Manchester United legend Sir Bobby Charlton, has officially unveiled a new road named in honour of fellow “Busby Babe” and Reds team mate Albert Scanlon, as part of Pendleton’s £650 million regeneration project which is breathing new life into the area.

Albert’s son Greg Scanlon said his family were “incredibly proud” to have Scanlon Lane, in Albert’s beloved Salford, named after his father. Salford was the place Albert called home and raised his three children after retiring from professional football.

Sir Bobby Charlton joined Albert’s children and grandchildren, Salford City Mayor Ian Stewart and representatives from Pendleton Together, at a small private ceremony to officially open Scanlon Lane.

Sir Bobby said: “I know Albert would have been deeply honoured to have his name associated with such an important development. Albert was extremely proud of his roots in the area and would be delighted that this project is improving the lives of so many local people.”

Steve Close, Chief Executive of Together Housing Group, said: “We are delighted to welcome Sir Bobby to Pendleton. Scanlon Lane honours the memory of a famous Salfordian, who was extremely popular with local people, and we are pleased to be able to name one of the new streets in the regeneration area after Albert. We have worked closely with the local community on deciding the names of the new streets in Pendleton. I would like to thank Cllr John Warmisham, local member for Langworthy and a Red, born and bred, for coming up with this fitting tribute.”

Salford City Mayor Ian Stewart added: “This is a proud day for the Scanlon family and for the city of Salford. Albert was a real hero in Pendleton, a true family man, and it is fitting that he should be remembered forever in this way. The resilience he showed to recover from the terrible injuries he suffered in the 1958 Munich disaster, remains a shining example to us all and shows that Albert Scanlon embodied the Spirit of Salford.”

Pendleton Together, a consortium made up of Together Housing Group, community regeneration specialist Keepmoat and Salford City Council, will see more than 1,600 new energy efficient homes built and more than 1,250 existing council-owned properties improved. The first phase of this new build development will include 293 affordable family homes for sale and rent.

On completion, this will be a very different Pendleton to the Pendleton Albert knew from his time living just down the road in Langworthy.

Sir Bobby officially opens a new road named in honour of Man Utd team mate Albert Scanlon

Welcome to Scanlon Lane!

A new home with just a 5% deposit!

The first phase of the most exciting new homes to arrive in the city of Salford is now here! Find out more about this exciting regeneration project, and how you could reserve your new home with just a 5% deposit, no matter where you are on the property ladder!

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Adoption enquiries rocket in Salford

Adoption enquiries in Salford rocketed by over 500% in the first month of a major new awareness campaign.

Over 50 new people wanting to adopt came forward in March this year compared to just 10 in March 2013.

And, thanks to the new faster process, they could be ready to be matched with a child by Christmas as most assessments and approvals now take just six months.

www.salford.gov.uk/adoPTION
Calling Salford companies

Interested in winning business? The city council advertises most of its tenders on The Chest. To see details of forthcoming opportunities go to: www.the-chest.org.uk

Got a great business idea?
Don’t keep it under your hat!

City West Housing Trust is running a series of workshops to support individuals looking to take a business idea to the next level, before committing to being self-employed and to starting a full time business. Four interactive sessions look at building confidence, knowledge and skills, and to explore ideas before developing a business offer and micro business plan.

If you have a business idea you would like to discuss, don’t keep it under your hat!
Contact City West to arrange an initial chat on 0300 123 5522 or email onenumber@citywest.org.uk

Free swimming made a big splash

Thanks to Salford CCG and the eight Salford neighbourhood community committees, who funded the programme, thousands of children enjoyed free swimming over the summer school holidays. Partners funded this fun filled way to encourage children to take exercise at the city’s public pools.

Hidden carers offered help

July saw Salford launch its first ever private fostering week to offer help to hidden carers.

Family friends, distant relatives and neighbours who’ve stepped in to look after someone else’s child are classed as private foster carers - and it’s thought there could be hundreds living in Salford who don’t even know it.

There is a range of help and advice on offer if you are a private foster carer, including free leisure passes for children. Visit our webpages for more details www.salford.gov.uk/private-fostering or call the council’s private fostering officer on 0161 779 7860.

The future’s bright!

City West Housing Trust’s Bright Futures scheme offers support with training, developing skills, gaining work experience and accessing job opportunities providing bright prospects for your future, leading to employment.

Whether you’re long-term unemployed, between jobs, young and unemployed, a student or mature and looking for a new direction, City West has something to support you in to work! Find out more by contacting City West on 0300 123 5522 or email onenumber@citywest.org.uk
Bright Futures also works with schools, colleges and other employment agencies to deliver this wide ranging programme.

Housing transfer – latest news

All current Salix Homes tenants have now received the Offer Document, giving details of the proposed housing transfer. Make sure you tell the council your views on this document by 7 September 2014.

The council has also developed a short film which explains the key facts about transfer. You can watch this online at www.salford.gov.uk/yourhome-yoursay, or you can request a copy of the film on DVD, simply call us on 0161 793 2331.

If you’re a Salix Homes tenant, look out for more information coming soon about the ballot.
What's on

There's loads going on across the city this autumn.
Go to: www.visitsalford.info for more great events and activities.

Walks and Water
To see the brand new range of autumn and winter cruises, including Halloween, Christmas Shopping trips, Santa cruises and much more, head to the website: www.visitsalford.info/walksandwater

To be first to hear about what's on the autumn/winter programme sign up to our Walks and Water mailing list, email us: info@visitsalford.info

Eccles Festival
Saturday 6 September – Town Centre from 10.00am
Sunday 7 September – Eccles Recreation Ground from 8.00am
Enjoy your own slice of Eccles by joining in a huge range of activities across the weekend. Live music, funfairs and art and crafts, car boot sale, dog show and morris dancing and loads more.

For more information contact Sammie on 07736005240

Broughton Fun Day
Saturday 6 September 11.00am - 5.00pm
Traditional fun day for all the family, games, sports, exhibitions and displays.
Call Diane Crowcroft on 0161 831 9807.

2014 City of Salford 10K Run
Sunday 7 September, Salford Quays
Head down to The Quays, cheer on the runners and soak up the atmosphere. This is one of the most popular 10k runs in the North of England.

Events in parks

River life - bats
Thursday 4 September 7.30pm
Come along on the hunt for bats and other wildlife. Bring a torch if you have one. Meet at the junction of Guy Fawkes Street and Ordsall Lane. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing.

Victoria Park Summer Band Concert
Sunday 7 September 2.00-4.00pm
Victoria Park, Manchester Road, Swinton, Salford M27 4FA
Enjoy free live band concerts at the Victorian Band Stand. Bring a deck chair and a picnic. Refreshments provided by the Friends of Victoria Park.

Tiny Tots Ramblers
Friday 12, 19 and 26 September 2014 10.15-11.30am
Clifton Country Park
A walk for younger children and their parents and carers. Explore the park as the season changes.

