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Celebrating diversity

“ On June 23 of this year 72 per cent of Wandsworth residents cast their ballot in the EU referendum, with three quarters voting to remain in the European Union. So when the national result was confirmed the next morning it came as a great disappointment to the majority of local people.

This is not an outcome most of us wanted, but Wandsworth’s reaction to the Brexit vote has been uplifting, heartening and something we should all be proud of. After the initial shock there was an outpouring of positive messages from those on both sides of the debate wanting to celebrate and reinforce the open, diverse and cohesive nature of our borough.

Local residents, community and religious leaders, councillors and MPs were all quick to praise our vibrant and varied communities where many different faiths and nationalities have lived in harmony for generations.

Our residents truly value Wandsworth’s diversity and this is an important reason why we have not suffered the appalling increase in hate crime which has afflicted other parts of the country in the wake of the referendum result. Prejudice has never been tolerated here, nor will it ever be.

As a council we now have an important job to do in helping the Government shape the best possible deal from the Brexit negotiations. We also want to

work with the Mayor of London to make sure that when he makes the case for our city, Wandsworth’s interests are in the forefront. As things unfold, there will be new opportunities and challenges, and we will ensure the interests of our residents and businesses are heard.

We will also redouble our efforts to support our local economy, secure inward investment and help our residents achieve their aspirations. Wandsworth has remarkable strengths and we must ensure these qualities are undiluted by our changing relationship with the EU.

Ravi Govindia,
Leader of Wandsworth Council

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Flytip squad hits the streets

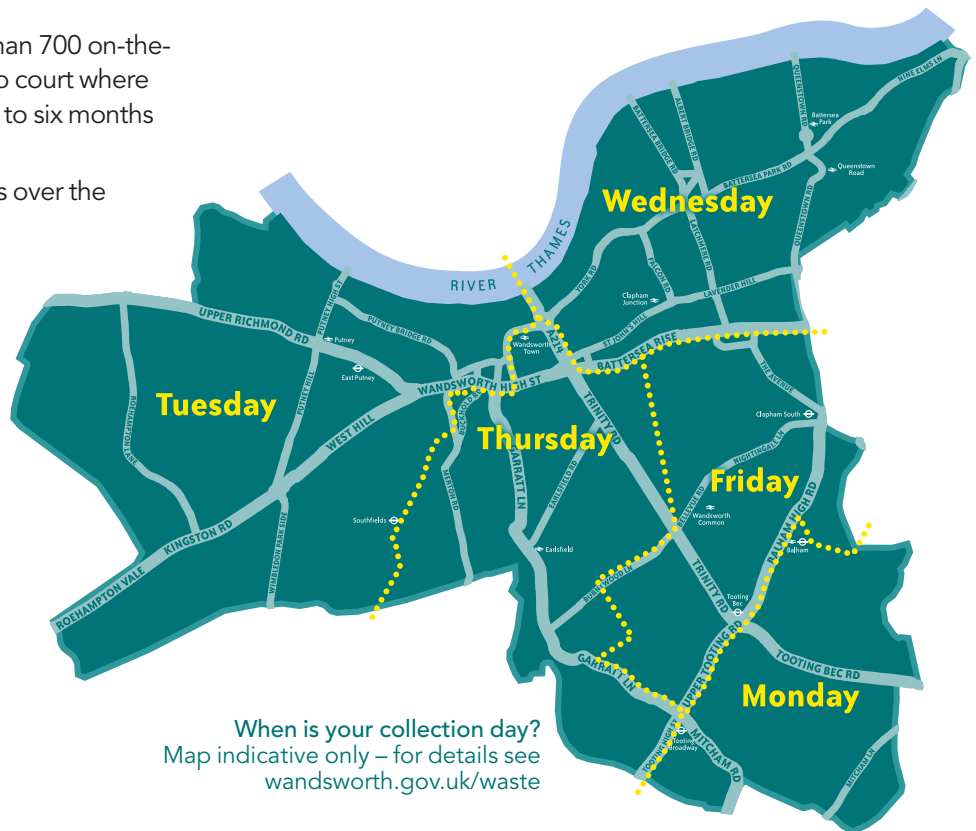
The council's newly-expanded litter squad is playing its part in the battle to keep the borough's streets clean.

Since May 1 the squad has issued more than 700 on-the-spot fines. More serious cases are taken to court where higher penalties and even jail terms of up to six months can be handed out.

There have been 81 of these prosecutions over the past two years.

The squad is:

- Sending out plain-clothes patrollers
- Using portable CCTV cameras on hotspots to gather evidence for prosecutions
- Targeting businesses that dump rubbish on the street instead of having a contract with a licensed waste removal company
- Taking action against landlords who leave worn-out mattresses and furniture on pavements when tenancies change
- Targeting households that leave binbags out long before collection day, allowing wildlife to rip them open. Bags should be stored in lidded dustbins and put out on the proper day (see map)
- Cracking down on cowboys who drive around looking for large items of waste to collect, take money to dispose of it then simply dump it on the street



When is your collection day?
Map indicative only – for details see
wandsworth.gov.uk/waste

How can you help?

- Only put waste and recycling bags out on your collection day (see map)
- Report flytips at wandsworth.gov.uk/flytipping or use our app below
- Pass on information that will help us prosecute offenders, email: flytipwitness@wandsworth.gov.uk
- Businesses can find out about their legal obligations at wandsworth.gov.uk/waste

Help trial new Wandsworth Report It App

It's now even easier to report problems such as graffiti or flytipping to the town hall by downloading the new Wandsworth Report It app.

The app, currently being trialed by the council, is available for Android and IOS devices and you can use it to request services and report problems including:

- Flytipping
- Waste issues such as missed collections
- Overgrown trees and cracked pavements
- Graffiti
- Broken street lights
- Request recycling bags
- Request a street clean
- Plus much more



Search for 'Wandsworth Report It' on the Apple or Android store, or access it via the council's website at wandsworth.gov.uk/myaccount. You can also use the My Account page to manage your council tax and benefits accounts online.

Remembering heroes

Wandsworth's first world war heroes are being remembered at events across the borough.

Students from Ernest Bevin College attended the Somme 100 vigil at Westminster Abbey on July 1 (pictured). The Abbey was open throughout the night to mark the centenary of the battle.

On the same day children from Beatrix Potter school, together with representatives from the Canadian High Commission, commemorated four of the 17 Newfoundland soldiers who died in the battle and were buried in the Newfoundland plot opposite the school.

The Mayor of Wandsworth Richard Field has visited a Green Plaque in Roehampton High Street to pay tribute to Albert Reginald Twyford on the 100th anniversary of his death in the trenches aged just 15. Read more at wandsworth.gov.uk/greenplaques.

Meanwhile borough residents are invited to attend the unveiling of a Blue Plaque at the home of Sidney Lewis who joined the East Surrey regiment at the age of 12 and fought at the Somme the following year.

He lived at 934 Garratt Lane, Tooting and his 85 year old son Colin will be unveiling the plaque in the presence of the Mayor of Wandsworth. Everyone is welcome. Go along on September 24 at 3pm.



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Residents back 20mph limit in residential streets



People in Wandsworth have backed the introduction of lower speed limits in residential streets.

In a borough-wide consultation staged earlier this year 59 per cent of those who took part supported a 20mph limit in quieter residential streets, while 64 per cent agreed the limit should remain unchanged on main roads. Councillors have now decided to implement the scheme using a Transport for London grant which will pay for signage and road markings informing drivers of the lower limit.

There are no plans to introduce more speed humps.

A planned roll out begins later this year. Enforcement will be carried out by the police, with support from the council, local crime prevention panels and neighbourhood watch co-ordinators.

The lower limit aims to improve road safety, keep motorists on main roads and encourage more cycling and walking for local trips. This will also help to reduce air pollution.

For up to date transport news join our mailing list www.wandsworth.gov.uk/enews

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Action needed to get rail service back on track

The council is pressing for urgent action to restore service levels on the Southern Railway network after months of serious disruption, a reduced timetable and industrial action.

Council leader Ravi Govindia has called on the Transport Secretary Chris Grayling to intervene in the crisis, which centres on a dispute between the rail company and the RMT Union over who operates train doors – drivers or conductors. Cllr Govindia has asked the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan to condemn the industrial action and use City Hall’s influence to help

resolve the clash.

Southern operate a large part of Wandsworth’s rail network and thousands of local residents rely on their services.

