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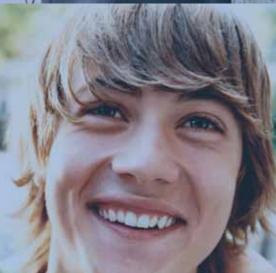
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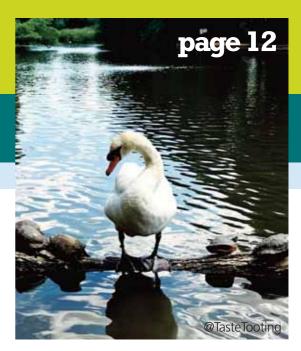
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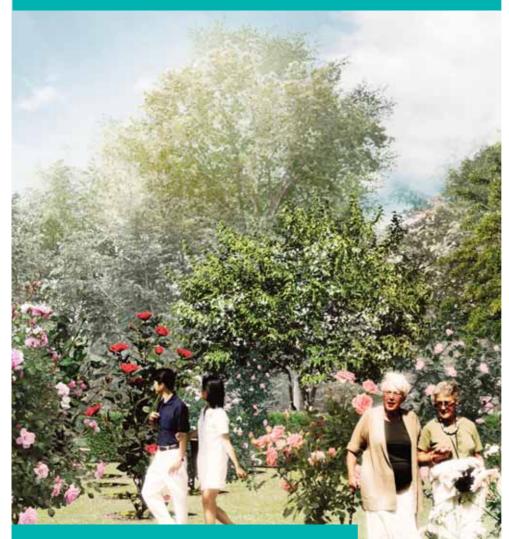






New Park for Wandsworth

LONDON'S FIRST NEW PARK SINCE 2012 IS BEING CREATED IN TOOTING.



Council planners unanimously approved the layout of a new 32 acre park in the grounds of Springfield Hospital. It will feature landscaped areas, a pavilion and café, two children's playgrounds, a rose garden (pictured) and fitness equipment. More than 400 trees will be planted and there will be large grassed areas to play games such as football and cricket.

The new park will join the existing 1600 acres of parks and open spaces in Wandsworth. This summer we've been celebrating the borough's parklife and asked people to post their #LoveParksWandsworth pictures on social media. Take a look at the results on pages 12-14.



FALCON ROAD CELEBRATES

More than 60 volunteers, 35 organisations and hundreds of local families came together at the 3rd Falcon Road Festival, which this year celebrated 'our community – our families'.

Designed and managed by local people and funded by Big Local SW11, with additional sponsorship by Taylor Wimpey, highlights included live performances on the main stage, Garg's Reptiles, Sky Birds of Prey, Deen City Farm, the Climbing Wall and sports zone, the Skate Park zone, bouncy castles and fairground rides.

FRIENDS FIVE YEARS ON

The Friends of Putney Library have celebrated their fifth birthday. The Friends were set up in 2013 to protect, enhance and promote Putney Library and run a free events programme connecting it with the local community, including talks, children's workshops, local history and quizzes. Recently the Friends have helped fund a large TV screen, new equipment for the children's library and chess sets for the games club.

Keep up to date by joining the mailing list by emailing a request to **friendsofputneylibrary@gmail.com**, or check in on the Facebook page at **PutneyLibraryFriends**

RESPOND NOW TO VOTER FORM

All households have been sent a form asking for confirmation of who is eligible to vote. Respond online, by phone or by text. Canvassers will visit non-responding households, so respond now to avoid a visit.

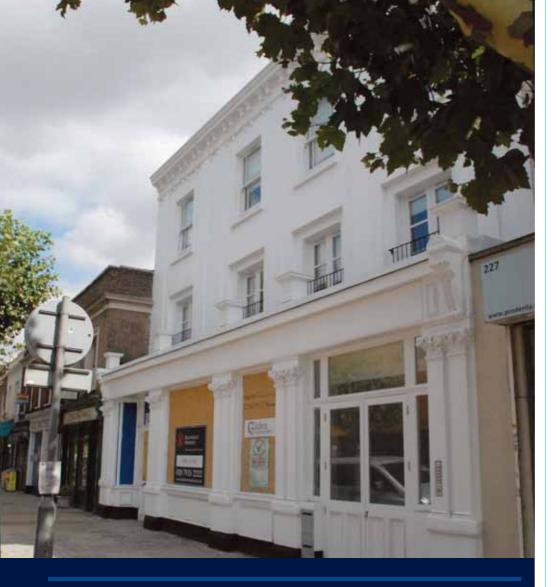
Elections and referendums can be called at short notice, so don't miss out. You could be fined £1,000 if you don't provide the requested information.

Register to vote at gov.uk/register-tovote. Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/vote to find out more.

EU ADVICE EVENT

European nationals living in Wandsworth can find out more about their post-Brexit status and ask questions at an advice session on Monday, September 17, 6.30pm-8pm at the Polish White Eagle Club, Balham.

Book your place at http://bit.ly/2P5YU4u



Demolished pub rises again

A historic public house in Battersea that was unlawfully demolished has risen from the rubble and been restored back to its original Victorian-era splendour after the council took legal action to force the developer to rebuild it.

The Alchemist pub in St John's Hill was knocked down without planning permission in the summer of 2015 – prompting the council to issue the developer with an enforcement notice requiring him to rebuild it brick-by-brick.

This process has now been completed and the building restored in all its former glory to once again form a prominent landmark in this part of Battersea. The Alchemist was formerly known as the Fishmonger's Arms and dates back to the late nineteenth century. Planning chairman Cllr Will Sweet said: "This is excellent news and testament to the council sticking to its guns and insisting on the building's complete restoration. The building is an integral part of the St John's Hill Grove conservation area which why we were determined to take action to ensure it would be restored for future generations."

Wandsworth was the first local authority in the country to use planning laws to safeguard 120 of its most precious pubs. Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/article4.



TREE WARDENS

The Wandsworth Tree Wardens have produced a discussion paper outlining their vision of a tree strategy for the 21st century. It highlights the benefit of trees and is calling for an 'urban forest' with a long-term commitment to planning more trees.

