

A Picture of Tameside

Tameside Metropolitan Borough was created in 1974 and lies seven miles east of Manchester. It comprises 9 towns, each representing a mix of urban and rural settings, and is split into 19 geographical wards. It has strong industrial heritage, much of which can still be seen in the shape of textile mills that are now re-purposed as factories and homes. Located at the foot of the Pennines, Tameside is also a place of natural beauty, with most towns just a short distance from green spaces and nature reserves.

The 9 towns that join to make Tameside are highly diverse in terms of people and place. Our historic market town of Ashton was granted Royal Charter in 1284, whilst the majority of Longdendale is a purpose built estate, created in the 1960's to house Manchester overspill. The variation in towns is as broad as the variation in life expectancy across the borough, which stands at 8 years between our most and least well residents.

