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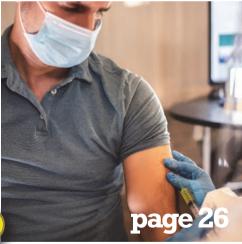
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More trees being planted

Wandsworth Council is spending £100,000 on new trees over the next two years.

The council has long committed to an annual treeplanting programme which includes planting trees in streets, housing estates and parks.

Tree planting is a key component in the Wandsworth Environmental and Sustainability Strategy (WESS), and the council remains committed to urban greening, planting trees, encouraging biodiversity, protecting and enhancing existing parks as well as open and green spaces.

Wandsworth Council currently maintains approximately 60,000 trees in the borough, all situated on public land, streets, parks and housing sites.

Wandsworth has also just been awarded three more Green Flags at Wandsworth and Tooting Commons and King George's park. Battersea Park and Wandsworth Park have retained their Green Flags - an international mark of quality and recognised standard for well-managed parks and green spaces all over the world.









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It has been an extremely difficult time for everyone across Wandsworth and we have seen our way of life change almost overnight because of this dreadful virus.

I know a lot of people throughout the borough have experienced personal tragedy and I want to offer my heartfelt sympathies to all of them on behalf of everyone at Wandsworth Council.

As we head into winter, and a period that is traditionally full of festivities, the landscape looks very different and the uncertainties that lie ahead appear daunting.

But one thing that I know is certain is we will, eventually, pull through this.

Right from the start, when this virus began to take hold back in the spring, the people of Wandsworth rose to the challenge that faced us.

That sense of community, that has always characterised this borough, came to the fore and I was heartened by countless stories of mutual support, generosity and a collective ambition that we would get through this together.

As a council we remain committed and unwavering in our support of the vulnerable and those who are most at risk. We also are doing everything we can to support our business community, which is the lifeblood of this borough, and have already issued millions of pounds in support grants. And as we head into the festive season I would urge everyone to think about how they can support their local community by shopping locally and trying, where possible, to help local retailers.

As has always been the case, we are stronger together than alone and I want this council to offer the key pillars of

support for everyone to build on – working together as a borough for each of us to help each other.

So if you are struggling financially or emotionally please remember that help is out there. Not only through the council, but also the community and voluntary sector. Noone should feel alone or isolated during this pandemic.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone associated with our schools – pupils, staff, parents, teachers, headteachers and governors. This has been a particularly difficult time for our school communities and I know a huge amount of work has gone into making our schools safe while still creating an enjoyable environment that is conducive to learning.

As we approach the year end, let's all work together to stem the rise of the virus.

Follow the national guidance – wash your hands regularly, wear your facemask and stick to social distancing.

We all need to be vigilant and keep each other safe by being responsible. These are unprecedented times for all of us but Wandsworth remains a wonderfully united borough with a sense of community and togetherness that I think is unique in London. We are in this together and together we will get through it.

Stay safe and take care.

Cllr Ravi Govindia Leader, Wandsworth Council

As Brightside went to press, Wandsworth like the rest of London will be in Tier 2: High Alert.

Tier 2 is for areas with a higher or rapidly rising level of infections. This will be regularly reviewed, so please ensure you follow the guidelines to keep yourself and others safe, slow the spread of the virus, protect key workers and avoid a higher level being imposed.

- you must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 people outside, including in a garden or a public space - this is called the 'rule of 6'
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-Secure manner, other than those which remain closed by law, such as nightclubs
- pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals

What are the rules over Christmas?

Between December 23 - 27 you can form a 'Christmas bubble' of people from no more than three households.

You can only be in one Christmas bubble and you cannot change your Christmas bubble. Your bubble can only meet in private homes or your garden, places of worship and public outdoor spaces. You can travel between tiers and UK nations for the purposes of meeting your Christmas bubble

For full details visit gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmasbubble-with-friends-and-family

For updates on changes to council services visit wandsworth.gov.uk If you don't have access to the internet call 020 8871 6000.













MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

If you're struggling to cope emotionally, Talk Wandsworth provides free, confidential talking therapies. Call (020) **351 6264.** Togetherall is an online 24/7 community providing mutual support. Visit togetherall.com For young people, Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous space for support and counselling. Visit kooth.com If you have a mental health crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line on 0800 028 8000.

HELP FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Age UK provide older people with free advice and offer a handyperson service, befriending and help with online food and shopping. Call (020) 8877 8940 or email info@ageukwandsworth.org.uk

WORRIED ABOUT MONEY?

The council has a range of grant schemes for people with financial problems, including crisis assistance to pay for fuel and food, Discretionary Housing Payments for help with housing costs and the COVID-19 Discretionary Social Fund for people who have had their income reduced because of the pandemic and are now reliant on Universal Credit. Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/housing/benefits -and-support/discretionary-supportgrants

SUPPORT PAYMENTS

If you can't work because you are selfisolating you may be eligible for a Test and Trace Support Payment. Call (020) 8871 6555.

STAY SAFE

Sign up for Online Watch Link to get alerts on scams, police updates, Coronavirus advice and more. Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/communitysafety/owl-online-watch-link

HOW TO GET TESTED

The main symptoms of Coronavirus are a new, continuous cough, a high temperature and loss or change to your sense of taste or smell.