Edible, Medicinal and Uses of Plants
Friday 26 September 2014 10.00am-12.00pm
Duke’s Drive, Monton Clifton Country Park
Join a local naturalist on a fascinating foraging foray and learn about the wonders of the natural world on your doorstep. Booking essential. Call Jill on 07872808003 to reserve your place.

Halloween workshop
Monday 27 October – Peel Park, The Crescent
Tuesday 28 October – St Simon Street
Thursday 30 October – Crescent Meadows
1.00-3.00pm
Get ready for Halloween, join the park ranger and make something spooky.

Where the Wild Things Are
Friday 31 October 6.00-8.00pm
Peel Park, The Crescent
Wild creatures and ogres inhabit the park one day a year, come and see where the wild things are if you are brave enough…

See p13 for great events at the Bridgewater Canal

Events can change - please check the latest details with event organisers or on the Visit Salford website.
Events at Salford Museum & Art Gallery

101 Ways to die on Lark Hill Place
Thursday 11 and Friday 12 September 10.30am
Learn about life and death in Victorian Salford, and how public health changed over the century. Includes a tour of Lark Hill Place. Meet in the museum reception.

Monthly Craft Socials
5.30-7.30pm
Bring along your craft, enjoy a cake and a coffee and take part in a different demonstration craft on the third Wednesday each month.
Wednesday 17 September - beginners weaving
Wednesday 15 October - Clay modelling
Price: £5.00, materials provided

One Man’s Vision exhibition
Saturday 20 September 2014 to Sunday 18 January 2015
Local charity, Henshaws Society for Blind People, is celebrating its 175th birthday. This travelling exhibition has been specially curated to mark the occasion and includes historical objects, specially commissioned artworks, handling objects and an audio tour. All welcome.

Events at Ordsall Hall

The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes
Friday 26 September 7.30 to 9.30pm
The greatest fictional sleuth of all time springs back to life in this one-man show featuring dashing heroes and villainous rogues. Book online: www.shop.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk
Price: £10.00, £8.00 concessions

The Tudor Child exhibition
Sunday 12 October 2014 to Sunday 1 February 2015
Originally a book, The Tudor Child contains fascinating insights into the way in which Tudor children were raised, educated and of course clothed.

BBC Philharmonic at Ordsall Hall
Sunday 23 November 7.00 – 8.30pm
Be captivated by the enchanting sounds of the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra as they play seasonal tunes in the stunning Great Hall. Book online: www.shop.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk
Price: £3.00, refreshments included

Bonfires and fireworks

Buile Hill Park Bonfire Night
Wednesday 5 November
Buile Hill Park, Eccles Old Rd, Salford M6
Biggest traditional display in Salford. With roaring bonfire, funfairs rides, toffee apples and burgers. No private fireworks or alcohol allowed at the venue. No parking at venue. Bonfire from 7.00pm
Price: Free

Little Hulton Community Bonfire
Wednesday 5 November
Peel Park, Ram Street, Little Hulton
Local community bonfire and fireworks in the park. No private fireworks or alcohol at the venue. Bonfire from 7.00pm
Price: Free

Irlam Fireworks
Friday 7 November
Prince’s Park, Liverpool Rd, Irlam, M44
Traditional show with a twist! Includes fire, music and whizz-bangs! No parking at venue. Bonfire from 7.00pm
Price: Free

Please check www.visitsalford.info for detailed timings for all events nearer the time.

For all City West Housing Trust events happening in your local area visit: www.citywesthousingtrust.org.uk/about-city-west/events or call 0300 123 5522
As the hustle and bustle of life in Salford never stops, retreating to a beautiful and tranquil space can help us to relax and truly enjoy our surroundings.

In addition to Salford’s existing wealth of parks, nature trails and waterways, Urban Vision’s Landscape Architects have created some of Salford’s most breathtaking public realm and green spaces that have truly helped make Salford a wonderful place to live.

As well as delivering some of Salford’s existing key landscape schemes, Urban Vision, who work on behalf of Salford City Council, are also proud to be working on future transformational landscape design projects that will further improve Salford’s environmental and scenic setting.

Here’s a snapshot of recently completed landscape improvement schemes in Salford as well as a sneak preview of exciting new schemes on the way.

**Why not visit?**

**BRIDGEBER MILL** Recent works have opened up the views to Bridgewater Canal and new paving, steps and seating have also been installed to improve the accessibility and look of the area.

**BOER WAR MEMORIAL** Redesigned to create a focal point along the historic quarter of Chapel Street, the memorial of ‘The Shouting Fusilier’ stands proud in its new surroundings with new granite steps and ramps, lighting, planting and seating for visitors to sit and enjoy the view.

**ORDSALL HALL** The landscape refurbishment works surrounding this Grade 1 listed building involved the introduction of formal gardens, an orchard, herb gardens, an events area, a timeline walkway and a dig for victory garden.

**LIVERPOOL ROAD, CADISHEAD** A new central reservation has been installed with tree planting to create a safe, attractive, village style environment and encourage walking and cycling, reduce vehicle speeds and to create more frequent and safer crossing points.

**SALFORD CATHEDRAL GARDENS** Improvements have been made to the gardens to the west of Salford Cathedral. An eye-catching seating sculpture has been created, overgrown shrubs removed and new bright and attractive planting introduced.
WORSLEY DELPH New and improved walkways and bridges are on the way in 2015 to allow better visitor access. Landscaping improvements and architectural lighting will also be introduced with the de-silting of the Delph Basin to allow controlled access for boats.

BARTON AQUEDUCT Conservation and restoration works will start next year, involving footpath and landscaping improvements and the creation of an extended viewing area overlooking Barton Swing Aqueduct and the Manchester Ship Canal.

PORT SALFORD GREENWAY Works are scheduled to start in autumn 2014 to transform a valuable but neglected corridor of green space into a high quality cycle and walking corridor from Worsley, through Winton to the bustling commerce hub of Port Salford.

CRESCENT MEADOWS The Crescent Meadows, located in Central Salford has seven hectares of open space which is not currently used to its full potential. Works will start in autumn 2014 to design a community orchard, timber sculptures, new seating and education points as well as the planting of new trees and new plant species to improve the bio-diversity of the area. The footpath which links to Salford University over the River Irwell will also be refurbished and brought back into use.
Neighbourhood facelift begins

City West Housing Trust’s multi-million pound investment programme is continuing across Salford with four neighbourhoods due to have environmental improvements over the next year.

Planned improvements will include replacing existing front fences or hedges with new brick walls, replacing front fences between properties with new timber fences and new driveways, and dropping kerbs happening in:

• the Nelson neighbourhood in the Irlam and Cadishead region,
• Moorside neighbourhood Swinton, Clifton and Pendlebury region,
• Westwood and Alder Park neighbourhood in the Eccles, Barton and Winton region and
• the Brindley neighbourhood in the Little Hulton, Walkden and Worsley region.

If you’re a City West customer you can find out what work is planned for your home and local area by visiting www.citywesthousingtrust.org.uk.

