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Council Tax freeze

Wandsworth Council is freezing your Council Tax for the third year in a row. You will continue to pay the lowest Council Tax in the country.

Sound financial management is at the heart of everything we do. Wandsworth has one of the lowest levels of debt and some of the highest financial reserves in London, allowing us to freeze the main element of Council Tax and invest in what matters most to you:

- **7 rings, 7 days guarantee** – call us on 020 8871 6000 and we will answer in 7 rings. Report graffiti, a dangerous pothole, or a damaged street sign and we will fix it in 7 days.
- **Free bulky waste collections** – every household now gets two free bulky waste collections every year. We are expanding our monthly Mega Skips and we guarantee to keep your weekly waste and recycling collections.
- **Safer neighbourhoods** – we have a network of over 1,200 CCTV cameras to monitor the borough 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and are investing in our parks, town centres, and public spaces to make them safer and more welcoming for everyone.

Looking after our most vulnerable residents is crucial. We will continue to provide excellent care for our older residents and support the NHS. An increase of 2 per cent in the adult social care precept this year will help fund this vital work.

Wandsworth is London Borough of Culture 2025 and we are inviting everyone to take part. Kicking off in April, there will be big cultural moments throughout the year plus community-led events all over the borough for you to enjoy.

Together, we're making Wandsworth an even better place to live.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Simon Hogg'.

Simon Hogg
Leader of Wandsworth Council



Jenny Yates, Cabinet Member for Transport,
helps install a new street sign in Tooting



Better services for you

Our new set of guarantees are part of our pledge to listen and deliver on resident priorities.

Residents are at the heart of everything we do. We have listened to your concerns and have changed to offer the best possible service for all.



Cabinet Member for Children Kate Stock talks to local parents



A customer service representative at our new call centre

Cleaner Streets

We understand that cleaner streets is your big priority, so from today every household will now get two free bulky waste collections per year. Find out more on page 10.

We also guarantee to keep your weekly rubbish and recycling collections and are expanding our much-loved Mega Skip Days.

Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/listening
Email hello@wandsworth.gov.uk

7 rings, 7 days

The new 7 rings guarantee means calls to the council's dedicated **020 8871 6000** number will be answered by a member of staff within 7 rings. A new email address of **hello@wandsworth.gov.uk** is also available for residents to get in touch.

We recognise that good customer service must be paired with swift action to resolve the issues raised. If you report graffiti, a broken street sign, or a dangerous pothole, it will be fixed within 7 days. This is to ensure everyone can have pride in their neighbourhood.



Deputy Council Leader Kemi Akinola helps clean off some graffiti in Balham



Wandsworth stands with residents against Heathrow expansion

Wandsworth Council strongly opposes the Government’s recent announcement indicating it would support the construction of a third runway at Heathrow Airport.

The council believes this decision disregards the significant environmental, health, and quality-of-life impacts on local communities already suffering from the negative effects of air traffic.

The additional runway will result in aircraft overhead for more hours each day when westerly operations are in place, with no respite after 3pm. The reduced length of the new runway will force larger, noisier aircraft to use the existing full-length runways, further exacerbating the disruption.

Council Leader, Simon Hogg, said: “We cannot stand by and let Heathrow have a green light to enact such unwelcome changes on our communities. We will work alongside our coalition partners to oppose these plans.”



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Wandsworth's year as London Borough of Culture brings excitement and transformation

Wandsworth is hosting a year-long celebration of culture, creativity, and community, as we launch our year as The Mayor's London Borough of Culture 2025, with a focus on the power of culture to improve health and wellbeing.

Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said:

“ Culture has the power to bring people together, strengthen communities, and improve lives. Wandsworth's bold and inspiring programme is a shining example of how creativity can be embedded into everyday life, making culture accessible to all and celebrating what makes London's boroughs so unique. ”

On 25 February, the launch event took place at one of Wandsworth's flagship venues, Battersea Arts Centre, where musicians, performers, local dignitaries and community members representing the diverse communities of the borough came together to celebrate

Find out more on page 17 for the programme highlights.





