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Dear Members

Welcome to our April Newsletter

Its been great to start seeing all the members at events recently and also having some coffee meetings. The Board are working on a programme of training and social events which we can publicise in the next newsletter. Our membership continues to grow which has been a great challenge over the lockdown but we are moving in the right direction.

One of our new members, Just Plonk on Ashley Rd (great selection of wines and gin!) have offered to host some socials so I really looking forward to seeing you all there.

This Thursday is the budget breakfast presented by Lyndsay Rolls of Truity Wealth and Neil Jones, Bennett Verby which hopefully demystify the changes in the spring budget by our Rishi.

Costs and taxes are rising and members are also experiencing increased costs with importing and exporting, this together with the Clean Air Zones means all businesses are being impacted. As a Chamber we are working with both local and central government to lobby these matters and we intend to have an event to update you very soon

Best wishes

Sue

CEO

Altrincham & Sale Chamber of Commerce

EVENTS

Date	Event	Venue	Presentation
7 th April 2022	Budget Breakfast	Cresta Court 8.30am – 10am	Lyndsey Roll – Truity Wealth Mgt Ltd Neil Jones – Bennett Verby

To book events please contact Helen

0161 941 3250

Or

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Social Media Update from Altrincham HQ

Blog Of The Week

A-Z OF SOCIAL MEDIA 2022

An epic tome - dip in and out of it ... or read it in one go

One for bookmarking

<https://altrinchamhq.co.uk/a-z-of-social-media-2022/>

Event Of The Week

The Myth Of Multitasking with our friend Alan Hyams

Friday April 8th at Cresta Court, Altrincham

Book on here ...

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-myth-of-multitasking-subs-altrincham-event-tickets-291208090237>

Workshop Of The Week

If you book before Thursday you'll save around 10%

Dates till the end of May are here

<https://altrinchamhq.co.uk/services/social-media-training/>



The Leader's blog



The blog of the Leader of Trafford Council, Councillor Andrew Western.

We will support Ukraine as they escape the horrors of war

Friday 25th March 2022

Over the past four weeks the horrific situation unfolding in Ukraine has been dominating the news and is shocking for us all. Rest assured we will do everything we can to help, including offering the necessary support to those Trafford residents among the many thousands of people who have responded to the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme. Our thoughts continue to be with the people of Ukraine who find themselves facing unimaginable horrors.

Closer to home, the [recently agreed Council budget for 2022/3](#) has been our main focus, and we have committed millions of pounds to our schools, roads, towns, businesses, social care and leisure centres to ensure we are investing in our future and driving recovery after the pandemic.

We are also delighted to have been able to increase spending on local parks and introduce improvements to cycling and walking routes – as much as we continue to address the climate crisis. The investments are part of an overall revenue budget spend of £192.57m in Trafford and an £80m capital investment programme.

In terms of leisure centre development, we now have an excellent blueprint for how to get this right in the form of move Urmston, which is a hugely impressive facility offering amazing health and wellbeing experiences. It was great to finally attend its [official opening this month](#) – due to the pandemic a full two years after it opened – and learn just how successful move Urmston has been in this time, despite the challenges of Covid. The centre already has the highest all-time number of fitness memberships in Trafford Leisure's 20 year history - quite a feat and a great testament to the centre's popularity!

It is now two years since the first Covid-19 lockdown, and while thankfully things now feel very different, unfortunately the virus is still a part of our lives, with cases again on the increase. Our advice remains to exercise caution and common sense and keep using the measures that we know can keep Covid at bay – testing if you are visiting anyone vulnerable, handwashing frequently and maximising ventilation by keeping windows and doors open as much as possible especially as the warmer weather approaches.

The last two years have also been immensely challenging for our town centres, so it has been pleasing to see two potentially transformational developments take important steps towards fruition. Outline planning approval has been granted for the [Stretford town centre masterplan](#) while [significant investment in Altrincham town centre](#) has been confirmed with a number of public realm improvements. These exciting projects will make a huge difference to our town centres and demonstrate our ongoing commitment to helping Trafford's high streets to thrive.

