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- A range of services and activities for families

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Visit www.tameside.gov.uk/FamilyHubs to find out more.



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Welcome to the summer edition of the Citizen

Summer is a time for celebration and enjoying all the splendid scenery and events that Tameside possesses. We're determined to do all we can to keep our borough an attractive and thriving place and you can find out about all the latest initiatives in this edition of the Citizen.

These include our enforcement activities to crackdown on the minority that flytip and break the laws and trialling mobile CCTV cameras at flytipping hotspots to gather evidence and act as a deterrent, which you can read about on pages 4 and 5. These pages also include details of clean-ups and Litter Hubs that form part of the Our Streets campaign to keep Tameside tidy.

You can prepare for the events that will brighten our days with our What's On guide on page 23, while Street Fest is back in Stalybridge and more popular than ever, on P18.

There's a huge amount to celebrate in Tameside, including our fantastic businesses, and you can look back at all the winners and the glamour of our recent Pride of Tameside Business Awards on pages 16 and 17. And our regeneration schemes to enhance our town centres are progressing well with updates on the work and funding secured on pages 8 and 9.

Elsewhere, our efforts to help the environment through our Think Green campaign and walking and cycling schemes are on page 21, while our health initiatives that are transforming lives by stamping out smoking are on page 20 and our campaign to raise awareness of domestic abuse and support victims is on page 6.

I hope you are able to get out and about this summer and enjoy everything that Tameside has to offer.



Cllr Gerald P Cooney
Tameside Council Executive Leader

Become a Tameside Community Champion



Can you help provide family, friends and other community members with information and support with everything related to Health & Wellbeing?

Sign up to become a community champion
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Rogue builder fined £25k for botched home conversions



A rogue builder has received suspended prison sentences and been fined £25,000 after carrying out botched work on two Tameside homes – one of which was left with part of the roof missing.

Minshull Street Crown Court, Manchester, heard on 3 May that Ahsan Ul Haq, New Lane, Siddal, Halifax, trading as Your Home Our Pride Building Services, had been contracted to carry out a loft conversion at one property and a basement conversion at the other. But he failed to finish the work he was paid for and left both Ashton homes in a poor state – one of the properties was left so uninhabitable that the homeowner and her family were forced to move out and stay with relatives.

He then failed to respond to requests from the victims to rectify and complete the work and left the country, in doing so breaking all contact with the victims.

Following complaints by the victims to the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline in July 2021, an investigation was carried out by Tameside Council's Trading Standards officers, supported by the Council's Building Control team.

Mr Ul Haq pleaded guilty on 10 November 2023 to two counts of the offence of knowingly engaging in an unfair commercial

practice in relation to building works at the two properties between March and June 2021. He admitted that he had contravened the requirements of professional diligence with regards to the building works, by failing to complete the contracted work paid for and carrying out the completed works to a poor standard. He also failed to submit an application and notice to Tameside Council Planning and Building Control Services for the building works, despite telling the victims that he would do so.

The court heard the actions of Mr Ul Haq have had a huge emotional and financial impact on both families, who are related to each other. One of the families could only return to their home after 16 months due to delays in being able to get another builder to make it habitable and complete the work, and the owners of the other property have so far been unable to have work on their basement conversion completed.

Mr Ul Haq was sentenced to two consecutive suspended prison sentences of 8 months each and was ordered to pay £7,000 in compensation to the victims within 28 days and a further £750 each month for the next two years, totalling £25,000. Out of this amount, £13,510 and £9,250 will go to the victims respectively and the remaining £2,240 towards prosecution costs.

Shop fined for underage e-cig sale

A shop has been ordered to pay £1,300 for selling an e-cigarette to an underage person during a Tameside Trading Standards operation.

Tameside Magistrates Court heard on 8 April that council trading standards officers led the test purchase at Waz off licence in Ambleside, Stalybridge, on 7 August 2023.

The owner of the business, Syed Naqi Abbas Naqvi of Station Road, Hadfield, - who was representing the business - and employee Ali Khetab Iqbal of Kenyon Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, both pleaded guilty to the sale of an e-cigarette to a person under the age of 18.

Magistrates fined the business £750 plus ordered it to pay £300 victim surcharge plus £250 costs. Mr Iqbal was fined £80 plus ordered to pay a £32 victim surcharge and £250 costs.

Illegal vapes worth £30k seized

ILLEGAL vapes with the street value of nearly £30k were seized during a multi-agency operation to tackle the illegal sale of age restricted products.

Tameside Council trading standards, environmental health and licensing officers joined Greater Manchester Police visiting shops in the borough on 14 May.

The operation was an opportunity for council officers to follow up intelligence in relation to suspected illegal activity while also providing advice to all businesses in relation to their responsibilities as sellers of age restricted products including knives, alcohol, tobacco and e-cigarettes.

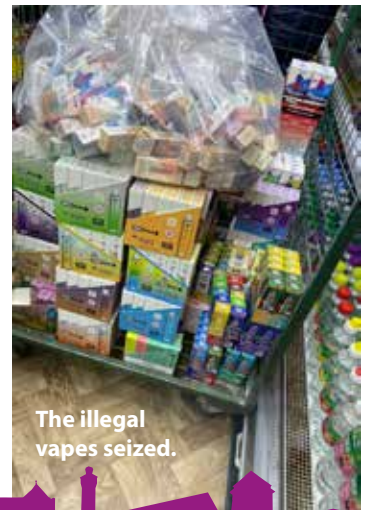
During the visits, officers seized 2,296 illegal vapes with a street value of £27,552 and illicit tobacco with a value of £159 from three shops. The shops cannot currently be named for legal reasons, but appropriate enforcement action will be taken.

Poor electrics were also identified in one business resulting in notices being served for urgent repair.

All other businesses visited were found to be compliant and were advised and reminded of their duties of responsible selling and licence conditions.



Officers visiting licensed traders.



The illegal vapes seized.

Your waste, your responsibility

Householders are being reminded of their duty to dispose of their waste responsibly in a new campaign to tackle flytipping.

The 'Your Waste Your Responsibility' campaign has been launched by Tameside Council working in partnership with Recycle for Greater Manchester.

The campaign highlights that leaving waste by wheelie bins and recycling banks, on the floor of communal bin areas, outside recycling centres and charity shops or anywhere that isn't a registered waste facility is all flytipping and illegal.

