

Ashton and Mossley Community Forum

Question	Answer
Residents are concerned about vandalism at Stamford Park Bowling Green. Will there be supervision to prevent this?	Unfortunately, the Bowling Green is prone to anti-social behaviour (ASB), however this has reduced over the last year. The Council will continue to work with the local Police Team and the Council's ASB Team to tackle these issues. The Council urges park users to report any incidents to the Police so that these are logged.
Residents have raised issues around painting on railings on car park where phoenix market was and outdated road sign outside Santander. General litter and state of planters, lack of maps and signposting/wayfinding. Are there any plans to freshen up or improve the town centre gateways to make a good impression?	The Market Operatives litter pick this area as part of their regular routes. New planters and existing landscaping areas have been created across the Town Centres, which have greatly improved the Town Centre.
Are there any ongoing efforts to engage with children and young people? We know about work with Tameside College but are you engaging with children younger than that?	The Community Forums are open to everyone, and people of all ages are welcome to attend the Forum meetings and participate in discussion. The Council is working to advertise the Forums in multiple ways to reach different demographics, including through the Council's social media accounts, which are generally viewed by a younger audience than other platforms. The Council is further developing how the meetings are promoted and will continue to explore new ways of reaching more diverse age ranges. Outside of Community Forums, Tameside Council regularly conducts targeted consultations and engagement activities on specific services, including working directly with schools, colleges, and children and young people and their families. More information about the Council's engagement activity can be found at: https://www.tameside.gov.uk/policy/tbc

	Or by clicking "Have your Say" on the website home page.
What's the plan to help homeless and mentally ill people other than just moving them on?	The Council has committed to providing Council-owned land for new social homes and is working to bring empty homes back into use to support residents. Pride in Place funding is also being explored to create an Adult Day Centre to support vulnerable residents. Keyworkers from the Council's Rough Sleeping Team frequently carry out street outreach in the Ashton Town area and are working with a number of individuals who intermittently rough sleep there. It is understood the Council are aware of individuals who may be accessing the site referred to and providing support. It is always the Council's aim to prevent and end street homelessness, and the Council does operate A Bed for Every Night, off the street, overnight accommodation in Tameside (by waitlist when at capacity). However, reasons for homelessness can be complex and progress isn't always fast. The Team is entirely engagement based and does not have enforcement powers, instead working on building relationships with individuals to support them with pathways away from homelessness. If/where support needs are identified the Team are able to signpost and link individuals up with relevant services and any Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) offer locally. If/where there are concerns of a community safety/anti-social behaviour (ASB) nature, the Team will also link in with partners to jointly address. If you are experiencing difficulties or are concerned for someone else, you can contact the housing and homelessness service here: • By Email: housing.options@tameside.gov.uk • By Telephone: 0161 342 2700 • By out of hours telephone: 0161 342 2222 Additionally, if you are concerned about anybody who may be rough sleeping, you can contact the Rough

	Sleeping Team directly on: roughsleepers@tameside.gov.uk (providing as much information as possible) and/or via StreetLink at StreetLink - Connecting people sleeping rough to local services. This information is used to continue to build intel, which allows for the Team to target outreach activity.
Is there a full schedule of cultural events over the year?	As new events are added to the programme throughout the year, the Council does not publish a full 12-month calendar of events. Instead, for a comprehensive guide to upcoming events, including cultural events, programmes of activities in Family Hubs and libraries, and events hosted by organisations outside of the Council, please go to the In Tameside website at: https://www.intameside.co.uk/ For more information about the exciting programme of cultural events taking place over the summer, you can view Tameside's Summer What's On Guide online here: https://www.intameside.co.uk/news/summer-guide
How do we dispose of nitrous oxide canisters? The website says to take them to the tip but the tip won't accept them. Where do we take them and are they being disposed of safely?	The Household Waste Recycling Centres can accept gas cannisters if they are from the residents' homes and have been used by the residents themselves. They cannot accept gas cannisters that have been fly tipped from a resident. If resident groups are undertaking litter picking on behalf of the Council, they need to keep these separate from other items and they will be collected and disposed of correctly by the Ops and Greenspaces Team.
Fly tipping gets cleared but in certain places it keeps coming back. What can be done to prevent repeat fly tipping in known hot spots and	The Council are aware of hotspot fly tipping locations throughout the borough. Fly tipping should be reported to the Council so that these incidents can be investigated. Reports can be submitted online at:

