

URMSTON PARTNERSHIP

NEWSLETTER—2011

NEXT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday 8th February 2012 - 5.45pm for 6pm start at Urmston Library

**Wishing everyone a
Merry Christmas and
very happy New Year**



CONGRATULATIONS EDDIE MCGRATH CYCLES trading for 80 years

Originally founded by Eddie McGrath in 1931, Eddie McGrath Cycles are a family run business which has remained an integral part of the Urmston community for nearly 90 years.

Proud to provide excellent customer service and the ability to cater to the needs of all, from the beginner to the discerning cyclist., staff have the knowledge and capability to ensure that your cycling needs are catered for exactly and our qualified mechanics are able to perform a full range of repairs and offer comprehensive servicing at a reasonable price. They can even collect your bike or fix it on site if you can't get to the shop.

Friendly, approachable and here to help.

URMSTON MUSICAL THEATRE - CENTENARY 2011

Congratulations and thanks to Urmston Musical Theatre and their dedicated team of volunteers for providing residents of Urmston and beyond with 100 years of marvellous entertainment. See the back page for more details of future productions.

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If you would like an article included in a future newsletter or have any comments on this edition please contact: Christine Musgrove

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Partnership website: www.urmstontowncentre.org.uk

ecoSMARTER: The free low carbon programme for small businesses in Trafford

A limited number of places are available on ecoSMARTER, a new environmental programme, normally costing around £1000 but FREE for small businesses in Trafford as part of a European funded project. It will help you:

Save money on your energy bills

Gain an environmental certification

Network with like-minded local businesses

The ecoSMARTER team are looking for Trafford based businesses who have **less than 10 employees** who would like to take part – numbers are very limited so if you are interested contact the team on 0161 237 4630 or ecosmarter@carbonsmart.co.uk.



Opportunities for Trafford Businesses

A number of business opportunities are available that Trafford Council can help you with, some of which are outlined below. If they are not necessarily appropriate for your business, please do pass on the details to any businesses that you know who may benefit.

New Trafford Town Hall Complex Contracting and other Public Sector Procurement Opportunities

– for further information, e-mail: carl.rogers@trafford.gov.uk or tel: 0161 912 4038.

You can also register on the procurement website: www.thechest.nwce.gov.uk to receive early information about tendering opportunities.

Offering Supported Employment for Disabled People

– for further information, e-mail: jo.bryan@trafford.gov.uk or tel: 0161 912 4045.

Employee Volunteering and Community Support

– for further information, e-mail: jayne.stephenson@trafford.gov.uk or 0161 912 1231.

APPRENTICESHIPS: EXTRA HELP FOR YOUR BUSINESS

If you need to know more about the business benefits of an apprenticeship or how to create an opportunity please contact Stephen Bailey on 07795 970439.

Business Link – Advice and Support for Your Business

From 25 November 2011, the regional Business Link service will become part of a bigger national provision. Individuals and businesses will be able to get improved business information and guidance on starting, improving and growing their business at www.businesslink.gov.uk. This includes tools to help you diagnose and solve business problems, a business support finder, tutorials and video case studies, information on events in your area and links to business discussions and other services. If you are looking to start a business, or know someone who is, a whole new area of the Business Link website will provide a comprehensive start up service including online training and a starting up task list to guide people through the process.

Business people looking for an experienced business mentor can access mentoring organisations through www.mentorsme.co.uk. A Business Link helpline is available to support people who can't find what they need on the Business Link website on **0845 600 9006**. To find out more and keep up-to-date with important business information such as changes to regulations, register with the Business Link website and sign up to their e-newsletter at www.businesslink.gov.uk/mybusiness

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Since last newsletter the following members have joined us:

Phase 1 Computers
Jean Jackson Couture
Ark Hairstyling
Contact Counselling Services
Eddie Kelson
Cool Kids Out of School
Younique (Urmston Market)
Pancake Corner

Want to become a member?

With a current membership fee of only £26 per year you can recoup this instantly by taking advantage of :

- **10% discount from Swinton Insurance on your business insurance**
- **Reduced advertising rates with the Messenger Newspaper Group**

Contact Christine Musgrove or one of the management group for a membership form or more information (details on back page).

PRACTICAL TIPS TO KEEP YOUR STOCK SAFE

1. Identify your stock with branding, ultra violet marking or forensic coding
2. Keep your cash tills open overnight to show that all money has been removed
3. Consider a coded lock for internal doors which lead to stock rooms
4. Use security restraints or security cabinets for your high value items
5. Alternatively, you can install alarms on products of high value
6. Install low aisles to enable you to see customers around your shop
7. Consider installing dummy CCTV to deter potential offenders
8. Finally, whether you have CCTV or not, advertise that you do with stickers on the till and the door to your shop.

For more information on keeping your stock safe contact your Crime Reduction Advisor on 0161 856 7546

London 2012 Olympics coming to Trafford— 26th July to 7th August 2012

Manchester United, Old Trafford, has been selected as one of only a handful of venues outside of London to be hosting matches in the Olympic Football competition. Countries from all over the world will take part in 9 matches at the stadium, including quarter-final and semi-final games. In addition, Partington Sports Village will be used as a training venue for those playing at Old Trafford and George Carnell Leisure Centre will play host to the Brazilian Paralympic Judo team.

Jonathan Edwards recently came to Trafford to speak to local businesses at an event at MUFC.

Marketing Manchester also spoke about opportunities linked to tourism, getting ready for the Games and contracting opportunities from Katherine O'Connor, the 2012 business lead for the NW. Future business events and additional information about the opportunities will be available on www.trafford.gov.uk/2012 or you can follow on Twitter @trafford_2012 or e-mail:

kelly.dooley@trafford.gov.uk.

**Charity Collectors (Chuggers)**

Over recent months, a number of businesses and local shoppers have raised concerns about the number of charity collectors in Trafford's town centres. The Town Centre Partnerships are working closely with Trafford Council to create an agreement which will restrict the number of fundraisers in our town centres.

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS****Eden Square**

A walkabout Santa will be in Eden Square on **Saturday 10th and 17th December** between 11am and 4pm.

Urmston Market

Friday 16th & Saturday 17th December
Christmas themed market and more ...

- * BBQ * mulled wine
- * hot chestnuts * face painting
- * Santa * Flixton Girls School choir
- * Jane Jarvis dance exhibition
- * Flixton Brass Band
- * Salvation Army Guitarists
- * GMP's Constable Cub

Christmas Competition 2011

Competition entry forms have been delivered to local schools inviting children (accompanied by a parent or guardian) to visit the town centre between 14th November and 2nd December to look for the 20 baubles displayed in shop windows.

4 prizes of £25 will be presented to the winners before the Christmas holiday.

A big thank you to the 20 businesses who agreed to participate.

**URMSTON
NEIGHBOURHOOD
POLICE TEAM
0161 856 7684/7680**

**Urmston Musical Theatre
Pantomime
SLEEPING BEAUTY**

**14th to 18th February 2012
(half term)**

Weekdays 7.30pm

Saturday two matinees 12 noon & 4 pm

Performed at the Poolside Theatre,
Urmston Leisure Centre,
Bowfell Road, Urmston.
www.umat.org.uk

Management Group Update

Chairman: Bob Thomas Carter

Thomas Carter Opticians - 747 5555

Vice-Chairman: Bernard Murray

Quality Fresh Foods - 755 3171

Secretary: Steve Holloway

The Winchester Consultancy - 747 1448

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Members should contact me if they require help with any Trafford Council or Urmston Partnership town centre related issues.