Householders can also be prosecuted if someone else illegally dumps waste on their behalf – this sometimes happens when people pay for 'man in a van' type operators who often respond to call outs on social media to remove waste.

People are urged to instead always ensure they use a registered waste carrier. You can find a registered waste carrier on the Environment Agency's website. Householders are responsible for checking they are registered, so always ask to see their certificate. Always get a receipt confirming what they have taken and where they have disposed of it and details of any payment made.

Tameside Council has already this year issued over 160 fixed penalty notices and conducted six prosecutions for waste related offences.

For further information see tameside.gov.uk/flytipping



CLlr Denise Ward supporting the Flytipping campaign



New CCTV cameras at flytipping hotspots

Mobile CCTV cameras are to be trialed in Tameside's hotspot areas for flytipping and other anti-social behaviour.

The deployable cameras, which are easy to install as well as move to new locations to meet changing requirements, have already been successfully piloted in neighbouring Greater Manchester authorities.

Tameside Council maintains a list of hot spot areas for flytipping, which is regularly updated and is used to determine where enforcement activity should be focussed.

It is hoped the cameras - which council enforcement officers will use to target these hotspot areas - will help to prevent flytipping and other anti-social behaviour, as well as support investigations following incidents. Signs will be in place at all locations prior to cameras being installed.

For further details on how to report flytipping and useful information which may support investigations see

tameside.gov.uk/flytipping

Helping to keep our communities cleaner

Lots of volunteers, schoolchildren, stakeholders and partners have been out and about this spring helping to keep our streets clean and support the Great British Spring Clean. They achieved some brilliant work by working together with the Council to take action in their local area.

If you want to help keep your local area clean or organise a local community clean-up this summer, you can borrow equipment from one of our brilliant Litter Hubs for free. There are hubs located across the borough, they are really easy to use to help clean up your local community.

To find out your nearest hub and its opening times go to tameside.gov.uk/litterhubs



A community clean up.



Thumbs up after a clean up



DOES THAT SIT RIGHT WITH YOU?

#SittingRightWithYou

Anyone, of any age, gender and background, can experience domestic abuse. Does that sit right with you?

DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS

If you're worried about yourself, or someone you know visit www.tameside.gov.uk/domesticabuse or call 0800 328 0967. It's time to talk about it.



Volunteers and service users at Age UK Tameside alongside (back row left to right) Tameside Safeguarding Adults Board Chair Jane Timson, Cllr Eleanor Wills, Domestic Abuse Manager Lisa Morris and Age UK Tameside CEO Marcia Thorpe.

Tackling domestic abuse against older people

NEARLY 100 older people a year in Tameside seek support for domestic abuse but it's thought that many more may need help.

Not all of these are people being abused by a partner, some of them are people who are being abused by their adult children or grandchildren.

Tameside Council has worked with partners Age UK Tameside, a charity which works in the community to help older people remain independent and well, and Jigsaw, which provides the Bridges domestic abuse support service, to relaunch the Sitting Right With You domestic abuse campaign to raise awareness with everyone – but particularly older people – that there's support available.

The UK Government's definition of domestic violence is 'any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive,

threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality'. This can encompass, but is not limited to, psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional abuse.

In some cases of domestic abuse involving older people, the perpetrator can be a family member who has or wants control of their victim's money for their own financial gain.

The Sitting Right With You campaign aims to highlight controlling and coercive behaviours and that feeling scared of a member of your own family isn't right and that there's help and support available for anyone who is experiencing this.

For further information see www.tameside.gov.uk/domesticabuse or call 0800 328 0967. In an emergency you should always call 999.

Tameside couple abused by their daughter

A Tameside couple have told the shocking story of how they were abused by their own daughter as she tried to gain control of their finances.

Jack*, aged 79, was hospitalised in April 2023 after being strangled by his middle-aged daughter until he lost consciousness.

His daughter had angrily attacked him in response to him asking her to leave during a visit where she was repeatedly pestering her 77-year-old mother, Barbara*, for power of attorney over her finances and wanting access to her bank card.

Jack said: "People think of domestic abuse being between partners, you never imagine your own child would

turn on you. We want people to be wary of the signs and speak to someone and get advice before the situation gets any worse. No one should feel scared of a member of their own family."

The couple were referred to Bridges, Tameside's domestic abuse support service run by Jigsaw Support on behalf of Tameside Council. With the help of their support worker, they were rehomed to a new area where their daughter does not know their address.

Jack said: "Our support worker has been a godsend and a big reassurance, we can't thank her enough. We feel settled and safer now."

Barbara said: "It's desperately hard for a mum to give up links with a daughter



The couple have been grateful for support.

but it's not right to feel scared by your own. I would advise people to trust their instincts, if it doesn't feel right it isn't right and you need to talk to someone and get help and clear advice."

*names have been changed to protect the couple's identities and help to keep them safe.

DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS

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Helping Hand Tameside

Support services in Tameside to help you manage the cost of living

Cost-of-living support available through Tameside Family Hubs

If you or someone you know are having difficulty paying the bills, we are holding some upcoming Helping Hand sessions through our Family Hubs where you can get support with a variety of issues. These are open to all Tameside residents and are organised by the council's Welfare Rights team who can provide information, advice and signposting for individuals and families affected by the rising cost of living.

If you need support with finances, including debts and income maximisation, please pop in where the team can provide advice or signpost you to a relevant organisation.

If you are unable to make one of the sessions, support is also available at Tameside One through the Customer Service Navigators who can connect residents with both council services and external organisations. If you are having concerns about your financial situation you can drop into Tameside One during normal opening hours and the navigators will be happy to assist.

For further information or to contact a navigator, email navigators@tameside.gov.uk, or visit the reception at Tameside One. Alternatively, residents can contact the council's main contact centre on 0161 342 8355 and ask for a call back from one of the navigators.

Helping Hand Tameside cost of living support information is available 24/7 online at

tameside.gov.uk/helpinghand

Upcoming drop-in session dates:

- Every Second Tuesday of the month, 10.30 – 11.30am. East Family Hub, Ridge Hill Children's Centre, School Crescent, Ridge Hill, Stalybridge, SK15 1EA.
- Every first Tuesday of the month, 10-11am. South Family Hub, Flowery Field Children's Centre, Old Road, Flowery Field, Hyde, SK14 4SQ.
- Every third Monday of the month, 2-3pm. North Family Hub, St Peter's Children's Centre, Trafalgar Square, Ashton, OL7 0LL.
- Every last Friday of the month 10-11 am. Tameside Wellness Centre – Denton, Lance Corporal Andrew Breeze Way, Denton, Manchester M34 3RD.



