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Crunch time for airport debate

A final recommendation by Sir Howard Davies' airports Commission to the Government on whether to expand Heathrow or Gatwick is imminent.

Council leader Ravi Govindia explains more:

"It is a great shame this commission was allowed to bring Heathrow expansion back onto the national agenda and I know how deeply upsetting a prospect this is for our residents. Working closely with local people the council has exposed serious flaws in Sir Howard's work which severely underplay the true cost of this project.

"We have also actively supported expansion at Gatwick which would disrupt far fewer people and would bring great benefits to this borough's economy and transport network.

"We hope the commission's final recommendation will favour Gatwick, but if Heathrow is put forward we will ensure ministers understand the severe consequences that come with expanding this airport."

▶▶ **Sign up for e-news alerts about the airport expansion at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/aviation.**

Party in the park

Battersea Park's historic and picturesque bandstand features prominently in the British film industry's hit movie A Royal Night Out.

The film, starring Emily Watson and Rupert Everett, tells the story of VE Day 1945 through the eyes of two young princesses – Margaret and the future Queen Elizabeth. The two teenage princesses leave Buckingham Palace to join the millions of Londoners who took to the streets that night to celebrate. One of its most memorable scenes was shot on location in Battersea Park.

Film and TV work is earns the town hall around £250,000 a year in additional income with film makers paying to use council-owned land and property to shoot their footage. The cash is ploughed back into frontline services.



Other productions shot in the borough include 24, New Tricks, the Honourable Woman, Esio Trot, the feature film Jack Ryan, The Woman in Gold, starring Dame Helen Mirren, Code of a Killer, Fast Girls, Little Crackers, Silent Witness, Above Suspicion, Episodes, Not Going Out and Get Santa, featuring Jim Broadbent.

Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/film.



GARDEN FRIENDS

Age UK Wandsworth's Garden Friends service matches older people who are unable to maintain their gardens with a volunteer who lives locally who can give a few hours a month to provide some basic gardening support as well as visiting regularly to develop a friendship and provide companionship. Garden owners only pay for the garden work which is £15 an hour or £30 for two hours.

Garden owners who use the service and become members will also be able to access additional garden related benefits, activities and events to extend social networks.

If you are interested in finding out more or would like to become a volunteer on the service please contact Sue Sweeney, Garden Friends Coordinator on **020 8877 8946** (Tues-Thurs) or email sue.sweeney@ageukwandsworth.org.uk



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election results

All three members of parliament representing the people of Wandsworth held on to their seats in May's General Election.

Jane Ellison, Justine Greening and Sadiq Khan remain the borough's MPs, retaining their seats in Battersea, Putney and Tooting respectively.

A council by-election was also held in Earlsfield ward, after one of the three Earlsfield seats was left vacant following the death of Cllr Adrian Knowles. The seat was won by Angela Graham for the Conservatives.

For a full breakdown of results, visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/electionresults.



Battersea results

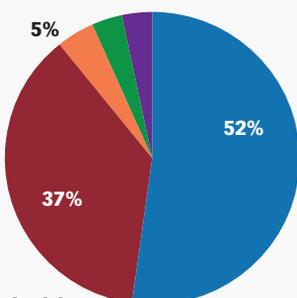
Conservative
26,730

Labour
18,792

Liberal Democrats
2,410

Green 1,682

UKIP 1,586



Conservative hold
Jane Ellison wins
Turnout **67.38** per cent

Tooting results

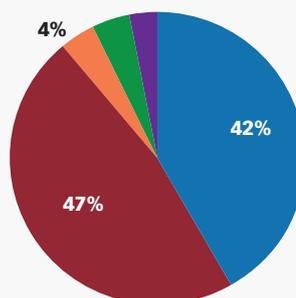
Conservative
22,420

Labour
25,263

Liberal Democrats
2,107

Green 2,201

UKIP 1,537



Labour hold
Sadiq Khan wins
Turnout **69.99** per cent

Putney results

Conservative
23,018

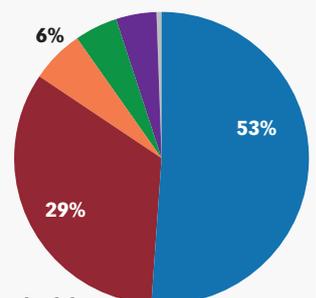
Labour
12,838

Liberal Democrats
2,717

Green 2,067

UKIP 1,989

Animal Welfare 183



Conservative hold
Justine Greening wins
Turnout **67.19** per cent

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Work starts on Ram Quarter

The foundation stone has been laid at the Ram Quarter in Wandsworth town centre.

The scheme by developers Greenland will mean 661 new homes plus shops, cafes, bars and restaurants. Many of the site's historic buildings will be restored and refurbished and a micro-brewery and a brewing museum will also be part of the completed scheme. See page 24 for details on current brewing at the site.

The development will generate around 500 new permanent jobs and will mean the River Wandle will be opened up and a new



riverside walk created. Phase one is due for completion in early 2017.

The scheme could form part of a remodelled Wandsworth town centre, with proposals to remove the one-way system and open it up to pedestrians, buses and bikes. See article on page 9.

►► [Find out more at www.ram-brewery.co.uk](http://www.ram-brewery.co.uk).



Self Help Wandsworth is a new programme of support for self help groups in the borough. The programme is being delivered by Lifetimes, the Council of Voluntary Service in Wandsworth.

What is a self help group?

Self help groups are support groups that offer and provide mutual support or mutual aid. People often gain huge benefits from talking to others who have a shared experience, whether it be a diagnosis of a long term condition or having faced a similar life experience such as loss, recovery or survival.

Self help groups may be run in a variety of ways such as:

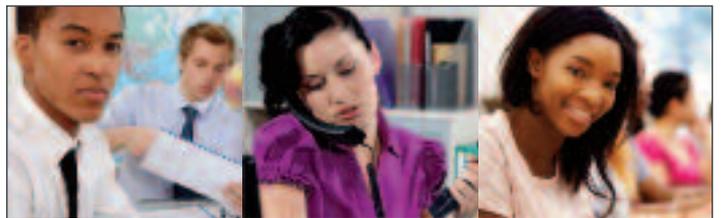
- Peer led self help groups with face to face meetings
- Professionally supported self help groups
- Organisationally hosted self help groups
- Social network and online self help groups

What support and services will the Self Help Wandsworth Programme offer?

- 1:1 Tailored meetings to offer support, advice and guidance
- Training workshops for new and existing groups
- Themed meetings and Discussion evenings
- Development and promotional events
- Networking Opportunities

Contact the Self Help Wandsworth Programme Advisors

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New rules to protect town centres

Planning guidance to protect community pubs from redevelopment, restrict the number of new fast food takeaways near schools and control the spread of betting shops has been approved following consultation.

