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Wash hands

keep washing your hands regularly



Cover face

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



Make space

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

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Christmas and New Year Recycling Arrangements

There will be no brown bin collections from 25 December until 11 January

Monday 21 December to Thursday 24 December - Normal Collections

Friday 25 December - If you are due a Green (general waste) bin collection, it will be collected on Tuesday 29 December. If you are due a Blue (Paper recycling waste) bin collection, it will be collected on Wednesday 30 December. If you are due a Black (comingled recycling waste) bin collection, it will be collected on Thursday 31 December. No Brown Bin Collections

Monday 28 December - If you are due a green (general waste) bin collection, it will be collected on Monday 4 January. If you are due a Black (comingled recycling waste) or a Blue (Paper recycling waste) bin collection, it will be collected on Tuesday 5 January. No Brown Bin Collections.

Tuesday 29 December - Normal Collections except no Brown bin collection.

Wednesday 30 December - Normal Collections except no Brown bin collection.

Thursday 31 December - Normal Collections except no Brown bin collection.

Friday 1 January - If you are due a Green (general waste) bin collection, it will be collected on **Thursday 7 January**. If you are due a Blue (Paper recycling waste) bin collection, it will be collected on Wednesday 6 January. If you are due a Black (comingled recycling waste) bin collection, it will be collected on Friday 8 January. No Brown Bin Collections.

Monday 4 January to Friday 8 January - Normal Collections except no Brown bin collection.

Helpful hints!

- If you don't already have our bin app, download it for updates and alerts for your Christmas waste and recycling collection arrangements.
- Christmas trees can be left out with your brown bin for recycling from Monday 11 January.

- We will collect any additional recyclable waste which is left out with your Black or Blue Recycling bin in a clear or labelled bag.

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Twitter at @tmbc_waste



Keeping in touch over Christmas

The council website is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for people to access council services and information.

www.tameside.gov.uk

Libraries

Mossley Library will close at 1pm on **Wednesday 23 December 2020**
Hyde and Stalybridge Libraries will close at 5pm on **Wednesday 23 December 2020**
Droylsden Library will close at 1pm on **Thursday 24 December 2020**.
Ashton, Denton, Dukinfield and Hattersley libraries will close at 4.30pm on **Thursday 24 December 2020**.

They will all reopen for their normal staffed opening hours for each site from **Monday 4 January 2021**.

Local Studies and Archive Centre will close at 4.30pm on **Thursday 24 December 2020** and re-open on **Tuesday 5 January 2021**
Call Centre

Will close at 4.30pm on **Thursday 24 December 2020** and re-open on **Monday 4 January 2021**.

Portland Basin Museum

Will close at 3pm on **Thursday 24 December 2020** and reopen on **Wednesday 6 January 2021**.

Astley Cheetham Art Gallery

Will close at 4.30pm on **Wednesday 23 December 2020** and reopen on **Wednesday 6 January 2021**.

To contact the Council in an emergency call **0161 342 2222**. Please remember this number is for emergencies only.

Download our free app

from **Apple Store** or **Google Play Store** where you can check the date of your collections, set reminders and report missed/lost bins. For more information please visit tameside.gov.uk/recycling





Welcome to the winter edition of the Tameside Citizen

It remains a difficult time for us all but I know that by working together we can get through this pandemic and that Tameside’s wonderful community spirit will help keep us strong and safe. While the restrictions required of us are frustrating and challenging, particularly at this time of year when we seek to gather, I urge everyone to continue to follow the guidance to protect ourselves and each other.

This edition of the Citizen contains the support and advice that we must all adhere to, including the latest on the health service and how to get care.

You’ll also find details on how we’re supporting businesses and the vulnerable and what we can all do to help during this unprecedented time.

Also in these pages, we highlight the people and services that have earned praise and awards and make us proud to be part of Tameside.

And while we must continue to stay socially distanced that doesn’t mean we can’t still celebrate and enjoy ourselves, such as during our 12 Days of Christmas festival, which takes place in each of the borough’s nine towns from 1-12 December. This will replace the traditional lights switch on events that can’t happen this year because of government restrictions on gatherings, with residents having the opportunity to take part in celebrations from the safety and comfort of their own homes or as they walk through and shop in local town centres. Every town will also have a lit Christmas tree and some civic buildings will be illuminated. Each day will unlock an imaginative new activity and they will all be filmed and shared. You can find out more on P10.

I wish you all the best for the festive season. Please look out for each other and support each other where you can and continue to do everything you can to stay safe.



Cllr Brenda Warrington
Tameside Council Executive Leader

FRONT COVER: The Stickman winter walk, Hyde Park. Image taken to March 2020

IMAGE TOP: Executive Leader Cllr Brenda Warrington shows support for the emergency services outside Dukinfield town Hall for 999 Emergency Services Day - see page 18

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COVID Alert Levels

Government has announced its new coronavirus alert system which consists of three tiers

Tier 1: MEDIUM ALERT LEVEL

Tier 2: HIGH ALERT LEVEL

Tier 3: VERY HIGH ALERT LEVEL

Movement between tiers will be dependent on how rates of coronavirus progress in Tameside which are continuously monitored. If rates reduce, moving down a tier would be possible and equally if rates continue to rise we could experience a move upwards.

Due to the current likelihood of movement between tiers please do check the current alert level and restrictions you need to follow.

You can do this on the NHS Covid app, by using the postcode checker at www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions by visiting the council website www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus or by keeping an eye on our social media pages or the local news.

Below are the restrictions for all three of the alert levels that you can use as a reference for the rules you need to follow. It's important to note that the common theme across all three tiers is a restriction on households mixing. The rising number of cases in Tameside is from household to household transmission and so it's important that we act now to protect each other and contain the virus by not coming into close contact with people from multiple households.

When you are around people that you do not live with or that aren't in your support bubble, ensure you stay at least two metres apart and wear a face cover when keeping two metres apart is difficult.

MEDIUM ALERT LEVEL

Social Contact  Rule of six indoors and outdoors, in all settings.	Weddings and Funerals  Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for receptions, wakes and related ceremonies.	Overnight Stays  Overnight stays permitted subject to social contact rules.	Working from home guidance  Work from home where possible.
Shopping and Retail  Open.	Leisure and gyms  Open.	Hospitality  Open with some restrictions including 10pm closing time and table-service only.	Entertainment and tourist attractions  Open, except nightclubs and adult entertainment.
Education  Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions.	Healthcare Services  Open.	Residential Care  Open to external visitors with additional precautions, subject to individual care provider guidance.	Travel and Transport  No travel restrictions within area. Avoid travel into Local COVID Alert Level Very High areas where possible.
Sporting Activity  Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).	Worship  Open, subject to social contact rules.	Childcare  Registered and wraparound childcare open. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted.	Youth Clubs and Activities  Permitted.