Tameside
Family Hubs



REGENERATING

TRANSFORMING ASHTON MARKET SQUARE



Following extensive consultation with the local community, market traders and key stakeholders, the start of construction work on the redevelopment of Ashton Market Square is fast approaching. Behind the scenes the Council and appointed consultant team have been progressing the detailed technical design and talking to market traders about the proposals.

The transformation of the Market Square will change the way it is used in the future, through the creation of a multifunctional and welcoming space.

In preparation for the build, the Council and STAR Procurement have been working to appoint the best contractors for the project. Whitecrate will manufacture the new kiosks, The Casey Group

will construct the canopy and public space beneath it, and the Council's Engineering team will continue the improvements from the Wellington Road scheme to complete the public realm enhancements in Market Square.

Groundworks for the Market Square will commence in the early summer and whilst construction works are underway, the Council is committed to ensuring that the outdoor market continues to operate in the town. The indoor market will also remain open throughout the works, but due to the major construction works, the way people access and move around the town centre will change.

To support market traders, a temporary market will be established in Fletcher Square and Market Street, incorporating some existing kiosks and flexible market infrastructure. This temporary market is expected to be operational by the end of August 2024 for 12-14 months. We encourage everyone to continue visiting the town centre and market as usual—Ashton will remain open for business with vibrant markets, events, and services for all. Supporting local businesses and traders during this period is vital, so let's keep shopping local. The construction will cause some disruption, but the council will be working closely with contractors to minimise this as much as possible.

This is an exciting time for the town. The additional £20m Long Term Plan funding for the town, will support further town centre improvements through the establishment of a Town Board comprising key stakeholders from across the town who all want to work together to make Ashton even better.

For more information on the plans, please visit

levellingupashton.co.uk

MORE WORK AHEAD FOR ASHTON TOWN HALL

Behind the scenes over the last six months, work has been ongoing inside Ashton's historic Town Hall on surveys and work to help improve the roof and building envelope.

Much of the preparation work and detailed surveys carried out have not been visible as hoardings have been erected to protect the public while work is carried out by the Council's delivery partner Robertson's and sub-contractors. The next steps will see the restoration of the parapet and facade on the south and east sides of the building.

The aim of the preparation work funded by an allocated £3.4m of the £20m Levelling Up Fund (LUF) was to enable the council to look at a longer-term plan for repairs and to seek further funding to make them possible.

Whilst the overall roofing replacement has now been paused, a Design and Build contract has been signed with Inspired Spaces



Tameside Limited and work will recommence on the repairs to the parapet and stonework. This will preserve the historic façade of the building and ensure it complements the extensive public realm works due to commence on Market Square whilst longer term plans for the building are progressed.

TAMESIDE

£500,000 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR HYDE



In May, the Government announced that Hyde will receive an additional £500,000 Levelling Up cash to breathe new life and greenery onto the high street.

The new funding is being granted to help restore the town centre with attractive changes that entice residents and visitors to shops. In keeping with the Hyde Town Centre vision and masterplan, the Market Square will be reconfigured with new high-quality seating,

new bike storage units and enriched greenery. The adjacent park to the high street – Millenium Park – will also be revamped for use by the wider community, with plants added, footpaths resurfaced and new space to support events. These changes will create a more welcoming, greener town centre that people want to spend more time in.

The funding comes from the Government's High Street Accelerators pilot programme launched in December last year. The pilot is working with ten local authorities in England to accelerate improvements to their high streets, while empowering residents and local businesses to partner with them on a regeneration plan that meets the needs of the community.

The funding follows an earlier grant of £237,000 to help Hyde Accelerator Steering Group kickstart long-term regeneration plans with residents and businesses. Read more about the funding at

tameside.gov.uk/hydetowncentre

DEVELOPER PARTNER TO BE SOUGHT FOR STALYBRIDGE REGENERATION

With the regeneration of Stalybridge underway, the council will now be seeking a developer partner to help move forward plans focusing on the west side of the town.

After carrying out feasibility studies, the plan is to unlock surplus brownfield land for future residential and commercial development and seeking a development partner to bring in private investment for Council-owned sites in Stalybridge West. This will be supported by a separate procurement exercise to appoint a team to work on the surveys and designs needed to help make the required infrastructure improvements.

The work is being funded by the £19.9 million awarded by Government for Stalybridge, which will enable a three-year programme of work including improvements to the public realm and access to transport routes in the town centre.

Creating more events, community engagement and cultural activities is also important as the popularity of events like Stalybridge Street Fest has shown that events are key to encourage more visitors to the town centre.

tameside.gov.uk/stalybridgeregeneration

DROYLSDEN MASTERPLAN TO GO OUT TO CONSULTATION

Plans to shape a masterplan for Droylsden are moving forward, following a fact-finding exercise earlier this year. The consultant team led by OPEN (Optimised Environments) and the Council team working on the masterplan have been collating information and evidence to help shape the vision and plan.

There are several concepts and place shaping influences starting to emerge. Key to the masterplan will be the celebration of local canals, reconnecting and bringing community spaces and historic assets to life and improving the town centre offer with the focus firmly on residents and people who use the town. Further consultation will allow the team to gain public views around

the emerging proposals to ensure they are what both the community and key stakeholder want to see.

The draft masterplan, which is being funded by Homes England and Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Evergreen funding, will outline short, medium, and long-term goals for the wider town centre. The plans will span over 10-15 years enabling the Council to seek further investment and funding options to be able to implement it.

To find out more go to

tameside.gov.uk/droylsdentowncentre



TRANSFORMING HATTERSLEY



The transformation of Hattersley is progressing well with quality houses, jobs and infrastructure created.

A progress report details how residents have moved into new affordable homes, staff are working at a new science park, and playgrounds and other facilities have been completed.

The regeneration of Hattersley is being driven by a partnership between Tameside Council, Onward Homes and Homes England.

Hattersley Central Development saw 15 houses for shared ownership and nine houses for affordable rent completed and occupied in the last 12 months. Another 46 houses are progressing well, and 91 extra care apartments are under construction.

