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Residents Magazine



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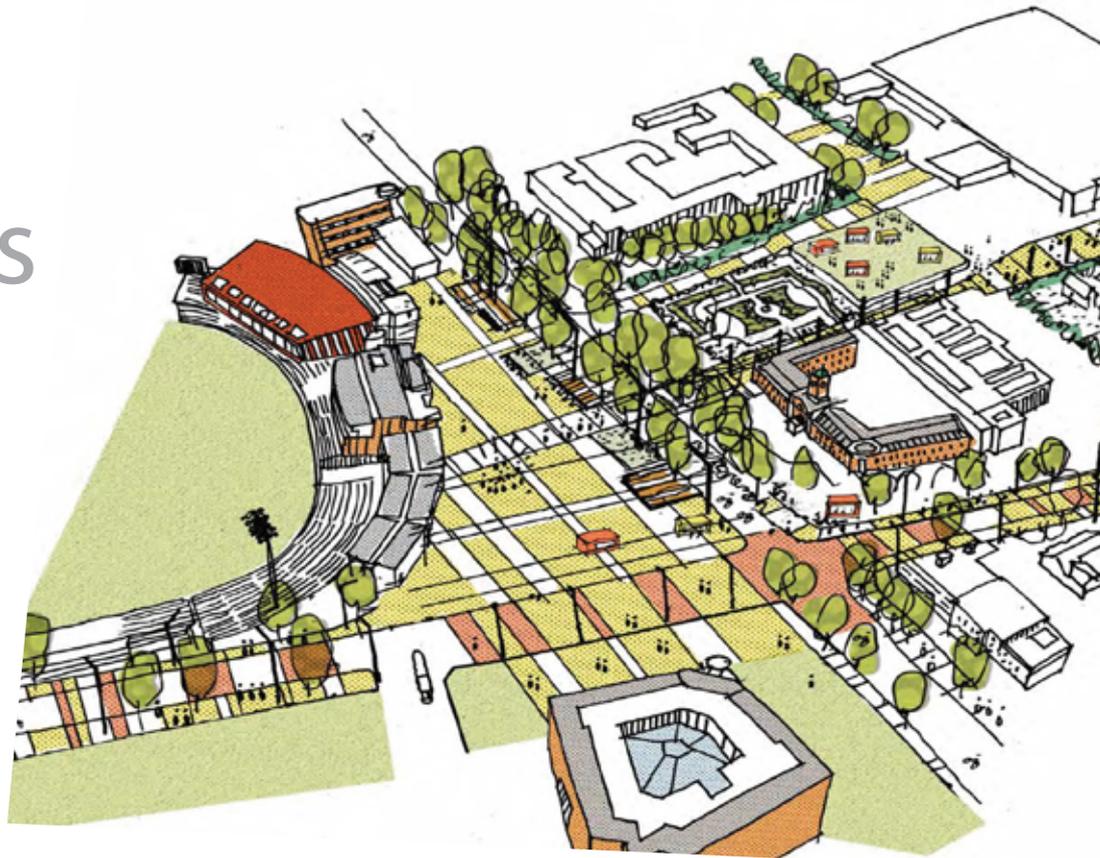


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A word from Andrew



Welcome to Trafford Matters, our first digital residents magazine

There is so much happening across Trafford and this magazine is one of the ways we will keep you informed about what is going on.

As someone born and bred in Trafford, I know people have a strong sense of pride about living and working in the area and there is some fantastic community spirit. Inside you'll find some great examples of the work that is happening to help make the borough an even better place.

Protecting the environment is one of the key priorities for the Council and you can find out more about our efforts to recycle, for example we have just finished installing 145 trio bins in our parks so people can recycle when they are out and about.

We are keen to be a listening Council and residents now have the opportunity to ask questions at the start of our executive and committee meetings.

