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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 for 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.

We are creating a fairer, compassionate, more sustainable Wandsworth. Through sound financial management, we will lead a decade of renewal for our borough:

- Double our investment in roads and pavements
- Build 1,000 new council homes for local families
- Be a carbon neutral council by 2030

Looking after our most vulnerable residents is crucial. We will continue to provide excellent care for our older residents and support our NHS. An increase of 2 per cent in the adult social care levy this year will help to fund this vital work.

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



# Council Tax freeze

Wandsworth residents will pay the lowest bills in the country this year, with the council's decision to freeze the main element of council tax.

We're committed to making Wandsworth a fairer and more compassionate borough - delivering the country's lowest council tax bills when costs for essentials like food, energy and clothing are rising steeply.

The council is also increasing its Cost of Living support package to £15m - the biggest and most generous in London. This has been achieved through careful budgeting without adding a penny to council tax bills.

And we've kickstarted a Decade of Renewal to boost service and repair infrastructure (see page 17).

Council Tax freeze





# We're London Borough of Culture 2025

**We're delighted to announce the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has chosen Wandsworth to become London Borough of Culture 2025.**

Sadiq Khan's scheme means Wandsworth will get funding towards a year-long programme which celebrates local culture and heritage.

Becoming Borough of Culture will put Wandsworth on the cultural map and will transform the borough's image in London and nationally. It will mean new opportunities and better access to arts and culture for residents.

Simon Hogg, Leader of Wandsworth Council, said: "This is brilliant news for our borough and we simply couldn't have done it without the creativity and energy of the hundreds of community organisations, creative venues, schools, businesses and residents of all ages who helped shape our bid.

"The year of culture will bring much-needed footfall, boost the local economy and help grow our local talent and skills."

**“** I'm excited to see Wandsworth's fantastic ideas come to life as we build a better London for all.

**Mayor of London,  
Sadiq Khan**



# Libraries the heart of your community



## Investing in our libraries

Two brand-new libraries have opened recently, and others are being improved to make sure residents have fantastic modern spaces to enjoy.

Wandsworth Town Library was officially opened by Lord Alf Dubs and Wandsworth Mayor Juliana Annan, signalling the council's ongoing commitment to investing in libraries and making them a great place for everyone.

Northcote Library officially opened in early March, and includes a brand-new community space next door, which people can hire for all sorts of activities and events.

York Gardens, and Putney have also been upgraded. The recently-completed libraries offer a fantastic range of books and more. Wandsworth Town Library includes a much larger dedicated children's area and study pods, as well as meeting rooms on two floors which people can hire throughout the day.

Lord Dubs cuts the ribbon at Wandsworth Town joined by GLL CEO Peter Bunday, Mayor Juliana Annan, Cllr Hogg, Deputy Mayor Sana Jaffri and Deputy Council Leader Kemi Akinola

“Our libraries really are the beating heart of our communities and offer something for absolutely everyone, no matter who you are.”

Simon Hogg, Leader of the Council



Our libraries offer a great range of books and audio-books, but that's not all. There are vibrant community hubs with resources and activities for everyone. What will you be using them for?

A knit and natter group



■ **Spaces for events:** Meeting rooms and event spaces for hire for between 20 and 200 people. Use these spaces for business meetings, professional events and more. Ideal spaces for meetings, community events, training events, phone calls, Zooms and video conferences.

■ **Study booths and shared co-working spaces:** One-person booths available for long study sessions as well as desks, quiet areas, or dedicated study spaces. York Gardens and Putney Libraries also offer desks in a shared co-working space, supported by Start Up Wandsworth – perfect for your small business.

■ **Activities:** Groups for people of all ages and backgrounds. From knit and natter, to baby rhyme time, and everything in between – we've got something for everyone. There are events on every day of the week.



To find out about what your local library has to offer, scan the QR code or visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries)

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# Free swimming lessons

**Our free gym and swim scheme has been expanded to people on a wider range of benefits.**

And from April 2024, Children in school years 4-7 who haven't reached the required swimming level will be able to get free swimming lessons during the school holidays.

Judi Gasser, Cabinet Member for Environment said: "We are working to make the borough fairer and ensure access for all to council services. We believe it's crucial that everyone has access to leisure facilities to help them keep mentally and physically fit and well.

"All children should have the opportunity to learn to swim, and the new intensive swimming courses will mean no young person is priced out of lessons."

Support for families on free school meals includes free school uniforms and free activities and lunches during school holidays. Visit the Cost of Living Hub for details.

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**Judi Gasser,**  
Cabinet Member for  
Environment







When children and parents attending the ROSE community space needed feeding, Zara and Marion stepped in.

Zara (left) was formally a catering manager with the Crown Courts and attended Mondays at the ROSE with her daughter. When she and local residents Marion and Fifi (not pictured) heard the ROSE needed a new caterer, they came forward. Now the three of them make healthy, tasty food that everyone wants to eat.

**Zara said:**

“I enjoy cooking for the kids and parents. Sharing this space, being involved and giving back to my local community makes me happy.”