HOMES, SPACES, PLACES SCOPING CONSULTATION



Tameside's Local Plan isn't just one document, it's a sum of its parts and will be made up by policies from four plans.

A Waste Plan, a Minerals Plan and Places for Everyone are already adopted. We've now started to prepare our fourth, Homes, Spaces, Places.

Homes, Spaces, Places, will provide the locally important detail where this is missing from the other already adopted

plans and set out our local vision for the future of Tameside, playing an important role in shaping our towns, infrastructure, environment and the economy, for every resident and business.

As we move forward there will be lots of consultation opportunities for you to have your say on how you would like to see the plan prepared.

Updates will be provided via our website at:

tameside.gov.uk/homesspacesplaces.

If you would like to receive direct notifications about progress of the plan, please register your interest via the QR code below:



ASHTON MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE TAKES OFF



Ashton Mayoral Development Zone (AMDZ), which will help create jobs, homes, and improve spaces to make Ashton a better place to live was officially launched in May this year.

The designation of the zone and creation of the governing board will help boost the regeneration projects and investment already being made and unlock more exciting possibilities for the town. The zone is focused around three principal opportunities: Ashton Moss, St Petersfield, and

Ashton town centre as well as areas across both the Eastern Growth Cluster and Tameside.

The zone will allow the use of a partnership approach to strengthen the possibilities and opportunities for joining together supply chains, networks and businesses that can look to support and boost Tameside's Inclusive Growth to build on the investment already on the ground by the Council, Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC), GMCA and Homes England.

Have your say

We need your feedback to create a safer, cleaner, and better-connected transport network.

We plan to apply for a designation order from the Secretary of State, enabling the council to enforce moving traffic contraventions, which are currently managed by the police.

Enforcement of these offences, which include banned turns, yellow box junctions, and 'No Entry' signs, would improve road safety and air quality, and would allow the issuing of fines if drivers chose to contravene the signage.

The public consultation survey is open on Monday 15 July and runs until Friday 27 September 2024. Your feedback will help address issues and consider future enforcement sites so please get involved. Take part in the online survey at:

tameside.gov.uk/movingtrafficcontraventions



Moving Traffic Contravention Enforcement



Tameside's vision for Adult Social Care

Adult Social Care has celebrated the launch of the Tameside Adult Social Care Strategy and Tameside Carers Strategy 2024-2027 with the people who access their services, staff and partner organisations.

The vision sees people living well in a place they call home, where they are supported to be part of their local communities to live long, healthy and fulfilled lives. Both strategies outline the social care vision and priorities for the borough and were created by listening to the experts, the people who access our services and those who support them. This vision puts the experts and Adult Social Care workforce voices at the centre.



A key focus for the next three years is co-producing services with the people who access them. Adult Social Care will prioritise working alongside experts by experience and involve them in developing high-quality services which offer choice and control.

Explore the strategies and the plan-on-a-page at www.tameside.gov.uk/adults/ourplans.

Paper copies can be found at The Tameside Carers Centre and easy read versions of both documents will soon be available.

Find out more about The Tameside Carers Centre and how they can support those who care for a loved one at

tameside.gov.uk/carerscentre

**Tameside
Carers
-Centre-**

Dementia Music Group showcased for making a difference

A dementia choir run by Tameside Music Service is being showcased as a successful example of social prescribing in a Greater Manchester video.

The 'Musical Memories' group uses music to enrich the lives of people living with dementia by using familiar songs and music to stir memories, using a variety of musical activities to encourage motor skills and so much more.

The support group runs weekly and is a relaxed and nurturing environment for those living with dementia, and their carer's. The classes provide essential interactions for the users.

The choir has proven so successful it is now featuring in a video made by Yellow Jigsaw Productions and commissioned by the Dementia Association in association with the GM Wellbeing Partnership.

For more information on the group please email

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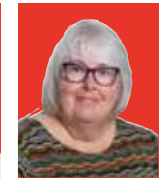
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2 seats



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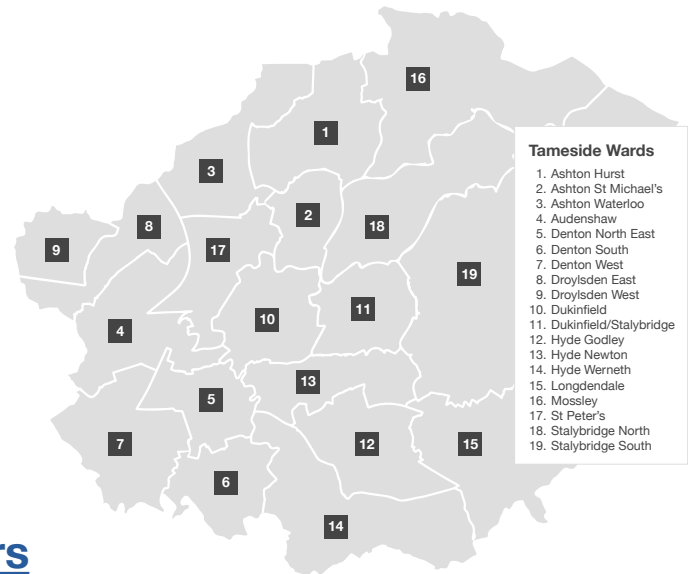
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Tameside names new Civic Mayor

Councillor Betty Affleck is Tameside's golden jubilee Civic Mayor.

A retired catering manager, she was born in Dublin but moved to Hyde as a child. She has represented Godley ward since 2015.

As a councillor, she is chair of south strategic neighbourhood forum and a member of speakers panel (planning), Hyde Accelerator Town Centre Delivery Group, and Hyde War Memorial Trust.

Cllr Affleck's interests include cooking, walking and family history.

For her charity appeal, she has chosen Friends of Tameside Young Carers, The She, and East Manchester Community Boat Project.



Cllr Betty Affleck is the new Civic Mayor.



AUTISM PROUD TO BE ME!

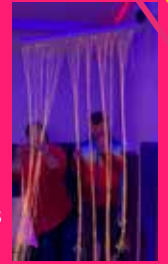
April hosted Autism Acceptance month and our in-person autism support event at Active Oxford Park was very well attended with 300 people accessing valuable information and advice from more than 30 local services and organisations.

Not only were important conversations about support enabled by this event, but people also got involved with conversations about belonging, advocacy, employment, health and more. People also got involved with fun activities including yoga, arts and crafts, gym tours and bike riding.