Regular testing sessions are held in Wandsworth but you must book in advance. Book a test and find out about

nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ or call 119

stay up to date or find support - visit: wandsworth.gov.uk/coronavirus

Keep connected

Wandsworth Council is providing vulnerable people with easy-touse communication tablets to help them keep connected with loved ones and receive online support with their care.

In partnership with Alcove, the council is making the Carephone devices available to vulnerable or clinically vulnerable people who receive a care or support package. It means they can easily make video calls with family, friends, care workers and other approved service providers.

Kathleen keeping in touch through her Carephone.

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The devices can be used by people with little or no technological expertise and will enable care workers to perform tasks that do not require face-to-face visits, helping to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

Cabinet member for health and social care Cllr Clare Salier said: "Some people struggle with new technology, so we have found a really easy-to-use way for them to remain connected and receive care."

If you feel a Video Carephone would help a relative or friend who receives council care or a support package email digitalsupport@richmondand wandsworth.gov.uk to find out more.

Celebrating Black history

To celebrate Black History Month in October, Wandsworth Council shared the stories and experiences of 15 key members of the Black community who represent the outstanding contribution that Black people have made in shaping our borough.

They include teachers, community owners, people working in healthcare and public services and local business owners.

They all live or work in the borough and talk about their experiences as a Black person.

The aim is to help the Wandsworth community better understand the histories of their Black neighbours, friends and colleagues and to inspire a new generation by showing how these 15 people have made a positive difference in Wandsworth.

To find out more and watch the videos visit wandsworth.gov.uk/black-history-month





TOP LEARNER

Shawnee Nash has won this year's Lifelong Learner of the Year Award.

Shawnee has completed a business admin apprenticeship while working as a registrar.

The council's Lifelong Learning Team is continuing to offer a wide range of apprenticeships and adult learning courses during lockdown. Find out how they could help you at

wands worth life long learning. or g.uk

BRIDGE UPDATE

The first phase of the multi-million pound refurbishment of Wandsworth Bridge is now finished.

This initial set of works focused on the upper surfaces of the 80-year-old river crossing. Attention will now turn to the structure's underside. One lane is likely to close to reduce vehicle capacity and avoid overloading the bridge due to the added weight of scaffolding. Other work will include waterproofing, painting and the installation of LED lights underneath its arches





This year as Wandsworth learns to live with lockdowns and uncertainty, the council has focused on the basics to make sure everyone can enjoy clean, litter-free roads, parks and open spaces.

The MyWandsworth campaign is about encouraging residents to do the right thing with their rubbish, as well as recognising all the litter heroes around the borough who do their bit for the local community.

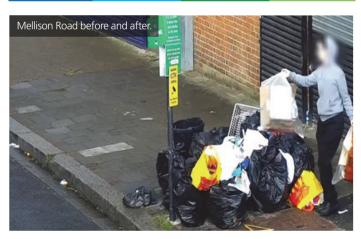
The council's been cracking down on fly-tippers. In one known hotspot - Mellison road in Tooting - the council has been posting CCTV images on YouTube and posters of fly-tip offenders 'Caught on Camera', asking for people to come forward with information, as well as writing to residents and local businesses warning them of the consequences of acting illegally.

Since the campaign relaunched this summer, three \$400 fixed penalty notices have been issued to residents on Mellison road, and more than 20 businesses in the Tooting area have each been fined \$300 for failing to provide details of who collects their business waste. Report flytips at

flytipwitness@wandsworth.gov.uk

Meanwhile this summer's Love Parks campaign was all about keeping Wandsworth's parks and open spaces looking at their best.







It celebrated many volunteers who do their best who give up countless hours of their time to do their bit for the local community.

The hard work paid off with the news last month that the borough has achieved more green flag awards than ever before.

The Green Flag Award is an international mark of quality and recognised standard for well-managed parks and green spaces all over the world. New Green Flags have been awarded to Wandsworth Common, Tooting Common and King George's Park, while Battersea Park and Wandsworth Park have proudly retained their Green Flags.

These prestigious awards feature alongside Tooting Common receiving a Silver Gilt ('Very good') London in Bloom Award for Common of the Year.







The Local Plan is at the heart of the council's vision for Wandsworth – setting out how we want to see our borough develop over the next 15 years.

We're currently in the process of developing our new Local Plan – which will include a series of policies and strategies which we will use to guide all of our future planning decisions. We'll also use the Local Plan to shape how our places grow and develop – and in doing so, enable us to protect Wandsworth's unique character and ensure everyone is able to benefit from growth in our borough.

Your involvement is crucial

Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/localplanreview

- Read the draft Local Plan and share your thoughts, views and ideas by Monday 1 March 2021
- Find out about the virtual engagement we're planning
- Sign up to get updates direct to your inbox.

The things you tell us will be used to shape the next version of our Local Plan – which will then be submitted to the Secretary of State for final approval.

Our new Local Plan sets out our vision to:

Support the development of new homes and help bridge the gap between demand and supply, particularly for people on lower incomes

Become inner-London's greenest borough and progress towards ensuring that all development in our borough is 100 per cent zero carbon by 2050

Create connected, cohesive and inclusive communities – in which people are able to live healthy, fulfilled and independent lives in distinct, but connected, communities

Maximise the potential of our town and local centres and commercial areas – to support local businesses, create local jobs and in doing so support our growing population

Create vibrant new mixed-use quarters – connected to existing communities and facilities through safe and attractive walking and cycling networks

Recognise the distinctiveness of our local neighbourhoods and places, and the contribution that their heritage and public places make to our borough.