Finally, we all have a very special event to look forward to in the form of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the start of June. We know many residents are planning street parties and other celebrations on this unprecedented occasion – and it will be a wonderful opportunity to mark an historic milestone for our country and much-loved monarch. We do hope our younger residents will take part in our ['design a Jubilee card' competition](#) – with the winning entry to be sent to the Queen on behalf of Trafford!





The Queen Jubilee Celebrations

G Force have three events planned but need help please

1. **Broadheath at Woodstock Park on Thursday 2nd June 12 noon to 3pm**
2. **Oldfield Brow on Thursday 2nd June from 5pm to 8pm on the Cowfield**
3. **Broomwood Park Friday 3rd June 12 noon to 3pm**

Volunteers are needed to help man stalls, bouncy castles, help with refreshments other activities, steward the events, first Aiders, and perhaps bring some fun activities, face painting, lead sports, games, arts and craft, games stall, etc.

Anyone with generators to donate for the day as G Force are hoping to have live music.

Lots of help needed to set up bunting, stalls, etc as well.

Does anyone know of a celeb who would open the event? a local DJ would be good too!

Current plans: free refreshments, free prize Bingo games, tug-o-war (need a suitable rope) and bouncy castles.

Anything members could help with would be amazing.

BID IDEAS, but it is going to be a wonderful country wide once in a lifetime celebration so G Force want it to be a fantastic few days.

<https://www.gforce.org.uk>



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Business Waste

All businesses, regardless of the size, produce waste and have a legal responsibility known as the “duty of care” to ensure that it is disposed of correctly.

Section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 requires all organisations and businesses to:

1. Ensure their waste is transferred to an authorised waste collector.
2. Complete a waste transfer note for any waste transfer and retain a copy for two years.
3. Ensure their waste is stored securely so it does not cause litter or attract vermin.

Council Officers will be visiting businesses to provide advice and guidance on your legal responsibilities. For further information, click [here](#).

For Government guidance on commercial waste disposal click [here](#).

Manchester Metropolitan University Help to Grow Programme

Trafford SMEs are invited to give their business a boost by signing up to the government backed, 90% funded, Help to Grow Management course.

Work with small business and enterprise experts at Manchester Metropolitan University to enhance your business's resilience, recovery and long-term growth, following the impact of COVID-19. Tapping into MMU's networks, experience and unique small business research, you will be provided with the management tools needed to drive growth, upskill your workforce and protect jobs!

Designed to be manageable alongside full-time work, the 12 week programme will cover financial management, strategies for growth and innovation, leading a high-performance workplace and digital adoption. By the end of the course, you will develop a tailored business growth plan to help lead your business to its full potential with access to our mentoring and an alumni network.

For further information, click [here](#).

Safe Urban Driving Training

Do you employ HGV, LGV or PCV drivers? If so, you can equip your drivers with the training to share the road safely with vulnerable users. TfGM are working in partnership with Nationwide Cycling Academy who provide this course for £10.

This course is designed for professional **HGV, LGV and Passenger Carrying Vehicles** and offers the following accreditations:

- Fleet Operators Recognition Scheme (FORS) approved
- Meets the requirements for managing Work Related Road Risk (WRRR)
- Meets the requirements for the Construction Logistics and Cyclists Safety (CLOCS) scheme
- Counts towards a driver's CPC

The Safe Urban Driving courses will run throughout the year, with [bookings now available for February through to April](#).

For further information and to book your place, click [here](#).

Business Conditions, Employment, Skills & Training Monitor Survey

UK firms face an unprecedented business environment with high energy prices, supply chain disruption and severe labour shortages. GM BEST is a collaboration between GM Chamber and the GM Learning Provider Network (GMLPN). To inform the work of the Chamber and help learning providers plan training to address labour shortages, we are gathering business views through this survey. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. By filling in the survey, you will automatically enter a draw to win a £100 John Lewis voucher or one of two £50 John Lewis vouchers. (Please make sure you fill in your e-mail address. Your survey responses will still remain confidential).

