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# Welcome

to the Spring edition of the Tameside Citizen.

**SPRING is a time to reflect on the past year and a time to plan ahead. This edition of the Citizen looks back on some of the important projects we have delivered, and introduces some of the key plans we have for the next twelve months.**

Our 15 pledges for 2015 outlined what I wanted to achieve that year to make a real difference in Tameside. Covering a range of areas from fair credit, to improving the borough's environment and supporting jobs and enterprise, our 15 for 15 delivered a comprehensive programme of improvement. Given the success of the pledges last year, I'm happy to say we now have 16 more pledges for 2016. They form an ambitious and wide-ranging program of work that will produce real benefits for our residents and businesses. You can find out more on pages 8 and 9.

I have always been committed to having an open conversation with residents and businesses about the challenges we face, none more so than the impact of funding cuts from the Government. So this year we again undertook a 12 week consultation about the budget challenge. On page 14 you can read about the headline findings from the consultation and find a link to the detailed report.

Cotton spinning is returning to the UK in Tameside (page 11). English Fine Cottons is investing £5.8 million to restart production at Tower Mill, Dukinfield, after a gap of 60 years, creating 100 jobs. Bringing the cotton industry back also has huge historical significance for Tameside. Alongside the transformation of Ashton Old Baths into a business incubator hub,

these are great examples of the council working in partnership with business to give Tameside a head start in the digital and high technology economy of the future.

One of the most important responsibilities of the Council is to support the most vulnerable. In this edition we introduce the nationally significant work we are doing in Tameside, called Care Together, integrating health and social care to improve services for those who need them most. Find out more on page 18.

In this edition we continue the theme of Proud Tameside and highlight some fantastic examples of people who makes us proud of Tameside. Being proud of the borough is also about the environment in which we live, so I'm pleased to update you on the work the Council is doing to tackle the small minority of people who don't act responsibly in disposing of their waste or show respect for those who live around them.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Citizen. You can keep up to date via the news pages on our website, social media, signing up for e-news (see the advert opposite) or following my blog at [www.tameside.gov.uk/blog/leader](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/blog/leader)



**Cllr Kieran Quinn**  
Tameside Council Executive Leader

## What have you enjoyed in Tameside?

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# Most peop

**TAMESIDE Council's deputy leader, Cllr John Taylor, has warned people to stop fly-tipping and littering or face prosecution.**

Announcing the get-tough strategy, he said: *"This council continues to face difficult decisions in terms of how it spends its ever decreasing funds, so wasting vital money clearing up after irresponsible people is unforgivable.*

*"Every pound spent on clearing up litter and tipped rubbish is a pound less to spend on the services we know mean most to the Tameside public.*

*"Our message is clear, become part of the solution, not the problem, or we will track you down and prosecute."*



**THE owners of a commercial property in Ashton have been successfully prosecuted for failing to comply with a Section 215 Notice relating to the untidy condition of their workshop.**

Complaints were received about the appearance of the rear of the building, and the notice set out necessary improvement works.

The company and company director were each fined £500 by Tameside magistrates. The council was awarded all costs associated with the prosecution.



**ENFORCEMENT officers were out in force in Ashton in January in a co-ordinated clampdown on fly-tipping hotspots in the town centre.**

Staff from Tameside Council's environmental services team and parking contractor NSL concentrated on the Old Cross Street, Fleet Street, Wimpole Street, Wood Street and Stamford Arcade areas.

Waste was examined for evidence of who had dumped it so that the culprits could be tackled.

Cllr Susan Quinn, chair of Tameside Council's Enforcement Panel, said: *"Clearly we still have some serious work to do to get all our residents and businesses on board so that we can turn Tameside into the clean borough we all want it to be.*

*"That's proved by the fact we had to confront 26 businesses for having no commercial waste contract, and had to issue 16 compliance notices and seven fixed penalties.*

*"It's such a shame that a few people are intent on spoiling things for the vast majority of residents who recycle their waste properly."*

## Five star service



**MORE than half - 782 out of 1,299 - of the food businesses in Tameside now qualify for a five-star rating.**

Inspections are regularly carried out and all high-risk and all those receiving a mark of zero or one (20 in total) are given advice on how to improve their score. They are then reinspected to make sure food legislation is being complied with.

All the borough's hygiene ratings can be found on the FSA website: [www.ratings.food.gov.uk](http://www.ratings.food.gov.uk)

Star rating	No of premises
4 .....	205
5 .....	782



# le don't...

**TAMESIDE'S Pubwatch schemes are uniting under one borough-wide banner. The decision was announced after 71 licensees met police and council partners at Hyde Town Hall.**

Each town will retain its scheme, but they will be linked electronically through Pubwatch Online. This means that if an individual is barred from one of the member pubs their photograph will be circulated to all the others.

Licensing officer Dave Smith said: "Getting the various Pubwatch schemes working together in a co-ordinated fashion was crucial if we were to succeed in our aim to make all Tameside pubs safe to drink in."