The tree wardens are volunteers who help monitor and planting local trees. Find out more about them and the discussion paper at http://wandsworthtreewardens.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/ 12/strategy.pdf



ST MARY'S PARK

In our last edition we gave you incorrect councillor details for the St Mary's Park ward. The three ward councillors are Melanie Hampton (Conservative) and Rhodri Morgan (Conservative) and Emily Wintle (Labour). Apologies for any confusion.

GRANTS UP FOR GRABS

The next deadline to apply to the Wandsworth Grant Fund is December 17.

It's open to Wandsworth-based voluntary and community organisations, residents' associations or groups of neighbours with an idea for a project to benefit their community.

In total £319,500 has been earmarked by the council in the 2018/19 financial year to give out in various waves of the fund. Grants are available between £500 – £10,000 for projects across a range of themes include art and culture, children and young people, citizenship and civic engagement, environment and attractive neighbourhoods, raising aspirations and potential, and health and well being.

Find out more and apply at wandsworth.gov.uk/wgf



Bid to ban boards

Estate agents boards – seen by many as eyesores that litter the landscape – could become a thing of the past in six areas of the borough if ministers back the council's call for new powers to tackle the issue.

Wandsworth is to seek additional powers from the secretary of state to ban boards from Balham High Road, Northcote Road, Queenstown Road, Old York Road, Tooting Town Centre and the stretch of Garratt Lane north of Earlsfield Station. Councillors are concerned that estate agents are keeping the boards up for advertising purposes even if the property has already been sold or let.

Similar powers have been successfully used since 2016 in the three town centres at Putney, Balham and Clapham Junction – along with streets in and around Lavender Hill.

The ban would not extend to boards often given to parents to advertise local school fairs of fetes, only those boards specifically used to advertise the sale or letting of a property.

For Fishes Sake!

A campaign is urging people not to pollute the Thames in Putney.

The council is working with environmental charity Hubbub, Positively Putney and the Port of London Authority to remind residents and visitors that rubbish left on the riverbank, even it it's done in a 'tidy' way next to litterbins, can easily end up in the river. Meet the team and find out more at the Great River Race on September 8 and the free Foreshore Festival family fun day on the Putney Embankment on September 23.





HELP SAVE THE HEDGEHOG

Local resident Jackie Underwood-Hall is running a campaign to save hedgehogs, and wants others to get involved.

Jackie runs a stall at local events and gives talks at schools, and wants to thank Peter from the Delicija deli in Putney for letting her run a stall outside each Sunday. She will be running events this autumn so that families can find out more about the animals and how they can protect them and prepare them for the winter.

"I am particularly keen to get Wandsworth residents helping hedgehogs prepare for the winter months, especially hibernation as they need sufficient weight gain to survive the cold months - not to mention safe places to hibernate."

Find out more on Facebook at facebook.com/SW15Hedgehogs or on twitter @SW15Hedgehogs or email saveourhedgehogs@gmail.com

RELAUNCH YOUR CAREER

Link UP London, which matches volunteers with local charities who need their skills, has created the ReLaunch programme for professional women following a career break.

Link UP believes the skills of professional women out of the paid workforce are vastly underutilised. ReLaunch aims to help these women re-enter the workforce in a way that works best for them.

"I highly recommend this course to anyone who is feeling stuck about their next career move. ReLaunch has given me some much needed focus and an invaluable support network," said one participant.

This autumn, Link UP London will be running two ReLaunch courses. The first begins on September 18 and the second on November 7. To find out more, email relaunch@linkuplondon.org

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Steer clear of cowboys

PEOPLE ARE BEING WARNED NOT TO EMPLOY COWBOY WASTE COLLECTORS

These criminals usually drive around residential areas looking for homes that are being refurbished or cleared. They will approach the owner and offer to take "junk" away for a cut price rate.

But instead of taking it to a proper waste disposal site and paying the appropriate fees, they simply dump it somewhere nearby – often in parks or other open spaces – leaving taxpayers to foot the clean-up bill.

In these cases it is not just the flytipper who is committing a crime – the householder who paid them to take their waste away is also liable under the law.

The maximum penalty that can be imposed by the courts for a serious flytip offence is an unlimited fine and up to five years imprisonment.

You can have bulky waste items collected by calling the town hall on (020) 8871 8558 or book online wandsworth.gov.uk/ specialcollections

If you choose a licensed private contractor, check where they are disposing of rubbish and make sure you get a proper receipt

Anyone with information about rubbish being dumped should telephone (020) 8871 6396 or email flytipwitness@richmondand-

wandsworth.gov.uk. All information will be treated in confidence.

More than five thousand on-the-spot fines have been handed out to litterbugs and flytippers in just over a year.

More than 1,300 of these were handed out to people who threw litter from a moving vehicle, or involved businesses that obstructed pavements with their commercial waste, and 174 were given to individuals found to be responsible for more serious flytips.

Wandsworth employs a litter squad whose job is to investigate flytips and issue fines to offenders. The most recent Government figures show that despite being inner London's largest borough and also its most populous, Wandsworth accounted for less than 1.2 per cent of all flytips across the capital's 33 boroughs.



E-car drive continues

Wandsworth is spearheading the electric car revolution and is on course to deliver the most extensive e-car infrastructure in London.

- 380 charging sockets have been installed in every available lampost within two pilot zones – in Putney (149) and Battersea (231) – to gauge demand and encourage more people to go electric. The results from these trial schemes could see this key infrastructure extended to other areas.
- Outside of these two pilot zones another 300 lamposts are having EV sockets fitted to them in parts of the borough where local people have already gone electric.
- Source London is providing another 120 charging points at various locations across the borough, adding to the 99 already in use at 33 separate places in Wandsworth.
- A new e-car club is being established in Wandsworth offering a convenient and eco-friendly alternative to car ownership,

providing electric vehicles to hire by the hour, day or week.

BP is rolling out rapid charging points in petrol station forecourts, with Swandon Way likely to be one of the first.

The number of electric vehicles registered in Wandsworth has grown from 127 at the end of 2015 to more than 500 now – with numbers rising by around ten per cent every three months.

