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Nominations will open in September for the latest Wandsworth Council Civic Awards which seek to honour the unsung community champions who make a difference to our borough.

The awards are designed to shine a light on people of all ages that make fantastic contributions to day-to-day life in Wandsworth.

Nominees can have done anything from helping out a neighbour in need, coaching a local sports team, giving up their free time to volunteer, organising a community event or carrying out an exceptional act of bravery.

And this year Wandsworth Council is adding a special award recognising those who have shown leadership on the issue of the environment in the borough and fighting climate change. So if you know someone who has made a positive impact to life in Wandsworth then please nominate them - we want to hear their stories to give them the recognition they deserve.

Nominations can be made by members of the public who know someone in their community who deserves celebrating. Or by family and friends of someone who they feel deserves some wider recognition for what they do in the borough.

All entries will be considered by a panel of judges before a ceremony is held at Wandsworth Civic Suite on Wednesday, November 13 where the overall winners will be revealed and their work highlighted.

Nominations will open on September 2 and the closing date is Friday, October 11. Please submit your suggestion via www.wandsworth.gov.uk/civicawards.

#### STITCH IN TIME

Fine Cell Work trains prisoners in highquality, skilled, creative needlework that they can do during long hours spent in their cells.

The aim is to foster hope, discipline and self-esteem and prisoners are guided towards further training and support on their release. The charity's community workshop in Battersea runs a programme which provides work experience, formal training and employment.

Fine Cell Work is looking for volunteers who can stitch and are able to give one afternoon a week to help with making kits, doing finishings and generally helping the team. Email jparker@finecellwork.co.uk or call 020 7931 9998.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY HOMESTART

Home-Start Wandsworth, a charity that supports vulnerable local families, raised more than £100,000 at their first fundraising gala May Ball. Three hundred guests came together to celebrate Home-Start Wandsworth's 10th anniversary and helped raise funds.

If you are a parent with young children under the age of five, and finding any aspect of family life difficult, or if you would like to make a donation or support Home Start's work in some other way, visit homestartwandsworth.org.uk

#### **INSPIRE CHILDREN TO READ**

Bookmark Reading is searching for volunteers to work one-to-one with children in years 1-3 who need extra support with their reading.

You will visit a school for two 30-minute sessions a week for six weeks. An app links volunteers to nearby schools and arranges sessions at convenient times.

Email info@bookmarkreading.org or find out more at www.bookmarkreading. org/volunteer

#### ELITE TEAM

Junction Elite FC has launched a fundraising drive to enable it to continue to run free football sessions for local young people. The team, seen here with the Mayor of Wandsworth at the Northcote Road Festival, is also looking for sponsors. Find @EliteJunction on twitter or search for their Just Giving page.









More than 1,800 local residents and visitors gave the colourful Thessalv Road bridge a thumbs up as they joined in with free activities, workshops, live outdoor performances and music at the Happy Streets festival.

Wandsworth Council commissioned artist Yinka Ilori to redesign the bridge in partnership with London Festival of Architecture following requests from residents to improve the underpass. The redesign is part of a package of improvement works in the Thessaly Road area to make a safer and more welcoming environment for pedestrians and cyclists.

Leader of Wandsworth Council, Cllr Ravi Govindia, said: "I am delighted that this Nine Elms rail bridge has been so successfully transformed into a colourful gateway - together with Yinka Ilori we listened to community concerns to ensure we delivered a design that people would be happy living next to."

Yinka Ilori worked closely with local people and nearby St George's C of E Primary School during the project. He said: "The most important part of the project was talking to the community, especially the young children and seeing the smiles on their faces when they walk under the bridge has been magical. I just hope this bridge continues to bring happiness to everyone who walks under Happy Street and inspires the next generation of young artists because they are the future." Watch a video at nineelmslondon.com



## Hammersmith Bridge closure impacting on Wandsworth

Residents across the borough are having to pay the price for the recent closure of Hammersmith Bridge.

The bridge closed back in early April and as a result, traffic is now having to be re-routed through large parts of Wandsworth, with Putney, in particular, having to bear the brunt of increased buses and traffic.

It is estimated that in the weeks since the closure, Putney Bridge is experiencing more than 4,000 extra vehicles every day, with 2,000 more on Wandsworth Bridge and an extra 1,000 daily vehicles on Battersea Bridge.

It has also been reported that Hammersmith Bridge needs up to £40m of repairs and that it could be up to three years until the bridge is opened to traffic again yet it still remains unclear who will be picking up the bill for these repairs. The Leader of Wandsworth Council, Cllr Ravi Govindia, said:



"Hammersmith & Fulham Council has singularly failed to keep this bridge in good working order and meanwhile our residents are now having to shoulder the burden of this bridge closure.

"The additional traffic that is now being rerouted through the borough is having an huge impact in terms of noise, congestion, pollution levels and rat running and is also putting extra stress on the infrastructure of the Wandsworth road network.

"The Nitrogen Dioxide pollution levels on Putney High Street, which we had managed to control and reduce, have already gone up by four per cent and yet our residents still have no idea when they are going to get respite from any of this."

He added: "It is about time the people of Wandsworth had an answer from Hammersmith & Fulham Council, as well as TfL, as to what is happening to Hammersmith Bridge, when will it be put right and when they can they see the end to the nightmare of additional traffic that is now plaguing our roads."

#### **SCRATCH HUB**

Local people and organisations with a passion for improving their community and a game-changing idea can apply for a year's free membership of the Battersea Arts Centre Scratch Hub co-working space. The deadline to apply is September 16. Visit bac.org.uk.

#### FIGHTING ABUSE

Residents are being urged to help devise the new Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy which seeks to tackle domestic violence and abuse, sexual violence, female genital mutilation, so-called 'honour-based' violence, forced marriage and stalking and harassment. To take part in the consultation visit wandsworth.gov.uk/consult by September 13.