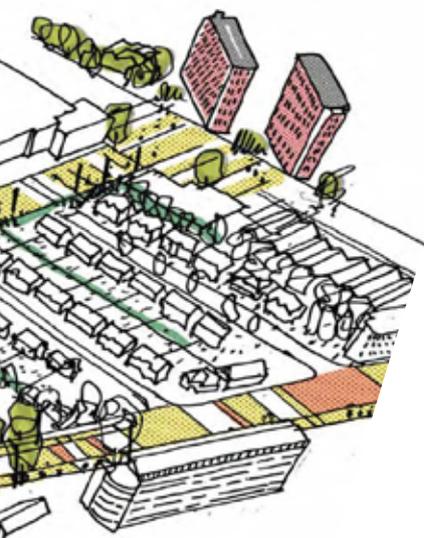
We also have several consultation events under-way ranging from our plans to create jobs and build new homes to how we look after older people, so please have your say.

I hope you enjoy this magazine and as always we are keen to hear your views about it and anything you would like us to cover in future editions.

Welcome to our new Chief Executive

Welcome to Sara Todd, who takes over as the Council's new Chief Executive at the end of February. Sara was previously deputy Chief Executive at Manchester City Council.





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Email

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Out of hours contact - 0161 912 1111

Should you need to contact the Emergency Duty Team out of the core hours listed above.

Where will you live when you're older?

We're asking residents for their views on housing for older people in the borough.

Anyone who takes part in the online survey can choose to be entered into a free prize draw to win a £100 Love to Shop gift voucher. The consultation, which will inform the Council's Older People's Housing Strategy 2019-2024, is focused on people aged over 55 but anyone can take part.

The aim of the strategy will be to improve the range and quantity of housing for older people and will contain an action plan and priorities for the council.

We want as many people as possible to take part in this survey, no matter their age, and help shape the Council's future plans.

To take part visit our website or contact our team
www.trafford.gov.uk
housing.strategy@trafford.gov.uk
 0161 912 4176



Let's talk with you about housing for the future

Nobody should have to sleep rough in Trafford, especially in winter.

Please give what's needed:
streetsupport.net/gm



Rough sleepers are offered a place to stay

People sleeping rough in the Borough are being offered a dedicated place to sleep during the cold winter months.

Great Places Housing Group, working in partnership with Trafford Council, Trafford Housing Trust and Irwell Valley, has agreed to turn unoccupied office space into a night shelter, as part of the Mayor of Greater Manchester's A Bed Every Night provision. Currently, councils are only required to provide cold weather provision when the temperatures drop to zero degrees or below. But the 10 councils of Greater Manchester have now agreed with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, that there will be a bed every night for rough sleepers from 1 November to 31 March.

The night shelter has 10 bed spaces available at Pomona Gardens in Old Trafford, which is a supported accommodation scheme run by Great Places.

The shelter is proving a success since opening on 1 December. It is being provided free of charge, while Trafford Housing Trust has donated £5,000 for essential items. Irwell Valley has agreed to provide an emergency room for A Bed Every Night when availability allows. Moss Care St Vincent's has also contributed essential items that staff can give out to people who are accessing the accommodation.

Find out more at www.bedeverynight.co.uk

Thanks Your views matter



Thank you to everyone who gave their views on plans to transform the area around the town hall and surrounding buildings into a new 'Civic Quarter.' We received 111 detailed responses to the Civic Quarter Masterplan consultation, either via our online survey or standalone submissions.

The Civic Quarter Masterplan covers a 120 acre site taking in Trafford Town Hall, Lancashire Cricket Club, the former Kellogg's site including the University Academy 92 (UA 92) campus, stretching up to the A56/Chester Road and White City retail park.

The responses we received were broadly positive although some of you voiced concerns about the impact on traffic and car parking, and how your neighbourhoods would be affected. The Civic Quarter proposals include building a new leisure centre, improvements to public spaces, a new university campus, opportunities for new homes and offices and improved cycle and pedestrian routes.

For more info visit
www.trafford.gov.uk/civicquartermasterplan

Could you help build Trafford's new homes?

Do you know of a small plot of land in your neighbourhood that's currently undeveloped? Are you keen to build more bungalows for elderly people living nearby? Do you have other ideas for housing in your community and could you work with others to deliver a project?

If the answer's 'yes' to any of these questions, then you could secure a share of £163 million which is being made available nationally to build new community-led homes.