As we aim to make Tameside more autism friendly, it is very important we share how people can access the support they need. Support for Autistic Adults including info on Hospital Passports, in-person peer-led support groups, weekly info bulletins, and more can be found at tameside.gov.uk/autism



Former Civic Mayor Cllr Tafheen Sharif, centre, joins others at the autism support event.



Sensory activities at the autism support event.

The autism support event at Active Oxford Park.



New chapter in National Theatre school story project

More schools are to benefit from the National Theatre's Story Seekers project as it returns to Tameside for a new chapter.

Tameside Council Cultural Services is collaborating with the world-renowned National Theatre, in partnership with the Unicorn Theatre, to bring the learning project - which challenges children to find and share stories from across the globe - to local primary schools.

As well as promoting the sharing of stories, the initiative supports learning with each school having access to professional actor-led workshops with pupils and teachers having access to continuing professional development at Portland Basin Museum, Ashton. To find out more visit

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/learn-explore/schools/lets-play



Pupils at St Stephen's Primary School get involved with the National Theatre's Story Seekers project.

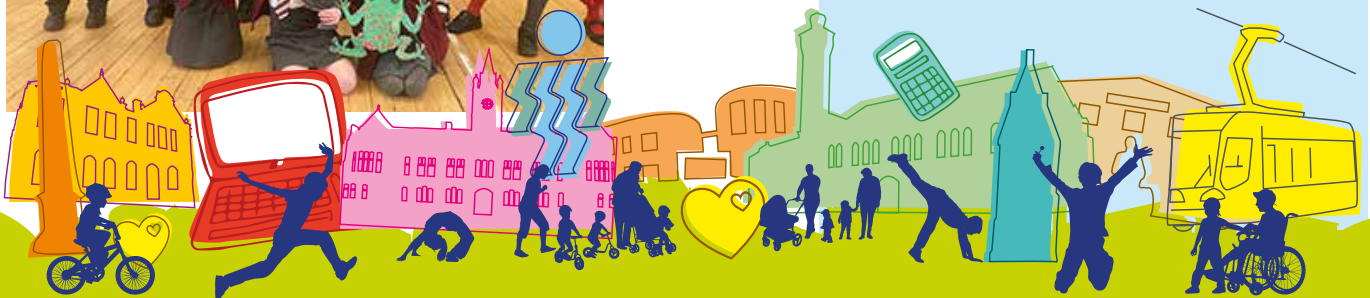
Free Childcare Extended to Help More Families

Parents in Tameside are being encouraged to check if they are eligible for free childcare as part of the Government's Working Parent Entitlement.

The Government has introduced free childcare to eligible working parents with a 2-year-old. If both parents or a lone parent earn on average at least £167 per week (equal to 16-hours and the National Minimum or Living Wage), they will be able to claim 15-hours free childcare over 38 weeks of the year, from the term after their child's second birthday. Parents must apply and be issued with a valid eligibility code, and their child must have reached their second birthday on or before 31 March 2024.

From September, the Government offer will be extended to eligible working parents with a child from 9-months old. Parents must apply and have been issued with a valid eligibility code, and their child must have reached 9-months old on or before 31 August 2024.

To check if you are eligible and to apply, visit the Childcare Choices website at childcarechoices.gov.uk. For more information contact the Family Information Service on 0161 342 4260.



Young Carers Lives Depicted in Poetry

Young carers in Tameside have shared their experiences of daily life in the form of poetry to raise awareness of their vital caring role at home.

The heartfelt poems allowed the group to be invited to take part in Poetry Together 2023, a project supported by HM Queen Camilla, where Young and Adult Carers came together to perform poems over tea and cake. The team of carers won £250 worth of book vouchers for their participation, which will go towards books for the young carers. The poetry is on display in Tameside One, Ashton.

There are 421 young carers registered in Tameside, aged from five to 18-years-old, that provide significant support for family members including making meals, shopping and helping with medication.

The Young Carers Project allows children to attend fortnightly sessions to take part in activities and receive support, as well as enjoy trips away. For more information, email young.carers@tameside.gov.uk or phone 0161 342 5463.



Young carers with their poetry.

Young people are cooking up a treat at Care Leavers Teatime Club



Tameside Council Children's Service staff with participants at the Care Leavers Teatime Club.

A new weekly club is offering care leavers the chance to learn cooking skills and enjoy a hot meal together.

Tameside Council has established the Care Leavers Teatime Club to support young people and provide the opportunity to learn important life skills in a supportive environment.

The free club meets for two hours every Monday evening to enable care leavers to come together and learn budget-friendly cooking skills, from kitchen basics to delicious recipes. They can then share a home-cooked meal and build connections and lasting friendships. It's also an opportunity to connect with the Council's Leaving Care and Staying Close teams to get support, ask questions and discover available resources.

Care leavers wanting to attend, or more information, can contact Melissa Housley on 07772 313580.

Tameside's Learning Disability Service Awarded 'Good' Rating by CQC

Tameside Council's Learning Disability Service has received an overall rating of 'Good' in an inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

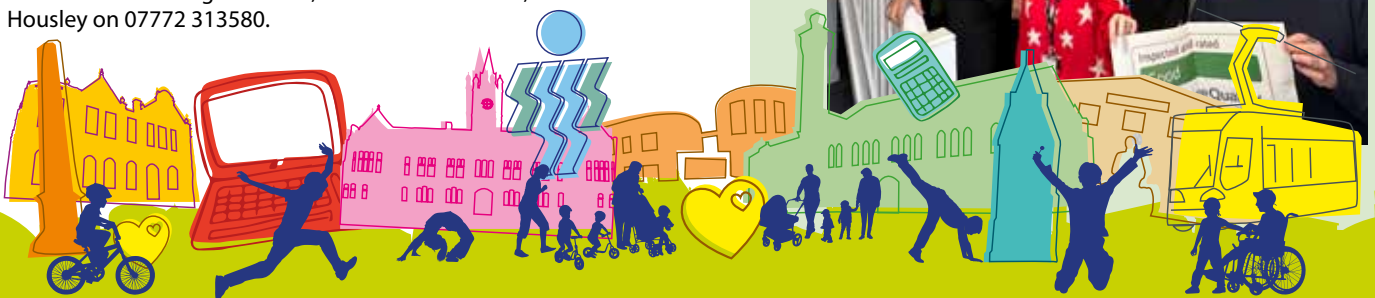
Tameside Learning Disability Service provides personal care to people in their own homes. The service provides support to people with a physical disability, learning disability and autistic people within a supported living setting.