Current projections indicate that some 5,500 electric vehicles will be registered in the borough by 2025 – but with enhanced infrastructure and more charging points that number could rise to nearer 10,000. Existing analysis indicates that Wandsworth already has one of the highest take up rates in London for electric vehicles.

Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/driveelectric

Clean air action



This year's Clean Air Day was the most successful yet with residents, schools and businesses all getting involved.

National Clean Air Day is about raising awareness of pollution issues, supporting people to reduce the amount of pollution they create and working together to improve air quality.

A Car Free Day (pictured left) was held in Tooting to encourage people to leave their cars at home and seven borough schools received visits to teach young people about pollution using fun games and theatre workshops. Parents were asked not to leave engines idling while they wait to pick up their children.

There are also several projects in the pipeline to install living green walls outside borough schools and proactive work to reduce pollution in Putney and Nine Elms by working with contractors and lobbying for cleaner buses.

Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/airquality.



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For more information please contact Tracy Walcott: WandsworthCCG.GetInvolved@swlondon.nhs.uk or telephone 020 8254 8165



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Councils set for Heathrow court challenge

A group of local authorities including Wandsworth have now filed their claim seeking judicial review of the Government's decision to support a third Heathrow runway.

The government has given policy support in its Airports National Policy Statement (NPS). The councils are challenging the Government in court on several grounds including air quality, climate change and failing to properly deal with noise consequences and surface transport access impact.

Wandsworth Council leader Ravi Govindia said:

The councils have shown extraordinary patience. We

have given the Government countless opportunities to address our concerns and answer our questions. The evidence shows that a new Heathrow runway will be bad for our environment and bad for the health of our residents.

We simply cannot stand by and let this happen without a fight.

The local authority group comprises the London Boroughs of Hillingdon, Wandsworth and Richmond, and the Royal Borough

of Windsor and Maidenhead.

The group has also been joined by the Mayor of London, Greenpeace and Hammersmith and Fulham Council.

Helicopter noise risk

Residents living near the Battersea Heliport are being subjected to noise levels that could pose a risk to their health, a new report claims.

The study, carried out by acoustics experts from London South Bank University, monitored noise levels near the heliport over a five month period last year. It found that residents living close to the Thames in the boroughs of Wandsworth, Hammersmith & Fulham and Kensington & Chelsea are routinely subjected to noise disturbance that exceeds World Health Organisation (WHO) recommended limits.

Leader of Wandsworth Council, Councillor Ravi Govindia, said: "This study is the first evidence of the impact the heliport is having on residents living along the Thames.

"In the first instance we would call upon the Mayor, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Government to work together with us to find a more sustainable solution.

"Under the Mayor's current Draft London Plan it is proposed that any new heliports are refused. We do not believe that is fair as it means that our residents are having to bear the brunt of having the flight path from London's only heliport going over their heads.

"It is obvious that relocation of the Battersea Heliport is the only right solution but the Mayor's draft London Plan has failed to grasp the nettle. There is still time for him to change his mind.

"In the meantime we call on the Heliport operator to do more to curb its impact and also work with us to improve this situation." Every street in Wandsworth should have a Neighbourhood Watch

Keep your neighbourhood safe

A stalwart of the Neighbourhood Watch movement in Wandsworth is urging others to get involved.

John Dennehy is the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for Khartoum Road, the Tooting Ward Panel Chairperson and a member of the Wandsworth Safer Neighbourhood Board. He believes people may be worried about joining their local watch or starting a new one because they're unsure of what is involved.

"Every street in Wandsworth should have a Neighbourhood Watch. It's a very practical way to keep everyone safe, to gather evidence when something goes wrong. It builds trust among neighbours and gives everyone on the street a mediator for any gripes like fly-tipping, barking dogs, concerns about elderly neighbours or suspicious behaviour.

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"The NW co-ordinator is not a Mr or Mrs Fix-it, but supports the street to ensure it is safe, clean and quiet. We have built up a lot of trust between neighbours and have a great relationship with the local police and the various departments at the council.

"I'd like to see more streets involved in the future so that we can get a better coordinated flow of local information, activities for the elderly and even sports/activity competitions between streets.

"Local shops are a vital part of our community too and need to be better integrated." Neighbourhood Watch is overseen borough-wide by the council's community safety department, and watches also work closely with their neighbourhood policing team.

A public meeting of the Wandsworth Safer Neighbourhood Board is at the town hall on October 10 and will focus on Neighbourhood Watch. Everyone is welcome to go along from 6.30pm.

Find out more about starting or joining a watch by **emailing communitysafety@ wandsworth.gov.uk or calling (020) 8871 6567.**

#LoveParksWandsworth

THIS SUMMER YOU'VE BEEN HELPING US CELEBRATE PARK LIFE IN WANDSWORTH.



The council has an ongoing programme of improvements in borough parks and playgrounds, including an £840,000 investment in Battersea Park and revamping several smaller parks and playgrounds – turn the page for more details.

We asked you to share your pictures of your favourite green gems on twitter and Instagram – and you really came through with loads of lovely images.

Here are just a few of them.







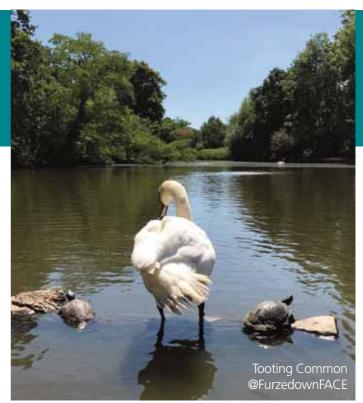




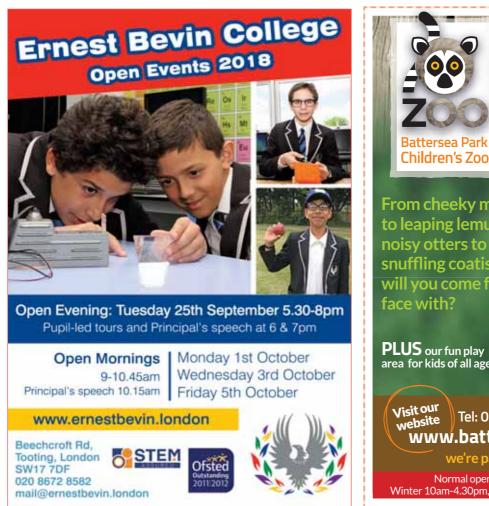
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Taking care of your parks

- A £111,000 resurfacing project means the Battersea Park junior and toddler's playground now has a soft surface for children.
- The Wandsworth Common ball games area has had a £130,000 upgrade with a new playing surface, fencing, equipment and floodlighting.
- The Promontory has been created out of an underused part of Battersea Park to create a stunning new riverside spot.
- The 1930s drinking fountain in Tooting Common has been restored to its former glory and is again offering passers-by free drinking water.
- The playground in Garratt Park, Earlsfield, is getting an upgrade. Local people have been asked what improvements they would like to see.
- £111,000 has been earmarked to improvements to the bowling pavilion at the Furzedown Rec.