ROTARY LUNCH CANCELLED

This year, for the first time in 50 years, the Battersea Park Rotary Club has been forced to cancel its Christmas lunch for older people. Any older people struggling to cope this Christmas can contact Age UK Wandsworth on **0208 877 8940** or the council's Community Hub on **020 8871 6555**.

SECURE YOUR STATUS

Wandsworth residents who are EU citizens need to take action to secure their right to live, work, study and receive benefits and services in the UK.

You should apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (settled and pre-settled status) before December 31 as this is the end of the Brexit transition period and your rights could change afterwards. For advice visit cawandsworth.org/our-projects/ eu-project/

WARDS REDRAWN

The borough's network of wards is set to be redrawn following a review by the Local Government Boundary Commission.

The number of councillors will be reduced from 60 to 58 and the number of wards increased from 20 to 22, including new Nine Elms and South Balham wards. The proposed changes, which will need to be approved by Parliament, could come into effect for the scheduled local council elections in 2022. See details at https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/



GREEN HOME FUNDING

Wandsworth Council has been successful in securing a Green Homes Grant worth £566, 982. It will use the money to fund energy efficiency upgrades to borough homes most in need of improvements.

The council will be contacting the homes in critical need, but residents can also apply for the grant through the Government website if they think they may be eligible. Eligible owner-occupiers could secure up to £10,000 of works on their homes. Where homes are rented from landlords the government will fund £5,000 with the landlord expect to make at least a 33 per cent contribution on top.

Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/news/ campaigns/climatechange/greenhomes -grant/ As well as helping the borough get through the current pandemic, Wandsworth Council is looking to the future. As part of its Smart Growth recovery plan, it is looking at town centres and shopping areas to see how they can become more joined-up, sustainable and coherent communities that are better places to live, work and relax.

SMART GROWTH
WORKING TOGETHER FOR
A NEW WANDSWORTH

Over the next few pages we'll look at what that means for some of our neighbourhoods and how they have changed and developed over the years.



It's believed there has been a settlement at Wandsworth since Saxon times and the area was known for its riverside flour, cloth and textile mills.

Later industry included metal works, bleaching and gunpower-making and the Wandle River became heavily polluted – although clean-ups in recent years mean fish now thrive again.

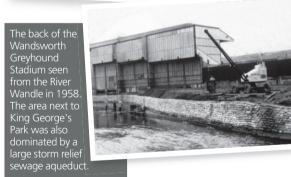
When the Wandsworth Gas Works closed in 1971 a large riverside area was heavily contaminated and the GLC decided to build the Smugglers Way waste transfer section on much of it. The same year the Arndale Shopping Centre (now Southside) was built on the site of the former greyhound stadium and a large flour mill. The river Wandle was buried underneath, and the town was effectively cut in half by the one-way system.

The aim of the new strategic plan is to create a network of streets and open spaces that link the area around Wandsworth Town station and the Tonsleys to the rest of the town centre. The gyratory system is to re-routed and work on this could be completed by late 2024.

The Town Hall site is cut off by surrounding roads and has little pedestrian access. The aim will be to open it up, creating routes through the site and public spaces between the town hall and a pedestrian-friendly Ram Street.

A new entrance will be built facing the town and new homes built in freed-up space. The council is setting up a team to develop proposals which will be discussed with Historic England.

Leader of the council Ravi Govindia said: "As part of our Smart Growth plan we want to take a fresh look at our town centres and make better use of council buildings and land. In Wandsworth we want to create a series of urban spaces linking together the disparate elements of the town centre including an important tributary into the Thames, the new library and King George's Park. The town hall will be an important part of the plans and will bring back the civic heart of the town."



Watney's Mill on the Wandle 1826





EUROPE'S LARGEST REGENERATION AREA HAS SEEN CONSTANT CHANGE AND IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING A NEW TRANSFORMATION.

For almost ten years Wandsworth Council and its partners have worked to transform great swathes of former industrial land into a brand-new town centre, create a cultural hub and build an engine of growth for the whole borough. By 2030, it is estimated that 33,000 people will call Nine Elms home.

Nine elm trees were known to be standing on Nine Elms Lane in the 1840s. By 2019 there were only seven left standing, so the council was joined by the local community to plant the missing two trees.

In the 1800s Nine Elms was noted for its market gardens – especially its asparagus (known as 'Battersea Bundles'). In celebration of the area's heritage the Nine Elms Cultural Strategy sets out support for the emergence of a Food and Horticulture Quarter, centred around New Covent Garden Market and the Food Exchange, and Battersea Design Quarter.

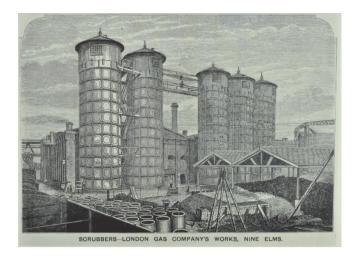
London Gas Light Company gasworks employed many local people but an explosion in 1865 killed ten and dust from the coal and coke was an ongoing problem. The works eventually closed in 1970. Near to the gasworks, a massive waterworks opened in 1840. Unfortunately, the water quality from the river here was notoriously bad and there was an outbreak of cholera. The landmark Grade II*

listed Battersea Power Station was later built near the site and provided a fifth of London's power.

