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Picture perfect

To celebrate Love Parks Week, we invited readers of our weekly newsletter Brightside Online to submit pictures of their favourite Wandsworth Park.



Thanks to everyone who took part.
Here are some of our favourites.
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Tooting Common at sunset
by Dan **Stephens**



King George's Park by
Dr Ruth **Farrugia**



Battersea Park
by Catherine Page



A view from Wandsworth Park
by Nick Gibbons



Wandsworth Common in the autumn
by Caroline Clark

We're with you this winter

Winter is coming, and here are some of the ways the council can help you if you're struggling with your money or health.

Community Spaces

A network of places will be open across the borough from November where people can keep warm, enjoy activities and get free hot drinks and in some cases food. It includes children's centres, all libraries and other venues such as churches and community centres. Find your nearest at wandsworth.gov.uk/community-spaces

Warm Home Packs

The successful Warm Home Packs scheme has been expanded to reach more households and help people save more money this year. People living in energy-inefficient homes with a household income of less than £40,000 a year can get a pack containing LED light bulbs, radiator foil, and draught-excluding tape, and can arrange a home visit to see if additional measures can be installed in their homes to save more money. If you are eligible, you will receive a letter.

Healthy Homes check-ups

Contact our partners at Thinking Works to help keep warm and well this winter. The service is free for people who have low incomes, young children, are over 65 or who have a long-term health condition or disability. Find out more at thinkingworks.co.uk/wandsworth-wrap



Chantelle's Community Kitchen, seen here at the Alton Big Day Out, serves more than 270 hot meals a week in Roehampton. Last winter 67 Community Spaces together provided more than 2,000 hot meals.

Claim what you are entitled to

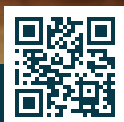
Make sure you don't miss out on any benefits – you can use our benefits calculator to find out what you could claim.

Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/hub Families can also get support through free school meals, uniform grants and free school breakfasts. Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/fis

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call: 0808 175 3339





Judi Gasser cuts the ribbon

Padel comes to King George's Park

Two new floodlit Padel courts have been installed in King George's Park, with concessions for eligible residents.

Cabinet Member for Environment Judi Gasser said: "These courts will give people a chance to try out this exciting sport, have fun and get fit and healthy."

Eligible adults including people on means tested benefits, refugees and asylum seekers will be able to play for free every day, between 1pm and 3pm. They will be able to join as a concession Member Plus to get further benefits and a discount at other times.

There will be free access for local schools, funded places for eligible children on free school meals and free play for children under 18 between 3pm and 5pm on weekdays plus a weekly women-only discounted session and a weekly safe and inclusive LGBTQ session.

What is Access for All?

Access for All makes sure everyone can enjoy the opportunities Wandsworth has to offer.

The scheme will help tackle disparities in access to sports, leisure, and other essential services, ensuring Wandsworth becomes a fairer borough for everyone. To see if you are eligible and what else is on offer visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/access-for-all](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/access-for-all)



Traditional methods are being used on a rewilding project to improve grasslands and biodiversity in borough parks. Here heavy horses are helping to pull mowers in King George's Park.

This method reduces the nutrient levels in the soil, which is essential for establishing wildflower meadows, and the horses' hooves create small gaps in the grass, helping wildflower seeds to take root more effectively. This autumn will see the creation of stag beetle loggeries in the park's woodland areas to enhance the habitats further.

The rewilding scheme is being managed on behalf of the council by Enable with funding from the London Wildlife Trust.



Bringing faiths together

The Wandsworth Interfaith Forum has started meeting again to find shared responses to local issues.

Leader of the Council Simon Hogg brought the forum back to help ensure a cohesive community where all voices are heard and everyone can access services and support, building on work to make the borough fairer and more compassionate.

At its most recent meeting last month it discussed Wandsworth's new status as Borough of Sanctuary, and how the borough can celebrate its diversity and support refugees and asylum seekers.

"Simon Hogg said: The Wandsworth Interfaith Forum is a great example of solidarity between the council, the police, faith groups and refugees, and our commitment to work together."

Wandsworth is also a finalist in the Public Sector Organisation of the year in the UK Social Mobility Awards for its work to create



The Forum with Simon Hogg and Mayor of Wandsworth Sana Jafri

a fairer borough, including its Access for All scheme, Homes for Wandsworth programme, Cost of Living support and decision to make socio-economic class a protected characteristic under the Equality Act.

