

## A Cleaner, Greener Borough

# Putting down roots for the future

**More money than ever before is being invested in Trafford's tree stock to ensure it continues to flourish in the future.**

Over the next two years, up to £1m will be spent making sure dangerous or dying trees are removed and replaced with a wide variety of saplings, which will be carefully selected to be appropriate for each location.

Planting more diverse species in the place of felled trees will ensure Trafford remains a 'green' Borough through periods of climate change.

The work includes removing trees which are damaging pavements and roads. In the past, the Council has been liable when people have tripped or fallen and it is proactively seeking to make sure Trafford's highways are as safe as possible for all road users, which will reduce further accidents and subsequent claims.

Playing a major part in making sure

this work is carried out as efficiently as possible is a new tree management system called Woodplan. This is a database which can prioritise which trees need to be dealt with, therefore streamlining work for staff and speeding up the process.

Executive Councillor Jonathan Coupe said: "Local people are very passionate about their environment and I can assure them we will only be removing trees where it's absolutely necessary as part of this programme."

The work will be carried out as efficiently as possible to make sure we provide a real value for money service that will have long term benefits for the Borough."

This is also good news for local tree felling companies, who have seen private business reduce during the credit crunch. Not only is the Council helping them by employing them to carry out this work, but more work is being done more efficiently, due to the sharper competition.



From left, Andy McKenzie, Tree Officer at Trafford Council, John Lamb, Director of Environment Strategy at Trafford Council, Rob Reid, Tree Unit Manager at Trafford Council, and Executive Councillor Jonathan Coupe.

## Rapping Robot makes a return!



Recycler with Executive Councillor Jonathan Coupe and pupils at St Alphonsus RC Primary School in Old Trafford.

**Recycler the rapping robot made a welcome return to Trafford.**

He visited six primary schools to bring recycling to life through his lively, multimedia educational show. The show tells pupils and teachers all about the three Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and yes, the robot really performs a rap! Recycler shows children what they can do to reduce their waste and put the three Rs into practice at home and school.

The programme is delivered by Waste Watch in partnership with Trafford Council.

Find out more about recycling in Trafford at [www.trafford.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.trafford.gov.uk/recycling)

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