The guidance – known as the ‘Supplementary Planning Document’ - builds on policies in Wandsworth’s Local Plan and aims to keep town centres at the heart of their local communities.

A limit has been put on the number of fast food takeaways which can open within 400 metres of local schools and colleges, and new rules mean shops cannot be turned into betting shops or payday loan shops without planning permission.

This month councillors will discuss putting ‘Article 4 Directions’ on a list of pubs of historic, architectural or community value so owners would need to apply for permission before knocking them down or changing them into shops or homes. In addition the new guidance also gives the council stronger grounds on which to refuse planning applications to redevelop or change the use local pubs.

►► **Read the Town Centre Uses Supplementary Planning Guidance at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/SPD.**



Get Active Festival

The sixth annual Get Active Wandsworth Festival will be held in King George’s Park on Saturday July 18.

The day will be packed with fun free activities for all ages and abilities to enjoy, including bouncy castles, street dance, circus skills and face painting for children, plus yoga, tai chi, NHS healthchecks and climbing.

To find out more, see the ad on page 9, visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/active or www.facebook.com/activewandsworth, or follow @activewands, hashtag #GAWF2015.

Creative writing

A new creative writing group has been set up for people over 50s and housebound. Groups will be run over the phone and by post. Find out more at (020) 7223 6369.

Remembering heroes

Relatives of former pupils of the old Wandsworth School who were killed in the Great War and World War II are invited to a memorial service.

On July 8 a service will be held to remember the 149 former pupils of the old school who lost their lives. The names of the fallen can be seen at www.old-wandsworthians-trust.com. If you know any of these men and would like to go to the service, email Les Herbert at Leswands@gmail.com, or write to him at OWMF Service, PO Box 9059, Lyme Regis, DT6 9EG.

WAND card scheme

Wandsworth businesses keen to help families with disabled children are urged to join the council’s WAND Card scheme.

Wandsworth has 800 youngsters on its Disabled Children’s Register who are currently WAND card holders, meaning they have complex special needs or disabilities. The card can be used to get extra support from participating business, such as fast tracking through tills, helping with shopping, offering concessions or opening at special times. For more information about joining the ‘WAND friendly’ scheme contact Lucia Daniels or Eleanor Thain on FIS@wandsworth.gov.uk or call (020) 8871 7899.



Nicola dons mayoral robes

The new Wandsworth mayor is Cllr Nicola Nardelli - the first mayor of Italian descent in Wandsworth's history.

She was elected to the council in 2005 and has represented Queenstown Ward in north Battersea throughout her town hall career. She has served on the housing committee and the former environment, leisure and community safety committee.

The new mayor, pictured with her consort, son Daniel, has pledged to raise money for Wandsworth-based dyslexia charities and for RAPt (the Rehabilitation for Addicted Prisoners Trust) which works to help Wandsworth Prison inmates overcome drug and alcohol dependence.

Among her duties as Wandsworth's First Citizen will be spearheading three competitions aimed at inspiring local young people - young chef of the year, young designer of the year and young grower of the year.

The deputy mayor is Cllr Leslie McDonnell who represents East Putney.



One-way update

The results of a consultation show widespread support of outline proposals for a radical overhaul of the Wandsworth one way system.

Under the proposals traffic would be re-routed away from Wandsworth High Street onto Armoury Way, which would become two-way. The aim is to end the dominance of cars and lorries in the town centre, leaving it free for buses, bicycles and pedestrians.

Removing through traffic from the gyratory has been a long term strategic aim of the council, although the works can only be approved and carried out by TfL. Two thirds of those who took part in the recent consultation felt the plans would improve how they use the town centre.

Further public consultation will be carried out later this year into the detailed plans and if these are approved construction could begin in 2017. For details and pictures, visit www.tfl.gov.uk/wandsworth-town-centre.

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Local people are to be offered free tickets to London's inaugural Formula E race weekend later this month.

Two thousand complementary tickets are being offered to residents who live near the park, including those from the Doddington, Ethelburga and Latchmere housing estates, and also to pupils who attend schools in the area, members of local amenity groups and some Battersea-based charities.

London's two races will be held on the weekend of June 27 and 28 and mark the climax of the current Formula E championship season, which has seen the drivers compete in Berlin, Beijing, Buenos Aires, Moscow, Miami and Monaco.

The racing cars use cutting edge electric motors that produce virtually no noise and no harmful emissions. A full speed test drive using a fully-fledged Formula E race car took place in the park at 5am one morning last August and went completely unnoticed – including by those living just yards away.

Staging the London races in Battersea Park means that over the next five years an estimated £1m will be available to fund improvements to the park and pay its ongoing maintenance costs. In addition the race organisers have funded the resurfacing of the previously uneven and rutted Rosary car



park and repaired other carriageway defects.

Councillors only gave the event the green light after hearing that the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) had agreed that the park was a suitable venue because its important historical features would not be damaged or compromised. Approval from the HLF was a key consideration because it paid for an extensive range of improvements to Battersea Park between 1998 and 2003. Councillors have also decided that a section of the park must be kept open for non-ticket holders – so that local people who have no interest in the races but want to visit the park that weekend can still do so.

►► For more information about Formula E, including updates on this year's championship and details of how to purchase tickets for the London races, visit www.fiaformulae.com



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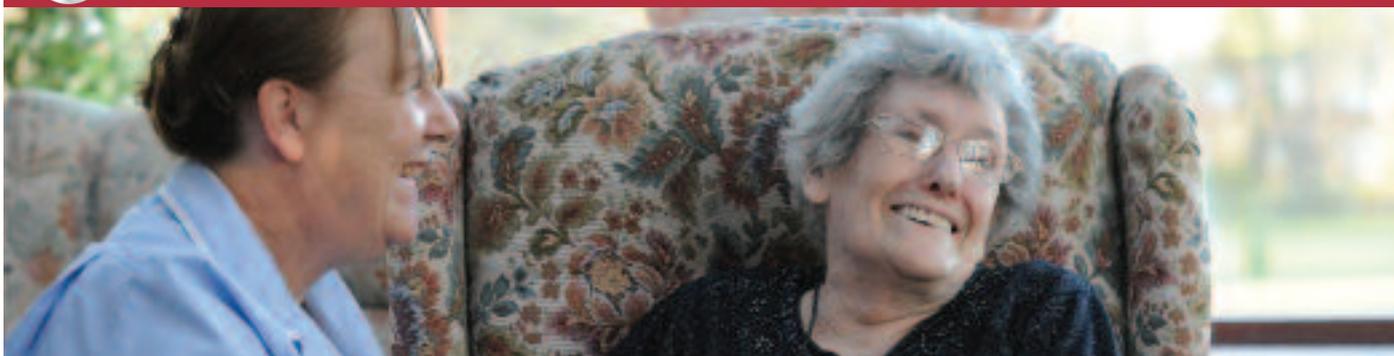
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Council leader Ravi Govindia when the scheme was first approved last year.