Get moving this year

Make a fresh start this year and join our 2025 Movement Challenge.

Wandsworth will invest £30 million over the next five years to enhance leisure facilities in the borough to help improve residents' physical and mental health.

This year, as Wandsworth celebrates being the Mayor of London's London Borough of Culture, we want to support everyone to make changes to live an active, joyful life.

And through our Access for All scheme we're making sure no one is priced out – including free and discounted swimming, gym sessions and tennis and padel courts for eligible residents.

There's also free and discounted swim and junior gym for young people, plus free swimming for all children under eight.

Find out how to take part in the 2025 Movement Challenge at [wandsworth.gov.uk/movement-challenge](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/movement-challenge)



Royal support for Apple partnership

His Majesty The King visited Apple's UK headquarters in Battersea to celebrate an innovative partnership with Wandsworth schools.

He met with students from St George's Primary School, who showcased their digital artwork created as part of Apple's education programme. The collaboration between Apple and the council helps equip young people with vital digital skills.

The students' artwork was later projected onto Battersea Power Station's iconic chimneys and attendees were treated to a surprise performance by chart-topping singer-songwriter Raye, who comes from Tooting.

Lisa Jackson, Apple's vice president of Environment, Policy and Social Initiatives, said: "Partnerships like this make Apple better. Wandsworth continues to be an exceptional place to grow and thrive."

Kate Stock, Cabinet Member for Children, emphasised the importance of this partnership: "Programmes like Apple's digital skills initiative empower our young people with tools for the future while celebrating their creativity."





Free bulky waste collections

Every household in Wandsworth now gets two free bulky waste collections a year, saving you £47, in an ambitious new move to achieve cleaner streets across the borough.

The bulky waste collection service offers home collections for larger items such as mattresses, furniture and appliances like washing machines, fridges and freezers. Each free collection can be for up to four items.

Judi Gasser, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "We know cleaner streets are a big priority for residents. Our new bulky waste offer is part of our promise to deliver the best possible service we can."

"As part of our Cleaner Borough Plan, we also promise to keep weekly waste and recycling collections and expand our popular Mega Skip Days which now take place twice a month. All of this without adding a penny to your Council Tax.

"It has never been easier to dispose of your waste. Please make the most of these free collections and secure your slot today."

Bulky waste is collected on the same day as your usual rubbish and recycling collection day.

Book yours now at
[wandsworth.gov.uk/bulkywaste](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/bulkywaste)





Our Cleaner Borough

Working together for
a cleaner Wandsworth

“Our new bulky waste offer is part of our promise to deliver the best possible service we can.”

Cabinet Member for
Environment Judi Gasser





Family hubs expand with new free activities

Tooting Family Hub is set to launch this spring while the new Roehampton Family Hub is expanding its free activities.

A free homework club and table tennis club are among the newest activities on offer at Roehampton Family Hub, alongside other vital services for parents, carers and young people.

Families and young people can join in the fun at the table tennis club from 3.30-5pm each Thursday.





New council homes transform communities

The Homes for Wandsworth scheme will see more than 1,000 new homes for council rent being developed in the borough.

It's transforming communities – like at one of the latest completed developments in West Hill.

The brand new Beaumont Road development replaced a dilapidated block of unused garages to create nine new homes for council rent at the Edgecombe Hall Estate.

The Zafar family have moved into one of the new homes in Beaumont Road after a decade of living in Roehampton.

“It’s fantastic,” explains Muhammad, who moved at the end of October with wife Yasmeen and their two sons.

“The flat is very spacious and all the neighbours are very nice. It’s very peaceful here and everything is very easy. Plus, it’s a very friendly neighbourhood.”

Pictured to the right is Edgecombe Hall Estate resident Kim Muddle. Kim has lived in the area for 15 years and said she is pleased to see the new development replace the old garages that had previously stood on the site.