For more information and detailed guidance

and restrictions



HIGH ALERT LEVEL

Social Contact 1 household / bubble indoors. Rule of six outdoors.	Weddings and Funerals Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for receptions, wakes and related ceremonies.	Overnight Stays Overnight stays permitted subject to social contact rules.	Working from home guidance Work from home where possible.
Shopping and Retail Open.	Leisure and gyms Open.	Hospitality Open with some restrictions including 10pm closing time and table-service only.	Entertainment and tourist attractions Open, except nightclubs and adult entertainment.
Education Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions.	Healthcare Services Open.	Residential Care Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances.	Travel and Transport May continue to travel to open venues, but reduce number of journeys where possible. Avoid travel into Local COVID Alert Level Very High areas where possible.
Sporting Activity Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).	Worship Open, subject to social contact rules.	Childcare Registered and wraparound childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Childcare bubbles for under 14s.	Youth Clubs and Activities Permitted.

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VERY HIGH ALERT LEVEL

Social Contact 1 household / bubble in most locations, indoors and outdoors. Rule of six applies in some outdoors settings like parks, public gardens and sports courts.	Weddings and Funerals Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for receptions and related ceremonies. Wedding receptions not permitted.	Overnight Stays Those in area advised against overnight stays in other parts of UK. People outside area advised against overnight stays in area.	Working from home guidance Work from home where possible.
Shopping and Retail Open.	Leisure and gyms Any closures or additional restrictions subject to consultation.	Hospitality Pubs and bars must close except where they operate as a restaurant, meaning they can only serve alcohol with a substantial meal. Further closures subject to consultation.	Entertainment and tourist attractions Any closures / additional restrictions subject to consultation. Nightclubs and adult entertainment remain closed.
Education Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions with option to move to greater online provision.	Healthcare Services Open.	Residential Care Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances.	Travel and Transport May continue to travel to open venues, but reduce number of journeys where possible. Avoid travel where possible in or out of the affected area with exceptions including work and school.
Sporting Activity Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).	Worship Open, subject to social contact rules.	Childcare Registered and wraparound childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Childcare bubbles for under 14s.	Youth Clubs and Activities Permitted.

visit: www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus



Older and vulnerable people urged to take extra care against covid



IN response to a further increase in cases among our more vulnerable residents, who are more at risk of becoming very ill or even dying from the virus, we are asking that older people and those with underlying health conditions protect themselves by being extra cautious when making decisions to socialise.

Everyone who falls within the vulnerable groups are advised stringently follow these steps:

- **Ensure stringent social distancing** - stay at least 2 metres away from anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble
- **Limit your social contacts** – being mindful of the widespread virus transmission
- **Wash your hands with soap and water often**, and as soon as you get home - use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water is not available

- **Wear a face covering over your mouth and nose both outdoors and indoors where social distancing is not possible.**

By law, you must now wear them in most indoor settings including public transport, shops, post-offices, banks, beauty salons, visitor attractions and entertainment venues, libraries, community centres, places of worship and public areas in hotels

- **Avoid crowded environments** where the risk of transmission is higher.
- **Avoid businesses that are not COVID-19 secure**

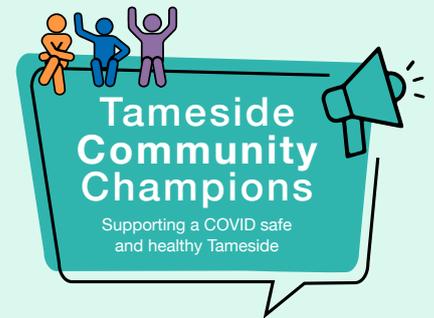
If they are not looking after you, don't go there!

This is in addition to the current restrictions of not socialising with anyone that you do not live with or that isn't in your support bubble in any indoor setting.

For further advice and guidance see tameside.gov.uk/itworks.

Anyone who need emergency support can call **0161 342 8355**.

Can you help provide family, friends and other community members with information and support to protect them from Covid? Sign up to become a community champion.



SINCE its launch on 7 September, over 150 people have signed up as Tameside Community Champions. They are a network of people who live or work in Tameside, and are helping residents within their communities to understand the latest facts about coronavirus and the support and advice available.

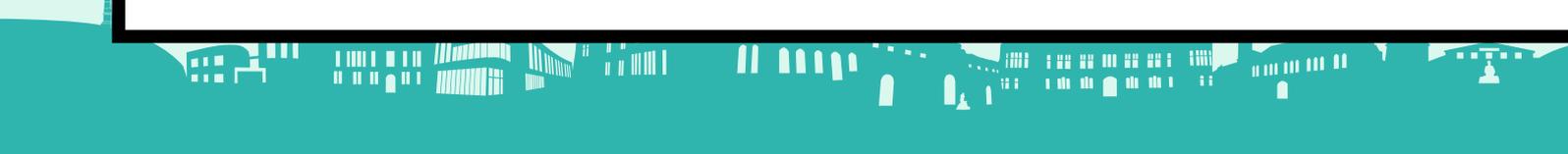
Working in parallel to Tameside Council's outreach and enforcement teams, the Community Champions play an important and valued role as trusted members of our communities. They have those direct conversations with their family, friends, neighbours and community groups, to support giving them the knowledge and facts they need to keep themselves and others safe.

Registering to become a Tameside Community Champion can mean you support as much or as little as you like, in a variety of ways from simply passing on information, to having conversations or volunteering your time or skills.

There is the opportunity to meet virtually every other Monday and/or Wednesday with the council's Public Health and Communications Team and other champions to provide insight and suggestions, ask any questions and to receive the latest information.

For more information and to sign-up visit tameside.gov.uk/communitychampions

Download the NHS COVID-19 app to help control the spread of coronavirus and protect yourself and loved ones. It is available to those aged 16 and over in multiple languages and is designed with privacy in mind.



Do you have symptoms of Coronavirus?

- High temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of or a change in your normal sense of smell or taste

Please stay at home for 10 days and only leave home to get tested. It's nothing to be nervous about and the friendly staff will help you through the process - It's simple, safe, confidential and will protect everyone.

You must have a pre-booked appointment for a test. If you don't have an appointment AND a QR code you will not be able to get a test.



Tameside Local Testing Site

As well as the regional testing sites and mobile testing units which travel around the borough, we have a semi-permanent site in Tameside which you can choose to book:

<p>Every day (Mon-Sun) 8am - 8pm</p>	<p>Darnton Road Car Park Ashton-under-Lyne <i>(next to the boating lake, opposite Stamford Park)</i></p>
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Please note that there is no access to the testing centre from Tameside Hospital; please do not enter the hospital site when going for a test.

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119

www.tameside.gov.uk/itworks

National capacity for tests is limited so if you do not have COVID-19 symptoms, please do not book a test.

**Download for free from the App Store or Google Play.
For more information visit www.covid19.nhs.uk**



Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme

A test and trace support payment of £500 is available to provide financial support to those on low incomes if they are required to self-isolate.

There is a legal duty to self-isolate if asked to do so by NHS Test and Trace. Residents may be eligible for the payment if all of the following apply:

- They have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace either because they have tested positive for COVID-19 or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive
- They are employed or self-employed
- They cannot work from home and will lose income as a result
- They are in receipt of Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, Income-based Employment and Support Allowance, Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit.

