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A million people visit better, brighter libraries



More than a million people visited Wandsworth's libraries last year, as new and improved libraries continue to open across the borough.

The new-look Putney Library will officially reopen in the coming days. This year marks 125 years of service to the local community and Putney has had a major facelift to celebrate including:

- A bright, refurbished children's library
- A new Start-Up Wandsworth co-working space
- A quiet study area
- A café-style reception

At a time when many councils are closing libraries, Wandsworth is investing in them and putting them at the heart of local communities.

Earlier this year the new Wandsworth Town and Northcote Libraries opened, and opening hours have been extended at Battersea Park, York Gardens and Roehampton.

More than a million people visited Wandsworth's 11 libraries last year – an increase of 17 per cent on the previous year – and two million books were issued.



"Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else's shoes for a while."

Malorie Blackman



We want Wandsworth to be a place where we care for each other, our children can reach their full potential and everyone can be happy, healthy and safe.

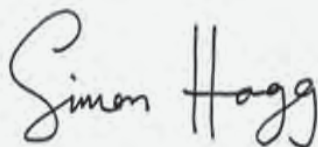
Our Decade of Renewal will make that happen – we will deliver cleaner air, better roads and pavements, outstanding schools, decent homes and brilliant libraries. For too long some parts of the borough have prospered more than others. Now we will work with local people to deliver what they need to build a strong, thriving community.

Next year we will be London Borough of Culture. Culture isn't just about going to see a play or a concert, it's about everyone being able to express themselves as individuals and have a shared sense of who we are as a borough.

And most of all we want to make sure no-one is left behind. Many families still struggle with the cost of living, and that's why we have the biggest package of support in London and the country's lowest council tax.

Our Access for All scheme will see a range of concessions to make sure no-one is priced out of what this borough has to offer, including culture and leisure. We launched it at the reopening of the renovated Tooting Bec Lido because it will include 250 free tickets a day to the Lido for low-income families.

We're on your side, we're already making a difference and I pledge to you that over the next few years we will deliver on our promise to make Wandsworth fairer, compassionate and more sustainable.



Simon Hogg

Leader of Wandsworth Council





Dive into summer with free Lido offer

Lower-income families can use the refurbished Tooting Bec Lido for free this summer.

The Lido – the oldest in London and the largest open air freshwater swimming pool in the UK - has had a £4m upgrade to make sure it stays open for years to come.

It was officially reopened in May by Paralympic gold medallist Ellie Simmonds at a huge free family fun day. London Mayor Sadiq Khan also came down.

There are 250 tickets available each day to families on a range of benefits. It's part of the council's Access for All scheme to make sure families are not priced out of making the most of everything Wandsworth has to offer.

All families will benefit from Access for All, because it includes free swimming for all under-8s and free swimming lessons for Wandsworth children in school years 5-7.



Find out about Access for All
[wandsworth.gov.uk/access-for-all](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/access-for-all)

**ACCESS
FOR ALL**



Making sure nobody misses out

The council has announced an expansion of Access for All, creating a dedicated £4.8m fund with the aim of making it Britain's best concessions scheme.

Access for All builds on the council's £15m Cost of Living support package – the most generous in London – and aims to make sure everyone can enjoy the opportunities Wandsworth has to offer.

Help available now for eligible families includes free school uniforms, automatic enrolment in free school meals, a 'Baby Box' scheme to provide essentials to young parents, free breakfasts in schools and free off-peak gym and swimming session in council-run leisure centres.

The new fund will mean the leisure offer can be expanded, including reduced-price peak-time gym and swim, and the council will look at other charged services like bulky waste and pest control with a view to developing a wider concession package.

And it will develop new, innovative ways to help people facing challenges, including access to employment and training and help with costs such as transport and childcare. People will not be forced to jump through hoops, but proactively linked with support to which they are entitled.

Funding will come from higher than expected returns from council investments. It won't add a penny to your council tax.

Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/access-for-all](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/access-for-all)

“ Access for All means families in Wandsworth who are facing tough times can come to popular places like the Lido or any of our other leisure centres and get in for free. ”

Simon Hogg


Leader of Wandsworth Council





Riaan age 8 and Neva age 6, are encouraging local residents to recycle their food waste.

Thank you for recycling your food waste

 You can now recycle all raw and cooked food waste.

Thanks to your efforts we have recycled more than 200 tonnes of food waste in the first four weeks, all part of our Cleaner

Borough Plan to improve your rubbish and recycling services. Once collected your food waste is turned into fertiliser for farmers and renewable energy, part of our commitment to tackle climate change locally in a way where everyone can get involved.

All households with enough space at the front of their property for a food waste caddy can now recycle all of their raw and cooked food waste. Flats will receive the service later in the year.

Our plan will also see the introduction of a fleet of trucks that run on bio-fuel, which will reduce carbon emissions by up to 90 per cent, guaranteed weekly rubbish collections, improved services on housing estates and more Mega Skips Days across the borough, in response to resident demand.

