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Tackling unfair Government cuts



The Leaders of Richmond, Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea, and Wandsworth Councils have formally submitted proposals under the Sustainable Communities Act, calling on Government to rethink funding cuts.

Making the right choices

We've finished our Spending Review, and have made major decisions to protect frontline services, reduce borrowing, and put the council on a more sustainable financial footing.

The review follows the first report published in July, which set out the scale of the challenge following Government funding reform, rising costs and increasing demand for services.

Government reforms would reduce Wandsworth's funding by £84 million a year by the end of the three-year settlement period, more than the council's combined spending on parks, libraries, leisure centres, bin collection and street cleaning.

We will:

Invest in cleaner, safer streets, including more street cleaning, tougher action on fly-tipping and e-bikes, an integrated enforcement team, CCTV and 25 additional Metropolitan Police officers for Wandsworth (see page 9).

Improve housing, including raising standards in council homes, tackling damp and mould, leaseholder support, homelessness prevention and temporary accommodation (see page 12).

Changes to housing regeneration schemes that are unaffordable, not supported by residents or no longer viable, including stopping planned new-build developments at Ashburton and Lennox estates, Fitzhugh Estate, Tyneham Close and Lavender Hill.

Continuation of Block A of the Alton estate, alongside a review of the wider scheme to ensure it delivers value for residents and minimises borrowing costs.

Reforms to children's services, including earlier intervention, family-based care, better placement commissioning and SEND reform.

Changes to adult social care to help residents stay independent for longer, manage demand and improve value for money while protecting statutory services.

A replacement for Access for All with a new leisure and culture concessions scheme, alongside targeted water safety training and free swimming lessons for eligible pupils.

Retention of the existing library network. We will continue to invest in our much-loved and well-used network of libraries across the borough.

Suspension of the Wandsworth Grants Fund for four years, with the position kept under review.

Tightening up spending and borrowing, including stronger procurement, tighter budget monitoring, better income collection, digital improvements, reduced reliance on agency staff and reductions in planned borrowing, including £39 million from the General Fund capital review and £80 million from the Housing Revenue Account capital review.

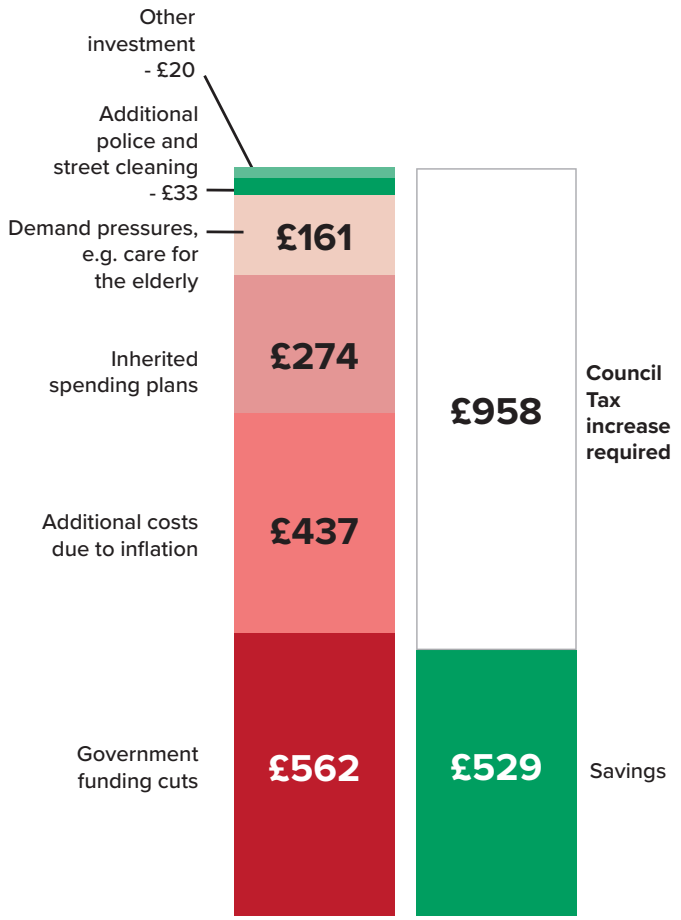
Fighting back against Government cuts

Wandsworth Council has confirmed that, unless the Government rethinks its cuts to funding, Council Tax will need to rise by £958 for a Band D property.

We're fighting hard for a fair funding deal that reduces the pressure on residents and protects vital local services. Together with the boroughs of Westminster, Richmond and Kensington & Chelsea, we have submitted a proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act, calling for a fair deal.

The Government's Fair Funding reforms reduce Wandsworth's funding by £84 million a year. This is a 40 per cent reduction and more than all of our spending on parks, libraries, leisure centres, bin collection and street cleaning.

This will place significant additional pressure on essential local services and means the council must make tough choices unless Government agrees a fair and more sustainable settlement for Wandsworth residents.



For every £1 raised by taxes in Wandsworth



This is **unfair**

Working hard for you

Welcome to your latest edition of Brightside. In this issue, we are setting out the work the council is doing to make Wandsworth an even better place to live, from more police on the beat, to reducing transport delays and cleaning up our streets.

These are the choices we are making – protecting and investing in the services you've said matter most, in the face of unprecedented and brutal cuts to our funding from central Government.

Phasing in the potential increase to Council Tax would create an even worse situation. Our already depleted financial reserves are there as a final safety net, not to paper over budget gaps. If we attempted to use the reserves in that way, they would vanish very quickly, leaving us and you completely exposed to any further financial shocks.

On your behalf, we are fighting back against those cuts. Together with the leaders of Richmond upon Thames, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster councils, this month I went to the Treasury to formally challenge this unfair funding settlement, using the Sustainable Communities Act.

With more than 16,000 responses to our consultation – almost one in ten of all borough households – I know you want the Government to hear your voice. So we won't stop arguing for a fair deal for Wandsworth, whilst driving efficiencies in how the council spends your money.

Those efficiencies will be used to ensure we continue to be a borough to be proud of – with clean, safe streets, with decent homes, beautiful parks and libraries and transport we can rely on. Our new borough-wide police team will crack down on, crime, anti-social behaviour, illegal e-bikes and fly-tipping.

These are my priorities, because I know they are your priorities.

With Christmas fast approaching, we can all celebrate the energy and creativity that make Wandsworth such an inspiring place to live, work and do business.

My promise to you is that we'll keep working hard to deliver the services you deserve and create the jobs, homes and neighbourhoods our borough needs.