are there any plans for CCTV in these areas?	https://lite.tameside.gov.uk/ReportIt/ The Council currently has a number of deployable CCTV cameras, which can be positioned at fly tipping hotspots across the Borough. Camera deployment is prioritised based on the volume and frequency of reported incidents, and locations are reviewed periodically.
Suicide remains a significant public health concern, and a number of locations across the borough are known locally as areas where people may experience crisis or be at increased risk of self-harm. Research and examples from other local authorities suggest that visible suicide prevention signage, crisis support information, and awareness banners at hotspot locations can encourage people to seek help and may contribute to saving lives. Suicide continues to have a devastating impact on families and communities across Greater Manchester and Tameside. While official suicide figures are published annually, these numbers do not always reflect the full scale of the issue. There are many more incidents involving suicide attempts, mental health crises, and emergency interventions than are ultimately recorded as deaths by suicide. Furthermore, coroners can only record a conclusion of suicide where there is sufficient evidence to establish intent. This may include evidence such as a suicide note, previous attempts, statements of intent, or other information	Thank you for raising this important matter and these useful questions. Suicide is an important public health issue and tackling this is a priority in Tameside. Each suicide is a tragedy and each one is preventable. The Council also knows that suicide is a complex issue with many factors influencing whether someone suffers with suicidal thoughts and is at risk of dying by suicide. Tameside Council does have a Suicide Prevention Strategy and an active Suicide Prevention Partnership which does a wide range of work to tackle the risks around suicide in Tameside communities. It is important to acknowledge the broad range of factors which contribute to suicide such as financial stress; relationship breakdown; employment issues; sudden bereavement to name a few. One of the most important approaches is normalising conversations about suicide and seeking support, and acknowledging how much these kind of stresses can impact on people. The Council continues to promote the Zero Suicide Alliance free online training as a positive way to build more awareness, skills and confidence across Tameside communities in having these conversations to help people. As part of Tameside's Suicide Prevention Strategy, the Council also recognises the need to strengthen support for people who are already facing crisis. The Council has worked with partners in recent years to reduce risk at known high risk locations. In doing this, the Council has drawn on expertise across the Suicide Prevention Partnership and there is some very useful evidence and guidance from a range of

demonstrating that the individual intended to end their life. As a result, some deaths may be recorded under alternative conclusions such as accidental death, misadventure, or undetermined intent, meaning official suicide statistics may not fully capture the true number of people who have lost their lives in circumstances linked to suicidal behaviour. National statistics also show that thousands of people die by suicide each year in England and Wales, while many more come into contact with emergency and mental health services following suicide attempts or serious self-harm incidents. Given the potentially life-saving impact of visible crisis support information, I believe there is a strong case for proactive suicide prevention measures in identified hotspot locations across Tameside. What support can the Ashton and Mossley Community Forum, Tameside Council, and partner organisations provide to progress the installation of suicide prevention banners and signs in identified hotspot areas across the Tameside borough? Specifically: - Is there an existing process for residents to propose locations for suicide prevention signage? - Can the Council work with NHS, mental health services, local charities, and	agencies including Public Health, Samaritans, Highways England and Network Rail to support this. Public Health England national guidance does state that there are potential disadvantages to using signage, including that these may advertise a site to those seeking to end their life. Interviews with survivors suggest that people who are intent on suicide are looking for methods that 'work' and so the Council needs to balance providing support with not promoting that sites have been used where people have died by suicide. Another potential disadvantage is that the signage relies on the suicidal individual to take action such as making a phone call. The evidence-based guidance states that crisis signage can be useful but should only be placed in known high frequency locations where previous deaths have occurred. This should also be discreet, with a clear call to action (recognised 24/7 phone number such as Samaritans). There are some locations in the borough which have been identified as high-risk, and the Council has done coordinated work with Samaritans and other agencies, but the Council needs to have clear evidence before identifying other sites as high risk locations for the purposes of signage. In addition to this, please see below direct responses to the specific questions raised: - Yes, as described above, this is managed based on local evidence and following relevant guidance, and coordinated by the Tameside Suicide Prevention Partnership. - Yes, and the Council does work in this way with these partners already represented on the Tameside Suicide Prevention Partnership. - While there are not any dedicated grants or funding streams to support the installation of signage for these purposes, there is ongoing work to explore the available resources for all work to contribute to suicide
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community groups to identify suitable locations and develop an implementation plan? c. Are there funding streams, grants, or partnership opportunities available to support the installation and maintenance of such signage? d. What practical steps can be taken publicly and transparently, and within what timescales, to move this proposal forward? e. I would welcome information on how residents and other partnering link organisations such as Andy's Man Club can support this work and how the Council intends to engage with the community on suicide prevention initiatives.	prevention and any opportunities arising, including the opportunity to lobby national agencies and organisations for additional funding and resources. d. This can be managed by the Suicide Prevention Partnership and is ongoing work. Anyone keen to learn more about the approach can refer to the Suicide Prevention Strategy and any additional partners or agencies who would like to explore being further involved in this work can contact publichealthenquiries@tameside.gov.uk Please see above.
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