#### **BATTERSEA'S FIRST LADY**

Local historian Sue Demont's new book sets out to remember Battersea's pioneer woman politician and public servant, Caroline Ganley MP.

When Caroline Ganley won Battersea South in 1945 she was one of just 24 women MPs. She was dubbed 'the lady wot got us the margarine' following her campaign for fairer food distribution during the First World War. She set up Battersea's first Maternity Home, and as Wandsworth's first female JP she pushed for the rehabilitation of young delinquents rather than the customary flogging. She also championed the Festival of Britain proposals for Battersea Park.

"Though Caroline Ganley's achievements were recognised during her lifetime, you won't find any mention of her in the history books – even those written by women," said Sue. "I want to tell her story and reclaim her for posterity, in Battersea and Wandsworth and beyond."

Battersea's First Lady is on sale in Waterstones, Clapham Junction, or by mail order from suedemont57@gmail.com



#### #gettoknowyourlibrary



### Superstar storytime

CELEBRITIES MICHAEL BRANDON AND GLYNIS
BARBER VISITED BALHAM LIBRARY TO READ STORIES
TO CHILDREN AND LEAD A 'DETECTIVE HUNT' FOR
MISSING BOOKS.



When I was a kid the library was a gym for my brain

Michael Brandon



The Dempsey and Makepeace stars launched the Summer Reading Challenge, which saw hundreds of borough schoolchildren pledge to read half a dozen books over the summer holiday.

Michael, who voiced the many voices of Thomas the Tank Engine for a number of years, chose to read from one of those books, while Glynis' choice was the picture book, The Case of the Red-Bottomed Robber by Richard Byrne.

"When I was a kid the library was a gym for my brain," said Michael. "There was a library in my school and we also used to take sponsored trips to the New York Public Library. For me it was like going to the pyramids – this wonderful place where you would do excavations of the mind. The characters and creatures I

would read about was where my inner life started to take off. It's certainly not just a place to get your parking permit!"

"It was lovely and I love reading to kids," said Glynis afterwards. "To see that look of concentration of their faces as they lose their minds to their imaginations is great. Libraries are hugely important and every single area should have their own library and people should do everything they can to support them. The fact that Wandsworth has kept libraries open rather than closing them is fantastic."

"I remember Dempsey & Makepeace and I know my kids love stories so it was the perfect combination!" said Bridget McCann. "Both of them were really animated in their readings and I liked the way they engaged so well with the children."

All borough libraries run events throughout the year, including adult learning sessions, children's activities, book and film clubs and author readings. Follow @wandsworthlibs for details.

Find out more about the borough's 11 libraries and the Wandsworth Heritage Service at

wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries

## Celebrating

See more images on Instagram at **loveparkswandsworth** 

## Wandsworth's Parks

THIS SUMMER, WANDSWORTH HAS BEEN CELEBRATING ITS FANTASTIC PARKS AND OPEN SPACES WITH ITS LOVE PARKS WANDSWORTH CAMPAGN, AND HAS HELD A STRING OF EVENTS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO GET OUT AND ENJOY THEM.







## Brewing is back

WANDSWORTH TOWN CENTRE'S 500-YEAR-OLD ASSOCIATION WITH BEER BREWING IS SET TO LIVE ON AS LONDON'S OLDEST INDEPENDENT BREWER SAMBROOK'S PREPARES TO MOVE TO THE RAM QUARTER.



Beer has been brewed on the Ram Quarter site since at least 1533 and continued there until 2006 when Young's moved its brewing operation out of London altogether. Brewer John Hatch has continued to brew small batches at the site to ensure it remains the oldest continuous brewing site in the UK.

Now Sambrook's is to take a 20-year lease on a new 11,000 square foot headquarters, which will be housed within a newly restored Grade-II listed former brewery building at the development.

A tap room set around the development's central square with outdoor seating will serve food and Sambrook's own hand-crafted brews, and there will be a bottle shop selling beers from around the world.

The company expects to produce more than one million pints of beer a year at its new home. It also plans to take over a heritage centre delivered by Greenland at the development, using it to present the history of brewing in London. Meanwhile the former Brewery Tap will be taken over by the Ram Pub company and will become The Ram Inn.

The news has been welcomed by Leader of Wandsworth Council, Cllr Ravi Govindia who said "I am delighted that it is Sambrook's who will be continuing this 500-year-old tradition at the Ram brewery site."

Other landmark regeneration schemes in the town centre include the Wandsworth Business Village, and The Filaments in Buckhold Road, Lyon House in Wandsworth High Street and the ongoing joint venture between the council and South Thames College on linked sites in the High Street and Garratt Lane providing new homes, shops, a new public square and a brand-new library.

Transport for London is also drawing up fresh proposals to redesign the Wandsworth oneway system which will remove through traffic from the high street and create better space for cyclists and pedestrians.

#### **SEEKING DESIGN WINNERS**

Nominations for the Wandsworth Design Awards which spotlight the borough's best new, restored and converted buildings, must be in by September 30. Sustainability and accessibility are also recognised. Find out more and nominate at wandsworth.gov.uk/designawards.

#### KICK THE FAT

Kick the Fat is a 7-a-side football league for men who want to lose weight.

Each week players are weighed before the game and weight loss converted into goals on the pitch. To help with your weight loss, each week you'll get a chance to meet with a qualified nutritionist to get tips and advice on your diet. The league is only for people with a BMI of 30+, so everybody is in the same boat.

Participant Don Said: "I found it immensely rewarding and helpful. The sense of kinship and mutual support is very motivating but it's also a lot of fun, no pressure just a low stress way of getting back into physical activity amongst like-minded people."

To register call the Kick the fat team on 020 3959 0035, email active@enablelc.org or complete the registration form at enablelc.org/kickthefat.

