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## Top marks for borough students

### Wandsworth students have done the borough proud once again.

This year 63 per cent of pupils achieved five or more GCSEs including English and maths - a rise of three per cent compared to 2012.

Chestnut Grove, in Balham, and Southfields achieved their best set of results to date, while results for five A\*-C passes at GCSE, including English and Maths, went up eight points at St John Bosco and 14 points at Battersea Park. There was also an increase in the number of students gaining the English Baccalaureate, which covers a core of academic subjects, at Graveney, Burntwood, Ernest Bevin and Battersea Park.

At A-level there was an increase of 3.2 per cent in the number achieving Grades A\* to C, compared to a rise nationally of 0.6 per cent. Saint Cecilia's, Wandsworth achieved an A\* to C pass rate of 87 per cent, up 13 points from the previous year.

Councillor Kathy Tracey, Wandsworth's schools spokesman, praised the efforts of students across the borough, and said the results were yet more evidence of the quality of local schools.

"All of our students deserve to be congratulated for their performances this year. Praise must also go to the fantastic teaching staff. Having seen such excellent performances in last week's excellent A-level results as well, the challenge going forward is to continue raising standards in all of the borough's schools."

►► **Read about education in the borough at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/betterschoolsmorechoice](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/betterschoolsmorechoice).**



## Meeting the challenge

**Hundreds of Roehampton residents who commit to leading healthier lives will be offered free gym or swimming memberships.**

The scheme from Wandsworth Council's public health team will see eligible local people receiving either a gym membership at Roehampton Sport and Fitness Centre or a swimming membership at Putney Leisure Centre.

It is part of a new one year healthy living scheme called the Roehampton Challenge, through which residents can access a variety of health support services, community schemes or activity sessions.

The Challenge was launched at this year's Roehampton Festival, (pictured) which saw hundreds of local people enjoy live music, food and entertainment, tips from health trainers, advice on local education and training opportunities and information on the council's Alton area improvement project.

▶▶ **Roehampton residents can find out more in their copy of Roehampton Voice distributed in Roehampton with Brightside. Alternatively, visit the Team Roehampton website at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/teamroehampton](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/teamroehampton)**

## Don't lose your vote

**Voter registration forms will be delivered to every Wandsworth household in the first week of October.**

In order to vote in next May's local council and European Parliamentary elections you will need to complete and return your form immediately. It is a legal requirement that every household completes the form, even if the residents do not qualify or wish to vote. Providing your details promptly will avoid the need for council staff to call at your address to verify who lives there. This will save council tax payers' money.

If your details have not changed you can use the Freephone, online or text service. You will need to have your form in front of you. If your details have changed or you prefer to complete and return the form, do so straight away.

▶▶ **For more information about registering, voting and a full list of nationalities eligible to vote, go to [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/vote](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/vote), call (020) 8871 6023 or email [electoral@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:electoral@wandsworth.gov.uk).**



### Alley clean-up

Staff from the St John's Road branch of McDonalds, Barclays Bank and the council have cleaned an eyesore alley off Hafer Road, Battersea as part of the McDonald's Love Where you Live campaign.

The initiative was supported by the council's waste management team and its waste contractor Continental Landscapes.

### Grants for community projects

The Wandsworth Community Fund gives grants of between £250 and £5,000 to support voluntary or community groups, registered charities and other not for profit organisations that provide projects or services benefitting the community.

For details of how to apply visit [www.londoncf.org.uk](http://www.londoncf.org.uk) or call (020) 7582 5117. But hurry - the deadline for applications is October 11.

### Trim it

People are being urged to keep their hedges trimmed to avoid overhanging the pavements. Some hedges overhang by as much as 3ft, causing problems for pedestrians.

### Local heroes

Do you know someone who goes the extra mile to help others? There's still time to nominate someone for a Wandsworth Civic Award – nominations close on October 11. Visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/civicawards](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/civicawards).

### Road closures

A fireworks display being run by Lambeth Council on Clapham Common on November 5 will mean some local road closures and bus diversions. Check [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk) for details.



## Find out more and report it

Flytipping: Report online at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/flytipping](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/flytipping)

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## Wanted for flytipping

### Flytippers could find their faces on wanted posters

Wandsworth Council is asking local people to help keep the borough's streets clean by reporting anyone they recognise.

CCTV footage in Selkirk Road, Tooting appeared to show a man leaving bags of rubbish in the street. He has become the first to feature on a wanted poster put up in the area. The council intends to use posters like this when it has footage or pictures of a suspected flytipper, but is unable to identify them.

Councillor Jonathan Cook, the borough's environment spokesman, said: "I hope our residents welcome these steps to stop flytippers from creating mess that no one wants to see. We are doing all we can to take care of our streets – but to do the best job possible we need the community's help.

"We will look to use CCTV to combat persistent incidents of flytipping in a particular location or catch those responsible for significant incidents where a large amount of rubbish has been flagrantly dumped in public."

Over the past four months the council has issued 270 fixed penalty notices to people caught flytipping, given 66 verbal warnings and, in serious cases, prosecuted eight people.



## Around 6,000 potholes filled

The biggest street improvement project to take place in Wandsworth for years has now seen the borough's dedicated repair crews fill in more than 6,000 potholes.

Action crews are visiting three borough wards each month – eventually visiting the whole borough. Another three crews are repairing pavements.

In October pothole crews will be in Earlsfield, Nightingale and West Hill, while pavements will be fixed in St Mary's Park, Wandsworth Common and West Putney.

Wandsworth Council's transport spokesman, Councillor Russell King, said: "Up and down the country, the scale of the damage to road surfaces caused by recent harsh winters is obvious. This is why, having also listened to concerns from residents, we made it a priority to take urgent action to sort out the problem."



'We are doing all we can to take care of our streets'



# New life for Ram Brewery

Plans to redevelop the Ram Brewery in Wandsworth Town, creating 661 new homes and more than 500 permanent jobs, have been given the green light.



The brewery stopped wholesale production several years ago. The approved plans include a 36-storey residential tower, and more than 10,683 square metres of commercial space including new shops, cafes, bars and restaurants.

The site's historic buildings will be restored and brought into public use as a new micro-brewery and brewing museum. The banks of the River Wandle will be opened up and a network of public squares and footpaths created through the site and around the heritage buildings.

The developers will pay around £16.5m in community infrastructure levy (CIL) which could go towards a redesign of the Wandsworth one-way-system. The council is working with TfL to develop a new road system which would rechannel through traffic and reconnect both side of the town. Ten per cent of the new homes would be affordable units with priority going to existing Wandsworth residents.

▶▶ [View the application documents online at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/planning](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/planning) - search for reference 2012/5286.



Roehampton Councillor Adrian Knowles getting his blood pressure checked by Paulo Lima at the Roehampton Festival.

## Free NHS health checks for the over 40s

The council is offering Wandsworth people free NHS Health Checks in community centres and even a bingo hall in a bid to reduce heart and kidney disease, stroke and diabetes.

There is already a well established NHS Health Check Programme delivered by GPs that has provided more than 35,000 NHS Health Checks to Wandsworth residents. Now the council has commissioned a community-based NHS Health Checks service offering the service at mobile clinics across the borough.

▶▶ [To find the location of your nearest mobile clinic, call freephone: 0800 061 2999, or visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/healthchecks.](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/healthchecks)

## Sharps collections

Never put sharp items such as broken glass in your rubbish unless safely wrapped to avoid injuring your refuse collector. Sharp clinical waste such as syringes can only be collected in special yellow boxes. To get one of these, contact your healthcare provider who will then notify the council for collection.

Get full clinical waste service details at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/Clinicalwaste](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/Clinicalwaste) or call 020 8871 8558.

## Hospital checks

A new hospital inspection regime has been welcomed by Wandsworth Council and St George's Hospital in Tooting. All hospitals will get a mixture of announced and unannounced inspections. Cllr Jim Maddan, the council's spokesman for adult care and health, said "The new approach is more comprehensive and puts patients at the heart of the inspection process."

Have your say on local health services by becoming a member of Healthwatch. Find out more at [www.healthwatchwandsworth.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchwandsworth.co.uk).

## Shams spotted

More and more sham weddings are being detected, warn Wandsworth's registrars. Last year town hall staff notified border and immigration authorities after uncovering 94 sham marriages. This compares to 16 cases in 2010/11.

Wandsworth's chief superintendent registrar Judith Gent said; "Staff at the register office are becoming increasingly skilled at spotting couples who appear to be getting married for dubious rather than romantic reasons. People who are trying to organise a bogus wedding at our register office should definitely think again."

## Gas safety

Landlords should arrange a gas safety check every 12 months for their rented properties, as well as giving their tenants a record of the check to prove appliances are in good condition. Thousands of people across the UK fall victim to carbon monoxide poisoning each year due to badly fitted and poorly serviced gas appliances, which can also cause gas leaks, fires and explosions. For advice call the free helpline on 0800 408 5500.

## New lunchclub

A new lunch group for older residents is starting up at the STORM Family Centre on the Dodington Estate, Battersea. It will run every Wednesday from October 2 and will offer lunch, activities and a chance to chat. If you want to attend call Mac Downes on 07715 131813 or Marie Hanson on (020) 7498 0311.



# New-look playground is a hit

The children's playground at Battersea Park is fully reopened to the public following its £250,000 facelift, and will be available to use throughout the winter months.