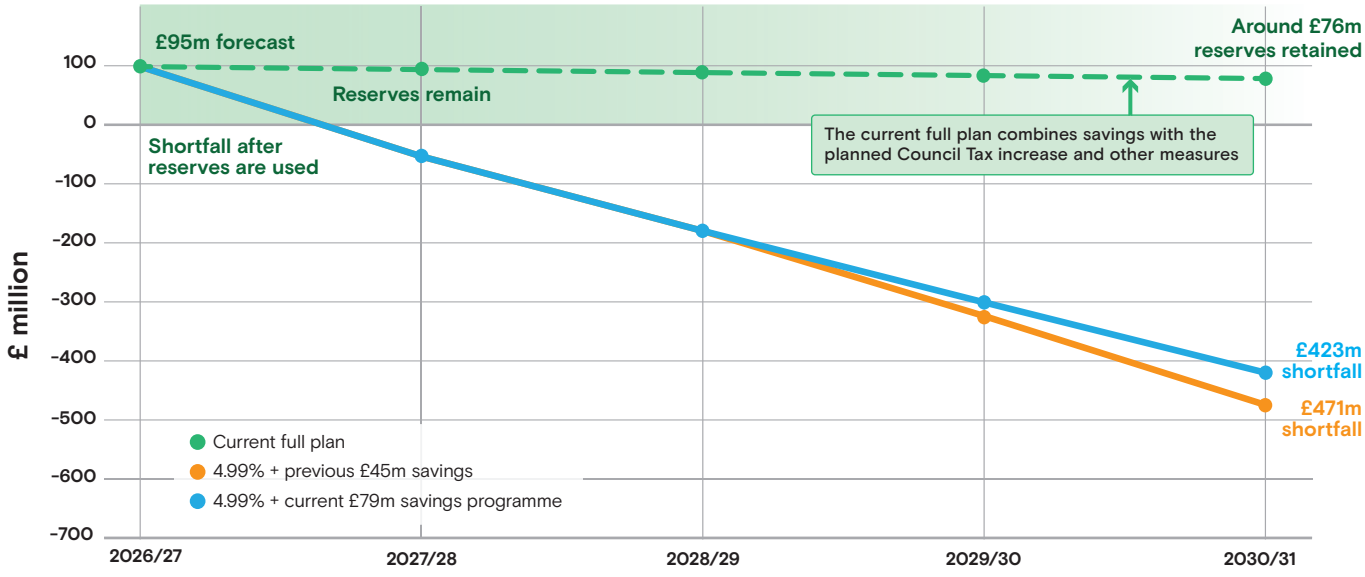


Cllr Robert Morritt
Leader of the Council

Only the current plan protects Wandsworth's reserves

Illustrative General Fund reserve balance under different approaches, £million

Without drastic action we will have zero reserves and be unable to fund even the basics.



What this shows – Only the current plan protects reserves. Under other options reserves are exhausted.



Your priorities are our priorities

We wanted to know what is important to you and what you think we should spend your money on. That's why we recently carried out a major survey about the council's budget and more than 16,000 of you took part.

That response is extraordinary and demonstrates that, in the face of unprecedented funding cuts from central Government, we must make sure every penny of your money is spent well.

Almost half of you said keeping Council Tax as low as possible was important, and that charging for some discretionary services was acceptable.

On the other hand, less than one per cent of you said that targeting resources to specific communities or groups was important.

So, we have listened. We are saving money in some areas so we can provide the excellent services you want and deserve in others.

We have made some immediate decisions:

The **Access for All scheme,** which was only open to residents on certain benefits, will end at the close of this year.

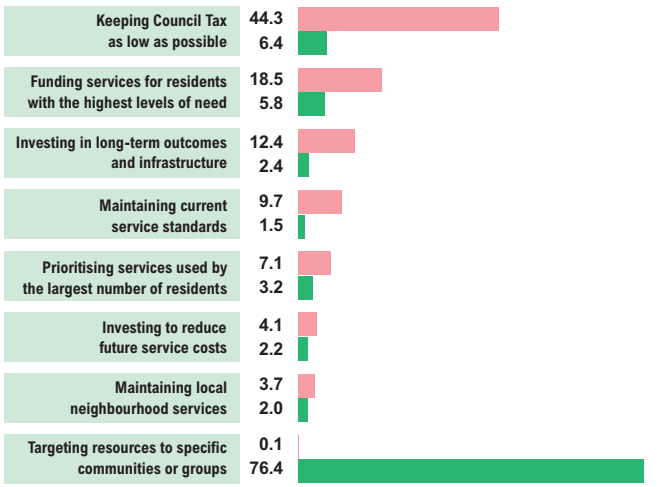
The **Wandsworth Grant Fund** will be replaced by a grant to promote sustainability. We will continue to work in partnership with voluntary and community groups to support local people.

We will no longer put resources into being a **Borough of Sanctuary.** Instead we will work with local groups to support refugees and asylum seekers.

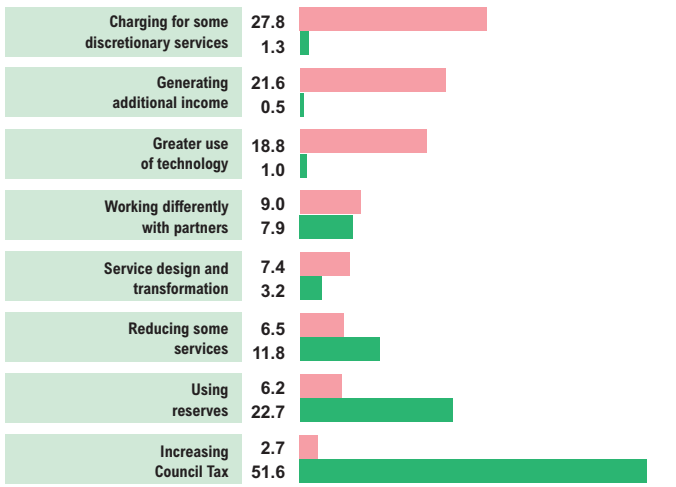
Council Leader Robert Morritt said: "We will always help those most in need, but our residents have clearly told us schemes aimed at specific groups are far less important to them than ensuring universal access to clean safe streets, libraries, parks and other key services.

"And they are clear they do not want Council Tax to increase any more than it has to. Everyone's budget is stretched, and we understand. So we will not spend a penny of taxpayers' money on schemes we don't think deliver real results. Thank you to everyone who took part in our survey. We continue to analyse the responses and are working every day to put your priorities at the heart of everything we do."