Community groups, residents, housing associations, local authorities and charities can apply for money from the Community Housing Fund. In Trafford, like many Greater Manchester boroughs, we currently have a housing shortage and the Council recently launched a five-year Housing Strategy aimed at speeding up housing growth and producing high-quality housing. Our Executive is also making £1.5 million available to housing associations through the Trafford Affordable Housing Fund to address the lack of affordable housing.

Grants will be awarded for feasibility studies, surveys, fees and training, as well as for local infrastructure projects.



For more info visit
www.gov.uk/government/collections/community-housing-fund



Trafford Council Inclusive Neighbourhoods Grants 2019

Grants of up to **£2,000**
to support local people to put on an event or deliver a project that brings people together

£20,000
will be available every two months

For more information visit
www.trafford.gov.uk/inclusiveneighbourhoods
or contact Partnershipsteam@trafford.gov.uk
0161 912 1173

Trafford tackles social isolation

Social isolation has been linked to a number of illnesses including depression and can even lead to young people turning to extremism. The issue of social isolation is on the rise in the UK and experts are predicting huge problems in the future.

To help tackle the issue in our borough, Trafford Council held a special event with residents and expert speakers at Sale Waterside Arts Centre.

Trafford Unites: Tackling Social Isolation Together took place on 18 January and followed the successful Interfaith and Community Networking event last November.

In short, social isolation is defined as having a lack of contact with family or friends, community involvement, integration or access to services. Socially isolated young people and adults can be vulnerable to criminal exploitation or radicalisation.

The discussions centred on four main topics:

- How socially isolated individuals could be vulnerable to criminal exploitation or radicalisation.
- How to build resilience within socially isolated individuals.
- Understanding what services and faith communities are currently doing to tackle social isolation in Trafford.
- How we can work together in the future to build stronger social connections.

Residents from all backgrounds, including teachers and safeguarding officers, attended the special event. There were interesting presentations from a wide range of speakers.

Sgt Robin Knights, from Greater Manchester Police's Counter terrorism unit, spoke about how socially isolated individuals could be vulnerable to criminal exploitation or radicalisation; **Mandy Dennison**, from Coaching Inside and Out, told why young people feel socially isolated and Anton Penrose, of the MovezMovement, explained how youth groups build resilience in socially isolated individuals.

Also, **Christine Aspinall**, from St John's Centre, spoke about how religious groups build resilience and try to link with socially isolated people

Finally, **Lilly Axworthy**, of Greater Manchester Together, told how community groups can become places of welcome for socially isolated people.





Councillor Kevin Procter, Trafford Council's Executive Member for Communities and Housing, chaired the event. He said: "This was a very successful event attended by people from across the board. The speakers were excellent and gave us all an expert insight into social isolation and how it affects people."

"There were some really positive round table discussions on what it means to be socially isolated and what we can do to combat this awful situation. It is horrible to think that there are people out there who have no contact with family, friends or the outside world. People need to interact with each other and, when there is no interaction, there are problems."

CLlr Procter said there were plans to host similar events in the future in Trafford.



Councillor Kevin Procter
Executive Member
Communities and Housing

"People can become anxious and depressed when they have nobody to share their problems with. And, worryingly, it can also lead some into criminal exploitation or radicalisation. Having discussions about these issues is the way forward – we need to get this issue out in the open and come up with solutions."

Celebrate your special day in style at our stunning Flixton House

If you're a couple planning your wedding, choosing the right venue is one of the biggest decisions you'll have to make.

Flixton House has been a popular wedding and events venue in Trafford for many years. It has recently undergone a major refurbishment, breathing life back into this fabulous building. While the house retains its original Grade II listed features it has now been infused with a modern twist, creating a wonderful setting for your day.

We are also able to offer outdoor space for ceremonies in our stunning secret gardens, which make the perfect backdrop for wedding photographs. Flixton House offers intimacy and exclusivity, the beautiful building effortlessly lending itself to grand celebrations as well as small and intimate gatherings. We have a dedicated and experienced events co-ordinator, who can work with you to make sure every detail is as you want it.