Work starts on Battersea tube station

Transport for London has now started work on a new Northern Line Tube station at the Battersea Power Station site in Nine Elms.

Another station is being built just off Wandsworth Road, close to the borough border in Lambeth. A new tunnel will link the two new stations and connect with the existing underground line at Kennington. Trains are expected to start running in 2019, cutting times from Battersea to the West End to just 15 minutes.

The cost of the Tube extension is being met by a tax on development sites in Nine Elms and through the extra business rates revenue the area's growing economy will generate. Spoil from the tunnelling work will be taken away by barge to reduce impacts on the local road network.



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* To qualify for Early Years Pupil Premium, you must meet the eligibility criteria.



Royal visit for Battersea

The Queen has visited Battersea Dogs' and Cats' Home to open new state-of-the-art kennels.

The Queen, who has been a Patron of Battersea since 1956, and The Duke of Edinburgh were given a tour of the new kennels. The new £4.8m facilities replace old Victorian kennels and will provide a warm and safe environment for the most vulnerable lost, abandoned and unwanted dogs. Each kennel has built-in speakers to play calming music and an external run area, and adjoining paddocks have paddling pools, climbing mounds, play equipment, and plants to awaken and interest dogs' senses.

The pictures show Her Majesty meeting a resident corgi, and greeting local dignitaries including Wandsworth Council leader Ravi Govindia.

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Ernest Bevin boys visit number 10

Students from Ernest Bevin College have visited Downing Street, the Houses of Parliament and Clarence House as part of the Naz Legacy Foundation's Diversity Programme which encourages young people from minority backgrounds to visit cultural institutions.

The Foundation was set up in memory of Naz Bokhari, former Principal of Ernest Bevin College and the first Muslim head of a secondary school in the UK.

Speaker John Bercow welcomed the group to Speaker's House in Westminster said: "The Naz Legacy Foundation's Diversity Programme is playing a vital role in educating students about the importance of our democracy and the need for everyone to exercise their right to vote."

Get your dog chipped

Did you know that from next April it will be compulsory for all dogs in the UK to be microchipped?

The council has had a compulsory microchipping scheme for tenants and leaseholders on its estates since 2009, and around 5,000 people have already registered their dog.

Wandsworth offers free microchipping for tenants and leaseholders. You can make an appointment and this will usually be done at your home. People are urged to get their pet chipped as soon as possible to avoid the last minute rush before the new national laws come in.

If you are not a tenant or leaseholder, you can still get your dog chipped by the council team, but there will be a charge. Alternatively, find other local providers on the Kennel Club website at www.thekennelclub.org.uk.

►► **Call (020) 8871 7606 to book an appointment, or email to dogcontrol@wandsworth.gov.uk for more information.**

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Get your health road tested any where, any time, any place

Wandsworth public health has teamed up with the Men's Health Forum to help give the borough's men free, confidential online health advice.

Wandsworth men who have a nagging worry about their health but are too busy, don't think it's important, or who are reluctant to go to the doctor can now get a free, confidential online Man MOT. The Man MOT is designed by and for men. You can use it at anytime from a PC, tablet or smart phone. You can text chat directly to an NHS GP about any health problem at all twice a week or email any time.

The service is totally anonymous – while the MOT GP might ask your age or for other information to help them to help you better, you don't have to give your name and nothing you say will be shared with anyone – not even your own GP. Nobody will know you've used Man MOT unless you tell them.

All GPs are NHS-trained and fully qualified. The project is funded by the council's public health department.

Our GPs and experts can discuss options with you and direct you to health services if necessary.

You can print out your chat or email it to yourself - again confidentially. This is really useful because you can show it to your own GP if you want to follow up what the Man MOT GP has advised you.

To chat go to www.wandsworthman.net

This year the council's public health team is working to get the borough's men healthier. As well as Man MOT it will be running community events and outreach programmes in the places men go, like barbers and leisure centres. Keep an eye out on www.wandsworthman.net, or follow [@wandbc](https://twitter.com/wandbc) on twitter for updates.

What men say about Man MOT

"Great help and support! Great advice given and made me feel a lot better, before I had even been to the doctors about my problem!"

"Very helpful, as it is difficult to go to the GP about personal issues in person."

"Thank you for your reassurance. I've never used this service before but I found it invaluable. I was comforted and had all my questions answered. Absolutely brilliant."

Wandsworth men die **4** years earlier than women on average

they are **50%** more likely than women to die from cancer

men are **3** times more likely to commit suicide than women

in Wandsworth **50%** more men than women die as a result of alcohol

35-year-old Moses was diagnosed last year with cancer. He is currently in the second phase of treatment.

“At first I thought I had a chest infection, which I ignored for the best part of a year. “When I started to cough up blood and lose weight I put it down to stress. It got to the point that I stopped noticing the cough. I finally booked an appointment with my GP who arranged for X-rays. By the time my cancer had been confirmed it had spread. I started treatment immediately.

“My advice would be to listen to your body. The Man MOT is a great way to get some advice and take the first steps in getting any help you may need.”



“My advice would be to listen to your body”

Wandsworth men are more likely to be overweight than women ...but less likely to do anything about it

men to respond are more likely with drinking and drug abuse to stress



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Have fun in SW11



Go along to the annual SW11 Festival for a free fun-filled day with live entertainment, family activities and sports taster sessions.

Highlights include face painting, bouncy castle, cake decorating, arts and crafts, live music and performances. The Active Wandsworth team will be there to give you a taste of boxing, football, dance, athletics and more.

Everyone is welcome. The festival is brought to you by the council and Big Local SW11.

Where: In and around the York Gardens library and community centre

When: Saturday June 27, noon to 5pm.



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WIN TICKETS to Foodies Festival at Clapham Common 24, 25, 26th July

Win one of six pairs of tickets to Foodies Festival at Clapham Common on July 24, 25 and 26 and enjoy a feast of Michelin-star and celebrity chefs, food and drink masterclasses, more than 200 artisan producers and street food.

Highlights include the Chefs Theatre where you can watch top chefs cooking live including Great British Bake Off winner John Whaite, MasterChef winner Ping Coombes, Celebrity Chef Aldo Zilli and Ben Tish of Saltyard, who will cook their favourite summer recipes for you to recreate at home.