Spending decisions % ranking each as most versus least important



Approaches % ranking each as most versus least important



Key: Red is considered the most acceptable, green is considered least acceptable



Tackling traffic disruption

You have told us that roadworks, bridge closures and essential road repairs have caused congestion and frustration – and we have heard you.

We spent the summer making initial changes and researching solutions. Now we have a range of new measures aimed at delivering lasting improvements.

We are currently consulting on a new Lane Rental scheme to help reduce disruption caused by utility company roadworks. Charging companies to block a lane will encourage companies to better plan their works and carry them out more efficiently. If they block the highway for too long, they could face additional charges.

And we will work more closely with partners including TfL and neighbouring boroughs to improve coordination on major works, including traffic management around Albert Bridge.

Cllr Nick Austin, Cabinet Member for Transport, said: **"Residents are clear to us that they want to see us take decisive action to reduce congestion and minimise the disruption caused by roadworks, and we are responding to that challenge.**

"We have to make difficult decisions to keep our borough moving, so will use our resources carefully, continuing long-term investment in the borough's essential road network while keeping residents updated on how we're doing."



Essential maintenance and improvement works to Wandsworth Bridge have been completed under budget and weeks ahead of schedule.

Wandsworth Council carried out essential works to keep the bridge safe including repairing and waterproofing the bridge deck, widening and resurfacing pavements, installing stepped cycle tracks on both sides of the bridge and resurfacing the carriageway. The road layout remains the same as before with lanes in both directions and a northbound bus lane, and improvements have also been made to the junction and bus stop at Jews Row.

We are taking action in Putney to reduce delays, with measures including:

Putney High Street: Remarked traffic lanes outside Putney Station to improve traffic flow, removal of the traffic island at the junction with Putney Bridge Road to enable two traffic lanes, phone box removal and road widening outside TK Maxx making the removal of Putney High Street southbound bus lane permanent.

Putney Bridge Road: Suspension of the bus lane trial, removal of the cycle wands and the installation of two traffic lanes at the approach to the High Street. Double yellow lines installed within the bus lane to keep traffic flowing outside of bus lane times.

Lower Richmond Road: Relocate bridge crossing south to allow more green time for Lower Richmond Road. Trialling Weiss Road one-way, enforcement of the existing No Motor Vehicles restriction on Putney Embankment, double yellow lines between Thames Place and Thai Square to be made permanent.

Putney Hill: Alighting-only bus stop to improve bus reliability.





Have your say on Heathrow expansion

Plans to expand Heathrow are back on the table, and we want local voices to be heard.

On behalf of residents, the council opposes Heathrow expansion as we don't believe the claimed economic benefits outweigh the potential impacts on quality of life in Wandsworth, with increased aircraft noise, air pollution and reduced periods of respite from flights overhead.

Heathrow Airport Ltd is preparing a planning application for a third runway and they are consulting on proposals.

The proposals could see flight numbers increase significantly, with more aircraft potentially flying over parts of Wandsworth.

We believe Heathrow and the Government have not demonstrated that expansion is necessary or that the impact can be managed effectively.

We also want to see coordinated transport improvements to avoid congestion on routes towards the airport.

Come along to our public meeting and share your views on Tuesday 10 November, 6.30pm-8pm.

Your views can help shape the decision-making - find out more at **wandsworth.gov.uk/heathrow**





Big investment to clean up the streets

We will keep streets cleaner, tackle grime and respond more quickly to the issues residents care about most.

Investment will include:

- An expanded planned jet washing programme
- More rapid responses to resident reports on graffiti and fly-tipping
- Targeted action in areas where streets need the most attention

Two more jet washing vehicles will be added to Wandsworth's existing service and street sweeping will increase from twice weekly to daily on selected high-footfall roads.

Food put in black bags can contribute to dirty streets on collection day. To make it easier, you can order replacement food waste caddies on our website and fox-proof caddies will be trialled in targeted areas.

The council will also step up enforcement activity, including using stencils in fly-tipping hotspots to warn offenders about the fines they face, as well as developing a multi-year strategy focused on preventing fly-tipping, and tackling the issue at source.

Cllr Ethan Brooks, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "We're dedicated to getting the basics right. Residents want clean streets, well-maintained neighbourhoods and visible action when issues are reported. Streets need cleaning and that's what we're here to do.

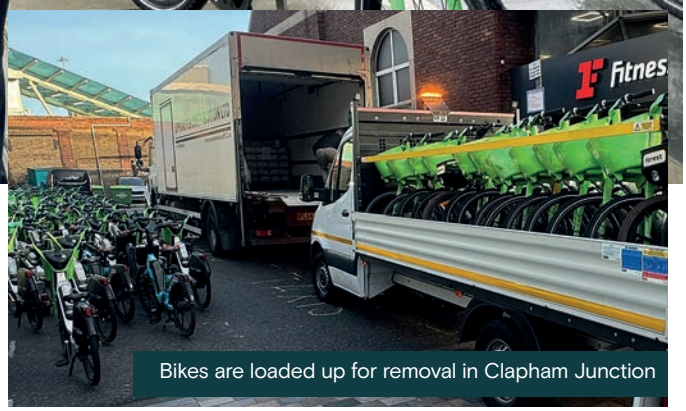


"We're being honest about the fact that there is still work to do and we're having to make some tough decisions, but this investment is an essential and important step in improving our streets, responding to resident concerns and keeping Wandsworth looking its best."



Cllr Austin launches crackdown on e-bikes obstructing pavements.

E-bike crackdown



Bikes are loaded up for removal in Clapham Junction

We're taking action against illegal and badly parked e-bikes.

In July this year there were 1.2m bike trips in Wandsworth up almost 30 per cent on July 2025. Operators issued 4,103 warnings and 806 fines for poor behaviour and poor parking.

Our new Fair Use Charter will strengthen enforcement against bikes that block pavements or cause a hazard.

Our new dedicated council enforcement team will patrol the borough, including known hotspots, and will remove e-bikes causing problems.

We have already seized hundreds of bikes and will charge operators to get them back. In the first four days the team took action, they seized around a hundred e-bikes, and operators have to pay £24,000 to get them back – money we can use on social care, rubbish collection, libraries and other front-line services.

If we find e-bikes that are poorly, but not illegally, parked, we are reparking them, to keep our roads and pavements clear.