Find out the locations and opening times of Community Spaces on the Cost of Living Hub.



**Wandsworth's £15million cost of Living support package is London's biggest. We've:**

- Newly enrolled 276 more children for free school meals
- Given £1.5m to voluntary groups to support their communities
- Opened 67 community spaces

This summer we will launch money support roadshows to give one-to-one support.

**Visit the Cost of Living Hub for all the support on offer.**



**Wandsworth Cost of Living Hub**  
[wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub)



**check what you are entitled to on our benefits calculator**  
[wandsworth.entitledto.co.uk/home/start](http://wandsworth.entitledto.co.uk/home/start)

# Work with us to reach net zero

**We're working to become a net zero borough by 2043.**

And we've launched a new grant scheme as part of our pledge to work with everyone in the borough to meet ambitious targets to cut emissions.

Significant progress in 2023 included the setting up of the Citizen's Assembly on Air Quality, planting 705 trees, greening up council buildings and vehicles, putting in bike hangars and cycle lanes and installing an 525 electric vehicle charging points.

Plans for this year include:

- **Introducing School Streets at 50 per cent of all the borough's primary schools by 2025.**
- **Greener waste and recycling (see pages 14-15)**
- **An Air Quality Ambassadors programme to help local people understand and take action to improve air quality.**

Judi Gasser, cabinet member for environment, said: "We are in a climate emergency, so it is vital we maintain our energy and focus, and work with the rest of the borough to achieve our goal of becoming net zero.

"We will continue to be open and transparent about our progress and the hard work that lies ahead but we can't do it alone. We'll let you know about the different ways you can get involved.

Together we can fight pollution and climate change and make Wandsworth cleaner, healthier and more sustainable."

Find out more about work to tackle the climate emergency at [wandsworth.gov.uk/climate-change](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/climate-change)





# Listening to you

Hundreds of local people have come along to a new series of council events and sat down for a cuppa and a chat with Council Leader Simon Hogg, ward councillors and their local MP.

Packed-out halls in West Hill, Battersea and Tooting heard from Simon Hogg about the council's plans for local area spending and he answered questions on children's services, housing, social care needs for elderly people and concerns over crime and safety.

Staff from a range of council services were on hand alongside advisors from Citizens' Advice Wandsworth, CREW Energy and the local police.

More sessions are planned over the spring and summer to hear about local priorities.

To find out more and ask a question visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/here-to-listen](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/here-to-listen)



We want your views on shaping your local area. Add your ideas and suggestions for neighbourhood funding to our online interactive map at [wandsworth.gov.uk/renewalfund](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/renewalfund)

# Book an NHS HEALTH CHECK at a local pharmacy

GET  
CHECKED  
FEEL GREAT

**Aged 40-74?** A quick and free NHS Health Check can help reduce your risk of common, serious illnesses like stroke, dementia and diabetes.



NHS Health Checks are now available at MORE pharmacies across the borough, in addition to GP surgeries. Find out if you're eligible and where you can get an NHS Health Check in your area.





Cabinet Member for Environment Judi Gasser (fourth from left) at the Library of Things launch in November

## Library of Things a roaring success

Wandsworth's new Library of Things is proving a big hit, with more than 100 items borrowed in the first month.

The council teamed up with the social enterprise Library of Things to open a branch in Southside Shopping Centre as part of the council's pledge to make the borough more sustainable.

Instead of buying items like drills and gardening tools, you can borrow them instead for a small fee. You order things online then pick them up from lockers in Southside.

From its launch on November 28 until the end of December, almost £15,000 was saved by the 88 people who used the Wandsworth Library of Things – the equivalent of reusing nearly 1 tonne of electricals and saving more than two tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

To keep updated on other local projects to help people live more sustainably, sign up for our Together on Climate Change newsletter.

[public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKLBW/subscriber/new](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKLBW/subscriber/new)



### One borrower from Wandsworth found a new hobby, with the help of the Library of Things.

“ I've never sewn anything in my life, but I decided to upcycle my coat for my dog and it came out lovely - who knows maybe I'll start a doggy jacket business. Thanks for letting me try this out and experiment! Such a great opportunity. ”



# Food Waste Collections

**Wandsworth council is introducing food waste and small electrical collections for most households as part of our Cleaner Borough Plan.**

We are also rolling out new, more efficient vehicles that run on hydrotreated vegetable oil, delivering up to 90 per cent reduction in carbon emissions, and increasing the number of vehicles we have that will collect your recycling. Together we can increase recycling rates, protect the environment and create a cleaner borough.

## FREE food waste collections - from 10 June

Food waste collections will start on Monday 10 June on your usual collection day. All residents that have enough space at the front of their home, e.g. a front garden or driveway will get the new service.

**Between 8 April and 7 June food waste caddies will be delivered to all eligible households**, with flats getting the service later in the year.

You can start putting food waste into your new caddies from 3 June, but not more than seven days before your usual collection day. If your normal collection day is Monday 10 June, start using your food waste caddies from Monday 3 June. If it's Friday 14 June, start from Friday 7 June.