At the Drinks Theatre experts Charles Metcalfe and Neil Phillips will guide you through this season's best wines and champagnes, or take a Craft Beer and Food Pairing masterclass with beer expert Melissa Cole. There's a Cake & Bake Theatre for home baking enthusiasts, where you can try Chocolate Making, Cake Decorating and Sugarcraft Skills.

The Tasting Theatre invites you to take an Oyster Shucking, Bee Keeping or Sushi Rolling masterclasses.

Plus chilli eating competitions, a Childrens Cookery Theatre, BBQ Arena, live music and pop-up bars.

To win, answer this simple question:

Which of these can you NOT try in the Tasting Theatre?

- a) Oyster Shucking
- a) Bee Keeping
- a) Welly Throwing

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Here are three simple steps you can take to avoid an unexpected bill.

- **Give neighbours your contact details** – they will be the first to hear your alarm and the most affected by it. If they can contact you direct it prevents the need for intervention.
- **Register your alarm and contact details with the noise and environmental enforcement team** – Every attempt to contact an owner is made before a disconnection is considered.
- **Have a separate key-holder** – leave a spare key with someone who can be contactable in an emergency and attend your property if you are unable to.

For more advice about alarms or to register your details, or for any other queries about noise nuisance, contact the Noise and Environmental Enforcement Team, Environmental Services, on 020 8871 7869 during office hours, or email noiseandenvironmental@wandsworth.gov.uk.

▶▶ You can also find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/noise

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Wandsworth's Pest Control Team
 Email: pestcontrol@wandsworth.gov.uk
 Call: (020) 8871 6143

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

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

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.

Helping you prevent

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

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Have you got what it takes to foster?

Babies, children and teenagers without a stable home are constantly in need of foster carers. If you feel you could offer a child a home, and have the space, time and patience that it takes, the council's fostering team wants to hear from you.

Training and support is given, and you will get money towards your costs. To find out more and arrange to talk to one of the team, visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fostering or call 020 8871 6666

Fostering Fortnight June 1-14

Keep an eye out for the fostering team at Southside Shopping Centre

Pearl Howard has looked after 44 children over her many years as a foster carer – not including her own five - and says that despite the constant challenges she faces, she wants to provide a stable home to as many children as she can.

"I applied after I saw an advertisement in a newspaper. I asked my husband and kids what they thought, and they said if I felt I could cope, they were happy to go ahead. I come from Jamaica and when I was growing up there were always kids around at home. Neighbours' children and kids from the village would come in and be fed, so it feels normal to me to share what we have with other children.

"Sometimes I look after children in an emergency and it will just be for a few weeks, but I would say the majority of them are with me for years. Some have been with me from the age of 10 to 18. By that time they feel like they are mine.

"One of the most challenging was a Chinese girl who came to me not able to speak a word of English. Now she's studying accountancy at university. I'm extremely proud of her and she still has a key to my home. Many of the children I've looked after still pop in and see me.

"Some of them can be very difficult because they all come with baggage. But I know that the more challenging they are, the more they need a bit of stability in their lives. I don't want them to have to move from one place to the next.

"When I achieve what I set out to achieve I feel very satisfied. If anyone is thinking about fostering I would say 'go for it'. It's not easy to look after someone else's child but there's support out there to help you."



Help available to smokers and vapers during Ramadan

People looking to quit smoking or vaping during the holy month of Ramadan are urged to get help to quit for good.

Ramadan this year is from June 18 to July 17. During this time, practicing Muslims observe a period of fasting during daylight hours. This fast extends to all addictions including vaping, smoking and using other tobacco products such as shisha and smokeless tobacco.

Houda Al Sharifi, Wandsworth council's director of public health, said, "For a regular smoker, going 15 hours without a cigarette is an achievement in itself. However, I would encourage anyone observing Ramadan to take that extra step and experience the full range of health and financial benefits of quitting smoking altogether."

The Wandsworth Stop Smoking Service can offer free help and advice on giving up smoking, vaping or using shisha during Ramadan and beyond. You can also get free support from your local pharmacy and from your GP.

- Call freephone 0800 389 7921
- Email: stopsmoking.team@wandsworth.gov.uk
- Or visit www.stopsmokingwandsworth.co.uk



Mahnoor is Wandsworth's top young person

A schoolgirl who has been a driving force in local girls' football has won this year's Wandsworth Young Person of the Year Award.

Mahnoor Rauf established a girls' football project at the TRC Youth Club in Wandsworth. She researched and presented a bid for funding to the Youth Opportunity Fund to cover the cost of equipment and running expenses and went on to captain the TRC Football Club Under 16 Girls.

Mahnoor has helped other young people, some with disabilities and learning difficulties, to complete their Level 1 Junior Sports Leaders' courses. She has also assisted coaches with their Football Association Level 2 coaching course and organised a Level 1 coaching course for 24 young women.



The Outstanding Achievement Award winner was Reiss Ormonde-Cunningham, who is a regional and county swimming champion and a winner at the London Schools Swimming Championship.

The Overcoming Adversity Award winner was Callum Myles who overcame difficult circumstances to twice win the London Amateur Boxing Association championships.

Rotary Award for Contribution to the Community was won by Sophia Dinnall. Sophia is a young carer who still makes time to be fully involved at her school, raise money for charity, develop her talents as an artist and achieve highly academically.

The Wandsworth Community Safety Award went to Bailey Black. Bailey is an inspirational young leader and a role model for younger cadets in the Armed Cadets Force.

Group Award for Voluntary Work was won by Paddock School Metropolitan class. The class work in the school café where they prepare and cook soup and make sandwiches for sale.

The event is organised by the Young Person of the Year Trustees in conjunction with Wandsworth Council's Youth Service and is funded by the Rotary Club, the Keen Group and the Wandsworth Community Safety Trust.

Sharing lives

Michael has a mild learning disability and autism and was finding life a struggle.

But now the 19-year-old has seen his life transformed after taking part in the ground breaking Shared Lives scheme.



Shared Lives gives people with learning disabilities or mental health support needs a real home from home. Carers open up their homes and hearts so that people can have a genuine experience of becoming an integral part of the family, share in the daily activities, relationships and family celebrations and become a member of the local community.

Michael has shared his experience with Trevor, a Certitude Shared Lives carer. They have developed a close relationship and enjoy spending time together on shared interests including football, the cinema, and going to the gym.

Trevor has become an incredibly positive influence upon Michael's life, helping him to find employment and training opportunities, socialise, manage his budgets and just give him someone to talk to. Now Michael is becoming increasingly independent and in January moved into a supported living flat.