We are also working with the police to take action against illegal and dangerously modified e-bikes, including vehicles that have been modified to exceed legal speed limits or operate without the required insurance, registration and licensing.

A recent operation in Putney High Street and surrounding roads was in response to concerns raised by local residents and businesses.

Cllr Nick Austin, Cabinet Member for Transport, spent time with officers carrying out enforcement. He said **"Most people who use e-bikes do so responsibly and use them to get from A to B.**

"But I know that residents are rightly concerned about the small minority of riders who ignore the rules, ride dangerously, use modified bikes at excessive speeds or put pedestrians at risk on the pavement or at crossings."

Cllr Caroline de La Soujeole, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, said: **"By working closely with our police partners we can help tackle anti-social behaviour, improve public safety and make it clear that irresponsible and illegal use of e-bikes will not be tolerated in Wandsworth."**

To report a poorly-parked e-bike, scan the QR code or visit our website.

New national planning rules

More planning decisions will now be decided by council officers rather than the Planning Committee, under new rules from central Government.

The national changes mean that some smaller and household applications will be automatically decided by officers using agreed guidance from both national planning policies and Wandsworth's own local policies.

Wandsworth Council's Planning Committee will now focus on strategic applications that meet the criteria set out in the national regulations, including larger applications and those that would particularly benefit from greater scrutiny.

Residents, community groups and businesses will still be able to comment on applications in the usual way and you can also still contact your local councillor about local issues or concerns.

wandsworth.gov.uk/planning





Orleen MacIntosh, seen here with the Mayor of Wandsworth Emmeline Owens, was recognised for running Messy Play and Alton Explorers Club.

The athletes, coaches, volunteers, schools and community organisations helping Wandsworth become a healthier, more active and connected borough have been celebrated at the Wandsworth Moves Together Awards 2026.

The awards recognised achievements ranging from grassroots volunteering and inclusive community activity to coaching and sporting excellence.

View all winners at **wandsworth.gov.uk/wandsworth-moves-together-awards**





Construction work has started on 113 homes for council rent at the Atheldene site, Garratt Lane.

More and better homes

Wandsworth has pledged to help deliver more houses for local people, drive up standards in council homes and take real action to reduce homelessness.

The council has sent a clear signal that it will work collaboratively with the private sector to bring forward new development schemes. Meanwhile hundreds of homes for council rent are being built across the borough.

Wandsworth will also strengthen its support to housing association residents to ensure they are provided with a decent service and there will be greater support for leaseholders, including a review of repayment terms for major works.

A new Housing Directorate has been set up to bring focus to the work that needs to be done to raise standards in council homes and give residents more of a voice.

It will oversee an extensive Housing Improvement and Transformation Plan set up following a ruling by the Regulator of Social Housing in February 2025 that Wandsworth must make significant improvements to improve housing safety, repairs, maintenance and resident engagement.

Action will be taken to prevent homelessness and reduce the number of households in temporary accommodation, improving outcomes for them and cutting costs for Council Taxpayers.



The regeneration of the Peabody Estate opposite Clapham Junction Station has been completed.

Existing data and other sources of information, like talking to landlords, will be used to identify people at risk of homelessness and to provide more and better support at an earlier stage. If people do require temporary accommodation, the aim will be to reduce the amount of time they spend there by making better use of the private rented sector.

Wandsworth Council Cabinet Member for Housing Cllr Matthew Corner said:

"A safe and well-managed home is vitally important for all residents, and the basis for a successful, healthy life.

"This new administration is refocusing the council on building more homes and delivering higher standards for the benefit of existing tenants and leaseholders. As part of that, we will give residents more say in the management of their homes.

"The amount the council spends on temporary accommodation every year has risen by about 700 per cent since 2020, and far too many homeless people are stuck in temporary accommodation. Our new Housing Directorate will give this issue the attention it needs."

Powering up digital support

Power to Connect is continuing to bridge the digital divide in Wandsworth, six years after being set up.

Started during the pandemic as a partnership between the council and Battersea Power Station, it collects and refurbishes old laptops, tablets and smartphones and redistributes them to families and schools.

And each year it helps more than a thousand people gain essential digital skills at drop-in workshops in local libraries.

Find out how to donate a device or access skills training at **powertoconnect.co.uk**



Renford's story

Renford first attended a Power to Connect Digital Drop-In in March after hearing about the sessions from a friend at his local church. He wanted to be able to book a GP appointment online.

He attended weekly sessions and was also given a refurbished laptop. Now he has a sustained interest in building his skills and regularly completes tasks online, including attending short courses.



Dolly's library legacy lives on

As the world remembers the legacy of Dolly Parton, parents are reminded they can still join the more than 8,000 Wandsworth families that are members of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

The borough signed up to the scheme last year, open to all families with children under five. Children get a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book every month from birth until their fifth birthday.

More than 1,200 children have now completed the programme after receiving free books. Libraries, family hubs and nurseries across Wandsworth run themed activities linked to the books, helping children and families engage with reading and learning in fun, interactive ways.

Register at **wandsworth.gov.uk/imagination-library**



The council's CCTV control room.

More police to keep the streets safe

The council will invest in 25 dedicated police officers and create a new borough-wide enforcement team to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental offences and be a visible presence on the street.