## FREE small electrical collections - from 10 June

From Monday 10 June, residents will also be able to put small electricals out for collection, next to their rubbish and recycling. This includes anything with a plug, battery or cable up to the size of a two-slice toaster, electric kettle or a small coffee maker, but not any larger.

**✓ Household rubbish will still be collected every week**



**✓ Recycling sacks will still be collected every week**



**✓ Food waste will be collected every week**

**NEW SERVICE**



**✓ Small electricals will be collected every week**

**NEW SERVICE**



Garden waste collections remain the same: you can still put up to five black bags of garden waste out for collection every week on collection day.

**FOOD WASTE**  
Collections start **Monday 10 June** on your usual collection day

## Your new food waste caddies and liners



■ Compostable caddy liners



■ 5 litre food waste indoor caddy



■ 23 litre food waste outdoor caddy

Food waste caddies will be delivered to all eligible households between **April 8 and June 7**. Residents will be able to start using the caddies from **Monday June 3**, with collections starting from **Monday June 10** on your usual collection day. Flats will get the service later in the year.

## Questions and answers

### Why will some residents get their food waste caddies in April but can't use them until June?

We are staggering the food caddy deliveries because we need to get around to all households in the borough so are doing this in stages.

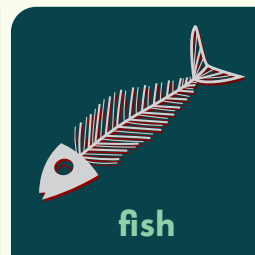
### Why will I get a silver and a brown caddy?

The smaller silver caddy should be kept inside your kitchen to put your food waste into. You can use the compostable caddy liners that we will provide to line this caddy (or you can use old newspaper/magazines). Your brown caddy lives outside, and you can empty your silver caddy into this larger caddy as many times as you like during the week.

### What happens to food waste?

Food that the council collects using these new caddies will be turned into agricultural fertiliser and to produce bio-gas for the National Grid.

## Please recycle all your cooked and uncooked food waste



### DO NOT PLACE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR CADDY:

- ❌ Compostable packaging (except compostable caddy liners)
- ❌ Liquids, such as milk, oil or gravy
- ❌ Biodegradable plastic coffee pods
- ❌ Any other plastics/bio-plastics
- ❌ Paper (except to line the caddy)
- ❌ Foil or cling film
- ❌ Garden waste

**REMEMBER**  
you can recycle any mouldy or out of date food including ready meals - just remove the packaging.

# Are you ready for Voter ID?

On May 2 Londoners will be voting for a new Mayor, with a General Election also on the horizon.

New Government rules mean you must now bring photo ID when voting in person.

Photo ID includes (but is not limited to) the following: photocard driving licence, passport, Oyster 60+ card, Freedom Pass, older person's or disabled person's bus pass, blue badge. They must be originals, not copies.

If you do not have any of these, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate (VAC) by 5pm on 24 April.

See a full list of acceptable ID, plus details on how to apply for a VAC at [gov.uk/voting-photo-id](http://gov.uk/voting-photo-id).

You will receive a booklet through your door from London Elects which includes a list of all candidates standing for the Mayoral election, mini-manifestos and information on how to vote, including Voter ID.

Full details on how to vote in Wandsworth, how to register to vote and voter ID, are also available on the council website at [wandsworth.gov.uk/vote](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/vote).

If you have any questions or concerns you can call (020) 8871 6023.



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Check your risk online at [riskscore.diabetes.org.uk](http://riskscore.diabetes.org.uk)



Source: Public Health Annual Report 2016 - Diabetes in Wandsworth

Every week 15 people in Wandsworth are told they have diabetes



15,000 residents are living with the condition...