Thanks to you

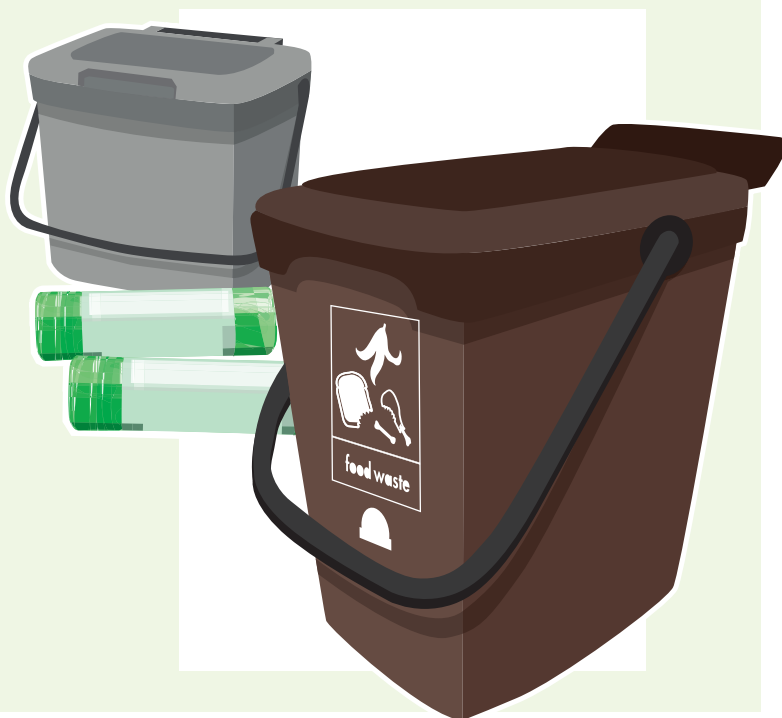
WE HAVE COLLECTED **200 tonnes** OF FOOD WASTE

This will be turned into **renewable energy or fertiliser for farmers**

Top tips: putting your rubbish and recycling out

Here are a few handy tips on how to put your rubbish and recycling out, along with your food waste for all eligible households in the borough.

- Put your rubbish, recycling, food waste and small electricals out for collection early on your usual day, or the evening before, just inside the edge of your property. Please report missed collections after 4pm.
- Place your brown food waste caddy next to your rubbish and recycling with the handle down. Your brown caddy lives outside and your silver one in the kitchen.
- Empty your silver one into the brown one as many times as you need to during the week.
- Rubbish and garden waste go into refuse sacks (e.g. a black sack), recycling in council recycling sacks and food waste in your outdoor brown caddy.
- If you own a dustbin, you can put your bagged rubbish and recycling sacks in the dustbin, just inside the edge of your property. We cannot accept rubbish and recycling if it's put out in a wheelie bin, for safety reasons.



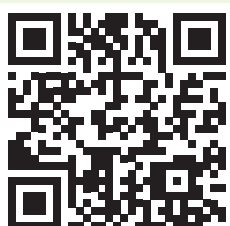
Recycle your small electricals

Small electricals can now be recycled and turned into something new, thanks to funding from Material Focus, the not-for-profit leading the Recycle Your Electricals campaign.

Any electrical thing with a plug, battery or cable up to the size of a four-size toaster - 25cm (L), 25 cm (W) and 25 cm (H) in size – can now be recycled, including hairdryers, electric toothbrushes and irons.

Just put your small electricals out on collection day next to your rubbish and recycling or visit one of our new recycling banks across the borough and in all libraries. Use any plastic bag to place your electricals in. Batteries, vapes and lightbulbs should be recycled elsewhere.

For more information on how to recycle your electricals please visit recycleyourelectricals.org.uk



Scan or visit wandsworth.gov.uk/rubbish for more info rubbish, recycling, food waste and small electricals

Food waste: wandsworth.gov.uk/foodwaste

Small electricals: wandsworth.gov.uk/smallelectricals

Report a missed collection: wandsworth.gov.uk/missed

Wandsworth's Decade of Renewal

■ We're building a new Wandsworth, where the power lies with local people, not developers.

We will continue to ask you what improvements you want in your area and we will deliver them, using funds from property developers.



The Alton Renewal Plan will take a place-based approach. We'll look at all the things that need to improve and make sure local people are part of the process. The picture shows a new zebra crossing residents requested outside Heathmere School.



More sustainable

We will work with the whole community to become a net zero borough by 2043. We've already made great strides including tackling air pollution, bringing in food waste recycling and encouraging sustainable travel.



Better, safer streets

A ten-year programme will put right years of underinvestment in the borough's roads and pavements. We've also invested in the CCTV network, developed town centre improvement schemes, including a £3.5m scheme in Tooting, and introduced a Night Time Strategy so the borough at night is better and safer for everyone.



Wandsworth is building 1,000 homes for council rent, so that everyone can have a decent, affordable place to live.

We want people to benefit from, and have the power to shape, development in their borough.

Our Raising the Bar document tells developers they must make sure community voices are heard when they put plans forward. Developers are also encouraged to prioritise council rent homes.