Its new attractions have proved popular with parents, and there are further plans being discussed to introduce climbing walls and a "tree walk" facility. This would utilise high wires and harnesses to enable young people to enjoy a series of high rise challenges under the supervision of properly trained adults.

As part of the wider revamp of play facilities in Wandsworth, the Kimber Road playground is being transformed into a £170,000 skatepark and BMX bike track. The council manages more than 200 playgrounds and play areas in parks, commons and housing estates across Wandsworth.

►► [Find out where they are at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/playgrounds.](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/playgrounds)



## Protection for pub

The much-loved Wheatsheaf pub in Tooting has been officially recognised as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) by Wandsworth Council following a campaign by local people.



ACV status gives members of the community time to bid to buy the Upper Tooting Road site should it ever come up for sale. Campaigners feared a supermarket chain might want to buy it and convert it into a store.

Also added to the council's list of assets of community value is The Lodge in Tooting Bec Road. Wandsworth Council formally put it on the list after receiving an application from local group Custodians of Tooting Bec Lodge.

The Localism Act 2011 gives communities with a local

connection a right to identify properties which, if they came up for sale, they would want to try and purchase.

The legislation does not give a right to buy the property in question - but it does give potential bidders the time to put a proposal together.

►► [Find out more information about making an ACV application, including which properties are eligible, at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/acv.](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/acv)



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# Parents pledge to go smokefree



**Mums and dads in Roehampton have taken the lead in a bid to protect children from second-hand smoke.**

For the past year the council's public health team has been working with children's centres across Wandsworth to encourage parents and carers to take a Smokefree Homes Pledge – which means children in their home will not be subjected to anybody's tobacco smoke.

Eastwood Nursery School Centre for Children and Families in Roehampton had the most pledges by far – with 78 homes now smokefree.

Three of the mums, Deborah Foot, Nicola Brisley and Wendy Peddar, have taken the scheme to the next step and are now Parent Champions – trained to help and support other parents and carers to take the smokefree homes pledge.

There is a new on-site stop smoking drop-in clinic at the centre staffed by the council's stop smoking team and one of the newly-qualified Parent Champions. Other outreach clinics are planned for other locations in Roehampton.

The council's health spokesman Cllr. Jim Maddan (pictured above) said:

"We are all extremely impressed by the hard work and dedication of these parents. We know that passive smoking is harmful to children. It's great if mums and dads give up cigarettes, but pledging to go smokefree is even better, because it means nobody will be smoking around your children in their own home."

**Nicola Brisley and Deborah Foot have enthusiastically embraced the scheme. Deborah says:**

“ I gave up two years ago and decided that having a smokefree home was better for the children's health so I took the pledge. Now I'm going to take level two of the pledge, which means I'll be able to run a clinic and help others. ”

**There's lots of support available if you want to stop smoking, including drop-in clinics and a 24 hour helpline. Visit [www.stopsmoking.wandsworth.co.uk](http://www.stopsmoking.wandsworth.co.uk).**





# Getting Wandsworth people into work

## New jobs service Wandsworth WorkMatch has been set up by the council to help match local people with employment opportunities.

Developers in Wandsworth have so far agreed to provide more than 440 job and training opportunities for unemployed local residents in the years ahead.

The opportunities will be spread across Battersea Power Station, Riverlight, Embassy Garden, Sainsbury's Garratt Lane and Putney Plaza development sites.

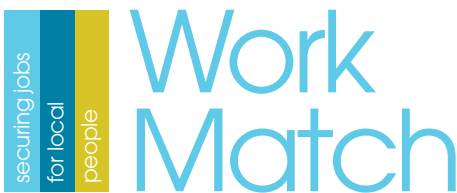
The supply of new opportunities is expected to grow as more development projects use Wandsworth WorkMatch as their local recruitment service. These include the Ram Brewery in Wandsworth Town and several more schemes in Nine Elms on the South Bank.

WorkMatch will screen and vet local candidates carefully before they apply and can also direct local candidates to the pre-job training and support they need to get them ready for the workplace.

Ravi Govindia, leader of Wandsworth Council and co-chair of the Nine Elms Vauxhall Partnership, said:

"We are using major new developments in Nine Elms and across Wandsworth to give unemployed residents a route into a lasting career. The council is securing a local employment commitment from each developer as part of their planning consent but that is only the first step. The more difficult part is to ensure local unemployed people are matched to these opportunities and that they are fully prepared when the chance comes along."

Contact Wandsworth WorkMatch on (020) 8871 5191 or email [wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk)



## Helping young people get on

### Youth enterprise charity Business Launchpad, based in Tooting, offers free, practical and personalised business guidance and support to young entrepreneurs aged 16 to 30.

This year the charity celebrated its 25th birthday. Over the years hundreds of businesses and more than 5,000 young people have been helped. Eighty-five per cent of their businesses were still trading after two years.

#### Case Study:

Little Linguists Nursery, a French bilingual nursery providing flexible, affordable childcare options had a formal opening attended by the Mayor of Wandsworth in September. It was started by mum and up-and-coming entrepreneur Daniella Goodman (pictured). She has been helped by Business Launchpad advisor Sarah. "Sarah helped me strengthen my ideas, and encouraged me to plan my strategies and make contingencies for unexpected hurdles. My recommendation to all new entrepreneurs is to believe in your dream, plan well and never give up. It has taken me many years to get to the point of opening my business, but the word 'no' should stimulate you to find a different way to get to 'yes'."



Find out more about Little Linguists [www.littlelinguistsnursery.co.uk](http://www.littlelinguistsnursery.co.uk)

Find out more about Business Launchpad at [www.businesslaunchpad.org.uk](http://www.businesslaunchpad.org.uk)

Get advice on starting up your own business in Wandsworth at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/startupadvice](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/startupadvice)



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## Putney's cleaner air boost

**Pollution in Putney has fallen to the lowest levels since recording began in 2009, initial figures suggest.**

Provisional data suggests that average nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) levels on Putney High Street between September 2012 and August 2013 was 11.8 per cent lower than the preceding 12 months.

The pollution data – which is in raw form and yet to be ratified – shows that every month this year the mean concentration of NO<sub>2</sub> recorded was lower than the same month in 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009.

Over the last 12 months the older, more polluting diesel buses which run via Putney High Street have been gradually replaced with new, cleaner models or fitted with pollution reducing catalytic-convertors after Wandsworth Council used number plate recognition cameras and real time air quality data to pin-point buses as the main source of pollution on the high street.

►► **Find out more about the council's wider programme of air quality initiatives at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/airquality](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/airquality)**

## ARK Putney Academy plans agreed

**Councillors on the planning committee have approved proposals for the £30m refurbishment and modernisation of the Ark Putney Academy.**

The proposals will see a complete refurbishment of the secondary school's Grade II listed main building, and the construction of a brand new replacement sports hall. The school will also get a new multi-use games area for football, tennis and netball. The playground will be refurbished and there will be new tree planting and horticultural improvements.

Apart from the gym block, which was too low to accommodate many modern sports, the main school building is badly in need of major refurbishment. The £30m needed to bring it up to modern teaching standards will partly be funded by the construction of housing on a former part of the school site, which is subject to a separate planning application.



# Millions invested in housing estates

## Plans have been unveiled for the latest wave of improvements for local housing estates.

Around £6.7m has been earmarked by the council to upgrade people's homes and neighbourhoods across the borough, including the Doddingdon estate in Battersea, Putney's Ashburton, the Aboyne estate in Earlsfield and the Glen Albyn and Ackroydon estates in Southfields.

Leaseholders are being consulted on the proposed works, which range from new windows, new roofs and upgraded entrycall security systems to new heating and hot water systems and internal and external redecorations.

The council spends about £50m a year on repairs and improvements to its housing estates. This sustained level of investment, combined with the housing department's efficiency as a landlord, has resulted in an 82 per cent satisfaction score among the borough's council tenants - one of the highest approval ratings in the country. Wandsworth was also able to meet the Government's target of reaching the decent homes standard for all its 33,000 properties a full five years before the deadline.



The Filaments

## Getting help to buy

Mount Anvil, developers of the Filaments housing scheme in Wandsworth Town Centre, say a quarter of their buyers are taking advantage of the Government's Help to Buy scheme, which provides buyers with an equity loan. Find out more at [www.helptobuy.org.uk](http://www.helptobuy.org.uk). The Filaments is part of a string of improvements and new development in Wandsworth Town Centre, which will see the town transformed.

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# Owning your first home

The council's Home Ownership Team supports local people who want to get a foot on the housing ladder. Here's some of the ways you can get help.

## Affordable Housing Day – 24th October 2013

The Home Ownership Team will be hosting the annual Affordable Housing Open Day on Thursday October 24 in the Wandsworth Civic Suite.

The Open Day is completely free and will help you find your way around the different home ownership schemes, such as Shared Ownership, Right to Buy and House Purchase Grant.

Housing providers will be available to offer information and advice, plus legal and financial advice will be provided by property experts.

**See the advertisement on the right for more details.**

## House Purchase Grant

This scheme gives council tenants a grant to help them buy a home of their own anywhere in the UK or European Union. It can also be used to adapt an existing UK property, such as loft conversions or as a deposit towards a Shared Ownership property.