"Having a strong, active scheme in one town would only move the problem on to the next. A co-ordinated approach like we now have in place alleviates the problem."

Droylsden Pubwatch chair Alan Graham added: "Now we have Pubwatch online we are stronger in numbers and we have the complete support of the police. It is no longer a black mark against licensed premises to ask for assistance if it's needed."

**A MOTTRAM home-owner has been prosecuted for using his property as a waste transfer station.**

Tameside Council received complaints from neighbours and enforcement officers saw that the land contained large accumulations of waste unrelated to a residential dwelling. A notice was issued requiring the owner to remove it all.

It was estimated approximately 250 tonnes of waste was being stored and would have cost around £40,000 to be removed by contractors.

The owner pleaded guilty at Tameside Magistrates' Court and was fined £200 and instructed to clear the site within a month.

**REGULAR patrols took place in the Acresfield area of Hyde and at King George's Playing Fields, Ashton, after an increase in dog-fouling. They continued until the situation improved. A day of action is also being planned for Denton West ward.**

# THANK YOU

We have now reached over  
**£1 million** of savings

**THE Bin Swap scheme, which gave residents greater recycling capacity by switching green and black bins, has raised the borough's recycling rate from 42% to 55%.**

It has saved more than £1 million in landfill fees, is on target to avoid costs of £3 million annually, and paid for itself within four months of being launched at the end of August last year.



LOVE  
Recycling  
HATE  
Landfill

# VISION TAMESIDE

START HERE, GO ANYWHERE



## Progress on Colleges

### Clarendon Sixth Form College

**STUDENTS** have been highly impressed by the cutting-edge facilities at Clarendon Sixth Form College which opened its doors last October.

The high-quality learning environment includes laboratories, a 200-seat theatre, dance studios, media and digital art spaces, modern classrooms and social spaces.

Clarendon, which occupies the old Camp Street car park in Ashton town centre, was built at a cost of £10 million and offers a range of A-level and creative arts courses.

Tameside actress Brooke Vincent – Sophie Webster in Coronation Street – performed the official opening on 9 March.

### Advanced Technologies Centre

**WORK** on the Advanced Technologies Centre at Tameside College's Beaufort Road campus is almost complete and it is due to open in September. Students will be able to study for manufacturing, computing and engineering qualifications.



## Tameside Interchange (Ashton-under-Lyne)

**FULL planning permission has been granted so that Ashton Bus Station can be converted into a state-of-the-art transport interchange which will benefit the whole of Tameside.**

A covered concourse will replace the five island platforms, and the site will be linked to the Metrolink terminus. It will have new waiting areas, bicycle parking and better access to travel information and tickets. Improved pedestrian routes will take people into the town centre.

Construction begins in the autumn and is expected to take two years. The interchange should be open by the end of 2018.

For further information visit [www.tfgm.com/interchanges/tameside](http://www.tfgm.com/interchanges/tameside)



## Refurbished Market

**ASHTON'S refurbished market will be completed by the late summer, with 104 market stalls and eight kiosks fully operational. It is being reopened in stages as areas of work are finished.**

Tameside Council has maintained a fully operational market throughout the project and Ashton has remained as popular as ever. It retained its title as Britain's Favourite Market for the second year running in 2015 with a footfall of 2,536,898.

For updates visit [www.tameside.gov.uk/ashton/marketsquare](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/ashton/marketsquare)

## Old Council Offices

**DEMOLITION of Tameside Council's old offices should be completed by end of June.**

The Warrington Street and Market Place elevations are almost down, and the Wellington Road side and octagonal tower have been stripped for demolition to start.

Work is well under way to detach the old council offices from Ashton Town Hall. The former water board building façade at the corner of Warrington Street is also being retained, and scaffolding has been installed to support it while the rest of the building is pulled down.

Recycling is a key element of the project. The ground floor slabs and foundations are being crushed for reuse in the new building. So far, 95% of rubble has been diverted for reuse - the major elements being brick, concrete, wood and steel.

Construction of the new joint service centre will commence in the summer and public services will start to occupy the building in the summer of 2018. Tameside College will be taking students in September, 2018.





# Our 2015 Pledges

## Key achievements from the last 12 months include:

### Family Activities

Almost 20,000 people attended council-organised events, including 3,000 at Theatre in the Park and 4,500 at Armed Forces Day.



### Town-centre Tidy-ups

Work by local suppliers began last September, making our town centres more welcoming places to work and visit.



### Free Swimming

The Council worked with Active Tameside to provide 4,500 free swimming places for the under-16s.



### Tameside Loyalty Card

With 344 offers currently available, this scheme saves residents money while supporting businesses by encouraging people to shop locally.



### Cheaper Car parking

Fees have been reduced to a maximum of £1 for three hours or £2 for all day-parking in all of Tameside's Council run car parks.



### Potholes

More than 6,000 repairs were completed with work continuing until the end of the financial year.



### Affordable Homes

Land for 330 units of affordable housing has been released at nine sites.



