

Green Flag award



One of the carvings in the park

Victoria Park in Stretford is one of six Trafford sites to be awarded a Green Flag this year.

The winning sites were judged to be welcoming, safe and well maintained places, where the local community is involved, the conservation and heritage are well managed and sustainable practices are used.

Trafford Council is implementing its own rigorous awards scheme for parks called 'Star' awards. All parks across the borough will be judged on the same tough criteria, with a third of the marks for user satisfaction.

Top of the plots!

Green-fingered Stretford residents have been praised for their hard work looking after allotments.

Trafford Council's allotment officer and two representatives from allotment sites in the borough judged more than 1400 plots across Trafford this summer.

And Stretford picked up two awards:

- The Best Site in Stretford - Moss Park allotments, Stretford
- Best Flower Border - Mr R Keen, Plot 17, Chadwick Road allotments, Stretford

Trophies and certificates were awarded at Trafford Council's Annual Gardeners Evening, at the George Carnall Leisure Centre.

News in Brief

What's on at Stretford Library

- Adult readers' group, every third Wednesday of the month, at 2pm, and the fourth Thursday of the month, at 6pm. Informal groups for people who enjoy reading and chatting about books.
 - Silver Surfers, sessions take place on the first Monday of the month, at 11am. For people aged 50+ with basic IT skills.
 - Knit Wits, takes place every second Saturday, at 11am. Drop in and stitch and chat about knitting with other enthusiasts.
 - Coffee mornings, take place once a month on Tuesdays, at 10.30am. Please check with library for details.
 - Chatterbooks children's readers' group, takes place one Saturday a month, at 10am, for children aged eight to 10.
 - Storytime, Tuesday, 2.15pm. Stories and activities for under 5s.
 - Rhyme Time, Friday, at 2.30pm. Rhymes and songs for children aged under two and their parents.
- For more information call the library on 0161 912 5150.

Take a healthy stroll

Stride out on a healthy walk through Longford Park on the last Sunday of the month at 10.30am. Come along and meet at the main entrance on Edge Lane at the junction with Cromwell Road. Friendly co-ordinators from Trafford's healthy walk scheme 'Stride' lead the walks and are encouraging people of all abilities to enjoy the benefits of getting out in the fresh air to get a little gentle exercise. The walk takes a circular route of approximately a mile.

For further information about this walk and future planned walks contact Louisa Wall, Trafford's physical activity and lifestyle coordinator on 0161 912 3140.

Schools improvements

Five new classrooms are now available at Stretford Kings Road primary school, in Longford, replacing mobile classrooms. A project is also underway for an extension to the family building.