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## Safer Streets

Wandsworth is the safest inner-London borough and we're investing to make it safer still.

- We've switched on more CCTV cameras so we can work with the police to tackle crime
- Support for people experiencing domestic violence and abuse has been doubled
- School Streets have been installed at half our primary schools to keep children safe from traffic when they go to and from school

## Council Tax freeze

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Wandsworth Council is freezing your Council Tax to help in the Cost of Living crisis. Thanks to our freeze, you will now pay the lowest Council Tax in the country.

Alongside freezing the main element of your Council Tax for the second year running, we are delivering better services for all:

- **Greener borough:** Guaranteed weekly bin collections, free monthly Mega Skips, and we'll bring in food waste collection to every street this year
- **Safer streets:** More School Streets than ever before, more CCTV cameras, and doubled support for victims of domestic violence
- **Stronger communities:** Two new libraries, free school uniforms, and £15 million Cost of Living support package - the most generous response in London

Wandsworth is a fantastic place to live. Our strong, diverse communities represent the best of modern Britain. Our plan will help keep Wandsworth special and make sure all residents can share the exciting opportunities our borough provides.

Best wishes,

**Simon Hogg**  
Leader of Wandsworth Council





# Investing in our communities

Through sound financial management we will lead a decade of renewal in Wandsworth.

- We've doubled our investment in roads and pavements
- We're building 1,000 new council homes for local families
- We've opened two brand new libraries

“ What I love about the libraries in Wandsworth, is that they're so welcoming. If you want to ask questions or find out more information there's always somebody there that's willing to help you. ”

Joyce -  
Black Heroes Foundation



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Find out about all the support on offer at [wandsworth.gov.uk/hub](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/hub)



Our £15 million Cost of Living package is the most generous in London.

- Free school uniforms for hard-pressed families
- Free breakfasts now provided at 20 schools
- Free swim and gym for families on Universal Credit

“ The difference it makes to the community is visible. The breakfast club is providing the parents with some relief on what they have to fund themselves. ”

Richard Milsom -  
Headteacher at West Hill School





## A greener borough

We have guaranteed your weekly bin collection and are investing in clean streets, great parks and clean air.

This year we're making big improvements to your waste and recycling collections through our Cleaner Borough plan:

- Borough-wide food waste collection is coming this year
- Greener trucks will run on recycled cooking oil, cutting carbon emissions by 90%
- In-cab technology will mean missed collections can be picked up quickly

We have reduced fly-tipping by 11% this year. Fly-tippers now face bigger fines, and residents can dispose of bulky rubbish at free monthly Mega Skip days in every neighbourhood.

- We're reducing carbon emissions and cleaning up Wandsworth's air – especially around our schools
- We're on track to become a carbon neutral council by 2030
- We've made it easier to walk and cycle, including new cycle routes and on-street cycle storage
- We have some of London's best parks and are working to keep them that way. We'll plant many more trees and improve biodiversity

“ I live next to a beautiful park. There's a lot of greenery in Wandsworth which I can tell is well looked-after. ”

Laura - local resident



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# Listening to you

We want to find out what matters to you.

Leader of the Council Simon Hogg holds regular coffee mornings in local neighbourhoods where you can speak face-to-face with councillors and council staff about issues you care about like housing, street cleaning and crime.



visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/here-to-listen](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/here-to-listen)

## Support local causes and we'll match your donation

The Wandsworth Mayor's Charity (Charity Commission registration 1148260) supports local charities each year. This Mayoral year, the mayor has chosen to support:

- KLS supports refugees in the community and has been operating in Battersea since 1924 to reduce poverty and isolation.
- Black Minds Matter helps improve the access, experience and outcomes of children and young people from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds in mental health services.

■ Keeping Families Together provides a community and a safe environment to help young people detach themselves from gang culture and stay in education.

Any support you can provide to the Mayor's Charity will be used to fund the work of these charities – and the council will match fund donations received up to a total council contribution of £50,000.

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