**For more information call the Home Ownership Team on (020) 8871 6016 or email [housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk).**

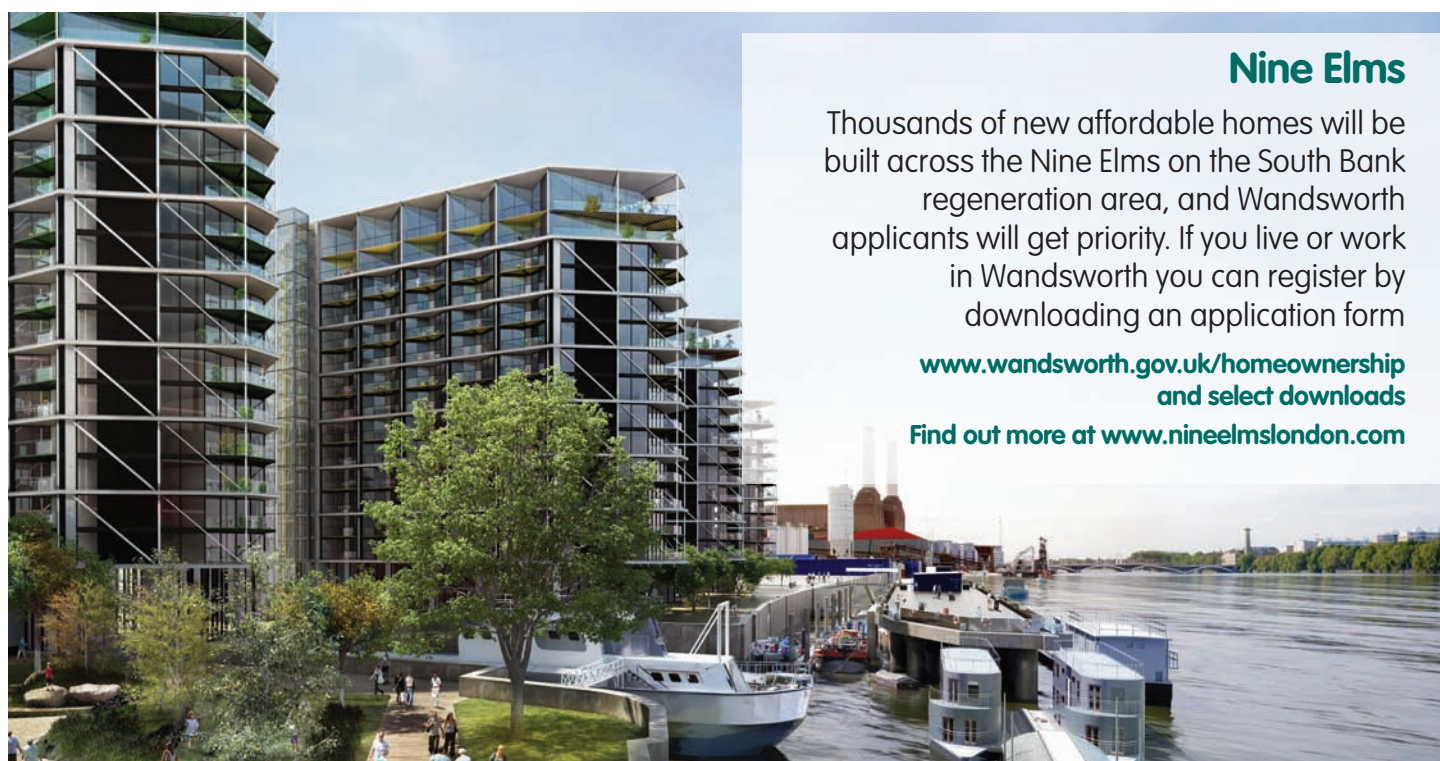
## Your Right to Buy

A total of 38 working households in Wandsworth have exercised the Right to Buy their council home since the maximum discount was increased to £100,000 last March.

Wandsworth Council led a successful campaign to increase the discount, which had been cut to a maximum of £16,000 by the previous government. The funds raised through Right to Buy sales will be used to finance new affordable housing options for other local people.

The council has published a helpful Right to Buy information booklet for tenants who are interested in owning their own home. To read an online copy and to find out more about the home purchase process visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership). Tenants who want more information should contact the home ownership team who will be able to guide them through the process.

**Call (020) 8871 6016 or email [housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk)**



## Nine Elms

Thousands of new affordable homes will be built across the Nine Elms on the South Bank regeneration area, and Wandsworth applicants will get priority. If you live or work in Wandsworth you can register by downloading an application form

**[www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership) and select downloads**

**Find out more at [www.nineelmslondon.com](http://www.nineelmslondon.com)**



## New shared ownership developments emerging in the borough include the following:-

### A2 Dominion – Ascalon Street, SW8

A combination of over thirty 1 & 2 bedroom apartments will be launched in the Nine Elms area later this year and further details will become available in due course. Please call 0800 783 2159 or email newhomes@a2dominion.co.uk

### One Housing Group – Battersea Park Road, SW11

There are a combination of eighteen flats on Battersea Park Road. These constitute six 1-beds, ten 2-beds and two 3-beds. Please ring (020) 8502 5758 or email on info@site-sales.co.uk

### Coming Soon

### Notting Hill – Riverside Quarter, SW18

A brand new riverside development will be launched in Wandsworth towards the end of this year comprising eighteen units with a mix of 1 & 2-beds. The units will be finished to a contemporary style, with some homes boasting balconies overlooking landscaped gardens. Please contact Notting Hill Housing on (020) 8357 4444 or email sales@nhhg.org.uk

### Metropolitan - Sesame Apartments, Battersea, SW11

Sesame Apartments is a large development launching in October 2013

Seven apartments will be available for shared ownership sale. These comprise of four 1-beds and three 2-beds apartments. For further information please ring Roxanne McCalla on (020) 3535 2619 or email: roxanne.mccalla@metropolitan.org.uk.

### Octavia Living, Broomhill Business Village, Wandsworth SW18

An exclusive set of seven modern 1 bedroom apartments located in the heart of Wandsworth. For further details call the sales team on (020) 8354 5601



Riverside Quarter

Council tenants can use their House Purchase Grant towards buying one of the shared ownership properties on this page.



Buckhold Road



Ascalon Street

## Open the door

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# I LOVE Wandsworth

## Thanks for your latest thoughts about why you Love Wandsworth.

We believe Wandsworth is the UK's best place to live, and the Love Wandsworth campaign has been inviting people to have their say about life in the brighter borough.

Dozens of you have responded, and since the last edition of Brightside there's been more good news about our parks and leisure centres.

### Users of community website Streetlife have been telling us what they love about Wandsworth. Here's a selection of their comments.

**Michelle G** I just love the fact that you are never too far away from either a park or common.. We also have so many different types of eateries and coffee shops to choose from. I personally think Wandsworth is a great borough to live in and really would be hard pushed to live elsewhere.

**Lucy O** I love living here in Tooting. There is a brilliant sense of community and I have always felt very safe here! I love the diversity and different types of people....everyone I've met is lovely! Cheap council tax is always a plus, as is the lovely green spaces/commons.

**Tish M** I too love the open spaces and diversity, but I particularly like the village atmosphere of Wandsworth centred round the Barmouth Kitchen and the west side of the common, dog walkers, mothers and their children and the retirees all greet each other with a smile.

**Anita J** Wandsworth is a well maintained borough with so many great parks, diverse culture from the diaspora. And a great sense of community.

**Endaf K** I love the fact that within the same borough you can go from the edge of the magnificent Wimbledon Common to the bustle of Tooting High Street and eat some of the best food in London there. A nice mix of all sorts of people, who seem to rub along pretty nicely.



## Leisure company is best in the UK

The company that runs the borough's leisure centres on behalf of the town hall has been named the best in the country.



DC Leisure, which manages Wandsworth's seven sports and recreation centres and its five swimming pools, including the hugely popular Tooting Bec Lido, has been crowned the 2013 "leisure centre operator of the year" in the ukactive Flame Awards.

Last year DC Leisure invested £850,000 in improving the facilities at local leisure centres, including the refurbishment of three squash courts at Balham, £400,000 on new gym equipment and changing rooms at Putney and new gym equipment at three other centres. The picture shows the council leisure and culture spokesman Cllr Jonathan Cook testing out new facilities at Putney.



# Green Flag flies over Battersea Park

Battersea Park has again been confirmed as one of the best green open spaces in the country after successfully retaining its coveted Green Flag award.

Described as “the jewel in the crown of London's parks”, the award was presented by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy.

A Green Flag flying over the park is a sign to visitors that it “boasts the highest possible standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent facilities”. Last year the park welcomed more than three million visitors through its gates.

Visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/batterseapark](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/batterseapark)

## Keep the comments coming

Tweet us using the hashtag #lovewandsworth

Comment via [www.streetlife.com](http://www.streetlife.com)

Use the online form at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/lovewandsworth](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/lovewandsworth)



# VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Wandsworth Council, Primary Care & Acute Trusts, Metropolitan Police, the Voluntary & Community Sector

The council's Children's Services department is now inviting Voluntary Organisations to bid for small grants to provide services to improve outcomes for children and young people living in Wandsworth borough focusing on the following CYPP priorities.

More children and young people:

- Achieve good standards and make better than expected progress, at all stages of their education
- Enjoy and engage with their education
- Develop positive and lawful behaviour
- Develop resilience, confidence and life skills through enjoyable, purposeful activities
- Are active and responsible citizens confidently engaged in influencing and developing their community

Wandsworth Council and its partners have been working together to develop priorities for the council's Children's and Young Peoples Plan (CYPP)

Joint applications are welcomed as well as those from individual voluntary organisations. If successful, organisations will be issued with a one year contract to a maximum value of £5,000 for the year beginning **1st April 2014**.