### Tameside Jobs Pledges

The Business Grant, Trade Grant, and Tameside Youth Employment Scheme have helped a growing number of people find employment. This was supported by our pledge to offer free travel to work after a period of unemployment.

As part of its commitment to supporting ex-forces personnel, Tameside Council has partnered with the Hyde Group to deliver a Supportability Engineering Training Programme where it fully subsidises all fees.

For further details visit [www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideJobsPledges](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideJobsPledges)



### Fair Credit

Money Information Network Tameside (MINT) provided help for more than 2,000 people.



### Greening Tameside

Tameside residents are now recycling more waste than they send to landfill, which to date has saved more than £1 million in environmental taxes. Roll-out of super-efficient LED street-lighting has begun.



### Youth Council

The Tameside Youth Council has been established with young people from a range of communities and groups. They have developed a programme of activity for the coming year and representatives of the Youth Council are attending meetings of the Full Council.

### Older people

More than 4,000 residents were supported to make adaptations which helped them maintain their independence and security in their own homes.



# Pledges 2016

FOLLOWING up on the success of last year's 15 Pledges for 2015, the Executive Leader of Tameside Council, Cllr Kieran Quinn, has launched 16 pledges for 2016.



Your Priorities, Our Pledges  
Making a difference for Tameside communities

## Honour Our Fallen

We will name new streets constructed in Tameside after local service men and women who lost their lives in service.

## Pothole Buster

We will invest £1m again this year in bringing our roads up to scratch.

## Lots more Lighting

We will continue the roll out of super-efficient LED street lighting to cut running costs and our carbon footprint.

## Big Clean Up

We will work with you to tackle 160 grot spots across Tameside through enforcement or direct action.

## Get Tameside Growing

We will work with the community to get Tameside growing its own food in window boxes, gardens, community space and allotments.

## Woodland for Wildlife

We will plant a minimum of 2016 trees to offset Tameside's carbon emissions and support greater biodiversity.

## Keeping it Green

We will improve recycling of non-domestic refuse with recycling bins in town centres and Council offices.

## Refresh Tameside Works First

We will buy services and goods from local providers as much as possible.

## Generation Savers

We will open a credit union account with £10 for each 11 year old starting secondary school in September.

## Every Child a Coder

We will facilitate coding clubs for primary school children, run by college students, to give our young people the skills they need for the twenty first century economy.

## Get Connected

We will rollout free WiFi across each of our town centres

## Silver Surfers

We will combat digital exclusion by offering a range of computer skills workshops and classes for those who want to get connected but lack the skills to do so.

## Healthy Lives

We will launch a health and wellbeing website for Tameside. Bringing together all of the information people need to lead healthier and happier lives.

## Mind Your Health

We will sign the mental health 'time to change' pledge and support national events promoting good mental wellbeing.

## Dementia Friendly Tameside

We will increase the number of dementia friends and dementia champions to make Tameside a dementia friendly Borough.

## Do more Together

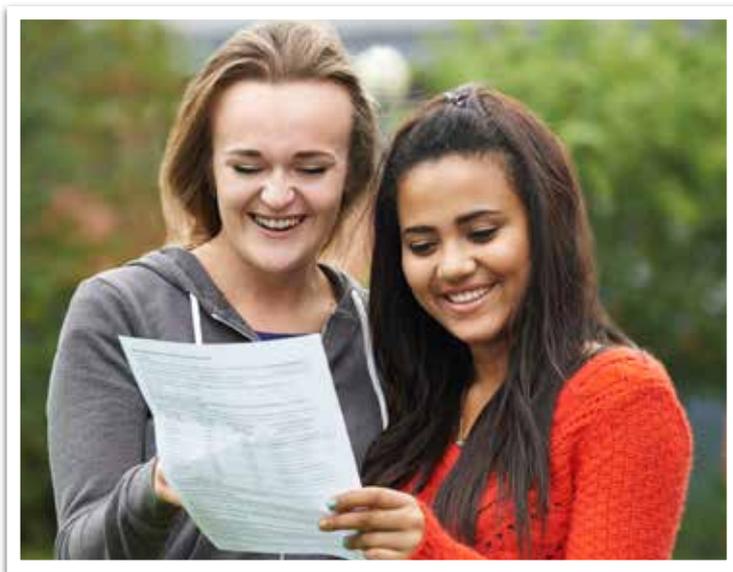
We will lay on over 40,000 free family activities to support more people to be more active, more often.



[www.tameside.gov.uk/pledges2016](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/pledges2016)



# Top of the class



## **GCSE results are more improved in Tameside than anywhere else in the North West, figures have revealed.**

And the borough is one of the top ten nationally for the most improved results.

As part of this, St Damian's RC School in Ashton has been named one of the top 100 non-selective, state-funded schools in the country for its excellent GCSE results.

In 2015, 57% of pupils across the borough achieved five or more A\* to C grades including English and maths – an improvement of nearly 4% on the previous year. The only other Greater Manchester authority to achieve an improvement was Salford, where the same results improved by less than 1% to 48%.