In 1976 Wandsworth Council adopted a policy of 'controlling and encouraging the use of the land at Nine Elms' for housing and jobs, arguing that without taking action 'the large areas of vacant land will continue to lie idle.' But attempts to attract businesses to the area led to it becoming dominated by large warehouses and anonymous buildings. A more joined-up plan to develop the area began in 2012 when Nine Elms was designated as an Opportunity Area to deliver new homes, jobs and public spaces.

The London Underground's Northern Line has been extended and two new Tube stations are scheduled to open in Autumn 2021. New Covent Garden Market is also being redeveloped to provide modern facilities, the US has moved its embassy there and tech giant Apple is moving its new London HO to Battersea Power Station.

The regeneration of the area will also create new green spaces and public realms, and sections of the riverside have been opened up to the public for the first time since the 1930s. By 2030 the Nine Elms area will be transformed from derelict industrial sites to a new town centre with offices, homes, shops, restaurants and cultural venues, school and health facilities and a new linear park.



The regeneration zone is by far the largest in London, with up to 20,000 new homes and 25,000 new jobs.

Leader of Wandsworth Council Cllr Ravi Govindia said: "Until fairly recently Nine Elms was the warehouse for central London, and now it's well on the way to becoming a digital powerhouse, as well as home to thousands of people. As development continues we will draw on this rich history and will continue to open up the riverside and former industrial land for people to enjoy."

Find out what's happening in Nine Elms and the history and future of the area on the dedicated website nineelmslondon.com

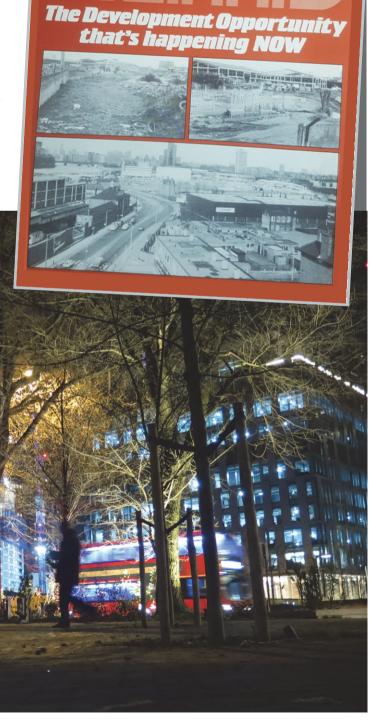
Nine Elms in 1848 showing the row

A light installation in December 2019 celebrated the history

of the area and its famous trees

of elm trees

Marketing material from the early 1980s to attract business to the area: "Nine Elms has long been an eyesore (but) new buildings, roads and landscaping will replace the dereliction."



As part of its Smart Growth plans, the council's been looking at how local roads can be made safer for pedestrians and cyclists, while at the same time encouraging people to use neighbourhood shops. Going forward the council will work with local people to find long-term schemes that make streets safer and healthier while maintaining people's ability to get around.



More School Streets

Eleven more School Street schemes have been introduced across the borough.



Roads containing school entrances are closed to traffic at drop-off and pick-up time. The long-term aim is to enforce with cameras and/or retractable bollards instead of the temporary barriers currently being used.

Data from Mums for Lungs and the Healthy Streets coalition shows that Wandsworth has the third highest number of school streets in inner London.

School streets are in place at Albemarle, Allfarthing, Belleville, Broadwater, Earlsfield, Falconbrook, Furzedown, Granard, Hillbrook, Honeywell, Hotham, Our Lady of Victories, Penwortham, St Anselms, Sacred Heart (Battersea) Sellincourt, Shaftesbury Park, Westbridge and Wix.

The council is currently working with other schools to finalise their schemes and is looking at future potential sites.

Southfields upgrade continues

Work to improve the main shopping area in Southfields is progressing well, with the first phase of works along Replingham Road due to finish by Christmas.

The completed work includes, improvements to the shop forecourts; improvements to junctions to slow down traffic; repaving Replingham Road; tree planting; new cycle stands; upgraded streetlamps, and new recessed parking bays

The next phase of work will start in early January and will include improvements to pavements and junctions in Wimbledon Park Road and new pavement and seating outside Southfields station.

The whole project is expected to be completed by the end of 2021. Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/ southfields



LTN REVIEW

An initial review of Low Traffic Neighbourhood trials has identified concerns with emergency access and traffic flows. The council will continue to gather data and review evidence in those areas to identify measures that could deliver safe and healthy streets, subject to funding and full consultation.

TOP OF CHARGING LEAGUE

New data shows that Wandsworth tops the London league table for the number of publicly available electric car charging points. As the Government phases out petrol and diesel cars, it will be increasingly important to have the infrastructure to support electric vehicles.

There are more than 560 EV charging points in the borough of Wandsworth – including sockets in every available lamppost in two neighbourhoods in Battersea's Shaftesbury ward and Putney's Thamesfield ward.

For more information about electric vehicle ownership in the borough visit wandsworth.gov.uk/driveelectric

E-BIKES

Wandsworth successfully bid for £56,000 to spend on e-cargo bikes and equipment. Two council teams, the parks police and the enforcement team, got bikes as well as three charities, three businesses and the Putney Business Improvement District Positively Putney.

Wandsworth Council will be working with the recipients of the e-Cargo bikes to gain a better understanding of the impact the bikes have had on the way they conduct their business.