To request an information pack please contact Veronica Hyatt by telephone on (020) 8871 8333 or email [vhyatt@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:vhyatt@wandsworth.gov.uk)

Alternatively write to her at: Early Years Service, 1 Siward Road, London SW17 0LA.

Completed application forms and supporting evidence must be received by the Council by **Friday 15th November 2013, 4pm**.

The full version of the CYPP can be viewed at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/childrens\\_trust](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/childrens_trust)



# School admission deadline soon

## Time is running out to apply for a secondary school place for your child.

This year the borough's schools have reported excellent exam results, bucking the national trend with a rise in the number of youngsters receiving top GCSE and A-level grades.

Ofsted has rated 92 per cent of the borough's schools good or outstanding. Nationally the figure is 74 per cent. The results place Wandsworth in the top eight of high performing local authorities in the country.

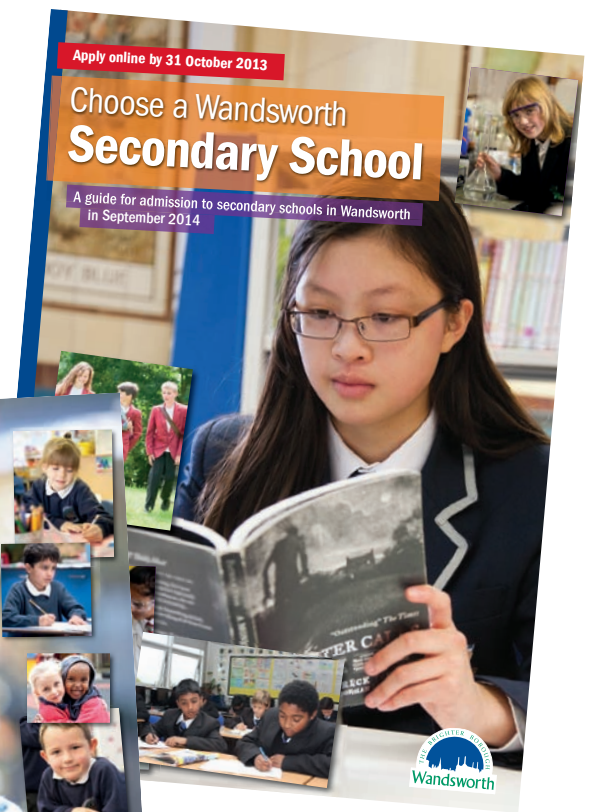
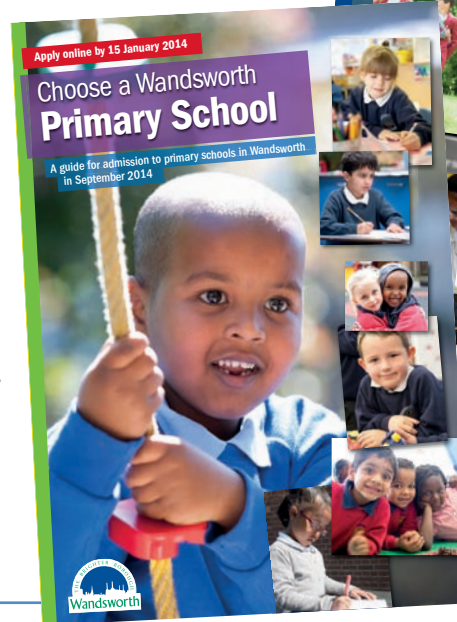
Parents who have a child starting primary or secondary school in 2014 need to start preparing. We've revamped our admissions webpage to make it easier.

You will need to apply to the council for places in all schools, including academies and schools in other boroughs. The only exception is independent schools.

Admission deadlines are

- Secondary schools: October 31
- Primary schools: January 15

►► **For more information and to apply online visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions).**



## Hole in one



The new minigolf course at Wandsworth Park is proving a popular local attraction. The 13 hole course has been built on the site of the disused bowling green, and the café has reopened. Find out more at [www.puttinthepark.com](http://www.puttinthepark.com).



# Interview with Andrew Castle



Brightside meets Andrew Castle, former tennis pro, TV sports commentator and proud Wandsworth resident. **Lydia Nixon** went along to his Balham home to ask about his proudest career moments and why he loves Wandsworth.

**Andrew you've had an extremely varied career. What moment most stands out?**

When, in 71 Degrees North, Sophie Angleton held my head whilst Annabel Croft licked maggots off my face and spat them into a glass – that's when I knew I'd made it! I don't take to all reality TV though. Dancing in front of millions of people on Strictly every week was hell on earth!

**Despite being a double time Olympian and number one tennis player – that's what you're most proud of?**

No, but that memory has stuck with me. I am most proud of making a living out of doing what I love. It is not an easy way to live – there is such competition for your job and little security – but I put myself in the arena, had a go, and survived.

**You've interviewed everyone from Tony Blair to Tom Cruise. Who have you most enjoyed talking to?**

I was fortunate enough to meet Vera Lynn in her 90s. She has had such an interesting life. She told me about how she trekked for three days to sing to the troops and how Winston Churchill stopped his car when he saw her on the street and invited her for a drink. Before she left she sang 'We'll meet again' to me, it was such an honour. Second to Vera of course was interviewing/flirting with Helen Mirren – that woman has a glint in her eye.

**How long have you lived in Wandsworth?**

I have been here 12 years. Before that we lived in Lambeth. Anyone who moves from any borough into Wandsworth knows they've made the right choice.

**Why do you love Wandsworth?**

The roads and streets are cleaner, the low council tax, less bureaucracy and you get a sensible answer from council staff. I am especially impressed with the rubbish collectors. They work hard and they're tough boys – I worry one of them will run off with my daughter! It's also a great place to live if you are into your sports – it has so many great parks to run about in.

**Do you think Wandsworth does enough to encourage sport?**

I think it does reasonably well. There are lots of courses for young people to get involved in. But I think that it should be down to the individual to take responsibility. As humans we need physical exercise, it makes you feel better. There is too much sitting about in our society today. This is partly why I have taken up being an ambassador for Virgin Active..

**What's your favourite place to visit in Wandsworth?**

It is hard to pick just one. Balham is a lively place these days and there are lots of great restaurants and pubs opening up. It's home to Chez Bruce – which, in my opinion, is one of the best places to eat in the world – but I also enjoy a pint at The Bedford. But above and beyond anywhere, it has to be Clapham Common – which holds so many happy memories of bringing up my kids.

**What have you got coming up next?**

I currently do a slot on LBC radio. You can tune in to 97.3 if you want to hear me talk for an hour! I've also got the O2 tennis world tour finals with the BBC coming up in November.



# New powers needed to deter dangerous dogs

**Courts need the power to impose life sentences in dangerous dog attack cases that result in a person's death, the council argues.**

Wandsworth outlined its stance in response to a Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' (Defra) consultation. The maximum sentence is currently two years in prison, an unlimited fine, or both.

Wandsworth's community safety spokesman, Councillor Jonathan Cook, said: "The council has taken practical steps to promote responsible dog ownership, such as offering free dog microchipping to council tenants and leaseholders and providing the service at a reduced rate to other residents - but we feel strongly that more serious deterrents are needed to help combat this issue."

It has been a condition of council tenancies and leases since 2009 that all dogs must be microchipped and registered with the council. As well as microchipping, Wandsworth has been piloting a free dog neutering scheme in partnership with the local RSPCA branch.

Wandsworth has spearheaded the call for changes in legislation for the control of dangerous dogs. The council has been working alongside organisations like Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, Dogs Trust, The Kennel Club and the RSPCA for many years to encourage responsible dog ownership.

For information on the work of the council's dog control officers, including how to get your dog microchipped, visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/dogs](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/dogs) email [dogcontrol@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:dogcontrol@wandsworth.gov.uk) or call (020) 8871 7606.

## Green light for new school in Battersea

**A new Catholic secondary school and sixth form college at Surrey Lane, Battersea has been approved by planners.**

The site will become the new permanent home for the Saint John Bosco College which was formed in 2011 through the merger of two existing Catholic schools - John Paul II and Salesian College. The school is currently located on the former John Paul II site at Princes Way, Southfields and will move to its Battersea home once the new building is ready.

The college, rated 'good' by Ofsted, currently has 529 pupils. The new campus will be able to support up to 1,300. The development will create a four-storey school building with outdoor play areas as well as a new three-storey community building, two residential blocks and two town houses.



## Community work for bogus beggar

A street beggar who duped well-wishers in Putney into thinking he was homeless - while living in a £300,000 flat in Fulham - has been told to carry out 40 hours of unpaid community work after breaching his anti-social behaviour order.

Simon Wright was convicted of breaching the order at West London Magistrates Court after he was spotted begging for cash in the West End. The original order banning Mr Wright from Putney and prohibiting him begging anywhere in London was secured in June as a result of close co-operation between the Thamesfield ward safer neighbourhoods team, Wandsworth Council's community safety department and the Crown Prosecution Service. The order remains in place until May 2015.

## Find historical gems

The Tici app has added some new features to help people get the best of out living in Putney.

It is now possible to find all the listed buildings in SW15 and all the notable graves in Putney Vale Cemetery, including Tutankhamun explorer Howard Carter's. Wandsworth Park - Discover the Trees enables users to identify tree species in the park and Tici has also worked with Wandsworth Historical Society to find, photograph and tag all the milestones in SW15 - with one of them being rediscovered in the process.

Find out more about the free Tici smartphone app at [www.tici.me](http://www.tici.me).