People who are not receiving one of these benefits but are on a low income and suffering financial hardship due to self-isolation are advised help is available under a discretionary scheme.

Anyone asked to self-isolate after 28 September will qualify for a backdated payment if they meet the eligibility criteria.

More information on the scheme, including how to apply for payment, is available at: tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus/tatspaymentscheme. Please see gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works for more information about NHS Test and Trace.

Shop safe, shop local

So many of our fantastic local shops are now open. They're part of the lifeblood of our Tameside community and it's great seeing customers making the most of these local retailers. During lockdown we were lucky to see some of our stores and market traders support our residents by changing how they operate so their customers could continue to access essential products like food and toiletries.

If you're out shopping please keep a safe distance between yourself and other shoppers and staff, this also includes queuing to enter a store. When visiting cafes, restaurants etc please follow the latest coronavirus guidance.

It's been great to see our libraries reopening - their staff perform a vital job for the local community. Public transport is essential for a lot of residents but as you'll be aware there is now limited space on trams and buses to abide by social distancing, so if possible please plan your journey in advance and be patient when travelling.

We're working closely with our partners in the business community to support safe practices in the workplace. Where possible, employees in the borough are encouraged to work from home but if they need to head to work employers have put safely measures in place.

Face coverings like a mask or scarf are expected in shops and on public transport for anyone over 11-years-old unless they have a medical exemption.

For information on shopping local and shopping safely, please visit tameside.gov.uk/safetameside.

Redundancy support

CHANGES to our local economy, because of the coronavirus pandemic, have put a lot of people in our borough at risk of losing their jobs. To help support at this difficult time, our Economy, Employment and Skills team are providing redundancy support for both individuals and businesses.

If you're at risk of redundancy or know anyone who has lost their job there is a wide range of support available. Extra funding

has been made available to the Job Centre to support people made redundant during the pandemic. We are also committed to supporting local employers and can provide retraining information, staff support and advice on the correct redundancy procedures to follow.

For more information on the support available, please visit tameside.gov.uk/redundancy-support

Flocking to the Business Resilience Clinic

AWARD-winning local business Digital Flamingo is the latest local company to support local firms effected by the coronavirus pandemic through the Tameside Business Resilience Clinic (BRC).

Business owner Brianna Harvey is helping local firms with their social media and marketing efforts to help them reach their audience digitally.

The BRC was set up by local businesses and our Economy, Employment and Skills team to provide free advice and support to help SMEs.

If you'd like further information on the Tameside Business Resilience Clinic please visit tameside.gov.uk/tamesidebusinessresilienceclinic.





Tameside  FOSTERING

Fostering felt right for us

PARENTS-OF-SIX Lesley and Graham Burton enjoyed raising their own children so much that they became foster carers to give others the opportunity to have a stable and loving family life.

The couple, from Ashton, started looking into fostering as their older children grew up and left home.

They became approved foster carers for Tameside Council in 2013 and currently look after four children – three girls aged 10,13 and 14 in long term placements under special guardianship and a nine-year-old boy who has been with them for nearly a year.

Lesley, 58, said: "We had wanted to foster for years but there was never enough room while most of our children were still at home. In the end we decided to move to a bigger house – we just felt we had so much to offer in terms of being able to give children a stable and happy home. We have always had a houseful of

children so fostering felt right for us."

Fostering felt so right in fact that Graham, 62, even gave up his job as a college lecturer to foster full time.

He said: "Fostering is 24/7 but you are your own boss and can work from home and there is lots of flexibility – we can all enjoy weeks down at our caravan over the summer without anyone having to worry about going to work. More than anything, you get a lot of satisfaction from it - you see the rewards all the time. It is very special to see children who arrived with their own challenges growing up to be very lovely and settled young people."

Tameside Council is looking for people from all backgrounds to become foster carers for local children and provides full training, support and an allowance. For more information call 0161 342 2342 [tameside.gov.uk/fostering](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/fostering)

Support for Adopt Now #YOUCANADOPT

TAMESIDE Council has been supporting the borough's regional adoption agency Adoption Now in their new nationwide #YouCanAdopt campaign designed to dispel the myths on adoption and highlight the number of children looking for a new family.

3,000 children in England need an adoptive family every year and many are waiting to find their new family, including 24 children currently in Tameside.

Research shows that many adults have considered adoption, or would consider adopting in the future, but only 22% in the North West believed they would be eligible.

Some of the biggest misconceptions around eligibility are that single people, older people, and those who are LGBTQ+ are not allowed to adopt, which is not the case.

To help shine a light on the diverse range of families who have and can adopt, a new film has been released featuring singer Sinitta and TV vocal coaches Carrie and David Grant alongside other families who are joining in encouraging others to consider adoption.

If adoption is something you'd like to consider or even if you'd just like to learn more visit [youcanadopt.co.uk](https://www.youcanadopt.co.uk) or call **01204 336096**.

ADOPTING A CHILD IS REWARDING AND LIFE CHANGING

#YOU CAN ADOPT

FIND OUT MORE

[youcanadopt.co.uk](https://www.youcanadopt.co.uk)

Remember in your hearts

TAMESIDE residents are being asked to remember in their hearts and in their homes rather than at a war memorial this year.

Ongoing covid-19 restrictions have made it impossible to organise the traditional parades and ceremonies. However, that doesn't mean the sacrifices made by British forces in two world wars and other conflicts are being forgotten.

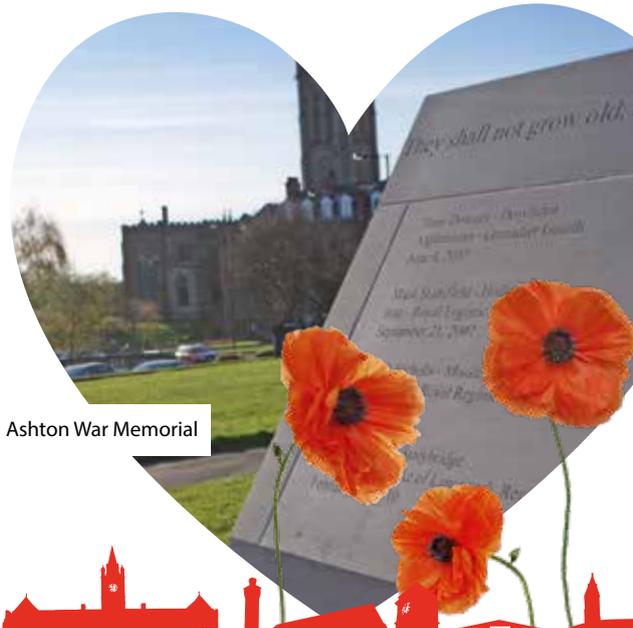
The Civic Mayor will lay a wreath on behalf of the borough at Ashton War Memorial and there will be two very brief acts of remembrance elsewhere in the borough.