Cllr Govindia said: “Passengers have suffered far too long already and there is no excuse for putting them through such a grueling experience. The economy is suffering and the time has come for the Government to take decisive action. It is a crisis that ticks all the boxes for direct intervention.”

Keep up to date with transport news: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/enews

Crossrail 2 must come to Tooting

The council is stepping up the campaign to bring the new Crossrail 2 tube link to Tooting Broadway.

A new underground station would play a major role in attracting new investment to the town centre and unlock the area’s clear growth potential. It would also help to ease overcrowding on the Northern Line and improve access to St George’s Hospital.

Councillors have told the Mayor and transport bosses at TfL that revised plans to switch the proposed route to Balham instead of Tooting would be a mistake, delivering fewer new jobs and less economic and housing growth.

Crossrail 2 will connect south west and north east London and includes another stop in the borough at Clapham Junction, Battersea.



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Formula E cash windfall for Battersea Park

The council is to invest £820,000 in Battersea Park mainly as a direct benefit of staging Formula E there for two years.

The improvement schemes will include the creation of a new fully-equipped children's playground, a new pedestrian entrance between Chelsea and Rosary Gates, a new garden that reaches into the Thames, and a project to restore the historic cascade fountains.

Half a million pounds received from the Formula E race organisers will be spent on the park, plus £250,000 from the developers of the Battersea Wharf and Chelsea Bridge Wharf housing schemes. Further funding has been pledged by charity the Friends of Battersea Park and from existing council budgets.

Community services spokesman Jonathan Cook said: "Thanks in most part to the money received from Formula E we are now able to turn some exciting long-held ambitions to reality. Some of these projects have been in our top of our wish list for many years but we simply didn't have the money to bring them to life."

July's races were the last to be held in the park, as the organisers pursue plans for a central London street circuit for future events. In total the council received £2.85m for staging the electric car races – and this money will be spent on maintaining a whole range of frontline services.

Dragon on board for Boot Buddy

Young entrepreneur Arminder Dhilion from Tooting has gone from strength to strength after winning an award at last year's Wandsworth Enterprise Week.

His invention, The Boot Buddy, is a clever gadget for cleaning football boots based on a water bottle, a knife and a brush. Businessman Peter Jones invested in Arminder's business plan after a successful pitch on the Dragon's Den TV show. Read more at bootbuddy.com

Wandsworth Enterprise Week is a series of workshops and events organised by the council to support local businesses.

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Bunting bonanza

Volunteers at the Work and Play Scrapstore in Tooting, which recycles unwanted fabric, made 200 metres of bunting for the Cowick Road Street Party in July.

The bunting was made out of felt cut-offs otherwise destined for incineration and included embroidered pictures of steaming bowls of curry on different coloured pendants to reinforce Tooting's diversity, colour and thriving food scene.

Around 600 people went along to the street party, held as part of The Streets arts and community event. This was the Scrapstore's first-ever commission and it is keen to take on more. Find out more at

www.workandplayscrapstore.org.uk

Sexual health survey

The council and St George's Hospital are asking local people to comment on planned changes to the borough's sexual health services. The aim is to transform the local contraception and Genito-Urinary Medicine services into an Integrated Sexual Health service to improve consistency of service delivered, overall opening hours and waiting times. Take the survey at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/sexual_health_services_consultation

Sport success

Wandsworth won second place in the 2016 London Youth Games. The London Youth Games is Europe's largest youth sports event. This year around 450 young people represented Wandsworth against London's other 32 boroughs during nine months' of competitions across over 30 sports. If you want to take part next year visit

www.enablelc.org/leisure/lyg or follow [@ActiveWands](https://twitter.com/ActiveWands).

Honouring unsung heroes

Do you know an unsung local hero? You could nominate them for a 2016 Wandsworth Civic Award.

The awards are run by the Mayor of Wandsworth Cllr Richard Field to thank local people who have volunteered their services over a long period of time to help others. They recognise charity workers, community activists or just someone who acts as a helping hand to friends or neighbours.

How to nominate

Your submission must include the nominee's name, phone number and email address, plus your name and contact details, and details of why they deserve an award. Deadline for entries is November 4.

Complete our online form at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/civicawards

pbattista@wandsworth.gov.uk.

Send your entries by post to Wandsworth Civic Awards, Room 144, Wandsworth Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, London SW18 2PU

Finalists chosen from the nominations will be invited to attend a special award ceremony at the town hall in November.

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/civicawards.

Upgrade for Tooting Bec Lido

The Tooting Bec Lido is getting a facelift with £900,000 being spent on new facilities at the ever popular outdoor pool.

The money will pay for a new pavilion providing space for workout and exercise classes plus new toilets, changing rooms and a first aid room. Funding has been provided by the council, the South London Swimming Club (SLSC) and Sport England.

Over the past decade £1.5m has been spent by the council in improving the facilities and ensuring the pool's long term future. The lido is managed by Places for People (PfPL) on behalf of the town hall and is open to the general public from the spring bank holiday weekend until the end of September. It remains open to members of the SLSC all year round.

For more information visit www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/tooting-bec-lido. Details of how to join the SLSC is available at www.slsc.org.uk.

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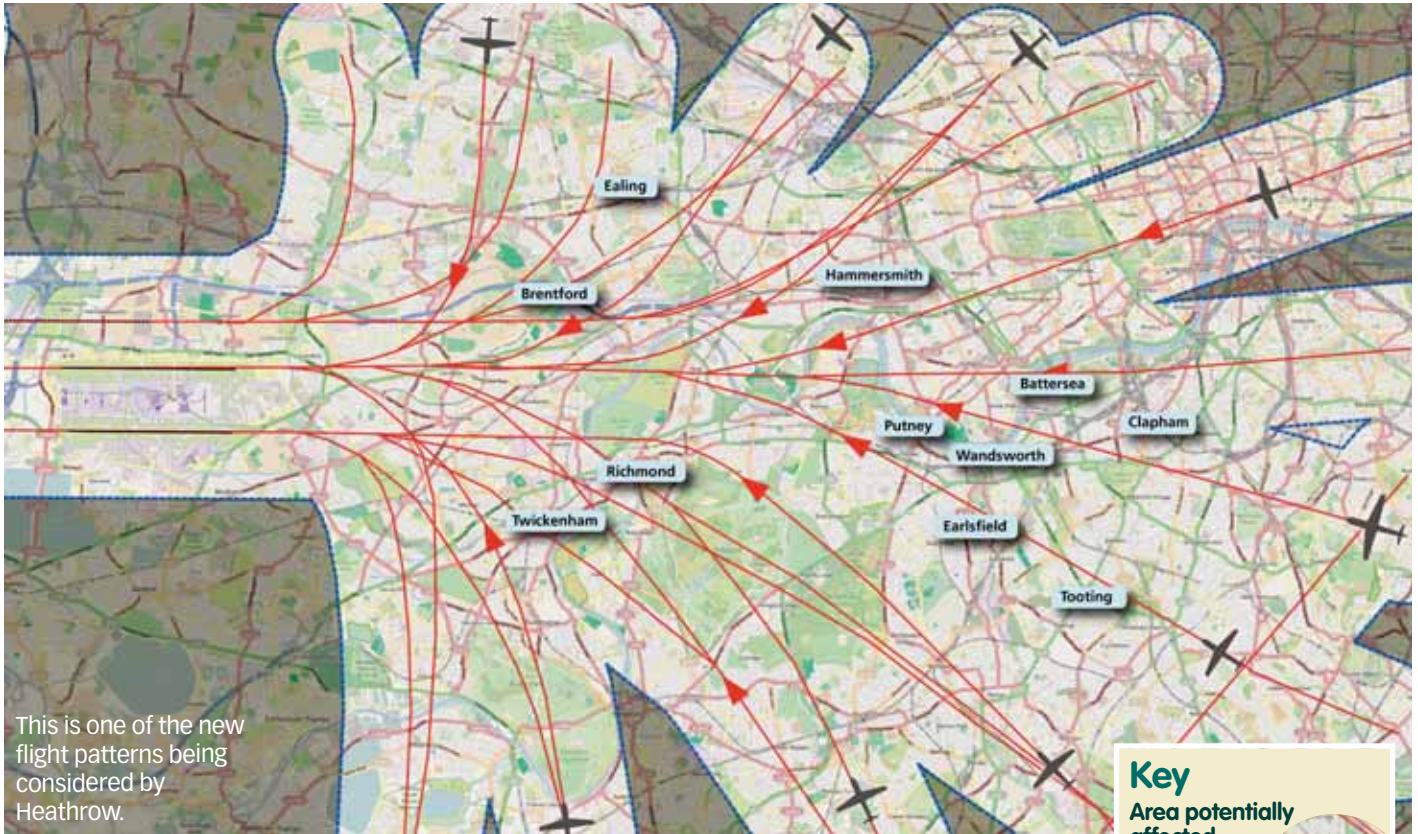
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- Area potentially affected by aircraft noise
- Area not affected by noise
- Flight paths

Decision looms on Heathrow or Gatwick expansion

“ As Brightside goes to print we await the Government’s long overdue decision on whether to expand Heathrow or Gatwick airport. This choice, which is due to be made in ‘early September’, will have a severe and lasting impact on Wandsworth.