"I'm happy to be moving to the next level in my life in getting my own flat. I'm also pleased that I still see Trevor during the week." said Michael.

Shared Lives is run by Balham-based charity Certitude. To find out more, speak to your social worker or visit www.certitude.org.uk.



Thrive garden opens up

Thrive Battersea is taking part in the annual London Open Garden Squares weekend on June 13 and 14.

Go along to the main centre on East Carriage Drive in Battersea Park between 10am and 4pm. Visitors can buy plants and take a tour of the Old English Garden and Herb Garden. Tea and cakes will be served.

Thrive uses gardening to help people with disabilities or ill health, or who are isolated, disadvantaged or vulnerable. Find out more at www.thrive.org.uk.

Appeal for new centre

Fundraising continues in an appeal by the Wandsworth Sensory Support Service for money to open a family centre. The centre will be the first of its kind in the UK and will help families who have a child who is deaf and/or visually impaired, possibly with other complex disabilities, isolation, family breakdown and exhaustion.

The appeal hopes to raise the final £450,000 of the £1.2m needed this summer. Find out more at www.wandsworthsensorysupportservice.org.uk.

Watch the Wandle

The Living Wandle team is looking for schools, youth groups, community organisations and individuals to take a more active role in looking after the river. This might be planting, recording wildlife sightings or cultural activities.

Email livingwandle@wandsworth.gov.uk, call 07500 073049 or find out more at www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/projects/living-wandle.



John with his cobbled-together brewing equipment

WANDSWORTH'S HIDDEN TREASURES

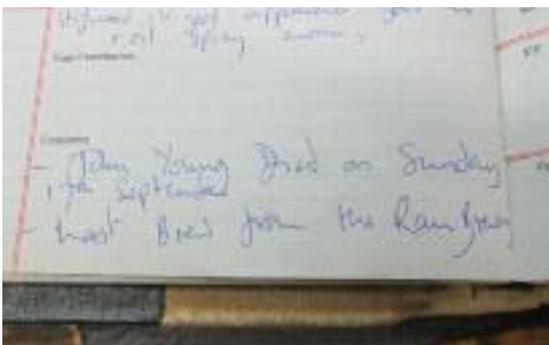
When the Ram Brewery closed in 2006, it seemed Wandsworth's long history as a beer-brewing town could be over.

But brewhouse manager John Hatch was determined to keep the tradition alive. The Ram Brewery's history stretched back to the mid 16th century and John decided to run a tiny microbrewery there so that the site could still boast continuous brewing and retain its title of Britain's oldest brewery site.



This copper was created out of an old tea urn.

The last entry in the old book in which brewing details were recorded records the death of John Young.



New owners of the site, Minerva, and then subsequent owners Greenland, agreed that John could brew two firkins (140 pints) a week and found him space on the site. He cobbled together equipment from bits and pieces left lying around and paid for the malt and hops himself.

He can't sell the beer he produces because he has no licence, but has an 'honesty box' in the tiny bar created in the old tack room so that invited guests could contribute. He'll also brew bespoke beers for private parties, which has given him the chance to experiment with different styles.

While it awaited planning permission the site was also rented out as a film and TV location, and John would brew bespoke beers for the production



This tiny bar was created out of the old Tack Room where the horses' tack was kept.

The Tack Room still bears the signs of previous occupants



crews. Actor Phillip Glenister was particularly fond of '80s Ale' made for the Ashes to Ashes crew.

Greenland says it is committed to preserving the site's brewing heritage and a microbrewery will open on the site when phase one of the new Ram Quarter housing and shopping development is completed in 2017.

- You can sample John's ale on National Beer Day on June 15 and regular comedy nights are held at the brewery. To find out more email john.hatch@rambrewery.co.uk

To read more about the development of the Ram Brewery site, see page seven.

Child or young person with special needs or disabilities?

Find all you need on Wandsworth's Local Offer for 0-25s – the **WANDhub**.



Information about **Education**

Information about **Education Health and Care Plans**

Information about **Support and advice**

Information about **Social Care and Short breaks**

Contact the Family Information Service
020 8871 7899

fis@wandsworth.gov.uk
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer



Wandsworth Heritage Festival



Enjoy a feast of history at the sixth annual Wandsworth Heritage Festival which concludes this weekend.

Local groups under the banner of Heritage Wandsworth organised the string of walks, talks and events, with support from the council and library contractor Better

Highlights include

Saturday June 6 - Tours of the old Battersea Town Hall.

Learn more about the building's fascinating radical history and discover how things are changing at BAC in the aftermath of the fire that destroyed the Grand Hall in March.

Picture – Meals on wheels delivery vans outside Battersea Town Hall in the 1950s

Saturday June 6 - Scanning the Past.

Bring along your old photographs, newspaper cuttings and mementoes of Tooting's past to this drop-in session at Tooting Library Picture - The boating lake, Tooting Bec Common, c1925



Saturday June 6 – Summerstown 182 Guided Walk.

Explore significant locations relating to the 182 men named on the war memorial in St Mary's Church, Summerstown who lost their lives in the first world war.

Saturday June 6 - Battersea Ghost Cinemas.

Discover Battersea's rich cinematic history through a film clip media player, an audio guide, and a navigational puzzle - all rolled into one. There will be refreshments and a free screening of a mystery Battersea film.

Sunday 7th June - Boundaries in and around Balham.

A walk around the St James's Drive area.

Sunday June 7

A walk in Battersea.

Cllr Rex Osborn will reveal some notable sites, stories and characters from Battersea's past.

Picture - 'St. Mary's Church from the river' by E.J.C. 1888 (from Wandsworth Museum's collection)



Sunday June 7 - Around Furzedown

A walk around Furzedown and Streatham Park led by historian Helen Long. Picture – Furzedown Tennis Courts c. 1925

For more details and information on how to book, visit www.better.org.uk/wandsworth/areas/wandsworth or email wandsworth.libraries@gll.org

what's on?

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

Children's
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EVENTS FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2015



Tuesday July 7- Sunday July 12 10.30am-5pm (8pm Thursday; 4pm Sunday)

Student art exhibition

Diploma students from Putney School of Art and Design will be exhibiting original paintings, mixed media works, screenprints and sculpture.

Oil & Water contemporary art gallery, 340 Old York Road SW18.

How to be listed

Send details (including access for people with disabilities) by end of July to:

whatson@wandsworth.gov.uk

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Thursday June 4 7.45 for 8pm

Plots, Plans and Goings On Beneath London:

Illustrated talk. Come to hear about the things that have happened below our city and how they have affected our life today. Speaker is Michelle Welbourn from Wandsworth Museum.