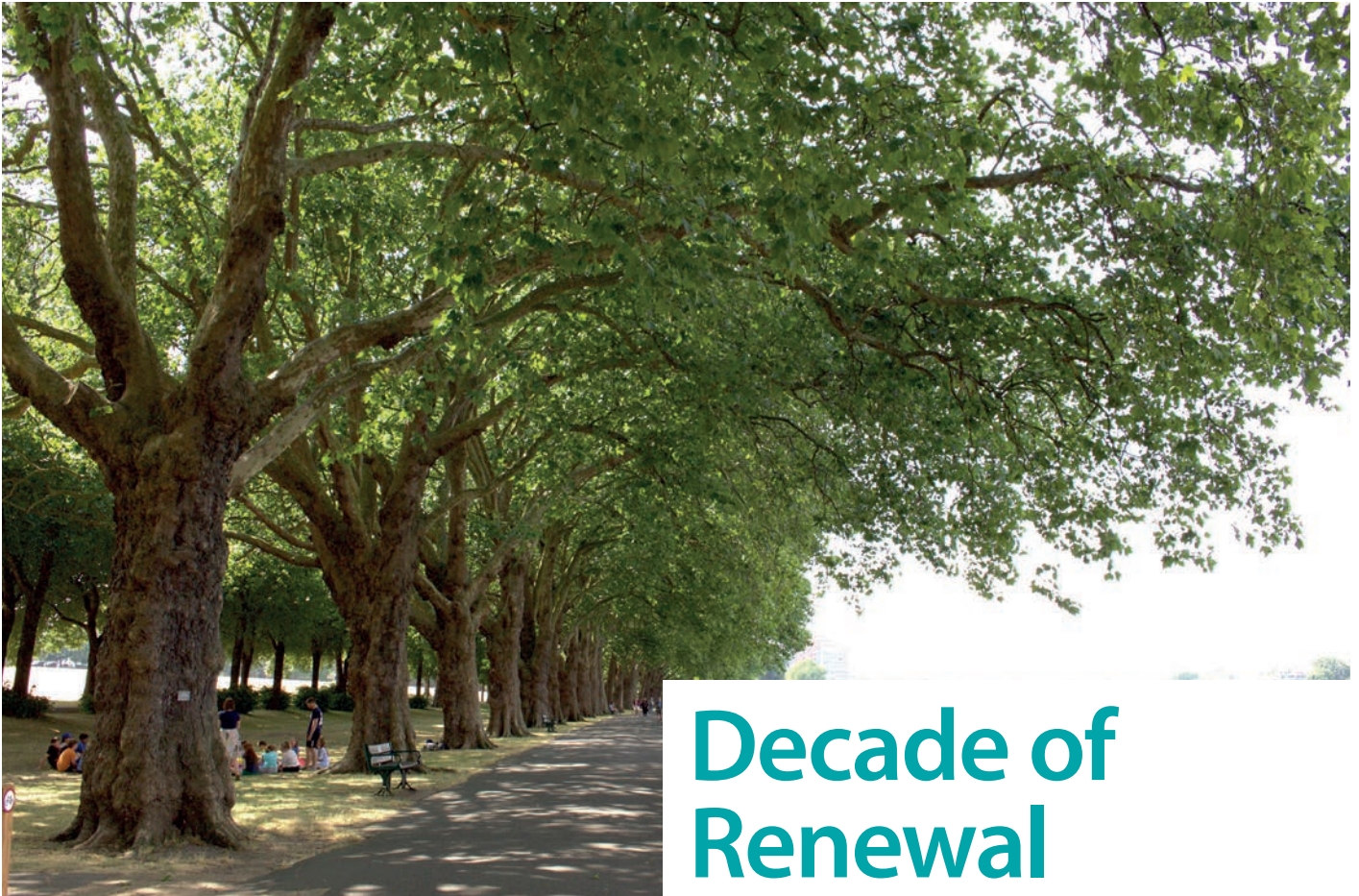


...and another 25,000 are on the verge of getting it.



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# Decade of Renewal

**A 10-year programme of improvements will double funding to repair Wandsworth's roads and pavements.**

Jenny Yates, Cabinet Member for Transport, said: "Wandsworth is a fantastic place to live, but after years of under-investment its roads and pavements are showing too many signs of wear and tear.

"I've been out with the council's streets team to see for myself the roads and pavements most in need of attention. I would like to expand our improvement works to include even more roads and pavements as we start a decade of renewal.

"We will double the funding put into fixing our roads and pavements over the next decade. This additional investment is paid for by property developers, so we can improve the borough without adding a penny to your Council Tax."

The Decade of Renewal will also deliver 1,000 council homes for local families (see page 19) and a carbon neutral council by 2030 (see page 10).



## We're making more improvements to your parks this year. Look out for:

- The second phase of consultations for both the replacement playground at Tooting Common Lakeside, and the redesign of Furzedown Recreation Ground
- Improvements to the ball court, new outdoor gym equipment and an additional table tennis table in Garratt Park
- A refurbished playground in Wandsworth Park
- Sustainable planting and improved access to Harroway Gardens

Visit [enablelc.org/parks](https://enablelc.org/parks)



The council will tackle deteriorating roads including Garratt Lane.



# Empowering communities to beat violent crime

■ Wandsworth is inner London's Safest borough, but sadly some violence incident still occur. The council and its partners remain committed to finding ways to empower communities to challenge violent crime together.

The council has commissioned the Wandsworth Bereavement Service to support members of the community who are bereaved or directly impacted by the trauma of violent crime. The service will offer immediate therapeutic support to relatives and loved ones whenever there is a serious incident and will run community-based support groups for others affected.

And the Wandsworth Communities Against Violence Forum is a platform where residents and community organisations can discuss local issues and find ways of working together to address problems. Funding will be available for local projects that prevent, reduce and respond to violence.

Graeme Henderson, cabinet member for community safety, said: "We are determined not to just accept violence as part and parcel of living in London. We believe that to make the borough safer, we need to harness the knowledge and energy of local communities to help us come up with ideas for shared solutions."



This picture and below the 2023 White Ribbon March.



Find out about these schemes, and others including measures to tackle male violence against women and girls and against young people, at [wandsworth.gov.uk/community-safety/serious-violence](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/community-safety/serious-violence)



Students from Saint John Bosco college at the unveiling of the Randall Close hoarding

# Delivering 1,000 new homes

■ All the 1,000 council homes promised for local people in the Homes for Wandsworth Programme are either built, being constructed or are in the planning or pre-planning stage.