If you are interested in e-Cargo bikes for work or home, visit **peddlemywheels.com**

AL FRESCO DINING

Some of the borough's most popular shopping streets were closed to traffic this summer to allow local shops, restaurants and cafes to open with greater social distancing measures in place for customers. The council worked with the local business improvement districts (BIDs) and traders' associations to close Old York Road in Wandsworth Town, Northcote Road in Clapham Junction and Balham's Bedford Hill. Businesses in the three pedestrianised areas said that on average, trade was up over 30 per cent year-on-year from July to August. The council will look at closing the roads again next summer.

Love To Garden Campaign THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SHARED IMAGES OF THEIR

SHARED IMAGES OF THEIR
BEAUTIFUL FRONT GARDENS FOR
OUR LOVE TO GARDEN CAMPAIGN.





The end of lockdown saw Wandsworth Council launch the Love to Garden campaign to bring together the gardening community of Wandsworth, to encourage residents to not pave over their front gardens and to promote gardening's positive impact on mental health.

Many of you have sent images of your thriving gardens to join 'Wandsworth's Garden Wall' on wandsworth.gov.uk/lovetogarden

Our cover star, Edna, who is 90 years old made a splash on social media with her beautiful front garden. Edna said "Tending the front garden keeps me fit and well, and during lockdown it has allowed me to stay connected with friends in the neighbourhood and to have a chat over the hedge. I love watching the plants grow and hearing the birds singing in the trees."

If you would like to join 'Wandsworth's Garden Wall' send pictures to lovetogarden@wandsworth.gov.uk





Together on , " Climate Change

LAST MONTH WANDSWORTH COUNCIL BROUGHT TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL, RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS TO DISCUSS KEY ISSUES SURROUNDING CLIMATE CHANGE IN OUR BOROUGH, AND HOW WE WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR FRAGILE ENVIRONMENT.

Six live sessions were hosted over two days including:

- Why have we called a Climate Summit
- Recycling and waste
- Greening your home
- Transport
- Green spaces
- How to get involved locally

There was great involvement from both residents and local businesses tuning in to hear the different conversations around issues critical to the environmental wellbeing of our borough.

Cllr Rory O'Broin, cabinet member for finance, resources and climate sustainability, said: "We were thrilled to share the work the council has been doing around climate change and open up the discussion with the wider community to share how they can be part of the solution too. "There is still plenty of work to be done but we have made great steps in our roadmap to becoming the greenest inner London borough."

Miss out on our summit? You can watch all the recorded sessions and get plenty more information by heading to

wandsworth.gov.uk/climatesummit

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See recordings of the sessions on the council's You Tube channel, youtube.com/WandsworthBC



Five areas of climate change action in wandsworth.

Transport

Moving the borough towards environmentally friendly transport.

- 2 Air
 Improving our air quality.
- 3 Energy
 Switching buildings and homes to renewable energy.
- 4 Nature
 Maintaining and developing parks and open spaces.
- Waste and Recycling
 Reducing our waste and improving recycling.

Five things that you can do now to help

- 1 Walk or cycle instead of driving where possible
- 2 Switch off your car engine at the lights
- 3 Switch to a green energy supplier, information can be found at bigcleanswitch.org
- 4 Look after your garden whether indoor or outdoor because plants absorb air pollution. Compost if you can
- **5** Reduce, reuse, recycle

To find out more about how the council is tackling climate change in the borough and how you can get involved, visit wandsworth.gov.uk/climatechange













Building Homes for Wandsworth People

Homes for local residents and workers have continued to be built by the council throughout 2020 despite the challenges of the pandemic.

In fact, the council's Housing for All programme reached a milestone earlier this year when 100 homes were completed.

A further 900 are on track to be completed by 2027.

Of the 1,000, 400 will be for low cost rent, 200 will for low cost sale and 400 for private sale. Wandsworth Council is one of the very few councils in the country prioritising all the housing it builds to local people and workers.

The council has committed £80m to support the delivery of the programme with every penny made from the sales ploughed back in to help build affordable homes.

Leader of the council, Cllr Ravi Govindia said: "We want to create a borough where everyone can make a home, no matter what stage their life is at or what their income is. We are doing this by delivering an ambitious building programme of 1,000 new homes by 2027 with at least 60 percent affordable.

"The homes we build are being prioritised for local people first from people on low and middle incomes, to first time buyers, to families and our fantastic key workers. We are also committed to finding ways to support those renting to buy and own given the opportunities and security this can give to our residents.

"By delivering the programme ourselves this is something I believe we can achieve."

Recent schemes include 22 flats at Stag House in Putney Vale which was completed in July and 13 new homes near Thessaly Road in Battersea completed in September. All are for social rent and have been prioritised for local people.

We want to create a borough where everyone can make a home



Local resident Mrs Duale is delighted with her new home in Haine Court, according to her son Shakoor Saeed.

The block was built as part of the Housing for All programme to deliver 1,000 homes for residents and local workers.

Shakoor Saeed said: "Mum needed a new home because of her health, and the council was able to find her a flat in Haines Court. We are delighted with it. The council has been really helpful."

The Duale family has lived on the neighbouring estate, in Deeley Road, Queenstown, since 1998.

Mrs Duale needed a ground floor flat and the opportunity to move was made easier as she was downsizing. She didn't want to move away from her daughter, so the council approved the relocation to neighbouring Haine Court.

"My Mum has a front yard and a back yard, which is good for Coronavirus. My



mum loves it here because she can stay at home, but also can go outside.