Find out about Wandsworth as a Borough of Sanctuary at wandsworth.gov.uk/borough-of-sanctuary.



Ayden Dikerdem

Positive work begins on new council homes

Wandsworth Council is aiming to deliver over 1,000 new council rent homes across the borough.

These include homes for older residents looking to downsize, bigger family homes for those currently in overcrowded accommodation, wheelchair accessible homes, and homes for those with additional needs.

We have started work on two new projects as part of the Homes for Wandsworth programme. The Platt Estates and Putney Vale developments will deliver 26 new homes.

All of the homes in the programme are built to be as efficient as possible from the outset – ensuring minimal environmental impact and that residents’ bills remain low.

Each site will also bring forward landscape and environmental improvements including bicycle storage facilities, improvements to refuse collection and, as part of the Platt Estates project, a new children’s play area.

Ayden Dikerdem, Cabinet Member for Housing, visited the sites to officially launch each project. He said:

“We are building new council rent homes across the borough and small sites like this are a vital part of the Homes for Wandsworth programme, delivering quality homes on compact plots of land. Every new home built is a fresh start for a family and helps to reduce council housing waiting lists.

“Not only that, but every development will also deliver improvements to the local area with, for example, new landscaping, play areas and community facilities.”



Wandsworth's Decade of Renewal

■ Delivering a Decade of Renewal is our pledge to build a new Wandsworth that improves local pride in our streets and neighbourhoods and puts the power in the hands of local people – not developers.

Here are some of the latest initiatives.

Better roads and pavements

More roads and pavements are due to be improved as part of the 10-year improvement programme.

Funding has been doubled using money from property developers.

This winter work is scheduled to take place in Garratt Lane, Windmill Road, Longley Road, Beechcroft Road, Earlsfield Road and Hope Street.

Parking for e-bikes

Dedicated bays are being installed to prevent electric bikes and scooters cluttering up pavements. Once installed, it will be compulsory to use them.

111 bays have already been put in busy town centre locations, and the council is now finalising plans for a further 60 across the borough following a consultation this summer with local people.

More Old York Road improvements

The final phase of the improvement of Old York Road, Wandsworth has started. Work is expected to last until May, with a pause over the Christmas period.

There will be better sightlines for pedestrians and cyclists and sustainable in-ground planting to replace the existing planters.

Network Rail is also set to carry out significant work at Wandsworth Town Station in 2025, including new lifts.



Help choose design for bridge revamp

A competition has challenged the best artists, architects and designers to revitalise and renew Falcon Road railway bridge. Shortlisted designs will be displayed at an exhibition in November and the public can tell us about their favourite – keep an eye on wandsworth.gov.uk for details.

The winning design will transform the gloomy 100m-long tunnel under the Clapham Junction bridge. The installation will coincide with Wandsworth's year as London Borough of Culture 2025.

Council leader Simon Hogg said: "As part of our decade of renewal we're excited to use funds we've collected from local property developers to finally get the bridge transformed into a striking landmark as well as a better and safer route for everyone who uses it."



Simon Hogg and Councillor Jenny Yates try the free university bus.

Free bus services for Roehampton

Two new, free bus services now connect Roehampton to Putney, Barnes and Battersea.

The Roehampton University shuttle bus operates every 15 minutes during term times and is now free for the public to board at designated TfL bus stops.

The Roehampton Transport Club minibus must be booked in advance and provides a door-to-door service around the borough for those who have difficulty in using public transport.

As well as part-funding these services, the council is lobbying Transport for London for further improvements to local bus routes.

Book your place on the free minibus at wandsworth.gov.uk/roehampton-transport-club



Leader gives Alton update

At a recent community drop-in event at the Alton Estate, Leader of the Council Simon Hogg updated residents about improvements and investment.

He launched the Alton Renewal Plan which sets out how the council will work with residents, community organisations, businesses and local stakeholders to help this part of Wandsworth thrive.

Simon Hogg said: "Residents will continue to see better local facilities coming forward as part of a whole area improvement package, ahead of a local ballot on our proposal to deliver new homes."