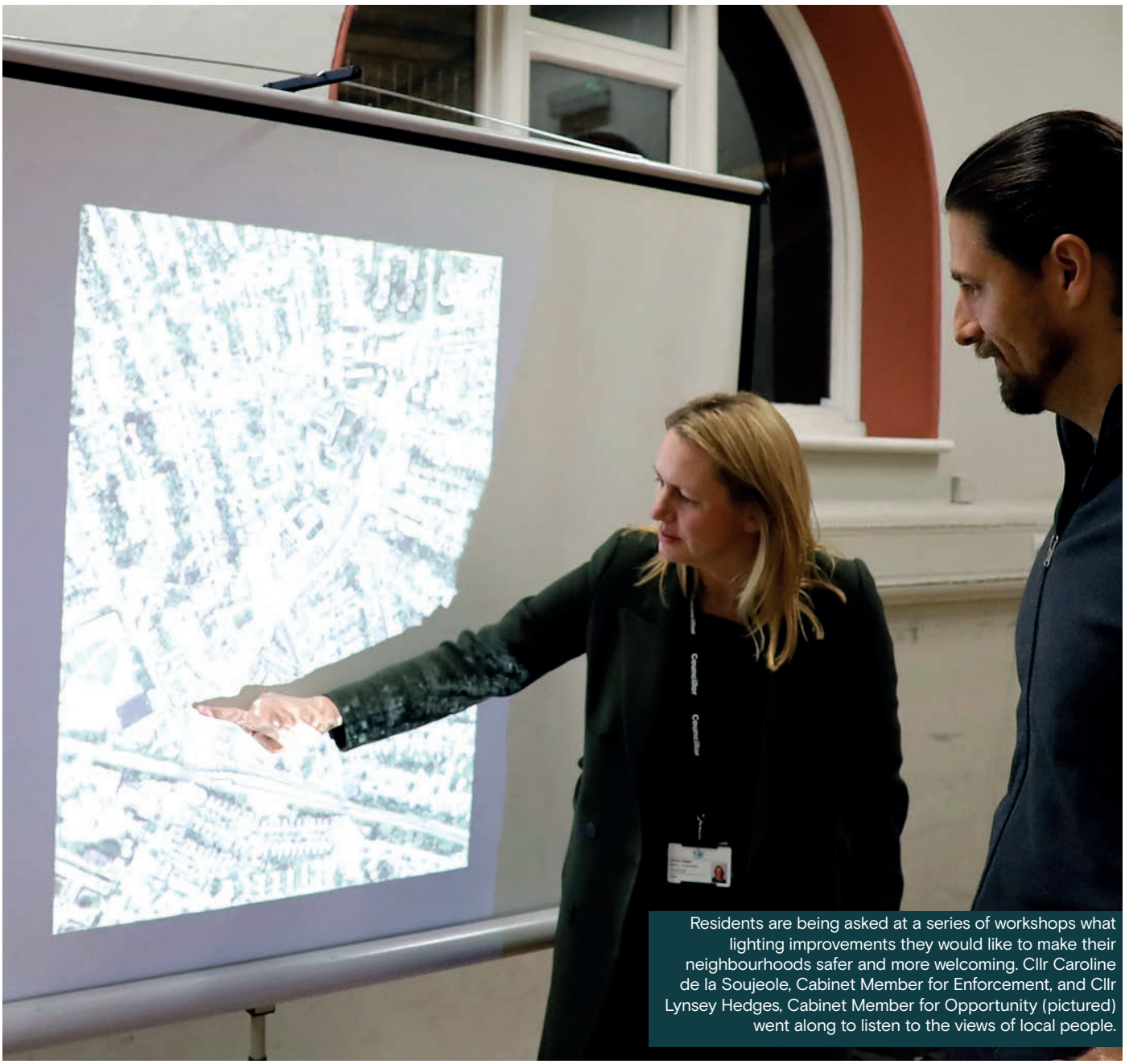
Wandsworth will fund three sergeants and 22 PCs in a Section 92 arrangement with the Met Police. They will focus on priorities identified by residents and local intelligence.

Alongside this is a new Integrated Enforcement Team that will bring together council enforcement functions and work alongside dedicated police officers to deliver a more visible, coordinated and intelligence-led approach to tackling issues including,

- Anti-social behaviour
- Drug-related activity
- Illegal e-bikes and mopeds
- Environmental crime such as fly-tipping

Cllr Caroline de La Soujeole, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, said: "These proposals represent a significant investment in the safety of our borough and in the issues residents tell us matter most.

"Residents want to see visible action on anti-social behaviour, environmental crime, illegal vehicles and other neighbourhood concerns.



Residents are being asked at a series of workshops what lighting improvements they would like to make their neighbourhoods safer and more welcoming. Cllr Caroline de la Soujeole, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, and Cllr Lynsey Hedges, Cabinet Member for Opportunity (pictured) went along to listen to the views of local people.



CCTV enforcement is used to enforce weight restrictions

These proposals will help ensure resources are targeted where they are needed most and allow us to respond more effectively to emerging issues across the borough."

The proposals will support the council's wider community safety priorities, including the use of CCTV and intelligence-led enforcement to prevent crime, gather evidence and support investigations. They will also complement our work to tackle violence against women and girls (VAWG), helping to identify hotspots, respond to concerns raised by residents and improve safety in public spaces.

On the borough's roads, the council issued 259 penalties to drivers ignoring weight restrictions on residential roads over August and September alone.

We're using a CCTV car and fixed cameras to crack down on heavy goods vehicles cutting through local streets after safety concerns were raised by residents as well as increased damage to road surfaces.



Blooming with pride

Wandsworth in Bloom 2026 showcased the creativity, dedication and pride that residents have invested in making Wandsworth greener and more biodiverse.

The gardening competition ran throughout the summer, with entries invited across categories celebrating gardens, growing spaces, community projects and business displays. Entries were judged by an expert panel, with shortlisted entrants invited to the awards ceremony where winners were revealed:

- **Best Allotment Plot –** Guy Dimond and Susan Low, Beatrix Potter Allotments
- **Best Business in Bloom –** The Prince of Wales Pub, Putney
- **Best Balcony or Container Garden –** Celia Carling
- **Best Community Food Growing Site –** The Penwith Potager (Bethany Cofer)
- **Best Community Facility Garden –** Edgecombe Hall Estate Community Garden
- **Best Front Garden –** Fiona Churchhouse
- **Council Leaseholder and Tenant category for Best Balcony or Container Garden –** Joao Amaral
- **Council Leaseholder and Tenant category for Community Facility Garden –** Carey Gardens
- **Council Leaseholder and Tenant category for Best Private Garden –** Lynn Clark
- **School in Bloom –** Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Primary School, in Battersea



Special awards, including Best in Show, were open to all those shortlisted. Most Biodiverse was won by All Saints Church and the People's Choice Award, decided by guests attending the ceremony after viewing displays showcasing all finalists, was won by Celia Carling.

Cllr Ethan Brooks, Cabinet Member for Environment, who was a member of the judging panel, said: "Wandsworth in Bloom is about so much more than just beautiful gardens and outside spaces. It celebrates and showcases the residents, schools, businesses and community groups that are committed to making Wandsworth an even better place to live."



Marilia Bento took home the Best in Show Award for her front garden.

She told Brightside: "I used to have a big garden and when I moved here there was just this little bit out the front which didn't have anything, it was just dirt. I thought it would be nice to have a bit of a garden. Slowly, slowly it progressed and now I do the whole street for the last couple of years."

"At the beginning my neighbours thought I worked for the council and would offer to buy me a drink. But people are always so appreciative and they come around to see what's new."