#### **APPLYING FOR SETTLED STATUS**

EU citizens can secure their rights to live in the UK after Brexit by applying for settled status by December 31. The scheme is free and to make a successful application you just need to prove your identity and that you live in the UK, and declare any criminal convictions. Apply at gov.uk/eu-settled-status.

In partnership with the council, Citizens Advice Wandsworth can help vulnerable residents apply. Find out more by emailing euadviceservice@cawandsworth.org.uk or visit cawandsworth.org.uk



#### **COMMUNITY HUB**

Woodfield Pavilion, renovated as part of the Tooting Common Heritage Project, has officially opened its doors. More than 500 people attended the opening, which included an art exhibition and a taste of the workshops and yoga sessions to be held there. Run by the charity which worked to bring it back into public use for art, environment and wellbeing, it is also available for private hire. If you're interested in running a workshop or event, or would like to find out more, visit https://www.thewoodfield.org/

## New offices for Work Match

Work Match, the service set up five years ago to help get local people into employment, has opened new flagship offices in the heart of a major council regeneration scheme.

Since September 2013 Work Match has helped more than 1200 people into work and the new offices in Falcon Road – on the Winstanley and York Road estate - will help the service link up hundreds more residents to businesses across the borough in the coming years.

Leader of Wandsworth Council, Cllr Ravi Govindia, officially opened the new offices, watched on by residents who had found jobs through Work Match, and said they marked an important new chapter for Work Match and the regeneration scheme overall.

He said: "It is so pleasing to have people here today who have found employment through Work Match and they are just the tip of the iceberg. The service is growing – these new offices are testament to that."

Cllr Govindia added: "The fact that the new offices are in the heart of the Winstanley and York Road regeneration is also fitting as this scheme is also about creating opportunities and improving the lives of our residents."

When Work Match was launched in 2013 the aspiration was to help unemployed Wandsworth residents secure new jobs, apprenticeships and training roles, working with business across the borough.

The Work Match team supports candidates through the application process-including help with CVs and interview skills - to give them the best chance of success. Roles filled have been diverse as security, construction, catering and hospitality and leisure, including at the nearby Nine Elms development.





Cllrs Caddy and Govindia opening the new offices.

We are giving our residents the best opportunity to find roles that are suited to them

Work Match

Cllr Govindia

securing jobs for local

email: wandsworthworkmatch @wandsworth.gov.uk phone: 020 8871 5191 www.wandsworthworkmatch.org

## Owning your first home

THE COUNCIL'S HOME OWNERSHIP TEAM SUPPORTS LOCAL PEOPLE WHO LIVE OR WORK IN THE BOROUGH AND WANT TO GET A FOOT ONTO THE HOUSING LADDER.

#### Here are some of the ways you can get help:

#### **House Purchase Grant**

This scheme gives eligible council tenants a grant to use towards buying a home of their own on the open market within the UK or abroad or to use towards purchasing a share of a shared ownership property (part rent /part buy) within the UK. It can also be used to adapt a family member's home within the UK to create an extension to enable tenants to move in.

The amount of grant a tenant can qualify for will depend on:

- the number of bedrooms within current home
- total length of tenancy
- the outcome of a means tested financial appraisal, as the grant is considered as gap funding and tenants must be in need of the grant towards the purchase as well as be able to demonstrate that they can afford any mortgage repayments.
- For 2019/20 the council has brought forward funding in order to provide more grants to meet demand.

#### **Right to Buy**

As from April 6, the maximum discount available on Right to Buy was increased from £108,000 to £110,500 (within London).

The funds raised through RTB sales will continue to be used for instance to finance new affordable housing for local people.

The council has a helpful Right to Buy information booklet for tenants who are interested in owning their council home. To read an online copy and to find out more about the process visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership.

Tenants who would like more information should contact the Home Ownership Team who will be able to guide them through the Right to Buy process.



Wandsworth Council opening the door to Home Ownership



#### **Right to Part Buy**

Right to Part Buy is a voluntary sales scheme launched by Wandsworth's Home Ownership Team in January 2017.

This unique scheme enables eligible council tenants who qualify for the Right to Buy (but are unable to afford to purchase their council home outright) to buy a share of their property with the added benefit of receiving an apportioned discount equal to the share purchased and pay a low rent on the remaining share.

To be eligible for the scheme you must:

- be a secure tenant
- have at least three years tenancy
- not have received Housing Benefit 12 months prior to the application
- must pass an affordability test

Tenants will be able to purchase a minimum initial share of 25 per cent or 50 per cent and in the future can buy additional shares and move toward owning their home outright.

Our latest completion under Right to Part Buy took place in April this year and enabled a Roehampton-based couple to purchase a percentage of their two-bed flat under the scheme with other completions in the pipeline for this financial year.

For further information about any of the Home Ownership schemes, please contact the Home Ownership Team via the following ways:

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership or Email: housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk or

Telephone: 020 8871 6161

#### Affordable Housing Day – Thursday 17 October

The Home Ownership Team will be hosting their annual Affordable Housing Open Day on Thursday October 17 in the Wandsworth Civic Suite.

The Open Day is completely free and will help first time buyers find their way around the different Home Ownership schemes such as Shared Ownership, Right to Buy, Right to Part Buy and the House Purchase Grant. Housing providers will also be available to offer information and advice, with legal and financial advice also being provided by property experts.

#### New Shared Ownership developments in the borough include the following:

#### PA Housing - Osiers Place (Phase II), SW18

19 new shared ownership homes are now available in Wandsworth. Situated in close proximity to the River Thames, with excellent transport links to Central London, these homes also offer private balconies, terraces and winter gardens. Please contact PA Housing on info@pahousing.co.uk or call 0300 123 2221.

