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TOOTING TOGETHER Help Us Improve Your Town



Tooting Together is a major new campaign to clean-up Tooting town centre and make it brighter, safer and more prosperous.

As some of you are probably aware, the council carried out a major survey in the town this year to find out what residents and visitors think of it.

The results told us that you want less litter, less clutter, better shops, more police on the beat and more trees.

We have launched Tooting Together to make sure we do as much as we can to deliver these. Rather than a short-term fix, we want this to be a long-term solution that involves the whole community.

We have set aside money for Tooting Together, drawn up a two-year plan of action and signed up the Tooting Town Centre Partnership, local businesses and other groups to help ensure these improvements are carried out.

We also plan a publicity programme to ensure the project maintains its momentum and high profile and to keep you informed about what we have done and what we are planning to do next.

There will be regular updates in Brightside, special newsletters will be delivered throughout the area, and the latest news will be available on the Tooting Together page on the council's website.

And as the project develops there will also be more opportunities for the public to get involved.



Listening to you

We want to know what you think.
Log on and leave us your comments.
Visit: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/t2g

What will we be doing?

A number of measures have already been carried out. These include:

CLEANING Pavement washing near Tooting Broadway tube.

CLEANING Installing new litter bins. We are the first council to have a special new design that allows smokers to dispose of cigarette butts and packets.

CLEANING Working with the Safer Neighbourhood Team to enforce litter laws. In the first of an ongoing series of blitzes, 15 fixed penalty notices and 120 cautions were issued.

CLEANING Arrangements have been made to remove rubbish and graffiti from alleyways.

Longer-term measures will follow further research and discussion with our partners.

These could include ways of attracting more high street 'names' and upmarket stores to the shopping area. We will also work with the Tooting Business Network to encourage shopkeepers and traders to keep their shops clean and well-presented and the pavement outside free of clutter.



Measures planned for the future include

ENVIRONMENT Up to 10 cherry trees could be planted by the end of February, subject to the results of a detailed site inspection, with scope for others to be added as sites are found.

CLEANING By next April we plan to take advantage of new rules to make sure private waste companies pick up commercial waste from shops at the same time. This will mean fewer binbags on street corners waiting to be picked up.

CLEANING More vigorous action to reduce flytips, especially in residential areas

PARKING A review of parking arrangements in streets next to shopping areas to identify any scope for changes

CLEANING Transport for London has agreed to a six-month pilot scheme to transfer highway enforcement for the A24 to the council. This makes it much easier for us to clear away pavement clutter.

SAFETY We are looking into the possibility of making the alleyways behind the Gala Bingo Hall cleaner and safer.

SAFETY We will encourage and help businesses and residents to improve other rear alleys.

SAFETY We will make more use of CCTV to prevent prevent flytipping crime

report back

You can quiz your local ward councillors and town hall managers about Tooting Together and other issues at the Tooting ward report back meeting on February 17 at 7.30pm. Check www.wandsworth.gov.uk/listen nearer the time for the location. If you can't make the meeting, email your question to the same address.