To find out more about this truly memorable venue, email flixtonhouse@trafford.gov.uk. Visit our website for further information at www.flixtonhouse.co.uk or call 07866 785 978.

GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK



Give us your views on plans to build homes and create jobs

CONSULTATION OPEN!

greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/gmsf

Find out more at one of Trafford's informal drop-in sessions

No need to book, just come along and talk to us.

Carrington Business Park, Thurs 14 Feb, 4pm - 7pm

Sale Library, Mon 18 Feb, 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Sale West Youth Centre, Tue 19 Feb, 4pm - 7pm

Urmston Library, Tue 26 Feb, 4pm - 7pm

Altrincham Library, Wed 27 Feb, 4pm - 7pm

Could you help our children?

Are you looking to take on a new challenge this year?
Have you got experience of looking after children or young people?

Then you could become a Fostering Plus carer and earn a retainer of £340 a week.

We need people who can provide a loving home on a short-term basis. You'll be taking in single children or siblings groups at short notice for a period of up to 10 days.

You'll be helping us when a child needs an emergency placement or allowing our foster carers to have essential breaks. For every night each child is in your care, we'll pay you an additional £50.

For more details, visit www.trafford.gov.uk/fosteringplus.

Can you offer a home to a child on a short break basis?



Fostering Plus

Think you can't? Think again.

Lollipop lady is a TV star

A Trafford lollipop lady is starring in a weight-loss programme on the idyllic Caribbean Island of Antigua.

Marguerite Kelly, from Flixton, has appeared in a feature on ITV's This Morning show Inch loss Island alongside I'm a Celebrity star Fleur East.

The 62-year-old was in Antigua earlier this month and is returning there soon for further live filming.

Trafford Council employee Marguerite, a popular lollipop lady helping children at Davyhulme Infants and Juniors School, weighs 19 stone and is hoping to get to a target 10 stone in the long term.

Cute Kiera is a pupil's best friend

Trafford children are improving their reading with the help of an unusual teacher – Staffie cross Kiera.

The four-year-old dog has been taking part in a special project to help some school pupils with their literacy. Experts say reading to a dog can be therapeutic, breaks down barriers and helps children improve their confidence.

As part of reading therapy sessions at Sale Library, each child was given 15 minutes to read sections of their favourite book to Kiera – and the results were amazing.

Trafford Council set up the project with the help of Bury-based Stay n Play Doggy Day Care Centre, in recognition of the fact that a small number of Year One pupils were having trouble with their reading and so set up the project with Kiera.



Taking a stand against irresponsible dog owners

Our campaign to tackle owners who refuse to pick up dog litter has now been relaunched to help keep your streets clean and mess free.

Our environmental health team has reintroduced a Bag it and Bin it drive with the dark nights now here.

Dog owners are being told to bag and bin their dog mess – or face an £80 on the spot fine or a possible prosecution.

Councillor Stephen Adshead, Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change, relaunched the campaign at Longford Park in Stretford.

Cllr Adshead said: “Some dog owners are allowing their dogs to foul under the cover of darkness and this will not be tolerated. While the majority of owners are responsible and pick up after their dog, a careless few are still giving dogs a bad name. We want to stamp out this anti-social behaviour.

If you are not picking up the dog mess you will be caught sooner or later. You will be fined and, if you refuse to pay, could end up in court with a criminal record. We want to keep our public areas free of dog mess and are asking everyone to do their bit.”

Allowing dogs to foul pavements, field and parks can also cause serious health problems – particularly for children.



THE APPROACH

The Council, in partnership with its communities and businesses, wants to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling.

To help, we have created a toolkit for everyone to make use of which includes posters, leaflets, stickers for bins and a communication message which can be adapted by those communities wanting to get involved. These can be downloaded for free from our website: www.trafford.gov.uk/dogfouling

Remember:

Enforcement is not the desired approach but the Council is clear that this route will be used as and when required.

It is illegal not to clean up after your dog and Fixed Penalty Notices will be given to dog owners who fail to comply. Non-payment can result in a prosecution and a fine of up to £1000. It is no defence to claim ignorance of a dog's actions.