## Happy birthday

Age UK Wandsworth is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Partly funded by the council, it offers services for the borough's older residents, including befriending, the Handyperson scheme, carers' support and the popular shopping service.

A key service is advice and support over the phone and face-to-face. The charity is trialling outreach advice in GPs services, funded by the donations of local people who have raised money through sponsored events.

To find out more call (020) 8877 8940, email [info@ageukwandsworth.org.uk](mailto:info@ageukwandsworth.org.uk), or visit [www.ageukwandsworth.org.uk](http://www.ageukwandsworth.org.uk).



# Building an even stronger Wandsworth

2013 Update



**By Cllr Ravi Govindia,  
Leader of the Council.**

Wandsworth Council has always been known for low tax and high quality services.

Yet, our ambitions stretch further than this. We want Wandsworth to continue to be a place where everyone can get on in life, from providing more educational choice right through to attracting more jobs and investment.

That is why we launched the 'Building an even stronger Wandsworth' programme to bring more choice, prosperity, opportunity to our borough.

This tells you how we are getting on. Please continue to tell us what you think by emailing [strongerwandsworth@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:strongerwandsworth@wandsworth.gov.uk)

## what we are doing...

### Value for money

Keeping council tax bills as low as possible.

#### What we are doing...

- In March we froze council tax for the sixth year running, with an average Band D council tax at £685.77. This is the lowest average council tax in England and Wales.
- We have already identified £70 million a year of savings since 2010
- To meet the country's financial challenges, we still need to make a further £40 million a year savings by 2015. We have started a major review of all council services to look at how they should be delivered in the future.

### Investing in our neighbourhoods

We are bringing millions of pounds worth of investment to the Alton area in Roehampton and the Winstanley and York Road estates in Battersea.

#### What we are doing...

- Specialist masterplanning teams are working with local people to develop new ideas for how the areas can be improved
- The main aims are to improve housing, enhance the local environment, create jobs and help estate residents to get on in life
- Final proposals for both areas are expected to emerge early next year.





# what we are doing...

## Improving our schools

We have some of the best schools in London. We are committed to continually improving them while creating more school places and choice.

### What we are doing...

- Subject to planning permission, we will build a new primary academy in Putney. We're exploring the possibility of building a new school in Earlsfield, and have sold a site in Roehampton Lane to the Mosaic Jewish School. A new two form entry school will be opening at the Tooting Primary School in Franciscan Road, sponsored by Graveney School.
- The Putney Ark Academy continues to go from strength to strength. It has been awarded a 'good' rating by Ofsted and is undergoing major renovation works.
- We've extended several borough primary schools to meet growing demand, and have consulted local people on further expansions.
- Exam results have bucked the national trend, with improvements at GCSE and A-level (see page 3).
- We're investing more than £1m in providing better nursery facilities for disadvantaged children in the borough.
- Ofsted has judged Wandsworth schools among the best in the country, with 92 per cent rated good or outstanding



## Improving health and social care

We're working to help keep people healthy and independent.

### What are we doing...

- The use of personal budgets is giving people more control over how their social care services are provided.
- Schemes such as the Reablement Service are helping to keep people independent, out of hospital and living in their own home.
- The council is now responsible for public health, enabling a much more joined-up approach. The public health team will work with colleagues in adult social services, housing, schools and others to find co-ordinated ways to improve the health of Wandsworth people.

## Creating new job opportunities

Regeneration in Nine Elms and Wandsworth Town are bringing valuable new job and training opportunities to the brighter borough and the council is helping local people to take full advantage.

### What we are doing...

- Construction jobs, traineeships and full apprenticeships are now being created in Nine Elms and other areas as major developments like Battersea Power Station get going.
- The council's new Wandsworth Work Match team is linking unemployed local people to these opportunities before they are released to the rest of London. See page 9 for more information.
- A range of new office, retail and leisure premises is now being built. As more commercial space is completed the number of permanent local jobs is set to increase by tens of thousands.





## Improving transport

We want to make it as easy as possible for our residents to get around, from improving the roads and pavement outside your home right through to bringing new tube stations to the borough

### What we are doing...

- Investing £6.4 million on road and pavement improvements. Every street in the borough is being inspected.
- Tube to Battersea as part of the regeneration of Nine Elms and working to bring the Tube to Clapham Junction.
- Working with the Mayor to bring Boris Bikes to Battersea, Wandsworth Town and Putney. The first docking stations should be operational by the end of 2013.
- Helping fund improvements to Earlsfield, Balham, Wandsworth Town, Clapham Junction and Putney Stations.
- Building the case for a direct rail link from Clapham Junction to Heathrow.
- Pressing for new bus routes including Tooting to Fulham, Balham to Wandsworth and Barnes Station to Roehampton.
- Prioritising the removal of the Wandsworth one-way system and returning roads to two-way working



## Standing up for Wandsworth

We will continue to campaign, on your behalf, to protect our borough and our residents.

### What we are doing...

- Working with local people we fought off plans for a giant tunnelling compound at Barn Elms as part of the Thames Tideway Tunnel project.
- We are campaigning against Heathrow's plans to create new flightpaths over Wandsworth and to reduce the impact of night flights.
- We have highlighted the air pollution issues on Putney High Street and secured cleaner, greener buses from TfL to bring down the levels of harmful NO2 emissions. Our strategy is working but we have a long way to go.



## Improving housing choice

We want to help more people find a home that is right for them, whether it is buying or renting.

### What are we doing...

- Up to a thousand affordable homes for low cost rent and sale could be built over the next five years.
- The council's financially supporting the development of up to 200 low-cost homes.
- The Housing into Work scheme will give unemployed young people on the housing waiting list greater priority if they accept help finding work
- Local people will get first refusal over homes built specifically for private rent.





The council's statement of accounts for 2012/13 was prepared following recommended accounting practice.

The independent auditors provided their opinion that the accounts give a true and fair view of the financial position of the council at March 31, 2013 and its income and expenditure for the year. The figures in this summary have been based on the audited accounts but some modifications have been made to provide more meaningful information.

A full copy of the council's statement of accounts is available on the council's website.

Chris Buss  
Director of Finance  
and Deputy Chief  
Executive

# A summary of the council's accounts 2012/13

The following pages provide details of the council's spending and income during 2012/13 and summarise the council's financial position at March 31, 2013.

**GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT** - The General Revenue Account represents the cost of running council services between April 2012 and March 2013, where the money came from to finance those costs, and the balance at the year-end.

	GROSS SPENDING	GROSS INCOME	NET SPENDING
	£m	£m	£m
Environment, Culture and Community Safety	56.3	15.1	41.2
Education and Children's Services	281.1	229.0	52.1
Strategic Planning and Transportation	50.8	36.1	14.7
Housing Services	145.5	141.7	3.8
Adult Care and Health	115.8	29.8	86.0
Finance and Corporate Resources	251.3	255.7	-4.4
Cost of services	900.8	707.4	193.4
Less: Reduction in reserves			-3.2
Amount to be met from Government grant and local taxation			190.2
Paid for by:			
Council taxpayers			50.7
Non-ringfenced Government grant and non-domestic rate payers			146.4
Total Income			197.1
Surplus for the year			6.9
Balance at end of March 2012			21.6
Balance at end of March 2013			28.5

Formula Grant received from the Government was £142.0 million. Based on their calculation of a like for like basis this represents a reduction of £11.3 million (7.3 per cent) on the 2011/12 grant settlement. This compares with average reduction of 7.2 per cent nationally and 6.9 per cent for the London area.

COUNCIL TAX	2012/13	2011/12
Average amount for band D properties		
- Wandsworth Council	£377.00	£377.06
- Greater London Authority	£306.72	£309.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>£683.72</b>	<b>£686.88</b>

Business rate per £ value

- Standard rating multiplier	45.8p	43.3p
- Small business rating multiplier	45.0p	42.6p

The council's share of the council tax has increased by 4.8 per cent since 2003 in terms of the average band D amount of £377.00. The Greater London Authority share has increased by 36.7 per cent over the same period. The combined average band D amount for 2012/13 was £683.72, a decrease of £3.16 since 2011/12. The average council tax per dwelling of £662.84 remained the lowest in Great Britain and amounted to only 55 per cent of the average £1,200.88 for England.



**GENERAL CAPITAL SPENDING** - Capital spending represents money spent by the council on purchasing, upgrading and improving assets such as buildings and roads (capital spending on council housing is treated separately). The council receives the benefit from capital spending over a longer period of time. The table below shows the significant general capital schemes for 2012/13.

<b>EDUCATION AND CHILDREN</b>	<b>2012/13 £M</b>	<b>RENOVATION GRANTS ETC</b>	<b>2012/13 £M</b>
Primary school windows and roofs	1.9	Sub-regional private sector housing grants	0.5
Primary places	7.8	General renovation grants	0.3
Other primary school schemes	0.7	Loans to leaseholders	0.2
Secondary schools: BSF	28.0		(1.0)
Other Secondary schools schemes	11.4	<b>ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>	
Youth and play schemes	0.3	Public halls and community centres	0.2
Integrated Childrens Centres	0.4	Leisure centres and sports services	0.3
Other education funded schemes	1.8	Environmental services, community safety and town centres	0.1
	(52.3)		(0.6)
<b>STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION</b>		<b>ADULT CARE AND HEALTH</b>	
Carriageway and footway repairs and improvements	5.5	Adult social services	0.5
Section 106 agreements	0.4		(0.5)
Planning conservation	0.1	<b>FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES</b>	
Economic Development	0.4	Administrative buildings	0.4
	(6.4)	ICT infrastructure, IT and property improvements	1.4
			(1.8)
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(62.6)</b>

The council spent £62.6 million on general capital schemes during the year, £5.5 million more than 2011/12.

**COUNCIL HOUSING** - This account shows all revenue and capital spending and income relating to the council's housing. The council owns 33,233 dwellings, of which 15,872 have been sold on long-term leases.

<b>REVENUE INCOME</b>	<b>2012/13 £M</b>	<b>REVENUE SPENDING</b>	<b>2012/13 £M</b>
Council house rents	108.0	Repairs and maintenance	24.0
Service charges from leaseholders	11.6	Estate and management costs	42.1
Other income	15.5	Rent rebates	4.6
	(135.1)	Capital financing costs	41.5
<b>CAPITAL INCOME</b>		Other costs	23.3
Transfer to major repairs reserve	22.0		(135.5)
Capital receipts applied	16.9	<b>CAPITAL SPENDING</b>	
Leaseholder major works charges	3.6	Repairs and improvements	22.4
Other income	1.9	Portable discounts	0.4
	(44.4)	Other costs	0.2
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>179.5</b>		(23.0)
		<b>TOTAL SPENDING</b>	<b>158.5</b>
		<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>21.0</b>
		All monies held to underpin the business plan for council housing	210.3

Capital receipts from the sale of council houses and council housing land came to £21.8 million, compared to £11.7 million the previous year. However under pooling arrangements £2.0 million of these receipts had to be paid to the government and £2.8 million set aside towards replacement affordable housing. The spending and income from council housing must be kept separate from other council spending. The Housing Revenue Account and the Major Repairs Reserve underpin the longer term business plan for housing.



## COUNCIL HOUSING - Continued

ANALYSIS OF COUNCIL HOUSE CAPITAL SPEND	2012/13 £M
Repairs and improvements	22.4
Purchase of assets	0.1
Portable discounts	0.4
Roehampton regeneration project and wider non-derogation issues	0.1

**TOTAL 23.0**

Capital spending on housing represents money spent by the council chiefly on upgrades and improvements to the housing stock. The council receives the benefit from capital spending over an extended period of time. The council spent £23.0 million in 2012/13, a decrease of £3.5 million on the previous year. The vast majority of this was spent on improvements to housing estates.

### AVERAGE RENTS AND SERVICE CHARGES 2012/13 £

Average annual leasehold routine service charge bill (est)	763
Average weekly rent	120.43

Between 2011/12 and 2012/13, the estimated average annual leasehold service charge bill increased from £761 to £763, and the average weekly rents (including service charges) increased by £8.98 to £127.05.

## COUNCIL BALANCE SHEET -

What the council owns and how it's funded

BALANCE SHEET	31 MARCH 2013 £M
Buildings and land owned by the council	1,354
Vehicles, plant and machinery	9
Inventories	1
Investments	306
Money owed to the council	58
Money owed by the council	(369)
Pensions liability	(219)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,140</b>
Financed by:	
Accounting reserves	699
General Fund balance	28
Housing reserves	210
Usable capital receipts	76
School balances	24
Other balances	103
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,140</b>

The council's balance sheet total increased by £115 million to £1,140 million between 2011/12 and 2012/13. This was chiefly as a result of short-term investments being replenished following them being used in the previous year towards the payment to the Secretary of State in order to move to the new devolved system of council housing finance.

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# Make the change

**Want to make a change for your health? Health Trainers are free, and will meet you at a time and place that suits you.**

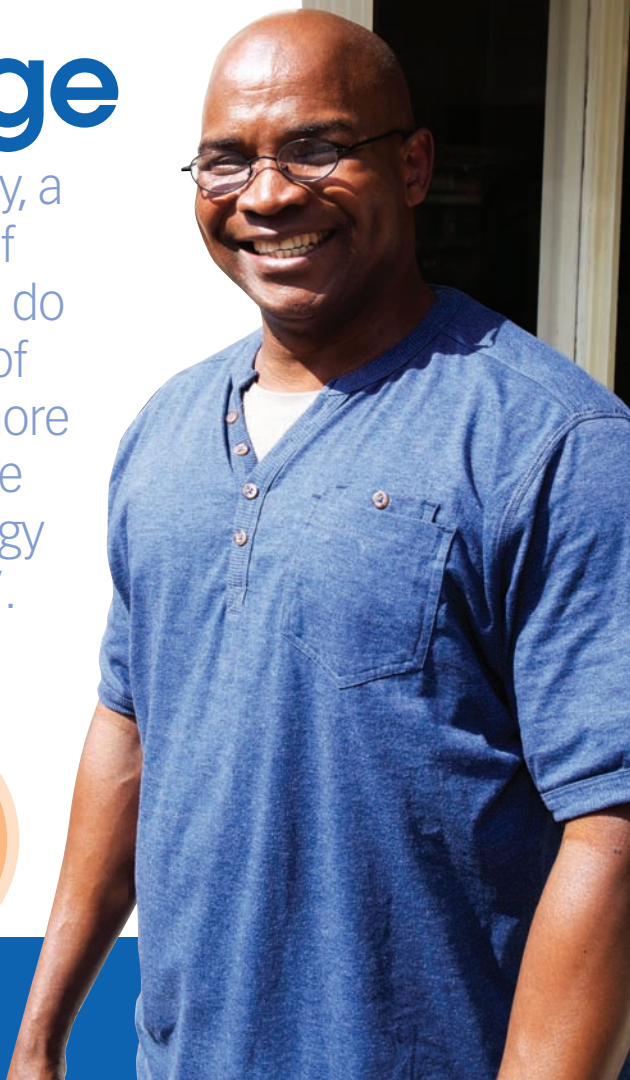
Sheriff Alabi met his local Health Trainer in 2011 when visiting the mosque and decided to register with the service to boost his motivation.

Sheriff worked with his Health Trainer to learn more about how to lose weight and keep his motivation up. As well as losing, and keeping off, a few pounds, he's still exercising regularly at his local gym.

"I learned if you've got time to look after your stomach, you've got time to look after your health. I used to exercise but after moving house I found my energy and motivation dropped. I even found going for a walk in the park difficult to do, I felt I got lazy and I put on weight. I was tired a lot of the time and wasn't eating healthily.

"I found meeting with Karim, my Health Trainer, was useful for keeping me going towards my goal to get active again and lose the weight. I learnt about what sports services were available locally: Karim helped me reflect on what was right for me. I took ownership of my goals and I learnt about what sorts of foods to eat. Karim would call me to see how I was doing and make sure I stayed focus on my goal."

"Start today, a little bit of change can do you a lot of good; the more you do the more energy you gain".



**Give a Health Trainer a call today.**

Call: (020) 8871 5055

Email: [footsteps@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:footsteps@wandsworth.gov.uk)



## Dig it!

**The Grow Active scheme is a chance to develop gardening skills, meet like-minded people and make your neighbourhood look nicer.**

A series of seasonal food growing workshops – one per season – is being held at the Penfold Community Centre in Neville Gill Close, Wandsworth. The next one is in November. The £5 per session charge includes refreshments and all materials.

The scheme, run by the council's housing, parks and public health teams, is aimed at gardeners from Wandsworth's community gardens, allotments, housing estates and schools. No experience is necessary. It doesn't matter if you don't have a garden to use your new skills on – you can volunteer to work on local gardens that need a helping hand.

**Find out more from Jo Baxter on (020) 8871 6774 or email [jbaxter@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:jbaxter@wandsworth.gov.uk).**



# Wandsworth Artists' Open House

Weekends of October 5-6 and 12-13 11am-6pm each day

More than 150 artists will open their houses and studios around the borough to showcase and sell their work. See some art, talk to the artists and find out what's happening around the corner.

From crafts to design, sculpture, painting, printing, jewellery, photography, drawing, film and installations, there's a great variety of works to view and buy.

A map of the open houses is available online at [www.wandsworthart.com](http://www.wandsworthart.com) and in libraries. The website lets visitors build their own trail, stopping off for a coffee or bite to eat along the way during the family friendly event.

Organised by the council's arts team and an artists' steering committee, the event offers a unique opportunity for artists to show their work, and gives visitors the occasion to take a glimpse inside the artist's working environment.



## Fireworks display

Expect to be wowed by the annual Battersea Park fireworks display, with breath-taking pyrotechnics from award-winning Pains Fireworks.

**Saturday November 2**

**6pm gates • 7.30pm bonfire • 8pm fireworks**

The 'Shrieks & Skulls'-themed display will also have a food court and bar – try roasted chestnuts, burgers, toffee-apples, mulled wine, beer and soft and hot drinks.

**Ticket prices:** £6.50 Monday 30 September – Sunday 27 October  
£8 Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November  
£10 Saturday 2 November until gates open at 6pm  
Children under 10 – free but will require a ticket.

Battersea Park SW11. More information, including where to buy tickets visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fireworks](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fireworks)

**Strictly tickets in advance only.**  
There will be no ticket collection or sales on the gates.



# what's on?

WELCOME TO WHAT'S ON IN WANDSWORTH  
YOUR GUIDE TO ART EXHIBITIONS,  
THEATRE PERFORMANCES,  
CHILDREN'S EVENTS AND  
SOCIETY MEETINGS

Children's  
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yellow

## EVENTS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER



Alex R - 'The Gift'

**11 September – 9 November (open Tues - Fri 1 - 5pm, Sat 11am - 5pm)**

### Contemporary Glass: Teepee Group

Selling exhibition of finely handcrafted glass created by art collective Teepee Glass. Admission charges: Adults £4, children free, Art Fund members free. The De Morgan Centre, 38 West Hill, SW18. Call 8871 1144. [www.demorgan.org.uk](http://www.demorgan.org.uk)

**September 21 – January 25 (open Tues-Sat 11am-5pm)**

### Keep It Clean! A Grubby History of Wandsworth and London

The history of hygiene. Admission £4 (£3 concessions), free for under 6s. Wandsworth Museum, 38 West Hill SW18. Call 8870 6060 [www.wandsworthmuseum.co.uk](http://www.wandsworthmuseum.co.uk)

### During October

#### Black History Month

A raft of events celebrating Black and Asian history and culture, in libraries in Wandsworth. More details call 8767 0543 or [www.better.org.uk/wandsworthlibraries](http://www.better.org.uk/wandsworthlibraries)

**Wednesday October 2 8-9.15pm**

#### Dover House Singers

No auditions, no requirement to read music.

Just turn up. Free first visit, £5 after.

St Margaret's Church Hall Putney Park Lane SW15. Visit [www.doverhousesingers.co.uk](http://www.doverhousesingers.co.uk), email [doverhousesingers@googlemail.com](mailto:doverhousesingers@googlemail.com) **wheelchair**

**Tuesdays October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 12, 19, 26**

#### Hand Embroidery Classes

For stitching enthusiasts of all levels. Cost £25 a session, bring own projects and materials. Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park SW11 [www.bembroidery.co.uk](http://www.bembroidery.co.uk)

**Until Sunday November 3 12-4pm.**

#### Stop Smoking Mobile Clinics

Join thousands of people across England to take part in 'Stoptober' - a new 28 day challenge to stop

smoking. Pop into our mobile clinics during October- no appointment needed: Saturdays at ASDA Roehampton SW15, 12-5pm, and Sundays at ASDA Clapham Junction SW11, For more information, call 0800 389 7921 or visit [www.stopsmokingwandsworth.co.uk](http://www.stopsmokingwandsworth.co.uk)

**Wednesday 25 September - Friday 11 October, various performance times**

#### The Domestic Crusaders

A 21st birthday celebration leads to tension and sparks fly, culminating in an almighty family battle - a typical day in the life of a modern Pakistani American family. Tickets: matinees - £12.50, Mon - Thurs £15.50, £12.50 concessions, Fri- Sat £16.50, £13.50 concessions. Tara Arts Studio 356 Garratt Lane SW18. Box office 8333 4457. [www.tara-arts.com](http://www.tara-arts.com)

**Thursday September 26 10am – 1pm**

#### London Transition Fair

For all serving personnel, families and veterans. Get advice on employment, education, housing, health and welfare. Meet employers and hear from the business and voluntary sectors. RMR Barracks Wandsworth 351 Merton Road SW18 [www.ctp.org.uk](http://www.ctp.org.uk)

**Saturday September 28, 9am-1pm**

#### Table Top and Bicycle Sale

Toys, equipment, assorted jumble and jewels. Bicycle sale. Fees: £5 per bike sold; stall holders £8. Free entry and refreshment stall. St. Michael's School, Granville Road, Southfields SW18. To hire table contact [pta@stmichaels.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stmichaels.wandsworth.sch.uk)

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**Hearing loop**



# What's on?

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

**Saturday 28 September, 2-4pm**

## Pottery through the Ages

Try a range of pottery techniques from different historical periods. Children aged 5+ and their families **Entry £4**, please book in advance to guarantee a place. Wandsworth Museum 38 West Hill SW18. Call 8870 6060.

**Saturday September 28, 6-8pm**

## Urban Circles Show

A show to empower, educate and celebrate the best of black history with a contemporary cultural twist. LOST Theatre 208 Wandsworth Road, SW8. Call 7622 9208. [www.losttheatre.co.uk](http://www.losttheatre.co.uk)

**Saturday 28-Sunday 29 September**

## Tooting Foodival

Annual food festival, celebrating locally grown food. Now in its 6th year, Foodival aims to show how it's possible to grow local, eat local, be sustainable and have fun while doing it! Tooting Market SW17. [www.tootingfoodival.blog.spot.co.uk](http://www.tootingfoodival.blog.spot.co.uk)

**Mondays: 30 September and 7 October; Wednesdays: 2 October, 9 October 5.30-7.30pm**

## Barclays Bike Clinics

Free advice and maintenance checks for cyclists provided by mechanics from award winning social enterprise Bikeworks. York Road, next to Lombard Road (opposite Pets at Home).

**Monday September 30 11.30am - 3pm**

## Wandsworth self help groups network meeting

This is the second meeting to help develop individuals or organisations into self-help groups for clients who have long term medical conditions. An opportunity for groups to meet, share information and to explore common issues and challenges. Lunch provided. Penfold Centre, 1 Neville Gill Close SW18. **Free but booking essential** at [www.selfhelpnetwork.eve.ntbrite.co.uk/](http://www.selfhelpnetwork.eve.ntbrite.co.uk/)

**4, 11 October; 10, 15, 17 November**

**Clapham Opera Festival**  
[www.claphamopera.festival.wordpress.com](http://www.claphamopera.festival.wordpress.com)

**Monday October 7 8-10pm**

## A Life in Music

Owain Arwel Hughes, conductor of the Cape Philharmonic and founder of the Cardiff Welsh Proms, talks to Peter Avis about his career and the musicians he has met during forty years on the rostrum. **Visitor £5, under 18s and members free.** Putney Music, Dryburgh Hall, Putney Leisure Centre, SW15. [www.putneymusic.org.uk](http://www.putneymusic.org.uk). **Wheelchair**

**Tuesday October 8 7pm**

## Talk: Bankside show London

Earlsfield Townswomen's Guild, Earlsfield Library, Magdalen Road SW18. Call the Secretary 8870 0753.

**Wednesday October 9, 16, 23 6.30- 8.30pm**

## CAP Money Course

Learn to manage your money. **Cost £2.** Refreshments. Shaftesbury Christian Centre, 2 Austin Road SW11. To book a place, call Nicky 07790 409912.

**Thursday October 10 7.45 for 8pm**

## Governing Wandsworth Prison

Talk by Kenny Brown, the current Governor. Wandsworth Society, West Side Church, Melody Road SW18. [www.wandsworthsociety.org.uk](http://www.wandsworthsociety.org.uk) **Wheelchair**

**Saturday October 12 10am-3pm**

## Back and Neck Pain Open Day

Find out the causes of back and neck pain, and how to treat it. Speakers from the Putney Clinic of Physical Therapy and Parkside hospital. Putney Medical Centre, 266 Upper Richmond Road SW15. Call 8789 3881 to book talks. Email [info@putneyclinic.co.uk](mailto:info@putneyclinic.co.uk) [www.putneyclinic.co.uk](http://www.putneyclinic.co.uk)

**Saturday 12 October 1-4 pm**

## Creative Writing Workshops

Stage and Screen: scriptwriting for theatre - create a One Act Play. **Cost £30.** Balham Bowls Club Bar, 7 - 9 Ramsden Rd SW12. [www.chalkthesun.co.uk](http://www.chalkthesun.co.uk) call: 07852 483001

**Thursday October 17 1-7pm**

## Volunteering Wandsworth Fair

Meet local organisations looking for volunteers and sign up to register. Civic Suite, next to Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, SW18.

**11 October - 20 November**

## Juxtaposition

Oil paintings and sculptures by German artist Alexander Polzin. Entry free. Riverside Quarter SW18. [www.maestroarts.com](http://www.maestroarts.com) Call 3551 4652. **Wheelchair**

**Monday October 21 2-4pm**

## After the BBC - Magistrate

Talk by Chris Lowe.

Wandsworth University of the 3rd Age Earlsfield Library SW18. Phone 8878 5783 or email [wandsworthu3a@hotmail.com](mailto:wandsworthu3a@hotmail.com) **wheelchair, loop**

**Friday November 1 - Wednesday December 18 10am-5pm (closed Sundays)**

## Putney Multi-Charity Christmas Card Shop

Tower in St Mary's Church, Putney Bridge SW15. Details of other shop locations [www.cardsforcharity.co.uk](http://www.cardsforcharity.co.uk) **wheelchair**

**Wednesday 23 October 7pm**

## Concert by the African Children's Choir

They will be joined for part of the concert by children of Trinity St Mary's C of E School. Refreshments. **Tickets £5 adults and £3 children.** All proceeds to the African Children's Choir. Church of St Mary and St John the Divine, Balham High Road SW12. For tickets contact Reverend Wilma Roest [vicar@stmarybalham.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stmarybalham.org.uk)



**Wednesday October 30 - Saturday November 2 7.45pm (5pm Saturday)**

## All My Sons by Arthur Miller

Tickets: £10; concessions (Wednesday and Saturday only) £7.50. Southside Players, Chestnut Grove School Theatre, Boundaries Road SW12. Box office 07914 657 524 or online at: [www.southsideplayers.org.uk](http://www.southsideplayers.org.uk)

**Saturday October 26 –  
Sunday November 3**

### **Pumpkin Trail**

Buy a quiz sheet upon entry and use the clues to find which animals have put out pumpkins! **£1 (includes prize). Entry fee £6.50 child (2-15 years), £8.75 adult, £28 family ticket.**

Children's Zoo Battersea Park,  
SW11. Call 7924 5826  
[www.batterseaparkzoo.co.uk](http://www.batterseaparkzoo.co.uk)



**30 October – 3  
November**

### **The Great Escape – A Borrower's Tale**

Go on an adventure in a quest to find Bob the Borrower. Parents are welcome to accompany their children on their mission but they can also leave children for the fully-supervised performance. **Entry fee of £2.50 per child (adults and under 1s go free). Price: £12, £9 children and concs** Ages 6 - 11 BAC Lavender Hill SW11. Book online [www.bac.org.uk](http://www.bac.org.uk) or box office 7223 2223. Tuesday is 'pay what you can night'.