“The new housing looks lovely,” said the 66-year-old.



“The garages had been neglected and the site wasn’t being used for anything. It’s positive to see where there was a gap that it could be used for something to improve the area.”

New residents had chance to meet their neighbours at a community meet and greet organised by the council last month, with support from the local residents’ association.

It was also a chance to meet Wandsworth’s Cabinet Member for Housing, as part of our role as a listening council.

Aydin Dikerdem, Cabinet Member for Housing, pictured above said: “The Homes for Wandsworth programme is about more than bricks and mortar. It’s about encouraging and improving communities.”

Find out more about our new homes at wandsworth.gov.uk/where-we-are-building-homes



Are you entitled to help?

Wandsworth has the biggest Cost of Living support package in London, and is keen to make sure local people are claiming all the benefits and support they are entitled to.

If you're struggling with essentials like food or fuel, apply for a Wandsworth Council Discretionary Support Grant.

Thames Water offers two key schemes to help reduce water bills: WaterHelp gives a 50 per cent discount for

households whose bills exceed five per cent of their income, and WaterSure is a capped bill for those with water meters, in receipt of means-tested benefits, and meeting specific conditions.

The council's Wandsworth Winter Support payment is worth £300 for those who are 80 or over, and £200 for those under 80. It is targeted at pensioners who are on Council Tax Reduction, and not currently in receipt of Pension Credit.

Community Spaces offer a warm and welcoming place to go where you can keep warm and enjoy a hot drink, food and activities.

Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/hub](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/hub) to find out more.



A Community Space at Battersea Library



Yvonne Carr Community Space





Welcome to Wandsworth!

Get ready for Wandsworth's year as the London Borough of Culture.

Artists, creatives, performers, volunteers and members of the local community have come together to make 2025 a memorable year full of big cultural moments and neighbourhood celebrations.

Local people are front and centre, including our group of Champions made up of a wide range of people from diverse backgrounds.

Wandsworth's year aims to harness the power of culture to connect people and communities, improve health and wellbeing, nourish young talent and reconnect people to the natural environment.

The fun starts in April, and highlights will include 200 dancers from across 22 dance organisations of all abilities taking part in **Strictly Wandsworth**, the

Highlights include:

- **Strictly Wandsworth (26 April)** – Dance event created by world-renowned choreographer Jeanefer Jean-Charles (London 2012 Olympics)
- **Urban Flow (13 September)** – A silk banner procession, featuring 100 performers and digital art, blending movement, martial arts, and dance.
- **Liberty Festival (26-28 September)** – London's flagship festival celebrating D/deaf, disabled, and neurodivergent artists.
- **The Wandsworth Way (July 2025 – March 2026)** – A brand-new South West London set radio drama series.
- **Battersea Park in Concert (23-25 August)** – A picnic concert series, showcasing jazz and classical music.
- **Tooting Food Festival** – A celebration of community and culture through the shared experience of food.

Liberty Festival celebrating D/deaf, disabled, and neurodivergent artists and **Urban Flow** in Roehampton, combining dance, martial arts, music and a beautiful silk flag procession.

Wandsworth Arts Fringe will be back bigger and better than ever, and there will be events celebrating **South Asian Heritage Month** and the council's year-long celebration of Black history and culture, **BHM365**.

Plus dozens of community events will include dedicated work with **schools**, **Memory Boxes** for older people, Wandsworth's very own **radio soap opera**, **Our Music Our Freedom**, telling the story of Wandsworth diverse communities through music, and celebrations of the **Winstanley Estate** and its people.

Get more details of the programme and how to get involved at welcometowandsworth.com



Fancy dress celebrations for the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977



Remembering our past

One of the aims of Wandsworth's year as London Borough of Culture is to reconnect people with their community.

We'll be exploring the borough's history through a series of events. Here are some of the main ones, but keep an eye on the programme for local community-led events.

Clapham Grand: A Palace of Varieties will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the iconic venue.