And it's not just at Key Stage 4 where results are improving. At Key Stage 2, 80% of pupils in Tameside achieved level 4+ in reading, writing and maths combined, sustaining the borough's 6% improvement in results from 2013 to 2014.

Tameside Council Executive Member responsible for lifelong learning Cllr Lynn Travis said: "This is fantastic news for the borough and for the both the current and future achievement and aspirations of our young people.

*"It is a testament to the hard work, commitment and vision of schools, pupils, teachers, parents, governors and the local authority.*

*"This drive for further improvement continues as we do everything we can to ensure we are giving young people in Tameside the best possible educational start in life."*

## **MILLBROOK Primary is celebrating after once again being officially named one of the top schools in the country.**

The Tameside school, which has twice been judged as outstanding by Ofsted, has received recognition for being among just 187 primary schools nationally to attain Key Stage 2 (KS2) results where 100% of pupils achieved level 4b or above in reading and maths and level 4 or above in writing combined. This is the sixth time the school has been recognised for achieving top results since 2006.

The fantastic achievement reflects a sustained improvement in Key Stage 2 results across Tameside as a whole, with 69% of pupils achieving these levels at KS2 in 2015 compared to 60% in 2013. Other Tameside schools to also achieve notable results include Fairfield Road Primary School, Droylsden, and St Christopher's RC Primary School, Ashton, with both attaining 97%.

Millbrook Primary Head teacher Elizabeth Turner attributes the school's success to a "broad and balanced curriculum" as well as a whole school effort.

She said: "This is a great outcome of a bigger picture. We are not an exam factory. This is a result of a lot of hard work from the whole school community – from pupils and staff to governors and parents – from the early years onwards to prepare and equip pupils with skills and experience they can use not just in secondary school but in all aspects of life. For example we have a Forest Schools base on site where pupils can get involved in outdoor learning and teamwork and then bring these skills into the classroom.

*"This recognition validates all our hard work and inspires and reinvigorates us to continue to give that little bit extra and change lives, because that's what we do at this school."*

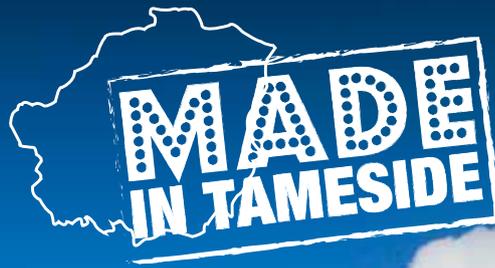




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# Cotton's coming home

**COTTON spinning is returning to Tameside. English Fine Cottons (EFC) is investing £5.8 million to restart production at Tower Mill, Park Road, Dukinfield. Around 100 jobs should be created.**

In addition to its own money, the company has secured a £2 million loan from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and £1 million from the Government's Textiles Growth Programme.

EFC, which will be the UK's only spinning concern, will produce some of the most luxurious cotton in the world, using the finest raw materials from Barbados, India, the USA and Egypt. The fabric will be used in high-end fashion.

Cllr Kieran Quinn, Executive Leader of Tameside Council, said: *"The return of cotton spinning to the banks of the River Tame is a matter of huge historical significance.*

*"While I applaud the work done at national and regional level to bring English Fine Cottons to our borough, I must also praise the efforts of Tameside Council and Culimeta Saveguard, both of which have invested a vast amount of time and resources."*

Tower Mill, which was built in 1885, was last used for cotton in 1955. Tame Valley Mill ceased textile production 20 years ago when Bowker and Ball closed.

Andy Ogden, general manager of Culimeta Saveguard (the parent company of English Fine Cottons), said: "We are extremely proud to have won this government grant to help us make real our dream of bringing the cotton industry back to where it belongs – the North West of England."



# New beginning for Old Baths

**TAMESIDE is at the forefront of high-tech business incubation.**

Renovation work has been completed at Ashton Old Baths, a commercial operator is being appointed, fit-out works are taking place and tenants are being recruited.

Work at the mid-Victorian building, which closed as a swimming baths in 1975, has involved cleaning, repairs and the replacement of external stonework. The new office space is housed inside a free-standing timber-clad pod within the former main pool.

When the renovation phase finished on 22 February, it made Ashton Old Baths the first supported project to be concluded in the Heritage Lottery Fund's Heritage Enterprise programme.

Tameside Council has invested almost £1 million in the project, which was launched in 2013. The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) put in a similar amount and the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) gave £1.7 million.

The incubator has been created to support innovative set-ups, predominantly in the creative, media and digital sectors. Such businesses have high growth potential and will bolster the competitiveness of the borough's economy.

Community has been at the heart of the project. Apprentices were employed, and more than 500 children visited the building to learn about its architecture, history and design - most of them qualifying for the nationally recognised Arts Awards certification. Organised tours proved extremely popular.

On March 19, an audio-visual celebration event in Henry Square was held, funded by the HLF and AGMA, the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities. It involved digital projections on to the side of the baths, a light show, a thematic soundtrack composed by Gas Music and dance performances.