Link to survey: [http://GM Business Conditions, Employment, Skills & Training Monitor Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](http://GM Business Conditions, Employment, Skills & Training Monitor Survey (surveymonkey.co.uk))

Reminder - EnterprisingYou: Fully Funded Support for the Self-Employed of Greater Manchester

EnterprisingYou has supported over 1,800 self-employed business owners across Greater Manchester since last February. It will now be extended until March 2023. This programme was the first of its kind in the country when it launched just before the pandemic hit and proved a lifeline for many small business owners by helping them to adapt and grow their business or retrain.

“Everyone has different needs, and you can get whatever help you require and since it’s available for free you should go for it!” - Dina Mistry from The Playful Indian, a Stretford based business. If you want to read more about how Enterprising You has supported her, click [here](#).

Sign up now if you are:

- Aged over 18
- A resident of Greater Manchester
- Registered as self-employed with HMRC
- Earning less than 27k (pre-tax profit)
- Trading for a minimum of 4 months

For enquiries, please visit: www.enterprising-you.co.uk or call **0161 667 6900** for more details.

Reminder - Trafford College Placements

Would you like

- *extra resources for your projects and day-to-day operations from students developing skills in a course relevant to your business and industry?*
- *to inspire the next generation to work in your industry?*
- *To address current and future skills shortages in your industry?*
- *to give your employees the opportunity to develop management and mentorship skills?*
- *to bring a fresh perspective into your business?*
- *to be able to share with stakeholders how your business has supported local young people?*
- *to strengthen your recruiting pipeline and increase diversity?*

If you answer yes to any of the above, the work placement coordinators for The Trafford College Group would be delighted to discuss industry placements and how they could benefit your business during these challenges times.

Please complete the following form to register an interest, this will not commit you to anything it is just to help us to make contact with you.

<https://forms.gle/r5vuGan9TngTLZmR9>

Reminder - Fully funded Cyber Secure Training for SMEs

Manchester Digital is offering SMEs in Trafford the opportunity to participate in their two day fully funded Cyber Secure Training Programme.

The aim of the course is to equip non-technical staff working in SMEs with the knowledge, tools and processes to help prepare the business for high growth and continued digital transformation, by strengthening operational knowledge in Cybersecurity and Information Governance.

Benefits of participating in the programme;

- Reduce cyber security and data protection risks within the organisation
- Understand the cyber security and data protection threats and risks in the organisation and how to mitigate them
- Improve risk identification and assessment skills
- Understand how to implement an Information Security Management System aligned to ISO27001

- Understand the key components of a security awareness programme and how to implement in the organisation
- Learn how to respond to an incident to protect services and data

For further information and to secure your place, click [here](#).

Reminder - Changes to custom controls in January 2022

HMRC are reminding traders to prepare for customs changes that came into effect on 1 January 2022. These changes will impact:

- [Customs declarations](#)
- [Border controls](#)
- [Rules of origin – for imports and exports](#)
- [Postponed VAT Accounting](#)
- [Commodity codes](#)
- [Further changes from 1 July 2022](#)

Please see the [update from HMRC](#) for more information on how to prepare.

Reminder - Find out more about Brexit and International Trade Support available to businesses in Trafford

Trafford Council, together with our partners want to ensure that we support businesses that trade internationally or have ambitions of growth into international markets, as businesses manage ongoing changes arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic and Brexit.

If you are business that wants to discuss the Brexit and International Trade support provided by the Council and its partners, please get in contact with Jenson Kemp (Inclusive Economy and Communities Officer for Brexit Transition) at Jenson.Kemp@Trafford.gov.uk to find out what support may be available for you.

We are keen to understand the needs and issues of businesses that trade internationally so that we can tailor our support services to suit business needs. If you are business that needs support or is facing an issue with international trade, please get in touch.

Trafford Armed Forces Covenant

Trafford Council and many of its corporate partners are amongst the 5,500 organisations that have signed the Armed Forces Covenant. The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise by the nation ensuring that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, are treated fairly.

Businesses can benefit significantly from membership of the Covenant, it offers an opportunity to build a reputation as a Forces-friendly business at a time when public support for the Armed Forces is increasing.