Getting your thoughts

The new Neighbourhood Renewal Fund makes sure the levy paid to the council by developers meets the needs identified by local people. We've already got views from lots of you – including at our regular Community Drop-Ins (see page 19) – and there will be another chance later this year to give us your ideas and suggestions for local neighbourhood improvements.



We want to make sure we don't overlook the small improvements that can have a big impact, like rejuvenating scary underpasses or neglected areas of green space.

There are plans to improve the Falcon Road bridge and recently the gates of the Oasis green space in Thessaly Road, Battersea were unlocked for the first time in years. Local people living in Patmore and Carer Gardens came along to explore, have fun and give their thoughts about what they want to see there in future.

CCTV investment makes the streets safer

■ Extra investment in the CCTV network means more crimes can be solved and local people can be kept safe.

Wandsworth council operates 1,250 cameras that are monitored around the clock - more than almost every other borough in London – as well as deployable cameras which respond to resident or police concerns.

The extensive coverage they now offer and the high-quality digital footage they produce are just part of the reason why Wandsworth has long held the title of inner London's safest borough.

Crimes solved because of CCTV in just a two-week period include tracking and finding a man who had threatened passengers on a bus, arresting suspected drug dealers and catching an intoxicated man attacking a woman in a car park. Cameras are also used to locate missing people and prevent suicide.

The cameras are monitored in the council's Joint Control Centre, which is operational 365 days a year. Extra staff have been brought



in to monitor the cameras, and staff in the control room are also able to respond to any out of hours emergency likes fires, floods, and road traffic accidents.

As well as extra CCTV officers, recent investment in fighting crime includes a doubling of investment in support for victims of domestic violence and abuse and an extra community safety analyst to get better insight on the trends of crime and anti-social behaviour and the impact on local communities.

Is your Neighbourhood Watch registered?

Last year every Neighbourhood Watch coordinator in Wandsworth was asked to register their scheme online.

Many did, but some did not and have now disappeared from the records. This makes it hard to know where all the schemes are and where there are gaps.

Unregistered schemes also lose out on events, free road signs and window stickers, discounted offers on home security equipment, insurance cover for local events, local news, links with their safer neighbourhood policing teams and support from their local Association. **For help registering email WandsworthNWassociation@gmail.com or contact 07482 363502.**

If you want to find out more about NW and sign up as an individual member, or explore creating a brand new watch scheme, visit ourwatch.org.uk.





Nuisance hire bikes seized

Wandsworth continues to blitz abandoned hire bikes blocking pavements.

In the most recent crackdown, 58 bikes were seized and impounded in response to complaints from local residents and businesses.

As a long-term solution the council is in the process of installing a network of dedicated e-bike parking bays across the borough and will work closely with the bike and scooter operators to ensure that if their customers don't use these spaces in busy locations they will face additional charges or other sanctions.

Council Leader Simon Hogg said: "We think these electric bikes and scooters offer a sustainable and useful travel option for people. But we are acutely conscious too that in some cases they are abandoned very carelessly and end up blocking pavements.

"In cases where our new network of parking spaces is not being used and bikes are being carelessly dumped or abandoned we will remove them from pavements and charge the hire companies a fee for their return. We hope this will encourage these companies to take firmer action to tackle this problem."

New look for Totterdown

Totterdown Street has a new look as part of a pilot scheme designed to boost Tooting town centre – part of a £3.5m council investment in the area.

There is a new public space with tables and chairs and the area between Saint Cyprian's Street and Blakenham Road is pedestrianised to make way for a new street market. Local residents and businesses are invited to go to the launch on July 20, with music, food and stalls from 11am-7pm.

Kemi Akinola, Cabinet Member for Voluntary Sector, Business Engagement and Culture said: "Until next May we will listen carefully to the views of local residents and businesses before deciding whether or not to make these changes permanent. The views of local people will be pivotal in helping us reach that final decision."

Find out more and comment at totterdown.commonplace.is



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call: 0808 175 3327



Party with neighbours this Car Free Day

Turn your street into a party this Car Free Day on September 22 by applying for a free road closure.

Street parties are a great way to bring neighbours together, allow people to experience streets free of cars, give children the space to play safely and reduce air pollution.

It usually costs £64 to apply for a street closure, but the council is waiving the fee for September 20, 21 and 22. You must apply by August 16.

Find out more at [wandsworth.gov.uk/street-parties](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/street-parties)



Car Free Day 2023

Animal help in store

The RSPCA has opened a new branch in Tooting and offers help to people struggling with vet bills.

You can help the charity by donating to or buying from their shop in Upper Tooting Road. As well as donated items, it has a wide range of pet products. Volunteers are always needed, including new foster homes for cats and rabbits.

If you need help or advice or want to volunteer email enquiries@rspcasouthlondon.org.uk, or call 07548840934.



Kittens looking for a home



Wandsworth prepares to be Borough of Culture

Record numbers of people came to the Wandsworth Arts Fringe this year as Wandsworth gears up to be London Borough of Culture 2025.