The **Wandsworth Heritage Festival** will run from 13 June - 13 July to share a week with the Wandsworth Arts Fringe. Attendees can expect an array of walks, talks, performances, and workshops reflecting our borough's history and heritage.

We're keen to help young people explore their past and develop the skills to tell their stories.

The **Storycatchers** project offers professional training to young people to capture and record the voices and memories of Caribbean and South Asian elders. These storycatchers will work with established organisations to record these stories as well as members of the public during different events through the LBoC year.

The **Wandsworth Young Historian Competition** will also return, giving schoolchildren a chance to turn into history detectives and explore an element of their communities' past.

One of the 2024 Young Historian winners Labiqa from John Burns Primary School is seen here with the Mayor of Wandsworth Sana Jafri.

The other winners were Aliina and Edie from Sellincourt Primary School and Arrun from Fircroft Primary School





Fit for life

Newly-launched Lennox Boxing Gym is bringing free fitness to young people in Wandsworth.

Founder Yusuf Lagden says he is determined to help grow the next generation of positive, healthy and community-minded residents: “Confidence, discipline and respect are just some of the benefits boxing gives to young people,” he said.

The gym – known as LNX – is based in the former Lennox Youth Club in Roehampton’s Arabella Drive.

“It’s a fun and relaxed space, but we are here to train,” points out Tooting-born Yusuf, who grew up on the Ashburton Estate in Putney with a passion for sports.

“I want to see kids do well, get fitter and learn how to manage their emotions.”

The site has been leased to Yusuf’s community interest company by Wandsworth Council for the next 15 years and Yusuf and his team revamped the building, including rewiring, new flooring and a new kitchen and bathroom. Yusuf has also been supported by the team behind local charity Regenerate.

Now open and offering free sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays, the gym runs training from 4.15–5.15pm for 10 to 13-year-olds and 5.30–6.45pm for 14 to 17-year-olds.



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message us **Fostering for Wandsworth**





Borough of Sanctuary gives vital support

When Wandsworth was accredited as a Borough of Sanctuary last year, it marked our commitment to helping those in need of safety and support.

For Pavlo, whose harrowing experiences on the frontline of the war in Ukraine left him in urgent need, coming to Wandsworth meant he was “met with love, unexpectedly, which made me feel truly welcomed”.

From local NHS health services, to the council-funded Citizens Advice Wandsworth, and help with moving costs as a Ukrainian refugee, Pavlo says he received “crucial assistance”.

Yoga and swimming at Latchmere Leisure Centre in Battersea and Putney Leisure Centre “helped me manage stress and depression effectively”, adds the 33-year-old.

With the support Pavlo received, the trained priest was determined to be an active member of the community and, after training as a behaviour technician, Pavlo now works in a secondary school supporting children with autism.

He also volunteers at Roehampton non-profit organisation Estate Art and helps out at church and co-manages a charity helping children in southern Ukraine.

“I feel deeply obligated and grateful for the invaluable support provided to Ukraine, especially in helping Ukrainian refugees,” said Pavlo.

“That’s why I’ve chosen to support vulnerable children with autism, as well as local people in need, as my way of giving back to the UK and helping as much as I can.”

Find out more at [Wandsworth.gov.uk/borough-of-sanctuary](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/borough-of-sanctuary)



Council Leader Simon Hogg and Cabinet Member for Transport Jenny Yates with employees, volunteers and users of the Roehampton Community Box

Get on board

We've launched the Roehampton Transport Club, which offers free, door-to-door minibus travel for those who find it difficult to use public transport.

As well as regular scheduled outings to Tooting Market, St George's hospital, and Roehampton Asda, the minibus also runs regular outings to places like Westfield Shopping Centre, Kew Gardens, and the South Coast. Spaces are limited, so book now to secure your place.

Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/roehampton-transport-club or call 020 8675 3812.