The Leader's drop-ins take council services and key local leaders into the heart of communities so people can get advice and ask questions. Find out more about the series of events at wandsworth.gov.uk/here-to-listen



Alton
RENEWAL PLAN

MEGA SKIP DAY



“ Mega Skip Days are part of our Cleaner Borough plan to make it easier and safer for local people to do the right thing. ”



Cabinet member for Environment Judi Gasser

Have you used our Mega Skips?

We're holding Mega Skip Days twice a month across the borough to help people get rid of their bulky waste.

The huge skips are put at different locations each time depending on need and are completely free for Wandsworth residents to use. They are held on Saturday mornings and you can put up to six items in each time.

Figures show the popular skips have helped lead to a 16 per cent reduction in fly-tipping. Other action taken by the council to tackle fly-tipping includes tougher enforcement action and higher fines.

Cabinet member for Environment Judi Gasser said: "We know that Mega Skips work - they are convenient for residents, make disposing of household items accessible and are free for everyone to use.

"Mega Skip Days are part of our Cleaner Borough plan to make it easier and safer for local people to do the right thing."

The next Mega Skip Days are on October 12, October 26 and November 16.

■ Find out where they are and what you can put in them at wandsworth.gov.uk/mega-skip-days

Check out the new look library

Putney Library has had a major revamp to celebrate its 125th anniversary.

Improvements include a bright, refurbished children's library, a Start-Up Wandsworth co-working space, a quiet study area, and a cafe-style reception where you can relax with a coffee.

Judi Gasser, Wandsworth's Cabinet Member responsible for libraries said: "Wandsworth libraries have a record of being some of the best used in the country, and usage is only going up – so residents deserve to be repaid with the best possible facilities.

"We want to make sure that as a council, we're creating a fairer borough for everyone by investing in our libraries and creating the community hubs our residents need."

Wandsworth has 11 libraries – find your nearest at wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries





“ I love the library because you can see what books you want online and they'll get the books for you. It's a great meeting place for the knitting group that my son runs - it's a good hub, a good place to meet. ”

Jean Wynn
pictured below





Driving change for rough sleepers

Rough sleepers can get everything from haircuts to housing advice on the new Driving for Change bus.

The bus offers mobile services, including health check-ups, vaccinations, a dentist and support with drug and alcohol issues, and has experts from different services on hand to offer advice.

People can also pick up useful products, such as toothpaste and soap, and charge their mobile phone.

After a successful six-month pilot the contract for the service has been renewed for a further six months. Since the launch, the bus has had one of the most successful uptakes in London, averaging around eight guests per day with almost 100 dental visits.

Cabinet Member for Housing Ayden Dickerdem said: "Engaging with rough sleepers can be a challenging process for a number of reasons. The Driving for Change bus is offering essential services that enables us to create a relationship with people that may not have wanted to engage with us before. This is a vital piece of work that helps us to create a fairer and more compassionate borough for all."

Wandsworth is committed to being a trailblazer for the Mayor of London's ambition to end rough sleeping by 2030. Other actions set out in our Housing and Homelessness Strategy include:

- Plans for a hub in Clapham Junction to bring services together under one roof
- Building more homes to reduce reliance on temporary accommodation
- Prevent homelessness by strengthening tenants' rights and providing help at an early stage for people at risk of homelessness
- Employing more full-time staff dedicated to preventing homelessness

To read more scan the QR code.





Mayor Sana Jafri and Aydin Dikerdem at an event to celebrate the success of the bus



Services include haircuts

Steve's story

'Steve' (not his real name, not pictured) had a skin rash and issues with his gums but without a GP he was unable to get a prescription.

He has also struggled with alcohol and drug addiction and had been street homeless for more than nine months.

On the bus he spoke to the drug support worker and a dental nurse and an appointment was arranged for him to meet with a worker at homelessness outreach organisation SPEAR. He was also given information about a barista training programme. He has since moved out of London to be closer to family and prioritise his recovery.

CLIMATE ACTION MICROGRANT

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Apply now for a climate grant

The final 2024 deadlines to apply for a Climate Action Microgrant are **October 25** and **November 22**.

Climate Action Microgrants help fund events, activities and initiatives to promote positive action around climate change and sustainability. They are available to individuals, schools, groups and non-profits.

Find out more at [wandsworth.gov.uk/climate-action-microgrants](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/climate-action-microgrants)



Air pollution continues to fall

Recent data shows a further drop in levels of the dangerous pollutant Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) across the borough.