If Heathrow’s expansion is approved we would face a great increase in aircraft noise and a series of new flightpaths cutting across parts of Wandsworth which have never been affected before (see map). It would also cost taxpayers as much as £20bn, which is funding that should be spent on other vital growth projects like

Crossrail 2 or extending the Northern Line to Clapham Junction. But if Gatwick is allowed to build a second runway its new flightpaths would span sparsely populated areas affecting far fewer people. This is also a self-funding project which would cost taxpayers nothing while helping to unlock jobs, growth and transport upgrades right across the south London region. We hope the Government will seize the opportunity to expand Gatwick and accept the overwhelming case against Heathrow. But we take nothing for granted and have warned ministers that Wandsworth and other boroughs will challenge Heathrow expansion in

the courts if they try to progress this damaging scheme any further. I also want to encourage local people to once again share their views on airport expansion with ministers and local MPs. People power has a vital role to play in settling this debate so please make sure your voice is heard.

Ravi Govindia,
Leader of Wandsworth Council



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 - Battersea MP, Jane Ellison - jane.ellison.mp@parliament.uk
 - Putney MP, Justine Greening - greeningj@parliament.uk
 - Tooting MP, Rosena Allin-Khan - rosena.allinkhan.mp@parliament.uk

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All sorts of interesting events are held in libraries, such as this chance to meet birds of prey.

Wandsworth libraries bucking the trend

While many libraries have been closed across London in recent years, all of Wandsworth's have remained fully open and benefitted from a series of service improvements and building upgrades.

In 2013 the day-to-day management of the borough's network was outsourced to charitable social enterprise Greenwich Leisure Ltd (GLL) following a competitive tendering exercise.

This innovative partnership has reduced the cost of the service by around £300,000 a year while delivering significant new investment in library buildings and the ICT facilities local residents rely on.

Battersea Library has recently been upgraded with a bright and accessible children's area and improvements have also been made to the study area in the Reference Library including the restoration of 1920s study desks.

Earlsfield has been also completely redecorated inside and out, and 'teen' and 'homework' areas created. The children's library at **Northcote** and **Tooting** have also been improved.

Work started on a brand new **Wandsworth Town** centre library on Garratt Lane and plan are also being developed to replace another two existing branches, **York Gardens** and **Roehampton**.

Wandsworth Council's leisure and culture spokesman Cllr Jonathan Cook said:

"The council has not been afraid to experiment and, through our partnership with GLL we have harnessed another organisation's new ideas and opened the door to new sources of investment. The result is that we are delivering the savings we need while providing the first class libraries residents demand."

Other improvements achieved under the partnership with GLL include:

- New e-resources including company information service MINT and music downloading service FREEGAL
- Cloud-based printing and photocopying to enable customers to print from home or from their device
- An online system to enable the public to buy images from the heritage collection
- Email warnings to help customers avoid late return charges
- More e-book titles available
- A comprehensive programme of events in the libraries
- Online learning sessions
- Link ups with other organisations including the Putney School of Art and Design and the Citizens Advice Bureau to help local people access other public services in their local branch

Find your nearest and join online:

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

Visit the library service website.

[better.org.uk/areas/wandsworth](http://www.better.org.uk/areas/wandsworth)



Tooting Library

BID to boost town centres

Local businesses in Putney and Wandsworth Town centres are considering plans to form new Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) which would raise money to enhance the local environment and boost trade.

Businesses in the defined areas have developed town centre business plans and would contribute a small levy to fund their delivery. A legally-binding ballot will take place between 4 November and 1 December to determine whether the BIDs go ahead, with all rate paying firms able to vote.

Wandsworth Council business spokesman Kim Caddy explains more: "There are currently around 50 BIDs in London and the number is growing. They give business communities a strong voice and focus on tackling the core issues affecting local trade in a way that wouldn't otherwise be achievable.

"The draft business plans for Putney and Wandsworth Town include very positive proposals like town centre marketing campaigns and investing in additional street cleaning and measures to address parking pressures and crime. These initiatives would all be in addition to the existing public services provided by the council, police and other local partners."

The proposed Putney BID would raise £1.3m over five years. In Wandsworth Town £970,000 would be raised over the same period. Businesses would pay into the BID according to their size, with some smaller firms being exempt and a cap being applied.

More information: www.wandsworthbid.co.uk www.putneybid.co.uk

Clapham Common noise row

Legal action is being considered after a decision by Lambeth Council to approve many more noisy music festivals and other loud events on Clapham Common.

Lambeth wants it to stage eight 'major' events a year each with a minimum audience of 20,000. Many other smaller scale events could also be held.

It has also agreed that all these events can be louder than currently permitted, subjecting thousands of Wandsworth residents to higher levels of noise disturbance.

The common is managed solely by Lambeth but half of those residents affected by this change live in Wandsworth.

To keep up to date with local issues join our mailing list at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/eneews



Wandsworth residents can get FREE support to secure a job at Battersea Power Station.

The council's Work Match team is working closely with the new BASE skills academy, which is helping local people considering a career in retail, hospitality, estate management, leisure or business at the Battersea Power Station development.

Support includes:

- Information on the recruiting employers
- Support with the application process
- Support with interviews
- Access to training

This will increase your chances of securing an exciting new role at the world-class new housing, shopping and leisure development.

This service is FREE to Wandsworth residents.

To register please visit www.wandsworthworkmatch.org or email Aharland@wandsworth.gov.uk with Battersea Power Station Jobs in the subject line



Nine Elms
On the South Bank



State-of-the-art rooftop pitch at St Mary's School

Nine Elms on the South Bank

The regeneration of Nine Elms in north Battersea is progressing fast with building work underway on more than a dozen interconnected development sites. Here's Brightside's latest update on what's been achieved so far and what Wandsworth residents can look forward to in the months ahead.

Recent progress:

- ▶ St Mary's Primary School has been upgraded and now includes roof top sports pitches and state of the art teaching facilities. The new building provides enough space to double the school roll.
- ▶ Another 116 shared ownership homes went on sale at the Riverlight development at the start of the summer, with Wandsworth residents given first priority.
- ▶ More than 500 local residents have now secured jobs, apprenticeships or training roles linked to the development programme.
- ▶ The Battersea Academy of Skills and Excellence (BASE) has been launched to help find and train local people for the new permanent jobs being created on the Power Station site.
- ▶ Construction has started on the area's two new Tube stations, which should be open in 2020.
- ▶ The eco-friendly US Embassy building is nearing completion, with the Ambassador and his team expected to move in next year.
- ▶ A free gardening club, community choir, dance classes and monthly health checks have been launched at the Rose Community Centre on Ascalon Street.
- ▶ A new pocket park, Riverside Gardens, has opened on Nine Elms Lane.
- ▶ Lots of new businesses and cultural venues have opened up, including the Nine Elms Tavern, Newport Street Gallery, StudioRCA, Waitrose and Market Porter deli.
- ▶ Over the next ten to fifteen years as many as 4,000 affordable homes will be built in Nine Elms alongside new parks, a new Thames riverwalk and whole new town centres at Vauxhall and Battersea Power Station.
- ▶ There will be enough business and cultural space to support 25,000 permanent jobs.

Find out more at
www.ninelmslondon.com



How the new Nine Elms is set to look



Local students explore Nine Elms career options



How the new riverside path will look



The new Riverside Gardens on Nine Elms Lane



Join gym to do good

The council's public health team has teamed up with GoodGym to launch a Wandsworth branch.

GoodGym already operates in other parts of London and combines keeping fit with helping community groups and providing support to isolated people.

The group meets every Monday evening at Battersea Arts Centre and members run to a community group or organisation to carry out a task. So far these have included deep-cleaning the Katherine Low Settlement (pictured above), and digging and tidying up the Wendelsworth Community Garden (pictured top).