- The heritage Battersea Park perimeter railings have been refurbished and repainted to recreate their original splendour.
- Battersea Park has again been awarded the prestigious green flag in recognition of the high standard of its upkeep.



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Could KITE help you?

A local resident supported by the council's KITE service is urging others to see if it could help them.

KITE (Keep Independent Through Enablement) provides support from specially-trained care workers to people who have been discharged from hospital or whose health has deteriorated.

They work with occupational therapists and physiotherapy services when necessary and help people learn a new skill or re-learn an old one, get fit or learn how to cook a healthy meal.

Earlier this year KITE received a good rating from the Care Quality Commission watchdog, who said the service was treated people with dignity, care and respect.

David Barttelot was admitted to St George's Hospital in April with a suspected broken ankle and following rehab at Roland Gibson House in Burtwood Lane was referred to KITE so he could continue to recuperate at home.

He praised staff at the hospital and Roland Gibson House, and said he has been telling friends about KITE because not enough older people know about it.

"I saw the team for four weeks. They are a fabulous service and



they've got me back on my feet. The occupational therapist has bent over backwards to get equipment for me that really works." To find out how the scheme could help you

visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/KITE, or email accessteam@wandsworth.gov.uk



Wandsworth Gets Results

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

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

OUR PERFORMANCE SCORECARD

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

Indicator	2016-17	2017-18	Comment Improved
Percentage of council tax collected	99%	98%	Despite a small decrease, Wandsworth continues to be one of the top five performers amongst London Councils
Percentage of business rates collected	100%	99%	Despite a small decrease, Wandsworth continues to be one of the top five performers amongst London Councils
Percentage of new benefit claims made online	85%	88%	J
Percentage of annual resident parking per- mits applied for solely online	92%	92%	Our online service saves time and money processing permits and residents do not have to visit the town hall.
Percentage of Households activated for Council Tax Single Sign On	26%	40%	Take up of our online Council Tax service continues to grow

Have we improved opportunities for children and young people?

The latest Ofsted report into Wandsworth Council's children's services has concluded that the department is improving and is no longer classed as inadequate. The care leavers' service is classed as good. While the council still requires further improvement before it can be given a good rating, the Ofsted report highlights many positive and significant improvements that have been made since the last Inspection in 2015. Ofsted made a series of recommendations to help the council achieve a good rating for its next inspection and we will now be working to implement those recommendations.

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Number of first time entrants into the youth justice system per 100,000 population aged 10-17	365	355		•
Children with a child protection plan receiving regular social worker visits	89%	94%	Performance on this measure has continued to improve.	
Percentage of current Looked After Children whose latest visit is on time	93%	93%		-
Average time between entering care and moving in with adoptive family, for all children who have been adopted	624 days	594 days	Adoption cases are carefully monitored to guard against unnecessary delay. In 18–19 a key focus will be to find a family for children in care at the earliest possible stage.	
Percentage of Care Leavers aged 17-21 years in Employment, Education or Training (EET)	52%	50%	Ofsted commented that a good proportion of our care leavers move to EET. Two new workers have been added to the team.	>
Number of episodes of missing young people	973	908		-
Key Stage 4 (age 16) - Average Attainment 8 score	52	49	Wandsworth's average score was higher than both the London and national averages. The score decreased slightly in 2017, reflecting the national trend.	>
Proportion of schools judged good or better by Ofsted	94%	97%		•
Apprenticeship success rate	68%	76%		•

Are we promoting health, independence and wellbeing for all adults with personalised and preventative care and support for adults in need (including housing need)?

Indicator	2016-17	2017-18	Comment Improv	ed
Number of days delay in transferring people from hospital (per 100,000 population)	1505.1	1799.6	Wandsworth's performance was in the top quartile of London Boroughs (7th out of 32).	X
Percentage of people who did not require any on- going support following a short term intervention to reable them and promote their independence.	62%	74%		
Percentage of adults with learning disabilities in settled accommodation at time of assessment or latest review	72%	73%		
Admissions into residential and nursing care 65+ per 100,000 population	365	400	Performance places Wandsworth in the top half of London Boroughs.	X
The number of properties where major disability adaptations have been completed	189	187	The number of adaptations completed exceeded projections.	X
Percentage of care service users receiving a review of their services and support	78%	82%		
Number of private sector dwellings made decent	386	407		7
Number of households living in temporary accommodation	1571	1884	The increase is due to a combination of continued homelessne. demand and a lower than expected supply of properties	22

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

Overall Crime rate per 1,000 residents (CP)	78.2	81.6	Wandsworth has the lowest crime rate in inner London, despite the slight year on year increase.
The percentage of household waste that is recycled, composted or reused	22%	22%	-
Percentage of potholes repaired within target time scale	96.5%	100%	
Total no fly-tipping enforcements (no. penalty warnings issued to addresses).	10,075	10,723	The increase reflects the Council's ongoing commitment to stronger enforcement and crack down on this anti-social behaviour.
Percentage of council homes meeting or above the Government's decent homes standard	100%	100%	-
Number of times people used swimming pools and lei- sure centres for every 1000 residents	10,928	10,942	

Are we building a prosperous, vibrant and cohesive community?