Bella and her daughter receive regular visits

Helping hand from Home-Start

Mayor of Wandsworth's chosen charity Home-Start Wandsworth supports around 100 local families with home visits, group activities and days out.

"My Home-Start Wandsworth volunteer has helped me with a lot," said 21-year-old Bella, who struggled with her mental health after having her daughter Robyn.

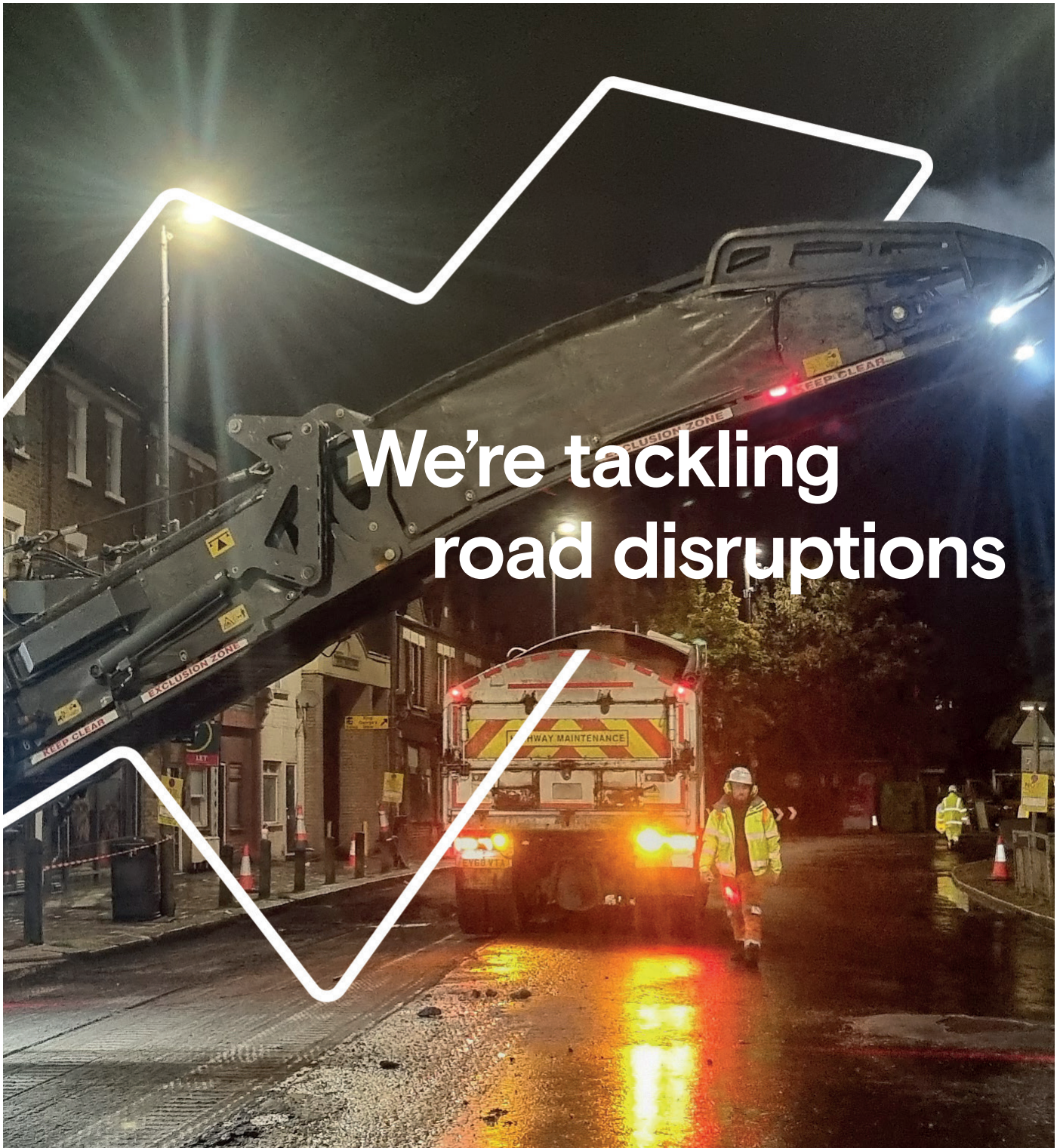
"My volunteer was so understanding and not judgmental has helped me with organising, getting out of the house, taking my daughter to playgroups and even meal prepping."