#### Clarion Housing - Prince of Wales Drive, SW11

37 modern homes, a combination of one, two & three beds, will be available shortly in a highly-sought after location within walking distance of Battersea Park and featuring new, beautifully landscaped gardens. Please contact Clarion Housing on shared.ownership@myclarionhousing.com or call 0300 100 0303

For further information, you can contact the sales team on 020 3504 7358 or check the website www.fabrica.co.uk



Affordable housing open day

17 October 2019, 2-8pm



The Civic Suite, Town Hall
Wandsworth High Street SW18 2PU
For more information call (020) 8871 6161











New Housing Minister Esther McVey met council housing residents in Battersea on July 31 during a visit to a new Wandsworth Council build that's providing 57 new council homes for local people to rent.

The minister was visiting Nine Elms to mark the 100th anniversary of the Addison Act which ushered in a step change in council house building in the UK.

The Act gained royal assent on July 31, 1919 – providing council housing with support from central Government for the first time. The Addison Act was introduced following the post-war Government's pledge to build homes "fit for heroes" in the aftermath of the First World War.

The visit marked the new minister's first official engagement in London, with Wandsworth Council setting the pledge to build 1,000 new council homes by 2025 for local people of mixed tenure.

The buildings in the development visited are being named after three First World War soldiers from the borough who were each awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantry – Britain's highest award for courage and bravery in the face of the enemy.

The first block will be named Edward Foster Court in honour of Corporal Edward Foster, a Wandsworth Council employed dustman from Tooting who was awarded the Victoria Cross for capturing two enemy machine guns during efforts to liberate a French village from German occupation in 1917.

During her trip the minister met residents and future residents from the Savona and other nearby housing estates as part of her visit.

I was delighted to welcome the new
Housing Minister to Wandsworth on the
exact day of the Addison Act. Here in
Wandsworth we have approved a wide-ranging
package of measures, including buying and

building new homes so we can ensure that people in genuine need receive help and support and can be offered permanent homes close to the areas

they grew up in.

**Cllr Kim Caddy**, cabinet member for housing



"We pick fruit from trees in private gardens, on school grounds and on council estates," says Richard Konig of Abundance. "Even a small tree often generates more fruit than the owners can use and we want to ensure that the excess is put to good use rather than ending up on a compost heap or in a bin. There are plenty of volunteer pickers and local residents who would like a share for eating, baking, juicing or jam making."

harvest

"When a tree owner tells us that they need some help with a sudden glut of fruit we arrange a few pickers to harvest and let people know that fruit is available. A wide variety of apples and pears are the bulk of it but there are some pretty good plums and quinces in the borough too. It is important for the biodiversity of the area that all these trees are retained and kept in good shape."

The team are anticipating a bumper local fruit harvest in 2019 and have purchased additional extendable picking poles that reach high-up and a motorised fruit crusher. Wandsworth Council has provided rent-free premises to store equipment

which can also be borrowed by residents who have signed up to the project.

PROMOTE BIODIVERSITY, IS EXPANDING AND

**VOLUNTEER PICKERS ACROSS WANDSWORTH.** 

SIGNING UP FRUIT TREE OWNERS AND

Register as a volunteer picker or as a tree owner with fruit to share at **www.abundancesouthfields.com** 

Bring apples for juicing to Southfields Harvest on September 28 www.southfieldsharvest.org.uk

We pick fruit from trees in private gardens, on school grounds and on council estates.

## The greenest Wandsworth inner London borough by 2030

The threat of climate change to our environment is one that none of us can take lightly. It is a threat to our way of life for us and future generations.

"Councils therefore must join the fight to address the drivers of climate change and we need to do our bit to stop the huge impacts on our environment and begin the process of reversing the damage.

"Wandsworth Council already has a strong track record in both protecting the local environment and speaking up for its communities.

"But we need to do more and so the the council has set itself a challenging target to be carbon neutral as an organisation by 2030 and zero carbon by 2050.

"We want to see this borough moving in the right direction in the fight against climate change and going forward no area of council life will be left unchallenged. By being creative and practical across all parts of the council we will be working towards the goal of cutting emissions and reversing

Leader of Wandsworth Council,

climate change.

'Our Pledge' to be:

Carbon neutral by 2030 | Zero Carbon by 2050



#### 'what we are doing...'





Investing £200,000 on electric vehicle charging points in 2018/19.

Providing one of the highest number of charging points in any London borough.



## improving air quality

reducing NO2 levels

Working with schools to reduce the number of cars used on the school run, encouraging drivers to reduce their vehicle emissions through the Smarter Driving campaign.



#### 'what we are doing...'



Drastically reducing the amount of waste we produce as an organisation while supporting residents and businesses to 'reduce, reuse and recycle' waste in their everyday lives.

We have taken a clear stand against the expansion of Heathrow - and the damaging effects of more noise and pollution it would bring.

Improving the council's fleet of vehicles, making sure they meet the emissions standards of the Ultra Low Emission Zone. Then moving to electric and other renewable fuel sources for all council vehicles.



Planting more than 1,200 trees in the last two winters and setting a target of plating 400 more in 2019/20.



#### 'what we are doing...'









We are saving £400,000 a year by switching to energy efficient LED lighting, reducing our carbon footprint at the same time.



Thank you to the more than 100 people who joined us in June for Wandsworth Council and Plogolution's largest ever clean up event.

#MyWANDSWORTH
Let's keep our borough
clean and tidy

I'm proud of



Plogging is the new workout trend from Sweden, giving you the double endorphin hit of not only keeping fit but also making a massive difference to your local community at the same time.

It's a combination of running, jogging or walking and the Swedish term "plocka upp," meaning pick up. The concept is simple. Rather than jogging on by the rubbish littered on the street or in a park, ploggers pick it up and and recycle it. The ploggers collected 251 cans, 80 glasses bottles and 330 bottles in total.

Councillor Steffi Sutters, Wandsworth Council's cabinet member for community services and open spaces said: "Thank you to everyone who came along for their tremendous effort. It was great to see so many people support our MyWandsworth campaign to keep the borough clean and tidy.