The CQC found that the service maintained its rating as 'good' and continues to provide the right care, culture, and right support for those who access care and support. The service has shown that it is "well-led, safe, effective, caring and responsive."

Find out more about support for adults with learning disabilities and special education needs and disabilities (SEND) at tameside.gov.uk/adults/send



Executive Member for Adult Social Care, Councillor John Taylor, right, and staff celebrate the 'Good' rating.





Pride of Tameside BUSINESS AWARDS

Winners celebrated at the Pride of Tameside Business Awards

The best of Tameside's businesses were celebrated in a glittering award ceremony for the Pride of Tameside Business Awards at Dukinfield Town Hall.

The awards were supported by the fantastic headline sponsors Greater Manchester Business Growth Hub and Visual Architects, with each award category being sponsored by local businesses.

Tameside College and Brand Twelve went above and beyond to ensure the event was a great success, providing extra support in both the planning and event itself.

Hosted by TV stars Danny Miller and Daniel Jillings, the awards were a true celebration of local businesses that really highlighted the achievements, amazing businesses and people across the borough. More than 200 local businesses and stakeholders attended the event, and the business community was out to show their support of each other.

The winners were:

- Large Business of the Year - **RSK Group Ltd**
- SME of the Year – **Gladstone Barber & Bistro**
- Entrepreneur of the Year – **Candy's Cupcakes**
- Creative Business of the Year - **344 Audio**
- Manufacturing/Engineering Business of the Year - **Hyde Group Limited**
- Construction/Property Business of the Year - **Bathrooms by Timothy Michael**
- Childcare/Social Care Business of the Year - **The Yellow Door Day Nursery**
- Tech/Digital Business of the Year - **MBH Global Circular Technology Services**
- Social Enterprise/Charity/CIC of the Year - **Manchester Bike Kitchen**
- Green Impact Business of the Year - **Tameside Community Computers CIC**

For the first time, a Special Recognition Award was given to recognise a business who, over the last year, has achieved something extra special. This award was given to Visual Architects paying tribute to the tenacity and determination that they have shown since a fire severely impacted their business, in addition to their dedication to the Tameside community. The judges felt that their efforts were truly deserving of that extra recognition.



Bathrooms by Timothy Michael scooped Construction/Property Business of the Year.



Manufacturing/Engineering Business of the Year was **Hyde Group Limited**.



344 Audio won Creative Business of the Year.



Visual Architects receive the Special Recognition Award.



Green Impact Business of the Year was Tameside Community Computers CIC.



Social Enterprise/Charity/CIC of the Year was Manchester Bike Kitchen.



MBH Global Circular Technology Services won Tech/Digital Business of the Year.



Childcare/Social Care Business of the Year was The Yellow Door Day Nursery.



Entrepreneur of the Year was Candy's Cupcakes.



Gladstone Barber & Bistro won SME of the Year.



Large Business of the Year was the RSK Group Ltd.

Summer fun at

STALYBRIDGE STREET FEST

Stalybridge Street Fest has been bringing spectacular family friendly fun to Stalybridge over the last few months.

It teams toe tapping tunes with tasty and mouthwatering treats from around the world.

There's a delectable array of flavours from Spanish, Belgian, Greek, Thai and Caribbean Street Food like gourmet burgers, halloumi and burritos making it an event you won't want to miss.

Taking place in the early evening from 5-9pm on the second Friday of the month until November, there's lots more time to give it a try and why not bring along your friends too.

Find out the latest about the upcoming event, funded by UKSPF, at intameside.co.uk/StalybridgeStreetFest



Stalybridge Street Fest is back and as popular as ever.

Borough receives £216,000 sports funding

Tameside has been awarded £216,000 by Sport England's Place Partner Investment Fund to promote physical activity to improve residents' health.

The council has £30,000 to spend on supporting under-represented groups, such as care leavers and older residents to build movement into their daily routine.

Active Tameside and Action Together share the remaining £186,000 to continue organising community programmes and providing grants for groups helping residents to be more active.

Increasing physical activity is a priority for the council and a fundamental part of the new corporate plan.

Physical inactivity, which is associated with one in six deaths in the UK, is estimated to cost the NHS almost £1 billion a year.



Rain can't dampen Whit Friday spirit

THE threat of rain did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm for the Whit Friday band contests which took place on 24 May.

Despite the overcast conditions, sizeable crowds attended all 10 events, including the new Hyde Central contest which took place on the market square.

Bands travelled from far and wide to take part, with Canning City Brass making it all the way from Perth in Western Australia.

Among the others was the City of Birmingham Band, whose members wore the flat caps made popular by the TV drama "Peaky Blinders" which is set in their home town.



The Whit Friday band contest at Mossley



The Let the Music Play exhibition.

New Tameside Museum Exhibition Let the Music Play

The story of Tameside's association with music is chronicled by "Let the Music Play" – the latest exhibition at Portland Basin Museum, Ashton.

Among the items on display is a drum kit used by Pete Simensky, a member of Sixties band the Meteors who once supported the Rolling Stones.

There's one of Ashton-born blues singer Victor Brox's instruments and his daughter Kyla also features.

Folk group the Fivepenny Piece are included. Loans from Stalybridge Old Band explore Tameside's brass tradition. There's also a display of technology, stretching from 78 records to the Echo Dot.

Portland Basin, is open Tuesday to Sunday (10am to 4pm).

Admission is free.

Crowds flock to family fun day's return

Huge numbers of people made their way to Stamford Park to enjoy the Spring Family Fun Day.

It was the perfect chance to get together and relax in the open air as the fine weather showed off the flagship Victoria Park in all its glory. Around 2,500 people were able to make the most of the many facilities including the boating lake, Highfield Pavilion café and Edwardian walk.

Families had lots of activities to choose from including face painting, birds of prey, crafts, music from drumming group Conundrum, walkabout acts, and an RSPCA dog show – all against a colourful backdrop of spring flowers.



Green-fingered fun at the Spring Family Fun Day.

BE WELL TAMESIDE

BE WELL TAMESIDE HELPS KURT QUIT SMOKING FOR GOOD



Kurt is feeling the benefits of giving up smoking.