WAF is a cornerstone of culture in Wandsworth and next year will be at the heart of a fantastic, wide-ranging programme of arts and culture across the borough, from Tooting and Roehampton to Battersea and Putney.

Being Borough of Culture brings funding from the Mayor's office and means Wandsworth can attract new investment, create jobs, give young people training opportunities and give a huge boost to arts and culture so that it thrives into the future.

Details of the programme will be announced later but watch this space for ways you can get involved.

Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/boroughofculture





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Where I come from
I'm scared.

I love the peace with each
other and good neighbours.

In the future, I want to be a
nurse that helps kids.
I love to help people.

I feel at home because if I need
help, I know where to go.
You have to be thankful.

If you speak about sanctuary
it means your home.
Without your support, our
stay here will be very difficult.

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Wandsworth is a proud Borough of Sanctuary

■ Wandsworth Council is proud to announce
it is officially a Borough of Sanctuary.

The accreditation by City of Sanctuary UK recognises work including:

- The development of the Wandsworth Sanctuary Strategy
- A £200,000 Sanctuary Community Fund to provide grants to the voluntary and community sector
- A new Refugee Services Team with 21 dedicated workers speaking more than 15 languages to make sure refugees get the support they need.

Cabinet Member for Business, Voluntary Sector and Culture, Kemi Akinola, said: "Wandsworth is a welcoming place for people seeking asylum and refugees - and this accreditation is recognition that the residents of Wandsworth, alongside Wandsworth Council, have welcomed those seeking sanctuary with open arms."

Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees, a local voluntary group affiliated to City of Sanctuary, said: "We believe the new teams and services will benefit the whole borough through the commitment to growing safe and welcoming communities. Wandsworth has always prided itself on being a welcoming borough, and the work in the last two years means this will be more than just a slogan."

Wandsworth has been a home for refugees since providing sanctuary in the 17th century for Huguenots fleeing religious persecution. Since the start of the war in Ukraine it has found homes for more than 1,000 Ukrainian refugees – the second highest amount in London.

One Ukrainian refugee said: "After the war began in Ukraine, the life story of our family is closely connected with Wandsworth. I have always felt the help and support of the people and organisations here."



Help to get a job

More than a thousand people went to this year's Employ Wandsworth jobs fair to meet employers and learn about local job and training opportunities.

It is run by the Work Match team, which helps people access high quality training, employment support and local employment opportunities exclusively available to residents of the borough. In February Work Match celebrated getting its 2,500th resident into a job.

Deputy Council Leader Kemi Akinola said: "If you couldn't make Employ Wandsworth you can still

get help. We want local opportunities to go to local people, so contact the team and have a chat about your options."

Call 020 8871 5191 Email wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk

View vacancies and apply online at wandsworthworkmatch.org

Help vulnerable adults

The council is seeking volunteers to act as appropriate adults for children and vulnerable adults in police custody. You would support people who do not have an appropriate family member or friend to be there for them.

If you live in or near Wandsworth and want to find out more call (020) 8871 6222 or email yteam@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

Your child's future

If your 16-18 year old does not have a suitable form of education, employment or training place from September, the council's Post-16 team can help.

They can help your child to recognise their skills and interests, give information and advice and support with CV writing, applications and more.

Call 07811 782859 or email post16@wandsworth.gov.uk



Measles is circulating, it is serious, very infectious and can cause complications.

Especially for those with a weakened immune system, babies under one year and pregnant women.



You need two doses of MMR vaccine to protect you, see your GP practice to make an appointment.

It is never too late to have your MMR.

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the safest way to protect your child

Leader listens to local concerns

Thanks to everyone who packed out local venues this summer to meet the Leader of the Council, local MPs and councillors at community drop-in events.

Council Leader Simon Hogg vowed to build more homes and improve conditions for tenants as he listened to the views and priorities of local people at the latest events in Wandsworth Town Centre and the Alton estate.

The drop-ins take the council's services and leadership right into the heart of local communities so that residents can come along to get support on issues including housing, social care needs and concerns over crime and safety.

Find out more about the series of events at wandsworth.gov.uk/here-to-listen



Simon Hogg
Leader of Wandsworth Council



We want your views on shaping your local area. Add your ideas and suggestions for neighbourhood funding to our online interactive map at wandsworth.gov.uk/neighbourhoodfunding



Tell us about your community hero

Many people work tirelessly to help their neighbours and their community – often without any recognition.

The Wandsworth Civic Awards shine a light on these unsung heroes, and give the council and local residents a chance to honour and thank them.

Nominations are now open for the 2024 Wandsworth Civic Awards, and we want to know who you think is deserving of one.

It may be someone who volunteers for a local charity or group, works to improve the environment or just keeps an eye on vulnerable members of their community.

This year the borough's first-ever Youth Mayor will present a special award for children and young people under the age of 25, who have made a positive contribution to Wandsworth.

