

ONE TRAFFORD

Local News from the One Trafford Partnership

Look back
over the
summer



Future engineers wow us at Challenge Cup

As part of our ongoing commitment to encourage girls to pursue STEM subjects and careers, helping to close the pay and skills gap for young women, One Trafford organised an exciting Challenge Cup event at Altrincham College

The event brought together teams from One Trafford and Amey's National Highways Area 10 team, along with the teaching staff and students at Altrincham College. The day was a great success, earning fantastic feedback from the school and participants.

The challenge

Students were tasked with designing and building a bridge to replace the collapsed Eastham Bridge over the River Teme. Each student took on a specific role such as Project Manager, Commercial Manager, Finance Manager, Structural Engineer, or Ecologist. They determined costs and budgets, created a programme, and designed the bridge while considering environmental, ecological, and carbon offsetting factors. Finally, the teams presented their final designs, budgets, and programmes to the judges from Trafford Council.

The challenge is designed to simulate a real life situation, with real life job roles, including design and costs process, and presentations to a client. This offers pupils a genuine and realistic experience, allowing for real insights into the STEM working world.



30 key stage three students participated in the Challenge Cup

10 colleagues used their Social Impact Day, which is equivalent to **80 hours** volunteers in the community

Impact on students

The event focused on essential skill development and STEM education, with notable improvements observed:

Speaking: 27% increase

Confidence: 22% increase

Leadership: 21% increase

Additionally, **76%** of students are now considering a STEM-based career, and **four out of 30** students have chosen STEM subjects for their GCSEs.

Visit Amey's Early Careers page to start your journey, careers.amey.co.uk/content/Early-careers/



CELEBRATING OUR GREEN SPACE HEROES

MY STORY

Mowing a path to success both on and off the field

Meet Mike Brown, a local hero who's making a difference both in Trafford's parks and in the boxing ring! By day, Mike is a dedicated gang mower operative with One Trafford, maintaining the beautiful green spaces we all enjoy. By night, he transforms into a passionate boxing coach at the Sale West Boxing Club.



Mike's commitment to his local community in Sale is truly inspiring. At the local youth centre, he offers kids, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, a positive outlet and a chance to get off the streets. Through his work at the club, Mike fosters discipline, confidence, and a strong sense of community among the youth. His dedication has yielded incredible results. Mike's son, Patrick Brown, represented Team GB as a heavyweight boxer at this year's Olympics in Paris. Patrick's journey to becoming an athlete is a



testament to the supportive environment and excellent coaching provided by his father. "I've always believed in giving back to the community," says Mike. "Seeing Patrick succeed is one of the many rewards. It's incredible how the club has positively impacted so many kids' lives. Thanks to One Trafford and Amey for sponsoring the youth centre, contributing to the development of young athletes like Patrick." We wish Patrick all the best in his career.



Honouring our Davyhulme Circle heroes

Davyhulme Circle has always been a memorable and inviting spot, but in recent years, it has flourished into something truly special, thanks to the quiet dedication of our grounds maintenance team at One Trafford.

Since taking on the care of the Circle, Rebecca, Grounds Maintenance Operative, has nurtured it into a stunning display of colour and life. Each year, the flowers have grown more vibrant, and this year, the display is nothing short of spectacular. Rebecca's commitment and eye for detail are evident in every bloom.

We also want to recognise the hard work of colleague Darren, who has supported Rebecca in bringing this beautiful space to life. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed, and the people of Urmston deeply appreciate the care and dedication that have made the Davyhulme Circle a source of pride for Trafford. Built in 1924 after the First World War, Davyhulme Circle and the Grade II listed cenotaph is an important part of Trafford's heritage. The memorial was rebuilt 1965 and included further inscriptions following Second World War.



Trafford celebrates six years of 11 Green Flag success

For the sixth year running, 11 of Trafford's parks and green spaces are flying Green Flags. This puts our parks and green spaces among the very best in the world.

The award-winning parks include Davyhulme Park, Denzell Gardens, Flixton Gardens, Hullard Park, John Leigh Park, Lostock Park, Victoria Park, Walkden Gardens, Walton Park, Woodheys Park, and Worthington Park. These parks are managed by the One Trafford Partnership, with the support of volunteer Friends of Parks groups. This combined efforts ensure that these spaces meet the criteria required for the Green Flag Award year after year.

This award is a testament to the parks' outstanding aesthetics, horticulture, biodiversity, community involvement, historical features, and conservation standards.

Councillor Stephen Adshead, Executive Member for Highways, Environmental, and Traded Services, expressed his delight: "I am thrilled that Trafford has secured all 11 Green Flag Awards for a sixth

consecutive year. The collaborative efforts of One Trafford and Friends have ensured that some of the UK's top green spaces are right here in Trafford. These spaces are crucial for both community and environmental wellbeing, featuring biodiverse wildflower meadows and improved wildlife habitats. As a Council, we remain committed to investing in our parks and green spaces, with more projects planned for the coming year."



Early Careers: Work Experience at One Trafford

This year, three local students completed work experience with the One Trafford Partnership, gaining valuable insights into the services that keep our borough running.

Freddie from Altrincham College High School spent two days supporting the recycling team by organising letters to flats and updating internal communication posters.

Emma, also from Altrincham College, worked with the communications team, creating social media content on recycling and safe driving. She also helped organise letters to address local recycling issues.

James from Ashton on Mersey High School spent a week learning about highways. He conducted

research with the Streetlighting team, raised street works requests, and assisted the Operations Control team. James also supported the recycling and highways teams with resident communications.

These experiences provided Freddie, Emma, and James with practical skills that will benefit their future careers.

Interested in work experience with One Trafford? Get in touch with us via social media to learn more about opportunities and how you can get involved!

Supporting Cancer Research UK in Trafford

We are happy to share our continued support for the vital work of Cancer Research UK (CRUK).

Recently, 113 bags of pre-loved items were donated through our depot's collection stations, bringing the total to 542 bags so far. These donations have raised £12,357 for CRUK shops, helping fund critical research. Since 2022, efforts across Trafford and 62 other collection stations have contributed to a total of £94,710.6, funding crucial work, helping those affected by cancer.



One Trafford supports Trafford Children in Care

This year we supported the Trafford Children in Care celebration event held in Partington. This event is designed to bring joy to children in care, to celebrate them and their milestones.

One Trafford supported the contribution of over £700 worth of vouchers to the event, with £500 of that coming from our suppliers: Dynamic FM, AT Nolan, and McCosker. These vouchers will be gifted to children who have faced challenging starts in life. Over 100 children and young people attended along with their foster families to receive awards, enjoy a BBQ, plus lots of games and activities.