Half of the homes have either been completed, with some already occupied, or are currently under construction. This includes homes recently built in Colson Way, Tooting on the site of underused lock-up garages. Eight new supported housing homes will cater for Wandsworth residents with learning difficulties who can live independently.

The rest either have planning consent or are at the design, community engagement and pre-planning stages.

The largest project in the programme, Randall Close, will provide 106 new homes and is expected to be completed in early 2025. The development's hoarding designs have been produced by artist Dr Maria Gasparian and print-maker Augusta Akerman in collaboration with students at the local St John Bosco College.

Aydin Dikerdem, Cabinet Member for housing, said: "Every new council home built is a family off council waiting lists or out of overcrowded housing, and I am pleased that works are progressing well on these schemes.

"These homes will be prioritised for local residents, giving families a chance for a council rent home in the area where they have already laid roots."

**Find out more at [wandsworth.gov.uk/council-led-development](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/council-led-development)**



Cllr Dikerdem at the Randall Close build

# Getting 2500 Wandsworth people into jobs

Wandsworth Work Match has celebrated getting its 2500th resident into a job.

Since opening in 2013, the council's flagship employment scheme has supported thousands of local people to access high quality training, employment support and local employment opportunities exclusively available to residents of the borough.

The 2500th successful applicant is Zohra from Battersea who has got a job with Boots Beauty in Electric Boulevard, Battersea Power Station.

She was supported by the Work Match team embedded within Battersea Power Station's Battersea Academy for Skills & Employment (BASE) programme, a partnership which has successfully placed Wandsworth residents into a wide range of brand-new jobs created across the development since 2016.

Zohra said: "What I wanted was to change my life with a job. I feel much better mentally, and I really like my job. I am busy all the time and it's ten minute walk from my home. The Work Match team at BASE listened to me, understood me, and gave me that chance. It is like they changed my life completely to be honest."

To find out how Wandsworth Work Match can help you

Call (020) 8871 5191 Email [wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk)

Visit [wandsworthworkmatch.org](http://wandsworthworkmatch.org)

Work Match is holding monthly pop-up information sessions in Battersea about jobs available locally in the construction industry – including for people who have never worked in construction before. The sessions will be at the ROSE Community Clubroom (10am-1pm) on April 17 and June 12, and at Cromwell House community centre (2pm-4pm) on March 20, April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, May 29 and June 12. To book a free slot email [paolo.buceti@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:paolo.buceti@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)



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Match



The Duchess took part in some chair-based exercises held to keep older people active.

# Royal visit celebrates KLS centenary

Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh visited the Katherine Low Settlement (KLS) to help the much-loved Battersea charity celebrate its 100th birthday this year.

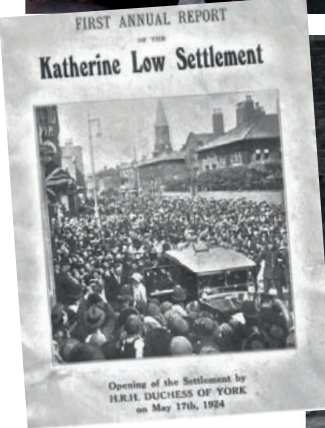
Since 1924 KLS has helped thousands of local people, and currently supports more than 500 vulnerable residents each week including the elderly, children, young people and their families and refugees.

The council commissions services from KLS, including English for Speakers of Other Languages lessons and two services for older people: Age Well Battersea to increase physical fitness and reduce isolation and Tech Up to teach digital skills to help independence. Other services include a weekly LGBTQ Club and maths, IT and English classes for speakers of other languages.

A series of events will be held throughout the year, starting with a Street Party Extravaganza on May 18 (see page 26) The KLS building is also 100 years old and a £200,000 appeal has been launched to make it more accessible, sustainable and welcoming. **Find out more at [klssettlement.org.uk/kls100/](http://klssettlement.org.uk/kls100/)**



The Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Juliana Annan, and Deputy Council Leader Kemi Akinola were among those welcoming the Duchess.



KLS was opened by the late Queen Mother, as Duchess of York, in 1924 and Her Majesty returned to the Settlement in 1964 to mark its 40th Anniversary.





Bob Marley played football in Battersea Park



The marble hall landing at Wandsworth Town Hall stood in for a court in Mr Bates vs the Post Office

## Wandsworth's the star!

Eagle-eyed film and TV viewers can spot the borough as a key location in a string of recent and upcoming productions.

The town hall itself was a key location in the recently acclaimed TV drama *Mr Bates vs The Post Office*, with the pivotal scene surrounding the court case shot in the marble hall

Wandsworth Park features in the biopic *'Bob Marley One Love'* in recognition of the fact that the legendary reggae singer used to regularly play football in the park with his band *The Wailers* and also go running there.