"We are fortunate to have so many hugely dedicated volunteers. Groups all over the borough do fantastic work, which is testament to the community spirit we are fortunate to have in the borough."



The oldest plogger was 89 and the youngest 2.

## Help us catch fly-tippers

The council takes flytipping very seriously and over a two-year period issued more than fifteen thousand fines for flytipping and littering.

As part of our MyWandsworth campaign to keep the borough looking its best we need your help to catch those irresponsible enough to dump rubbish illegally.

If you see someone dumping rubbish, get in touch with the details and any evidence you may have that could help with a prosecution.

15,150

Waste fly-tipping and littering fines issued since April 2017

#### Report fly-tip offenders

**Online:** www.wandsworth.gov.uk/mywandsworth

**Email:** flytipwitness@ richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

## Community comes together

The town hall hosted Wandsworth's first ever Pride reception this summer to celebrate Pride in London.

Hosted by the Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Jane Cooper, and organised in partnership with the Wandsworth LGBTQ+ Forum, it was only the second to be held in London, and was a chance to bring together and thank the many people from across Wandsworth's diverse community who have worked together to continue to fight for LGBT equality.

For the second year running Wandsworth marked Pride in London by flying the rainbow flag at the town hall, and the council has pledged to continue working with the LGBTQ+ Forum and other groups to ensure equality remains at the heart of its work in the borough.

Cllr Cooper said "It is tremendous to see how far we have come in the last 50 years and to recognise the strong partnership here between the LGBTQ+ Forum and other civic organisations in Wandsworth.

Chair of Wandsworth LGBTQ+ Forum David Robson said "I don't think we come together enough but it was so beautiful to see so many here tonight in Pride and unity. I hope it's the start of a new tradition here in Wandsworth."



## Ernest Bevin College Open Events 2019

#### **OPEN MORNINGS**

Monday 30th September Friday 4th October Tuesday 8th October 9-10.15am: Tours of the college 10.15am: Principal's speech

#### **OPEN EVENING**

Tuesday 1st October 5.30-8pm: Pupil-led tours and Principal's speech at 6pm and 7pm

Beechcroft Rd, Tooting, London, SW17 7DF

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#### **Sunday 22 September 2019**

Sign up at www.royaltrinityhospice.london/walk | 020 7787 1087 Royal Trinity Hospice, 30 Clapham Common North Side





## BRIGHTER FAIR

## Older residents and people with care and support needs can find out about local sources of support at the Brighter Living Fair on September 20.

The event in the Wandsworth Civic Suite will have more than 30 stalls from local charities, businesses and community groups where you can:

- Browse information and find out about local support.
- Try out activities, such as fitness and movement classes, and take part in a digital workshop.
- Find out about keeping safe.
- Chat to council staff directly about key local services and take part in a Your Day Your Say workshop to give your views and help shape services in the future.

You will also be able to enjoy refreshments at the all-day café, free of charge. For more information **visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/brighterliving** or call (020) 8891 7151.

## More than **30 stalls**





## Joined-up health care



As the borough prepares to further integrate health and social care, the Wandsworth Health and Wellbeing Board wants local people to know more about the work it does.

Health and Wellbeing Boards were set up in 2013, bringing together health and social care experts to jointly set local priorities and strategies. It includes GP commissioning groups, councillors, senior council officers and the voluntary sector.

This autumn, the Wandsworth Health and Wellbeing Board will lead on putting the new two-year Wandsworth Health and Care Plan into action. Drawn up by the council, local GPs, hospitals and members of the voluntary sector following consultation with the public, the plan aims to help people Start Well, Live Well and Age Well.

This includes helping children to be healthy so they can become healthy adults, tackling long-term conditions like diabetes, and working together on issues that affect older people such as dementia and social isolation.

Chairman of the Board, and Wandsworth Council's cabinet member for adult social care and health Melanie Hampton said: "The Health and Care Plan is a great opportunity to create really good, integrated working between us and our colleagues in the health service – both in terms of the day-to-day care we provide and in really getting to grips with entrenched issues such as diabetes and dementia."

Local people are encouraged to view Board agendas and minutes and go along to meetings. Find out more at **wandsworth.gov.uk/HWB**, or call Priya Samuel on (020) 8831 6194

## Easier care payments

#### Do you pay towards your home care?

The easiest way to pay is through direct debit – it's quick, easy and there is a guarantee that protects you if anything goes wrong with your payment.

It's free to set up, there's only one form to fill in and it will mean no more worrying about missing any payments – it will all be done automatically.

To find out more call (020) 8871 6218 and someone will help you and answer any questions you may have.





#### Wandsworth Gets Results

Wandsworth is committed to being an Open Council, making it easy for residents to find out how we spend your money and how good we are at delivering services. Every year in this Scorecard we let you know how we are performing on a selection of key indicators which matter most to local people.

We are one of the few councils in London to show you how we perform compared to other London councils – visit **www.wandsworth.gov.uk/opencouncil** to see for yourself and give us feedback on how we are doing.

