



Community Voice News Online

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We hope you found our last newsletter helpful and interesting. It is still available on our website. We had thought heritage would be our next topic but have postponed it until June after the May elections. This time we would like you to have an idea of what is happening in Altrincham, Bowdon and Broadheath. We would be pleased to hear from anyone with an interest in Heritage. We have concerns about neglected heritage assets, lack of advice for residents new to living in a conservation area or a listed building or their concerned neighbours. With the help of advice from the local authority we would like to have a facts and advice sheet to hand out to estate agents and solicitors.

Altrincham ward

Obviously Altair is a major concern. Asda was allowed to open in Broadheath under the sequential test in that they were proposing to have a "basket store" on Altair. We do have regular meetings with Trafford's Corporate Director of Place and with Altrincham BID. We are now in a similar position with Lidl opening on the Retail Park in Broadheath and Farm Foods also about to open in Broadheath.

We continue to fight for Altrincham Hospital to have more comprehensive use. Minor injuries remains closed causing major problems for Wythenshawe. Graham Brady has been campaigning alongside us and we have spoken to Mike Kane as the Wythenshawe and Sale East MP. We have raised this constantly at Health Scrutiny and will continue to do so. When the Health and Wellbeing Centre was proposed we were promised a holistic centre with the library and the Hospital. This has not happened though after our intervention NHS Property have managed to fill most of the building.

One of the major problems in the South of the Borough and elsewhere is the continuing decline in community space available and affordable. The community rooms planned for the Interchange have experienced a major set back which we knew would happen because of the state of the buildings. The Friends of Altrincham Interchange sit on the Civic Society management committee and despite frustrations and the challenge of multi modal transport they do really good work. They are outstanding in the Its Your Neighbourhood Awards, were the best station in Cheshire last year, recently did a tidy up round the Interchange for Keep Britain Tidy and will be helping out for the Marathon on 14th April.

The Society has been at planning regarding continued delays on the Regent Road car park development which hopefully has now been settled. The Bravest Little Street memorial garden is included in the planning documentation and we shall endeavour to have it in place for this year's Remembrance Sunday.

We continue to have major concerns about L&Q who took over Trafford Housing trust and are now London based. Sale Point will close and New Street will go back to planning without the looked-for consultation. There is obviously a further large town centre community housing estate at the rear of Sainsburys which may become an issue in the future.

The Altrincham Neighbourhood Business Plan is now up for consultation with several major aspects not yet in place. Now that Places for Everyone has been adopted Trafford will move on to their Local Plan.

We hope to have an update from Trafford Leisure re the Leisure Centre and are working on the Timperley Moat site where they are now based. One Trafford have agreed to a project advised by Trafford Conservation Volunteers. Greenspace wise we sit on the Trafford Parks and Green Spaces Forum leading on Greenspace.

There is far too much antisocial behaviour in Altrincham ward and in Broadheath and we welcome the opportunity to work with Trafford Council and GMP. We sit on Broadheath and Oldfield Brown Partnerships. Teenagers need something to do and we are campaigning for a skateboard park next to the Leisure Centre.

Bowdon Ward

Oldfield Brow is now part of Bowdon ward and we are building on the good work from the previous Altrincham ward councillors. After long delays improvement of Cowfield and allotments is now hopefully underway. As plans for the Jubilee Centre recommence we shall be at the table.

Broadheath Ward

The newly constituted Broadheath Partnership is endeavouring to involve as many residents and groups as possible. Please let us know if you would like to be involved. The retail park provides the most competition for Altrincham Town Centre.

Altrincham is very much criticised by officers and councillors for poor partnership working. They may have a point but it is up to everyone to connect. Please join us.

THE MANCHESTER MARATHON

The Adidas Manchester Marathon takes place on Sunday 14th April, full details can be found on the main website [Manchester Marathon | The UK's 2nd Largest | Flat & Friendly](#) with useful information and a list of all the main sponsors.

Runners will enter Altrincham from Myerson's up Stamford Street, along Market St, down Regent Road, onto Stamford New Road and leaving Altrincham over Moss Lane Bridge & past the Leisure Centre. There will be around 24,000 runners taking part and road closures will be in place for the bulk of the day, there will also be changes at the Interchange, though Metrolink and Rail services remain.

Entertainment and Children's groups are being organised to cover the Altrincham section for the route. This year in addition to the fabulous Little Belters we have the Absolute Belters, the Bowdon Rugby Club Male Choir, the children from Altrincham Football club, hopefully with Rocky Robin, Radio Alty and Orange Theory Fitness.

Please come along if you can, while it's not a good day for retail it's a very different day in Altrincham and good for hospitality. We were the Best Supporting Community when they asked runners to nominate their favourite part of the course & we have continued to make sure that we make a big effort to support the runners many running for charities.

Hosts: Altrincham & Bowdon Civic Society & Friend of Altrincham Interchange

Altrincham activities sponsored and supported by Altrincham Town Centre Partnership, A&BCS and Altrincham HQ.

TOWN CENTRE NEWS

Calma Salons for nails, skin, brows and massage at Old Market Place.

Lido Advanced Aesthetics has opened on Market St offering facial and skin care treatments.

Does, a coffee shop and selfcare studio was opened on Kingsway.

The Stretch Station – complementary therapy to work outs at the gyms in the area has opened in Old Market Place.

Gharaana a South Asian restaurant has opened in Goose Green where King Pong was. Goose Green is now full again in time for summer when it is a popular weekend venue.

Cheshire Cupcakes on Market St, the pretty pink shop offering a range of tasty looking delights.

Nostro Italian brunch a concept café has opened on Hale Road on the bridge heading out of Altrincham.

Pho You will be opening on Railway St where the dry cleaners used to be.

Otters in a Pot are to open in the former Smooch for bubble tea and light snacks.

California Coffee have opened a unit in Two Four Nine.

FOUNDATION BUILDING

As the £13.7million development nears completion Bruntwood have announced two major tenants.

The independent bowling and entertainment venue Lane7 is confirmed as the first operator making its home at Bruntwood and Trafford Council's Foundation building in Altrincham.

Lane7, the boutique bowling brand with 11 sites across the UK, will be taking over the 12,640 square foot lower ground floor of Foundation with an eight lane bowling destination. It will provide an anchor for Foundation and for the Stamford Quarter as a whole, creating a fresh new leisure offering and delivering a boost for the area as it's set to become an all day and night destination as part of Altrincham town centre.

The Global Coffee Brand Starbucks is to open its new coffee shop in the Stamford Quarter's Foundation building next month. It is the first confirmed food and beverage tenant, and it will open on Monday April 22nd. The new Altrincham Starbucks is set to create 11 jobs and will be located in a 1,708 sq ft unit on the ground floor of the building. Starbucks does already have a presence in Altrincham but only as a popular concession shop inside Sainsbury's.

Broadheath

Temple Place Claypot Rice takeout opened on Manchester Road in Broadheath.

EZH has opened in Broadheath offering gifts from Independent producers across Manchester. Based on Viaduct Road. The Viaducts are becoming very popular for start up businesses in our area.