Visit www.citywesthousingtrust.org.uk (now optimised to work efficiently on tablets and smartphones) and find information about all our services and projects, request repairs and contact us. Call just one number 0300 123 5522 or for the latest news visit Twitter @citywesthousing or Facebook www.facebook.com/citywesthousing
The Class of ’92 and the University of Salford have agreed a partnership which will see students and academics heavily involved in the development of Salford City FC, the Old Trafford Supporters’ Club and Hotel Football.

Signed at the Salford City v Class of ’92 friendly held at Salford’s AJ Bell Stadium on Thursday 7 August, the unique collaboration between the University and Manchester United legends Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes, Gary and Phil Neville and Nicky Butt gives the opportunity for Salford students studying a wide range of courses to use their knowledge and expertise to contribute to the success of Salford City FC.

At the same time, it forms a key part of the Class of ’92’s aim to invest in and create opportunities for young talent and to build on the Club’s roots in the local community.

In the partnership’s first project, broadcast and journalism students filmed and reported live on the friendly match. Both undergraduates and postgraduates will cover Salford City matches throughout the season, together with major milestones in the club’s transformation.

Sports and health science students will work closely with the Club’s coaching and physio staff to develop comprehensive strength and conditioning training programmes and nutrition plans for Salford City players, who will use the University’s state-of-the-art Human Performance Lab and other facilities to monitor their fitness and progress.

Salford Business School students and staff from the School’s Centre for Sports Business will work on digital marketing initiatives, along with corporate finance and event management, helping to deliver the ex-United players’ ultimate ambition of creating the world’s first digital, ‘always on’ football club, giving fans unrivalled access to behind-the-scenes activities and up-to-the-minute information about Salford City’s ongoing development.

Beyond their involvement with Salford City, the University’s broadcast and media production students will also work with the Class of ’92 on a documentary following the construction, opening and operation of Hotel Football – the new hotel, including the Old Trafford Supporters’ Club fans’ bar and restaurant, due to open next to Old Trafford football ground in November.

Commenting on the partnership, Gary Neville said: “The Class of ’92 were given a chance when we were young by Manchester United, so now we want to give something back and provide the best opportunities possible for Salford students and other young people in the community.”

“This partnership is a central part of our vision and we’re really lucky to be able to make the most of the enthusiasm and skills of some fantastic students and the incredible facilities at the University.”

“Whether it’s sports science, digital expertise or journalism, the University and its students offer so many things which are relevant to a football club and our other projects. I’m confident that the involvement of students and staff will bring a more professional approach to Salford City and the partnership is a vital part of our strategy to bring success to the club and hopefully go as high as we can up the football pyramid.”

University Pro Vice-Chancellor and Salford Business School Dean Professor Amanda Broderick said: “The internship, placement and research opportunities for our students through our exclusive partnership with the Class of ’92 are incredible.”

“Salford has always led the way in industry engagement and our work with Salford City, Hotel Football, the Old Trafford Supporters’ Club and on other projects further strengthens our commitment to our graduates’ career success and contribution to our community.”

“Our staff and students can provide the Class of ’92 with impressive expertise in a huge range of areas and I’m looking forward to the partnership being a great success.”

The partnership will initially run for a five-year period but Ryan Giggs is confident that its success will lead to a long-lasting relationship. “We’re committed to Salford City FC, Hotel Football and the local community for the long term,” he confirmed, “and we see our partnership with the University of Salford as a massively important part of this commitment. We’re really looking forward to working with the students on a wide range of exciting projects for many years to come.”
Weatherfield comes to Pendleton

A Salford housing estate has helped set the scene for much-loved soap Coronation Street.
Programme makers have been filming at Bourne House on Amersham Street in Pendleton, which has been used as the fictional home of a new character played by Les Dennis.
Stars from the show including Helen Worth, who plays Gail McIntyre, Jack P Shepherd, who plays David Platt, and Ben Price, who plays Nick Tilsley, joined Les Dennis on set to film their scenes.
Sue Sutton, chief executive at Salix Homes, said: “Coronation Street is a national institution and the fictional town of Weatherfield is supposed to be in Salford, so we were thrilled they wanted to film some scenes in one of our properties.
“Salix Homes does in fact have a rather interesting connection with Corrie anyway. The real Coronation Street on the New Barracks Estate in Ordsall is in the heart of one of our estates and is said to have been the inspiration for the name behind the world famous soap opera.”
Revenue raised from the filming is being used by Salix Homes to fund a garden project at nearby Lark Hill Primary School.

Salix Homes helps homeless build new future

Salix Homes has teamed up with a Salford charity to help homeless people build themselves a new future.
Salix Homes is working with Emmaus Salford, which supports homeless people by providing a home, companionship and meaningful work in one of its social enterprises.
The charity is based at Emmaus House, on Fitzwarren Street, Pendleton, where it will soon provide living accommodation for 26 homeless people - known as companions - when it opens fully this autumn.
The facilities also include a workshop and a newly opened shop selling furniture, bric-a-brac and household items.
As part of the new project, Salix Homes is donating furniture and household items to the charity to sell in the shop.

Ben Cruickshanks, empty properties manager at Salix Homes, said: “Emmaus Salford is a fantastic charity which provides a lifeline for many homeless people.”
“We get quite a lot of furniture and household items left behind when our tenants move on so we are delighted that these items can now be put to good use and go someway towards helping homeless people in Salford get back on their feet.”
Great things to do along the Bridgewater Canal in Salford

Salford's historic Bridgewater Canal is being transformed along the five miles from Barton to Boothstown with over £5.5 million in funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Salford City Council, Peel Holdings and other partners.

The physical transformation of the key heritage sites, including Worsley Delph and the remains of Barton Aqueduct, will start in 2015, however we want to encourage more local people to come along and find out what the Bridgewater Canal already has to offer.

Visitors can now enjoy a new hub for the canal at Duke’s Drive Country Park in Monton. The area has been transformed with woodland, meadows, wetland, lots of trails and walks and easy access to the canal towpath. Duke’s Drive is a short walk from the regular bus services stopping at Monton Green, and with over 50 new parking spaces conveniently located off Parrin Lane it has never been easier to visit the Bridgewater Canal.

There are lots of things to do in September including a Bat Walk, Fungi Foray and a Roses and Castles art workshop. You can join in regular health walks, bike rides, dog walks and new mums can get active as part of a buggy walk. We also want local people to get involved in the many opportunities to volunteer and be part of the transformation of the Bridgewater Canal in Salford.

Being a Bridgewater Volunteer offers many opportunities to work on projects in the great outdoors, get some exercise, learn new skills, meet people and be part of a great team. If you would like to become a Bridgewater Volunteer and get involved in activities such as improving pathways, making benches, creating handrails, woodland management and other conservation activities then you can get more information by emailing your details to bridgewatercanal@salford.gov.uk or calling Jill on 07872808003.