None of these will feature more than six guests – invited by the Mayor's

office in consultation with the Royal British Legion – and there will be no bands, standards, processions or ceremonial.

Tameside Council appreciates some members of the public will want to lay wreaths, and they are able to do so but are strongly advised to avoid 11am on Remembrance Sunday (November 8) or Armistice Day (November 11).

Instead, they are asked to find a time between November 8 and 11 to pay their respects quietly and while adhering to social-distancing guidelines. The borough has many memorials that were built by smaller communities and are away from town centres.



Ashton War Memorial



Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.

Christmas Shopping at Tameside Markets

VISIT Ashton and Hyde Market for all your Christmas shopping essentials. The markets offer great value, quality and choice and provide shoppers with the opportunity to support local traders.

Christmas opening times

Ashton Market

Ashton Market Hall is open Monday-Saturday 9am-4pm and will also open on Sundays throughout December.

Ashton Outdoor Market is open Monday to Saturday plus a Sunday Table Top Market

Saturday 12 December

Market On The Square 9am-4pm

Saturday 19 December

Christmas Cake & Craft Market 9am-4pm

Sunday 20 December

Ashton Christmas Farmers Market 9am-4pm

Hyde Market

Hyde Market Hall is open Monday - Saturday 9am-4pm and will also open on Sunday 20 December from 10am-4pm.

Hyde Outdoor Market is open Monday to Saturday.

Saturday 5 December

Hyde Christmas Artisan Market 9am-4pm.



Please support your town centres this Christmas

tameside.gov.uk/markets





12 days of covid safe Christmas celebrations

SEVEN illuminated 'swans a swimming' on the canal will be one of the many highlights of Tameside Council's Christmas celebrations this year.

The council has organised a festival of 12 Days of Christmas activities - taking place in each of the borough's nine towns from 1-12 December - to replace the traditional lights switch on events that can't happen this year because of government restrictions on gatherings.

Instead, residents will have the opportunity to enjoy and take part in celebrations from the safety and comfort of their own homes or as they walk through and shop in local town centres.

Every town will also have a lit Christmas tree and some civic buildings will also be illuminated.

As part of the 12 days of Christmas festival, each day will unlock a new activity - with highlights including a turtledove trail, a bagpiper piping from local landmarks and a final film of 12 drummers from across Tameside.

All the activities will be filmed and shared on social media. Community groups, schools, families and individuals will be encouraged to get involved by decorating their windows on the theme.

Printable templates and tutorials will be available to create impressive window displays, which people will be encouraged to photograph and share online. These displays will also be featured in local libraries.

The whole twelve days will be captured in a short video celebrating Christmas and the resilience and creativity of Tameside residents. This follows on from the success of the council's Night Before Christmas video last year, which celebrated the Tameside Loves Reading campaign and achieved over 30,000 views across social media.

For further details on the festival and how to get involved see tameside.gov.uk/12daysofchristmas

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Please support food banks this Christmas

SHOPPERS are being urged to put some extra items in their baskets while buying essential groceries to help support local food banks this Christmas.

One of the easiest ways people can help local residents who are in need – either because of the coronavirus situation or other circumstances - is to donate items to the food bank collections points that can be found in most supermarkets.

Food banks are particularly short of tinned items especially meat, fish, fruit and vegetables as well as chocolate biscuits and snacks.

For further information on local food banks see tameside.gov.uk/foodbanks



Libraries programme is an open book



IF you enjoy reading and writing, Tameside Libraries have lots to keep you occupied during the autumn.

October not only sees the return of the readers and writers' festival, but also the highly popular Story Makers sessions for pre-school children which are back for a fourth time. Both are being held online.

The festival, entitled "Digital Words" offers a chance to meet some of the UK's most popular authors as well as a family poetry show and writing workshops, and all for free.

Among the participating novelists are Milly Johnson and Rowan Coleman (Bella Ellis) who have both seen their books feature in the Sunday Times best-seller lists.

The writing workshops are led by Sophie Parkes-Nield from Mossley Writers and show how to improve your style and

attract readers. Manchester University professor Jerome De Groot heads a couple of sessions looking at creative ways to recount your family history. All the events are free but booking is required. This can be done by calling **0161 342 2031** or via [tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk)

For full details visit [tameside.gov.uk/libraries/digitalwords](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/digitalwords)

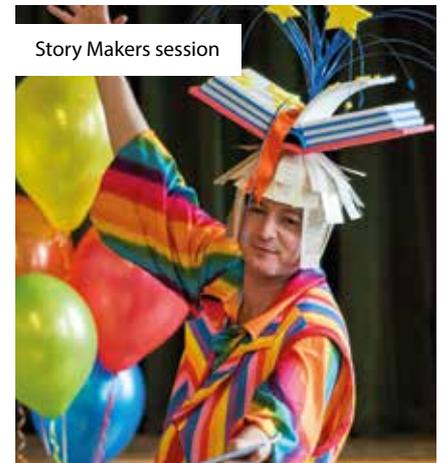
Story Makers, which is especially designed for children aged four and under, fits in with the Tameside Loves Reading campaign. Toddlers get the chance to develop a love of books and reading, and all while having lots of fun.

Families who take part have the opportunity to work with award-winning writer Caryl Hart and illustrator Andy Rowland to create a children's picture book of which they'll receive a

complimentary copy when the project concludes.

The latest theme is "Be Kind" and all the usual activities with Simon the Storyteller will be taking place via Zoom. The sessions, which are free, are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (10 to 10.30am and 1.30 to 2pm).

To book a place call 0161 343 7824 or email book.start@tameside.gov.uk There's more information at [tameside.gov.uk/libraries/Bookstart/StoryMakers](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/Bookstart/StoryMakers)



Story Makers session

Tameside ACE reopens

Adult Community Education



TAMESIDE Adult Community Education (ACE) reopened its doors to learners in September, after closing during lockdown. The team were eager to welcome learners back and support them through their education. In lockdown, staff made regular welfare calls to vulnerable learners to check on their well-being and have kept engaged with their courses.

To support a safe reopening, ACE invested in additional technology to support learning and cut down the amount of physical resources needed in the classroom. The centre has put safety measures in place to ensure learners came back to a safe and supportive environment.

If you want to find out more about Tameside ACE please email tamesideace@tameside.gov.uk for more information.

Charity seeks your old tech



LOCAL charity PCrefurb are looking for donations of mobile phones, tablets and laptops, that you no longer use, to help people in our communities who are at a disadvantage when it comes to access to technology.

Digital Wellbeing Tameside and Glossop is supported by local NHS organisations and a range of other partners and aims

to help people who don't have access to technology.

In addition to refurbishing and redistributing electronic devices, PCrefurb will also provide training to support people to grow their skills and confidence in using devices to for day to day activities that improve their health and wellbeing through, for example:

- Accessing online information and support
- Reducing loneliness by keeping in touch with friends and family
- Accessing health services such as GP appointments and repeat prescriptions
- Accessing online banking and ordering groceries

- Undertaking further education
- Greater access to employment opportunities and housing
- Accessing health apps to improve wellbeing or manage long term conditions

If you think you can help then please visit PCrefurb's website for more information about how your device will be used, the types of devices you can donate, how to delete personal data, and a list of drop off locations across Tameside and Glossop.