#### **OUR PERFORMANCE SCORECARD**

How well do we deliver high quality, value for money services?				
Indicator	2017-18	2018-19	Comment Improved	d
Percentage of council tax collected	98%	98%	Wandsworth continues to be one of the top performers amongst London councils on these two key measures.	
Percentage of business rates collected	99%	99%	amongst London Councils on these two key measures.	
Percentage of new benefit claims made online	88%	91%		V
Percentage of annual resident parking permits applied for solely online	92%	92%		
Percentage of households who have signed up for our online Council Tax service	40%	56%	Take up of our online Council Tax service continues to grow.	•

The number of young people who enter the youth justice system per 100,000 young people aged 10-17	355	300	Wandsworth Youth Offending Service and the wider partnership was awarded a 'good' rating with outstanding elements of practice by the HMIP (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons) – receiving the third highest score at that time.
Children with a child protection plan receiving regular social worker visits	94%	98%	
Percentage of children who are looked after by the council whose latest visit happens on time	93%	100%	
Average time it takes between a child entering the council's care and them moving in with their adoptive family	594 days	310 days	Significant improvements in performance achieved in 18/19. Adoption cases continue to be carefully monitored to guard against unnecessary delay.
Percentage of children looked after by the council who had three or more accommodation placements during the year	10.5%	14%	Some of the additional moves were down to children being adopted or relocating to long-term fostering. The council is also looking to recruit more foster carers for older teenagers. If you are interested please contact: carerrecruitment@wandsworth.gov.uk
Percentage of young adults leaving care who are in Employment, Education or Training	50%	64%	
Key Stage 4 (age 16) - Average 'Attainment 8' score	49	51	Wandsworth's average score was higher than the London and the national average.
Proportion of schools judged 'good' or better by Ofsted	97%	92%	The DfE has changed the way the Ofsted grades are published for academy schools; using the previous method Wandsworth's result would have been 96%. Wandsworth still performs significantly better than the national average and similar to the London average.
Apprenticeship success rate	76%	84%	
Attainment difference between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils achieving expected standard at KS2 (year 6)	23%	21%	The proportion of disadvantaged pupils achieving the expected standard increased by more (3%) than the non-disadvantaged group (1%).

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#### Are we promoting health, independence and wellbeing for all adults with personalised and preventative care and support for adults in need (including housing need)?

Indicator	2017-18	2018-19	Comment Improved	1
Number of days that people, aged 18 and over were delayed before returning home following their stay in hospital (per 100,000 population)	1,799.6	1,379.1	Wandsworth's performance was in the top quartile of London Boroughs.	
Percentage of adults with learning disabilities that are in settled accommodation at the time of their last assessment or review	73.3%	73.0%	A slight dip in performance, however result is still similar to the London average.	K
The rate of admissions into residential and nursing care for adults and older people aged 65 and over	400	394	v	
The number of properties where major disability adaptations have been completed	187	351	•	
Number of private sector dwellings made decent.	407	324	The number of notices served on landlords was lower due to a general improvement in compliance by landlords with co-operating voluntarily with repairs.	K
Number of households in Bed & Breakfast (B&B) as a percentage of all households in temporary accommodation	9%	6%	V	

#### Are we making Wandsworth an attractive, safe, sustainable and healthy place?

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Overall Crime rate per 1,000 residents (CP)	81.6	79.9	Wandsworth continues to have the lowest crime rate in inner London
The percentage of household waste that is recycled, composted or reused	22%	23.2%	✓
Percentage of potholes repaired within target time scale	100%	100%	_
Total no fly-tipping enforcements (no. penalty warnings issued to addresses).	10,723	10,099	As a result of the council's fly-tipping campaign and the introduction of measures to reduce this anti-social behaviour, such as mobile cameras and a strong advertising campaign, the number of overall fly-tipping incidents in the borough is starting to decrease and this is reflected in the number of enforcement actions that council officers have had to take.
Graffiti dealt with within target timescales	96%	98%	<b>√</b>
Percentage of council homes meeting or above the Government's decent homes standard	100%	100%	Wandsworth continues to deliver the Decent Homes Plus Programme which maintains and improves homes and estates to a Decent Homes Plus standard.
Number of times people used swimming pools and leisure centres for every 1000 residents	10,942	11,910	<b>✓</b>

#### Are we building a prosperous, vibrant and cohesive community?

Additional new homes built across Wandsworth	2.162	Not yet available	In 2016/17 Wandsworth had the fourth highest level of housing completions compared to other London boroughs (the latest available comparative data).
Number of new-build shared ownership sales	191	211	<b>✓</b>
Percentage of major planning applications processed within 13 weeks	100%	100%	-
The number of local people to secure jobs or training through the council's Work Match team	201	261	✓
Wandsworth's unemployment claimant count rate	1.5%	1.7%	Latest published data shows that Wandsworth has one of the lowest rates in London. In 2018/19 403 residents were supported to find work through the council's employment service and over a thousand residents attended Employ Wandsworth to find out about local job opportunities and talk face to face with local employers.



Novice gardener Nina Tjarks has won the 2019 Southfields Grid Front Garden Awards. Nina only started gardening a couple of years ago when the box hedging in front of her house was devastated by box tree caterpillars.

With help from her nanny, Angelika, daughter Mia, and neighbours Malcolm and Angela, she started to design and planting her new garden from scratch, and the results are award winning. 'If I can do it', Nina said, 'then anybody can!'. The runners-up were Clare James and Nick Liszka, and Susan Long.

All Southfields Grid gardens are automatically entered into the annual competition run by Green the Grid, part of the Southfields Grid Residents' Association.

Green the Grid has been given funding from Wandsworth Council's Wandsworth Grant Fund to supply plants for regular community planting days, where local residents 'adopt' a tree stump to plant flowers and herbs and receive practical gardening advice. Find out more at frontgardenfriendly.uk.

Find out about applying to the Wandsworth Grant Fund at **Wandsworth.gov.uk/wgf.** 

The next deadline is November 25.

## Have you still not had your flu jab?

If you're 65 or over or you have a long-term health condition, flu can be serious.

That's why you're eligible for a free flu jab.

Don't put it off. Get your flu jab straight away.



nhs.uk/staywell



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**EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER** 



#### **Until October 13**

#### **Torch Song**

This revival of Harvey Fierstein's landmark play is the first production at The Turbine Theatre - a brand new theatre under the railway arches at Battersea Power Station, Nine Elms. This is the latest cultural development in the regeneration of the Power Station, following the opening of Archlight cinema earlier this year. Performances Wed-Sun, 7.30pm and Sat/Sun 3pm.