Cllr Jim Fitzpatrick, chair of the project board, said: *"After lying vacant for more than 40 years, this visionary project has turned the derelict grade II\* listed Ashton Old Baths into an impressive business incubator integrated within Ashton's St Petersfield business quarter."*





# TAMESIDE budget Consultation

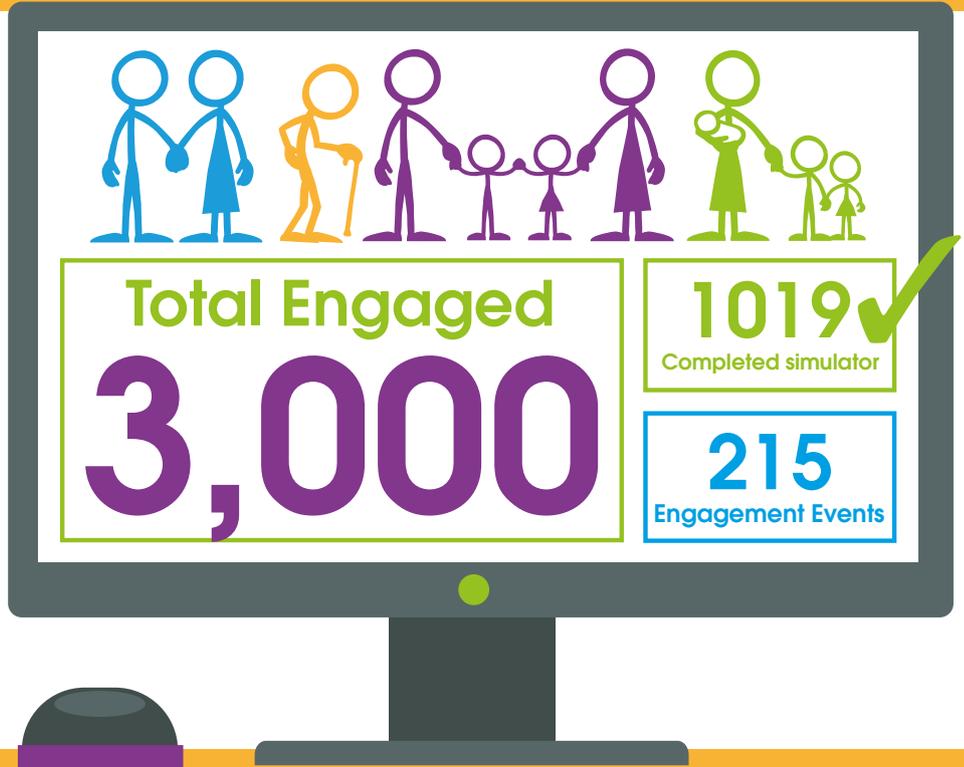
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## Thanks for taking part

**TAMESIDE Council's budget engagement took place over a 12 week period between 29 September and 22 December 2015 and consulted with residents and businesses across the borough.**

The impact of Government funding cuts and the challenge of balancing the budget while safeguarding vital services was explained at a total of 215 events open to the public. Alongside this the challenges were set out in full on our website, through a video and via social media. Residents were encouraged to have a go at balancing the budget using the on-line budget simulator. The headline results are shown on this page and you can read the full report at [www.tameside.gov.uk/budgetconsult/feedback2016](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/budgetconsult/feedback2016)



### Most popular income and efficiency ideas



The Council has been recognised nationally  
as an example of best practice

# Budget 2016/17

It costs **£900,000** every day to provide these services.



To read the full report 16/17 see the full council meeting papers (item 7) on our website [www.tameside.gov.uk/budget1617](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/budget1617)



# Proud Tameside

## Building brighter futures

**JOINERY apprentices Joseph and Kane are both well on their way to one day achieving their dreams of setting up their own businesses.**

Both are on Level 2 Joinery apprenticeships – which will later progress to Level 3 – with Etches Construction in Hyde. And both have been supported by Tameside Council Trade Grants, which – as part of the Council’s Jobs Pledges - provide up to £1000 for apprentices or young people starting out in their own trade to buy equipment.

To find out more about Tameside apprenticeships see [tameside-apprentices.org](http://tameside-apprentices.org) and for more information on Tameside Council Trade Grants see [www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideJobsPledges/TradeGrant](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideJobsPledges/TradeGrant)



## Painting Tameside Pink

**TAMESIDE Neonatal Knitters were among many groups, teams and individuals across the borough who took part in Tameside 4 Good’s Paint it Pink event to raise money to fund projects that benefit local people.**

The knitters, who started up with a Tameside 4 Good grant two years ago, make a variety of miniature items – from beanie hats to blankets - which are vital for the care of premature babies in the neonatal units at Tameside Hospital and St Mary’s Hospital in Manchester.