This could include someone who has given up their time to volunteer, performed an act of bravery or fought to tackle climate change. Or it could be an organisation that has worked to help local young people, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Nominate by September 8.
Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/civicawards](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/civicawards)

Meet the Mayor

This year's Mayor of Wandsworth is Tooting-born human rights lawyer and mum-of-two Sana Jafri.

She has chosen three charities to support, HomeStart Wandsworth which supports families, Rackets Cubed which helps children and families in Roehampton and Tooting Community Kitchen which runs a foodbank and a safe place to eat and socialise.

For the first time ever, Wandsworth also has a Youth Mayor. Millie Quinn, 17, has vowed to help give young people in the borough a voice, and wants to promote understanding of young people living with poor health.

The deputy mayor is Finna Ayres and deputy youth mayor is Favour Oniri.



The Mayor, Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor

Do you want to volunteer?

In Wandsworth there are more than 900 voluntary and community groups, and many of them are led and run by volunteers.

The council works with the volunteer brokerage Wandsworth Care Alliance to match up potential volunteers with organisations that need help. You can visit their Volunteering Wandsworth website to search for opportunities. Community groups and charities can also register to find volunteers.

Visit volunteer.wandsworthcarealliance.org.uk



Mark's story

Mark found local opportunities on the Volunteering Wandsworth website. He does telephone befriending for Deafblind UK and has been speaking to one person for almost three and a half years. He also carries out reading sessions with Learn to Love to Read, reading to children where English may not be their first

language at home. Both jobs can fit easily into his schedule.

Mark said: "I would wholeheartedly recommend people getting involved. If you can lend your support even to a small degree, it will all add up and it's going to be better than doing nothing."

Organisations currently seeking volunteers include:

■ **Link Up London** is a volunteer brokerage that matches people's specialist professional skills with groups that need them – like bookkeeping and social media.

Visit linkuplondon.org

■ **Enable**, which looks after parks and biodiversity on behalf of the council, encourages people to volunteer for nature projects.

Email biodiversity@enablelc.org to find out about volunteering opportunities.

■ **The Friends of Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton**, who work to improve the experience of patients, are looking for new volunteer committee members.

Visit friendsqmh.com

■ **Home Start Wandsworth** is looking for volunteers to provide practical and emotional support to families with young children who may be struggling with post-natal depression, isolation, financial hardship or disability.

Visit homestartwandsworth.org.uk/volunteer

■ **The Devas Club** is celebrating 140 years of supporting youth in Battersea, and welcomes volunteers to support its work.

Visit devasclub.org/get-involved

■ The **Community Empowerment Network** is seeking volunteer host families willing to provide a room for people overcoming some sort of mental health episode who don't need hospital or psychiatric facility care. Expenses are paid and the NHS will monitor the placement.

Visit communityempowermentnetwork.org.uk.

■ **Wandsworth Community Transport** helps people with mobility problems get out and about and relies heavily on volunteers to drive minibuses, do shopping and help in the office.

Visit wctbus.org.uk

■ **Share Community** helps people with disabilities live healthier, happier and more independent lives and would like to hear from potential volunteers. Visit sharecommunity.org.uk



Volunteering for Homestart Wandsworth

Call to review cancer care decision

Wandsworth Council will challenge the decision to move specialist children's cancer care away from St George's Hospital.

It is one of seven local authorities referring the decision directly to the new Secretary of State for Health as part of a co-ordinated cross-party campaign.

Council leader Simon Hogg said: "We have opposed these plans to move specialist children's cancer care from the start. Getting to Evelina Hospital through central London traffic will be challenging at the best of times. Traveling by public transport is not an option for vulnerable children on immunosuppressant medicine. So there has to be a better solution."

Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/stgeorges

Sign returns to former glory

A historic mosaic sign advertising one of the earliest coach travel companies has been restored by the local community with the support of the Heritage of London Trust.

The 1920s sign in Southfields promotes the United Service Transport Company, which offered trips on 'United Green' coaches to the Kent and Sussex coast and to the races. Charles Runcie, chair of the Southfields Grid Residents' Association, said: "History is not just big buildings and famous statues, it's about those public objects, signs and landmarks that job residents' memories of times past."



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Wandsworth was heavily bombed during the war, so success on D-Day was crucial. In one of the worst incidents, at least 35 people were killed when a V2 rocket landed on Hazelhurst Road, Tooting – a commemorative Green Plaque stands on the site now. Nine Elms was so badly damaged that Winston Churchill paid a visit.



Honouring heroes

■ This year we marked the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings – a crucial turning point in the Second World War and in the history of Europe as a whole.

The invasion of the beaches at Normandy by Allied troops was the largest military naval, air and land operation ever attempted and marked the beginning of the liberation of France.

A Putney-born hero from Wandsworth, General Sir Richard Gale, played a key part. General Gale led a division of troops into occupied territory by air - landing himself by glider in occupied France.

Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Sana Jafri said: "We reflect with gratitude on General Gale's sacrifice, as we do the 250,000 personnel who were involved in the Normandy landings – and the 10,000 who died fighting for freedom."

