

ONE TRAFFORD

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Inspiring girls into STEM at Altrincham College

For the third year, we ran Amey's *We Solved It* STEM Challenge at Altrincham College.

30 Key Stage 3 female students teamed up to design a replacement bridge, taking on roles like Engineer, Project Manager, and Commercial Manager. They considered cost, design and environmental impact before presenting their ideas to the judges.

The event mirrored real workplaces and showcased STEM careers, supported by volunteers from One Trafford and Amey. Students met women working in engineering, surveying and geotechnology, who shared their career stories as role models.

Interest in STEM careers rose from 30% at the start to over 70% by the end of the day.

New format

This year, the challenge includes a national final. Local winners will compete in Birmingham during International Women in Engineering Day week, with Amey covering costs.

We hope to involve more schools in Trafford. Contact us at:

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Work experience opportunities

We are offering work experience placements this summer, continuing our support for local young people.

Students from Altrincham College have previously participated, gaining hands-on experience across our services and insight into future career options.





Sorting Trafford's roads for the long run



Highway works are underway as part of a **£6.5 million programme to improve roads and footways across Trafford for 2026/27.**

The programme includes resurfacing, pavement improvements, road safety upgrades, street lighting and drainage works. Schemes have been carefully selected to address areas needing the most attention, helping keep routes safer and more reliable for everyone.

This builds on last year's achievements, when over 41,000 square metres of road were resurfaced, alongside improvements to key routes across the borough.

By continuing to invest in Trafford's roads, we are helping to reduce long-term damage, improve daily journeys and support safer travel.

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Protecting Trafford's roads with surface dressing

The **2026/27 surface dressing programme has been completed, helping protect and extend the life of roads across Trafford.**

Following last year's 2.94km programme, this year's works treated roads at the right time to prevent further wear. Surface dressing involves applying a layer of binder and stone to seal the road surface, protecting it from water damage, reducing the risk of potholes and improving grip for road users.

Roads treated include Ash Grove, Broadway, Church Road, Flixton Road, Moss Vale Road and The Gorse, among others.

This kind of treatment keeps roads in better condition for longer and reduces disruptive repairs.

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Supporting local people into work

This year we attended careers events across Trafford to help residents find job opportunities and explore pathways.

In February, we met students at Altrincham College and spoke with young people, parents and jobseekers at the Trafford Apprenticeship & Careers Fair. In March, we joined Trafford Council's Jobs, Training and Volunteering Fair at Stretford Public Hall.

We also held our *Journey to Work* event in April, offering CV advice, one-to-one chats and information about our services.

These events help break down barriers to employment and connect the community with opportunities.

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Keeping Trafford moving through winter

Gritting is a key part of the essential services we deliver to keep Trafford safe during the colder months, and we're always looking at ways to improve how we do this.

Ahead of this past winter, five new gritters were added to the fleet, increasing capacity and improving response speed during cold weather.

Between October and April, our teams carried out 33 gritting runs, treating over 15,000 miles of road and spreading more than 1,200 tonnes of salt. Priority routes, including main roads and bus corridors, were treated first, with additional routes covered when needed.

Weather forecasts help teams planned ahead and responded quickly to changing conditions.

Key footpaths were also treated during severe weather, supported by 93 grit bins across the borough.



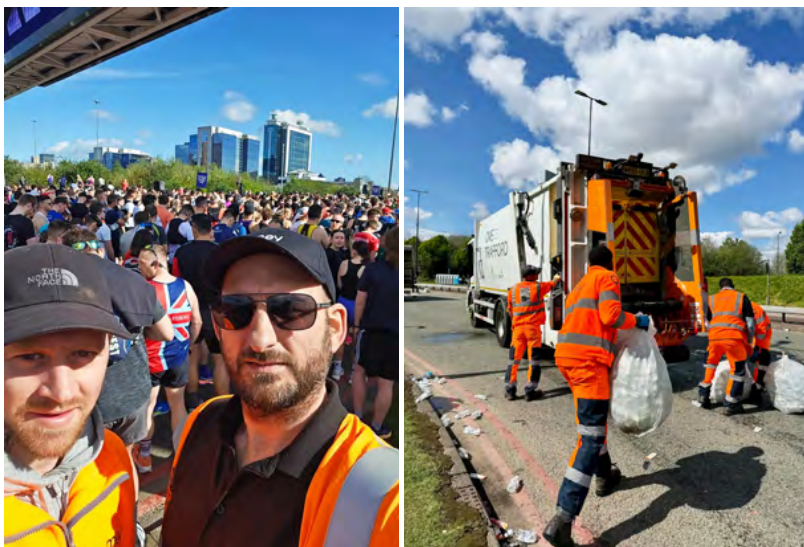
Pulling together for marathon day in Trafford

In April, our grounds and street scene teams played a key role in supporting the Manchester Marathon as it passed through Trafford.

Preparation began in the week leading up to the event, with teams checking and preparing the route. On race day, crews worked from early morning to evening, keeping the route clean, safe and welcoming for runners and spectators.

After the event, teams quickly cleared the route, collecting around 1.5 tonnes of bottles for recycling and gathering donated clothing for Cancer Research UK.

It was a true team effort, helping deliver a successful event while keeping Trafford moving.



No weeds, no worries across Trafford

As warmer weather returns, our annual weed spraying programme began on 18 May, helping keep Trafford's streets and public spaces looking their best.

We've made improvements to how the service is delivered, following feedback from last season. A new specialist contractor has been brought in, using improved technology to target weeds more effectively. We've also strengthened monitoring, with better tracking of work as it happens across the borough.

3 dedicated teams are working across the north, central and south of Trafford, and will be working in different areas at the same time. A new second spray in September will also help tackle regrowth and maintain standards into autumn.

Treating weeds early helps prevent damage to pavements and roads, while keeping neighbourhoods cleaner and easier to maintain through spring and summer.

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