To join the scheme or find out more information contact our Armed Forces Officer Sue Wright or visit our website here - [Armed Forces Covenant \(trafford.gov.uk\)](http://trafford.gov.uk)

Transport for Greater Manchester support to promote sustainable transport

TfGM has launched an interactive web portal, to help businesses and employers embed sustainable travel behaviours across businesses in Greater Manchester. For further information, click [here](#) or email active.travel@tfgm.com

Can you support local high schools in Trafford?

My name is Laura Johnson, I am the Careers & Enterprise Coordinator for Trafford on behalf of the Bridge team at Greater Manchester Combined Authority. I am working with 17 schools in Trafford, they all need help with employer engagement – to bridge that gap between schools and the world of work. Schools need volunteers for opportunities like:

- Mock interviews
- Careers days
- Volunteering to speak to a class about your industry / business
- Offering a work experience placement
- Offering a tour / trip of your work place as a work placement visit.

Perhaps you have been thinking about your Corporate Social Responsibility package and considering if you or some colleagues could volunteer in a local school (also great for CPD!) If so, please get in touch with me as there are plenty ways to get involved. You can connect with me on [LinkedIn here](#) or send me an email on: laura.johnson@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH
April 2022

KITSON ARCHITECTURE

Congratulations to our long standing members – Kitson Architecture Based on Greenwood St, Altrincham, they work in a wide variety of sectors throughout the country for developers, funds, private clients and contractors.

Ellen & Mark have over 20 years experience in the sector (she doesn't look old enough! The team consists of Mark, Ellen, Daniel and Michael, who are all regulars at our many events.

The directors have an excellent reputation for working well with clients, consultants and contractors demonstrated by many repeat appointments over the years. One of their many interesting projects is The Rows in Chester which Kitsons have been involved in for several years.



<https://kitsonarchitecture.co.uk>

Can anyone help move PE kits to Nairobi please?



I am Annie McIlroy and I am in year 10 at Loreto grammar school. I am collecting PE kits for Loreto Rumbek in South Sudan. This school is run by one of the Loreto sisters and provides girls with an education and a safe place to live, often taking them away from dangerous situations at home and giving them a chance to live their lives to the best they can, in a country where opportunities for girls are limited.

We have been collecting the PE kits to send to the school in Rumbek along with the ones that have already been collected. These PE kits will be their new school uniform and our next step is to find a safe way to deliver them to the school which will enable every girl to feel part of the Loreto community. We are finding it quite hard to send these PE kits to Nairobi, where they will be put on a truck and sent to South Sudan, which unfortunately doesn't have a mailing system.

Any help to get these PE kits to Nairobi or any advice would be really appreciated.

Thank you very much

Please contact Helen in the Chamber Office if you can assist 0161 941 3250



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05/04/2022

Latest news round-up

Penalty reprieve ends and interest rate hike. Any taxpayer that was relying on the relaxation of the late payment penalty rules must have either paid their tax bill or agreed a time to pay arrangement before 1 April. Unless there is a reasonable excuse, a [Read More...](#)

Transitional rules for Capital Allowances

The annual investment allowance (AIA) has been at a temporary increased amount of £1 million since January 2019. This was supposed to revert to £200,000 after 31 December 2021 but has been extended for various reasons until 31 March 2023. As we are [Read More...](#)

Election to be treated as UK-domiciled for IHT purposes

Inheritance tax is possibly the least popular of the main taxes. However, in most cases, no IHT is payable on transfers made to a spouse or civil partner - regardless of whether this takes place during the lifetime of the person making the gift, or via th [Read More...](#)

Is the QCB deferral worthwhile?

When a company is sold, it is often partly for consideration which is deferred in one way or another. Sometimes this will take the form of a debt, such as loan notes. Effectively, the vendor is lending the purchaser the balance of the consideration. If ce [Read More...](#)

April Questions and Answers

Our long-term landlord has offered us the opportunity to purchase the freehold in the office building we work from, which we are keen to do. However, they have opted to tax the building. I'm aware we could recover the input tax but it will still have a sh [Read More...](#)

April Key tax dates

Due date for payment of Corporation Tax for accounting periods ending 30 June 2021 [Read More...](#)

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