Wandsworth Council has a public pledge to the Armed Forces and recently had its Gold Award from the Ministry of Defence renewed for five years. This represents the highest badge of honour to those employers who have made a long-term commitment to the armed forces and employ and support those who serve, veterans and their families.

You can find out about the support on offer at wandsworth.gov.uk/support-for-the-armed-forces



Grant powers up fair

The Friends of Wandsworth Park used their Climate Action Microgrant to pay for an environmentally-friendly generator to power music and stalls at their May Eco Fair.

Climate Action Microgrants are available to individuals, groups and non-profits for events and initiatives that promote positive action in the community around climate change and sustainability. Applications are especially welcome for events held as part of the council's Sustainable September month of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature.

Find out more at [wandsworth.gov.uk/climate-action-microgrants](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/climate-action-microgrants).

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Protect biodiversity one garden at a time

The On Your Street survey aims to better understand the impact private gardens have on biodiversity in Wandsworth

About 20 per cent of Wandsworth is covered by private domestic gardens. Take a short survey and tell us about your garden – for example if you have wildflower area, areas of long grass, a compost pile, or a small pond.

The council's contractor Enable's Biodiversity Team will analyse the results. Scan the QR code in the image for the link to take part.

For more information, or if you have any questions, email biodiversity@enablelc.org.



Looking back at the Lido

Tooting Bec Lido is one of the jewels of Wandsworth's crown. The UK's largest open-air freshwater pool has just had a £4m revamp to secure its future.

The Lido is one of Britain's oldest open-air swimming pools and was built in just four months in 1906.

It was originally called Tooting Bathing Lake and was designed partly as a communal bath because very few homes had their own bathrooms at the time. One local dignity said he hoped it would be "a benefit to the public for a long time to come."

It's been modernised over the years, including the introduction of showers in the 1930s, the paddling pool in 1999 and a new pavilion in 2017.

Pictures top down:

The Lido holds a million gallons of unheated water. The refurbishment has seen the replacement of its pumphouse, which controls the water supply, and the construction of a new electrical sub-station to power the pumps as well as the pool's modern new UV filtration and water purification system. Other works have included new pipework and a new pool lining, plus new landscaping around the water's edge.

Building the Lido in 1906

The Lido soon after it was built

The Lido in the 1970s

Below:

The South London Swimming Club was established within weeks of the Lido opening in 1906. Many members swim 365 days a year, whatever the weather.



WHAT'S ON?



South Asian Heritage Month

We're celebrating South Asian culture and heritage by supporting community-based arts and events:

Aunusthan! Is a celebration of Indian classical dance from Pagrav Dance on August 15 at Tooting Works.

The Arty Crafty Crescent Club is a chance to explore free art and craft sessions at Cromwell House community hub. On July 23 dive into the world of Pakistani truck art, and on July 30 there will be a family event centred around Rangoli art.

Decolonise Choir comes to the Tara Theatre on August 9 with a chance to learn and write songs and perform them with the choir.

The Sri Lankan Culture Collective is hosting a one-day festival of Sri Lankan contemporary culture on September 22 on Battersea Barge, including food, comedy and music.

Evening Conversations.... and more from writer and actor Sudhar Bhuchar will capture conversations with Wandsworth community groups about identity, heritage, family, diasporic journeys and health and wellbeing.

Find out more at wandsworthart.com

There will also be events and themed displays in libraries.

Tea Dance with Mr Wonderful

First Monday of every month

Enjoy music, dancing, tea and biscuits, keep moving, socialise and have fun. £6.00 in advance £8.50 on the door.

Wandsworth Civic Suite

Book at simpletix.com/e/wandsworth-tea-dance-tickets-127195

Roehampton Community Shed

Every Wednesday

A weekly group for men and women over 60 to meet and work on practical projects such as furniture upcycling and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat. You don't have to be an expert, you can pick up the skills you need there.

5 Portswood Place, Roehampton

ageuk.org.uk/wandsworth/activities-and-events/regular-activities-1/roehampton-community-shed

Walk and Talk

Every Saturday, 10.30am

Everyone is welcome to join weekly walks to enjoy nature, get some exercise and meet new friends. There's no need to book and it's free to join in.

Join Walks in King George's Park, Wandsworth and Tooting Common.

walkandtalkmovement.org

Active Lifestyles

Weekly activities for adults including yoga, over-50s keep fit and sports at locations across the borough.

enablelc.org/activelifestyles

Guys Get Active

A free 12-week health programme for men who live or work in Wandsworth and want to improve their nutrition and fitness and conquer unhealthy habits.

Get 1-1 advice from registered nutritionists plus a mix of in-person and virtual activities including social football and circuit and strength training, plus group chats and social events. During the course participants have free access to the Battersea Park Millennium Arena, Tooting Bec Athletics Track & Gym, Barn Elms Sports Centre and Battersea Sports Centre.

enablelc.org/guysgetactive

Box Set Summer Festival

July 27-August 3

Putney gets its very own mini-Edinburgh Festival! See ten plays in eight days in this series of short plays by some of the UK's best playwrights.

putneyartstheatre.org.uk

Blue Light Community Engagement event

3 August, 9.30am-2pm

Bike checks and marking, first aid training, crime prevention advice, London Fire Brigade rescue services demonstration. All welcome.