The Turbine Theatre, Arches Lane, Circus West Village, SW11 8AB Theturbinetheatre.com

#### September 7 2pm-7pm **Get Active**

#### **Roehampton Festival**

Free taster sessions of tennis, football, rugby, multisports and yoga as well as many other activities included on the Get Out, Get Active Programme in Roehampton. Get a free adult health check and body MOT. The festival will also feature live music, a youth zone in a double decker bus, Kings and Queens for older residents, face painting, a petting zoo and more. Free entry. The Bull Green, Roehampton.

#### September 7 11am-3pm

#### Free community event

This event organised by Wandsworth Police includes police dogs, the fire brigade, local councillors, bike marking, a raffle, crime prevention advice, food, local charities, careers advice and more Battersea Park boules area, access via Albert Bridge Road.

#### September 7

#### **Restart Party**

Fixing electronics, electricals and clothes to promote a more sustainable culture 1.30pm, Mushkill Aasaan, Tooting therestartproject.org/ groups/restarters-tooting

#### September 7, 3pm

#### Wandsworth **Horticultural** Association (WHA) **Annual Vegetable and** Flower Show

The WHA members are Wandsworth allotmentholders and gardeners,

and their families who exhibit their produce in this amicable competition. All the fruit, vegetables and flowers are locallygrown and are judged according to Royal Horticultural Society rules. There's a separate children's section, too. Tea and cakes will be on sale throughout the afternoon. Awards will be presented at 4.30pm and produce will be sold at 4.45pm Earlsfield Baptist Church, Magdalen Road, SW18 Contact: Sue Jones, Chair WHA 07963 729682 or email: suejones.putney @gmail.com

#### September 14

#### The Great River Race

Hundreds of boats of every size will pass the Wandsworth waterfront at the half-way point. Come

out to cheer on the contestants as they row, paddle or sail 21.6 miles along the River Thames from Docklands to the finish line at Ham. The boats should be passing Battersea Power Station from around 12.20pm and under Putney Bridge by 12.40pm.

www.greatriverrace.co.uk

#### September 14

#### **Wheels and Wellies** Walk

Accessible family walk and fun day supporting Contact, the charity that helps families with disabled children. Registration from 10.15am at Putt in the Park. Wandsworth Park contact.org.uk/ get-involved



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#### EVENTS FOR JUNE TO JULY 2019

#### September 14-29

#### **Wandle Fortnight**

A celebration of the Wandle Valley run by the community for the community

Wandsworth Highlights include:

- A stroll of two Rivers
  Mon 16 Sept 5pm 7pm Meet near the
  Crane pub at the beginning of The Causeway,
  SW18. Join the
  Wandsworth Society in
  an evening stroll to look
  at different views of the
  River Wandle and River
  Thames, including a designated vista of the
  mouth of the Wandle.
- Guided industrial heritage walk Mon 16 Sept 11am - 12:30pm Join John Sheridan from the Wandle Industrial Museum on a guided industrial heritage walk from Earlsfield Station to mouth of the Wandle.

Wandlevalleyforum.org. uk/wandle-fortnight

#### Saturday 21 September, 2pm

#### Unveiling of Peter Barr blue plaque

The blue plaque on Garratt Lane commemorates Peter Barr 'The Daffodil King'. Over a twenty year period he rejuvenated the fortunes of this humble flower, buying up forgotten collections and reintroducing varieties collected on perilous trips to Spain and Portugal. In doing so he turned the daffodil into one of our country's favourite flowers. It all happened at his nurseries in Tooting.

Tooting.
The Mayor of
Wandsworth will be present at the unveiling
entrance to Aboyne
Estate, as well as a number of leading figures from



the Royal Horticultural Society. It will feature short speeches, recitals and performance and daffodil bulbs will be given out. Find out more at summer stown182.wordpress.com

#### September 21, 3-5pm

#### Autumn Show of vegetables, fruits and flowers grown by local gardeners

St Margaret's Church Hall, Putney Park Lane SW15 5HU. Entry by donation. Disabled access. Teas & cakes on sale, produce stall, children's tombola.

#### September 26 Tackling Health Inequalities

Public event from
Wandsworth Healthwatch.
Hear from local decision
makers and share your
views St George's Hospital,
Tooting healthwatchwandworth coulk



#### 20-22 September

#### Tootopia

Tootopia is Tooting's neighbourhood festival championing local food, drink and culture. Highlights at venues around the town include a Foodie Trail, live music, a family rave, quizzes, crafts a street food party, heritage walks and a tour of London's only Grade-I listed bingo hall (pictured).

Most events and workshops are free, with some charging a small fee or donation to local charities. https://tootopia.co.uk



#### September 29, 10am-4pm

#### **Putney Riverside Festival**

Free festival celebrating riverside life. Rowing and paddle-board taster sessions, stalls and family entertainment. Putney Embankment. totallythames.org



#### September 13 and 14

#### Harvest feasts and cabaret with Slung Low

Enjoy an open-air celebratory dinner, prepared with seasonal produce from New Covent Garden Market, followed by a table top cabaret show as part of Harvest in Nine Elms.

Patmore estate, SW8 Book to reserve your free place www.nineelmslondon.com



#### September 11, 10am-1pm and September 23, 10am-1pm

#### Wandsworth Festival of Learning 2019: Healthy Eating Workshop

Gain some cookery know how, and learn how to cook from scratch, making healthy and money-saving meals.

September 11 at Yvonne Carr Children's Centre, SW8 4HT September 23 at STORM Family Centre, SW11 5JF

#### September 24, 10am-12noon

#### **Wandsworth Festival of Learning 2019: Yoga**

Yoga for those less mobile 60+learners

A session to introduce those less mobile to the benefits of chair-based yoga. Rose Community Centre, SW8 4DL



#### September 4, 7pm

#### Scratch Hub Socials: Creativity and Building Communities

Come and take part in a new series of free inspirational and dynamic sessions at Battersea Arts Centre's coworking space, Scratch Hub. Our new series of Scratch Hub Socials features trail-blazing voices from across a range of sectors to stimulate conversations and networks for new ideas and ways of working. Free

#### September 26

#### **Access to Finance**

Free event for local business owners giving information on funding options and what support is available. Includes a breakfast networking reception, specialist advice for charities and community groups, a workshop on running crowdfunding campaigns and one-to-funding clinics.