"She gets to live opposite my sister, and we can keep the family together. Mum is very happy."

Haine Court is one of three new council housing sites in Nine Elms named after local war heroes. The other two are Edward Foster Court and Lascelles House. Haine Court is named after 2nd Lt Haine.

2nd Lt Haine survived the war and attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Indian Army, receiving a Military Cross for action on the North West Frontier in 1919. and in the Second World War he commanded a Home Guard battalion. He died in 1982.







Lyle House Care Home

Luxury residential and dementia care

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Remembering prefab past

New boards have been put up telling the story of a hundred prefab homes built in King George's Park just after the war.

Put up between 1946 and 1948, this was one of many similar schemes across the country to help resolve the post-war housing shortage.

The idea for the boards came from Terry Allen, who worked alongside Enable Leisure and Culture on behalf of the council and the Wandsworth Heritage Service to get them designed, made and installed this summer. Terry said: "At least people of another generation will now understand that their playing field had another use and the folks who lived there are spread all over this world today."

Together the prefabs were known as the King George's Park Estate. They were only intended to last for about ten years but were used up until the 1960s when the land was reclaimed and turned into playing fields.













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Laptops and wi-fi scheme scoops tech award

Wandsworth Council and Battersea Power Station's scheme to support local families to stay digitally connected during the coronavirus pandemic has won an award for 'community impact' at the AbilityNet Tech4Good Awards.

The Power to Connect campaign helps local families access schoolwork from home with refurbished computers or broadband vouchers. Since launch, hundreds of emergency phone data top-up vouchers and wi-fi dongles, funded by a \$10,000 donation from the Battersea Power Station Foundation, have been distributed to families in the borough and nearly 400 donated laptops, tablets and desktop computers have been refurbished into Google Chromebooks, by IT volunteers and distributed to 46 Wandsworth schools and six community organisations.

Councillor Will Sweet, Wandsworth Council's cabinet member for education and children's services, said: "I'm delighted that our pioneering scheme has been recognised with this prestigious award. It is a fitting tribute to a landmark initiative that has delivered vital support to our young people's learning and education throughout the pandemic."

With many students across the borough self-isolating, Power to Connect still needs people to donate unwanted laptops, computers or tablets, as well as people willing to volunteer IT expertise or time to collect and drop off the refurbished Chromebooks. More at powertoconnect.co.uk



New play space

Residents of the Savona, Patmore and Carey Gardens estates in the Nine Elms area of Battersea have welcomed the chance to shape newly landscaped sport and play areas for their neighbourhood. Following public consultation last year, Wandsworth Council has now shown residents detailed designs of how their new recreation areas could look, complete with playgrounds, table tennis tables and outdoor gym equipment. The improvements are part of the council's work to invest funding from Nine Elms developments back into the local area.

If agreed, the new sport and play areas will be installed next spring. nineelmslondon.com/sport-and-play



Design Award winners

The Wandsworth Design Awards, held every other year since 1999, reward high-quality design and give public recognition for building projects in Wandsworth that make a positive contribution to the borough.

Nominations were invited from local amenity groups, businesses, architects, residents and people working in the borough for schemes of high-quality design and projects that improved access for people with disabilities completed over the previous two years.

Judges included councillors, local architects, representatives of the Wandsworth Design Review Panel, local amenity societies, the Wandsworth Access Association, RIBA and RTPI.





Winners included

Battersea Arts Centre which has been restored following a devastating fire

26 Herondale Avenue, Wandsworth: the winner of the residential extensions category

The Archlight Cinema, built in a converted railway arch in Circus Village West, Nine Elms

Putney Vale Gates and gate piers and mounting block. A restoration of grade II listed gates on the Heritage at Risk Register along with the reinstatement of the Roehampton Mounting block dating from 1654 to its original location

The Fountain, Tooting Bec Common: a muchloved Art Deco drinking restored as part of the Tooting Common Heritage Project

One Putney, 89-93 Putney High Street: A new mixed-use building with Art Deco references

11 Mapleton Crescent, Southfields: An elegant tower demonstrating high quality architecture

Ram Quarter, Wandsworth High Street: The scheme represents a significant regeneration at the heart of Wandsworth Town Centre

Thessaly Road Bridge, Nine Elms: the transformation of an uninviting bridge. The artist worked in collaboration with local people and a school.

Redundancy risk? Get support

Careers support for local people facing redundancy is now on offer from Wandsworth Council's Work Match service.

The council has teamed up with South Thames Colleges Group to provide free guidance to businesses who are planning redundancies, as well as helping residents who are going through redundancy.

The Career Transition Programme has been set up this year to equip Wandsworth residents with the right skills, mindset and confidence to apply for a new role after being made redundant.

Councillor Aled Richards-Jones, Wandsworth Council's employment spokesman said: "We're delighted to hear positive feedback from the residents and businesses who have followed our new and innovative jobs programme.

"This is a crucial time for many small and medium businesses who have been weathering the storm but are faced with difficult decisions this winter. By stepping in and supporting them through the redundancy process, we can make sure local people benefit from the career coaching that will open up new opportunities and help them get on in life."

If you are a business owner or resident facing redundancy, talk to the Work Match team.

Email careertransitionprogramme@richmondand wandsworth.gov.uk



Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this programme.

I have been unemployed since the beginning of the global pandemic and I am struggling to find a new job opportunity.