Later this spring *'Back to Black'* – the new Amy Winehouse biopic – will include scenes shot inside the *Clapham Grand* in St John's Hill, while series five of popular crime drama *Unforgotten* captured a number of scenes at the Town Hall, including the rear of the building which appeared as a police station. *'Unforgotten'*, will be returning to Wandsworth Town Hall shortly to film several scenes for series six.

Wandsworth has long been a favourite filming location with Battersea Park a particularly popular choice for filmmakers, appearing in numerous feature films, TV dramas, adverts and publicity shoots.

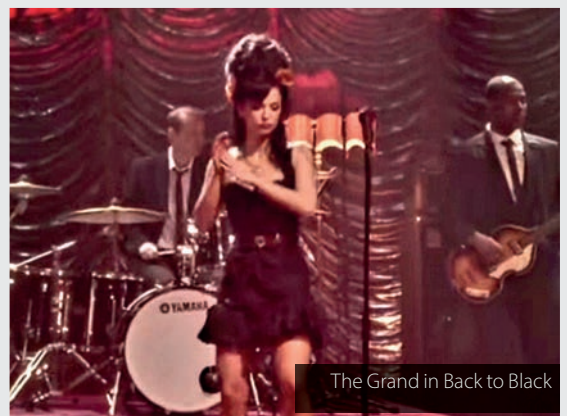
The borough has also been chosen as the location for a number of popular dramas including *24*, *Killing Eve*, *The Bodyguard* and *The Crown*.

The borough's film office is based in Battersea Park and managed day-to-day by the council's leisure and culture partner *Enable*.

Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/film](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/film)



In *Unforgotten*, the town hall turns into Bishop Street Police Station



The Grand in *Back to Black*

WANDSWORTH

# Heritage FESTIVAL

MAY 18

JUNE 9

2024

**Celebrate the borough's history, with a focus this year on health and wellbeing in Wandsworth's past and present.**

Highlights include walks, talks and archive tours, including encounters with the dead in cemetery walks, tutored beer tastings in Ram Street, finding folklore in flora and fauna and the untold histories of local hospitals.

The festival is organised by the Wandsworth Heritage Service, with the support of contributors from local groups and societies who share their enthusiasm, knowledge, and time.

For updates follow [@Better\\_WHS](#) on X (twitter)



A child health clinic in 1972,



Nurses at Tooting Bec Hospital

Top: An anti-vivisection ad.

Middle: A public health inspector takes a milk sample in 1936

Bottom: Runners at Mayfield School, c1980s



# Get ready for Wandsworth Arts Fringe

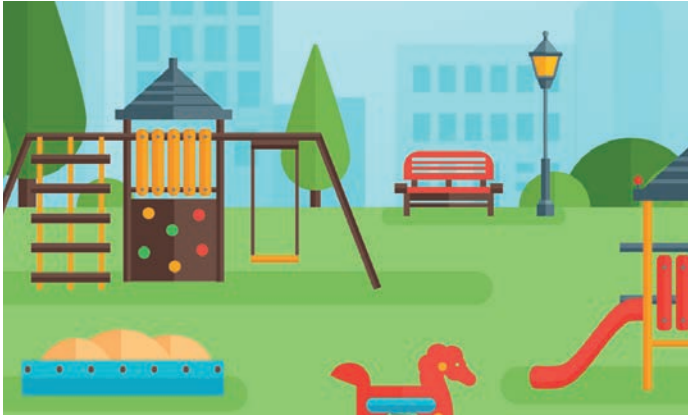
WAF is back this June for its 15th year, with an eclectic programme of arts, music, dance, theatre, comedy, film, circus and street performance.

WAF is Wandsworth Council's flagship arts festival bringing together hundreds of artists for performances at venues all over the borough. Tickets are affordable for everyone, and refugees and recently displaced people can get free tickets.

You can see the full programme and buy tickets from April 24. Visit [wandsworthfringe.com](http://wandsworthfringe.com) to find out about projects that have received a council grant to take part. They include works exploring mental health, Wandsworth's migrant community, projects bringing communities together including the return of Furzedown Pridestravaganza, and family fun including the Grow Roehampton Street Band and Hazelfest.







# Better play

**We want to know what you think about local play facilities so that we can improve them.**

The new Play Strategy for the whole borough will be based on the views of parents, young people and anyone who uses parks and playgrounds.

Tell us if there are gaps in what we provide, or about any barriers to using facilities. We want as many voices as possible to help shape

the strategy. Answers are anonymous but if you want to talk to someone in more depth you can email [csdcommunications@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:csdcommunications@wandsworth.gov.uk)



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# CYCLE TRAINING

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Find out about FREE half term cycle training for children

Find out more about cycle training courses call [\(020\) 8871 6677](tel:020388716677) or visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/roadsafety](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roadsafety)

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RUBELLA

Measles is circulating, it is serious, very infectious and can cause complications.

Especially for those with a weakened immune system, babies under one year and pregnant women.

You need **two doses of MMR vaccine** to protect you, see your **GP practice** to make an appointment.

It is never too late to have your MMR.