Free

The Wandsworth Society at West Side Church, Melody Road SW18. Call 8870 4567. www.wandsworthsociety.org.uk

wheelchair

Saturday June 6 12-4pm

Summer Festival

Interactive dance, music and sports sessions for children. Art and craft stalls, go-karts, drinks, homemade international

food and sizzling barbeque.

Book £2 tickets for fun, professional children's classes in street dance, kung Fu, football, music and more. Enter our free talent show where everybody is a winner! Furzedown Primary School, Beclands Road, SW17. Advance children's class tickets: furzedownprimarypta.ticketsource.co.uk

Sunday June 7 12-1pm

Ashtanga Yoga

Classes run weekly. **Drop in £8 or £30 for five classes.** Tooting Tram and Social 46-58 Mitcham Road SW17. Email blossom_yoga@hotmail.com

Monday June 8 6-9pm

Friends of Battersea Park barbecue

Live music, bar, tombola, children's activities, silent auction. Free parking in Chelsea Bridge Car Park. No dogs. **Advance tickets only: adults £20, children £7, under 6s free.** Children's Zoo, Battersea Park SW11. Tickets www.batterseapark.org/bbq or 7622 5199

Wheelchair

Tuesday June 9 2-4pm

Film screening and piano

Malcolm Newton, musical director, on the piano and a showing of the film 'What do you see', about dementia. Wandsworth Older People's Forum Anchor Church Centre, 273 Garratt Lane SW18. Call 07944 010245.

www.wandpensforum.org.uk

wheelchair, loop

Wednesday June 10 8.30pm

Laugh Train Home

Comedy club, with featured act John Moloney. **Tickets £6 online, £7 on door.**

The Four Thieves 51 Lavender Gardens, SW11. www.laughtrainhome.com/line-ups/

Thursday June 11 3pm

Farewell concert

The final opportunity to hear our trainees before they leave us. No booking required. National Opera Studio at All Saints Church Wandsworth High Street SW18. www.nationaloperastudio.org.uk

Free entry
Wheelchair access
Hearing loop

what's on?

JUNE, JULY
AND AUGUST

months – 4 years. Cost £5 for first child, £3 for a sibling (siblings under 6 months go free).

Wandsworth Museum at Bees Knees, Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill SW11.

www.wandsworthmuseum.co.uk or call 8870 6060.



Saturday 27 June 11am-12.30pm

Bowls taster session

Wimbledon Park Bowls Club, 2014 Regional Winners of Bowls England's 'Club of the Year', invite you to their taster sessions held each Saturday until the end of September. First session free, thereafter £6.10 per session or £5 for concessions. Wimbledon Park Bowls Club, Wimbledon Park, between Arthur Road/Revelstoke Road entrances. www.wimbledonparkbowls.co.uk or call Barry 8265 5475



**Saturday June 13
12- 4pm**

Escape to the Country Summer Fete

Mobile farm, maypole dancing, dog show, famous plant stall, BBQ, Asian food stall, tea tent, giant slides, inflatables, magnificent raffle, traditional side stall games.

Entry £1 adults, 50p kids. St Michael's School Viewfield Road, Southfields SW18. Email pta@stmichaels.wandsworth.sch.uk

Thursday June 18 11am-1pm

Rangoil Birds - re-use workshop

Learn the fundamentals of Rangoil (ancient Indian art form) and create a quirky piece of artwork for you to treasure from the most unlikely of materials (bottle-tops, fabric samples, twine, wallpaper scraps). **£15 per participant.** Over 12s only

Work and Play Scrapstore, 13 Blackshaw Road, SW17. Call 8682 4216 to book a place.

Wheelchair

**Thursday June 11
7 for 7.30pm**

Talk: Diana Darke on Syria and her house in the Old City of Damascus

Darke is well known as an authority on Syria. She will talk about the country's complex history, different communities, politics and current situation, from the unique perspective of an Arabic-speaking English woman who has known the Middle East for many years. Copies of her book will be on sale at the talk. £6 at the door, proceeds to the Museum.

Friends of Wandsworth Museum at West Side Church, Melody Road, SW18

Monday June 15 7pm

Wandsworth Common public meeting

Your chance to share your views about the common. Fitzhugh Community Centre, Fitzhugh Grove (off Trinity Road), SW18.

**Thursday June 18
drop-in 10am-12pm**

Explore Victorian Wandsworth

Part of Toddler Time Travel sessions, for youngsters 6

Thursday June 18 7pm

The Poems of Charles Simic

Join us for a glass of wine as Ruth Rosen reads a selection of Simic's poetry featured in Poetic Images. **Tickets £7.**

Maestro Arts, 1 Eastfields Avenue SW18. Tickets through https://thelittleboxoffice.com/maestroarts/

Saturday June 20 12.30 -

3.30pm

All Saints School Summer Fayre

A summer spectacular for all the family, including donkey rides, mini-marathon, dog show, arts & crafts, face painting, fun & games, bake off, raffle, tombola, bar. **Entry adults £2, children/senior citizens free** All Saints' Church grounds, Putney Common SW15

**Saturday 20 June
7.30pm**

WSO concert

Programme includes: Tchaikovsky The Sleeping Beauty Suite; Dvorák Othello; Dvorák Carnival Overture; Stravinsky The Firebird Suite (1919).

Tickets £12 (concessions £8; children under 16 free), buy online where possible. St Barnabas Church, Lavenham Road SW18 www.wandsworthsymphony.org/concerts

Sunday June 21 10am-2pm

West Hill Farmers' Market

Seasonal produce including dairy, veg and salads. Free range and organic meat, fresh juices, plants and herbs, fresh bread. West Hill primary school

playground, West Hill SW15. www.lfm.org.uk/markets/west-hill

Thursday June 25 7pm

Music for a Summer Evening

Music by Faure, Rutter, Simon and Garfunkel, Coldplay and from Les Miserables. Bring a rug and picnic for the 30 minute interval in the church gardens. **Tickets £10, concession £5.** Supporting sick and premature babies at St George's Hospital. South West Songbirds at St Andrew's Church, Garratt Lane SW18. Reserve tickets email pollyimmay@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday June 27

Residents' Table Top Sale

Items on sale following a grand house clearance. Dover House Road SW15. Email dhera.london+community@gmail.com

**Saturday June 27
7.30pm**

Mozart: Mass in C Minor

With conductor Andrea Brown. Also known as the 'Great Mass', the work reflects Mozart's preoccupation with the works of Handel and Bach within a magnificent choral



Sunday June 7 11am-5pm

Ritherdon Road Street Party

Stalls selling handmade silver jewellery, children's toys, and delicious treats. For children "hook-a-duck" and win a prize, face painting and a colouring-in competition. Refreshments from Dee Light Bakery and our own hog-roast. Entertainment from the Balham Ukulele Society. Ritherdon Road SW12.

mass setting. Not to be missed! **Tickets £16, concessions £14 on the door.**

Festival Chorus at St Luke's Church Ramsden Road/Thurleigh Road SW12. Tickets in advance from Northcote Music shop, 155 Northcote Road, SW11. www.festivalchorus.co.uk

Saturday June 27- Sunday June 28

Formula E electric car races

Be a part of the action and watch the finals of the 2014-15 season all-electric car racing event. Battersea Park SW11. For more information and to buy tickets: <http://london.fiaformulae.com/>

Monday June 29 7pm

Tooting Common public meeting

Tell us what you think about the common. St Anselm's School hall, Louisville Road SW17.