The charity runs a lunch club every Wednesday at St Andrew's Church on Garratt Lane in Earlsfield, and a stay and play group at Battersea Arts Centre on a Tuesday, as well as a walk and talk session on a Thursday.

Helping around 100 families each year, the charity is always on the lookout for more volunteers to help support its home visiting service and group activities.

Find out more about the charity or becoming a volunteer at homestartwandsworth.org.uk





We're tackling road disruptions

Wandsworth Council is pressing the Government to reduce the impact of utilities roadworks.

We are advocating for stricter enforcement and better coordination of street works.

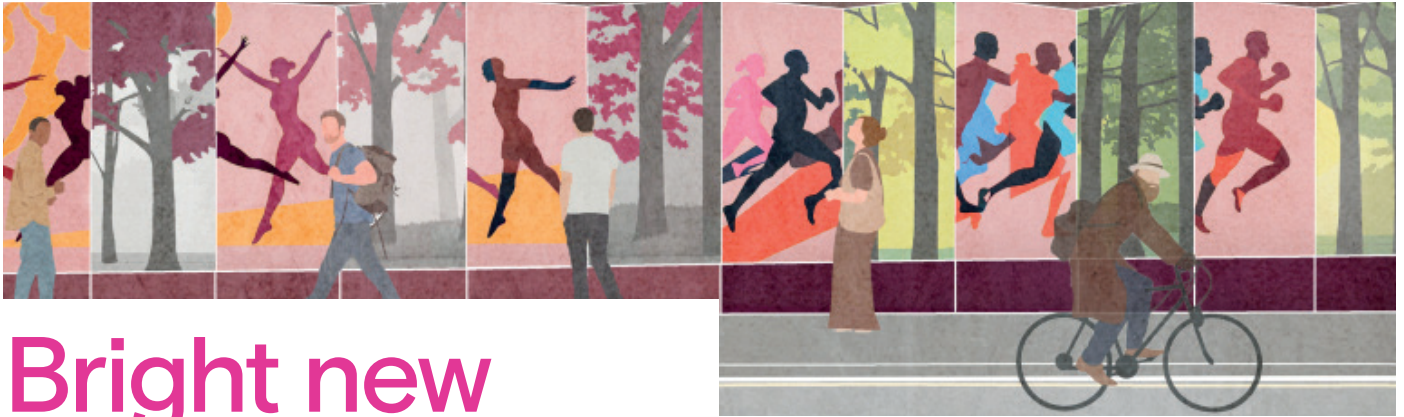
The council already works closely with companies such as Thames Water, SGN, and UK Power Networks to ensure street works are completed swiftly and to high standards. We also have the power to fine companies due to overrunning works.

“Residents deserve smoother journeys and less disruption from roadworks.

We’re making sure utility companies are held accountable for the work they do, and that they complete necessary works as quickly and efficiently as possible,” said Cabinet Member for Transport Jenny Yates.

On our website you can find a weekly roundup of council roadworks and road closures and a link to the One Network interactive map, where you can check to see roadworks near you, find out which company is responsible, and when they’re expected to be completed.

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



Bright new look for Falcon Road Bridge

Falcon Road rail bridge will get a colourful makeover this year thanks to the winners of an architectural design competition run by Wandsworth Council and London Festival of Architecture.

It will turn from a dark and unwelcoming route under the railway to becoming a vibrant and inclusive

community landmark in the heart of Clapham Junction town centre.

The winning proposal, *Beyond the Bridge*, prioritises community engagement, sustainability, and safety, with a design that reflects the rich cultural identity of Wandsworth.

The design team addressed key community concerns such as safety, lighting and noise reduction and are consulting residents and organisations over the next few months to finalise the artwork.

Deputy Council Leader Kemi Akinola said: “As part of our Decade of Renewal, the makeover to Falcon Road Bridge will be paid for by property developers. This new bridge design will provide a better and brighter route and create a new landmark for the borough during our year as London Borough of Culture 2025.”

Burntwood Lane upgrade

Safety improvement work has begun on Burntwood Lane, the busy road that connects Wandsworth Common to Garratt Lane in Earlsfield.

There will be wider footways, safer crossing points for pedestrians, and new segregated cycling lanes. During the works, vehicles will still be able to use the road, and no road closures are expected as the works proceed over the coming year.

Jenny Yates, Cabinet Member for Transport, said: “Burntwood Lane is an important route and those who use it will be aware how wide the road is. Our improvement work is to make better use of the space to create improved cycling facilities, and safer pedestrian crossings.”

Better roads and pavements

We expect to have resurfaced at least 66 roads and 50 pavements by the end of March as part of our Decade of Renewal commitment to invest in our borough.

The annual maintenance budget will be more than doubled, with £100m allocated over ten years. The priority will be on getting pavements repaired so they are safe for local people.

E-bike clampdown

Positive action is being taken to cut down on e-bikes blocking key walking routes and town centres in Wandsworth.

An extra 65 e-bike parking bays are being installed in key locations around the borough with a focus on our busy town centres, in addition to 110 spaces installed last year. The location of the bays has been chosen following extensive public consultation.

Improving Old York Road

Works on Old York Road in Wandsworth Town restarted in early January, following the Christmas break. More staff have been brought on site to accelerate progress.

The works at Tonsley Hill and Edgel Street junctions have been deferred to mid-May to make sure outdoor seating areas are available for Easter, supporting local cafes and restaurants during the busy holiday period. Further updates from Network Rail on the installation of a second entrance to Wandsworth Town station will be provided later in 2025. [Search ‘Old York Road’ on the council website for details.](#)

Real progress on net zero

Wandsworth has made significant headway in work to become net zero borough by 2043, a new report shows.

Each February the council reviews the progress of the Wandsworth Environment and Sustainability Strategy (WESS).

This year it points to key successes including more cycle parking and electric vehicle charging points, the creation of school streets at half of all borough primary schools, the rollout of food waste collection, work to tackle vehicle idling and programmes to plant more trees and improve biodiversity. The Wandsworth Retrofit Strategy is being developed to support the decarbonisation of private homes.

And it reports on successful partnership with other organisations, community groups and local residents. Climate Action Microgrants have been awarded to 39 community projects including community gardening, repair and reuse scheme and awareness raising.

Carbon emissions have fallen in Wandsworth from 21,021 tonnes in 2018/19 to 11,504 tonnes in 2023/24.

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

Climate Action Microgrants projects completed last year include ingenious container planters and micro ponds designed to showcase gardening in small spaces at Paradise Cooperative community garden in Wandsworth's Heathfield Road.

More than 400 people visited Southfields Harvest event to learn about growing vegetables, while getting household items and clothes repaired by a team of volunteers.

And in Balham, families learned about the impacts of recycling through Asian family support network Happy Homes.

Any groups or individuals living or working in the borough of Wandsworth can apply for up to £500.

Email togetheronclimatechange@wandsworth.gov.uk to find out more.





Social supermarket brings community together

Rackets Cubed, one of the Mayor of Wandsworth Sana Jafri's three chosen charities, is expanding its successful social supermarket programme.

Roehampton Community Box attracts hundreds of people each week to its centre at 166 Roehampton Lane, next to the council's new Family Hub.

"I look forward to coming here every week, it's a lovely atmosphere," explains 67-year-old Diane Fisher. "There's all cultures sitting down having a cup of tea or coffee. Everyone is so friendly."