Battersea Arts Centre jasiama@wandsworth. gov.uk



#### September 28, noon-3pm

#### **Southfields Harvest**

Annual neighbourhood festival celebrating
Southfields. The event is free - meet your neighbours, enjoy local produce and connect with your community. Live music, tea, cake and good company.
St Barnabas Church Hall, Lavenham Road southfieldsharvest.org.uk

#### September 28, 3-7pm

#### St Paul's Church and Community Centre Open Day

Come and meet us, enjoy our beautiful church and find out about all the activities which go on here – Ballroom Dancing, Ballet, Rugby Tots, Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra, Choral Singing, Memories Group, Playgroup and more! Tea and cakes, BBQ, children's activities

#### Free entrance, wheelchair accessible

St Paul's Community Centre, 23 Inner Park Road, SW19 6ED stpaulsparkside.org.uk

#### October 1, 9.30am-5pm

#### Black History Month, Battersea Library

A series of events organised in celebration of Black and Asian culture.
Highlights include the chance to wear traditional African head-wraps and a poetry writing workshop run by Ugandan-born poet Nick Makoha. Dr Siva Thiagarajah will talk on Sri-Lankan culture meanwhile an Ecuadorian culture spread will include food-tasting, recipes and music. Free



#### October 5-6 October 12-13

#### **Wandsworth Artists' Open House**

Visit artists and makers in their own homes and studios, browse and buy their work. Roam around the borough, or follow one of four local trails. wandsworthart.com

#### October 22

#### Landlords' Meeting

Landlords can ask local experts and the National Landlords Association local representative questions and there will be an opportunity to network Wandsworth Civic Suite karen.gregory@landlords.org.uk

#### October 23-26

#### **Stage Door**

It's Broadway in 1936 at the Footlights Club. Sassy Terry Randall is determined to be a leading stage actress. When she's offered a Hollywood contract, will she abandon her love of theatre and head west? Performed by Southside Players at Chestnut Grove Academy Southsideplayers.co.uk



#### Every Saturday, 11am-5pm

#### **Battersea Power Station**

Get a new perspective on Battersea Power Station from the newly opened Coaling Jetty, and snap up some tasty treats at the weekly River Walk market. batterseapowerstation.co.uk

#### **Doing it online**

Using our website helps keep your council tax bills low

#### Report a waste problem

wandsworth.gov.uk/waste

#### Request a housing repair

wandsworth.gov.uk/housingonline

#### Search planning applications

wandsworth.gov.uk/planningregister

#### Report a street problem

wandsworth.gov.uk/streets

#### Apply for a school place

eadmissions.org.uk

#### **Book an MOT**

wandsworth.gov.uk/MOT

#### Report noise and nuisances

wandsworth.gov.uk/noise

#### Apply or renew a parking permit

wandsworth.gov.uk/parkingpermits

#### Report graffiti for removal

wandsworth.gov.uk/graffiti

#### Report an abandoned vehicle

wandsworth.gov.uk/abandonedvehicles

#### Tell us if you are moving in or out of Wandsworth

wandsworth.gov.uk/MIMO

#### **Enquire about your housing options**

wandsworth.gov.uk/housingoptions

#### Pay it online

It's now easier to pay online at wandsworth.gov.uk/payments

#### Pay your council tax

wandsworth.gov.uk/paycounciltax

#### Pay a parking fine

wandsworth.gov.uk/parking/payment

#### Pay your rent

wandsworth.gov.uk/rents

#### Pay for a marriage or civil partnership ceremony

wandsworth.gov.uk/ceremonypayment

#### Pay your business rates

wandsworth.gov.uk/paybusinessrates

#### Pay a waste or littering penalty

wandsworth.gov.uk/waste-enforcement

#### Talk to us online

weekly e-newsletter wandsworth.gov.uk/enews



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#### **My Account**

Create an account and you will only have to sign in once to access the main council services.

wandsworth.gov.uk/myaccount

#### Report It app



Wandsworth Report It makes it easier for anyone to report problems like flytipping, graffiti and other environmental issues. Search for the Wandsworth

Report It app on the Apple, Android or Windows app store.

#### Other contacts at the council

**Adult Social Services** (020) 8871 7707

Births, Deaths, Marriages and Voting Hotline (020) 8871 6120

Early Years and Childcare Hotline including Family Information Service and After School and Holiday Play Centre bookings (020) 8871 7899 Environmental Services including noise, pest control, private housing and licensing (020) 8871 6127

Finance Hotline including benefits, council tax, rents and business rates (020) 8871 8081

Housing Hotline including housing management and repairs, service charges, home

ownership, homelessness and housing advice

(020) 8871 6161

Parking and Streets Hotline including concessionary travel, blue badges, MOTs, highways and skip licensing and bay suspensions

(020) 8871 8871

Planning and Building Control hotline including Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), land searches and street naming and numbering (020) 8871 7620

Schools and Admissions (020) 8871 7316

Waste Hotline including rubbish, recycling and litter (020) 8871 8558



## COULD YOU FOSTER A TEENAGER?

**Be there** for a child in Wandsworth... ...and we'll **be there** for you

Come to one of three events taking place on the dates below (10am - 12noon or 2pm - 4pm or 6pm - 8pm)

Thursday 19 September 2019
Thursday 17 October 2019
Thursday 21 November 2019

Call us now on (020) 8871 6666

Read about our foster carers' experiences at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/carer\_experiences

To find out more:

wandsworth.gov.uk/fostering
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