Thursday July 2 11am-1pm

Paper Art: Butterflies and Boxes - re-use workshop

Learn simple paper folding techniques to make beautiful butterflies and boxes. Use paper scraps and recycled bling in surprising ways. **£15 per participant.** Over 12s only. Work and Play Scrapstore, 13 Blackshaw Road, SW17. Call 8682 4216 to book a place.

Wheelchair

Saturday July 4 12-4pm

Armed Forces Day

Stalls and displays. Southside Shopping Centre, Wandsworth High Street SW18. Contact events team 8871 7534.

Saturday July 4 1.30-5.30pm

Make art and picnic

Collaborative art making with local sculptor Sophie Marsham, held in a 5-star urban garden. All art made will decorate a log cabin in the garden, used by teachers and pupils for indoor learning. Individuals and families can drop-in at any time. Under 8s must be with an adult. **Free picnic lunch at 12.45pm.**

Christ Church School, 17-19 Fownes Street SW11. www.christchurchbattersea.co.uk/secret_garden

Sunday July 12

Northcote Road Summer Fete

Performance stage with music and entertainment, pop-up markets selling clothes and jewellery, toys and antiques. Hog-roast and other food for sale. Northcote Road SW11. www.northcoterd.co.uk/art_icle/northcote-road-summer-fete-2015

Monday July 20 7.30pm

Learning about preserves

Make friends, have fun



Courtesy of Wandsworth Heritage Service

16 July – 9 August (Wednesday-Sunday 11am-5pm)

What is Home?

The work of a group of Arabian artists as part of the Shubbak festival of contemporary Arab culture. Assume your role as resident and spend more time with the artwork in a way more familiar than the formal constructs that the gallery usually allows for. **Free.** Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park SW11. Call 8871 7572. www.pumphousegallery.org.uk

and learn something new. Try your first meeting as a taster – no charge. Putney WI at The Platt Christian Centre, 22 Felsham Road SW15. Visit putneywi.wordpress.com or email putneywi@gmail.com.

Wheelchair

July 20 – 23 10am-5pm

Kids filmmaking course

Four day film school for kids 10-14 years Price: £460. St Mary's Church, High Street, Putney SW15. www.youngfilmacademy.co.uk or call 7387 4341

Saturday July 25 10am-6pm

Caribbean lawn bowls championship

First ever championship event. Geared towards family fun, with Caribbean food on sale. No entry fee. Streatham Park Bowls Club, Pringle Gardens SW16. If you're interested in competing in the

championship, contact Andrew Newell 07782 380048 or bowlsjamaica@gmail.com

Friday July 31 8pm

Talk: A Journey from Battle Bridge to King's Cross

The archaeology and

history of a London suburb, with speaker Rebecca Haslam.

Membership £10, under 18s £3.

Wandsworth Historical Society, Friends Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street, SW18. www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk



Sunday June 7 12-5pm

Old York Road Unplugged

The sixth Old York Road community street festival returns – music, stalls, children's activities and food. **Free.** Old York Road, SW18. Email open4business@wandsworth.gov.uk

Saturday June 20
3-5pm

Roehampton Garden Society Summer Show

Home-made cakes and teas. Displays of prize winning vegetables, fruits and flowers. Produce for sale and auction. Entrance by donation. Easy parking. St Margaret's Church Hall, Putney Park Lane, SW15. Contact: root@roehamptonallotments.co.uk or call Jackie Savage 07508 559134
Wheelchair

Comment on air quality

The council is reviewing its Air Quality Action plan as part of its commitment to improve air quality, identify problem areas and work with communities to reduce pollution.

The revised plan will include measures on how to reduce pollutions such as nitrogen dioxides and particulates from vehicles, boilers and construction sites. It contains 14 measures and 39 separate actions.

A consultation is being held to get local people's views before the final plan is published. Read the draft at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/airquality. On that page you can also follow the links to an online consultation. If you prefer a paper form, call (020) 8871 6251 or email Elteam@wandsworth.gov.uk.



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This is the next in our regular advice column from the Wandsworth Citizens Advice Bureaux.



Settled and safe: a renter's right

Your local CAB is seeing more and more local people who are suffering problems with privately rented homes. Around one third of the borough's housing is privately rented so it's vital that local renters know what to do if there's a problem and landlords know about their obligations.

What can I do about disrepair?

Landlords must keep in good repair the structure and exterior of the home and installations for the supply of water, gas, electric, sanitation, space heating and heating water. If you have a problem tell your landlord as soon as possible and keep a record. If the landlord will not do the repair, you could consider:

Contacting the council's private housing team. It will investigate concerns about the condition and standards of private rented homes (call 020 8871 6171)

Taking court action – but this can be costly and time-consuming
Using the rent to pay for repairs - but you must follow the correct procedure – be sure to seek advice first

What if my landlord tries to evict me when I complain?

Some landlords have been known to attempt to evict the tenant if they do not want to do the repair, or can't afford it. From 1st October 2015 the law will change to protect tenants against retaliatory eviction. Until then, if you are an Assured Shorthold tenant, you may have little protection. If you are an Assured Tenant or a Protected Tenant, then you will have good protection from eviction.

Your landlord must follow the rules on eviction, whatever your tenancy status. Harassment and illegal eviction are criminal offences. If you are served with an eviction notice or asked or pressurised to leave, seek advice.

How do I ensure I get my deposit back?

Deposits taken by landlords for tenancies which commenced after April 2007 have to be protected in a government-backed tenancy deposit scheme. If this has not been done, a tenant can apply for a court order for return of the deposit or to protect it in a scheme. A landlord may be fined up to three times the amount of the deposit for failure to comply.