NO₂ gases are primarily produced by combustion engines (such as those in cars) and fossil fuel heating systems used in homes and businesses.

Cabinet member for Environment Judi Gasser said: "I'm very pleased to see that the air quality in Wandsworth continues to improve; however, we cannot be complacent, and we must take steps to comply with our ambitious local air quality objectives. Much of this progress is due to our efforts to listen to our residents and implement their ideas.

"The council is just part of the solution—we will continue to take bold actions to ensure our community's children can grow up breathing clean air."

In response to feedback from residents the council has installed two more air quality monitors in Thessaly Road and Putney High Street.

Wandsworth is committed to improving air quality, addressing areas where pollutants exceed objectives, and working with the community to reduce pollutants and their health impacts. It has set targets to become a Carbon Neutral Council by 2030 and a Net Zero Borough by 2043.



Some of the events held as part of the council's Sustainable September festival received grant funding. Sustainable September events included the Balham Libraries Asian Communities Climate Awareness Fair and Creation Care Sunday at St Mark's, Battersea.

London Borough of Culture promises to empower local voices



Excitement is building as plans for The Mayor of London's London Borough of Culture (LBoC) take shape. With lots of events and activities in the pipeline, the official programme will be unveiled in early 2025, and it promises to be a celebration like no other.

Working closely with our partners, we're committed to crafting an unforgettable experience that reflects the heart and soul of our community. Our year will supercharge our health and happiness. It will open doors for our residents and help people find creative careers. We want it to be a catalyst for change so that creativity is recognised for its power to improve our health.

One of our main goals is to empower local voices, particularly those that often go unheard. To achieve this, we're establishing local champion groups composed of residents who will help shape the events and activities, ensuring that this celebration represents you and our community.

We are thrilled to announce that funding will be opening from this Autumn to support the development of your creative projects. Grants covering Wandsworth Arts Fringe (WAF), and the Wandsworth Heritage Festival are currently open until 30 October. These funds will support creative projects that showcase the rich culture and heritage of our borough as part of our annual festival in June 2025. For more information on how to access these grants, please visit wandsworthfringe.com/get-involved/grants.

We will be launching our London Borough of Culture website this November. This will be your go-to hub for all the latest updates, event announcements, and ways to get involved. wandsworthart.com

Rebekah at Sounds Minds
Photo: Tasha Best



London Borough of Culture is not just an event; it's a movement created by you, for you.

Image: Ed Miller/Netflix



Emmy Awards for Putney-based show



A Netflix show supported by the council's filming office has scored a haul of Emmys at this year's awards.

In 2022 and 2023, Wandsworth Council's Film Office worked with production company Clerkenwell Films on the smash-hit show *Baby Reindeer*, based on a true story of a man's relationship with his stalker. Interior and exterior scenes were filmed at a house in Putney, including a famous shot of the stalker, Martha, sitting at a bus stop.

Wandsworth is a favourite filming location, and the Film Office supports film and television companies to encourage them to come here. The income received from filming helps fund town hall services and keep council tax bills low. It is estimated that for every pound received by the council, another two pounds is generated for the wider economy with local shops, restaurants and hospitality businesses the main beneficiaries.

Earlier this year London Mayor Sadiq Khan wrote a glowing letter of praise to Wandsworth Council's film unit for its support for the capital's hugely important film and TV industry. He said: "London is the third biggest city for filmmaking in the world and we have a reputation for being a film-friendly city. Your work helps us attract productions to the capital."

The borough's film office is based in Battersea Park and managed day-to-day by the council's leisure and culture contractor Enable, working in close partnership with a range of council departments.

Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/film

Wanted - friends

Battersea Befriending Network is looking for volunteers.

The voluntary befriending scheme help users of mental health services but it has a waiting list of people who need befrienders. Volunteers go through a careful recruitment and training process, ensuring they have the skills and confidence necessary before being matched.

To find out more email volunteering@batterseabefriending.org.uk or leave a message on 0759 990 6847



Help us add historical gems

As part of our year as London Borough of Culture 2025, Wandsworth wants to know what buildings and places local residents value the most.

The Wandsworth Local List is made up of buildings, structures and landscapes which are not listed at national level but are important to the people and communities of the borough.