September’s highlights

**Bridgewater Volunteers**
Duke’s Drive, 3 September, 10.00am-3.00pm
Join the volunteers to help build a hand rail

**Bat Walk**
Bridgewater Canal
12 September, 7.30-9.30pm
Night time walk - booking essential, call Jill 07872808003

**Folk Art Workshop**
Monton Unitarian Church, 13 September, 10.00am-4.00pm
Learn the traditional ‘Roses and Castles’ painting style that adorns all canal boats. Course fee £10.00 - booking essential, call Jill 07872808003

**Fungi Foray**
Duke’s Drive, 27 September, 1.30-3.30pm
Join a local naturalist – booking essential, call Jill 07872808003

**Bridgewater Volunteers**
Duke’s Drive, 17 September, 10.00am-3.00pm
Join the volunteers to make a bench.
Welcome to our community pages

These pages are focused on events, activities and news from you and your local community.

Eccles Town Hall has a new lease of life

The old town hall in Eccles sprang back into life in 2013 and now hosts regular community events, conferences, meetings and private parties. The renovations continue this year: new chairs and tables have just arrived and the grand staircase is about to get a wonderful new carpet. If you haven’t been to see us yet do call in on a Saturday morning for a coffee and a cake and pick up a leaflet about forthcoming events.

Visit www.ecclescommunityhall.org or call 07931 815 802.

Introducing SAFE: Community – free emergency training courses

The Advanced Life Support Group (ALSG), based in Swinton, is a charity dedicated to saving life by providing training. We are working on a new initiative called ‘SAFE: Community’ which will focus on providing safe care closer to home in Salford.

As part of our SAFE: Community work we are planning to deliver free, local emergency training courses for individuals, community groups and in schools. Your help could be vital, whether someone has had a heart attack, is bleeding or has stopped breathing. Our courses will teach you what to do in an easy to remember way.

Courses will be available from September 2014 – to find out more and book your free place visit www.alsg.org.uk/safecommunity.

Follow us at @_ALSG_SAFE on Twitter.

For community groups or if you are interested in becoming a trainer please contact Ann Wolfendale at awolfendale@alsg.org or telephone 0161 794 1999 x240

Junior PCSOs

A message from PCSO Tony Fletcher

We would like to thank our latest Junior PCSO recruits Holly and Jamaine from Clarendon Road Community Primary School Eccles. Both pupils have kindly volunteered to help Greater Manchester Police raise awareness of the dangerous parking problems that occur outside the school at drop off and pick up time.

The Junior PCSOs patrol along with myself, outside the school at appropriate times and then advise inconsiderate motorists about the danger they create, parking or waiting on the yellow zig zag lines at the entrance for example.

Holly and Jamaine are polite and courteous pupils and they have already made a difference in the area.
Healthy happenings in Little Hulton

Something interesting has been happening in Little Hulton: a team of local people has formed to share health messages in their community.

The Healthy Communities Collaborative is a fun and interesting project that supports local people to go out in their communities to make a difference. They talk to local residents about the benefits of being aware of NHS Health Checks and the early symptoms of cancer, which saves lives!

They are looking for more people to join in, so if you want to make friends, make a difference to your community and have a lot of fun; get in touch with Steve Jones on 07747 485 078 or email steve@uni.uk.net

Friends of Peel Park litter pick

Local resident Janet Jones joined forces with community development worker Jordan Moore to organise a litter pick in Peel Park in Little Hulton - and to gain support for a ‘Friends of Peel Park Group’.

With only a week’s notice they were able to get seven volunteers to attend the event. City West provided the litter pickers and the council’s environment team came to pick up the rubbish. The group collected 11 bags of rubbish as well as some large debris during the two hour event.

It was a great day and it showed that people do care about their park and that a little bit of help from the community can make a huge difference.

The Friends group continues to work to make Peel Park a more welcoming and beautiful place. More litter picks are planned and a bed of poppies at the entrance has replaced the weeds.

If you would like to get involved, please see www.facebook.com/friendofpeelpark

Get on your bike with Sustrans

By Paul O’Sullivan, Sustrans Active Families and Communities Officer

At Sustrans, our aim is to reduce the numbers of journeys taken by car with a view to helping people become more active, and also to help reduce traffic congestion.

Funding from the Big Lottery has allowed us to work with a number of primary schools in Irlam and Cadishead, developing cycling activities such as ‘Dr. Bike’ maintenance sessions, cycling skills and road safety classes for children.

We have also developed partnerships with Irlam and Cadishead Neighbourhood Management Team, the Youth Service and Connexions, to work with small groups of students from Irlam and Cadishead College to develop skills and confidence through bike maintenance.

Our most recent programme was with two year 7 students who learnt how to diagnose problems, repair punctures and replace chains. Both received a Sustrans certificate which can be added to their Record of Achievement for future college and job applications.

Please visit www.sustrans.org.uk to see what other work we do around the country.

Round our way

A female rounders team is looking for more members to join them. The team, which has an average age of 50, play every Thursday on Eccles Rec at 6.00pm. All ladies are welcome, regardless of mobility or fitness. For more information, call Jeanette on 07951 034727.
Mustard Tree in Little Hulton

Mustard Tree is a charity committed to providing life support for the homeless and marginalised across Greater Manchester.

Mustard Tree is finalising the lease on Unit 50, Little Hulton District Centre – previously known as the Brierley Community Centre - and will offer the following key services from there very soon:

- emergency food parcels, low-cost clothing and furniture.
- training, volunteering and employment opportunities to rebuild lives
- working with the community to generate local benefits.

We are looking for volunteers, first to help us with some minor construction work and then for the longer term in running the shop. If you are interested please contact us on 07808242241 or ian@mustardtree.co.uk

Salford Heart Care aware

Jim Collins, Chairman of Salford Heart Care, was invited to attend the Queen’s Garden Party in June to receive the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service (equivalent to an MBE) on behalf of Salford Heart Care.

SHC is a voluntary organisation with over 400 members, whose aim is to improve the health and lifestyle of people who have had heart/chest problems, including diabetes, angina, stroke, high blood pressure and also includes their carers and families.

There are branches at Weaste, Patricroft, Little Hulton, Cadishead, Walkden and Langworthy.

www.salfordheartcare.co.uk or call 0161 707 7402

Did you know Salford has its very own Women’s Institute?

Started by current president Suzanne Rigg and named after the nurses killed at old Salford Hospital in the war, Salford Angels WI has gone from strength to strength in the two years since they were formed. In that time they’ve produced their own (clothed!) calendars, baked hundreds of cakes, heard from some wonderful speakers, visited the Houses of Parliament and some intrepid members even cycled from Salford to Cambridge for charity!

Salford Angels WI meet on the third Thursday of the month at The Angel Centre, Chapel Street and new members are always welcome.

For more information see www.salfordangelswi.co.uk or join the Facebook page SalfordAngelsWI

Retired? Missing a challenge? U3A could be for you.