New homes built (net) across Wandsworth	2,776	2,345	Data is one year in arrears. As measured by the Greater London Authority, Wandsworth had more net housing completions in 2015/16 than any other London borough (latest available com- parative data).
Number of new-build shared ownership sales	248	191	Sales exceeded projections in 2017/18. The previous year was unusual because it included a large development with over 100 units.
Percentage of major planning applications processed within 13 weeks	100%	100%	-
The total number of local people to secure jobs or train- ing through the council's Work Match team since its launch in September 2013	670	871	
Wandsworth's unemployment claimant rate	1.4%	1.5%	Wandsworth's unemployment rate is still well below the London average (2.2%)



Brighter Living

More than 200 people found out what support is available in Wandsworth to help them stay independent at the Brighter Living Fair

The free fair, organised by the council's Adult Social Services Department, was for adults who have, or are looking for, care and support in the borough and other local people aged 55 and over.

More than 40 local services and organisations had stalls at the event and there was a full programme of talks and demonstrations. There was also a chance to hear about services on offer from the council to keep people safe and well, including the WATCH and Telecare emergency alarm services and the award-winning KITE re-enablement service.

The Scott family said they had learnt about support available for carers and the location of different services: "As well as finding out what services there are, we also found out where about in the borough they are, which is really useful." Yvonne who lives in Balham said she had learnt about healthy eating from the Diabetes Champions and how to make the best use of her mobile from CommuniTech.

If you were unable to attend, you can search for local social care services at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/ adultsocialcare.



AEROSOL NO

Residents are being asked not to put aerosols in with their recycling. The Western Riverside Waste Authority, which processes the borough's waste, has made the request following a number of explosions at the Smugglers Way recycling facility. Place aerosols in with your general rubbish. They will still be recycled because the metal is extracted following incineration.

MEDIATION SERVICE

The Wandsworth Mediation Service is a charity that offers mediation to those in conflict with their neighbours, families and communities. It has about 60 volunteer mediators, most of whom live locally, who over the years have helped hundreds of people.

Mediators are neutral and help the parties work out how they want to change things for the future, rather than telling them what to do. Being given the opportunity to meet face-to-face can help each side see the other's point of view. It also offers conflict coaching to one party when the other refuses to mediate. Visit wandsworthmediation.co.uk

#IT STARTS WITH YOU

The independent health and care champion Healthwatch has launched its #ItStartsWithYou campaign to encourage people to share their experiences of health and social care to help make services better.

Complete the survey online at smartsurvey.co.uk/s/hww-itstartswithyou. You can also go along to an event at the Battersea Mission on September 19 from 10.30am to join a discussion on local health and care topics. Find out more at healthwatchwandsworth.co.uk

LORRY CONSULTATION

Southfields residents living in The Triangle have until September 29 to respond to a public consultation on proposals to ban lorries weighing more than 7.5 tonnes entering four quiet residential streets just off Wimbledon Park Road.

The ban would prevent HGVs using Pulborough Road, Wincanton Road, Hambledon Road and Gatwick Road as a cut-through. Transport spokesman Cllr Jonathan Cook said: "Our view is that a lorry ban in these neighbourhoods is the right way forward but it's important for local people to have their say." Email HDTS@wandsworth.gov.uk.

SHARE TECH SKILLS

Tech-savvy Wandsworth people are being urged to join a new Digital Champion Network being set up in the borough to help share digital skills. Community Fibre, which works in partnership with the council to provide super-fast broadband for homes on housing estates, is working with the charity Digital Unite to set up the network. email hello@communityfibre.co.uk

Warm welcome at Hestia



The Hestia Age Activity Centre has been at the heart of the Tooting community for almost 30 years.

It is open to any resident of the borough aged 60+ looking to meet new friends and learn new skills. Activities include introductory computer and mobile phone classes, a popular dominoes club, yoga, tai chi and a choir who recently performed at Hazelfest in Tooting Broadway. Find out more at an open day at the centre at 966 Garratt Lane on September 28 from 11am to 3pm.

Have you still not had your flu jab?

If you're 65 or over or you have a long-term health condition, flu can be serious. That's why you're eligible for a free flu jab. Don't put it off. Get your flu jab straight away.



nhs.uk/staywell

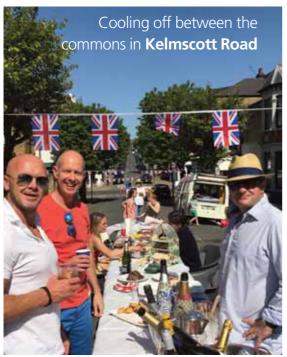
Cheril Sowell, Nurse

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Party on, Wandsworth!

THIS SUMMER HAS BEEN PERFECT FOR STREET PARTIES. HERE ARE JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM AROUND THE BOROUGH.





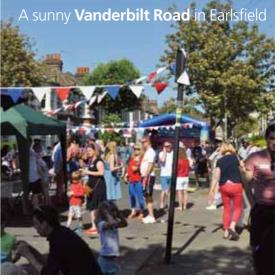
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We have a wide range of jobs across Wandsworth, exclusively for Wandsworth residents.



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securing jobs for local people



ADVERTISING FEATURE



Why Apprenticeships?

Modern apprenticeships are a chance for people of all ages to combine work and learning on the job.

For a young person, apprenticeships offer a first step into employment where you can earn while you learn, while for a more experienced worker they can offer a way of getting trained and qualified on the job.

For businesses they are an opportunity to develop a worker to gain the skills your business needs and lead to increased staff loyalty and better staff retention. Some of the costs are tax-deductable, and larger companies pay anyway through the apprenticeship levy so it makes sense to get the benefit

How to recruit an Apprentice

Many colleges and training providers throughout the UK can help employers recruit a suitable apprentice or you can recruit apprentices directly - just make sure you link up with a recognised training provider in order to get the benefits of government support. Alternatively, visit the UK Government website guide for employers - www.gov.uk/take-on-an-apprentice

Erasmus+ European Partnerships 4 Apprenticeships Rinova is the UK partner in an innovative development project funded by the European Union Erasmus+ programme called Get involved in EP4A: European Partnerships for Apprenticeships. It tackles labour force skill mismatches and increases the employability of young people by bringing together different organisations, such as chambers of commerce, the public sector and trade bodies, to implement new apprenticeship-based initiatives.