[pcrefurb.org.uk/training/digitalwellbeing-devices/](https://www.pcrefurb.org.uk/training/digitalwellbeing-devices/)

You can follow the progress of this project on Twitter [@PCrefurbCharity](https://twitter.com/PCrefurbCharity) and [@CWTandG](https://twitter.com/CWTandG)

Love where you live

RESIDENTS are urged to be respectful of coronavirus restrictions when using parks and greenspaces, and not to leave litter under any circumstances.

People have been out and about in their droves enjoying the fantastic open spaces Tameside has to offer during recent months. Residents are becoming more aware of what Tameside offers, spending time in local places and are having a great time, especially with the warm and sunny weather we've enjoyed.

This increased, safe, use of parks and green spaces is welcomed and encouraged, however there has been a confirmed increase in a minority of people leaving litter and fly-tipping. The term litter covers any discarded items which cause defacement of the area, including cigarette butts, dog mess, chewing gum, sweet papers or drink cans.

Whilst it's clear that most residents are acting responsibly, disposing of their litter and respecting our greenspaces; this serves as a reminder to everyone to always put litter in bins, and if bins are full be sure to take any litter and dog waste home. Leaving bags of rubbish or dog mess around bins which are full is counted as fly-tipping, and is illegal - it is an offence to drop litter on any land to which the public has access. Leaving litter can also be harmful to wildlife.

Anyone caught committing an offence will be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £80. This could lead to a potential fine of £1,000 for a second dog fouling offence and £2,500 for a second litter offence or a failure to pay the Penalty Notice.

There have also been an increased number of cases of graffiti and damage to equipment - the parks have sadly seen some very anti-social behaviour from a small number of individuals.

People are asked to think of others, and of park staff when visiting, and most of all, to please be kind to others and the environment.

They are also reminded to adhere to key coronavirus guidelines when visiting:

- only visit in groups of up to 6 people, unless from the same household or support bubble
- always socially distance from people outside of your household
- wash your hands regularly with soap and water, or use hand sanitiser when on the go

Tameside Council and Police officers are patrolling sites and will continue to have a regular presence.

For more info and to report littering or fly tipping please go to tameside.gov.uk/litter

To report a problem visit: lite.tameside.gov.uk/ReportIt/



#ProudTameside people don't litter.

Tameside OUTDOORS

Tameside is blessed with plenty of attractive areas to enjoy walks and getting out and about, which can boost health and fitness. Werneth Low, Park Bridge and Daisy Nook are to name just a few. Visit www.tameside.gov.uk/walking to find a host of walks for all ages and abilities.

Check out and download New Family Activity Trails

Now that we can spend more time in Tameside's countryside, we have created some great new activity trails for families in our parks and greenspaces.

Download your local trail at: www.tameside.gov.uk/outdooractivities

New trails will be added over the next few weeks!



tameside.gov.uk/walking



Get Win

It's time to get your free flu vaccination

FREE flu vaccinations are being offered to more Tameside people than ever this winter to protect both them and the NHS.

The expansion of the flu vaccination programme aims to both increase the number of people protected against flu and reduce the expected winter pressures on the NHS as it continues to deal with covid-19.

Flu is a serious condition that kills on average 11,000 people in England each year and hospitalises tens of thousands more. And this is anything but an average year. Adults at high risk from flu are also most at risk from covid-19. The free flu vaccine is more important than ever to help protect residents from a double threat this winter.

The flu vaccination is the best protection against flu. It is offered for free for those most at risk and people are urged to contact their GP practice now to find out how they can get theirs.

Currently those eligible for the free vaccination are:

- people aged 65 and over
- pregnant women
- people with certain health conditions,

including kidney disease, asthma and heart disease

- carers and those in care homes
- frontline health and social care workers
- children over six months with a long-term health condition
- children aged two and three
- children in primary school
- children aged 11 by 31 August 2020
- anyone living in a household with somebody on the NHS shielded patient list
- those with a learning disability

It is expected that later in the year the programme may be widened to also include people aged 50 to 64 with no long-term health conditions.

Many areas of Tameside are finding innovative ways to make it as easy as possible to get the flu vaccine while maintaining social distancing.

For example, in Hyde people can book an appointment to get their free jab at a vaccination drive-thru. This means they can get their vaccination without even having to leave their car, all they need to do is drive to the site.



People can find out what their local arrangements are for getting their free vaccination by contacting their GP practice, looking on the practice website or asking a pharmacist.

For further information see

[nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine)

Urgent and emergency care in Tameside and Glossop

A change to improve the way people receive urgent care, advice or treatment in Tameside and Glossop is moving quickly.

Covid-19 has meant that a crowded hospital A&E department can no longer be the norm due to the risks this poses of spreading the virus. Residents who do not need to be in A&E should not be, to help those who need to be seen as quickly and safely as possible.

During October, a triage and streaming model will be launched for patients who come direct to A&E at Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust.

- Patients will be safely assessed at A&E as soon as they arrive.

- Depending on the problem and the urgency the patient will either be;
 - Transferred to another department in the hospital
 - Sent straight into the A&E emergency department
 - Given an appointment time to come back to a hospital department on the same day.
 - Given an appointment with a GP
 - Advised to go to contact their own GP or go to a pharmacy
 - Provided with self-care advice

This model of care will improve a patient's experience of urgent and emergency services at the ICFT connecting them to the right place and level of care.





Winter Ready

How to access your GP during the pandemic

GP practices are still open for business and are working hard to look after patients by providing non-urgent care despite the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic. All practices in Tameside and Glossop have been open throughout the pandemic.

To protect patients by reducing the need to come into a practice and sitting in waiting rooms with potentially other infected patients, face-to-face appointments have been limited to those who require an examination in person. This helps to stop the spread of coronavirus but there are still others ways to access your GP easily. The clinical advice and support will not be affected by how you access your GP.

The pandemic has meant a rapid expansion in the use of online consultations but these will never replace face-to-face appointments which remain available to all patients where clinically appropriate.

In addition to face-to-face appointments, all GP practices in Tameside and Glossop are offering consultations online, video or over the phone. This can be a convenient and flexible way to receive healthcare but if, you feel your needs requires to see healthcare professional in person, then this could be arranged for you.

In the period April to July, a total of 91,355 appointments were delivered by Tameside and Glossop GP practices, this included 5,970 home visits and 1.8m medication items prescribed.

The ways to seek healthcare advice from a GP are:

- Visit your GP surgery website to complete a confidential online consultation for non-urgent health needs to receive a response before the end of the next working day.
- Call your surgery to discuss a face-to-face or virtual (telephone or video) appointment.
- Call NHS 111 or go online to seek advice

111.nhs.uk/ [search NHS 111 online]

Please do not go to your surgery unless you have an appointment. For a face-to-face appointment, please remember to wear a face covering. GP practices have measures in place to keep you safe from infection during your visit.

NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group CCG Co-Chair, Dr Ashwin Ramachandra said: "Please don't leave symptoms untreated if you need health advice or care. You can safely access services without letting symptoms worsen.

"If you have symptoms that might be an early sign of something serious, like cancer your GP wants to hear from you. So please don't delay as waiting weeks can make a difference in how likely they are to be able to help you."



Stay safe

Now's the perfect time to stock up on your own supply of grit – available from supermarkets, garden centres and DIY outlets – ready for clearing your paths and driveway of ice and snow.

There is no law preventing you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your property, pathways to your property or public spaces. It is very unlikely that you would face any legal liability, as long as you are careful, and use common sense to ensure that you do not make the pavement or pathway clearly more dangerous than

before. People using areas affected by snow and ice also have responsibility to be careful themselves.

The council monitors the forecast and local road temperatures to manage gritting operations.

Latest gritting updates are posted on twitter @tmbc_highways and @TamesideCouncil

Roads are gritted on a priority basis. For further information see tameside.gov.uk/gritting



Gritter setting out on it round

Remember that gritting does not melt snow and ice immediately.

For further information on being prepared for winter weather see tameside.gov.uk/winterweather

Local mum saves hundreds of pounds using **Healthy Start Vouchers**



A young mum from Denton was grateful to receive free Healthy Start Vouchers to buy nutritious food and milk for her baby thanks to Tameside Council.

Katherine, 22 and mum of a 23-month-old baby boy, completed the Healthy Start application form inside a leaflet she picked up from her local Children's Centre.

She found the application form easy to complete and it didn't take long to get her first lot of vouchers. She has been using the vouchers since her son was a month old.

Over the last 23 months she's saved just under £500 on fruit, vegetables and milk by accessing the Healthy Start Voucher Scheme.

Most major supermarkets such as Morrisons, Asda, Lidl and Tesco accept the vouchers as long as they're spent on the correct items and to the value of the items you're buying. If the items come to more than what you have in vouchers, you can just pay the difference.

To find out more about the scheme visit tameside.gov.uk/healthystart



Katherine with her vouchers

New Mum thinks the **World of Breastfeeding**



Laura Wafer

A second-time mum overcame breastfeeding issues thanks to constant one to one support from HomeStart Oldham, Stockport and Tameside (HOST).

Laura Wafer, 28 from Audenshaw, is now enjoying the experience of breastfeeding following the support and information she received from the start.

The day after Laura had given birth, she received helpful support from HOST. At the time she'd really been struggling with the pain from breastfeeding, and had started to use formula in a bottle. HOST checked in with her two days later. She had expressed and wanted to stick at it so they sent her links to view about latching on and positioning tips from YouTube.

She shared her breastfeeding story to help highlight World Breastfeeding Week (1-7 August), which focused on the impact of infant feeding on the environment/climate change and the need to protect, promote and support breastfeeding for the health of the planet and its people.

HOST is a local community network of trained staff and volunteers, who work in partnership with the Community Infant Feeding Team and Tameside Hospital to provide support to help families with young children and provide information and support to help local mums breastfeed successfully. Telephone from 9am to 6pm, seven days a week during lockdown on: **07802 883947.**

Local mum goes from **zero to hero** after completing virtual 5k running challenge

MUM of two Janet Griffiths from Denton joined the One You Couch to 5k virtual running community to keep fit and active whilst on furlough from work.

She found it so helpful she is now supporting Tameside Council in encouraging other people to try the challenge to help them get fit and active.

She never thought she'd be capable of doing a 5k. Before taking the challenge she couldn't run for 60 seconds. Encouraged by her daughters whilst on furlough from work at a shop fitting company in Dukinfield, she downloaded the app and started doing the Couch to 5K instead of sitting watching TV and to improve her fitness and overall health.

Janet used her local park to run where it was nice and quiet. She found the app

really easy to use and liked to choose her own celebrity trainer to motivate her throughout the programme. Week one started off with a minute's run and increased throughout the weeks.

She found her fitness levels increasing each week. Now she has completed the programme she's going to continue running at her own pace, something she never thought she would say!

The One You Couch to 5k app guides people through a nine week programme by encouraging them to run three times a week. This helps them to increase their running distance little by little so that by the time they arrive at week nine they are encouraged to run for half an hour, which is approximately 5k.

To download the One You Couch to 5K app visit: nhs.uk/oneyou/apps/

If you don't have a smartphone, but would still like to follow the Couch to 5K programme then you can follow the Couch to 5k instructions on the NHS website. Search NHS couch to 5k.



Janet Griffiths

New community hub builds on pioneering work to support the homeless



Executive Leader, Cllr Brenda Warrington opens the Town House for the homeless and vulnerable



A NEW facility to support people who are homeless or in crisis is the latest measure helping Tameside to lead the way in tackling rough sleeping.

The Town House, located close to Ashton town centre, is not just an overnight hostel – it is a community hub providing wrap around care and support to people who are homeless and/or are vulnerable.

It forms part of a wider innovative approach by Tameside Council's Homelessness Team, which has seen a significant drop in rough sleeping in the borough.

Between 2018 & 2019, Tameside recorded the highest percentage drop in rough sleeping in England from 42 down to just five – a reduction of 86%. A rough sleeper count on Thursday 9 July 2020 found no one sleeping rough in Tameside. This is first time in almost 10 years that a rough sleeper count in the borough returned a zero result.

The team's approach involves tailoring the service to suit individuals' needs and problems. They offer help with drug and alcohol addiction, mental and physical health problems, welfare rights, domestic abuse, vulnerability and even simple life skills such as cooking and personal hygiene.

The Town House – named after local pub landlady Pauline Town who has worked tirelessly on a voluntary basis in partnership with the council to support people rough sleeping – will help to build on this successful work.

The facility is located in the former St Ann's Primary School building next to St Ann's Church in Burlington Street and has been developed in partnership with the Catholic Diocese of Salford and Father Simon Firth, whose support has been extremely valuable throughout the development of the building.

The first floor of the building has been converted to overnight hostel accommodation, providing a safe and warm temporary sleeping space for anyone who is sleeping rough or at risk of sleeping rough. Evening meals are provided and support staff work with individuals to identify their needs and start to address the issues which have led to their homelessness.

The ground floor of the building, Walsingham House, is a shared space used by the homelessness service, other charitable and voluntary groups and the catholic diocese to offer a range of support measures for people in crisis.

It includes a community café, which provides meals for hostel residents, together with preparation of food parcels and pre-prepared meals for vulnerable people across Tameside. A food and clothing bank will operate from the ground floor and laundry facilities are also available.

The ground floor also contains rooms suitable for counselling, mental and physical health assessments, welfare rights assessments, drug rehabilitation work and other services that require a suitable 1-2-1 environment.

For further information see tameside.gov.uk/homeless

Stronger Together for the homeless

IT'S well known that while it's easy to snap a single twig it's almost impossible to break a large bundle.

