volunteers and the groups they give their time to make a massive

difference to Trafford's communities and our residents.

"This is a small gesture to say thank you on behalf of the Council to them, and the businesses that support their employees to volunteer.

"Trafford would not be the great place to live and work without our volunteers."

Nominations can be for the following categories:

- Volunteer
- Young volunteer – under 18
- Group or organisation that supports its volunteers

• A business that supports its employees to volunteer

The is the first year the Council has had an awards scheme and was launched during National Volunteer Week, from June 1-7.

The closing date for nominations, which can be made by visiting [www.trafford.gov.uk/volunteerawards](http://www.trafford.gov.uk/volunteerawards) is June 30. All nominees will be notified by July 5.

The presentation takes place at Trafford Town Hall during Trafford Live on Sunday 21 July.

# Prepare to be bowled over by cricket aces

Fans will be flocking to Trafford once again – this time for the 2019 Cricket World Cup

The eyes of the sporting world will soon be focused on Trafford as the best international cricketers battle it out to win the most prestigious trophy in the men's game.

The borough will welcome fans from all over the world during the course of the 2019 Cricket World Cup tournament with Lancashire Cricket Club's Old Trafford ground hosting six matches. This includes one of the semi-finals – plus the mouth-watering group stage clash between India and Pakistan.

Full houses are likely for all matches at Old Trafford so residents and businesses can expect the area to be extremely busy on match days as fans flood in from across the country and beyond.

Local cricket clubs will be hosting open-days around various fixtures throughout the tournament as well. More details can be found on the Cricket World Cup website [www.cricketworldcup.com](http://www.cricketworldcup.com).

The tickets for the India versus Pakistan match were massively oversubscribed in particular.

Therefore, Trafford Council in partnership with Lancashire Cricket Foundation will be hosting a family friendly community event at Limelight in Old Trafford to coincide with the fixture.

It will include sporting activities, food, music arts and dance and takes place between 10am and 4pm on the day of the match.

Residents and businesses can expect public transport and the roads in the area to



be very busy on match days so please bear this in mind when planning your journeys on these dates.

Event parking restrictions will also be in place around Old Trafford as well so again people need to be aware of this.

Council Leader, Andrew Western, said: "I am a massive cricket fan so to have some of the world's best players coming to Trafford is particularly exciting for me.

"The tournament promises

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Cllr Andrew Western  
Leader of Trafford Council



The tournament promises to be a fantastic occasion and to have so many matches will be a massive boost”



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will be watched by millions across the world, will be a massive boost for the borough."

## Summer of sport gets even better

Britain's most prestigious cycle race is coming to Trafford this September.

Altrincham is to host the start of the final stage of the OVO Energy Tour of Britain – one of the biggest cycling races in the sporting calendar.

The announcement provides another sporting boost for the borough, with Trafford hosting the Cricket World Cup and the Ashes this summer.

The eight day cycle race begins in Glasgow on Saturday 7 September, and will involve the world's top teams and riders across a 1,250-kilometre route through Scotland, England's North East and North West.

The final day of racing will see the peloton tackling a 165-kilometre route – and passes through all 10 boroughs of Greater Manchester en route to the line in Deansgate, Manchester.

Trafford Council Leader Andrew Western said:

"This is fantastic news for Trafford. The Tour of Britain will provide the perfect ending to a summer of world class sport in the borough.

"Cycling is such a popular sport and I know thousands of people will turn out to line the route to cheer on the riders and it will provide a great opportunity to showcase all that is good in Trafford."

### World Cup matches at Old Trafford

Date	Start time	Match
Sunday, 16 June	10.30am	India v Pakistan
Tuesday, 18 June	10.30am	England v Afghanistan
Saturday, 22 June	1.30pm	West Indies v New Zealand
Thursday, 27 June	10.30am	West Indies v India
Saturday, 6 July	1.30pm	Australia v South Africa
Tuesday, 9 July	10.30am	Semi-Final

# What's on



## Re:Fract 19

Date: Thursday 18 July to  
Saturday 27 July

Location: Waterside Arts, Sale



A carefully curated programme, jilted from convention, for audiences of all ages. Back with a bang for its third edition this July, is the opportunity to experience things differently at Waterside during Refract: 19. Running from Thursday 18 July to Saturday 27 July, this ten day event promises the very best in live comedy, music, dance, experiential performance

## Sale Makers Market

Date: Sunday 21st July, Sunday 18th August

Location: School Road and The Square Shopping centre



If you love unique art, quirky modern craft or vintage the Sale Makers Market will have an abundance of frankly stupendous stalls set to inspire. If food and drink is more down your street then fear not as we will have those taste buds tingling in no time at all. Stroll around the market, meet the producers and of course sample the delights on offer. Open 11am til 4pm

[www.trafford.gov.uk](http://www.trafford.gov.uk)



## Autism friendly Thursdays at LEGOLAND

Date: Every Thursday during term time  
Location: LEGOLAND Discovery Centre,  
Manchester

Every Thursday afternoon during term time will be Autism friendly. From 2pm til 6pm LEGOLAND will be placing extra trained staff around the Attraction, they will also turn off the music, limit the sound effects and make the lighting as standard as possible throughout.

## Open Air Theatre at Dunham Massey

Date: Saturday 22nd June, Saturday 6th July, Saturday  
10th August

Location: Dunham Massey grounds

Chapterhouse Theatre Company is thrilled to announce that they will be appearing at Dunham Massey with three productions this summer: Wuthering Heights on Saturday 22nd June, The Secret Garden on Saturday 6th July, and Pride and Prejudice on Saturday 10th August.



## Urmston Artisan Market

Date: Saturday 6th July, Saturday 3rd August

Location: Golden Hill Car Park

The market takes place once a month throughout the year and consists of nearly 100 of the very finest artisan market traders. Whether it is something for dinner, a gift for a friend, a treat for someone special or simply stocking up on essentials that you can't get elsewhere – Urmston Artisan Market is the place to visit. Open 10am til 4pm.



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