The law is changing

RINOVA

If you rent a room, your landlord may need a licence! Landlords find out how to avoid a fine! wandsworth.gov.uk/

hmo

From October 1 2018 most houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) rented to five or more unrelated people must have a council HMO licence.

Tenants -Let us know if your HMO needs a licence wandsworth.gov.uk/

hmo

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Help for people to find the home that is right for them

HELPING people find a home that is right for them and their family is a major priority for Wandsworth Council.

Across the borough the council is investing £150 million in building 1,000 new homes.

The new homes will help people who live or work in the borough buy or rent a home in a way that is affordable. The majority of the homes will be for people on average or below average incomes.

Wandsworth has the ambition to build far more homes in the coming years, which will help even more local people continue to afford to live here.

A special Affordable Housing Open Day has been organised for October 11th in the Civic Centre in Wandsworth Town Centre to help explain that choices that are available to local people (see ad on page 9). The Open Day is completely free and will help first time buyers find their way around the different Home Ownership schemes such as Shared Ownership, Right to Buy, Right to Part Buy and the House Purchase Grant.

Housing providers will also be available to offer information and advice, with legal and financial advice also being provided by property experts.

Wandsworth's commitment to providing innovative solutions on affordable housing was the reason why Council Leader Cllr Ravi Govindia CBE received special recognition recently as an 'Inspirational Leader' in the 2018 Housing Heroes Awards which were jointly organised by the Chartered Institute of Housing and Inside Housing magazine.

There are lots of ways that you, your family or your friends can benefit from Wandsworth Council's approach to building more homes for local people.

House Purchase Grant

This scheme gives eligible council tenants a grant to use towards buying a home of their own on the open market within the UK or anywhere else in the world or to use towards purchasing a share of a shared ownership property (part rent / part buy) within the UK. It can also be used to adapt a family member's home within the UK to create a self contained extension to enable tenants to move in.

The amount of grant a tenant could qualify for will depend on:

- the number of bedrooms within current home
- total length of tenancy
- the outcome of a means tested financial appraisal, as the grant is considered as gap funding and tenants must be in need of the grant towards the purchase as well as be able to demonstrate that they can afford any mortgage repayments.

Right to Part Buy

Right to Part Buy enables eligible council tenants who qualify for the Right to Buy (but are unable to afford to purchase their council home outright) to buy a share of their property with the added benefit of receiving an apportioned discount equal to the share purchased and pay a low rent on the remaining share.

- To be eligible for the scheme you must:
- be a secure tenant
- have at least three years tenancy
- not have received Housing Benefit 12 months prior to the application
- must pass an affordability test

Tenants will be able to purchase a minimum initial share of either 25% or 50% and in the future can buy additional shares and possibly own their home outright.

Our very first completion under Right to Part Buy happened for a Balham-based couple in June this year.

For further information about any of the Home Ownership schemes please contact the Home Ownership Team via the following ways:

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership or Email: housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk or Telephone: 020 8871 6161

Right to Buy

Right to Buy helps council tenants buy their home with a discount of up to £108,000 available.

The funds raised through Right to Buy are used to provide new affordable housing options for other local people.

The council has a helpful Right to Buy information booklet for tenants who are interested in owning their council home. To read an online copy and to find out more about the process visit **www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership**. Tenants who would like more information should contact the home ownership team who will be able to guide them through the Right to Buy process.

Shared Ownership

Shared ownership allows people to get on the property ladder with a much smaller deposit. Part of the property is purchased, typically starting at a stake of 25%, with rent paid on the remaining part. Your stake in the property can increase over time.

For example, if you are purchasing a one-bedroom flat, typically priced at **£400,000**, you would ordinarily need it pay a **10% deposit of £40,000**.

With Shared Ownership you could initially purchase a **25%** share of the property worth **£100,000**, paying a deposit of **£10,000**.

New Shared Ownership developments in the borough include the following:

Peabody – Battersea Reach, SW18

A new scheme consisting of 24 one-beds and 16 two-beds will be launching shortly. This latest phase of the popular development in the heart of Wandsworth boasts a location close to the Thames with excellent transport links into central London. For further information call **020 7021 4842**, email **enquiries@peabodysales.co.uk** or visit **www.peabodysales.co.uk**

Fabrica – Carlton House, SW15

Properties will be available in the new year and marketing will occur imminently; this scheme will constitute 15 units with 12 x 1-beds & 3 x 2-beds in Putney, very close to important tube and rail links. For further information, you can contact the sales team on **020 3504 7358** or check the website **www.fabrica.co.uk**

Building Homes for Wandsworth People



Claire moved into her new shared ownership home in October last year, just in time for her first Christmas with baby boy Jaiden. Claire is living in a 2-bedroom apartment in Balham.

I was previously living in my family home in Southfields, but with a baby due it seemed time to find a place of my own.

I was ready to have my own space and make my own family home. 'I've lived in Wandsworth my whole life and wanted to stay in the area, but I couldn't afford to buy a home outright.

I found out about shared ownership on the council's website – so I registered with them for one of these properties.

CLAIRE'S STORY



Members of the Battersea Men's Shed group have launched a boat they made themselves onto the Thames. The Men's Shed, run by the council's housing department community development team, gives older men – and women - the opportunity to socialise and work together on projects and is run out of a specially-converted workshop at Dimson Lodge.

HMS Battersea Men's Shed was built over

three years and was officially launched at Putney by deputy mayor Jane Cooper, with music from Roehampton over 50s choir An A-Choired Taste – also run by the community development team.

Find out more about the Men's Shed and the choir by emailing ecurley@wandsworth.gov.uk.



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EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 2018

Saturday November 3

Battersea Park Fireworks

Tickets go on sale Monday 3 September 2018. Book early as tickets sell out fast. enablelc.org/fireworks Book Now

From Monday 3 September

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What's On is

Adult rowing courses

Open to anyone aged 18+. Offering beginner and intermediate level courses, various days/times. No experience is needed for beginner level. Barn Elms Boathouse, Queen Elizabeth Walk SW13 0DG. Booking details and the autumn timetable at enablelc.org/bebh.