If you are looking for new interests to occupy your time, or wish to pursue existing ones, then why not come along to Salford U3A (University of the Third Age)’s Open Morning on Wednesday 10 September from 9.30am-12.30pm at Eccles Gateway?

We have 21 groups that provide for a wide variety of interests: help put the world to rights at our lively discussion group, or find your hidden artist in our painting group, or even exercise your little grey cells with Scrabble or Mah Jong. If you cannot attend our open morning, visit our web site where you will find a list of all 21 groups - there is sure to be something there that will appeal to you. www.salfordu3a.com

Photographs courtesy of Janine McDonald
Turn your Big Bill into a ‘Little Bill’

If you live in one of the Little Bill community areas – Irlam, Broughton, Eccles, Winton, Boothstown and Ellenbrook or Worsley you could get up to £7,000 to help slash the cost of your energy bills, thanks to a new scheme backed by Greater Manchester councils.

Little Bill, the friendly sausage dog, is the face of the new campaign, which allows Salford residents to apply for up to £7,000 towards energy saving home improvement measures such as new windows and doors, new boiler, insulation and even solar panels. You could also apply to be a Little Bill showhome and get up to £12,000 towards home improvements. In return you need to be willing to open your home to the public seven times over two years.

Funds are limited so make sure you apply before they run out!

Tackle your health with Salford Red Devils Foundation

The Salford Red Devils Foundation is closely involved in the local community. The foundation works in partnership with Salford City Council and Salford Clinical Commissioning Group to deliver our health programmes. Their current projects include:

Tackle Smoking – Thinking about giving up smoking? The Foundation has had proven success locally, helping dozens of smokers begin the quitting process. You are four times more likely to stay smoke-free and healthy with face-to-face support. The Salford Red Devils Tackle Smoking sessions, held at the AJ Bell Stadium, can help you on your journey.

Tackle Cancer – If you want to improve your knowledge on signs, symptoms and recovery from cancer, the Foundation may be able to help. Player and project ambassadors, provide personal experiences to support local residents.

Tackle Family Health – This project involves all the family, promoting health in a helpful and energetic way! It provides wellbeing and physical activity advice.

Tackle Men’s Health – This project aims to get males aged 30+ back into physical activity and healthy living. Our Touch Rugby League programme has been extremely popular at Salford Sports Village, with over 70 players attending weekly and look out for our new Salford Red Devils Boot Camp.

For more information on any of our schemes do not hesitate to get in touch.
Call 0161 820 2739 or email Joanne at joanne.shepherd@reds.co.uk

To find out more visit gmenergyadvice.co.uk or call 0800 009 3363 (Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm).
There are big plans for Pendleton which will transform the area. This will include new homes, refurbishing existing ones and providing tranquil parks and open spaces.

As part of the regeneration Pendleton Together is changing the blocks of flats, in and out. We are well on the way with Spruce Court, right next to Broad Street and are carrying out the work from the top floor down. A new modern design is taking shape and the finishes to the outsides are becoming a thing to behold.

As well as building new homes, the ambitious project is modernising existing flats and houses. There is a variety of one and two bedroom modernised flats in stunning contemporary buildings now available to rent.

Apart from being fully refurbished, the apartments also offer:
- Rent you can afford – covering repairs services with emergency call-out and weekend and evening repairs appointments
- Warm and cosy - highly insulated with state-of-art efficient heating systems
- Safety in your home – 24 hour security and concierge service
- A green outlook – recycling facilities on your doorstep.
- Help at hand – with a 24hr call centre
- Easy reach – for shops, transport links and many local attractions, including Salford Quays, University of Salford and Chapel Street
- Rooms with a view – which would take some beating
- A great community – join in residents’ groups and use the maintained community facilities.
- Access to handyperson and decorating services – for those little jobs at affordable rates
- A place for your car (and even your bike) – good car parking for you and your guests

And even more to come - new residents’ room ... new look foyer ...
... new gardens to grow your own ... and outdoor table tennis.

For more information on renting please call 0300 555 5567 or click on www.pendletontogether.co.uk/renting-or-buying-a-home/properties-for-rent/ to see a film of the show flats.
Universal Credit

Universal Credit is a new benefit that the government has introduced. It replaces six existing benefits. Here we explain how it is affecting tenants and how to get support.

In April 2012, single parent Frank became affected by the government’s spare bedroom subsidy – also known as the ‘bedroom tax’. Frank’s arrears reached almost £900 and he faced the possibility of an eviction notice.

City West approached Frank to take part in its first Direct Payment Pilot in preparation for the roll out of Universal Credit - a new benefit which is deposited to customers electronically in one single monthly payment.

Frank received tailored support from one of City West’s income officers, who helped him to budget more effectively and identify where he could make cuts on non-essential outgoings. Frank is now out of arrears, pays his rent weekly and has chosen to continue paying his landlord direct.

Frank said: “Having all of my benefits paid into one account at the same time really works for me. I’ve now set up a direct debit which means that my rent leaves my account without me having to worry about it. I’m so glad that I took part in the scheme, it’s made such a positive difference to our lives.”

City West customers will find lots of help and advice about Universal Credit, benefit changes and money advice by visiting www.citywesthousingtrust.org.uk, calling 0300 123 5522 or emailing onenumber@citywest.org.uk

Introducing 52 Regent Street, City West’s new office in Eccles

City West Housing Trust welcomed customers and visitors to their new office, ‘52 Regent Street’, at the end of July.

The ‘52 Regent Street’ office brings together community, operational and corporate services into one location and has seen the Eccles local area office move back to its original location from the temporary home at the Old Eccles Town Hall.

This office, and our Little Hulton local area office, is now open to customers Monday to Friday from 8.30am until 5pm, however you don’t need to visit a City West office, when it comes to contacting City West, it couldn’t be easier. Visit www.citywesthousingtrust.org.uk or call 0300 123 5522

Pay your rent via Facebook

Salix Homes tenants can now pay their rent via Facebook. The housing provider has become one of the first in the country to launch the groundbreaking service, which allows tenants to pay their rent via social media.

The new app, which is available on Salix Homes’ own Facebook page, also allows tenants to report repairs and issues, ask questions about their tenancy and provides advice on money management and budgeting.

To use the service, tenants must have their own Facebook account and visit the Salix Homes Facebook page, where they can navigate through the simple system.

Sian Grant, director of customer and neighbourhood services at Salix Homes, said: “Social media is now a very powerful communication tool and we found in a recent survey of our tenants that around 40% use Facebook, so we hope that by reaching out to them via this channel we will be able to engage with a much wider audience.

“It’s great that Salix Homes is leading the way in digital innovation and improving tenants’ access to services.”

Visit the Salix Homes Facebook page to find out more.

If you are a Salix Homes tenant and confused about Universal Credit, contact the Salix Homes Money Advice Team (MAT).

MAT is on hand to answer all your questions about the changes to benefits and how it will affect you, as well as offer advice and support on money management and budgeting.