Overall the Paint it Pink event, support by Tameside Council, has raised over £4,000 for local good causes and money is still coming in. To find out more about Tameside4Good see [tameside4good.org](http://tameside4good.org) and, if you are interested in joining the neonatal knitters or can donate wool, email: [neonatalknitters@outlook.com](mailto:neonatalknitters@outlook.com)



## Improving treatment and support for cancer patients



**A FUNDRAISING appeal has been launched for a state-of-the-art £2m Macmillan Cancer Centre based at Tameside Hospital.**

The new purpose built centre, due to open by the end of the year, will enable patients to access specialist cancer treatment, information and ongoing support. To find out more and make a donation see

[www.macmillan.org.uk/donate/macmillan-projects/tameside.html](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/donate/macmillan-projects/tameside.html)



## Devoted to the local community



**THEY'VE yet to receive the royal treatment at Buckingham Palace, but the Tameside residents named in the new year's honours list got the mayoral treatment at Dukinfield Town Hall.**

The honours winners – including the council's chief executive, Steven Pleasant – were invited to meet the Civic Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr Vincent Ricci and Mrs Julie Ricci, to be formally congratulated on behalf of the borough.

Pictured are: Back row left to right Mr Steven Pleasant, Tameside Civic Mayor Cllr Vincent Ricci, Civic Mayoress Mrs Julie Ricci, Mr Anthony Emoabino Chaba, Mrs Sandra Marston, Mrs Mary Chaba, Mr Bill Marston. Seated: Mr Peter Fish and Mrs Mary Fish.





# Putting you at the heart of your future health

## **HEALTH and social care in Tameside is changing to provide improved services and help residents enjoy healthier lives.**

The pioneering Care Together programme will bring together health and care professionals - such as doctors, physiotherapists, community nurses and home care workers - to help ensure patients get the right care, in the right place and at the right time.

Those in need of support will receive it in a more co-ordinated way, without having to work their way through a complex system. Care

will be provided closer to home and on the basis of keeping people out of hospital by using early support.

Care Together sits alongside Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Devolution, a groundbreaking plan giving Greater Manchester councils and local NHS services much more control of the region's £6 billion health and social care budget.

It will bring decision making closer to home, while prioritising building resilience among local people, developing healthier lifestyles and preventing ill health.

## Caretogether: The vision

- 1 Designing health and care services differently to ensure the right care is delivered, in the right place at the right time for you.
- 2 Putting you and your family at the heart of delivery with care and support delivered closer to your home.
- 3 Giving you a greater say in how your care is delivered.
- 4 A better and simpler local response to health and social needs that gives you an improved experience in hospital, in your community and with services built around your local GP.
- 5 Prevention is better than cure. We want you to have the support, information and choice about the services you want, so you are able to take more responsibility for your health and wellbeing and a more active role in managing your own care.
- 6 Making the best use of the money we have to spend on health and care services for you.

# Taking charge of your health



## **WHAT would make you healthier? Or, on the other hand, what stops you being as healthy as you would like to be?**

The Taking Charge Together programme is giving people across Greater Manchester an opportunity to get involved in future of health and social care plans.

Residents are being encouraged to share what helps – and hinders - them from taking greater responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.

People can get involved in the consultation, which closes on 31 March 2016, at [www.takingchargetogether.org.uk](http://www.takingchargetogether.org.uk). Those who take part in the online conversation will be entered into a prize draw to win a set of family bikes.

Cllr Gerald P. Cooney, Tameside Council's Executive Member responsible for health, said: *"I would strongly encourage people to take part in this consultation and to make their views known."*

*"There's a role for everyone to take charge and responsibility: individuals, families, communities, GPs, hospitals, councils and the 100,000 staff who work in health and social care."*

*"By harnessing the collective energy and ideas of the 2.8 million residents we can take charge of our own future."*



# Vote by post



VOTING is your democratic right as a citizen of the UK. If you want to have your say at any election or referendum in the UK, you must be registered to vote. If you need to register to vote you can do so online at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://gov.uk/register-to-vote). Registering online takes about five minutes and you will need your National insurance number, which you can find on a wage, benefit or tax notification.

In Tameside, we will be having Local Elections on Thursday 5 May 2016 and the European Referendum on 23 June 2016. Voting by post is a free, secure and convenient way to have your say

allowing you about two weeks to make a decision and return your vote in any post box.

If you would like to apply for a postal vote, in either or both elections, you should complete and return the form below by the legal deadline of the 5pm on 19 April 2016 for the local elections, and 8 June 2016 for the EU Referendum.

You need to provide your date of birth and signature to protect the security of your postal vote.

## Application to vote by post



Elections Office, Dukinfield Town Hall,  
King Street, Dukinfield. SK16 4LA

Web: [www.tameside.gov.uk](http://www.tameside.gov.uk)  
Email: [elections@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:elections@tameside.gov.uk)  
Telephone: 0161 342 3036

Address where you are registered to vote:

First name (in full):

Surname or family name:

I wish to vote by post (Tick ONE box only)

- At all elections unless I give you further notice  
or  
 Only at the local elections to be held on 5 May 2016  
or  
 Only at the EU Referendum to be held on the 23 June 2016

I want my ballot paper to be sent to: (Tick ONE box only)

- My address where I am registered (as above)  
or  
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**DECLARATION:** As far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate. I understand that to provide false information on this form is an offence, punishable on conviction by imprisonment of up to two years and/or a fine.  
**(You must provide your date of birth and signature for security reasons).**

**Your Date of Birth:** Please enter your date of birth in the boxes below in a DD MM YYYY format, writing clearly **within the borders** of the boxes, using a **black pen**.