As well as the social supermarket – which operates on a time slot booking system with customers paying £4 to choose around £40 worth of shopping – activities also include get-togethers and workshops to boost confidence and job skills.

The social supermarket expanded in October, adding another site at the Yvonne Carr Centre in Battersea.

Rackets Cubed was launched in 2016 as a charity delivering weekly sessions combining racket sports, maths and a nutritious meal for school children in Roehampton. The programme has grown, with Rackets Cubed now working with schools and partners across the UK. Learn more at racketscubed.com

The council works with groups across the borough to help end food insecurity. Find out about other sources of help at wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-food.



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stroke & dementia





WHAT'S ON?

Women's Enterprise Day

March 26, 9am-4pm

Join a celebration of female entrepreneurship and success, including a panel discussion, motivational talks, interviews, group sessions and a networking lunch.

Osmo Building, Nine Elms Lane
wandsworthenterprisehub.com/events

Paradise Lost (lies unopened beside me)

March 18–April 5

Lost Dog return to BAC with their iconic staging of Milton's epic poem.

Battersea Arts Centre
bac.org.uk

Dr Bike

March 24, 8.30am–3pm

Qualified mechanics complete a safety check on your bike. Funded by the council so there is no cost to you. No need to book – just turn up with your bike.

Rear car park, Queen Mary's Hospital,
Roehampton
wandsworth.gov.uk/dr-bike

Accidental Death of an Anarchist

March 25–March 29

A new adaptation by Tom Basden of Dairo Fo's classic.

Putney Arts Theatre
putneyartstheatre.org.uk

Wandsworth Common Beer and Cider Festival

March 26–29

More than 150 beers and ciders from local and UK breweries at this family and dog-friendly event. Live music and food.

Royal Victoria Patriotic Building
Wandsworthbeer2025.eventbrite.co.uk

The Wandsworth Road

April 5, 2pm

A walk from Nine Elms to Clapham Junction by Summerstown182 along the historic gateway route into this year's London Borough of Culture.

To book search on Eventbrite or email
rgbsimmons182@gmail.com

Wandsworth Autism Cultural Experience Fayre

April 5, 2.30pm–6pm

Stalls, music, food, workshop, arts and more.

Tooting Leisure Centre
a2ndvoice.pembee.app/
activity/6703fd6c62d
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Holiday Cycle Training for Children

April 7–10

Free level two training for 10–15 year olds
Kimber Skatepark, Kimber Road,
Wandsworth
wandsworth.gov.uk/cycle



Piece of Paper Press

Until March 23

See artists' books, artwork and ephemera from the ongoing artists' book series founded by author Tony White in 1994.

Matt's Gallery, Battersea
mattsgallery.org

Easter Art and Design Courses

April 7–11

Courses for adults including drawing, painting, printing, etching, photography and pottery, plus course for families and young people including family pottery, drawing and painting.

Putney School of Art and Design
psad.org.uk

Wandsworth Over Fifties Activities

Make friends and visit theatres, restaurants, museums, stately homes, guided walks and more.

07958 440808

Get Set Go! 2025

April 24

A preparing for adulthood event for young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Young people, parents and carers and schools are all invited. Find out about local support and services and take part in fun activities. Book your place now.

Wandsworth Civic Suite, Wandsworth
High Street
fis.wandsworth.gov.uk

Bags of Taste

Join a free, fun cooking course that you complete in your own home. Supported by Wandsworth Council, the course run by Bags of Taste teaches you how to cook tasty, nutritious and cost-effective meals in just two weeks. Ingredients are included.

Register at bagsoftaste.org/students Call or Whatsapp 07807 398181



March for Men

Sign up now for Prostate Cancer UK's March for Men on Saturday June 14. You can walk 2.5, 5 or 10k around Battersea Park and enjoy music and entertainment on route to raise vital awareness for the one in eight men who will face prostate cancer and help fund lifesaving prostate cancer research.

Visit prostatecanceruk.org/march-for-men

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