A landlord who has not protected your deposit may also be prevented from evicting a tenant until:

- They have returned the full deposit
- They have returned a lesser amount of the deposit to your, with the tenant's agreement
- A compensation claim brought by the tenant for non-compliance has been awarded or dismissed by the court, or withdrawn by the tenant, or settled between the parties.

► **Get more advice at www.wandsworthadvice.org.uk and www.wandsworth.gov.uk/privatehousing**

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Pay your council tax

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/counciltax

Pay a parking fine

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/parking/payment

Apply for a parking permit/parking

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/parking/permits

Join the e-library

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries

Search planning applications

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Check your refuse collection day

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/collectionday

Request a housing repair

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/housingonline

Check local roadworks

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roadworks

Report a pothole

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/potholes

Pay your rent

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/rents

Other contacts at the council

Adult Care Information Service (020) 8871 7707

accessteam@wandsworth.gov.uk
www.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

Consumer Protection (020) 8871 7720

esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Community Care Services (020) 8871 7707

accessteam@wandsworth.gov.uk

Council Tax

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(020) 8871 8013
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Electoral Services

(020) 8871 6023
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Environmental Services

(020) 8871 6127
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Family Information Service

- including Nurseries
(020) 8871 7899
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Food Hygiene

(020) 8871 6139
esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Fraud Hotline

0800 783 2263 (freephone)
fraudhotline@wandsworth.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
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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

Libraries

wandsworth.libraries@gll.org

Neighbourhood Watch

(020) 8871 7696
watchlinkmanager@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
parks@wandsworth.gov.uk

Rent collection Service

(020) 8871 8987
rents@wandsworth.gov.uk

Rubbish, Recycling and Litter (020) 8871 8558

wasteservices@wandsworth.gov.uk

Births, Deaths, Weddings and Civil Partnerships

(020) 8871 6121
registeroffice@wandsworth.gov.uk

Youth Clubs

(020) 8871 7553
youthservice@wandsworth.gov.uk

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Make a complaint or comment on a council service

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Contact your local councillor www.wandsworth.gov.uk/councillors

Let's RECYCLE RIGHT

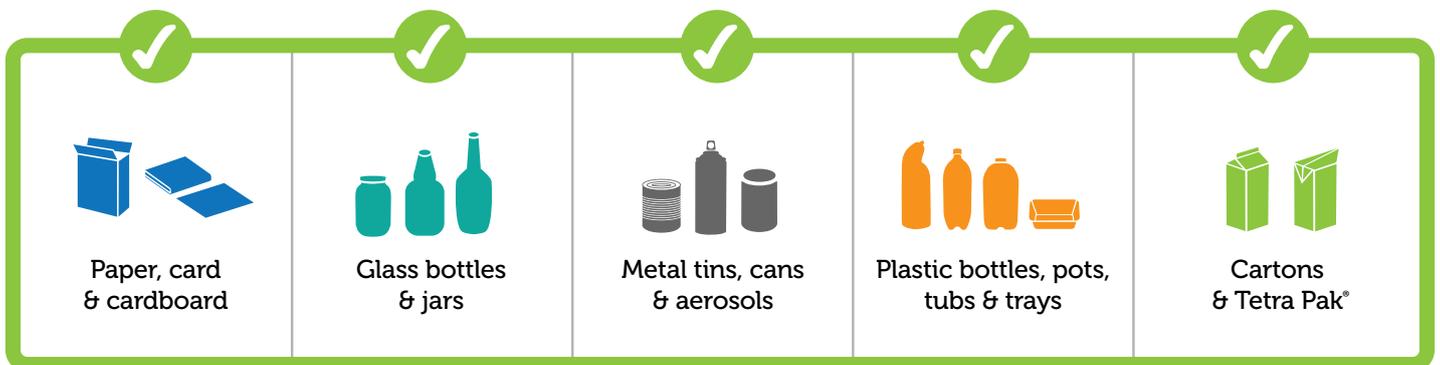
Why recycle?

Recycling is an easy way for us all to make a real difference to the environment. By choosing to recycle you are giving many items the chance to be remade into something new, instead of being wasted.

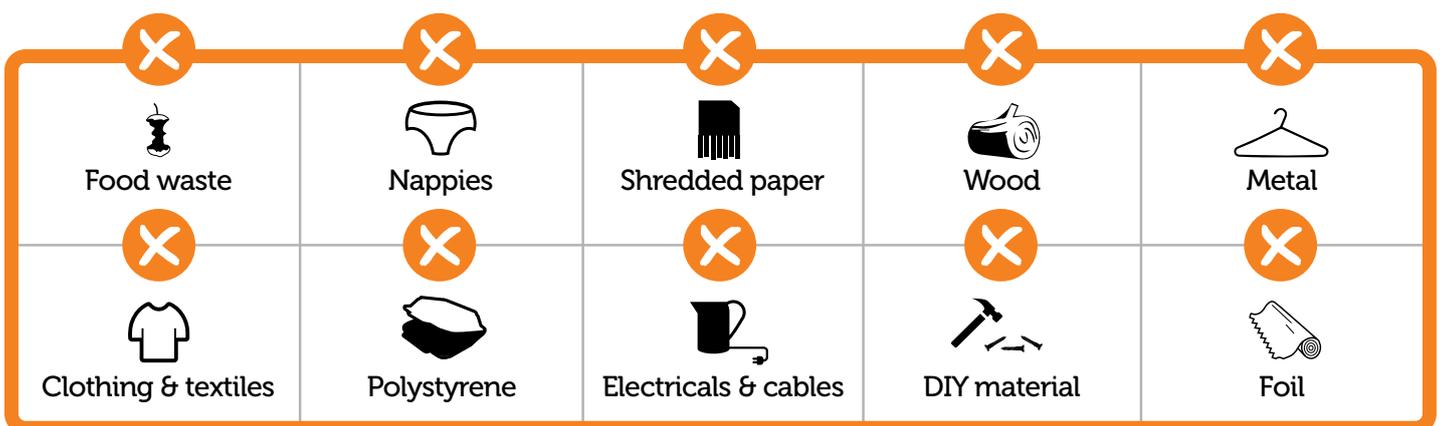
When you recycle you save the council money which can be better spent on other council services.

How do I recycle?

It couldn't be easier. Instead of throwing the items listed below in the bin, just throw them in your clear recycling sack or orange-lidded bank. The items just need to be clean and dry, and if you're putting in bottles or jars please remove the lids first.



Remember to Recycle Right by looking out for the materials below. Do not put them into your recycling sack or bank.



If you need help to Recycle Right please contact us and we will be happy to advise.

Email: wasteservices@wandsworth.gov.uk

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