The weekly runs are free and open to people of all fitness levels. If they wish members of GoodGym can also be paired with an isolated older person. The runner makes a commitment to visit them each week and in return the elderly person, known as their 'coach', spurs them on to keep running.

The new Wandsworth GoodGym is funded by the Help for Carers Development Grant with support from the council's public health department, and local physical activity network Active Wandsworth.

www.goodgym.org or [@GGWandsworth](https://twitter.com/GGWandsworth)

John was paired with his Coach Flo in January 2015. Flo has dementia which affects her short term memory. John said:

“ The first question Flo asks me every Friday morning when I turn up at her flat is, 'Do you know me?' This is then normally followed by 'How did you know I was here?' I tell her that I come every Friday especially to visit her. This seems to cheer her up. I thought I would try to get towards the perfect halfhour filled with things that I know we both enjoy but of course it doesn't work like that - it's unpredictable and wonderful, as people are.



Get jumbling

Jumble Trail has come to Wandsworth. Supported by Resource London and Wandsworth Council, local people are encouraged to clear out their cupboards and set up stall in their front gardens on October 9.

The aim is to encourage reuse at a grassroots level and foster community spirit. Visit www.jumbletrail.com/event/wandsworth

New health clinic

A new monthly pop-in health clinic has opened at the Rose Centre in Ascalon Street, Battersea. Residents can have a free 20 minute check-up including blood pressure, BMI and HIV checks. Visit www.brighterpartnership.com.

Celebrate the Wandle

The Wandle Fortnight returns this month, with two weeks' of community events including walks, heritage sessions, treasure hunts, cycling, art and more held in all four Wandle boroughs, including Wandsworth. On World Rivers Day on September 25 the Living Wandle Landscape Partnership is inviting people to arrange a picnic. Send details to livingwandle@wandsworth.gov.uk and you will be included on the Pledge a Picnic page on the Wandle Valley Regional Park website. Find out more, including details of events at www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/projects/wandle-fortnight.

Pub friendly Wandsworth

Wandsworth has cemented its reputation as the 'most pub-friendly council' in the country by removing permitted development rights from 120 of the boroughs best loved pubs, which will mean they can no longer be converted into mini-supermarkets, estate agents, homes or shops without the need for planning permission.

Wandsworth is the first local authority in the country to publish 'Article 4 Directions' on this scale and the pioneering move could be copied up and down the country to help defend the nation's vulnerable pub trade.

In recent years an alarming number of pubs have been quietly converted into other uses, such as supermarkets. But following Wandsworth Council's ground breaking move all 120 pub owners affected will have to seek approval from the town hall before changing the building use or knocking it down.

The 120 bars and pubs were chosen due to their historic or architectural value or because they make a positive contribution to their community.

The Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) has welcomed Wandsworth's move and wants other town halls to follow suit.

The pubs include The Alma, The Ship and The Cat's Back in Wandsworth, The Bricklayers Arms, Arab Boy and Railway in



Putney, The Plough, Falcon and The Beehive in Battersea, The Selkirk, Trafalgar Arms and Wheatsheaf in Tooting and the Bedford, Regent and Prince of Wales in Balham.

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Unlocking Wandsworth's full potential

Over the last few years the council's Aspirations Programme has been creating new opportunities for residents living in the most deprived parts of Wandsworth and helping to tackle key issues like unemployment, ill-health and crime.

This wide ranging initiative includes the council's **Work Match** service which helps out-of-work people gain the confidence and skills they need to succeed. The team has placed over 500 Wandsworth residents into new jobs and training roles.

Alongside Work Match is the council's **Quest** team who provide intensive, often one-to-one, support to Battersea residents aged between 16 and 30 who face real difficulties in finding employment.

A **youth mentoring** project has also been set up to support 55 young people who were not in education, employment or training, and in some cases were getting into trouble with the law.

The **Family Recovery Project (FRP)** is another key element of the Aspirations Programme and has been successful in helping hundreds of vulnerable households overcome real problems. A further 2,370 local families will receive support from the FRP team in the years to come.

Money problems can be a major barrier to local people achieving their potential and the council has launched a **Financial Inclusion team** which offers guidance to those in financial hardship. The **Wandsworth Credit Union** has also been set up to offer an alternative to costly pay-day lenders. The council's **public health team** offers community-based support to encourage people to lead healthier lives.

Cllr Ravi Govindia, Leader of the council, said: "Every council department is making a contribution to our Aspirations Programme and we will continue to help local people to reach their potential."



Andrew, from Battersea, explains how Quest has helped him:



Heather, from Balham, first heard about Work Match in Brightside Magazine:

“Everybody at Work Match, from the reception team, through to the Business Engagement Officers and Career Coach, was extremely welcoming and keen to ensure that I progressed as best as possible. They encouraged me and helped me into a really enjoyable job with Cineworld in an industry which I hadn't previously considered.”

“I attended a CSCS course that Quest put on at the Rose Centre. When I got through the test, my advisor arranged for two weeks' work experience at Battersea Power Station, and three weeks at a painting and decorating training centre. Then I was taken on by Epolle Construction as an Apprentice Painter and Decorator. I'm working hard and learning new skills - just what I wanted!”

Work Match

[wandsworthworkmatch](https://www.wandsworthworkmatch.org)
@wandsworth.gov.uk

[wandsworthworkmatch.org](https://www.wandsworthworkmatch.org)

Quest

[What's App](https://www.whatsonapp.com) 07554 415402
quest@wandsworth.gov.uk

Credit Union

[wandsworthpluscu.co.uk](https://www.wandsworthpluscu.co.uk)

Financial Inclusion Team

financialinclusion@wandsworth.gov.uk

Helping budding businesses bloom

Do you have a brilliant business idea but are not sure how to make it a reality?

As part of its ongoing commitment to make sure post-Brexit Wandsworth continues to thrive, the council is urging the borough's prospective entrepreneurs to get in touch.

The Your Business Your Growth programme offers free business support to all businesses, with specialist help available for the food and digital industries.

It is already helping dozens of existing and start-up businesses, but pro-

gramme managers are particularly keen to hear from pre-starts – people who need help to turn their good idea, drive and energy into a thriving company.

“Wandsworth is blessed with a thriving business scene, but we’ve discovered that too many good ideas wither on the vine because prospective entrepreneurs aren’t sure of the next step,” said the council’s business spokesman Cllr Kim Caddy.

“Perhaps they don’t know how to set up a business, have registered a busi-

ness but are struggling to start trading, or need access to finance.

“Get in touch with experts from our Your Business Your Growth team and we will help you start up, flourish and grow.”

How to get in touch

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/yourbusinessyourgrowth and register your interest

Contact project manager Linda Griffiths for a chat on

☎ (020) 8871 6227

✉ lgriffiths2@wandsworth.gov.uk

Zoe's story

Zoe Roberts started and is growing her artisan nut butter company ButterNut with support from Wandsworth's business advisors.

“I chose to start my business ButterNut because I eat copious amounts of homemade nut butter and had friends asking me to make my recipes for them too. My first ever customers were my foodie friends and my friends from gymnastics, stuntmen, dancers and freerunners. Their support gave me the confidence to give my business ButterNut a go.

“To set up ButterNut I registered my kitchen with Wandsworth Council and myself as a sole trader. I took my level 2 food health and safety certificate, got public and product liability insurance



and applied to trade at a number of different markets in London.

“Over the last few months I have decided it is time to scale up. I approached Business Launchpad in Tooting (a social enterprise that offers business support to Tooting-based entrepreneurs aged 18-30) and signed

up to Wandsworth Council's new initiative to support food business in the borough, Wandsworth Foodies. I have just started to work with both and so far the support they have offered has been excellent. I look forward to working closely with them to develop ButterNut over the coming months.”



Fastest cycling rate increase in the country

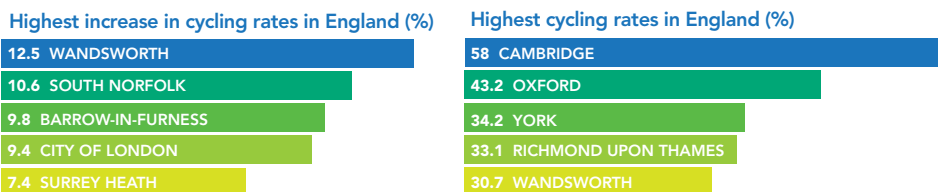
Wandsworth saw the highest increase in cycling in the whole of England last year according to new figures published by the Department for Transport (DfT).