Just call MAT on 0800 218 2000 or 0161 909 6559 (local rate for mobiles) or email customer.support@salixhomes.org

If you are not a Salix Homes or City West tenant go to www.salford.gov.uk/welfarerights

More information was made available in our last issue in June which is still available online www.salford.gov.uk/life
Renowned playwright Shelagh Delaney grew up at 77 Duchy Road in Salford, where she lived until she was about 22-years old. Now Salix Homes, which manages the property, is installing a plaque on Shelagh’s childhood home to commemorate her life at a special ceremony on 3 September. Shelagh’s daughter Charlotte said: “Number 77 Duchy Road was always a place of love, laughter and support for both me and my mum. She trusted and respected her community and I believe this always shone through in her work.” Shelagh Delaney, who was born in Salford on November 25, 1938, was one of the first working class, female playwrights. She famously penned A Taste of Honey when she was just 18 years old. The modern-classic set in 1950s Salford became Shelagh’s most famous work and enjoyed a run of success on Broadway before it was adapted into an award-winning film in 1961. Sue Sutton, chief executive at Salix Homes, said: “Shelagh Delaney is one of Salford’s most famous daughters and we are delighted to honour her in this way. “Shelagh moved out of the area when she was young, but the people of Duchy have never forgotten her and often reminisce about her now. Everyone is immensely proud of Shelagh and all that she achieved, so this plaque on her childhood home is a perfect way to ensure that her vast achievements are never forgotten.” Shelagh, who died in November 2011, will also be remembered later this year during the inaugural Shelagh Delaney Day on 25 November, which would have been Shelagh’s 76th birthday. The celebratory occasion was the brainchild of proud Salfordian Louise Woodward-Styles who spearheaded a campaign for a special event to celebrate Shelagh. Louise added: “When I started out with this campaign I couldn’t have envisaged just how much support there would be from across the world. The support and hard work of both Salix Homes and Salford City Council has been wonderful. I would like to thank all involved for providing such a wonderful and touching tribute in honour of a much loved Salford daughter - Shelagh Delaney.”

To find out the latest on Shelagh Delaney Day go to www.spiritofsalford.info
Services No Longer Required

This autumn, the BBC Philharmonic joins forces with IWM North, part of Imperial War Museums for a moving piece of music and drama; Services No Longer Required. There will be four performances from 17-18 October in the main exhibition space at IWM North.

Services No Longer Required tells the story of Arthur Burke, a Salford man who, on 9 October 1917, was killed by a shell when carrying rations to his company near the front line at Ypres. He was just 23 years old.

Actors will tell Arthur’s story by bringing to life the many letters he wrote during his time on the front line. Composer Richard Taylor has created a specially devised soundtrack to this moving story, which will be performed by musicians from the BBC Philharmonic and Salford Symphony Orchestra. There will also be live visuals by Salford’s Soup Collective projected across the Main Exhibition Space to create an immersive experience for audiences.

Booking is essential.
Tickets available via www.quaytickets.com

Beethoven Explored
Saturday 25 October, 7.30pm

We’re offering 200 tickets for just £2 for Salford residents
who quote ‘SPIRIT’ when they book for the BBC Philharmonic’s concert on Saturday 25 October at The Bridgewater Hall. The concert features the brilliant violinist Renaud Capuçon performing Beethoven’s glorious Violin Concerto. The programme is completed with works by Schubert and Colin Matthews. Join us for an evening of sparkling music this autumn.

Booking:
Phone: 0161 907 9000
Online: bridgewater-hall.co.uk

Salix Homes is set to honour a Salfordian who encompasses the city’s true spirit.

The housing provider has launched a search for community heroes for its seventh annual Salix Stars Awards, but this year there’s an extra special category – The Spirit of Salford Star.

All the nominees will be put before a panel of judges who will whittle it down to three contenders and then it’ll be down to you – the public – to choose your winner.

Sue Sutton, chief executive at Salix Homes, said: “Salix Homes is very proud to support the Spirit of Salford campaign through our Salix Stars Awards. We see the true spirit of Salford every day in so many of our residents and communities, so if you know someone who deserves to be recognised then I urge you to nominate them.”

The other categories in this year’s awards include the Shelagh Delaney Creativity Award the Aim High Star, Young Rising Star and Best Green Star.

Nominations close on 1 September and the Spirit of Salford Star shortlist will be announced on 15 September.

To nominate someone download a form from www.salixhomes.org/stars
or call Sarah McNally on 0161 779 8028 or email salixstars@salixhomes.org
Learn a new skill
with Salford City College this September!

Get into gear and learn a new skill with Salford City College this September. The college offers a wide range of courses for adults, whether you want to study full time, part-time, towards a professional qualification or just for leisure, there really is something for everyone!

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

By continuing to develop your skills you keep ahead of the game by having up-to-date and relevant attributes that employers look for; if you are looking to change your career, or simply want to gain further skills, Salford City College can help.

The college offers a wealth of courses ranging from high level, professional qualifications in areas such as leadership and management, and accounting; alongside qualifications in literacy and numeracy, and skills-based learning such as multi-trade skills, media make up and photographic image capture.

Keeping ahead of the game does not have to affect your current employment commitments. Studying with Salford City College allows you to adopt a flexible approach to your studies, ensuring that you are able to learn and up-skill in a way that suits you.

Adult Enrolment Dates

Wednesday 27 August 2014  10am-7pm
Thursday 28 August 2014  10am-7pm

Late enrolments are possible – please call 0161 631 5000 for information.

Enrolment Venues:

City Skills Sixth Form Centre, Walkden
Sixth Form Centre and FutureSkills at MediaCityUK

For functional skills courses, please enrol at the centre where your course will be running.
For ESOL courses, please enrol at St James’ House.
For Higher Education courses (Foundation Degrees and HNCs) please enrol at FutureSkills.

Please note that you must be enrolled before your course starts. Places are subject to availability and courses will run subject to demand.

GET IN TOUCH

Details of all courses are available on the Salford City College website www.salfordcc.ac.uk
Alternatively, you can contact the college directly on 0161 631 5000, or at enquiries@salfordcc.ac.uk for more information or to request a course guide.
‘Salford Remembers,’ is a four year programme commemorating the World War One centenary until November 2018. It focuses on the social history of the war including the men from the area who fought in the conflict (especially the Salford Pals), and the impact of the war on the city.

100 Years Ago: Salford at War (Salford Museum & Art Gallery, until November 2015) is a major exhibition which uncovers some of Salford’s unique stories including: Charlie Hunter, a soldier from the 1st Salford Pals killed in France in August 2016; Minnie Wood, a nurse in the Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service; and Albert Batty, who served in an ambulance unit and kept a war diary comprising 15 notebooks which were presented to Salford City Libraries in 1967.

Mud, Sweat and Tears: the Story of Salford’s Allotments (Ordsall Hall, until 28 September 2014) is a family-friendly exhibition examining the important part Ordsall Hall played during World War One as one of Salford’s pioneering allotments.