The curriculum helped me to find what I was not doing quite right to achieve my goal.

I believe that now I have the tools to help me towards my goal.

Boris Dosseh - Wandsworth resident

Discover where to shop local

Find out what the borough's local stores have to offer this Christmas in our Independent Shops Directory.

The council's keen to encourage local people to Shop Local – it backs local businesses, keeps vital local stores open and cuts down on unnecessary journeys. The council's business team have put the directory together to help you discover small shops and suppliers in your neighbourhood.

You can pick a copy up in your local library or read it online at wandsworth.gov.uk/independentshops directory The guide is produced annually, so if you want to be in next year's email business@wandsworth.gov.uk



Helping businesses survive and thrive

The council has relaunched the Wandsworth Enterprise Hub as part of its work to support local firms through the Coronavirus pandemic and help them thrive in the future.

The hub is a one-stop portal where entrepreneurs, start-ups and established businesses can browse through a range of free support on offer including advice surgeries, webinars, workshops, information on sources of funding, success stories and blogs and information on Brexit and Covid 19 support.

Cllr Aled Richards-Jones, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Skills and Employment said: "As a council, we are passionate about creating an environment in which aspiring entrepreneurs and businesses can thrive, develop and expand during difficult times. There is something for everyone – no matter what sector you're in or what stage your business is at."

In early 2021, the Council will launch a series of new business support programmes and an adviser network- all of which will be featured on the Wandsworth Enterprise Hub. Visit wandsworthenterprisehub.com

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This year it's more important than ever to be protected against this potentially dangerous disease.

Many people vulnerable to flu are also more vulnerable to Covid, and studies have shown that if you have both you are more than six times more likely to suffer from serious health complications.

It's also crucial that hospitals, already struggling to cope with Covid cases, do not get overwhelmed by people with flu.

People at risk, including older people, those with a long-term health condition like asthma, heart or kidney disease or diabetes, carers and frontline health or social care workers, should receive a reminder to get their jab. GPs will send out a letter as usual and this year the national NHS will also be sending out reminders.

But you do not need to wait for your reminder. Make sure you're registered with a GP and book an appointment. If you're nervous about going into a doctor's surgery during the pandemic, then you can go to a pharmacist instead. The flu virus in the jab is 'dead', so it can't give you the flu. Any side effects are caused by your body's defence systems kicking in.

Thirty million people are being offered the flu jab this year, so it may take a bit longer to get yours, but don't worry. GPs and pharmacists have been instructed to ensure jabs are carefully phased so that the most at-risk groups get theirs first, but the Government has bought extra stocks so that no-one misses out.

If you don't know how to find your nearest surgery or pharmacy offering the jab, visit myvaccinations.co.uk

Groups eligible for the flu jab are

- all children aged 2 to 11 years on 31 August 2020
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- those aged 65 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- the main carers of older or disabled people
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- pregnant women
- health and social care staff employed by a registered residential care or nursing home, registered domiciliary care provider or a voluntary managed hospice provider

Additionally, this year, the flu vaccination will be offered to:

- household contacts of those on the NHS shielded patients list – specifically individuals who expect to share living accommodation with a shielded person on most days over the winter and for whom continuing close contact is unavoidable
- Year 7 children in secondary schools
- health and social care workers employed through Direct Payment (personal budgets) and or Personal Health Budgets (such as Personal Assistants)
- People aged 50-64



A brand new health centre for Nine Elms has been given the green light thanks to a £13m funding agreement between Wandsworth Council and NHS Property Services.

The new health centre on Sleaford Street will include a GP practice as well as communal areas for health and wellbeing activities and is estimated to open in winter 2023. It is being built within Phase 4a of the Battersea Power Station &9bn regeneration project. The new facilities are central to plans that ensure all local residents will have the health provision they need as the area continues to develop and the number of people living in the area grows.

By 2030, the population of the whole Nine Elms Vauxhall regeneration zone is estimated to reach 33,000 people.

Cabinet member for adult social care and health Cllr Clare Salier said: "This is real and tangible progress on our promise to deliver improved access to healthcare for our established and new resident communities in Nine Elms.

"These state-of-the-art health facilities are part of a whole new network of social and transport infrastructure for the area, which includes parks, community and cultural spaces and two new Tube stations delivered without major taxpayer subsidy."

See more pictures and a virtual fly-through of the health centre at nineelmslondon.com



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Local artist Ania Kalacinska created the ROSE clubroom window in 2019



How to be listed

Send details (including access for people with disabilities) to: whatson@wandsworth. qov.uk

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NINE ELMS ADVENT CALENDAR TRAIL December 1-January 2

Follow the light on a trail around Nine Elms as 24 beautifully decorated windows and installations come alive this winter. Local businesses, cafes and bars, schools and offices will be revealing their artist-designed window displays inspired by the theme 'light in the darkness'.

Discover the area with self-guided outdoor trails open to all the community. You can also spot bright decorations in the windows of local homes as residents join in the festive cheer!

Find out more and how to get involved at **nineelmsartsministry.org**

December 27

John Coghlan's Quo

One of the original members of Status Quo plays the hits Half Moon, Putney halfmoon.co.uk

December 7

Paint Picasso

Paint Picasso's 'The Lady with The Book'. Everyone is welcome at this relaxed art class - no previous experience is required.

The Althorp, 20 Bellevue Road. Search 'Paint Picasso at the Althorp' on Eventbrite.

