

ONE TRAFFORD

Local News from the One Trafford Partnership

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Manchester Half: Turning race day donations into hope

Following this year's Manchester Half Marathon, our Street Scene team got stuck into the post-race clean-up, collecting around ten tonnes of plastic bottles and thousands of gel packets for recycling across Trafford.

While clearing the route, the team noticed there were far more clothing donations left behind than expected. Rather than see anything go to waste, they arranged for around 50 bags to be passed on to CRUK, helping support vital research while keeping reusable items out of landfill.

A brilliant bit of extra effort from the team; looking after the borough and giving a little more back to the community.



Miles that matter: Jessica runs for Alzheimer's Society

It wasn't just the clean-up crews flying the One Trafford flag at the marathon, some of our colleagues laced up and hit the course too!

Jessica joined thousands of runners taking on the 13.1-mile challenge, raising money for Alzheimer's Society.

A huge well done to her for turning miles into meaningful impact.

Climbing for a cause: One Trafford colleagues take on the Wainwrights for Cancer Research UK



At One Trafford, we're proud to back Cancer Research UK (CRUK), Amey's national charity partner, and some of our own have taken that support to new heights, literally!

Simon, along with Monty, Tim and Hannah, recently smashed another two Wainwrights: Carrock Fell and High Pike, clocking up 9.6km and 507m of climbing. That's now 86 out of 214 peaks ticked off their list! It's another cracking effort from the team, showing the true Trafford spirit – putting heart (and legs!) into making a difference.

If you'd like to cheer them on or chip in to their fundraising for CRUK, visit:



<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/walking-wainwrights>



30 years of care: Simon Smith keeps Trafford blooming

Our groundsman Simon Smith has been part of Trafford and the One Trafford Partnership for over 30 years, bringing dedication, pride and a true passion for keeping our green spaces thriving.

Since April, Simon has been tending to the Sunken Gardens at Town Hall, and in just three months, his care and attention have completely transformed the space. Once a quiet corner, it's now a calm and colourful place where staff, residents and visitors stop to relax, meet and enjoy the surroundings.

Sara Todd, Chief Executive of Trafford Council, praised Simon's "hard work, skill and pride," saying he's "brought new life to the whole space."

Thank you, Simon, for helping Trafford bloom.

See how we look after Trafford's parks and green spaces:



<https://beta.trafford.gov.uk/sports-parks-and-culture/parks-and-green-spaces/park-maintenance>

Giving back: Supporting families ahead of the festive season



This autumn, our One Trafford team has been busy supporting Little Green Sock Project, our locally chosen charity partner that helps families across Trafford with clothing, toys and everyday essentials.

In October and November, several of our staff spent their Social Impact Days volunteering at the charity's site, cleaning and testing prams, sorting donations, and even helping to get the space ready for Christmas. Meanwhile, our Street Works team collected over 300kg of donations

from five Trafford schools, hundreds of items now on their way to local families who need them most.

Well done to everyone who participated.

You can support their work by donating:



<https://www.justgiving.com/team/onetraffordforlittlegreensock>

Brighter, safer streets across Trafford

Our Street Lighting Improvement Programme is shining a light on safer neighbourhoods across Trafford.

Earlier this year, the team inspected around 7,000 lighting columns, identifying 467 that needed replacing. The replacement programme is already well underway, with around a third completed and work continuing through to December 2025.

Priority is being given to areas near schools, nurseries, busy junctions, care homes, and other key community spaces. These improvements mean our streets will stay brighter, safer and more inviting for everyone.

You can learn more about the project and find updates at:



<http://www.trafford.gov.uk/street-lighting>



A helping hand for Steph in Stretford

Sometimes the smallest bit of support can make a huge difference. Recently, our Streetworks team stepped in to help Steph, a Stretford resident living with a terminal illness, by creating a safer and more accessible space at the front of her home.

Steph shared just how much it meant to her:

"It's been a long and difficult journey. Things like this don't usually happen to me, so I'm incredibly grateful."

It's moments like this that remind us of what matters most, looking out for one another and doing what we can, when we can, to make life a little easier.

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