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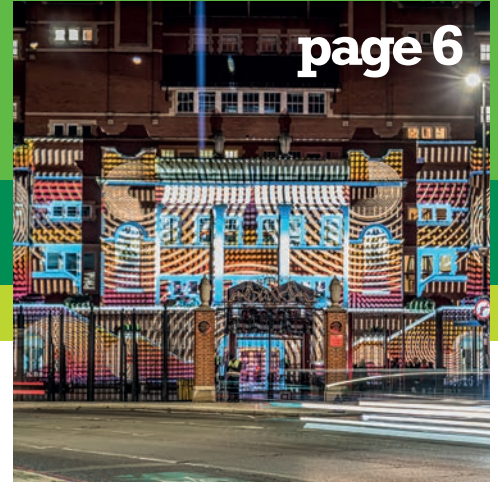




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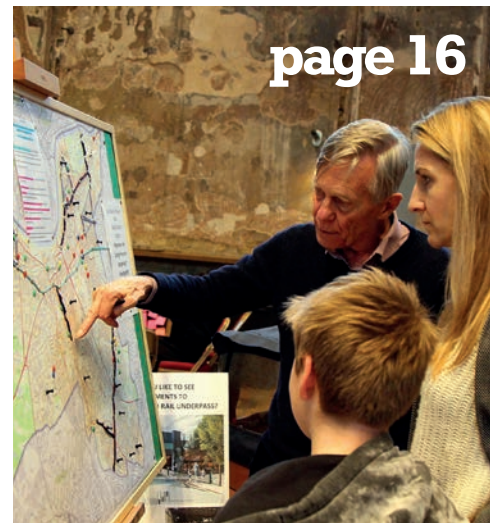
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# Smartening up streets and parks

The council has unveiled a £5m public realm renewal project that will see a series of refurbishments and improvements to Wandsworth's streets, green spaces and infrastructure.

By the end of March additional money over and above existing budgets will be invested in renewing pavements and road surfaces, upgrading footpaths in parks and commons, improving street lighting, cleaning up bridges, investing in high streets and shopping parades, planting more street trees, and removing unnecessary street clutter.

The work is in addition to the ongoing improvements to Putney High Street. That project will continue, with the next phase of work to include better connectivity between the High Street and the river. The council will also lobby TfL to simplify the busy junction of Putney High Street and the Upper Richmond Road to make it safer.

The improvement project in Southfields will also continue, including new pavements, safety measures for pedestrians and cyclists, benches and extra street trees.







# The Tube comes to Battersea

The first major Tube extension to open this century is on track to carry more than 5m people a year.

The Northern Line Extension to Nine Elms and Battersea Power Station is supporting around 25,000 new jobs and 20,000 new homes.

The Leader of Wandsworth Council, Cllr Ravi Govindia, was one of the first to travel on the new line and says it was a once-in-a-lifetime moment he will never forget. It will also provide better transport links for existing residents, including some 1400 people living on the area's council estates.

Cllr Govindia said: "Wandsworth Council has always had huge ambitions for this area and we are delighted that our vision and planning to improve the connectivity of Battersea and Nine Elms has come to fruition. We worked closely in partnership with Battersea Power Station, the GLA, Transport for London, Lambeth Council and all the developers in the area to get this crucial transport link planned, funded and delivered.

"In less than ten years we have achieved a fantastic new Tube connection here, transforming what was once a transport backwater south of the river. These stations help our residents to get to work and other parts of London more quickly, as well as opening up new opportunities for thousands of jobs and businesses in the capital."

Plan your journey at [tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey](http://tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey)  
Find out about places to eat, drink and visit in Nine Elms at [nineelmslondon.com](http://nineelmslondon.com)

“Wandsworth Council has always had huge ambitions for this area and we are delighted that our vision and planning to improve the connectivity of Battersea and Nine Elms has come to fruition.”

Wandsworth Council leader Cllr Ravi Govindia



Opening day: Cllr Ravi Govindia, Leader of Wandsworth Council, welcomes the benefits for residents



Buildings on Ponton Road lit up with projections. Credit Wandsworth Council/David Cotter



Battersea Power Station Community Choir at the festival



# Line of Light shines across Battersea and Nine Elms

Dozens of light beams and dazzling projections shone out from locations across Battersea and Nine Elms to celebrate the communities connected by the new Tube line.

Thousands of residents and visitors watched colourful designs projected onto buildings along the 3km route marked out in the sky with beams of light.

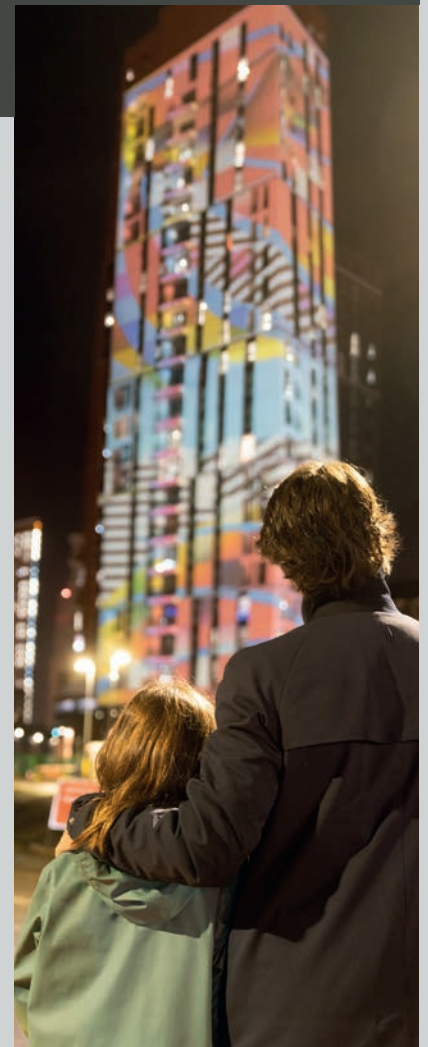
The Line of Light put Battersea and Nine Elms on the culture map of London and connected south London neighbourhoods along the route of the new Northern line extension.

The new Battersea Power Station and Nine Elms Tube stations were marked with a sky beam while the river-facing facade of the Power Station building was decorated with changing projections. Eight projections, all designed by Projection Teknik, included illuminations on the end of a building overlooking Nine Elms Park, two apartment buildings on Ponton Road near the US Embassy and the MyLo building near the newly opened up Arch 42 pedestrian route.