She also helps at a local co-op garden that took home the award for Council Leaseholder and Tenant category for Community Facility Garden.

This summer while the weather was very warm she said it was hard to keep all her plants alive but she managed it with 6am wake-ups and buckets and buckets of water.

She tells other prospective gardeners to: "Just have a go. You will be surprised what you can actually achieve."

Heavy horses help woodland

A woodland project on Wandsworth Common will create healthier habitats for bats and birds and improve access for residents.

Funded by a grant from the Veolia Environmental Trust, the work will create a new woodland glade, enhance two existing glades and install a new path in woodland near the corner of Trinity Road and Burntwood Lane (known as The Scope).

An initial phase lasted for a few days in mid-October, with further work in late 2026 and early 2027.

Heavy horses moved timber that will be reused on site for path edging. Some trees and vegetation will be removed because selective thinning creates space for native species, boosts biodiversity and improves the long-term health of the woodland.

Habitats for bats, birds, insects and other wildlife will be created, including bat boxes in selected trees.

Cllr Ethan Brooks, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: **"The new woodchip pathways will help tackle the muddy routes that develop through the woodland during the winter months, making it easier for people to enjoy Wandsworth Common year-round.**

"Community engagement has been central to developing these plans, and we've worked closely with the Friends of Wandsworth Common and the Wandsworth Common Management Advisory Committee to help shape the project and ensure it delivers benefits for both people and wildlife."



Big Archie, from Oakwood Clydesdales, hauling timber.

Work Match celebrates 13 successful years

Work Match has supported more than 3,700 local residents into work and training since it was set up 13 years ago.

Wandsworth Council initially set up the jobs brokerage service to ensure local people benefitted from jobs and training arising from new development and economic growth.

Cllr Lynsey Hedges, Cabinet Member for Opportunity, said: "We're so proud of Work Match's successes over the past 13 years. This is a brilliant free service making sure growth in Wandsworth translates into actual opportunities for residents and helping businesses find the talent they need."



Residents and businesses can find out more about current opportunities by visiting the Work Match website or emailing **wandsworthworkmatch@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk**



Job seekers have been getting training and experience in bar and hospitality skills through a partnership with Steve Locke from Lockes Bar. Cllr Hedges went along to see them at work.

Steve said: "At LOCKES Bar Academy we believe hospitality is one of the most accessible routes back into employment. I opened my first bar, Be At One, here in Wandsworth in 1998 and grew it to over 30 venues nationwide - so I know this is an industry where you can start with no experience and build a real career.

"That's why working with Wandsworth Council's Work Match team matters to us: it lets us give local people, particularly young people getting back into work, the practical training and industry connections they need to succeed. This is the kind of partnership that turns training into real, local employment."

Who's up for a Civic Award?

The shortlist for this year's Wandsworth Civic Awards has been revealed. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony later this month.

The Wandsworth Civic Awards recognise people who make the borough a better place through their selfless service, inspiring leadership and dedication to helping others. Many of those nominated give up their time voluntarily and work behind the scenes, often without expecting recognition.

Find out who has won on the council's social media accounts on the night (26 November or visit **civicawards.wandsworth.gov.uk** from 27 November.

Read more detail about this year's shortlisted nominees on the Civic Awards website.





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Charity Champion

Barbara Littlechild
Janneke Diemel
Kim Perlow
Power to Connect Volunteers

Charity Champion – Fostering Inclusive Communities

Jackie Slaughter
Manuel Button
SEND Parent Carer Forum

Charity Champion – Health & Wellbeing

Chloe Huttner
Georgia Barrett
Sid Khan

Charity Champion – Supporting Older People

Dawn Killeen
Natalie De Silva
Rosemary O'Neill

Community Champion

Garry Nicholls
Hilary Jennings
Nicole Henworth
Orleen Mcintosh
Sandra Munoz-Alvarez
Seb Holliday-Springer
Sheree Pinheiro
Tahir Shams

Community Champion – Inclusion & Empowerment

Aurnela Madede
Fozia Riaz
Hina Usman Ghani
Natalie Price
Peggy Moylan

Community Champion – Supporting Young People

Chris Hayes
Peter Anthony
Renee Tonkin
William Ankumu

Cultural Champion

Bill Marney
Nicholas Scipioni
Roopa Basu
Ruth Essel
Sprout Community Arts

Environmental Hero

Janneke Diemel
Lila Palmer
Recycle More Southfields
Renee Tonkin

Young Person of the Year

Alessa Ahmad
Ibtihal Ahmed
Isabella Reynolds
Malvina Yzeiri
Saffron Williams
Savanna Folarin
Victor Thomas

Wandsworth Civic Awards 2026

MORE THAN KEEPING WANDSWORTH CLEAN

Our people live and work locally, helping to keep the borough clean while supporting the people, charities and organisations that make Wandsworth a great place to live.



200+ VOLUNTEER HOURS



SUPPORTING LOCAL PEOPLE
Helping residents access food, support and essential services when they need them most.

GIVING TIME TO THE COMMUNITY
Our teams volunteer across Wandsworth, supporting local charities, projects and community groups.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
Creating a cleaner Wandsworth is only part of the story. We're proud to support the communities we serve.






Together, we're building a Stronger Wandsworth

serco Impact for a better future



New health centres

Wandsworth has two new purpose-built health centres.

The Brocklebank Health Centre in Garratt Lane brings community health, dental and podiatry services under one roof. The council worked in partnership with the NHS and Brocklebank Group Practice to support the development of the centre as part of the wider regeneration of the site (see page 12).

Meanwhile in Nine Elms the new Sleaford Street Health Centre is a modern home for Battersea Fields Practice and includes facilities for face-to-face and virtual appointments. The council met the majority of the £15m cost using money collected from local developers.

Krinkels UK is proud to support Wandsworth Council with maintaining safe and welcoming environments. Whether that is the borough's parks, or bustling high streets, we keep them clean and tidy for residents and visitors to enjoy year round.

Our teams take great pride in maintaining safe, welcoming environments for everyone to enjoy throughout the year.

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Help us celebrate our oldest businesses

The Wandsworth Business Legacy scheme is a celebration of businesses that have helped shape our borough.

We are inviting residents, customers and members of the local community to nominate businesses that have been trading in Wandsworth for more than 25 years. This could be a much-loved shop, restaurant, market trader, pub, or trader that has made a lasting contribution to the neighbourhood.

Businesses that have been trading locally for 75 years or more may also receive a special Heritage Legacy acknowledgement – recognising their exceptional longevity and contribution. Businesses can also nominate themselves.

This inaugural scheme is our way of thanking the businesses that have supported generations of residents, contributed to our high streets and local economy, and remained part of the community through changing times.



Nominate at **wandsworthenterprisehub.com/programme/wandsworth-legacy-business**





Our Music Our Freedom

Listen to a series of unmissable podcasts reflecting the music history of Wandsworth over the last 50 years.

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Christmas in Wandsworth



Battersea High Street Christmas

Saturday 14 November

12pm–4pm (Christmas lights switch-on at 3.45pm)

A festive market with performances from local schools and groups.

Wandsworth Town Christmas Event

Saturday 21 November

4.30pm–5pm

Roehampton Christmas Light Switch-On

Thursday 26 November

3.30pm–4.30pm (switch-on at 3.45pm)

Danebury Avenue, Roehampton

Putney Christmas Lights Switch-On

Friday 27 November

3pm–6pm (switch-on at 6pm)

Putney Town Centre and Church Square

Clapham Junction Christmas Lights Event

Friday 27 November

3.30–5pm

Festive activities including carol singing and performances from local artists and schools.

Balham Christmas Event

Sunday 29 November

1pm–5pm (switch-on at 5pm)

Bedford Hill Place

Carols in the Square

Tuesday 1 December
6.30pm–8pm (switch-on at 6.45pm)
Battersea Square
Traditional carols and Christmas celebrations

Southfields Christmas Light Switch-On

Wednesday 2 December
4.30pm–6.30pm (switch-on at 5pm)
Replingham Road, Southfields

Church Lane Christmas

Thursday 3 December
4pm–7pm (switch-on at 4.30pm)
St Nicholas Church and Church Lane, Tooting

Bellevue Road Christmas Event

Friday 4 December 2026
4pm–5pm (switch-on at 4.30pm)
Bellevue Road

Furzedown Christmas Event

Friday 4 December 2026
3.30pm–5pm (switch-on at 4pm)
Mitcham Lane at the end of Thrale Road, Furzedown

Small Business Saturday Christmas Markets

5 December, 12noon – 5pm

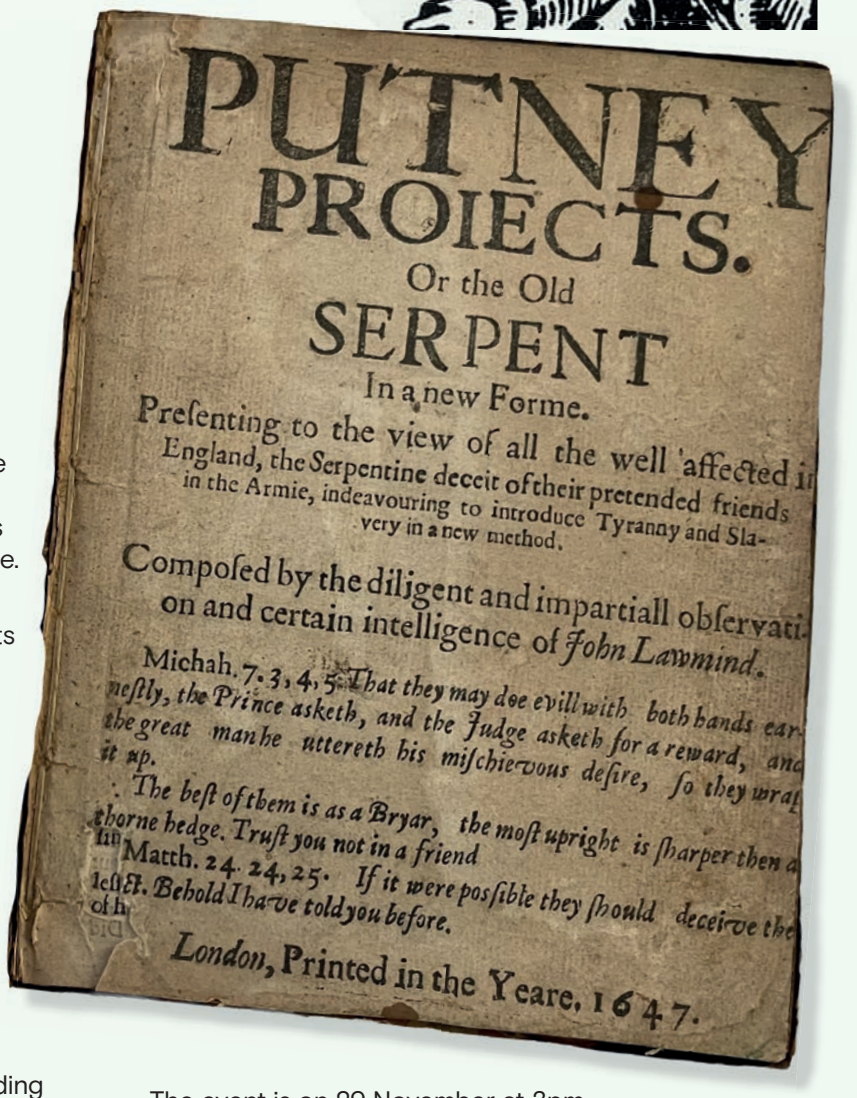
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- Bramlands Square, Clapham Junction







Relive the Putney Debates


PUTNEY
PROIECTS.
Or the Old
SERPENT
In a new Forme.
Presenting to the view of all the well affected in England, the Serpentine deceit of their pretended friends in the Armie, indeavouring to introduce Tyranny and Slavery in a new method.
Composed by the diligent and impartiall observation and certain intelligence of John Lawmind.
Michah. 7. 3, 4, 5. That they may doe evill with both hands earnestly, the Prince asketh, and the Judge asketh for a reward, and the great man he uttereth his mischievous desire, so they wrap it up.
The best of them is as a Bryar, the most upright is sharper then a thorne hedge. Trust you not in a friend
Matth. 24. 24, 25. If it were possible they should deceive the
Behold I have told you before.
London, Printed in the Yeare, 1647.

It's 1647 and King Charles is defeated. What now?

The English Civil War saw officers from the New Model Army, who supported the retention of the King within the framework of a constitutional monarchy, take on radicals such as the Levellers who wanted reforms including one man, one vote.

Victorious rebels debated England's future in St Mary's Church, Putney, and considered concepts of democracy, the rule of law and a free society centuries ahead of their time.

The debates lasted from 28 October to 8 November until, worried about anarchy, they were eventually shut down by senior figures including Thomas Fairfax and Oliver Cromwell.