ProudTameside

A Tameside resident who successfully stopped smoking after suffering a heart attack and other health conditions is urging others to also quit the habit.

Kurt Hopwood, 51, from Ashton, successfully stubbed out his smoking habit with the support of Be Well Tameside.

He shared his story to help highlight No Smoking Day, which was an opportunity for smokers to begin their quitting journey.

There are over 5.3 million adults in England who still smoke, and this remains the single largest preventable cause of death in England. In fact, up to two in three smokers will die as a result of long-term smoking.

Kurt had previously attempted to quit smoking but found it difficult due to a lack of motivation, but with the support and advice from Be Well Tameside, along with the support from family and friends, he realised his goals were achievable and could see his future being smoke free.

Be Well Tameside offered support through regular telephone appointments, where they discussed the barriers Kurt had previously experienced, and explored the potential alternatives to getting Kurt back onto the right path.

Kurt said: "I am extremely grateful for the advice and support given to me through my scheduled phone appointments with Be Well Tameside, combined with the support from people around me, I found the motivation to carry on and become smoke free.

"From quitting smoking I've gotten my taste buds back, so I'm enjoying my food and meals a lot more.

"My family and friends have also commented on what a positive difference this has made to my mood, as I'm in good spirits and feel as though I'm in a much better place in my life now that I've stopped smoking, thanks to Be Well Tameside."

People who live, work or have a GP in Tameside can access free, flexible, face to face or telephone support through Be Well Tameside, as well as getting six months free access to 24/7 stop smoking support through the Greater Manchester Smokefree App by visiting app.smokefreeapp.com/gm. Stop smoking support can also be accessed by speaking to your GP or local pharmacy.

If you would like to contact Be Well Tameside you can email them at bewelltameside@tameside.gov.uk or you can call them on 0161 342 5050, you can also visit their website: tameside.gov.uk/bewelltameside.

NEW FUNDING FOR LOCAL STOP SMOKING SERVICES IN TAMESIDE

Tameside has been granted new funding to expand the stop smoking provision in the borough, by finding new routes to reach and support residents who may be finding it harder to quit.

The Council has been granted £413,000 for 2024/25, with further grant allocations each year until 2028/29, which will also fund community and neighbourhood schemes to make

it easier for residents to get help to stop smoking closer to where they live and work.

Additionally, there will be new support available from the Tobacco-free Champions and a dedicated Stop Smoking Community Engagement Officer, to provide very brief advice training for front line staff across Tameside and ensure ongoing engagement with the communities at highest risk of smoking to support them to quit.



Candy's Cupcakes Thinks Green

A Tameside resident who runs a cupcake business in the borough has actively made the changes to Think Green and be environmentally friendly.

Candice Bannister, 41, from Dukinfield, has transformed her cupcake business, Candy's Cupcakes, into a green business.

When Candice started Candy's Cupcakes in 2011 she made it her goal to ship her cupcakes nationwide using recyclable

and sustainable packaging, which she has achieved.

Candice purchases recyclable cake jars from a local business, ships orders with electric vehicles, reduced their paper waste, bought second-hand machinery, and is encouraging staff to choose greener ways to commute.

For more information on how to Think Green visit tameside.gov.uk/thinkgreen



Magpie's Nest leads the way in Tameside's journey to net zero

A Stalybridge business has taken significant strides towards reducing its carbon footprint while promoting active travel and supporting local businesses.

Magpie's Nest has partnered with Tameside Council, Transport for Greater Manchester and Manchester Bike Kitchen, who are repairing and servicing the bicycles, in trialling an innovative e-bike scheme.

The e-bike trial, which is open to other Tameside businesses, aligns with Magpie's Nest's commitment to not only reduce its carbon footprint but also foster a healthier and more sustainable way of living.

Through the initiative the bike has been loaned to Magpie's Nest so staff can use it for business-related activities, whether that's for deliveries or cycling to and from work.

Any businesses that are interested in trialling an e-bike should get in touch with Marie Hare, Tameside Council's community initiative officer, by emailing Marie.Hare@tameside.gov.uk.



The e-bike trial at Magpie's Nest.

National Walking and Cycling Month

Different kinds of bikes at the Tameside Cycle Circuit.

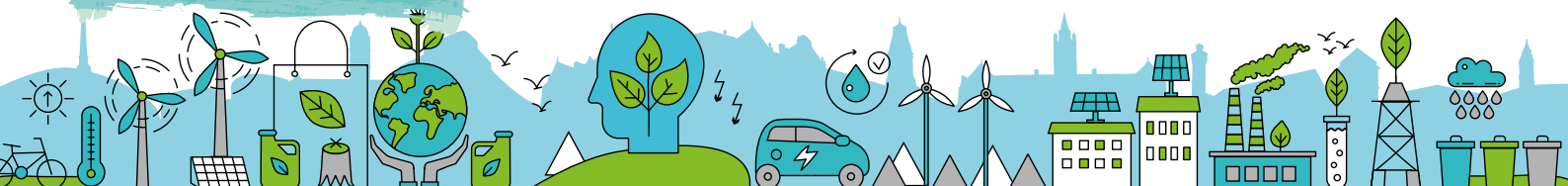


Residents were encouraged to Think Green and get active throughout May to celebrate National Walking and Cycling Month.

The NHS recommends 150 minutes of exercise a week, which can be split into 10-30 minutes a day, five times a week.

Benefits of walking and cycling include an immediate effect on your health as people who exercise regularly have a lower risk of developing many long-term conditions such as, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke and some cancers. It also improves mental wellbeing by boosting self-esteem, mood, sleep quality and energy, socialising and reduces air pollution.

For more information visit tameside.gov.uk/cycling and tameside.gov.uk/walking





COULD YOU BECOME PART OF
OUR FOSTERING COMMUNITY?

Tameside family share their favourite fostering moments

A Tameside family shared their favourite fostering moments, making a difference to the lives of local children.

Gill and Paul Naylor, 44 and 48, from Denton, have been fostering for the Council for almost five years and are currently on their sixth and seventh placement.

They wanted to tell others about their fostering journey to help highlight national Foster Care Fortnight (13 to 26 May), organised by The Fostering Network and supported by the Council, which is in need of more foster carers to provide stable, loving homes for local children and young people in care.