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the safest way to protect your child



# WHAT'S ON?

## KLS Street Party Extravaganza

May 18, 2pm-5pm

Enjoy an afternoon of fun to celebrate the Katherine Low Settlement's centenary year, including children's games, world food, music and performances from KLS groups and an exhibition on the history of Battersea exhibition. Free, and everyone is welcome.

Email [info@klssettlement.org.uk](mailto:info@klssettlement.org.uk) for details or if you want to volunteer to help set up.

## Silver Living Coffee Morning

Every Monday, 11am-12.30pm

Join other active older people – just drop in. Silver Living is searching for new members and also arranges weekly lunches and pubs visits plus monthly outings.

**Green Man Pub, Putney Heath.**

## Titled, to be announced

A new exhibition by Irish artist Frank Wasser at Wandsworth's new gallery. Wasser asks questions about art education, exhibitions and research, and will be present during the exhibition, engaging directly with the visitors.

**Steam Works Gallery, WIP Space Studios, Wentworth House, Dormay Street.**

[wipspace.co.uk](http://wipspace.co.uk)

## Weaving Out Waste

April 18-May 8

View the work of Year 4 and 5 children from up to 40 local primary schools who have created a collaborative piece of art exploring the impact of textile waste on the planet.

**Southside Shopping Centre, Wandsworth**

## The Balloon Girls of Tooting Common

April 20, 2pm

A guided walk to explore World War Two locations and the site of the barrage balloon on Tooting Common that WAAFs maintained.

[summerstown182.wordpress.com](http://summerstown182.wordpress.com)



## WSIN

Until March 24

Richard Grayson explores weird stuff in nature in this exhibition of new works.

**Matt's Gallery, Nine Elms**  
[mattsgallery.org](http://mattsgallery.org)

## Scandaltown

March 19-23

A modern take on Restoration comedy holding a mirror up to our time.

**Putney Arts Theatre**  
[putneyartstheatre.org.uk](http://putneyartstheatre.org.uk)



## Women's Enterprise Day

March 20, 9am-4pm

An annual celebration of female entrepreneurship including a panel discussion, motivational talks, workshops, an interview with fashion designer and retail pioneer Karen Millen OBE, and a networking lunch.

**The Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane**  
Book tickets at [wandsworthenterprisecentre.com](http://wandsworthenterprisecentre.com)



## Meditation Class

March 18 and 25 and April 8, 6.30pm

Free drop-in meditation classes for beginners

**Battersea Library**

## Saturday Workshops

April 20-July 13

Saturday Short Film Crew. Make a short drama working with professional filmmakers. For ages 12-15. £5 per session

April 20-July 13

Saturday Animation Crew. Create a stop motion animation. For ages 8-11. £5 per session.

**Nine Elms Studio, 66 Ponton Road.**

Register at [chocolatefilmsworkshops.couk/joinaworkshop](http://chocolatefilmsworkshops.couk/joinaworkshop)

## The Boat Race

March 30

Watch Oxford and Cambridge battle it out from the start point in Putney, and visit a food, drink and craft fair from Positively Putney in Church Square.

[positivelyputney.co.uk](http://positivelyputney.co.uk)

## Movement

April 15-May 3

A new photography exhibition from students at the Putney School of art and Design. All welcome.

**PSAD, 46 Oxford Road.**

## The Memory of Water

April 24-27

Shelagh Stephenson's award-winning comedy performed by the New Stagers

**St Anne's Church Hall, Wandsworth**

[Newstagers.co.uk](http://Newstagers.co.uk)

## Poetry Hour

Every Tuesday, 6pm-7pm

Read a favourite poem, share one of your own or just sit and listen.

**Battersea Park Library**

309 Battersea Park Road

## Get Set Go

April 23, noon-5pm

A free event for parents, carers, families, schools and young people with special educational needs and disabilities to find out about support to prepare for adulthood.

[fis.wandsworth.gov.uk](http://fis.wandsworth.gov.uk)



## Art competition

The fountain in Coronations Gardens in Southfields is being restored. All artists in Putney are invited to help design the restoration as part of a competition organised by the Putney School of Art and Design, the Friends of Coronation Gardens, the council and Enable.

[psadfriends.org.uk](http://psadfriends.org.uk)



## Big Finish

March 14-27

Figs in Wigs return to the Battersea Arts Centre with a blend of live art, comedy and dance.

**Battersea Arts Centre**

[bac.org.uk](http://bac.org.uk)

**Battersea Park**  
*in Concert*  
AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY 2024

**A LONG SUMMER'S WEEKEND OF OPEN-AIR PICNIC CONCERTS**

**SATURDAY 24 AUGUST**  
**Proms in the Park**  
WITH THE  
**ROYAL PHILHARMONIC CONCERT ORCHESTRA**

**SUNDAY 25 AUGUST**  
**A Night at the Musicals**  
WITH THE  
**ROYAL PHILHARMONIC CONCERT ORCHESTRA**

**MONDAY 26 AUGUST**  
**Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra**  
WITH AN AFTERNOON OF LIVE JAZZ FEATURING  
**PAUL SIMON'S GRACELAND**  
RE-IMAGINED BY THE  
**LONDON AFRICAN GOSPEL CHOIR**  
& MANY MORE



**March For Men**  
June 2

Join Prostate Cancer UK's March for Men at Battersea Park on Sunday, June 2nd and walk side-by-side with your local community to help fund lifesaving prostate cancer research.

Sign up now at: [prostatecanceruk.org/M4M-Battersea](http://prostatecanceruk.org/M4M-Battersea)

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**CHANNA MASALA**  
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Get a bag of food and recipes delivered free to your door and together we'll be cooking 3 delicious dishes!

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**Bags of Taste**

Wandsworth families can learn how to cook nutritious, tasty, low-cost meals. You will receive a free bag of ingredients then be mentored via phone or WhatsApp while you cook in your own time.

[bagssoftaste.org](http://bagssoftaste.org)

**Easter Art Courses**

Poetry, life drawing and ceramics plus digital courses such as photography and digital design at the Putney School of Art and Design. The popular Sip and Spin also returns – enjoy a bucks fizz on arrival to get in the pottery-making mood.

[psad.org.uk](http://psad.org.uk)

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# Wandsworth Pest Control Services



## About us

Wandsworth Council provides a comprehensive Pest Control Service tailored for both residents and businesses within the borough.

Our expert team is equipped to handle treatments for a wide range of pests, including Rats, Mice, Cockroaches, Tropical and Garden Ants, Wasps, Bed Bugs, Fleas, Clothes Moths, Carpet Beetles and Squirrels. We extend our services to both domestic and commercial premises as well as open spaces.

Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk](http://wandsworth.gov.uk) to find out more about our residents' fees and available discounts.

Commercial pricing inquiries or requests for a quote on an annual contract, entailing 12 visits a year, can be directed to [pestcontrol@merton.gov.uk](mailto:pestcontrol@merton.gov.uk) please quote reference Pest2024.

## Contact us

020 8871 6127



## Doing it online

Using our website helps keep your council tax bills low

### Report a waste problem

wandsworth.gov.uk/waste

### Request a housing repair

wandsworth.gov.uk/housingonline

### Search planning applications

wandsworth.gov.uk/planningregister

### Report a street problem

wandsworth.gov.uk/streets

### Apply for a school place

eadmissions.org.uk

### Book an MOT

wandsworth.gov.uk/MOT

### Report noise and nuisances

wandsworth.gov.uk/noise

### Apply or renew a parking permit

wandsworth.gov.uk/parkingpermits

### Report graffiti for removal

wandsworth.gov.uk/graffiti

### Report an abandoned vehicle

wandsworth.gov.uk/abandonedvehicles

### Tell us if you are moving in or out of Wandsworth

wandsworth.gov.uk/MIMO

### Enquire about your housing options

wandsworth.gov.uk/housingoptions

## Pay it online

It's now easier to pay online at [wandsworth.gov.uk/payments](https://wandsworth.gov.uk/payments)

### Pay your council tax

wandsworth.gov.uk/paycounciltax

### Pay a parking fine

wandsworth.gov.uk/parking/payment

### Pay your rent

wandsworth.gov.uk/rents

### Pay for a marriage or civil partnership ceremony

wandsworth.gov.uk/ceremonypayment

### Pay your business rates

wandsworth.gov.uk/paybusinessrates

### Pay a waste or littering penalty

wandsworth.gov.uk/waste-enforcement

## Talk to us online

weekly e-newsletter

[wandsworth.gov.uk/enews](https://wandsworth.gov.uk/enews)



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[instagram.com/wandsworth\\_council](https://instagram.com/wandsworth_council)

## Other contacts at the council

### Adult Social Services

(020) 8871 7707

### Births, Deaths, Marriages and Voting Hotline

(020) 8871 6120

### Early Years and Childcare Hotline including Family Information Service and After School and Holiday Play Centre bookings

(020) 8871 7899

### Environmental Services including noise, pest control, private housing and licensing

(020) 8871 6127

### Finance Hotline including benefits, council tax, rents and business rates

(020) 8871 8081

### Housing Hotline including housing management and repairs, service charges, home ownership, homelessness and housing advice

(020) 8871 6161

### Parking and Streets Hotline including concessionary travel, blue badges, MOTs, highways and skip licensing and bay suspensions

(020) 8871 8871

### Planning and Building Control hotline including Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), land searches and street naming and numbering

(020) 8871 7620

### Schools and Admissions

(020) 8871 7316

### Waste Hotline including rubbish, recycling and litter

(020) 8871 8558

## My Account

Create an account and you will only have to sign in once to access the main council services.

[wandsworth.gov.uk/myaccount](https://wandsworth.gov.uk/myaccount)

# £1,000 ULEZ vehicle grant

Have you recently  
changed to a ULEZ  
compliant vehicle?

You might be eligible for  
a £1,000 payment from  
Wandsworth Council.

For more information and  
to apply for the grant.



Scan the QR code or visit  
[wandsworth.gov.uk/ulez-  
financial-assistance-scheme](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/ulez-financial-assistance-scheme)