The council wants the public to send in comments, information, historical photos and/or maps. These can be added to existing information about entries on the list, or could be the basis of nominations for new additions.

See what is already on the list and share your thoughts at wandsworthlocalist.commonplace.is



Keeping Wandsworth safe

Control Rooms with CCTV cameras monitoring Wandsworth



The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) has provided funding for projects in Wandsworth to tackle and prevent serious violence and keep Wandsworth the safest inner-London borough – especially for young people.

The **Wandsworth Robbery Fund** is for targeted outreach services in hotspot areas of the borough in the after-school hours between 3pm and 6pm.

The project is being run in close collaboration with the police, the council's children's services department and local community and voluntary groups. The aim is to reduce offending, support and engage young people at higher risk of becoming involved in violence and to boost awareness and community involvement.

The **Wandsworth MyEnds Fund** will grant organisations up to £10,000 to deliver projects to tackle serious violence in hotspot areas. Last year seven projects involved 472 people, including parents. To find out about submitting a bid email communitysafety@wandsworth.gov.uk



image: Nick Cornwall

Knife Amnesty Bins have been installed at St George's Hospital and Roehampton Library as part of a 12-month pilot scheme in collaboration with Word4Weapons. To find knife amnesty bin locations in London, scan the QR



Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/serious-violence



Share your views on healthcare

Healthwatch Wandsworth is an independent health and social care champion for local people. It will listen to what you like about services and what you think could be improved and then share your experiences with health and care decision makers.

The community has told Healthwatch it can be difficult to access healthcare services like the GP.

It is doing research to find out why. Call 0743 463 3745 or email information@healthwatchwandsworth.co.uk to share your experience.

You are also invited to the Healthwatch Wandsworth Assembly on 24th October. There's free food and music and a chance to contribute to a discussion on how people in Wandsworth can connect and prevent loneliness.

Search Healthwatch Wandsworth Assembly on Eventbrite.

Mental health support

Wandsworth Talking Therapies is a free NHS service to help people with common mental health problems like **depression** and anxiety. You will get an initial assessment, usually by **phone**, and then will be given the option of **different treatments or services** that could help.

You can refer yourself. Find out more at swlstg.nhs.uk/talking-therapies.



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BLACK HISTORY 365

Wandsworth is supporting Black History Month, and will continue to celebrate Black history and culture throughout the year as part of its Black History 365 programme.

A series of projects has been commissioned by the council's arts team, and there are events in libraries and run by local people. Highlights this month include

The Reclaimed Fashion Show (pictured) celebrating African textiles and sustainable fashion. October 26, Southside Shopping Centre.

Pointe Black Celebrates: Our Windrush Story – young ballerinas of Black heritage will perform at Southfield Academy on October 26 and November 2.

Windrush Adventures – an interactive show for four- to eight-year-olds. ROSE Community Clubroom on October 21 and Wandsworth Town Library October 24.

S.M.I.L.E-ing Boys – the popular photography exhibition can be seen at Southside throughout the month.

Library events include author visits, workshops, crafts and storytelling.

wandsworth.gov.uk/BH365

Applying for a place in a Wandsworth School for September 2025?



Choose a Wandsworth Primary School

Closing date for applications for September 2025: **15 January 2025**



Choose a Wandsworth Secondary School

Closing date for applications for September 2025: **31 October 2024**

For further application information please visit
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions





Victorian waterfall to be renovated

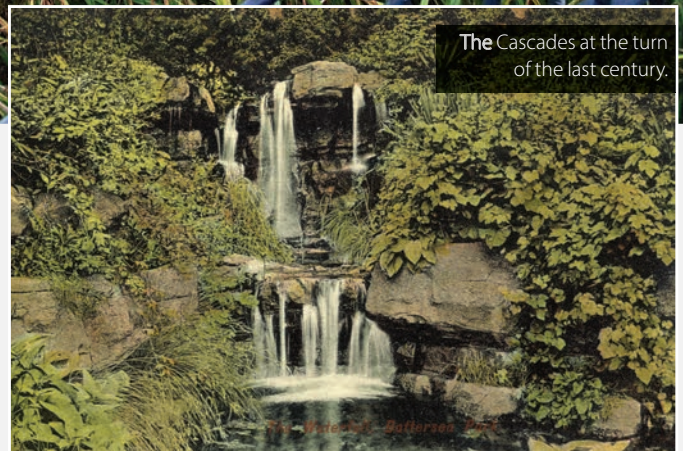
The Pulhamite Rockery and Cascades in Battersea Park are to flow again.