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**Your Signature:** Please sign your normal signature **ONLY** keeping within the box using a **black pen**.

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# MONEY MATTERS

**ALMOST everyone encounters money problems at some point in their life. They can make you feel totally alone but the fact is, you aren't. There are plenty of organisations to help you and the ones listed here offer free, independent advice.**

## Cash Box Credit Union

A financial co-operative open to all who live or work in Tameside, Cash Box offers savings accounts and low-interest loans.  
**cashbox.org.uk 0161 342 3266**

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## Citizens Advice Bureau

Specialist help with debts, employment, welfare benefits and many other matters. If needed, CAB can offer practical support, such as help with completing forms, writing letters or negotiating with third parties.  
**tamesidecab.org.uk 0161 330 2156**

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## Debt Advice

A specialist service within Tameside Welfare Rights. It offers free, independent, and confidential advice, support and assistance with debt problems.  
**tameside.gov.uk/benefits/moneyadvice 0800 328 0008**

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## MiNT (Money Information Service)

A partnership of organisations based in Tameside, all of which share a vision of giving people the right tools and skills to manage their personal finances and avoid debt. MiNT exists to help everyone living or working in Tameside.  
**mintameside.org.uk**

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## Money Advice Service

A free, confidential government helpline and website providing information to help people manage their money better.  
**moneyadviceservice.org.uk 0800 138 7777**

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## My Home Finance

A social enterprise set up by the National Housing Federation to help those unable to access high-street lending and to stop them falling prey to loan sharks. It can open bank accounts and help with saving for the future.  
**myhomefinance.org.uk**

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## Welfare Rights

Free, independent and confidential advice for Tameside residents on a range of benefits and tax-credit entitlements, allowing them to make informed decisions.  
**tameside.gov.uk/benefits/welfarerights 0800 074 9985**

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## Shop a Shark

If you owe money to a loan shark, or know of one operating in your area, this is your chance to stop them. Report them confidentially on 0300 555 2222 or text loan (space) shark (space) and your message to 60003.

## Generation Savers

We will open a credit union account with £10 for each 11 year old starting secondary school in September.



# What's on in Tameside, April 2016

## Saturday 2

### Once Upon a Time

Exploring the magical world of fairytales through paintings from the Astley Cheetham collection. **Astley Cheetham Art Gallery, Trinity Street, Stalybridge.**

## Sunday 3

### Birdwalk

Discover the birdlife of the Medlock Valley on this gentle stroll. **Meet 10am at Park Bridge Heritage Centre.**

### Kids in the Environment

If you're aged seven to 12 and interested in fun, forest activities, KITE is for you. **Park Bridge Heritage Centre. 10am to noon**

## Tuesday 5

### Ancestral Trail

Search for your ancestors with volunteers from the Tameside Group of the Cheshire Family History Society. Drop-in session. No need to book. **2 to 4pm at Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre, Cotton Street, Ashton.**

### Go Wild

A fun day in the countryside for families. Den building, a mini-beast safari and pond dipping. **1 to 3pm in the car park at the bottom of Meadow Lane, Haughton Green.**

### Jolly Holidays

Artist-led craft activities. 50p per child.

**11am to 3pm at Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton.**

## Wednesday 6

### Family History Helpdesk

Book a half-hour slot with one of our experts.

**10am to 1pm at Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre, Cotton Street, Ashton.**

### Meet Tommy Atkins: First World War Soldier

Have you ever wondered what a soldier wore, what he ate, how he lived, fought and died on the Western Front? **Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton. 11am to 3pm.**



### Tameside History Club

Gay Oliver talks about her ancestor who was a Poor Law guardian and explains how the system worked. **2pm at Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre, Cotton Street, Ashton.**

## Thursday 7

### Conservation Day

Path maintenance to provide better public access. **10am at Silver Springs entrance off A670 Mossley Road/Mellor Road, Ashton.**

### Family History Helpdesk

Book a half-hour slot with one of our experts. **10am to 1pm at Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre, Cotton Street, Ashton.**

### Jolly Holidays

Artist-led craft activities. 50p per child. **11am to 3pm at Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton.**

## Saturday 9

### Family History Helpdesk

Book a half-hour slot with one of our experts. **10am to noon at Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre, Cotton Street, Ashton.**

## Sunday 10

### Conservation Day

Wellies needed to help clear the mud and debris from the pond inlet at Etherow Lodge. **10am at Etherow Lodge main entrance, Manchester Road, Hollingworth.**

## Tuesday 12

### Conservation Day

Path maintenance to provide better public access. **10am at Silver Springs entrance off A670 Mossley Road/Mellor Road, Ashton.**

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## Wednesday 13

### Family History Helpdesk

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### Meet Tommy Atkins: First World War Soldier

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## Thursday 14

### Conservation Day

It's time to check on the growth of the trees, planted three years ago and remove their guards. **10am at Castle Clough car park, Buckton Vale Road, Carrbrook, Stalybridge.**

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## Saturday 16

### Family History Helpdesk

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## Sunday 17

### Signs of Spring

A six-mile ramble around the Tame Valley in Hyde and Denton looking for signs of spring. It could be the first bluebell, an early migrant bird, or ponds coming back to life after the winter frost and ice. **Meet 10.30am in car park at the bottom of Meadow Lane, Haughton Green.**

## Monday 18

### Conservation Day

Weeding and tidying in Audenshaw Memorial Garden.