The couple explained: "Our experience with the application process was smooth as we had a lovely assessing social worker who explained everything and was really helpful the whole way through up to panel."

When asked what their favourite fostering moments have been they said: "It has to be being a part of the little ones lives

from birth to when they leave us, watching and helping them reach their milestones, and seeing their 'firsts', like teeth, steps, words."

Gill added: "Anyone who asks me about fostering, I say it's the most rewarding path I have taken, I won't say job because to me it's not a job, I feel as though it's what I was always supposed to do."

With Gill and Paul having children of their own they explained how it has worked. They said: "Our children have been very accepting of the babies that we have cared for, they treat them as part of our family and enjoy being foster siblings to them all. Fostering fits extremely well in our family life."

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 0300 303 0321 or visit

[fosterforgm.com](https://www.fosterforgm.com)



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What's On IN TAMESIDE

Exhibitions

Ashton Market Hall Gallery

Regular exhibitions by artists from the Tameside area.

Let the Music Play

A look-back at Tameside's connections with bands, groups and all types of popular music from brass to Sixties beat, military bands, blues and folk. **At Portland Basin Museum, Ashton.**

Open Art

A chance for Tameside residents to display their work in a professional setting. Exhibits include paintings, photography, collage, embroidery, ceramics and woodwork. **Astley Cheetham Gallery, Stalybridge, from 22 June.**

Tape Letters

Cassette tape conversations with friends and family back home recorded by Ashton's British-Pakistani community in the Sixties, Seventies and Eighties. **Ashton Market Hall.**

Markets

Hyde Artisan Market

First Saturday of every month. Get the best of arts, crafts and handcrafted goods in the **market square between 9am and 3pm.**

Farmers' Market

Get the best locally-sourced produce. **9am to 2pm on the last Sunday of every month at Ashton Market.**

Events

Build a Business

Tameside Libraries regularly hold meetings, seminars and networking events to help people who have started their own business or are thinking of doing so. For full details of the month programme visit: tameside.gov.uk/business/libraries/events

Coder Dojo

Free coding club for seven to 17-year-olds on the first Saturday of each month at Stalybridge Library, Trinity Street – **10am to 1pm. For more information call 0161 342 2031.**

Countryside Walks

For full details of the summer schedule of guided walks with Paul Nethercott visit intameside.co.uk/whats-on

DJ Sessions

Free weekly DJ workshops for people aged 18 to 25 every Friday at the 4C Community Centre, Taunton Road, Ashton (12.30 to 2.30pm). Get hands-on experience on the decks, help with CVs and job applications, and wellbeing, pastoral and career support. **Call 07943 820 153 or 0161 806 0879 or email projects@reformradio.co.uk**

Droylsden Library Club

Informal, friendly and interesting talks and activities on the first **Wednesday of every month, 10 to 11.30am.**

Dukinfield Library Club

Informal, friendly and interesting talks and activities on the second **Wednesday of every month, 10.30 to 11.30am.**

Exploring Stalybridge

New three-part podcast to help people connect with nature, part of Stalybridge's Greater Manchester Town of Culture celebrations. anchor.fm/operation-farm

Family History Help Desks

Help on how to trace your family tree. Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, **10am to 1pm. Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre, Cotton Street, Ashton, OL6 7BY. Call 0161 342 4242 for more details.**

Get Started with iDEA

iDEA offers free online courses to improve your digital skills. Collect badges as you complete awards. **Every Thursday (3.30 to 4.30pm) at Ashton Library, Market Place – 0161 342 2029.**

Get Started with Learn my Way

Come along to our free workshops for help in getting started, using device and getting online. **Every Tuesday (11am to noon) at Ashton Library, Market Place – 0161 342 2029.**

Get Started with Online Job Searching

Come along to our free workshop and learn how to use online tools. **Every Wednesday (11am to noon) at Ashton Library, Market Place – 0161 342 2029.**

Glorious Gorse Hall

Calming heritage and nature audio walk for families which encourages you to slow down and enjoy fresh air and exercise. Created by 2 Boards & A Passion Theatre Company with support from the Friends of Gorse Hall Park and Tameside Historical Society. **To download the audio and accompanying maps visit 2baap.co.uk/glorious-gorse-hall**

Graphic Novels and Manga

For people aged 11 to 18. No need to book, just turn up. **First Wednesday of every month at Ashton Library, 3.45 to 4.45pm. For more information call 0161 342 2029.**

Knitting and Stitching Group

Come along to knit, crochet, chat, be inspired, share knowledge and ideas. **Every Friday 1.30 to 3.30pm at Droylsden Library, Guardsman Tony Downes House, Manchester Road – 0161 342 5700.**

Lego Clubs

Lots of Lego fun for children aged seven and over. Please leave your own Lego at home unless you'd like to donate it to the group. **First Wednesday of each month at Stalybridge Library, Trinity Street, 3.30 to 4.30pm, and the last Tuesday of each month at Ashton Library, Market Place, 4 to 5pm.**



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Discover App

OUR Discover app showcases all that the borough has to offer. Split into three main sections, Shop, Eat and Do, businesses and organisations are showcased along with offers and events.

Discover is the only whole place app available and includes green spaces, places of interest, events, historic information, national and independent businesses, food and drink and other entertainment. There is also potential to connect shoppers to loyalty schemes at stores.

Anyone interested can download the app by searching for Discover in app stores.

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You are their hope for a **BRIGHTER** future!

YOUR Regional Adoption Agency

Children waiting for adoption range from babies to eight years old and come from all walks of life and backgrounds. They are all beautifully individual with different personalities, talents, abilities and needs but unfortunately, what they all have in common is a difficult start in life. Adoption Now is looking for anybody who has the space in their heart and home to get in touch to find out how they can be the difference in a child or children's life.

Katrina Williams, Head of Service at Adoption Now, said: "Now more than ever, we need people to come forward and consider adopting our wonderful children. The national database has less than 450 families currently available and Adoption Now alone works with over 100 new children every year. We have children waiting for families from all walks of life, different ages, different backgrounds, different needs and some that come in duos or trios; but what they all have in common is difficult starts to life and the need to be given the opportunity to grow and thrive to reach their full potential whatever that may be."

Adoption Now is the Regional Adoption Agency for Tameside. If you would like to find out more visit our website www.adoptionnow.org.uk or call 01204 336096.

To find out more surrounding the adoption process, book on to our Virtual Information Event!



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