Rosery Car Park, Battersea Park

An Evening of Windrush Poetry

31 July, 6.30pm

Join Dr Velma McClymon for the launch of her first collection of poetry, *Walk Foot Woman and Other Poems*. Born in rural Jamaica and raised in Battersea, Dr McClymon draws on her own experience and that of the Windrush generation in her work.

Booking required.
Email heritage@gll.org



Battersea Park in Concert

24-26 August

A weekend of live performances including A Night at the Musicals and Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra

Batterseaparkinconcert.com



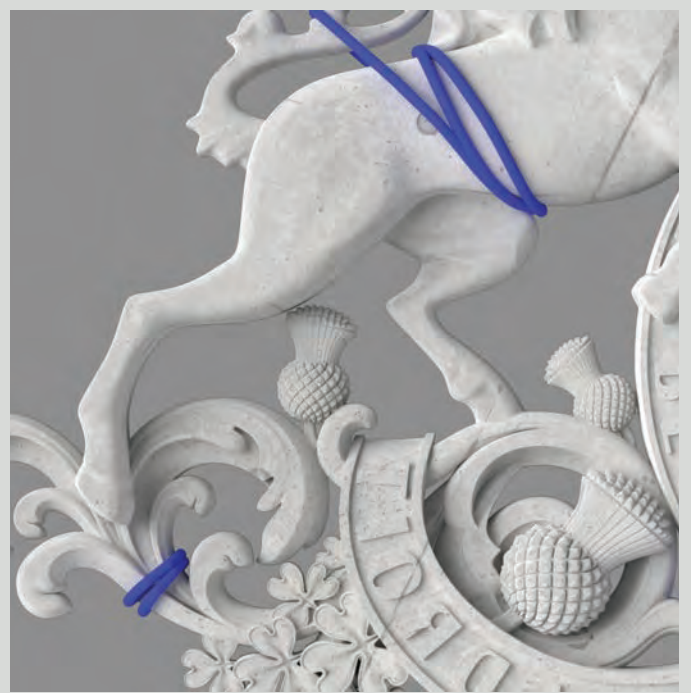


Cockfosters

August 13-31

Strangers James and Tori meet on the Piccadilly Line and embark on a journey they'll never forget. A surreal take on a trip on the London Underground.

TheTurbineTheatre.com



RCA2024

Until August 4

Exhibitions, events and activities showcasing the work of graduating students from the Royal College of Art. Locations include the Battersea Campus.

rca.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/rca2024



Walk Wandsworth

Free led walks around Wandsworth Common, Wimbledon Park and Battersea Park

enablelc.org/walkwandsworth

Climate Chat

August 23, noon-1pm

Learn from others volunteering and working on climate and sustainability in Wandsworth. The theme of this month's online chat will be new resident action packs to help spread climate knowledge around the borough

Email togetheronclimatechange@wandsworth.gov.uk



Cycle training for children

July 29-August 8

Free cycle training for 10-15 year olds. Trained instructors will take a group of young people onto local roads to teach them how to ride safely.

wandsworth.gov.uk/cycling

Family Cycle Ride

August 4

The August route is Richmond Park to King George's Park and is a chance for families to enjoy cycling together. Dr Bike will be there to check over bikes beforehand **Book your place by emailing richard.huie@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk**



Battersea Community Festival

7 September 12noon-6pm

Stalls, entertainment, food and drink, sport, games and more in Shillington Park. Everyone welcome

Batterseafestival.com

Southfields Harvest

28 September, 12pm-3pm

Meet other members of your community, take part in the bake-off, create some art and amble the goodies produced on your doorstep like cider, honey and freshly-dug allotment veg.