GET INVOLVED

For more information as to how you can help to keep Trafford cleaner and greener during our launch week:

Contact us

0161 912 2000

Email us

access.trafford@trafford.gov.uk

Visit us

www.trafford.gov.uk/dogfouling

Follow us

[#BeResponsible](https://twitter.com/BeResponsible)

TOP DOG OR MUCKY PUP?



#BeResponsible

What can I recycle?

Trafford is one of the top recycling boroughs in England - we all currently recycle 58.5% of our waste. However we still need your help, as there's more we can do which will cut down spending on waste disposal.

To help further improve the amount we recycle we've introduced recycling litter bins across the borough. Last year we introduced trio litter bins along the high streets, town centres and school zones. Now, we've just finished installing the bins in parks too: 145 bins in 27 parks.

Trio bins allow you to work on the go. There are three compartments which accept plastic bottles and cans, paper and cardboard, and a middle section for general waste which accepts dog waste too.



What can I recycle in the trio bins?

You can recycle nearly everything.

The BLUE slotted compartment accepts items like receipts, bus and Metrolink tram tickets, envelopes, paper bags, paper packaging and small cardboard boxes.

The ORANGE circular compartment accepts plastic bottles like water bottles, fizzy pop bottles, small milk bottles, small juice bottles, fizzy pop cans, foil takeaway trays and tins.

The MIDDLE compartment accepts non-recyclable waste like plastic packaging, plastic bags, plastic pots, tubs and trays, polystyrene takeout packaging and bagged dog waste.

How is my litter recycled?

Watch our short video to discover how your litter is recycled at
www.trafford.gov.uk/recycleonthego

Follow @OneTrafford on twitter for hints and tips - search #Traffordbins

For more information visit:
www.trafford.gov.uk/bins

Why can't I recycle glass bottles?

When you recycle your litter into a trio litter bin, the waste is hand-sorted at the One Trafford depot. For the safety of the team and to reduce any risk of injury that broken glass can cause, please take your glass bottles home with you to be recycled in your black recycling bin.

By hand-sorting recycled litter, we can minimise contamination and increase the level of good quality recycling.

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What's On

Those Magnificent Men

Thursday 14 Feb
£12 Full / £10 Conc
Theatre/Family

The nail-biting, side-splitting true story of this daredevil flight by Mancunians pilot Capt. John Alcock and navigator Lt Arthur Whitten Brown is told in the hit stage play *Those Magnificent Men* by acclaimed writing duo Mitchell & Nixon. In the tiny open cockpit of a converted Vickers biplane, they flew from Newfoundland through dense fog, sleet, snow and hail – sometimes upside down – to Ireland and worldwide celebrity.

www.watersidearts.org



Urmston Artisan Market

Date: Saturday 2 March 10am-4pm

Location: Golden Hill Car Park

This monthly market boasts nearly 100 traders all selling either local, ethical or original products, so it's a great place to shop for something you won't find on the high street.

You'll find a wide range of gifts, delicious food, or simply stock up on essentials that you can't get elsewhere.

For more details visit www.themarketco.co.uk/markets/urmston-artisan-market



Run North West (Trafford)

Date: Sunday 10 March

Location: Starts and finishes in Partington



Trafford 10k

Whether you're a novice runner looking to attempt 10k for the first time, or have plenty of race experience, this one-lap, flat course is great.

Running not your thing? Why not come along and cheer the racers on.

For more information visit www.runnorthwest.co.uk



Michelle McManus: Pop goes the idol

Friday 15 March £15

Back by popular demand, presenter and singer Michelle's new show, co-written with Bruce Devlin, tells the next instalment in the Glasgow based life of a glittering global megastar. From treading the boards with The Hoff, opening Lidl in Rutherglen, to that one man who clapped her rendition of My Way in a Sauchiehall Street karaoke bar, Michelle has seen and done it all.

www.watersidearts.org



Trafford Head

Date: Saturday 23 February

Location: Bridgewater Canal

This is the borough's main rowing event of the year. Confident oarsmen and women can join the 3.2km time trial course from Altrincham to Sale.

There is also a 1km course for less experienced rowers.

For more information visit www.traffordrowing.club