People gathered at two festival hubs, one at New Union Square SW11, to enjoy refreshments and see dance performances, live music and the Battersea Power Station Community Choir.

Line of Light was presented by Wandsworth Council and Lambeth Council and took place on October 29 and 30. Principal partners were Battersea Power Station, Embassy Gardens, R&F Properties, Urbanest and New Covent Garden Market development partners VINCI St. Modwen. Supporting partners were Bloom Nine Elms, TfL and Vauxhall One, and the event was delivered with supporting partners PANI Projection and Lighting.

More pictures and video of Line of Light [www.nineelmslondon.com/lineoflight](http://www.nineelmslondon.com/lineoflight)





# Boost your immunity this winter

With two viruses in circulation this winter, it is more important than ever for those who are eligible to have the COVID-19 booster and the flu vaccines.

Research shows that if you get flu and COVID-19 at the same time you are more likely to get seriously ill. Both vaccines help to protect people from the worst outcomes, whilst reducing the spread of the viruses and helping to protect your family, friends and the wider community.

The COVID-19 booster is an additional vaccine dose for those who have previously received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. Those over 40 are now entitled to have the booster jab six months after their second dose. Those aged 16 or 17 can now have a second dose of the vaccine, 12 weeks after the first.

If you haven't had the COVID-19 vaccine, anyone aged 12 and over can get the jab. Book an appointment or find out about walk-in sites at [wandsworth.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/coronavirus).

The Winter flu vaccine offers protection against the effects of flu to as many eligible people as possible, particularly those most at risk. Patients who are in an at-risk group are being offered the flu vaccine for FREE and are encouraged to get protected as soon as possible.



Image credit: Geber86

Find out more at [nhs.uk/wintervaccinations](https://www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations)

## EU citizen? You can still get support to settle

If you are a Wandsworth resident who is an EU citizen, it's not too late to apply for settled status.

The council commissions CAB Wandsworth's EU Advice Service to help people apply and so far it has supported more than 4,000 people. The Government has announced new funding to enable it to continue running the service until next July.

All EU/EAA, Swiss nationals and non-European family members, including children, must apply – even though the deadline has passed. The Home Office has confirmed that each case will be assessed individually on its own merits.

If you live, work or study in Wandsworth you can get free help, so get in touch as soon as possible.

Email: [euadvice@cabwandsworth.org](mailto:euadvice@cabwandsworth.org)

Call: (020) 3559 2019 or

Visit: [cawandsworth.org/our-projects/eu-project/](https://www.cawandsworth.org/our-projects/eu-project/)





# Rethinking Wandsworth Town



**New guidelines have been brought in to help create a dedicated 'riverside quarter' around the Wandle Delta area with better links to the rest of Wandsworth Town.**

The guidance was recently published following extensive consultation and covers the area between Armoury Way, Putney Bridge Road, Old York Road and the river.

It sets out how redevelopment will be managed so that new homes and jobs are created for local people as well as revitalising the area to make it more attractive for residents and visitors.

It also looks at better connecting the riverside area with the rest of the town centre, including the station, the town hall, Southside and the Ram Brewery

quarter. And in line with the council's Environment and Sustainability Strategy it stresses the importance of ecology, especially around the river.

Other changes in Wandsworth Town include new shops, 200 homes and a new library and public space in Garratt Lane, the redevelopment of the historic Spread Eagle pub into a hotel and new entertainment megahub Gravity.

A brewery heritage centre recently opened at the Ram Quarter to reflect the site's brewing history.



# Three years of Digipals

Digipals is a free service which offers friendly and patient support to older people to get them online.

It's run by Age UK Wandsworth, with funding from the Wandsworth Council Grant Fund.

Emma Chisholm, Community and Wellbeing Lead at Age UK Wandsworth, said: "Whilst there were computer courses available locally, many of our clients were anxious about keeping up, so either dropped out or never got started. From the pilot, word quickly spread, and we started offering sessions in sheltered accommodation and at our office in addition to the libraries.

"Digipals is now three years old, and we are delighted with what we have been able to achieve. More than 290 older Wandsworth residents have received more than 1000 support sessions in eight locations around the borough."

Find out more at [ageuk.org.uk/wandsworth/our-services/digipals/](http://ageuk.org.uk/wandsworth/our-services/digipals/) or call Emma on (020) 8877 8940



## More SEND school places

More school places are to be provided for children with special education needs and/or with disabilities (SEND).

Proposed schemes costing just under £5m will pay for 119 additional places at local schools for children with a range of needs, including new resource bases at Swaffield and Granard primary schools and increased capacity at existing bases at St John Bosco. There will also be increased capacity at Garratt Park and Paddock special schools.

Last year there were more than 530 pupils attending Wandsworth's network of special schools and 246 SEND pupils at mainstream schools.

Find out more about support available at [wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer)

## Future plan for Wandsworth

Local people will soon get a chance to comment on the new Local Plan. This plan lies at the heart of the council's vision for how the borough will develop over the next 15 years. It sets out how Wandsworth's unique character will be protected and how the council will ensure local people benefit from growth in our borough.

For more information visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/localplanreview)



Here at the Royal Academy of Dance, we're looking forward to moving into our brand-new home in the next couple of months. We'll be busy getting used to the new building for a while, but next Spring we'll be inviting Wandsworth to our open-house party to help us celebrate, and to share our plans for the facilities, studios, meeting rooms, and a new 193-seat theatre.

Before then, we'd like to get to know you a little. We would like your help to both shape the open day, and to give us your opinions on how we can make sure that we are the kind of neighbours you want. And so, we are inviting volunteers to give us a little time and guidance.

Artist's impression of the front of the new RAD global headquarters on York Road; photo by David Tett

We are looking for approximately 8 Wandsworth residents who are:

- aged 18 or above (everyone is welcome to apply), and
- able to commit to one meeting in-person, in November or December 2021 (days and times to be agreed)

If you are interested, please call **020 7326 8046** or email: [info@rad.org.uk](mailto:info@rad.org.uk) with 'Community Volunteer' in the subject line.

We look forward to meeting you, and to hearing your views on our brand-new home for dance in your community.

Royal Academy of Dance® is a registered charity in England and Wales No. 312826.





# Mega Skip Day Returns

The council's MyWandsworth campaign saw Mega Skip day return to five locations across the borough collecting more than 31 tonnes of bulky waste.

Normally, there's a charge for residents to dispose of bulky waste, but on a Saturday in October local people were able to bring everything from mattresses to sofas, for free, to one of the giant skips.

The skips were all placed in areas that have had a high level of illegal fly-tipping in recent years to give everyone a chance to dispose of any unwanted items.

“ It was great to see so many of our residents make use of our mega skips, so we will organise another day soon ”

**Councillor Steffi Sutters,**  
council spokesperson for  
the environment





# Caught on Camera!

Thanks to CCTV on Thrale and Eardley roads in Tooting eleven £400 fines have been issued to residents who thought they could get away with dumping rubbish illegally.

If you haven't watched an episode yet, the YouTube series features footage of people dumping their rubbish illegally and encourages residents to help catch those who ruin it for everyone else.

Follow the videos at [youtube.com/WandsworthBC](https://www.youtube.com/WandsworthBC)



## Report fly-tip offenders

Remember you don't need to see the videos to report fly-tip offenders. You can also report an incident by telling us what you saw or sending a picture in.

Tell us:

- The circumstances, e.g. if you saw the fly-tipping, the date and time it took place and a description of any vehicles involved, plus registration number.
- Take a picture of the incident, making sure you don't put yourself or others at risk to do this.
- Location: side of the road, back alleyway, railway embankment, in a river, and whether it was on private or council land.
- The amount and type of waste, eg a few bags of rubbish, a fridge, a sofa.

Get in touch by email: [flytipwitness@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:flytipwitness@wandsworth.gov.uk) or call **020 8734 3032**.

Signs have been installed along the River Thames reminding people of the huge damage that can be done by plastic litter and single-use items that end up in the world's oceans and rivers.

**80% of litter in the Thames is made up of single-use items\***

Plastic drink bottles, wet wipes and food wrappers which find their way into the ocean.

Did you know?  
Over time plastic degrades into microplastic which sea animals can ingest.  
Toxic chemicals in plastic can increase the chance of disease, affect reproduction and animals may suffer for months or years before they die.  
REUSE PLASTIC WHERE YOU CAN

BIN YOUR LITTER OR TAKE IT HOME #MyWANDSWORTH Wandsworth





# Celebrating and protecting trees



Nine elm trees on Nine Elms Lane



The Roehampton Lucombe Oak

Wandsworth is home to some historic and magnificent old trees – as well as lots of other much-loved trees in parks and on streets.

A new policy sets out how Wandsworth Council will plant between 700 and a thousand trees each winter, as well as caring for the 62,000 existing trees in the borough for which it is responsible. Some of the most famous include two that were nominated by Londoners as ‘landmark trees’ when a list was drawn up after the great storm of 1987.

One, the Battersea Park Strawberry tree, is the largest hybrid strawberry tree in Britain. Another, the Roehampton Lucombe Oak is about 250 years old, 105ft tall and was probably planted by Capability Brown. It stood in the gardens of Grove House and is now part of the Alton Estate in Danebury Avenue. The hybrid Lucombe Oaks were named after horticulturalist William Lucombe who discovered and grew them.



Wandsworth Park in Putney has two impressive lines of trees running in parallel – the Lime Avenue and the Riverside Walk. The area between the paths was originally intended to be a line of tennis courts, but they were never built.

Some of the finest trees can be found in Wandsworth and Tooting Commons, including a number of very old oaks – you can see some of them on Tooting Common in the woods behind the café off Bedford Hill.

The Friends of Wandsworth Common are marking their 150th anniversary this year with a tree planting drive, including saplings all over the commons and a 100sq metre mini forest of trees, shrubs and plants.

One part of the borough – Nine Elms – gets its name from the nine elm trees that were known to be standing on Nine Elms Lane in the 1840s. The row of elms is thought to have been replanted several times since then. In January 2019, the Nine Elms community re-planted the last two elm trees which had been missing since one tree was blown down in a storm and one was felled due to disease. In December of that year a spectacular winter lights installation celebrated them.

In 1997 the council embarked on a public consultation called Who Needs Trees?, with the input helping to shape the first Borough Tree Strategy. The new tree policy will build on this, and will include input from professionals, community groups, parks friends' groups and especially the Wandsworth Tree Wardens.



The aim is to create a framework for how the borough's tree experts will plant the correct trees for their environment and keep existing trees healthy. It will also look at how trees can be used to mitigate climate change.

And it will look closely at preventing as many trees as possible from being felled. Sometimes this cannot be avoided, such as when a tree is diseased, but Wandsworth has made hundreds of tree preservation orders and the new policy proposes making more. It also says developers must discuss the impact of their application on trees with the council before plans will be considered.

To find out more about biodiversity and trees and read the policy visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/climate-change](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/climate-change) and click on the nature tab.

Find local tree trails on the TiCL app. Download it for free from your app store



A large oak tree on Wandsworth Common.



# Beautiful parks and blooming green spaces



Battersea Park



King George's Park

**WANDSWORTH PARKS HAVE PICKED UP TWO OF THE HIGHEST ACCOLADES FOR THE WAY THEY ARE PROTECTED AND MANAGED – GREEN FLAGS AND LONDON IN BLOOM AWARDS.**

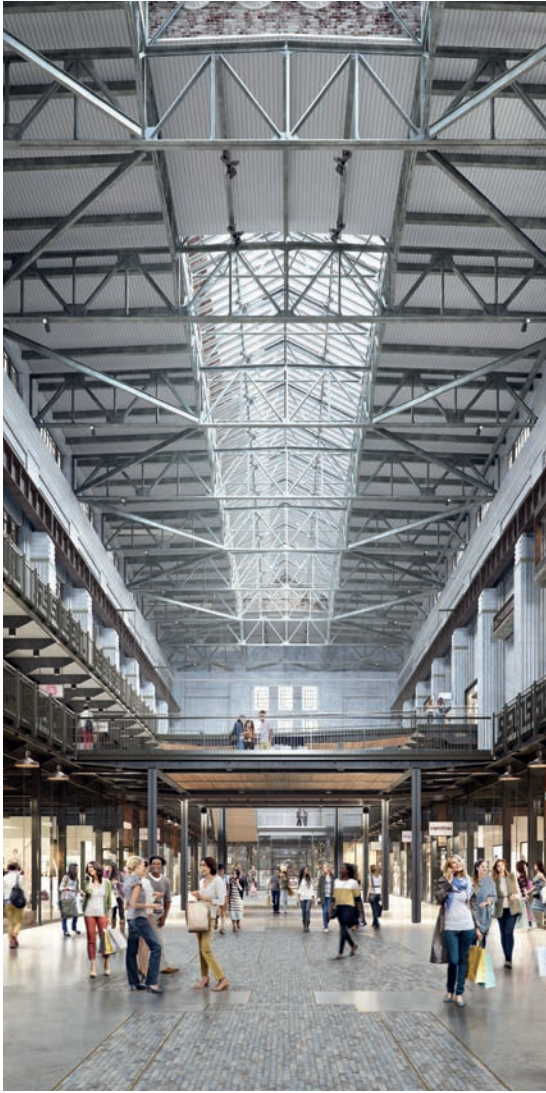
Battersea Park, King George's Park, Tooting Common, Wandsworth Common and Wandsworth Park have received Green Flags – an international mark of quality for well-managed parks and green spaces.

And Tooting and Wandsworth Commons have both won Gold Medals in the London in Bloom Awards for their beauty, biodiversity, wildlife protection, accessibility and community involvement.

Other good news for parks includes:

- An announcement from the council that it is to spend half a million pounds on refurbishing cast iron railings and repairing pathways in parks and open spaces across the borough.
- The installation of 20 new drinking fountains in various parks in a bid to reduce the waste created by empty single-use plastic water bottles. People will be encouraged to refill bottles at the fountains.
- The planting of ten thousand flower bulbs in parks, commons and roadside grass verges. This includes areas that have not been planted before including parts of West Hill Road, Merton Road, Skeena Hill and Stag Lane.





# Power Station heritage saved

The Leader of Wandsworth Council, Cllr Ravi Govindia has welcomed the news that the borough's much-loved Grade II\* listed landmark is finally coming off the Heritage at Risk Register after 30 years.

Battersea Power Station was added to the Register in 1991 when it was in danger of being lost forever as a result of neglect and decay.

Historic England has now announced that the building is being removed from the register thanks to an extraordinary effort by Wandsworth Council and partners working with Battersea Power Station.

Cllr Govindia said: "The council is proud to have enabled the preservation of this key building. We worked with Battersea Power Station to ensure that surrounding development, which provides the funding contribution for restoration, respects the listed building as a centrepiece.

"A huge amount of care has gone into making sure that this striking piece of London's industrial past has been restored both inside and out for many generations to come, and is fit for the future whilst recognising its importance as a significant heritage asset."

Extensive and highly skilled conservation work has preserved historic features, including the rebuilding of the famous chimneys using the original method and sourcing handmade bricks from the two British firms who supplied the original bricks. The building will open next year with shops, offices and a food hall as well as a new riverfront park open to the public.

## Help decide school appeals

Volunteers are needed to help decide on appeals by parents or carers whose child has missed out on a place at their preferred school.

People from all different backgrounds and experience are needed to sit on appeals panels. Each has three members, including one with no paid experience of education who is independent of the council, school and family involved.

Volunteer Cynthia Nartey said: "Parents are usually at ease knowing that panel members are volunteers and not just officials doing their job. Every time I sit on a panel to hear an appeal, I feel like I am giving a child a fair chance."

No formal qualifications are required but you must be 18 or over and available during weekdays. Full training and support is given. Call the Wandsworth Appeals Service on (020) 8871 7554 or email [educationappeals@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:educationappeals@wandsworth.gov.uk)



Cynthia Nartey

### Domestic Abuse Support

The council has commissioned the charity Hestia to provide emergency accommodation to women and children fleeing domestic abuse, as well as support to the wider community. It will ensure all survivors have an up-to-date risk assessment and individual support plan. Services for domestic abuse survivors with complex needs will continue to be provided by Refuge.

The new service is the latest in a string of initiatives in Wandsworth to support those experiencing domestic abuse, including a new Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy due to be launched soon.

Contact Hestia on (020) 3879 3544, email [RichWan.IDVA@hestia.org](mailto:RichWan.IDVA@hestia.org) or visit [Hestia.org/wandsworth](https://Hestia.org/wandsworth)





# Together on Climate Change



The flagship event at the BAC

## THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CAME ALONG TO THE WANDSWORTH TOGETHER ON CLIMATE CHANGE FESTIVAL.

Timed to coincide with COP26, the ambitious week-long festival was organised by Wandsworth Council as part of its pledge to tackle climate change. A wide range of individuals and local organisations came together to raise awareness of climate change issues and to discuss what everyone can do to reduce emissions.

Sessions included information on energy efficiency, cycling, plogging, home composting, cutting back on single-use plastics, biodiversity, active travel, upcycling, air pollution, electric vehicles and the circular economy. There were also dedicated events for young people and businesses.

The final flagship event was held in Battersea Arts Centre's Grand Hall and included talks, discussions, family fun and stalls from local environmental groups.

Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/climate-change](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/climate-change) to see videos of sessions and find out more about how climate change is being tackled in Wandsworth.



Young people from the BASE Roehampton won the Youth4Climate competition to design a poster promoting the Festival. Their prize was a trip to entertainment complex Gravity in Southside.



# Comment now on air quality plan

A new draft Air Quality Action Plan sets out how the council will continue its work to further reduce air pollution in the borough. Local people have until January 4 to take part in a consultation so their views can feed into the final plan.

The council has pledged to reduce pollution and its impact as part of its actions to tackle climate change under the Wandsworth Environment and Sustainability Strategy.

Actions in the draft plan include prioritising areas including schools, hospitals and care homes as well as town centres, protecting green spaces, planting trees and enhancing biodiversity, putting air quality issues at the heart of the council's planning, transport planning and procurement processes, developing a new Walking and Cycling Strategy,



making the council's fleet of vehicles less polluting and creating zero emissions zones for council buildings

Take part in the consultation at [haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/wandsworthecs/aqap-21/](https://haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/wandsworthecs/aqap-21/)

# Boosting greener travel



The borough is getting more cycle parking. A further 111 new bike hangars are being installed in locations around the borough and an additional 93 bike racks are being put in parks.

There are now almost 170 publicly available bike hangar locations. As well as those on residential streets, there are three dozen on the borough's housing estates and most new private housing developments are required to provide residents with secure bike storage as a key condition of their planning consent. See [wandsworth.gov.uk/rent-cycle-storage-space/](https://wandsworth.gov.uk/rent-cycle-storage-space/)

Many of the bike racks are in Battersea Park, with others in 13 parks and open spaces.

Residents who want to drive a low-emission vehicle can access one of the most comprehensive networks of electric vehicle charging points in the country. Find out more, including how to make a request for a lamp column charging point at [wandsworth.gov.uk/electric-vehicles/](https://wandsworth.gov.uk/electric-vehicles/)

# Have a green Christmas

Here are two things you can do to reduce your carbon footprint this Christmas

## Waste less food

Wandsworth is trialling a food waste collection scheme and a home compost scheme, but even better is to avoid wasting food in the first place. Avoiding a kilo of wasted turkey would save nearly 11 kilos of carbon emissions.

Find out how you can save your food from the bin at [lovefoodhatewaste.com](https://lovefoodhatewaste.com)

## Recycle your tree

Wandsworth Council will pick up your tree for free from outside your home, shred it and recycle it from January 4. Do not leave it out before that day and do not block pavements. Keep an eye on [wandsworth.gov.uk](https://wandsworth.gov.uk) for details.





# Building homes for local people

The council is continuing to exceed its own targets to build genuinely affordable homes in the borough prioritising them for local people and workers.

Over the last five years, 1,832 affordable homes were built in the borough with forecasts showing a further 1,650 affordable homes will be built over the next three years.

Despite some of the highest land and property prices in the UK, the council is consistently in the top five affordable housing deliverers in London. The council focuses on delivering low-cost housing options including shared ownership for first time buyers, rent options for lower income households to specialist supported housing for vulnerable residents.

Exceeding our housing targets is also helping to solve London's housing crisis. Several new housing developments have been completed recently including McKinney House in Roehampton and Arnal Crescent in Putney Heath providing four low-cost homes for rent.

Cllr Jonathan Cook, Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "We are stepping up to the challenge of increasing the housing options for residents and workers by building more housing of all types so that residents can meet their housing aspirations. I am particularly proud that we have more than doubled in the last 10 years the number of shared ownership homes available in the borough as well as exceeding our low cost rent housing targets.

"Despite the many financial challenges we face, building more homes remains a priority for us including through the council's 1,000 home development programme 'Housing for All'."



## 'Delight at the quality of social housing'



When Emma Williams and her family first saw their new council-built three-bedroom home in McKinney House, they couldn't believe how nice it was. Emma said: "I was really pleased. It is so lovely with big windows bringing a lot of light into the property. We are very excited to be moving in."

The site delivers 10 new council homes including five three-bed maisonettes, two three-bed flats and three two-bed flats and is the first stage of the regeneration of the Alton Estate by the council.

Cllr Jonathan Cook said: "We are committed to building to the highest possible space, quality and sustainability standards. McKinney House is another example of us delivering."

Features of the development include a secure communal garden with play equipment for children under five, secure communal bike and bin storage areas, five parking spaces and new homes for birds and bats.





Ruth and Alex cut the ribbon

A new social housing development has been named after a prominent community figure who dedicated his life to bringing communities together.

McKinney House in Bessborough Road, Roehampton, celebrates the life of the former vicar of Holy Trinity Church the late Rev. Jim McKinney who died almost three years ago.

He was one of the founding members of the Roehampton Forum and Partnership, created to bring local communities together as well as being a school governor at Roehampton Church School.

Jim's wife Sue and two children Ruth and Alex attended an event along with council leader Cllr Ravi Govindia and the Bishop of Southwark.

Cllr Govindia said: "I am delighted we have been able to honour the life of the Rev Jim McKinney who did so much for the local community. Rev. McKinney was steadfast in his support for more and better housing for the Alton Estate."







# Honouring local heroes



THE ANNUAL WANDSWORTH COUNCIL CIVIC AWARDS HAVE SHONE A SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE WHO MAKE FANTASTIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO DAY-TO-DAY LIFE IN THE BOROUGH.

Eight awards and a special citation were given to people and teams from across Wandsworth at a special ceremony in the Civic Suite earlier this month.

Wandsworth Mayor, Cllr Richard Field, said: "The Wandsworth Council Civic Awards is our chance to say thank you to our wonderful community champions that work so tirelessly across the borough but whose efforts often go unsung. All of us in Wandsworth are deeply grateful to each and every one of our winners and the contribution they make to community life in the borough."

The winners were:

- **Richard Fox and Julia Bott** who won an Environmental Civic Award for their work running the Friends of Wandsworth Common.
- **Maxine Lincoln** for her work as a volunteer with the Wandsworth Sea Cadets.
- **Jennifer Beckford** for her work helping young people stay safe through the Nicholas Stewart Project.
- **Jonathan Dyson** for his role with the Northcote Road Business Network and supporting local businesses.

- **Rosemary Taylor-Davies** for her role during the pandemic in setting up The Scrubbery providing more than 28,000 items of protective scrubs.
- **Jonathan Palma** for setting up the Roehampton Response Network and bringing together groups and individuals from the community to help those most in need.
- **Wandsworth Foodbank Volunteer Team** won a group award for delivering more than 16,000 emergency food supplies during the pandemic.
- **Power2Connect** won a group award for distributing laptops to Wandsworth families who weren't otherwise able to get online during lockdown.
- **Jake Djalo** received a special Mayor's citation for a life-saving act of heroism, when, as working as a lifeguard at Putney Leisure Centre he saved a boy from drowning.

Entertainment on the night was provided by the Wandsworth Music Service and Wandsworth Young Musicians of the Year pianist Evie Malin and vocalist Jasmine Djazel.

The charities being supported this year by the Mayor of Wandsworth are Full Circle Fund Therapies and Regenerate-RISE. Find out more and make a donation at [wandsworth.gov.uk/mayors-charities](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/mayors-charities)





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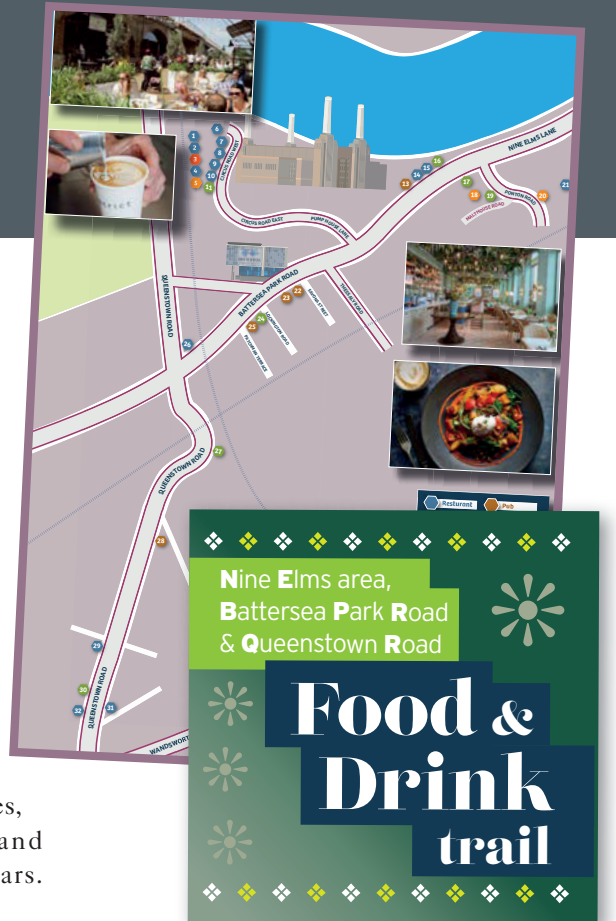
# Discover the best food and drink in Wandsworth

Find out about some of Wandsworth's best restaurants, cafes, pubs, bars and speciality food establishments with a series of smartphone-friendly 'food and drink trails'

A food and drink trail has been created for each town centre and food and drink hotspot, including the new town centre at Nine Elms. To explore what's on offer, find the trail you want to follow on the council's website and open it on your smartphone. It includes a map showing the location of businesses, plus contact details so you can book a table. The council's also made a series of videos as a taster of the businesses included. Find the trails and videos at [wandsworth.gov.uk/food-and-drink-trails](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/food-and-drink-trails)

The trails are designed to support the borough's important hospitality sector to recover after the lockdown.

It's just part of a wide range of support available to local businesses, including help to secure finance, support with publicity and marketing, one-to-one advice and free workshops and webinars. Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/business-support](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/business-support)





# Helping hundreds into work

The council's Work Match jobs service has helped 1800 local people find employment.

In September it reached the milestone of placing its 1000th person within the construction industry. This is on top of 800 people who found work in other industries including hospitality and retail.

Mark Ireland secured a job as a logistics manager working at Battersea Power Station with the help of Work Match.

He said: "I got made redundant last March and I had a spell of unemployment. My certifications ran out while I was in unemployment. I got referred to Work Match and they helped me retrain, renew all my certifications and found me a position at Battersea Power Station as a logistics manager."

Wandsworth Council's Economic Development, Skills & Employment spokesman, Cllr Rhodri Morgan, said: "Work Match is a fantastic success story for this borough. They make sure our job seekers have a real advantage when it comes to securing new roles and I would urge anyone in Wandsworth looking for a job to get in touch with them."

To contact Work Match call 020 8871 5191, email [wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk) or visit: [wandsworthworkmatch.org](http://wandsworthworkmatch.org)



## Work Match

securing jobs  
for local  
people

Logistics manager Mark Ireland meets Cllr Rhodri Morgan outside Battersea Power Station

## Talent required for the next generation in Wandsworth's top recruiting sector!

Wandsworth is host to some of London's most exciting & up and coming businesses and they need you! All new jobs in Leisure, Catering, Customer Service and Guest Experience await. With new, innovative businesses opening across the borough, now is the time to shine!

If you want to be matched to an exciting career, in your borough providing your community with exceptional service in a creative environment, let Work Match find you a great job today!

[wandsworthworkmatch.org](http://wandsworthworkmatch.org)

Work. Matched. WorkMatch.







“Menopause was like an unwelcome visitor”

# Shining a light on the Menopause

Many women going through the perimenopause and menopause report feeling alone and isolated, but it happens to all women and support is available.

In Wandsworth, around 29,000 women are aged between 45 and 60, that's almost 9 per cent of the population or one in ten residents.

Often women are told that they just need to get on with it, but many are juggling career, family, and caring responsibilities.

Menopause is a bit like reverse puberty as reproductive hormones in the body start to drop. As with puberty every individual's experience is different and symptoms vary from person to person but can include weight gain, mood swings, hot flushes, anxiety and sleeplessness.

Some women may not be aware of what is happening to them, and the mental, physical, and hormonal changes associated with menopause can be unexpected and frightening. Partners and children may not understand or know how to help.

If you are struggling with menopausal symptoms, talk to your GP and ask for support.

To get more information go to [NHS.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) and search for 'menopause' or visit [www.menopausematters.co.uk](https://www.menopausematters.co.uk)

## Sonia's story...

"Menopause was like an unwelcome visitor that I didn't have any choice other than to allow entrance into my life. People greeted me with, 'OMG you have put on weight', like I don't have a mirror in my house. Or you go to a doctor looking for answers and all they tell you is, 'you are too fat, you should eat less,' – genius!

It is like I have become a reverse teen. Everything aches, mood swings, body changes. But when I was a teen I had my mum, aunts, friends to support me. It was a cheerful time, becoming a woman. If I knew what waited for me on this side...

We need a more compassionate way so we at least could feel supported and understood. This phase is no walk in the park, it affects not only me but also those around me, family, friends, and colleagues. I am not the same person I used to be sometimes. The happy go lucky girl is lost in a body that is no longer listening.

Newsflash, this will happen to all women, maybe having different struggles or symptoms but the changes will still be there. Why is it so difficult for people to understand that I want answers to my questions and support when I feel like screaming from my window so everyone can hear?"



# Foster carers honoured

Foster carers who have dedicated their lives to caring for children and young people have been honoured at a town hall ceremony.

At the heart of the ceremony was a tribute to Mohammed Gani who was recognised posthumously, alongside his wife Shirin Gani for their unrivalled contribution as foster carers for more than 35 years. Sadly Mr Gani passed away last year and his award was presented to Mrs Gani in recognition of their long-service together.

Awards were presented to 39 carers in total, whose length of service ranges from five years to 20 years.

Wandsworth prides itself on providing its foster carers with training, mentoring, generous fees and



The Mayor of Wandsworth Cllr Richard Field presents an award to Shirin Gani.

allowances and ongoing support. If you are an existing foster carer and would like to refer a friend or family member, we offer a word-of-mouth incentive where carers are paid £1,000 upon approval of a carer recommended by them.

Visit [fostering.wandsworth.gov.uk](http://fostering.wandsworth.gov.uk) Email [fostering@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@wandsworth.gov.uk)  
Call (020) 8871 6666



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## Enable Leisure and Culture

Enable is seeking two Trustees to join the Board and support the shaping of the Health, social and culture programme in Wandsworth.

Working as a member of the Board, you will be responsible for working with the Executive on strategy and overseeing service delivery. You will be enthusiastic about helping local communities and a keen champion of the services provided by Enable.

Informal interviews will take place week commencing Monday 6 December. Enable is a registered charity working in partnership with Local Authorities and Commission Groups to provide a wide range of services for communities which focus on delivering services within health, wellbeing and open spaces.

We are seeking individuals with proven management experience in two areas: health and wellbeing and business growth, upscaling and commercial management.

The formal time commitment is four Board meetings a year and to attend the Annual General Meeting.

**If you are interested in joining us on this exciting journey as a Trustee, please apply today by emailing your CV and covering letter to [bturmer@enablelc.org](mailto:bturmer@enablelc.org) by midnight December 2nd.**

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**NHS**

Get your **FREE**  
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You must be aged 40-74, have not been previously diagnosed with diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease or stroke and have not had an NHS Health Check in the last five years.

For more information visit  
[www.wandsworth.gov.uk/healthchecks](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/healthchecks)







# Happy birthday Trinity

THIS YEAR ROYAL TRINITY HOSPICE TURNS 130 AND IS URGING LOCAL PEOPLE TO HELP IT CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT THE WORK IT DOES.

Trinity, which is on the edge of Clapham Common in the borough of Wandsworth, is the local hospice for people living in Wandsworth and in parts of six other south-west and central London boroughs.

It was founded as the National Free Home for the Dying in 1891 following an appeal for funds published in The Times to provide a home "for the man who is neither curable nor incurable but simply dying".

Today, a multi-disciplinary team of experts provides free, specialist palliative and end of life care to around 2,500 adults with life-limiting

conditions every year, both in a state-of-the-art inpatient unit and at home. For their families and loved ones, there is expert support on hand at every step of the way.

This year local people are being asked take part in one of the fundraising events being held to mark the 130th birthday.

- The 130 Challenge: choose your fundraiser based on a multiple of 130
- Walk with Purpose: take on a beautiful self-guided hike in dozens of spectacular locations
- 130 Tribute Fund: set up a special online fund in memory of a loved one

Find out more or share a memory of Trinity at [royaltrinityhospice.london/130](http://royaltrinityhospice.london/130).





# what's on?

EVENTS FOR MARCH  
TO MAY 2021



## WINTER NIGHT GARDEN

### THE WINTER NIGHT GARDEN

Venture through a magical wardrobe, down a secret tunnel of trees and discover a beautiful overgrown theatre set in an enchanted forest

[Backyardcinema.co.uk/shows/winter-night-garden](http://Backyardcinema.co.uk/shows/winter-night-garden)

### Arts and Craft Course

From November 29, 10am-noon

The Age Activity Centre is running a 3 week Arts and Craft course. The Centre runs fun, social activities (salsa lessons, art classes, tai chi, IT classes) and day trips to promote a sense of community for older people (60+) living in Wandsworth.

Age Activity Centre, 966 Garratt Lane, Tooting  
020 8767 8426 [jacqui.clack@hestia.org](mailto:jacqui.clack@hestia.org)

### Balham Christmas Lights Switch On

November 28 1pm-5pm

Carol singers, music, food and a real donkey! Bedford Hill Place

### Roehampton Tree Light Switch On and Lantern Parade

November 30, 4pm

Bottom of Danebury Avenue

### Southfields Christmas Lights

December 1 4.30pm

Replingham Road





### Nine Elms Advent Calendar Art Trail

December 1-Jan 5

It's back! Twenty-four venues around the area will each host an Advent 'window' of artwork on the theme of 'Peace on Earth'.

Residents and visitors can walk the trail until 5 January to see the windows designed by local artists, creative organisations and community groups. One window will also be in the spotlight online every evening from 1-24 December.

This project is delivered by the Nine Elms Arts Ministry with support from Wandsworth Council, the Diocese of Southwark, Dominvs Group, Battersea Power Station Foundation and many more local sponsors and partners. More at [Nineelmsartsministry.org](http://Nineelmsartsministry.org)



### St Luke's Church Christmas Market

December 4, 11am to 3pm

This year there is an emphasis on local, sustainable, or organic products. It is also hosting the book launch of 'Stinky Dog... Where In the World Are You?', by local children's author and illustrator Lynne Russell. Get your Christmas shopping done for all the family from a wide selection of gifts, whilst treating yourself to some delicious home-baked goods. There will be games and activities for children to do while their parents/carers shop. Entrance at 194 Ramsden Road, SW12 8RQ



### Battersea High Street Festive Celebrations

December 2 4pm-7pm

Music, food, children's entertainment

### St Michael's Christmas Fair

December 3 11am-8pm

Stalls, refreshments and carols, St Michael's Church, Southfields [stmichaelssouthfields.org/christmas](http://stmichaelssouthfields.org/christmas)

### Upper Richmond Road Christmas Fayre

December 4 11am-3pm

The Putney shopping street known for its independent businesses celebrates a day of festive cheer including a brass band, kids' trail, mulled wine, mince pies, charity tombola, Christmas stalls and letters to Santa [positivelyputney.co.uk](http://positivelyputney.co.uk)

### Tooting Christmas Lights Switch On

December 7 4pm

Carols, plus a reception with mince pies and mulled wine afterwards Corner of Mitcham Road and Church Lane

### Roehampton Christmas Market

December 11, 1pm-4pm

Santa's grotto, refreshments, free crafting, stalls, entertainment Portswood Place

### Battersea Ball

December 15

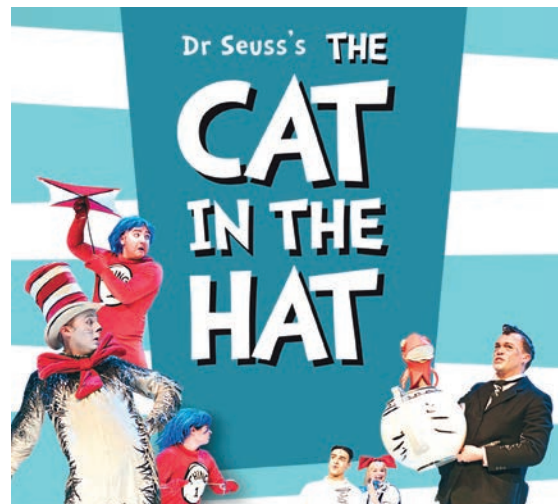
Food, music, dancing and cabaret to raise money for projects supported by the Battersea Crime Prevention Panel [Batterseaball.org.uk](http://Batterseaball.org.uk)

### Disco Dance Club

Third Saturday of every month

Boogie until you can boogie no more to disco music of the 60s, 70s and 80s. Tickets £25 to include snacks.

Devas Club, Stormont Road, Battersea [discodanceclub.co.uk](http://discodanceclub.co.uk)



### The Cat in the Hat

From Dec 13

Based on the much-loved book by Dr Seuss, The Cat in the Hat is a lively and engaging first theatre experience for young children aged 3+ with daytime performances from 13 December 2021. Turbine Theatre, Nine Elms [theturbinetheatre.com](http://theturbinetheatre.com)

### A Concert of Inspirational Music

December 17, 7.30pm

Inspiring music of all styles and genres from the Dover House Singers, plus seasonal songs. St Mary's Church, Putney High Street or watch live on the Dover House Singers' Facebook Page. Free

### Active Wandsworth Awards

The nominations are now open for the 2021 Active Wandsworth Awards.

Anyone is free to nominate across the 11 Award categories.

The Active Wandsworth Awards recognises the commitment and achievement of the many people involved in sport and physical activity within Wandsworth. The awards reward talented local sports performers, coaches, volunteers, schools, organisations and clubs for their exceptional achievements in 2021.

Visit: [enablelc.org/awa2021](http://enablelc.org/awa2021) and complete the nomination form by Sunday 16 January 2022. Please contact [active@enablelc.org](mailto:active@enablelc.org) or call if 0203 9590030 if you have any questions.



## Putney School of Art and Design Christmas Open Day and Fair

December 5 10am-5pm

Stalls, exhibits, refreshments and a chance to meet students and buy their work.

Oxford Road, Putney [psadfriends.org.uk](http://psadfriends.org.uk)

## The Nutcracker Repertoire Weekend

December 18-19

Workshops on The Nutcracker for all ages, including children, adults and Silver Swans.

Royal Academy of Dance, Battersea and Zoom [royalacademyofdance.org/whats-on/](http://royalacademyofdance.org/whats-on/)

## Home-Start Wandsworth Training From January

Could you spare two to four hours a week to support a local family? Home-Start Wandsworth needs volunteers to help with families under the age of five who are dealing with a variety of difficulties. The next volunteer training programme starts in January. [homestartwandsworth.org.uk/volunteer](http://homestartwandsworth.org.uk/volunteer)

## Black History Month

This year as part of the 2021 Black History Month celebrations, Wandsworth Council created videos to spotlight Wandsworth individuals and businesses. They shared their stories and provided insight into what Black History Month means to them and life in Wandsworth.

Watch them at [wandsworth.gov.uk/black-history-month](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/black-history-month)

## Sleeping Beauty and the Beast Until Dec 20

Ever wondered where pantomime villains go at the end of the story. Find out in this show full of songs, festive fund and interaction for all ages presented by Sleeping Trees. Pay what you can Battersea Arts Centre [bac.org.uk](http://bac.org.uk)



Age 11-14 years old?

# Tooting Youth Theatre

Wednesdays 4.30-6.00

We are looking for actors, writers, directors and dancers to be part of Sugar and Spice. A cinematic inspired tale that travels decades in under 90 minutes, celebrating the hidden stories of Tooting.



Tooting Youth Theatre is part of  
**SUGAR AND SPICE**



# Aladdin

## COME AND JOIN US FOR A MAGIC CARPET RIDE THIS CHRISTMAS



A FANTASTICAL PRODUCTION FOR CHILDREN 3-11, PERFECT FOR A CHRISTMAS FAMILY TREAT. TEACHERS, YOU CAN BRING THE WHOLE CLASS!

## Aladdin

December 7-11 and 14-19

Journey into Aladdin's Cave at the Wandsworth Civic Suite for the very first time this Christmas. Ideal for ages three to 11, the show, created by Hurricane Productions, brings together a team of professionally-trained actors, vibrant scenery, wonderful costumes and even magic tricks.

Specific sensory-sensitive performances will run on Tuesday 14 (evening) and Wednesday 15th(day).

Prices are being kept affordable - weekends and weeknights are £10 and weekday matinees are just £6 (plus booking fees).

[www.eventim.co.uk/artist/aladdin/history-month](http://www.eventim.co.uk/artist/aladdin/history-month)



# WANDSWORTH ARTS FRINGE

## wants you!



WAF is back from 10 to 26 June 2022, and we're looking for artists, venues, community groups, schools, and local businesses who want to get involved.

Every year, WAF brings together hundreds of creatives for a brilliant line-up of cutting edge theatre and live art, comedy, music, art exhibitions, outdoor extravaganzas and everything in between, taking place in every nook and cranny of the borough.

2022 will see a mixture of live events and digital and postal projects, ensuring the festival is accessible to all. To help make your ideas a reality, Wandsworth Council is awarding up to £2,000 per project in WAF Grants. Applications are open now on the website until Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Visit [wandswothartsfringe.com](http://wandswothartsfringe.com)

### Key dates

#### Expressions of interest open

(artists, practitioners and venues): Tue 13 October 2021

**WAF Grants open:** Tue 13 October 2021

**WAF Grants close:** Tuesday 4 January 2022, 10am

**Registration opens:** Monday 10 January 2022

**Expressions of interest close:** Sunday 30 January 2022

**Early bird registration closes:**

Thursday 7 February 2022, 10am

**Final registration and copy deadline:**

Friday 25 February 2022, 5pm

**WAF dates:** Friday 10 to Sunday 26 June 2022





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## Report a street problem

wandsworth.gov.uk/streets

## Apply for a school place

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## Book an MOT

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## Report noise and nuisances

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## Apply or renew a parking permit

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## Enquire about your housing options

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# Pay it online

It's now easier to pay online at  
[wandsworth.gov.uk/payments](https://wandsworth.gov.uk/payments)

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## Pay a waste or littering penalty

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[wandsworth.gov.uk/myaccount](https://wandsworth.gov.uk/myaccount)

# Talk to us online

## weekly e-newsletter

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[instagram.com/wandsworth\\_council](https://instagram.com/wandsworth_council)

# 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  
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Schools and Admissions  
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