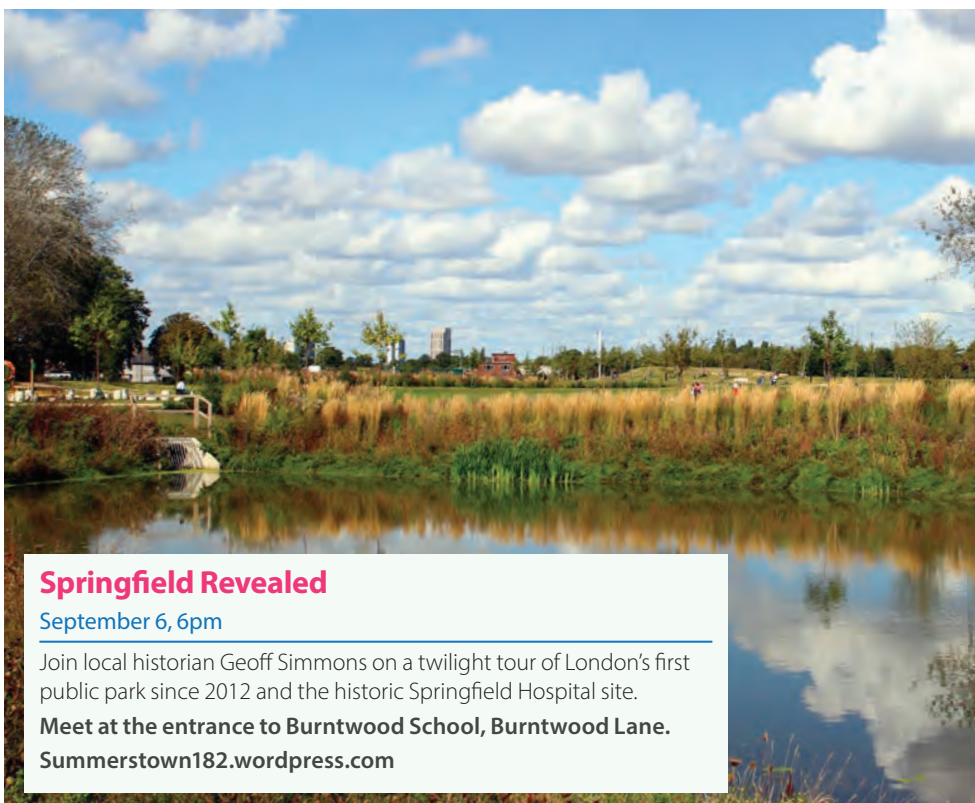
southfieldsharvest.org.uk

Brighter Living Fair

Throughout October

A whole month of fun events, taster sessions, workshops and more all over the borough to help older people stay active and socially connected.

wandsworth.gov.uk/brighter-living-fair



Springfield Revealed

September 6, 6pm

Join local historian Geoff Simmons on a twilight tour of London's first public park since 2012 and the historic Springfield Hospital site.

Meet at the entrance to Burntwood School, Burntwood Lane.

Summerstown182.wordpress.com

HUMANS OF
WANDSWORTH

You wiiiiill recycle your old electricals

Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled and turned into something new.

Low rise households can now bag up small electricals up to the size of a four-slice toaster and put out on collection day.

Scan or search '**recycle your electricals**' to find all your local donation or recycling points, if you don't have a home collection.



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Together with



Doing it online

Using our website helps keep your council tax bills low

Report a waste problem

wandsworth.gov.uk/waste

Request a housing repair

wandsworth.gov.uk/housingonline

Search planning applications

wandsworth.gov.uk/planningregister

Report a street problem

wandsworth.gov.uk/streets

Apply for a school place

eadmissions.org.uk

Book an MOT

wandsworth.gov.uk/MOT

Report noise and nuisances

wandsworth.gov.uk/noise

Apply or renew a parking permit

wandsworth.gov.uk/parkingpermits

Report graffiti for removal

wandsworth.gov.uk/graffiti

Report an abandoned vehicle

wandsworth.gov.uk/abandonedvehicles

Tell us if you are moving in or out of Wandsworth

wandsworth.gov.uk/MIMO

Enquire about your housing options

wandsworth.gov.uk/housingoptions

Pay it online

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

Pay your council tax

wandsworth.gov.uk/paycounciltax

Pay a parking fine

wandsworth.gov.uk/parking/payment

Pay your rent

wandsworth.gov.uk/rents

Pay for a marriage or civil partnership ceremony

wandsworth.gov.uk/ceremonypayment

Pay your business rates

wandsworth.gov.uk/paybusinessrates

Pay a waste or littering penalty

wandsworth.gov.uk/waste-enforcement

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weekly e-newsletter

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



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Other contacts at the council

Adult Social Services

(020) 8871 7707

Births, Deaths, Marriages and Voting Hotline

(020) 8871 6120

Early Years and Childcare Hotline including Family Information Service and After School and Holiday Play Centre bookings

(020) 8871 7899

Environmental Services including noise, pest control, private housing and licensing

(020) 8871 6127

Finance Hotline including benefits, council tax, rents and business rates

(020) 8871 8081

Housing Hotline including housing management and repairs, service charges, home ownership, homelessness and housing advice

(020) 8871 6161

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

(020) 8871 8871

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

(020) 8871 7620

Schools and Admissions

(020) 8871 7316

Waste Hotline including rubbish, recycling and litter

(020) 8871 8558

My Account

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

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

Food waste collections



Please recycle all your cooked and uncooked food waste

Food waste is now collected from all eligible households across the borough. Flats will receive the service later in the year.



DO NOT PLACE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR CADDY:

- ❌ Compostable packaging (except compostable caddy liners)
- ❌ Liquids, such as milk, oil or gravy
- ❌ Biodegradable plastic coffee pods
- ❌ Any other plastics/bio-plastics
- ❌ Paper (except to line the caddy)
- ❌ Foil or cling film
- ❌ Garden waste

REMEMBER

Put your rubbish, recycling, food waste and small electricals out for collection early on your usual day, or the evening before.

Rubbish and recycling collections may be earlier than you are used to.

Any questions visit: wandsworth.gov.uk/foodwaste