Strength in unity is the core principle on which Stronger Together Tameside is founded. It's a new umbrella organisation in which groups such as We Shall Overcome, St Ann's Parish, The Veterans Food Company, Tameside Armed Services Community and food banks combine to support the vulnerable.

Based on Burlington Street, Ashton, the group has established collection sites around the borough for donations of food and other household items.

To volunteer with Stronger Together email

enquiries@strongertogethertameside.co.uk

If you are concerned someone is sleeping rough, call 0161 331 2700 (Monday to Wednesday 5pm to 9am, Thursday 5 to 10pm, Friday to Monday 4pm to 9am) or email

roughsleepers@Tameside.gov.uk

www.strongertogethertameside.co.uk



Coronavirus survivor

completes running challenge for Tameside Hospital

RUNNER Hayley McCaffer, 37, from Carrbook Village, Stalybridge, overcame coronavirus and successfully completed the 32 mile virtual Tour of Tameside to raise money for Tameside Hospital.

Since being unwell she'd struggled with her health and fitness but still managed to replicate all four stages of the race, which she found tough. She ran three stages on consecutive days (27 miles) as best she could and found it a challenge, especially doing the Hell on the Fell in freezing rain and hailstone.

Hayley works for Tameside Council as a Partnership Officer in the Community Safety and Homelessness Team. She first started with coronavirus symptoms on Saturday 14 March with a sore throat and by Monday, her throat was really painful and she's started to lose her voice. That evening, she realised she was really short of breath and struggling to breathe.

The following day she developed a high fever, headache, loss of appetite, muscle and joint pain. She developed laryngitis and completely lost her voice followed by loss of sense of smell and taste. By the Wednesday she had a terrible cough, painful chest and was short of breathe.

A relative contacted her GP who diagnosed COVID-19 after speaking to Hayley over the phone and advised her to stay in bed and take paracetamol, and to call an ambulance if her symptoms



Hayley McCaffer

got any worse. She was really unwell for two weeks and spent seven days in bed, relying on neighbours and friends to help with food and medication deliveries.

After two weeks of being ill she returned to work and due to lockdown was redeployed to help renovate the new A Bed Every Night homeless shelter at St Ann's in Ashton. She soon realised that she was still very short of breath and really struggling with the physical nature of the work. She contacted her doctor and was diagnosed with a secondary chest infection and prescribed antibiotics and ordered to stay off work for another week.

Due to the adverse effects of COVID-19, the Running Bee Foundation had to regrettably postpone the 2020 Tour of Tameside but it will return on 10-13 June 2021. In its place, they invited runners to take part in its virtual alternative.

Hayley's ambition is raise as much money as possible for Tameside Hospital. Anyone wishing to make a donation can go to the Just Giving web page here: [justgiving.com/fundraising/teamtamesideandglossop](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teamtamesideandglossop)

Thank you emergency services

THE selfless dedication of emergency services workers who put their lives on the line for others was recognised and remembered for 999 Emergency Services Day.



Executive Leader Cllr Brenda Warrington and Executive Member Cllr Eleanor Wills were joined by representatives outside Dukinfield town Hall

Tameside Council Executive Leader Cllr Brenda Warrington and Executive Member Cllr Eleanor Wills were joined by representatives of police, fire and rescue and ambulance outside Dukinfield town Hall at 9am on 9 September (9th hour of the 9th day of the 9th month) to commemorate the day.

They unveiled two council vehicles, which carry a special message of thanks from Tameside to the NHS and emergency services as well highlighting the #ItWorks campaign and what everyone can do keep themselves and others safe from Covid-19. For further information on this see [tameside.gov.uk/itworks](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/itworks).





ProudTameside

£100k grant to food charity to support families

HUNDREDS more Tameside families in need will soon be able to benefit from an innovative lower cost food scheme to help make life more affordable.

Tameside Council has awarded a £100k grant to The Bread and Butter Thing (TBBT) – a charity that supports families on low incomes, builds stronger communities and reduces food waste by redistributing surplus food from supermarkets and manufacturers.

Each week members of the scheme are offered three bags of food - one fruit and veg, one chilled and one store-cupboard ingredients. A set of three bags costs £7.50 and the charity guarantees that the value of the bags is at least £35 - £50.

TBBT currently operates in Hattersley, its hub which opened in September 2018 and supports up to 70 families each week thanks to the committed support over 15 volunteers. The council grant – which uses money from emergency government COVID funding – will finance a new van, which will help reach over 450 further families in other areas of the borough.



Tameside Council Executive Leader Cllr Brenda Warrington with Civic Mayor Cllr Janet Cooper and TBBT volunteers.

New TBBT members are always welcome - either direct through their local hub or by emailing hello@breadandbutterthing.org. For more information visit: breadandbutterthing.org

Ashton Old Baths milestone birthday

ASHTON Old Baths, one of the borough's most iconic buildings, recently celebrated its 150 year anniversary with a special event. Opening in 1870, the baths originally provided residents not only with somewhere to wash but also entertainment like horse shows and ice-skating.

The venue reopened in 2016 after extensive building work transformed it into a digital and creative hub with considerable office space for local businesses. Work is still ongoing as well, with phase 2 of the building due to be completed in spring next year. This will extend through the currently-unused parts of the building and provide additional office and meeting space.



Digital devices provided for disadvantaged children

DISADVANTAGED children in Tameside have been provided with laptops and tablets to help them study at home.

Tameside Council facilitated delivering the technology to those most in need to support their education.

The scheme is designed to support children unable to attend school because of the coronavirus restrictions and who don't have access to a computer at home.

The Department for Education has supplied the digital devices, worth around £300,000. Schools will own the devices, which will be returned to them and are covered by the schools' insurance.

In partnership with schools and social workers, the council's Children's Service identified eligible children and the equipment's distribution, arranging the delivery of 964 laptops and tablets for pupils with a social worker and 144 laptops for disadvantaged Year 10 pupils, as well as 184 4G wireless routers to help those unable to connect to the internet.



Laptops and tablets ready for delivery



Have your say

Tameside residents urged to take part

Tameside Council Executive Leader Councillor Brenda Warrington said: "I urge Tameside residents to have their say by taking part in these three important consultations, which will affect everyone across the borough as well as Greater Manchester.

"The Spatial Framework is Greater Manchester and Tameside's plan for homes, jobs and the environment and is part of how we build back better to make neighbourhoods a nicer, greener and healthier place to live and work.

"This objective also includes the Clean Air Plan to discourage polluting commercial vehicles from travelling on local roads and encourage businesses to switch to cleaner, low- or zero-emission vehicles to reduce NO2 emissions and have a healthier environment.

"And Minimum Licensing Standards will help deliver improved safety, customer focus, higher environmental standards and accessibility for the taxi and private hire trade.

"So it's important that Tameside residents get involved as these all affect where we live and how we live our lives."

1 Help shape our final Clean Air Plan

You can give your views on plans to reduce harmful air pollution on our local roads now.