Other activities in the city include poppy planting, arts workshops and activities, a research and blogging project, creative sessions in libraries and plenty more.

We are also keen to support and encourage activity that commemorates World War One by groups and communities across Salford. A series of forums and workshops will take place between late 2014 and 2016, supported by an award from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

For the full programme and how to get involved, please visit ww1.salford.gov.uk email ww1@salford.gov.uk or follow us on Twitter @Salfordww1

World War One Talks
Join us for a series of talks at Salford Museum and Art Gallery which explore the impact of the war and the stories.
Monday 1 September 2.00pm
The Ballad of Billy Unsworth
Wednesday 1 October 6.30pm
‘Our Boys’ – the impact of the Great War on a Lancashire village
Monday 10 November 2.00pm
Wilfred Owen
Wednesday 12 November 6.00pm
Art and Symbolism

Lest we forget – WW1 website launched
The new website, launched by Salford City Council and Salford Community Leisure, features listings of all commemoration events, exhibitions and activities taking place across the city, plus details of how you can get involved or put on your own event.
It can be visited at ww1.salford.gov.uk
More than 1,000 new homes will be built in Salford in each of the next four years. That’s an astonishing 5,200 houses and apartments between now and 2018, on top of the 1,000 new homes that have been built in the city every year of the 21st century.

In Salford Central, Chapel Street and New Bailey, the council and its partners English Cities Fund (ECF), (ECF are a joint venture with Muse, Legal and General and Homes and Communities Agency) are putting £650 million into the area. Working with the local community and the council, the project will create 800 new homes, 11,000 new jobs, new green spaces, and a new hotel – and it will enhance Salford’s growing reputation as a city that gets things done.

Salford needs these new homes and jobs. According to recent Office of National Statistics figures, our population will rise by 24,000 in the next eight years. That’s a huge increase, with implications for the entire city.

Investors from around the world are currently pouring billions of pounds into Salford to improve lives, homes and neighbourhoods.

In Ordsall, the council is working with LPC Living to create new homes. The company has put more than £50 million into the area since 2006, built 307 houses and apartments and helped to pay for a new state-of-the-art £6.5 million primary school for 350 pupils in the area.

LPC has also invested in a new district centre based around a new 50,000sq ft Morrisons, health centre and Travelodge hotel. Going forward LPC will be investing a further £45 million to provide another 425 new homes – which will include the redevelopment of the derelict Ordsall District Centre and St Clement’s school site.

In Broughton, the council has worked with Countryside Properties to build new homes, with more than 250 built in the last two years – and quickly snapped up by the local community. The city is also experiencing a ‘baby boom’ – making us the fastest growing area in the north of England.
Salford’s primary school population will soar by 3,000 over the next six years – while secondary numbers will swell by another 2,500 over the same period.

By 2015, Salford will have created the equivalent of 14 new primary schools by expanding existing buildings – and the latest population projections show it may have to do the same again by 2020 to accommodate the baby boom.

In 2008 Salford had 16,718 pupils in primary schools. Today it’s 19,046, by 2021 it is expected to be over 22,000.

But it’s not just in housing and education that Salford is on the rise. The BBC move north to MediaCityUK has been a big success, contributing billions of pounds to our local economy.

The BBC’s recent announcement that they will be bringing another 200 new jobs to the city, underlines Salford’s reputation as a thriving city, attracting new people, businesses, homes and jobs and seeing the fastest regeneration growth in its history.

Peter Salmon, Director England, said: “The North is right at the heart of BBC plans to spend the Licence Fee closer to all our audiences. These 200 plus new roles for Salford cement its position as a key digital hub for the UK.”

Port Salford Greenway

Salford City Council has been successful in securing significant funds to deliver the Port Salford Greenway during 2014 and 2015.

Port Salford Greenway will create a traffic-free cycling and pedestrian route which will directly connect communities of Winton, Peel Green and Brookhouse to the anticipated 10,000 new jobs at Port Salford.

Phase one of the route will be located between Hallsworth Road and Blantyre Street with access points at Winton Park, New Lane, Stannard Road, Gorton Street and Brookhouse Avenue.

It will link the green spaces and recreation uses located at: Moat Hall Wood, Winton Park, Cleavley Athletics Track and the former Cleavley tree nursery. Delivery of the phase one will start on site in September 2014 and be completed by the end of March 2015.

Salford City Mayor Ian Stewart said: “I’m delighted that we are using this money to improve transport routes in Salford.

“The new path will give residents and commuters a new opportunity to walk or cycle to work. It’s healthy, it’s sustainable and it’s cheap”

There are a range of opportunities for communities to get involved in the project. From community art projects to involvement in habitat management to improve the biodiversity and wildlife in the area.

For further information visit www.salford.gov.uk/portsalfordgreenway
Make sure you and your baby get off to a Healthy Start

In a move believed to be the first of its kind in Greater Manchester, NHS Salford Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is to roll out the Healthy Start vitamins programme to all pregnant women, women up to 12 months post-natal and children aged between six months and five years.

The vitamins, previously only offered free of charge to those on benefits or low incomes, contain the right amount of vitamin D to help strengthen babies’ bones and vitamin C to look after healthy tissue as recommended by government guidelines. They also contain folic acid, which helps prevent spina bifida: a condition in which the spine doesn’t form properly in the womb.

Children’s vitamins, which come in the form of drops, contain vitamin D and vitamin C. They also contain vitamin A for growth, good eyesight and healthy skin.

Dr Babar Farooq, the Clinical Lead for Children and Young People, said: “Studies show that 90% of our vitamin D is obtained through sunlight and only 10% through diet, eating foods such as oily fish, fortified cereals and eggs.

It’s no secret that the UK weather can be a little unpredictable and this means that groups such as pregnant and breastfeeding women, and babies and young children under the age of five, might need a helping hand in the form of additional vitamins.”

More information will be made available over the coming weeks at your GP’s surgery, from your midwife, health visitor, pharmacy, and children’s centre or at the Eccles Gateway, Pendleton Gateway or Walkden Gateway.

Alternatively, visit NHS Salford Clinical Commissioning Group’s website at: www.salfordccg.nhs.uk/campaigns.asp

Fighting Flu in Salford

Flu is very easy to catch and in certain cases can lead to bronchitis and even pneumonia.

This year children aged two, three and four are eligible for a free nasal flu vaccination, which is very safe and effective. Carers may also be entitled to a free flu vaccination. Please contact your GP for more information.

If you or your child is invited by your GP please make time to attend. This vaccine could protect you and your family.
In 2008, Salford Royal announced its ambition to become the safest organisation in the NHS. Six years on, Chief Executive Sir David Dalton explains how Salford Royal is rising to that challenge.

“It was an extremely bold move for Salford Royal to announce this ambition, but we were absolutely determined to make our Trust a safer place for our patients. We know that using hospital services exposes patients to the risk of harm, for example, falls, pressure ulcers, medication errors and surgical site infections.