The renovation project will repair damage, reinstate power supplies, and reinvigorate heritage planting. The Cascades will be powered with clean energy.

Development funding of £654,757 has been awarded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund to help Wandsworth Council apply for a grant of £2,714,457 to complete the restoration.

The water feature that cascaded into the park's 10-acre boating lake, once a spectacle to be viewed from many perspectives, hasn't been fully operational in almost 100 years. The "Pulhamite Rockery and Cascades" are a rare collection of artificial rocks built in 1865 and designed by prominent garden landscaper James Pulham II. It was his first composition in a public London park, mimicking his work using his proprietary cement known as Pulhamite in royal and private gardens.

The waterfall was switched off between the World Wars. Extensive erosion and trespass saw the feature fall into disrepair, with attempts at repair in the 1980s creating further damage. The



National Lottery Heritage Fund's generous grant will prevent further degradation by completing the investigations, trials and designs needed to restore and future-proof the waterfalls for generations to come.

The Heritage Fund project will pull together a range of experts to repair damaged rockwork, install modern water and power systems, and create lakeside habitats that combat the climate and ecological crises.

And the council will work with the Friends of Battersea Park, who have been fundamental in making this project a reality, and local voluntary community organisations to engage local people in the project.

Cabinet Member for Environment Judi Gasser said: "As London Borough of Culture for 2025, we are excited to explore new ways of powering key features in the park, engaging local people and safeguarding this unique waterfall for generations to come."

If you would like to register your interest in volunteering opportunities around this project, email batterseaheritage@enablelc.org

WHAT'S ON?



Battersea Park Fireworks

November 2 and 3

Enjoy one of London's most spectacular fireworks displays, including a grown-up Saturday with tickets available for an after-party and a family-friendly experience with an earlier start time on Sunday.

batterseaparkfireworks.com

Wandsworth Sustainability Network

October 9, 7pm

Hear from the council and speakers about climate change and network with other residents and businesses also passionate about sustainability.

Battersea Ironsides Sports Club, SW17
Search Wandsworth Sustainability Network on Eventbrite

Slowly Rolling Camera

October 17

A rare performance from leading jazz luminaries

World Heart Beat, Battersea
worldheartbeat.org

Meet the Artists

October 17

Online gallery BobCat is hosting a pop-up exhibition in the Putney Exchange. Free but booking is required.

ticketsource.co.uk/bobcat-gallery

Spooking Tooting

October 31

Take this ghostly guided walk from Summerstown 182 to find out about Tooting's dark past.

spookingtooting24.eventbrite.co.uk

St Luke's Church 150th Anniversary Weekend

November 14-17

Take part in the Annual Discussion on Thursday 14, go along to the Open Day on Saturday 16 and join the Service of Celebration on Sunday 17. The open day includes a talk and book signing by Gyles Brandreth, a flower festival, a gin testing and tours by local historian Timothy Walker.

Stlukeschurch.org.uk



Blowing Whistles

October 15-November 16

A funny and honest account of a modern gay lifestyle.

The Turbine Theatre, Nine Elms
theturbinetheatre.com

The Comedy Lab

October 18

A comedy night with host Sharlin Jahan and headliner Ahir Shah championing and celebrating underrepresented South Asian comedic voices.

taratheatre.com



Dr Bike

Get your bike a free safety check from a qualified mechanic with this council-funded scheme. No need to book – just turn up. Visit the website for upcoming dates and locations.

wandsworth.gov.uk/dr-bike



Junior Parkrun

Every Sunday, 9am

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds).

parkrun.org.uk/battersea-juniors



Giant Collage Workshops

Every Wednesday, 11.30am-3.30pm

Create something lovely out of things that would normally be thrown away. No skills needed and no need to book.

Woodfield Pavilion, Tooting
thewoodfield.org

Singing for the Brain

Every Wednesday, 3pm-4pm

People with dementia can come together and sing songs they know and love in a fun and friendly environment. No booking necessary.

Putney Library

Email putney.library@gll.org

WAF 2025

Wandsworth Arts Fringe returns next June, and established and emerging artists are invited to place expressions of interest and apply for grants. Next year Wandsworth will be London Borough of Culture, so WAF will be more high-profile than ever.

The deadline for grant applications is October 30 and the expressions of interest deadline is December 12.

Visit wandsworthfringe.com/take-part-in-waf

Brighter Living Fair

Until the end of this month, enjoy events across the borough aimed at helping adults find care and support services that promote healthy, safe and independent lifestyles.

Highlights include yoga, chair keep fit and aerobics, social groups for people aged 50+ with autism, tai chi, cooking, gardening, arts and crafts, nature walks and get-togethers.

See the full programme at wandsworth.gov.uk/brighter-living-fair



Loosing the Image

Until October 19

An exhibition of paintings by London-based artist Karolina Albricht.

JGM Gallery, Battersea

jmgallery.com



The Noel McKoy Tribute Celebration

November 27, 6pm

The late Noel McKoy was a well known musician and soul singer who often spoke of his love for Battersea. he sang with bands including McKoy, The James Taylor Quartet, The British Collective and had a successful solo career.

This annual concert celebrates and commemorates Noel and raises funds to support young people.

The Grand, Clapham Junction
claphamgrand.com

Tickets: DICE: <https://bit.ly/4ecmDug>
 EVENTBRITE: <https://bit.ly/3AVMecX>

This is a fundraising not-for-profit event.



TARA FILM CLUB

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EVERY WEDNESDAY | 7:30PM

Tara Film Club

Every Wednesday

Join a new weekly film club to see cult classics and world-class cinema including *Polite Society* directed by Nida Manzoor on October 16 and *Monkey Man* directed by Dev Patel on October 23.

taratheatre.com



Willie Doherty, Remnant

October 9-November 10

Black and white photographic prints, and a multi-channel 4K video by Willie Doherty, layered with an ambient soundtrack and a spoken word voiceover performed by Stephen Rea exploring how place, time and memory interact.

Matt's Gallery, Nine Elms mattsgallery.org

Time Travelling with the Jazz Queens

October 30, 6pm

Join vocalist, storyteller and educator Helen McDonald on an exploration of the greatest female jazz vocalists of the 20th century. Free.

Battersea Library

Christmas events

Festive town centre lights start switching on next month.

Here's where you can join the celebrations.

- **November 16** – Battersea. Lights switch-on and carol singing. 3.45pm, Battersea High Street.
- **November 22** – Northcote Road. Christmas celebration. 5pm, Abyssinia Close.
- **November 28** – Roehampton. Lights switch-on with live music. 3.30pm-4.30pm, corner of Danebury and Holybourne Avenues.
- **November 30** – Putney. Ice sculpture trail and lights switch-on. 5pm, Church Square.
- **November 30** – Wandsworth. All-day Christmas Festival plus lights switch-on at 4.30pm. Southside Shopping Centre and Ram Quarter.
- **December 1** – Balham. Lights switch-on. 5pm, Bedford Hill Place.
- **December 3** – Battersea. Community carols. 6.45pm, Battersea Square.
- **December 4** – Southfields. Lights switch-on. 5pm, Replingham Road.
- **December 5** – Tooting, Christmas Fair. 4pm-7pm, St Nicholas Church, Church Lane.
- **December 6** – Furzedown. Lights switch-on. 4pm, Junction of Mitcham Lane and Thrale Road.
- **December 6** – Bellevue Road. Lights switch-on and carol singing, 4.30pm.



Roehampton Community Shed

Every Wednesday, 11am-3pm

A weekly group for men and women over 60 to meet and work on practical projects such as furniture upcycling. **Email** shed@ageukwandsworth.org.uk

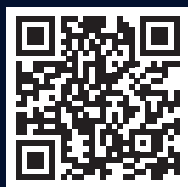


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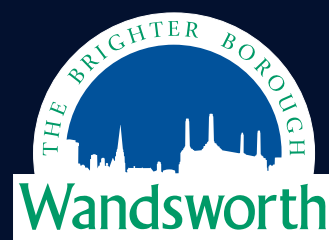
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Early Years and Childcare Hotline including Family Information Service and After School and Holiday Play Centre bookings

(020) 8871 7899

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(020) 8871 6127

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(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

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