Greater Manchester is holding an eight-week long consultation on its Clean Air Plan proposals.

Government has instructed Greater Manchester to introduce a charging Clean Air Zone right across all ten local authority areas, including Tameside.

Some vehicles that don't meet emissions standards will have to pay a daily charge to drive in and around the zone. That includes buses, coaches, heavy goods vehicles, taxis, private hire, vans, and minibuses. Private cars and motorbikes are not affected.

To help local people, businesses and organisations prepare, Greater Manchester is asking for more than £150 million of government funding to support upgrades to cleaner, compliant vehicles. Those who upgrade before the Clean Air Zone is introduced in 2022 would not have to pay a daily charge.

You can give your views on key elements of the Greater Manchester-wide Clean Air Zone proposals now:

- The proposed Clean Air Zone boundary
- Proposed daily charges
- Proposed discounts and exemptions
- Proposed government funding support package to support local businesses

Find out more now and fill out the questionnaire at cleanairgm.com before 23:59 Thursday 3 December 2020.

Alternatively you can:

- Email your feedback to cleanairgm@aecom.com
- Give your feedback via telephone on 0161 244 1100 (you will be forwarded through to independent research organisation AECOM).
- Write/send a completed questionnaire to Freepost RUBS-XRAT-GLBK, AECOM, 1 New York Street, MANCHESTER, M1 4HD.



A Clean Air Zone is coming to Tameside

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on three important consultations in Greater Manchester

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Consultation coming on GM's plan for jobs, homes and the environment

THE plan for jobs, homes and the environment has been born from the collective ambition in Greater Manchester (GM) to build better, affordable, more sustainable homes so we can all enjoy happier, healthier lives with more opportunities for everyone who lives and works here.

We also want to make Greater Manchester a dynamic, attractive place to invest and do business.

To enable this we need to build the right homes, in the right places so we can all live in well-connected and environmentally sustainable villages, towns and cities.

In 2016, working with GM leaders and a range of planning specialists, an ambitious, progressive plan was developed that saw the collective resources we have across the city region pooled together. This plan was put to the people of Greater Manchester and the feedback of over 27,000 residents and business was listened to.

Based on this feedback a significant review was undertaken and the plans rewritten, reducing the impact on our greenbelt and building homes that meet our future needs and enable us to meet our ambitious target of being carbon neutral by 2038.

The plans were checked with communities and partners in 2019, with 17,000 responses to the updated proposals.

This feedback has now been reviewed and the plan refined with partners across the ten districts.

The people of Greater Manchester are being asked for one final time to review the proposals and confirm that what's been developed meets their needs and reflects their feedback.

Since 2019 the way we live has been fundamentally altered by the impact of the global pandemic. The plans have been reviewed through the lens of living with COVID, and of our future needs, to create the opportunities Greater Manchester needs to build back better, remain resilient and offer quality homes for better standards of living.

The plan is undergoing the full scrutiny of all councillors across Greater Manchester's 10 boroughs. An eight-week public consultation is planned, when everyone in Greater Manchester will be able to see and comment on the evidence backing up the proposals.

For the latest on the consultation, including timescales and how to comment, visit www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/housing/greater-manchester-spatial-framework

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Let's talk taxis



Do you travel by taxi or private hire services? Whether you use them on a night out or to get around locally, we want you to have peace of mind on every journey. That's why we're proposing minimum standards for every service licensed in Tameside, as part of Greater Manchester's plans to make sure every journey is safer and more reliable.

Taxis and private hire are a crucial part of our transport network, and the proposed minimum licensing standards could help put local operators ahead of out-of-town services as they will help give customers the confidence they are using a high-quality, safer and more reliable service, with high environmental and accessibility standards.

An eight-week public consultation on the proposals started on Thursday 8 October 2020 and will run until midnight on Thursday 3 December 2020. This consultation will be the first of its kind and we'd like passengers, taxi and private hire drivers and operators to give their views.

To find out more and have your say, visit: <https://bit.ly/32FbuRa>.

Alternatively you can:

- Email your feedback to gmtaxistandards@aecom.com.
- Give your feedback via telephone on 0161 244 1100 (you will be forwarded through to independent research organisation AECOM).
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Greater Manchester
Minimum Licensing Standards

ACTIVE NEIGHBOURHOODS

Residential streets to become safer places to live and travel

TWO residential areas have become Active Neighbourhoods to make them nicer, healthier and safer places to live, travel and play.

Currier Lane, Ashton, and Stamford Drive, Stalybridge, have had modal filters installed to prioritise people over cars – preventing speeding traffic and opening the roads up to people, bicycles and wheelchairs.

Residents in the area have previously voiced concerns over vehicle speeds and rat-running, with vehicles using the residential roads as a cut-through instead of Stamford Street (A635), which runs parallel.

A modal filter is a traffic management measure that prevents the majority of motor vehicles passing but allows pedestrians and cyclists through. The two schemes have had attractive wooden planters installed to enhance the neighbourhood.

The area also connects to Bank Top Field, which is verified as a UK Woodland Assurance scheme and features wildflowers, a hay meadow, a circular walk and a route through to Ashton alongside the canal - creating an attractive residential area.

Currier Lane is closed at its junction with Sunnyside Grove and Stamford Drive near to its junction with Thompson Drive on an experimental basis of up to 18 months. The roads are accessible from other points, meaning residents, delivery vehicles and emergency services can still access all homes. Data collection

and consultation with residents after six months will be used to evaluate the scheme's effectiveness and whether changes are needed, it's made permanent or removed altogether.

Residents and businesses within the immediate vicinity have been notified by letter with contact details given to report any issues.

Members of Currier Lane Area Residents Association (CLARA) are supporting the initiative.

Active Neighbourhoods are one of Tameside Council's Safe Streets Save Lives initiatives to help residents maintain social distancing while travelling and taking part in activities.

The plans can be found at tameside.gov.uk/safestreets/activenighbourhoods. Feedback can be given via a survey on Active Neighbourhoods at surveymonkey.co.uk/r/quieterandsaferstreetsintameside.



Cllr Bill Fairfoull, Dave Dawson, Cllr Warren Bray & Cllr Yvonne Cartey showing support for Active Neighbourhoods



New Ashton Interchange is open

SERVICES are running from the brand-new Ashton-under-Lyne interchange, providing passengers with much-improved facilities and a modern, accessible gateway to the town.

The £32.7m facility enables passengers to easily change between different modes of travel – including Metrolink, rail, walking and cycling.

The interchange has been developed by Tameside Council in partnership with Transport for Greater Manchester and funded

with support from central government's Local Growth Deal programme.

The improved facilities include a covered concourse and waiting area, electronic bus, Metrolink and rail information, high-quality accessible toilets, baby changing and 'Changing Places' facilities, retail units, CCTV and secure cycle parking spaces.

The facility has been designed to accommodate more bus services while the centralised concourse will reduce walking time for passengers.



Ashton-u-Lyne Interchange

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