**10am at Sidmouth Street, Audenshaw, near the railway bridge.**

## Tuesday 19

### Ancestral Trail

Search for your ancestors with volunteers from the Tameside Group of the Cheshire Family History Society. Drop-in session. No need to book.

**2 to 4pm at Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre, Cotton Street, Ashton.**



## Wednesday 20

### Family History Helpdesk

Book a half-hour slot with one of our experts. **10am to 1pm at Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre, Cotton Street, Ashton.**

## Thursday 21

### Conservation Day

Preparation for walling course. **10am at Quarry Street entrance to Gorse Hall Country Park, Stalybridge, by the old car park.**

### Family History Helpdesk

Book a half-hour slot with one of our experts. **10am to 1pm at Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre, Cotton Street, Ashton.**

### Little Hands



An hour of storytelling, crafts and fun for pre-schoolers. **10am at Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton.**

## Saturday 23

### Family History Helpdesk

Book a half-hour slot with one of our experts. **10am to noon at Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre, Cotton Street, Ashton.**

### Introduction to Landscapes

Explore different materials and textures while creating landscapes. Led by professional artist Sheila Meeks. All materials included. £25/£20 concessions. Book on 0161 343 2878. **10am to 2.30pm at Portland Basin Museum, Ashton.**

## Sunday 24

### Chadkirk Chapel Ramble

A 10-mile walk across wild, windswept Werneth Low to historic Chadkirk Chapel and back via Etherow Country Park. **Meet 10am at Lower Higham Visitor Centre, Higham Lane, Hyde.**

## Monday 25

### Conservation Day

Litter picks and checks to see if signposts, benches, picnic tables etc are in need of repair. **10am at Shepley Wood Park, Cemetery Road, Audenshaw.**

## Tuesday 26

### Ancestral Trail

Search for your ancestors with volunteers from the Tameside Group of the Cheshire Family History Society. Drop-in session. No need to book. **2 to 4pm at Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre, Cotton Street, Ashton.**

## Wednesday 27

### Family History Helpdesk

Book a half-hour slot with one of our experts. **10am to 1pm at Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre, Cotton St, Ashton.**

## Thursday 28

### Conservation Day

Preparation for walling course at Gorse Hall. **10am at Quarry Street entrance to Gorse Hall Country Park, Stalybridge.**

### Family History Helpdesk

Book a half-hour slot with one of our experts. **10am to 1pm at Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre, Cotton Street, Ashton.**

### Little Hands



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## Saturday 30

### Family History Helpdesk

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## Exhibitions

### Until 23 April

#### Hidden Tameside

Discover some beautiful and fascinating documents from Tameside's local studies and archives collection, many of which have never been on public display before.

**Tameside Central Art Gallery, Old Street, Ashton.**

### Until 23 April

#### Northern Life

A reflection of the last decade of work by Mossley artist Chris Cyprus. Daily northern routines transferred to canvas. **Tameside Central Art Gallery, Old Street, Ashton.**

### Until summer

#### Clickety Click

Lights! Camera! Action! Be wowed by our collection of old cameras.

**Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton.**

### From 9 April

**Hidden Tameside: Discoveing Cockbrook Astley Cheetham Gallery, Trinity Street, Stalybridge.**



# University Courses

At Ashton Sixth Form College



- PGCE - Primary (School Direct)
- PGCE - Secondary (various subjects, School Direct)
- PGCE - Post-Compulsory Education and Training
- Certificate in Education - Post-Compulsory Education and Training
- Foundation Degree in Education
- BA (Hons) in Education
- Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies
- BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies
- Foundation Year Art and Design
- Foundation Year Health and Social Care
- HND Media Production

# Adult Education

At Ashton Sixth Form College



- Functional Maths
- Functional English
- GCSE Maths
- GCSE English
- GCSE Science
- Setting up a Child Minding Business
- Playwork
- Early Years Educator (EYE)
- Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
- Forest School Leader

*Please note - the first enrolment for GCSE courses is 21st June 2016.*

## Information and Enrolment Evenings

**Tuesday 12th April | 5pm - 7pm**

**Tuesday 21st June | 5pm - 7pm**

**[www.asfc.ac.uk](http://www.asfc.ac.uk) | 0161 666 8215 | [adulted@asfc.ac.uk](mailto:adulted@asfc.ac.uk)**