Saturday September 8, 2pm

Earlsfield Wandle Wander Guided Walk

Part of Wandle Fortnight, this is an entertaining and informative tour of the River Wandle in the Summerstown and Earlsfield area. Walk starts from outside St Andrew's Church, Garratt Lane, Earlsfield. summerstown182. wordpress.com

September 8-23

Wandle Fortnight Events and activities along the length of the Wandle river, including Wandsworth. wandlevalleyforum.org.uk

Saturday September 8 Putney River Life Funday

Radio Jackie roadshow, live music, gift stalls, street food, farmers' market and a kids zone. Plus a great vantage point for the Great River Race. Putney Wharf and Church Square totallythames.org/event/ Putney-river-life-funday

Sunday September 9, 11am to 4pm and Monday September 10, 4pm to 8pm

Wandsworth Common Management and Maintenance Plan Consultation Phase 2 Help shape Wandsworth Common's future. Wandsworth Common by Skylark Café, SW18 Email parks@enablelc.org

Sunday September 9 2pm

Annual service of thanksgiving and remembrance

You are invited to join us for our annual service, led by Bishop Noel McLean. Wandsworth Mayor will give a bible reading, Civil Celebrant Jan Doyle, and the local Salvation Army Band who will play for us. Light refreshment afterward. The service is outside; some seats provided but you may wish to bring your own chair. Putney Vale Cemetery, Stag Lane SW15. Info call 3959 0090 enablelc.org/ bereavement

Wednesday September 12, 6.30 – 9.30pm

Safeguarding & Protecting Children

Workshop

For sport and physical activity coaches and instructors who have regular contact with young people and vulnerable adults – this is a certificate that National Governing Bodies expect their coaches to hold. Certificate valid for three years. Cost £45. Wandsworth Town Hall SW18. Contact Chris caustin@enablelc.org or 3959 0037

Saturday September 15 Foodival 2018 Free

Organisers Transition Town Tooting are promising a "Feast for the Senses" that celebrates local growing, home cooking and general wellbeing for all. Fresh, locally grown produce from home growers, allotment holders and local farmers will be donated the day before

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we can all make a difference. Wheelchair

accessible. Organised by the Wandsworth Society. West Side Church hall, (corner of Melody Road and Allfarthing Lane) wandsworthsociety.org.uk

Saturday September

Summer in the Square

The free event brings the

community together, with local charities, businesses,

societies, civic groups, and schools all participat-

ing. Food, activities,

everyone to enjoy.

Battersea Square

2-4pm

music, art and more for

summerinthesquare.co.uk

Sunday September 16,

Summerstown182

'Creative commemora-

tion' workshop making

tributes for the lost local

War. Help make colourful

decorative tributes which

will be placed on the sites

Summerstown182 later

Streatham Cemetery

Open Day, Streatham

summerstown182.

wordpress.com

September

Cemetery, Garratt Lane

Term starts Monday 17

Art and design courses

Try your hand at painting,

pottery, printmaking and

photography-and plenty

this year. Part of Friends of

of the homes of the

lives of the First World

Stripes of Peace

15, 11am-4pm

October

Celebrating harvest time in Nine Elms

The Nine Elms area of Battersea has a long history of horticulture and feeding London, as well as being home to New Covent Garden Market. This October Nine Elms is hosting a series of applethemed community events and activities to celebrate

the tradition of harvest time. Watch out for what's on listings and sign up for the

Nine Elms newsletter at www.nineelmslondon.com



the event to be cooked up by local chefs live on Hereward Road. Plus there will be a Top Tooting Cook competition, music by local artists, Jeni's Crafty Art station and a chance to learn new skills in gardening, cooking, bee keeping, recycling and upcycling. Some events will also take place in the Mushkil Aasaan community centre at 222 Upper Tooting Road, SW17 7EW tootingfoodival.blogspot. co.uk

Thursday September 13, 7.45pm for 8pm Waste Disposal

Matters A talk by Michael

Singham, Waste Strategy Manager for Wandsworth and Richmond Councils. Hear about local rubbish and its disposal, and how



September 11-29, 7.30pm

Eastern Star

In summer 1988, young BBC World Service reporter Christopher Gunness found himself at the centre of Myanmar's 'Students' Revolution – an event that brought Daw Aung San Suu Kyi onto the international stage. His main source was lawyer U Nay Min, the chief architect of the Revolution. At the anniversary of the uprising decades later he manages to engineer a reunion meeting with a mysteriously reluctant Nay Min. Despite their former friendship this turns out to be a difficult and painful encounter. tara-arts.com



Saturday September 29, noon – 3pm

Southfields Harvest 2018

Lively neighbourhood festival celebrating all things local. Enter the Southfields Bake-off, enjoy craft beer and cider, home-made honey and jam, allotment veg and Southfields sausages, hot off the BBQ. Bring your garden apples to be juiced. Create a vegetable monster or a collective work of art with artist and children's author, Jane Porter. Find out what's happening in your community and how you can join in. Live music, tea, cake and good company. Supporting local charities. **Free entry**

St Barnabas Church, Lavenham Road, SW18 5EP

www.southfieldsharvest.weebly.com

more besides. We run beginner, experienced and mixed-level courses in a range of subjects with experienced, friendly tutors. Courses are popular – enrol early. Putney School of Art & Design, Oxford Road SW15. Enrol at enablelc.org/psad or call 3959 0110 weekdays 10am-4.30pm

New term resumes Tuesday September 18 5.30-7.30pm Community Swim Programme

Swimming sessions for 5-15 year olds. The sessions cater for the complete non-swimmer who needs to learn how to swim, right up to the competent swimmer who needs to improve their technique. Sessions Tues, Wed and Thurs evening, term time. Each lesson is thirty minutes. Costs £70 for the ten-week term; discount for siblings. Limited spaces still available. Burntwood Academy, Burntwood Lane SW17 0AQ. More details call

Dereck Brown on 3959 0042 or email dbrown@enablelc.org.