The proportion of local people who cycle regularly has gone from 18.2 per cent in 2013/14, to 30.7 per cent in 2014/15 - a rise of 12.5 percentage points.

The sharp rise brings Wandsworth's overall cycling rate up to fifth highest in the country, behind the university towns of Cambridge, Oxford and York, as well as neighbouring Richmond.

According to the DfT's report, the proportion of regular cyclists in Wandsworth is now double the average for England which stands at 14.7 per cent.

The country-wide statistics also show borough residents are keen walkers, with the percentage of adults walking at least five times a week standing at 64.2 per cent, the ninth highest in England.



Embracing cycling is key to freeing up space on Wandsworth's trains, tube and buses, as well as reducing traffic and tackling air pollution.

The council hopes to build on this impressive result and will work with the new Mayor to deliver more vital infrastructure improvements including a vast new cycling and pedestrian network in Nine Elms and a redesign of the Wandsworth one-way system. Work is about to start on a borough-wide 20mph zone and plans for cycling improvements at Tooting Broadway are being developed.

More information: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cycling



Treat for foodies

The Balham Food Festival returns on September 25, with a week-long feast of food and more. The event showcases Balham's wide range of bars, cafes, restaurants and food and drink businesses. Highlights include the Balham Banquet on September 25 in Hildreth Street and Bedford Hill Place, which features streetfood, entertainment, live music, foodmaking workshops and more. During the week there will be in-store tastings, cookery demonstrations and special festival menus and discounts from local restaurants. The event is organised by Essential Local on behalf of the Balham Partnership, and is supported by Wandsworth Council.

www.balhamfoodfestival.com
[@balhamfoodfest](https://twitter.com/balhamfoodfest)

Party time for Roehampton

Roehampton enjoyed a weekend of fun this summer.

The Kings and Queens Banquet event organised by Regenerate RISE is in its tenth year and includes live music and dancing. The Feelgood Festival is run by the Roehampton Outdoor Art Movement (ROAM). It was attended by around 500 people and included circus skill, face painting, live music, food and drink and a mini funfair. Both events were sponsored by the council. Find out about ROAM's other local projects at

www.facebook.com/RoeArts

Working together for cleaner air

Like most of inner London, Wandsworth suffers from heavy traffic congestion and some busy main roads have high levels of air pollution which need to be brought down.

In recent years more and more organisations have started to work together to tackle this problem, including the council, London Mayor, Transport for London (TfL), community groups, schools, businesses and local people.

In Wandsworth a major focus of attention has been Putney High Street where the council's unique pollution research project uncovered high levels of Nitrogen Dioxide, primarily caused by the 100 London buses that drive through every hour at peak times.

Using this pollution data as leverage, the council secured a major upgrade to Putney's bus fleet from the Mayor and TfL. Improvements to the street layout, traffic signals and a ban on day time delivery vehicles were also introduced to ease queuing.

This joint action plan has seen the number of Nitrogen Dioxide pollution episodes fall and the high street is thought to have seen a bigger improvement in air quality than anywhere else in London.

Alongside the intensive approach taken on main roads, the council and its partners deliver a wide range of air

quality improvement projects right across Wandsworth.

The list is always growing and includes:

- A vast **air quality awareness campaign**, including a new Air Quality Champions team made up of trained community volunteers and environmental theatre productions in local schools
- Civil enforcement officers are being granted new powers to **fine drivers for leaving their engines idling** when not on the move
- **Anti-vehicle idling signs** have been put up outside primary schools.
- Managing **air quality monitoring stations**
- **School travel plans** reduce the number of cars on school runs through initiatives like walking buses and car pools
- **Free vehicle emission checks** for local drivers
- Championing **car clubs** which dramatically reduce overall car use
- Teaching residents the skills needed to embrace **cycling** (see page 18)
- Installing **electric vehicle charging points** so drivers can switch to low emission cars
- Lobbying for **higher capacity rail, bus, riverbus and tube services** so more residents can switch from cars to public transport



Wandsworth School children learn about pollution



Putney High Street

- The council's **Smarter Driving campaign** encourages drivers to take simple steps to reduce their emissions like inflating tyres
- Working with the London Low Emission Construction Partnership to **reduce the impacts** from building work
- A new partnership with Southwark, Croydon and Lambeth councils has been set up to **reduce the number of deliveries** serving the authorities.

For more information or to volunteer as an Air Quality Champion see www.wandsworth.gov.uk/airquality

Affordable home building doubles

Major regeneration programmes in Nine Elms and Wandsworth Town led to a big increase in the number of affordable homes built in Wandsworth last year.

During 2015/16 there were 501 low cost homes completed - more than double the previous year's total.

As many as 1,742 more affordable properties could be built in the next three years as Wandsworth continues to attract high levels of inward investment.

Last year's 501 affordable homes included 344 new shared ownership properties, of which 96 per cent were sold to people living or working in the

borough. The average total household income for these buyers was around £45,500.

The remaining 157 properties have been offered to local people to rent at a reduced price. The rent levels set for most of them was less than half of market rate and priority for these homes is given to low income households, those in urgent need or social housing or council tenants who want to downsize.

Cllr Paul Ellis, Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "Wandsworth's affordable home building rate is one of the very highest in London and we will do everything we can to ensure that it stays that way. The majority are being

built in the Nine Elms and Wandsworth Town regeneration areas so it's vital we continue to support these projects in the years ahead.

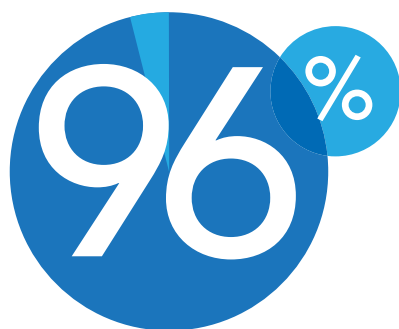
"To check if you qualify for affordable housing get in touch with our dedicated homeownership team or come along to our open day this October. We ensure existing Wandsworth residents get priority for the homes built in this borough so make sure you take full advantage."

www.wandsworth.gov.uk

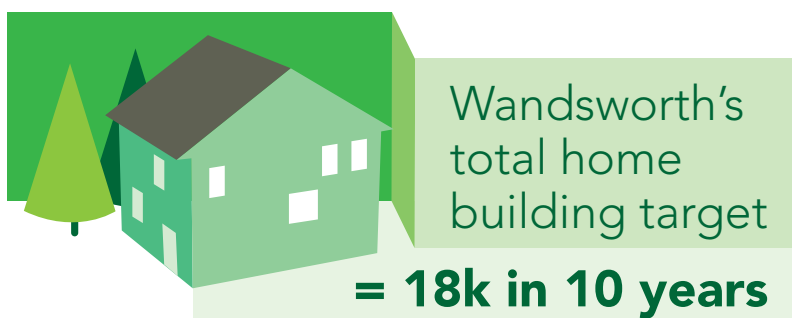
[/sharedownership](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/sharedownership)

housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk

(020) 8871 6061



of shared ownership homes sold to people living or working in Wandsworth



Open the door

Affordable housing open day

26 October 2016, 2–8pm

*Open the door
to your
first home!*



The Civic Suite, Town Hall
Wandsworth High Street SW18 2PU
For more information call (020) 8871 6016



Wandsworth Gets Results

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

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

OUR PERFORMANCE SCORECARD

How well do we deliver high quality, value for money services?

Indicator	2014-15	2015-16	Improved?	Comment?
Percentage of council tax collected	98.4%	98.5%	✓	.
Percentage of business rates collected	99.5%	99.8%	✓	Wandsworth is the best performer in England and Wales.
Percentage of new benefit claims made online	72.6%	76.9%	✓	
Percentage of annual resident parking permits applied for solely online	65.9%	88.7%	✓	Our improved online service mean we save time and money processing permits, and residents don't have to visit the town hall.

Have we improved opportunities for children and young people?

A comprehensive plan to improve the performance of children's social services is now in place following Ofsted's recent Inspection.

Rate of first time entrants into the Youth Justice System per 100,000 population aged 10-17.	356	407	✗	Wandsworth's rate remains lower than comparator authorities and the latest available results show a slight decrease.
Children with a child protection plan receiving regular social worker visits	92.5%	92.4%	-	A fault with a record keeping software package contributed to a dip in last year's recorded performance. This has been corrected and we are on course to post a higher result in 2016/17.
Percentage of children with child protection plans that have ended in the year, whose plan lasted for 2 years or more.	2.8%	0.4%	✓	
Average time between a child entering care and moving in with adoptive family (for children who have been adopted)	512 days	595 days	✗	Adoption cases are being carefully monitored to guard against unnecessary delay in the adoption process.
Former care leavers who were in education, employment or training at age 19-21	53.8%	52.3%	✗	We have now expanded efforts to support care leavers and created a local forum of service providers to improve the options available. This is an area of focus in 2016/17.
Looked after children (CLA) with at least one fixed term exclusion	9.9%	13.0%	✗	Recent results are improving and additional tuition and a range of support has been put in place for CLA.
Percentage of episodes of missing young people where a Return Home Interview (RHI) was offered	new for 15/16	85.0%	-	Performance to date this year is 94 percent.
Percentage of Child and Family Assessments which took over 45 working days to complete	36.5%	16.2%	✓	
Percentage of children in Year Group 12-14 participating in education or training	83.8%	85.9%	✓	
Number of youth club visits by 11-19 year olds	64,749	66,326	✓	
Apprenticeship success rate	46.0%	67.9%	✓	
Percentage pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs (or equivalent) at grades A*-C, including English and Mat	59.1%	58.2%	✗	Wandsworth remains ahead of the national average which is 57.1%.

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

Indicator	2014-15	2015-16	Improved?	Comment?
Serious acquisitive crime rate per 1,000 population (this includes shoplifting, motor vehicle crime and robbery)	16.27	14.16	✓	
The rate of antisocial behaviour-related calls to the police per 1000 population	28.91	24.02	✓	
Total notifiable offences per 1,000 population	72.7	74.5	✗	Wandsworth remains the safest inner London borough on this measure, and the council works closely with the police to ensure this stays the case
The percentage of household waste that is recycled, composted or reused	20.7%	21.4%	✓	
The percentage of Wandsworth residents who cycle as main mode of transport	4%	5%	✓	
Percentage of council homes meeting or above the Government's decent homes standard	100%	100%	-	

Are we promoting health and wellbeing for all adults with personalised and preventative care and support for adults in need?

The weekly rate of delayed transfers of care from all hospitals per 100,000 residents	0.91	1.82	✗	Performance here and nationally has been affected by an increase in demand across the health and social care system. The council has agreed a joint plan with the Wandsworth Clinical Commissioning Group to improve performance.
Satisfaction of service users with their care and support	59.8%	61.40%	✓	
Percentage of people aged 65+ who achieved independence through rehabilitation and intermediate care following a stay in hospital	96.5%	84.9%	✗	An overall increase in demand affected last year's figures.
Adults in contact with secondary mental health services in paid employment	7.8%	8.2%	✓	
Percentage of people using care services receiving Direct Payments	21.0%	27.7%	✓	
The rate of admissions into residential and nursing care of people aged 65+ (per 100,000 population)	464.6	313.7	✓	
The number of properties where major disability adaptations have been completed	152	155	✓	
Percentage of care service users receiving a review of their services and support	80.2%	78.3%	✗	Last year many care and support packages had to be re-assessed to ensure compliance with the new legislation, lengthening the time taken. .

Are we building a prosperous, vibrant and cohesive community?

Indicator	2014-15	2015-16	Improved?
New homes built (net) across Wandsworth	new for 15/16	936	-
Number of shared ownership homes sold across Wandsworth	199	311	✓
Number of 'under occupying' council tenants making voluntary transfers	53	80	✓
Percentage change in number of active businesses trading in Wandsworth	2.2%	5.47%	✓
Average time taken in weeks to determine planning applications	10	9.2	✓
Number of local people to secure jobs or training through the council's Work Match team	272	468	✓
Wandsworth Credit Union members	419	605	✓
Number of times people used swimming pools and leisure centres for every 1000 residents	11,060	11,120	✓
Wandsworth's unemployment claimant rate	1.8%	1.4%	✓

Can you quit this Stoptober?

JOIN **STOP** TOBER

Smokers, e-cigarette users (sometimes known as vapers) and people smoking shisha are urged to quit this Stoptober.

Stoptober is a national campaign held each year encouraging people to give up cigarettes for 28 days during October and beyond. Research shows that going a month without lighting up can extend your life by up to a week, and that those who stop smoking for 28 days are five times more likely to stay smoke-free for good.

Wandsworth's Stop Smoking Service will be out and about in the community offering support. This year we also want to make people aware of the dangers of shisha - one hour of shisha is equivalent

to smoking about 150 cigarettes. Ask for more information about the risks of shisha and how to quit from your GP or pharmacist.

If you want to quit, help is available

- At your GP or local pharmacy
- Drop-in clinics at St George's Hospital Atkinson Morley Wing on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm
- Drop-in clinics at Queen Mary's Hospital Cardiology Unit on Tuesdays from 10am to 3pm
- Young people can get support in their schools and colleges (through Catch-22)

Wandsworth Stop Smoking Service can



also support e-cigarette users who want to quit tobacco completely.

For more information, or for support to quit smoking, including e-cigarettes and shisha, visit www.stopsmoking-wandsworth.co.uk or call the 24hr helpline on 0800 389 7921.

A photograph of a middle-aged man with short brown hair, wearing a blue button-down shirt, sitting at a wooden table. He is holding a sandwich and looking towards the camera. In the background, there is a blurred indoor setting with large windows.

NHS

Get your **FREE** NHS Health Check from your GP or selected Wandsworth pharmacies

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 call the council's public health team on **(020) 8871 5026**, or visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/healthchecks

NHS HEALTH CHECK

Helping you prevent

- diabetes
- heart disease
- kidney disease
- stroke & dementia



Get ready for winter



TV weather presenter Sian launching last's years winter warmth campaign with Hannah Gill from Wandsworth Council public health, the council's health spokesman Jim Maddan, William J Gallagher from Leonard Cheshire Disability and service users

A new service will help Wandsworth's old or vulnerable people get through this winter.

WRAP is a one-stop shop providing support including:

- Help and advice on staying warm and well for less
- Benefit checks and support with debt issues
- Advice on local services that will help keep you well

People can refer themselves to the service, or professionals working with vulnerable people can refer on their behalf.

The service launches on October 1, but you can contact them now and register your interest calling this freephone number.

☎ **0800 118 2327** or emailing enquiries@thinkingworks.co.uk

The council will also be working with

Leonard Cheshire Disability this year to provide emergency support in the case of a cold snap, such as advice and winter warmer packs.

People aged over-65 or those with a long-term health condition are also urged to get a flu jab. You can arrange for your vaccination through your GP or local pharmacy.

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/flu

NHS

Have you still not had your flu jab?

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

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

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

STAY WELL THIS WINTER

nhs.uk/staywell

Cheril Sowell, Nurse



James Hamill

Sweet success in Wandsworth

It might be near the heart of the capital, but Wandsworth has proved to be an unexpected haven for honey-makers.

Beekeeper Mark Patterson from local beekeeping business Apicultural produces the sweet stuff from the rooftop of Nando's in the Upper Richmond Road. The honey is supplied to several Michelin star restaurants around the capital and will make its debut at next month's National Honey Show.

The Putney honey has a fruity flavour thanks to the ample supply of blackberry nectar along the nearby railways sidings and a tangy aftertaste from the lime trees which line the surrounding streets. In late summer the bees visit the nearby Wetlands Centre in Barnes where they forage on Water Mint and Purple Loosestrife.

Nando's fuses the honey with chillies to create a sweet and spicy marinade. In return Nando's staff have worked with the London beekeepers association to plant a community garden with bee-friendly flowers.

"Honey bees are doing really well in London with numbers of hives tripling since 2008 but honey harvests in the

city remain 30 per cent below the national average," said Mark. "Bees need more flowers to feed on and everyone can do their bit by planting the right sorts of flowers for them."

Meanwhile Wandsworth has been home to The Hive Honey Shop for the past 22 years. The Northcote Road shop is entirely devoted to bees and honey, with the largest selection of honey in the country.

The shop is run by a family of third generation beekeepers who produce honey from their local Wandsworth beehives as well as their Surrey farm. A huge 5ft glass wall of 20,000 live honeybees is on display in the shop so visitors can see honey being made fresh on site, and staff are always happy to answer questions.

Master beekeeper James Hamill has won countless awards, including 2013 London Beekeeper Of The Year. "As a family run shop we hope to be a part of the Wandsworth high street for many years to come. As long as we are supported by the local community and residents buy local we will survive," he said.

Find out more at thehivehoneyshop.co.uk

Find out more about Apicultural and get advice on planting bee-friendly plants at www.apicultural.co.uk.

Wandsworth Council allows people to keep bees on allotments. Read more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/beekeeping_on_allotments

Find out about the London Beekeepers Association at www.lbka.org.uk

The Wimbledon Division of the Surrey Beekeepers' Association includes members from Wandsworth and runs beginners courses and educational and social events.

Visit www.wimbledonbeekeepers.co.uk



what's on?

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER
TO NOVEMBER 2016



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How to be listed

Send details (including access for people with disabilities) by 31 October to:

whatson@enablelc.org

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Children's events outlined in yellow

October 1-2 and 8-9

Artist's Open House

Come and take a peek at amazing art behind normally closed doors. Around 100 artists will open up their homes and exhibition spaces to the public – offering an enticing opportunity to browse, buy and talk about the various artworks you'll find on display. An exciting opportunity to look at work including crafts, sculpture, painting, jewellery, photography and crafts from both professional and amateur artists and makers. The work caters for all budgets and offers you a chance to discover art in an informal setting and engage with the artists and designers directly. At venues boroughwide. More details at www.wandsworthart.com

Saturday September 10 from 12pm

Beer by the River

Beer, food and music, family entertainment. Sambrook's Brewery at Tooting Common SW17. <http://beerbytheriver.com>

Saturday September 10 3-5pm

Roehampton Garden Society autumn show

prize winning vegetables, fruits and flowers grown by local gardeners. Home made chutneys and jams, plants and seasonal produce for sale. Tombola and raffle. Tea and home made cakes available.

Auction at end of afternoon of many of the exhibits. Donation on door. St Margaret's Church Hall, Putney Park Lane, SW15 5HU

Mondays September 12 – December 5 4-5pm

Dance Grooves

Learn dance routines to two current songs. For children ages 6-9 years. **£140 for 12 week term.** Eddie Catz, 68-70 Putney High Street SW15. Call 07956 235 248. www.dancegrooves.dance/contact-us

Thursday 15 September

Arts & Cultural Presentation of The Ram Quarter

With Stephen Still of Greenland and Alessandra Gtignaschi of Future City. See website for venue. Wandsworth Society. Call 8870 4567. www.wandsworthsociety.org.uk

Wheelchair

18 September 12 – 4pm

Matter of memory

Sharp or long, small, bumpy - work with clay to

transform hazy memories, feelings and thoughts into an artefact. Transform the intangible into an object as we explore what a feeling might look like. Part of the ongoing InHouse Project 'Making Social History', by artist Jasleen Kaur. Visitors can drop-in and get hands-on, exploring ideas through hands-on activities. Drop-in workshop for all ages. Children must be with an adult.

Pump House Gallery Battersea Park SW11. Call 8871 7572. www.pumphousegallery.org.uk

what's on?

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER
TO NOVEMBER 2016

Term starts Monday September 12 – Saturday December 10

Autumn art courses
Start September – classes are popular, ranging from painting to pottery to printmaking – book early. Putney School of Art and Design Oxford Road SW15. Call 8788 9145. www.enablelc.org/psad

Classes start 16 September from 10am-5pm

London Embroidery Club
Hand embroidery classes for beginners or advanced stitchers. Herb Garden Battersea Park SW11. For more dates, details and fees visit: www.londonembroideryclub.co.uk or call Bella Lane 07961 815115. £2.50 discount in the booking fee if you mention: What's On Brightside.
Wheelchair

Saturday September 17 12pm-4pm

St Mary's Fair
A great community event - bric-a-brac- books- plants. Food, fun and games. St Mary's Church Battersea Church Road SW11.

Sunday September 18 2pm

Annual Memorial Service
An opportunity to remember those who have died and hear speakers from a range of faiths. Putney Vale Cemetery, Stag Lane SW15. Call 8871 7820.

Monday September 19 7.30pm

Putney WI
We're a friendly group of women of all ages, who meet to socialise, craft and hear interesting speakers. Women's Institute, Platt Christian Centre 22 Felsham Road

SW15. Visit putneywi.wordpress.com or email putneywi@gmail.com.

Saturday September 19

Wandsworth bake-off
Local celebrity bakers will judge the competition. Northcote Records, Northcote Road SW11. More info and to details on how to enter www.wandsworthradio.com

Wednesday September 21

Bat walk
All welcome. Free to Friends of Tooting Common members; donation is invited for non-members. Tooting Common SW17. More details www.friendsoftootingcommon.org.uk or email fortcinfo@tootingcommon.org.uk

Monday September 21 8pm

From Dorsetshire to Biscay
Two familiar voices on Radio 4, Carole Boyd (The Archers) and Zeb Soanes (newsreader) talk about the part music, radio and the performing arts play in their lives. **Visitor £5, members and under 18s free.** Putney Music Dryburgh Hall, Putney Leisure Centre, SW15. www.putneymusic.org.uk
wheelchair

Saturday September 24 10.30am-12pm

Coffee mornings and lunch
Join us for coffee, cake, tea and biscuits. Donations welcome. Also, lunch, with hot or cold drink, starting on Saturday 22 October 1.30- 3pm. Donation £3. Make friends and learn more about our church. Earlsfield Baptist Church Magdalen Road SW18. Call Nancy 074438 35869 or Rachel 07949361572 to book your place for the meal.



Saturday November 12

Come to a restart party
If you're good at fixing or mending electrical/electronic stuff or would like to learn how, come to a restart party. Mushkil Asaa, 220-222 Upper Tooting Road SW17 (next to Nando's)

Opens September

Arts Grants Fund

Get advice about Wandsworth Council arts and culture grants – round four opens September and the arts and culture grant has four funding streams: small art, creative communities, project arts and cultural capacity grants). Details at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wgf

Ends September 25 (Wednesday-Sunday and Bank Holidays 11am-5pm)

Exhibition: Sally Troughton

First solo presentation in a UK institution by London-based artist Sally Troughton. Rooted in notions of archaeological placemaking, Troughton's work is manifested through sculpture, media and textile fabrics. Using natural, industrial and domestic materials, Troughton takes on how we position ourselves in a world that invariably shifts across digital and analogue zones. Pump House Gallery Battersea Park SW11. Call 8871 7572. www.pumphousegallery.org.uk

September 25-27

Tootopia Festival
Tooting's annual multi-venue festival – food, drink, entertainment and family-friendly events. Across Tooting. Details <http://tootopia.co.uk>

Wednesday September 28 9.30am-2pm

Keeping children safe online and in the community
Free event for parents and carers, voluntary, community and faith groups. Speakers include the NSPCC, Share Aware and PACE. Free crèche facility for children 0-5 years; spaces limited, so booking is essential. Civic Suite, Wandsworth High Street SW18. To secure your place, email DaunAlleyne@wscb.org.uk or phone 8871 7401 by 16 September. www.wscb.org.uk/news and events

Thursday September 29 6.30pm for 7pm

Bi-Planes, Tri-Planes, The Lancaster Bomber, The Vulcan

These types of aircraft have their connection with Wandsworth through the innovative aeronautical pioneer Alliott Verdon Roe, (1877-1958). Biographer Philip Jarrett will tell us about A V Roe's significant contribution to aviation development. A



October 26 - October 29 (Wed – Fri at 7.45pm, Saturday at 5pm)

One Man, Two Guvnors
In pursuit of a pint and a sandwich, Francis Henshall suddenly finds himself employed by two different 'Guvnors': one, a local gangster and the other, an upper class criminal. The two are mortal enemies, with one appearing back from the dead. Francis valiantly tries to keep his two Guvnors apart...
Tickets: £10; concessions (Wed and Sat only) £7.50. Southside Players, Chestnut Grove Academy Theatre, Chestnut Grove SW12. Box office: 07914 657524 or online www.southsideplayers.org.uk

Green Plaque commemorates him on a wall on West Hill. **Cost £5 on door or ask about membership.** The Battersea Society St Mary's Church Battersea Church Road SW11. www.batterseasociety.org.uk

Salt & Pepper, apple pressing with Abundance plus knitting and music. Supporting local charities. **Entrance free.** St Barnabas Church and Halls, Lavenham Rd, SW18. www.weebly.southfieldsharvest.com

Saturday October 1 12-3pm

Southfields Harvest
Meet, Eat, Make and Share where you can get creative with your friends and neighbours, or just catch up over a pint or cuppa. Join in The Big Draw or enter the Southfields Bake-off. There will be Southfields' very own Rocky Head Beer, award-winning sausages from the Village Butcher, veggie food from

Thursday October 13 7.45 for 8pm

Street trees of Wandsworth
Purchase, planting, maintenance and removal. Why we do what we do and why we do it when we do it? Illustrated talk by Pat Langley, Arboricultural Manager for Enable Leisure & Culture (on behalf of Wandsworth Council). Wandsworth Society, West Side Church SW18 2QQ
Wheelchair



Active Lifestyles

Mondays 6.30 - 7.30pm, starting September 12

Back to Netball Course

A great way to get back into netball, or start playing for the first time. Our coaches run fun and friendly sessions that are suitable for all ages and abilities. **£40 for a 10 week course.** Battersea Sports Centre, Hope Street SW11 2DA.

Wednesdays 11am - 12pm

50+ Walking Football

The beautiful game without the running around. Perfect for new and former players and open to men and women. **£2** Wandle Recreation Centre Mapleton Road SW18 4DN

Fridays 10 - 11am and 11.15am - 12.15pm

Keep on Moving (50+)

Cardiovascular exercises to improve strength, fitness and flexibility. Join the group for tea and coffee after each session. **£5** The Penfold Centre 1 Neville Close SW18 4TJ (opposite King George's Park)

This is just a taster of the activities on offer - for details of other Active Lifestyle activities, visit www.enablelc.org/activelifestyles



Samara Scott, *Lonely Planet II*, 2015, detail. Courtesy the artist and The Sunday Painter, London.

Ends September 25 (Wednesday-Sunday and Bank Holidays 11am-5pm)

Exhibition: Samara Scott

Artworks that combine the rich industrial history of the area with the tradition of outdoor works of art in Battersea Park. **Free entry.** Pump House Gallery Battersea Park SW11. Call 8871 7572. www.pumphousegallery.org.uk

Saturday October 22 7.30pm

Organ recital

By Jonathan Holmes. A selection of classical organ music will be played on an Allen Digital organ. Light refreshments. **Entrance fee £6.** Earlsfield Baptist Church Magdalen Road SW18 3NZ. Contact Nancy Ford 8789 7417 or email: fordatputney@gmail.com www.earlsfieldbaptist.org.uk
wheelchair

November 4-26 7pm and 8.45pm

London stories: made by migrants

Over 8 million people share our city. Many of us have come from other parts of the UK or the world, but we rarely hear about the extraordinary lives that lie behind the faces in the crowd. True stories from people of all backgrounds who have arrived in London and tried to make this city their new home. **Tickets: 4 - 19 Nov: £12.50, £10 concs; 22 - 26 Nov: £15, £12.50 concs.** Recommended for ages 14+. Battersea Arts Centre Lavender Hill SW11. Call 7223 2223 or www.bac.org

Saturday 5 November 6pm gates, 7.30pm bonfire, 8pm fireworks

Battersea Park fireworks display

One of the biggest highlights of the year in Wandsworth and across London. A great night for families and friends, with entertainment and fun. The display will be set to music made by legends. **Super Early Bird: all of Sept £6.50 + booking fee. Early Bird: All of Oct £8 + booking fee. Advance: Tues 1 - Sat 5 Nov £10 + booking fee. There will be no tickets on the gates.** Battersea Park SW11. Full details enablelc.org/fireworks

November 10-13 (Thursday 2 - 10pm, Friday 2 - 10pm, Saturday - Sunday 11am - 6.30pm)

Open Studios art show

A wide variety of artworks including: painting, ceramics, sculpture, textiles, photography, printmaking, picture framing and furniture design – something for all. 10 Riverside Yard, Riverside Road Earlsfield SW17 www.wimble-donartstudios.co.uk/open-studios

Thursday 10 November 7.45 for 8pm

A WW1 Centenary:

To commemorate the untimely death in battle in 1916 of brilliant young English composer George Butterworth. Society member and English music specialist Andrew Neill will present an account in texts, slides and music of that event. Butterworth's setting of Housman's *A Shropshire Lad* will be familiar to many. Wandsworth Society, West Side Church SW18. **Wheelchair**

Get back into netball

- Tooting Bec Common SW17 - Mondays 9.30-10.30am
 - Battersea ironsides Earlsfield SW18 - Mondays 9.15-10.30am
 - Tooting Leisure Centre Greaves Place SW17 - Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am
 - Wandle Recreation Centre, Mapleton Road SW18 Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm
 - Battersea Sport Centre Hope Street SW11 - Mondays 6.30-7.30pm
- Cost between £1-£5 a session.** Contact Emma 07872 407212 or emmat@Englandnetball.co.uk for more details.

Help make the party happen

This year the Rotary Club of Battersea Park is organising its 54th free Christmas Day Lunch and Party for older people in Wandsworth, and is looking for sponsors.

Guests are transported to and from the heated Marquee in Battersea Park and given a full Christmas Lunch, a goody bag to take home, carol singing, bingo and dancing.

It costs rotary around £45 per guest to put on the event. Any local businesses, organisations or residents that are willing to donate money to help pay for the event are urged to get in touch.

To contribute to Rotary Christmas Day please send donations to [justgiving.com/RotaryChristmasDay](https://www.justgiving.com/RotaryChristmasDay) or by cheque (made out to The Rotary Club of Battersea Park) and sent to 43b Elspeth Road, London, SW11 1DW.



Free coffee at Putney Market for Brightside readers

Since Putney Market opened two months ago in Church Square it has proved a big hit with Wandsworth residents every Saturday.

The market sells a wide range of produce covering everything you need for a weekly shop, including locally grown fruit and veg, an organic butchers, Dorset fishmonger, London bakers and many other stalls.

To say thank you for such great local support. Putney Market is offering every reader a free coffee in September from their Bang and Swirl coffee stall. Simply cut out the voucher on the right and hand it in at the stall any Saturday in September 10-3pm.

Putney Market, St Mary's Church Square, 5 Putney High Street, London, SW15 1RB



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Other contacts at the council

Adult Care Information Service

(020) 8871 7707

accessteam@wandsworth.gov.uk

wandsworth.gov.uk/acis

Benefits Service

(020) 8871 8080

benefits@wandsworth.gov.uk

Carers information and support Wandsworth

Carers Centre

(020) 8877 1200

info@wandsworthcarers.org.uk

Children's Social Work Service

(020) 8871 6622

cssduty@wandsworth.gov.uk

Community Care Services

(020) 8871 7707

accessteam@wandsworth.gov.uk

Council Tax

(020) 8871 8081

counciltax@wandsworth.gov.uk

Education

(020) 8871 8013

edadmin@wandsworth.gov.uk

Electoral Services

(020) 8871 6023

electoral@wandsworth.gov.uk

Environmental Services

(020) 8871 6127

esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Family Information Service

- including Nurseries

(020) 8871 7899

fis@wandsworth.gov.uk

Food Hygiene

(020) 8871 6139

esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Fraud Hotline

0800 783 2263 (freephone)

fraudhotline@wandsworth.gov.uk

gov.uk

Graffiti Removal

(020) 8871 7049

graffiti@wandsworth.gov.uk

Home Ownership

(020) 8871 6016

housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk

Housing Advice

(020) 8871 6840

housingadvice@wandsworth.gov.uk

Housing Repairs and Tenancy

Call your area team or management organisation

hms@wandsworth.gov.uk

Leisure Centres & sports

facilities

(020) 8871 8154

sportsservices@wandsworth.gov.uk

gov.uk

Libraries

wandsworth.libraries@gll.org

Neighbourhood Watch

(020) 8871 7696

watchlinkmanager@wandsworth.gov.uk

wandsworth.gov.uk

Noise Complaints

- council properties

(020) 8871 7490

hms@wandsworth.gov.uk

Private properties

(020) 8871 7869

esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Parking

(020) 8871 8871

parking@wandsworth.gov.uk

Parks

(020) 8871 7530

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Rent collection Service

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rents@wandsworth.gov.uk

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(020) 8871 8558

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(020) 8871 6120

registeroffice@wandsworth.gov.uk

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Youth Clubs

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youthservice@wandsworth.gov.uk

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The winner will also be invited to nominate a local community group* to receive a £2,500 cash prize.

If you have run out of Golden Tickets you can collect more from your local library or leisure centre, the council's Customer Centre at the Town Hall, or from Housing and Community Services reception in Putney Bridge Road. Or visit wrwa.gov.uk/goldenticket to print your own.

The first draw takes place on 16 December 2016.

Good Luck!



*Community groups must meet the competition criteria and register in advance, making a commitment to encourage recycling.



For more details visit
wrwa.gov.uk/goldenticket