December 7

Laughter Yoga Session

Session for carers combining laughter exercises with yoga breathing techniques. Wandsworth Carers' Centre (020) 8877 1200

From January



Guys Get Active

This 10-week weight management programme is designed specifically for men who want to lose weight. The programme provides weekly exercise and nutritional support, delivered by qualified coaches, instructors and nutritionists.

Choose from two football-based and/or a virtual session which

focuses solely on circuit training through bodyweight exercises. To be part of this programme you must be male, 18+, live, work or be registered with a GP in the Wandsworth borough and have a BMI of 27+ or a diagnosis of Type II Diabetes.

enablelc.org/ guysgetactive activelifestyles@ enablelc.org (020) 3959 0039.

Wandworth Arts Fringe

This year WAF went virtual. WAF in your Living Room was in May, but you can still view many of the events online.

We also want to hear from artists, community groups and creative producers who want to get involved in next year's festival (May 7-23 2021). We want to hear from artists working in theatre, music, dance, comedy, circus, visual art and all things in between. It's an open access arts festival so everyone is welcome.

We are open to digital online or hybrid projects, live events in venues (subject to Government restrictions) and outdoors in parks, community estates and high streets.

Find out more, express your interest by January 8, or watch this year's events, at wandsworthfringe.com



Find Elmer

Can you find all the Elmers in Putney Town Centre? Scan the QR code on the 13 special Elmer posters around Putney Town Centre to gain rewards to be redeemed in your favourite Putney businesses, or for fun Elmer activities for the kids.

Download the trail map at positivelyputney.co.uk/ ElmerinPutney

Relaunch course

Book now for January and February courses to help women who have taken a career break brush up on their skills.

The ReLaunch course is delivered via six online morning online group sessions, plus a one-to-one coaching session. You will be supported to clarify your goals and create an action plan for next steps plus there is access to ongoing support and resources after the course Following the course there is the option to sign up to Link UP London's Skilled Volunteering programme, which offers short-term projects in their area of expertise with local non-profit organisations. inkuplondon.org/relaunch-online

St Luke's Christmas Market

Christmas goodies to buy online including homemade cakes and cookies, jams and preserves, gifts, plants and wreaths. stlukeschurch.org.uk

Singing, dancing and drama

Classes for children at St Mary & St John Divine church, Tooting. perform.org.uk/free-drama-class

Infuse Youth Café and Club

Open to all young people aged 11-18 years to chill and hang out. Meal deals including a fresh homemade burger with all the trimmings for £1.50 and chips and a smoothie for £2.50. Play Fifa, Rocket League or Mario Kart or try and beat the staff at table tennis or table football. If you can get create or learn to cook. Open every Wednesday between 4pm-7pm no need to book, just turn up. Infuse is run in partnership with St Marks Church.







December 19-23

The Fairytale Revolution

Theatre503's hit show The Fairytale Revolution is rebooted and live-streamed for an unprecedented festive season. An opportunity to share a Christmas tradition bubbled with loved ones at home and online with distanced friends and family. Peter Pan and Lost Boyz are ready for another big adventure. But Wendy wants to rewrite her story and Captain Hook feels empowered to follow his own, un-piratey dreams. The council is making free tickets available for schools, care homes and low-income families.

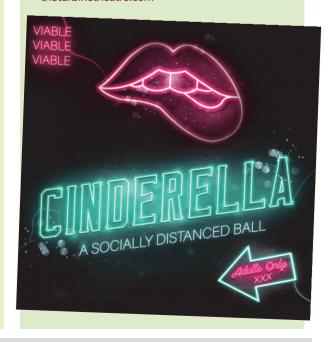
General tickets are on sale for £10 per device login. theatre503.com/whats-on/fairytale20

December 3-23

Cinderella: A Socially Distanced Ball!

Rufus Hound leads the cast in this tribute to the West End and all things theatre. You can book tickets in single or double 'bubbles' and glittery anti-bac will be on hand. Be warned, this is a saucy show and not for the faint-hearted.

Turbine Theatre, Circus West Villlage, Battersea theturbinetheatre.com



Celebrating art

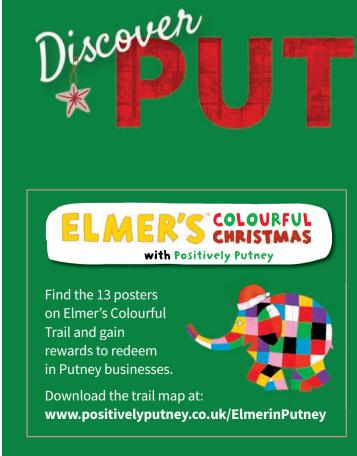
Wandsworth Artists' Open House could not go ahead as normal this year, so the council's arts team ran a nine-day online programme in October celebrating Wandsworth's creative talent.

The team worked with 259 local artists and organisations. The programme included a collaborative project with the Royal College of Art and a celebration of outdoor public art, with an art trail around Nine Elms including works by world-renowned artists Sarah Lucas and

Yinka Ilori. Other highlights included Bounce Theatre's programme of arts and poetry activities and workshops for young people and families celebrating Black History Month and an interview with POoR Collective who inspire positive social change and youth empowerment through design and architecture.

All content, including videos, interviews and features on exceptional local artists, can still be enjoyed on wandsworthart.com







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Finance Hotline including benefits, council tax, rents and business rates (020) 8871 8081

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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

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