**Monday November 4  
8-10pm**

**Distinguished Lyne-ups**  
William Lyne, Director of the Wigmore Hall from 1966 to 2003, talks to Piers Lane about bringing London's much-loved venue for chamber music and song to international prominence. **Members and young persons free; visitors £5.** The Dryburgh Hall, Putney Leisure Centre, SW15  
[www.putneymusic.org.uk](http://www.putneymusic.org.uk)

**Wednesday November 6  
Electric blanket testing day, Wandsworth Fire Station**

Get your blanket tested free by an expert. Members of the fire service will also be available to offer advice on home safety. To make

an appointment call the Trading Standards Office on 8871 7735 or email your contact details including telephone number to [tradingstandards@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards@wandsworth.gov.uk)

**Thursday November 7 7  
for 7.30pm**

Celebrating Battersea's Ancient Bible  
The Battersea Society & St. Mary's Church present a talk by linguist Prof. David Crystal: *Begat: The Sound & Language of the 1611 Bible*. St. Mary's Church, Battersea Church Road, SW11. Tickets (pre-booked) £8 - email [boxoffice@batterseasociety.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@batterseasociety.org.uk)

**Tuesday November 12  
7pm**

**Talk: Life in Japan**  
Earlsfield Townswomen's Guild, Earlsfield Library, Magdalen Road SW18. Call the Secretary 8870 0753.

**Wednesday November  
13 9am – 2.30pm**

**Friends of Trinity Hospice Christmas Fair**  
Stalls, silent auction, café. Tickets £5, on the door. \*Preview evening: Tuesday 12th, from 6.30pm. **Tickets £10 each**, pay on the door. Advance preview tickets email [thxmasfair@gmail.com](mailto:thxmasfair@gmail.com) or [trinityhospicechristmasfair.org](mailto:trinityhospicechristmasfair.org)  
The Grand Hall, Battersea Arts Centre SW11.

**Thursday November 14  
7.45 for 8pm**

### **The Green Plaques of Wandsworth**

Illustrated talk by Andrew Green. Wandsworth Society West Side Church Melody Road SW18 **Wheelchair**

**Saturday November 16  
12.30-3.30pm**

### **St Margaret's Christmas Fair**

Gifts, Santa's grotto, home-made biscuits, hot-dogs. Supporting Wandsworth Welfare and St Margaret's Church. Entry 50p, children free. St Margaret's Church, Putney Park Lane, SW15. wheelchair

**Tuesday November 19  
6-7.30pm**

### **Wandsworth LGBT Forum Public Meeting**

Hear from our guest speaker followed by local drinks. Battersea Library, Lavender Hill SW11.  
[www.wandsworthlgbtforum.co.uk](http://www.wandsworthlgbtforum.co.uk) or email [wandsworthlgbt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wandsworthlgbt@hotmail.co.uk)

**November 21-24: 1-10pm  
21st/22nd; 11am-6pm  
23rd/24th**

### **Wimbledon Art Studios**

Meet artists working in furniture design, photography, painting and other disciplines. Wimbledon Art Studios, 10 Riverside Yard Riverside Road SW17.  
[www.wimbledonartstudios.co.uk](http://www.wimbledonartstudios.co.uk)

**Saturday November 23  
11.30am - 3pm**

**St Paul's Christmas Fair**  
Gifts, tombola, raffle, Father Christmas. Refreshments. Admission by programme or 50p. St Paul's Church and Community Centre, 23 Inner Park Road, SW19. wheelchair

**Saturday November 23  
10.30am-1.30pm**

**Parish of Putney  
Christmas Fair**  
Games, crafts, cakes, mulled wine, raffle. Admission free.



**Thursday October 31 – Saturday  
November 2 10.30am and 1.30pm**

### **Sita's Story**

How did Sita become Queen to King Rama? Why did the demon Ravana steal Sita? How did Rama win her back? Children will be drawn into the adventures of Sita's Story a vibrant show for children aged 5 - 11 years. **Tickets: £10, £8 concessions.** Tara Arts Studio, 356 Garratt Lane SW18. Book online: [www.tara-arts.com/whats-on/sitas-story](http://www.tara-arts.com/whats-on/sitas-story) Box office: 8333 4457.

Proceeds to local charity, Spires. St. Mary's Church, Putney Bridge SW15.

**Saturday November 30  
7.30pm**

### **Festival Chorus concert**

Programme: Brahms Begrabnisgesang, Schumann Requiem, Schubert Mass in E flat. Solosits: Katy Hill Soprano, Patricia Orr Mezzo Soprano, Andrew

Dickinson Tenor, Edward Ballard Bass. David Fawcett Conductor. **Tickets £12 (concessions £8).** Festival Chorus, St Luke's Church, Thurleigh Road, SW12. [www.festivalchorus.co.uk](http://www.festivalchorus.co.uk) **wheelchair**



# Improving Adult Social Care

In the Adult Social Services Department we aim to continually improve what we do to make a difference to the lives of the people we help and those that care for them.

We provide health and social care services for people including

- People with learning disabilities or mental health conditions
- Older people
- People whose ability to perform everyday activities is limited by a permanent physical disability, sensory impairment or long-standing illness.

Read about what we did last year, and our plans for this year in our new Local Account. For a copy visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localaccount](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localaccount) or leave your contact details on: (020) 8871 8960.

A summarised version is also available.

If you would like to have a say in how care services for adults and carers are organised in Wandsworth, we'd love to meet you at the Your Day, Your Say! Conference. We will be launching the Local Account, explaining what we have done and what we are planning to do.

"Taking Control" is the theme of the day and there will be plenty of time for you to say what you think. We're keen to hear your ideas about how we could give more support to the people who use our services so that they can live their lives in the way they choose.

**Where:** Wandsworth Civic Suite, Wandsworth Town Hall

**When:** Friday November 15, 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Sign up to  
Your Day,  
Your Say!  
Conference  
today



## Your Day : Your Say!

Get your views heard to help make our services even better

Adult Social Services is holding a one day conference for people who use our services and those who care for them.

The theme of this year's conference is **taking control**. We want to enable you to have more control over your daily care and support.

**Friday, 15 November 2013**

10.30am - 3.30pm (Registration from 10am)

Civic Suite, Wandsworth Town Hall, SW18 2PU

Buffet lunch provided. BSL interpreters and a palantypist will be provided

To avoid disappointment please book your place by Friday, 1 November 2013.

To book: email: [involved@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:involved@wandsworth.gov.uk)

call: (020) 8871 8960 (24hr message service)

write to: Anta, Team Support, Adult Social Services,

Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street London SW18 2PU



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[www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roadworks](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roadworks)

## Other contacts at the council

### Benefits Service

(020) 8871 8080  
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### Carers information and support Wandsworth Carers Centre

(020) 8877 1200  
[info@wandsworthcarers.org.uk](mailto:info@wandsworthcarers.org.uk)

### Children's Social Work Service

(020) 8871 6622  
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### Consumer Protection

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[esd@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:esd@wandsworth.gov.uk)

### Community Care Services

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### Education

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### Environmental Services

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### Family Information Service

- including Nurseries  
(020) 8871 7899  
[fis@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:fis@wandsworth.gov.uk)

### Food Hygiene

(020) 8871 6139  
[esd@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:esd@wandsworth.gov.uk)

### Fraud Hotline

0800 783 2263 (freephone)  
[fraudhotline@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:fraudhotline@wandsworth.gov.uk)

### Graffiti Removal

(020) 8871 7049  
[graffiti@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:graffiti@wandsworth.gov.uk)

### Adult Care Information Service

(020) 8875 7707  
[accessteam@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:accessteam@wandsworth.gov.uk)  
[www.wandsworth.gov.uk/acis](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/acis)

### Home Ownership

(020) 8871 6016  
[housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk)

### Housing Advice

(020) 8871 6840  
[housingadvice@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:housingadvice@wandsworth.gov.uk)

### Housing Repairs and Tenancy

Call your area team or  
management organisation  
[hms@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:hms@wandsworth.gov.uk)

### Leisure Centres & sports facilities

(020) 8871 8154  
[sportsservices@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:sportsservices@wandsworth.gov.uk)

### Libraries

[libraries.administration@gll.org](mailto:libraries.administration@gll.org)

### Neighbourhood Watch

(020) 8871 7696  
[watchlinkmanager@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:watchlinkmanager@wandsworth.gov.uk)

### Noise Complaints - council properties

(020) 8871 7490  
[hms@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:hms@wandsworth.gov.uk)

### Private properties

(020) 8871 7869  
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### Parking

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[parks@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:parks@wandsworth.gov.uk)

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[wasteservices@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:wasteservices@wandsworth.gov.uk)

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Come to a Let's Talk meeting [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/letstalk](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/letstalk)

Contact your local councillor [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/councillors](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/councillors)





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