We enlisted the help of our staff to decide where we should focus our efforts. This culminated in our Quality Improvement Strategy, which laid out the projects that would move us towards providing safer care for our patients.

Our strategy has significantly evolved since then, including being extended into our community services. We know that six years after voicing our ambition to become the safest organisation in the NHS, we have made fantastic progress on this journey.

To name just a few achievements, since 2008, we have reduced C-Difficile by 90% and cardiac arrests by 51%. Recently, we marked one year without a patient acquiring a high grade pressure ulcer on one of our wards.

Salford Royal’s mortality rates are in the best 10% nationally and the best outside of London, and last year we were named Dr Foster Trust of the Year for the North of England. Additionally, we know fewer Salford Royal patients now die if they are admitted on a weekend, due to the changes we have made to our services to ensure patients receive the same high standard of care on a weekend that they would Monday to Friday.

Our work to improve patient safety never stops and, looking forward, some of key priorities include reducing the number of catheter associated urinary infections, making sure patients who suffer sepsis receive timely, reliable care and supporting staff to know how to confidently raise concerns when they anticipate patient harm or patient harm has occurred.”

You can read more in Salford Royal’s Quality Improvement Accounts 2013/14 by visiting the publications section of our website www.srft.nhs.uk

Save the date…

Salford Royal Open Day: 12.00-6.00pm, Tuesday 7 October, 2014, 1st Floor, Mayo Building, followed by the Annual Members’ Meeting: 6.00-7.30pm.

Please let us know if you will be attending the Annual Members’ Meeting by calling the Membership Team on Tel: 0161 206 3133 or email: foundation@srft.nhs.uk

For more information, call 0161 206 3133.
Changes for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

This September the government will make changes to the law for children and young people aged 0 to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The new law will result in changes to the way parents and their children receive support from their local council, health and social care services and their child’s nursery, school or college.

In Salford this will mean...

**A better, family centred approach**
There will be greater focus on personal goals, increased family involvement and improved rights and protections for young people in further education and training. Changes will be introduced gradually by April 2018.

**Education, Care and Health Plans**
Statements of Special Educational Needs and Learning Difficulty Assessments will be replaced with a single Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan for children and young people with eligible special educational needs and disabilities. The plan will place more emphasis on personal goals and will describe the support a child will receive while they are in education or training. The new law and its person-centred approach will give parents and young people the right to request a Personal Budget. It is envisaged that this will offer more control to parents and young people on the use of resources to meet needs identified in the plan.

**SEN support**
For children with less complex needs but who still require help due to their special educational needs, there will be a new system which replaces School Action and School Action Plus (and the equivalent in nurseries). It will be the responsibility of schools to ensure any additional support is put in place.

**Moving to the new system**
If your child already has a statement or Learning Difficulty Assessment they will be transferred to the new system by April 2018.

Salford City Council will let you know when you are due to switch and support will be available.

If your child currently receives help at school through School Action or School Action Plus (or the equivalent at nursery) the transfer to SEN support by the school will take place between September 2014 and spring 2015. It is likely to be during one of your child’s termly reviews.

**Concerns about losing support**
The government has stated that nobody will be left without support just because of the changes. There have been no changes to the definition of special educational needs or in how councils decide whether a child needs a statutory assessment.

**Local offer**
By 1 September, a new section of the council’s website will provide information and list support and services your child will be able to access, see www.salford.gov.uk/localoffer

The council has written to all parents who have a child with a statement to explain the changes and we’ll work closely with our partners to help you and your child prepare.
City West’s HCA funding deal paves way for another 286 new homes

City West Housing Trust is set to build another 286 new homes, for affordable rent and shared ownership, in Salford after securing £7.4 million of funding from the Homes and Communities Agency’s (HCA) Affordable Homes Programme.

City West is already contributing to the wider development of Salford with the construction of over 200 new homes in Little Hulton. Work is now complete on the first phase of Amblecote Green while new homes in Mount Skip and on Fairhurst Drive are expected to be completed over the summer. City West’s Kenyon Gateway development will be completed in 2015 and will also offer homes for shared ownership.

With vital investment from the HCA, City West is also working in partnership with Salford City Council to help bring much-needed empty properties back into use. If you have a property that has been empty for six months or more and you are interested in selling or working with us to rent it out please call 0300 123 5522 or email onenumber@citywest.org.uk.

For more information visit www.healthiertogethergm.nhs.uk follow on Twitter @HealthierGM #BestCare or like on Facebook.com/healthiertogethergm

Healthier Together: have your say in the Greater Manchester consultation

If you could change something about your health service what would it be?

Salford residents are encouraged to tell the NHS their views and ideas and help shape proposals about the future of healthcare provision in Greater Manchester.

As part of Healthier Together, healthcare services across Greater Manchester are set to undergo a major transformation to ensure they are high quality, safe, accessible and sustainable for future generations.

A 12-week formal public consultation on proposed changes to Greater Manchester’s 10 hospitals is now live and will run until the end of September. Information is available in community venues such as post offices, supermarkets, pubs, bingo halls, health centres and GP surgeries.

Healthier Together, a clinically led programme, comprises joined-up community health and care and Primary and In Hospital Care. The programme has four core principles:

• The best healthcare for you, your family and your neighbour
• Better access to GPs
• Saving more lives by improving quality
• Help us improve our ideas by telling us what you think.
We’re all talking health and wellbeing

Next time you visit your local Gateway, don’t be surprised if one of the advisors asks you about your health. It’s all part of a Salford scheme where workers from different types of organisations have signed up to help their customers improve their health and wellbeing.

The workers have been through training so they can help their customers with brief advice and information on where they could go to get help for things like giving up smoking, managing a money problem or sorting out a childcare issue.

Carlie, who works at the Energise Centre in Charlestown, recently had the training and then helped a customer with a health issue. Carlie says “I was chatting to a lady in reception and she told me how she was suffering from constant tiredness and pains. I asked her a little bit more about why she was tired so often and then gave her a leaflet on chronic tiredness. She said she had some of the symptoms mentioned in the leaflet and I advised her to go back to her GP. She later came back to me and said that she had been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia and was receiving treatment. I was really pleased that a quick five minute conversation had led to improving someone’s life.”

If you want to take more control over your own health and wellbeing, make the brand new Way2Wellbeing website your first port of call.

Visit the website anytime to:

• get expert advice and tips on things like quitting smoking, losing weight, getting more active, reducing alcohol, managing your money and work issues
• take the ‘check my wellbeing’ test to find out what areas of your life you may need to change
• find out what’s happening where you live
• find local support
Log on today - www.way2wellbeing.org.uk

A brighter, smoke-free future is a phone call away 0800 952 1000

You’re four times more likely to QUIT SMOKING with face to face support.

Make an appointment with a stop smoking advisor at a time and place to suit you or find out about our drop-in sessions.

www.salford.gov.uk/smoking
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**What’s on**

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