This month, as part of a London Borough of Culture legacy event funded by the Lottery Heritage Fund, go along to St Mary's Church to explore the echoes from that spirit of 1647. What can we learn from it, and how can we apply it now?

The free event will use art, discussion and a reading based on extracts from the transcript of the 1647 Putney Debates to celebrate a momentous piece of the heritage of Putney and Wandsworth and a global landmark in the history of democracy.

The event is on 29 November at 3pm and lasts two hours.

No booking required. Find out more on **welcometowandsworth.com**



WHAT'S ON?

Positively Putney Ice Sculpture Trail

Saturday 28 November 10am to 6pm

Across Putney town centre, including Church Square, Putney High Street, Putney Exchange and Upper Richmond Road
positivelyputney.co.uk

Men's sea-shanty singing group

Every Monday, 12.30pm

Pay what you can, no need to book, no experience necessary

Kambala Community Hall Email asistisarts@proton.me





The Night Before Christmas

12-13 December, 19-22 December

Jellyfish Theatre presents this year's Wandsworth Council pantomime, with an original production full of Christmas magic. Tickets are affordable and there will be relaxed performances for those with sensory sensitivity, neuro-divergence or anyone who would benefit.

wandsworthpanto.com

EFG London Jazz Festival

13-22 November

With performances from some of the hottest names in jazz right now, including the Jean Toussaint Quintet, Tony Kofi and the Organisation, the Ricky Ford Quartet, Julian Joseph, Alok Verma, Amira Kheir and the Chris Coull Quartet.

World Heart Beat Music Academy
Ponton Road, Nine Elms
worldheartbeat.org





London Autism Group Community Cafe

8 November, 13 November, 10 January, 1pm-3pm

A relaxed environment where autistic people can come and have a hot drink, socialise, play games and enjoy activities such as Tai Chi, music therapy and art therapy. Just turn up.

Tooting Grove Community Clubroom

Carers Rights Day Online Information Session

20 November, 11.30am-1pm

Find out from Wandsworth Carers' Centre staff and a Carer Champion from the council about your rights and available support.

Via Zoom. Email info@wandsworthcarers.org.uk for the link.

Disco Dance Club

21 November, 19 December

Monthly dance club for over 40s

Devas Club, Battersea
discodanceclub.co.uk

Imogen Stidworthy

Until 22 November

A newly devised installation co-commissioned with Chapter, Cardiff, and a set of audio guides made by Wandsworth-based artists. Free.

Matt's Gallery, Nine Elms
mattsgallery.org/exhibitions/imogen-stidworthy-

Behind Your Eyes

Until 21 November. Open Tuesday-Saturday 10.30am-6.30pm

Mixed media artist Teresa Zerafa Byrne will present her solo show bringing together a broad range of abstract works exploring memory.

BobCat Gallery, Putney Exchange





Dear Santa

28 November-24 December

An ideal introduction to theatre for ages 2+

Battersea Arts Centre
bac.org.uk

St Anne's Church Christmas Makers' Market

28 November 11am-3pm

Handmade gifts, crafts, food, drinks, carol singing, Santa.

St Anne's Church, St Ann's Hill, Wandsworth

Christmas Community Concert

1 December

Young singers perform carols, seasonal favourites and uplifting Christmas music, plus there will be mince pies and refreshments.

World Heart Beat Music Academy
Ponton Road, Nine Elms
worldheartbeat.org

Christmas Coffee Morning

5 December, 10.30am-noon

Free entrance

Earlsfield Baptist Church, Magdalen Road

Peter Pan

3-5 December

Group 64 Youth Theatre presents this classic tale.

Putney Arts Theatre, Ravenna Road
putneyartstheatre.org.uk

Christmas Carol Celebration

16 December, 3.30pm-4.30pm

Roehampton Library

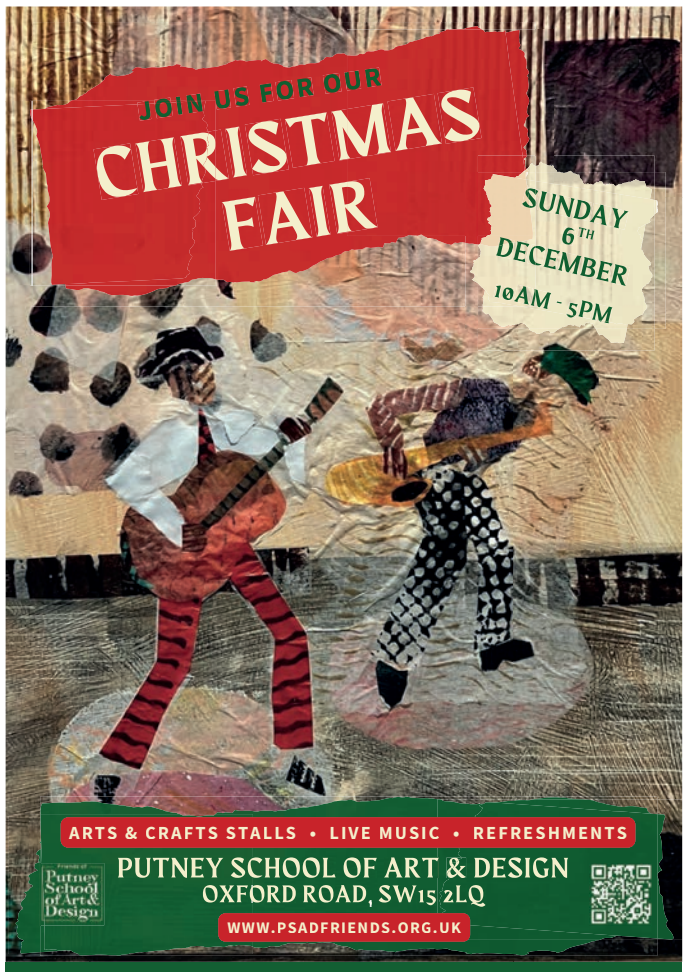
Rotary Christmas Lunch

25 December

The Rotary Club of Battersea holds a Christmas Day lunch in a marquee in Battersea Park for older people who would otherwise be alone. It is completely free, so donations are welcome.

rotarychristmasday.org





Putney School of Art and Design Christmas Fair

5-6 December

Buy some original arts and crafts for your Christmas gifts, plus live music and refreshments.

Putney School of Art and Design, Oxford Road
psadfriends.org.uk

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