Tuesday September 18 - Saturday September 29 Adam f15 - f30

Adam is the remarkable, true story of a young trans man and his journey to reconciliation - with himself, those closest to him, and the world as he knows it. bac.org.uk

September 22, noon-5pm

Community Funday Featuring rides, stalls, multicultural food, sports, arts and crafts and animals. The event is jointly organised by St Augustine's Church and Al Risalah Education Trust Schools with the Balham and Taoting Community.

Tooting Community Association. Proceeds will go to charities at St George's Hospital. Broadwater Road, Tooting, SW1712

Regular running for kids

Research shows how running, jogging or even walking regularly can help improve the physical and social health and wellbeing of children. Initiatives including the Daily Mile and Marathon Kids offer children the chance to run for an extra 15minutes a day whilst at school - thousands of schools across the UK are taking part. To find out if your school is doing the Daily Mile or Marathon Kids, contact your school.



September 23-30 Balham Food Festival Kicking off with the

Balham Banquet on September 23 on Hildreth Street and Bedford Hill Place, followed by a week of promotions and special offers, this is a celebration of the area's vibrant food scene.

balhamfoodfestival.com



Thursday October 11, 7.30pm

Talk: Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's chief minister from 1534 to 1540.

An illustrated lecture by Professor Diarmaid MacCullough on Cromwell, who was Henry VIII's chief minister from 1534 to 1540. This a joint meeting by the Wandsworth Society, Putney Society and Wandsworth Historical Society. St Mary's Church, Putney High Street, SW15. wandsworthsociety.org.uk

Until Sunday September 23, Wednesdays -Saturdays, 11am-5pm

(Probably) no images are utterly silent Working with drawing, spoken word and collage, artist Mónica Rivas Velásquez unpicks the relationship between text and image. Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park Free

pumphousegallery.org.uk



Thursday Sept 6 - Saturday Sept 15 Missing

£15 - £30

Gecko were mid-way through their run of Missing in 2015, when Battersea Arts Centre's Grand Hall was destroyed by fire, consuming their set, props and costumes. They return to complete the run of their visually stunning and visceral show in the first UK performances since the fire.

Missing is a journey into the depths of a person's psyche: as Lily unearths her forgotten past, the truth changes everything. Critically acclaimed physical theatre company Gecko again invites you to enter a deliciously warped world of striking imagery, multiple languages and beautiful music. bac.org.uk

Putney School of Art and Design

September 17 - 27

Open Studio Student Exhibition and PSAD Tutor Eithne Healy Solo Exhibition

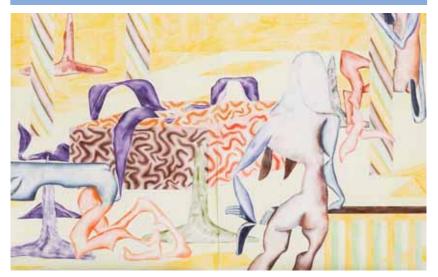
October 1 - 18

Portrait Painting Class Exhibition Ceramic Totem Pods - Work from St George's Hospital Ceramic PAYG class Exhibition October 7 and 14, 1pm-4pm

Open House/Big Draw 2018

PSAD Open Studio with FREE workshops in pottery, printmaking and drawing & painting for families.

PSAD, Oxford Road, SW15 enablelc.org/psad



Until Sunday September 23, Wednesday - Saturday, 11am-5pm Exhibition: Floats Road

Solo exhibition by Charlie Duck. Presenting a series of new large pigment works on paper, alongside ceramics and smaller studies, Floats Road continues Duck's fascination with history, form and the unreliability of narrative.

Free

Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park pumphousegallery.org.uk

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September 21-23

Tootopia

A three day celebration of Tooting. Join the Foodie Trail, enjoy the Street Food Takeover, learn about local heritage or take the Greatest Tooting Tour in History.

Tootopia.co.uk



Saturday and Sunday October 6-7, 11am-6pm, October 13-14, 11am-6pm Wandsworth Artists Open House

More than 175 artists invite you into their homes and studios across the borough. Take a peek at the places where beautiful art is made and discover artists you never knew were on your doorstep. There will also be opportunities for you to make your own art and go back to school. Children aged 7-12 years old can take part in a free animation workshop at the RCA Fine Art campus in Battersea. ActionSpace, a charity that supports the development of artists with learning disabilities, will exhibit new work by their Wandsworth artists.

For a local trail guide contact Enable Arts Team on 020 3959 0020, email arts@enablelc.org or visit wandsworthart.com

Every Monday from September 3, 6-6.55pm

Yoga 6pm-6.55pm • Parent and Baby Yoga 12.30pm-1.30pm £9 per class

Adult sessions are suitable for all fitness levels and will focus on increasing strength, flexibility, breathing techniques to relax and rejuvenate.

Parent and baby sessions include gentle Yoga exercises to strengthen, tone and increase flexibility, plus playful interaction, singing and rhymes with baby. Book in Earlsfield library at reception before the class starts or online at better.org.uk/book



Wandsworth Arts Fringe wants you!

Wandsworth Arts Fringe (WAF) celebrates its tenth anniversary in May 2019. Since it developed out of Wandsworth Arts Festival in 2009, WAF has gone from strength to strength, with the 2018 edition drawing more than 20,000 visitors to over 180 events across the borough.

WAF is now on the hunt for artistic talent of all varieties to make #WAF10 even more spectacular. For the ten year anniversary, WAF is encouraging you to go big. From street performances to big art picnics, comedy to circus, odd-bod opera, dance, debates, and everything in between – we love it all. Whatever kind of creative practitioner you are, if you want to test new ground, connect with creative networks and be part of something that thrills, moves and inspires audiences from across the city, we want to hear from you.

Visit enable.org/arts/waf

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Report It app



Wandsworth Report It makes it easier for anyone to report problems like flytipping, graffiti and other environmental issues. Search for the Wandsworth Report It app on the Apple, Android or Windows app store.

Other contacts at the council

Create an account and you will only have to sign in

once to access the main council services.

wandsworth.gov.uk/myaccount

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



Sort out another bin for your recycling.





www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling