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Hammersmith Bridge talks underway

THE COUNCIL IS FIGHTING TO MINIMISE THE IMPACT OF THE UNEXPECTED CLOSURE OF HAMMERSMITH BRIDGE.

The borough's transport chiefs have met with officials from Transport for London to ensure that traffic flows are managed and effective diversions put in place so that residents living on the approaches to Putney and Wandsworth Bridges do not bear the brunt.

The bridge was closed without warning by Hammersmith & Fulham Council citing safety concerns. The decision has caused

significant disruption on local roads and severe congestion on other river crossings – especially Putney and Chiswick Bridges.

Leader of Wandsworth Council Ravi Govindia said: "Local people are rightly asking questions about how this situation has come about, how the bridge's condition has been allowed to deteriorate to such a degree, and crucially, what Hammersmith & Fulham Council's plans are to get the bridge reopened.

"We will be doing everything we can to ensure the impact on our residents and businesses is minimised, but what really needs to happen is for Hammersmith & Fulham to get on with the job of fixing their bridge."



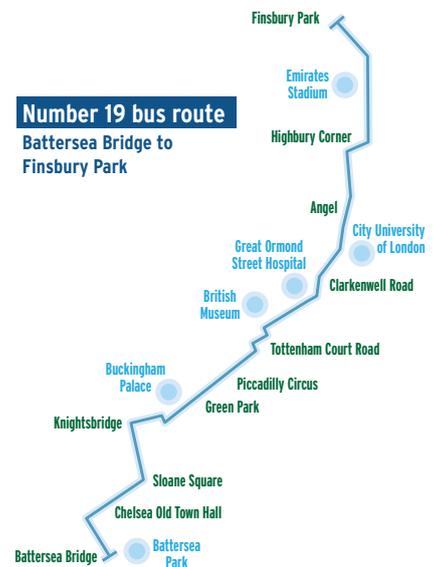
Popular bus route saved

A campaign to save the 19 bus has paid off – with Transport for London (TfL) confirming it will not shorten the vital route linking Battersea to central and north London following an outcry from the local community.

The council launched its campaign last autumn when TfL first published proposals to only run the bus from Finsbury Park to Holborn, where it would have terminated.

In February the council’s deputy leader Cllr Jonathan Cook presented a petition to TfL signed by more than 2,200 residents and businesses. He also wrote to TfL with the results of a survey carried out by the borough’s transport planners. This showed that passengers would need to change buses on 5,200 trips whereas previously their journey was direct – this is 18 per cent of all journeys taken on the route.

“I am delighted that TfL has seen sense and listened to the view of Wandsworth residents and businesses,” said Cllr Cook. “The 19 is a key route and local people were very concerned about losing it, especially because of the lack of transport options in the area and the expected increased demand due to new developments such as the Royal College of Art.”



Shortcut for cyclists

Cyclists can now take a convenient short cut along Roehampton High Street after a contraflow system was introduced.

People riding bicycles can now travel in both directions along this quiet one-way street, from its junction with Dover House Road to Roehampton Lane. The decision to introduce a cycling contraflow came after a positive response to a public consultation and successful pilot schemes in other parts of the borough.

The route will form part of Transport for London’s Quietway 21 (Q21) which links Wandsworth Common to Teddington. Additional signs and carriageway markings have been introduced along with a mandatory cycle lane on the approach to Roehampton Lane.

Contraflows are part of a wider council cycling strategy which also includes a review of the cycle route network, cycle parking and free training for adults and children. Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/cycling

GOING UP

Lifts are to be installed at Wandsworth Town and Battersea Park rail stations as part of a scheme to improve transport access for people with disabilities.

The council has long campaigned for improved step free access for passengers at both stations – especially those with disabilities but also other for other passengers who struggle to use staircases, such as those travelling with young children in buggies, or with heavy luggage or shopping.

The council is also working with Network Rail on a comprehensive package of improvements at Battersea Park Station, to cater for increased passenger numbers as more people move to Nine Elms alongside new businesses.

Take a seat for Nine Elms arts

A rich programme of arts and events is underway in Nine Elms this spring and summer with an exciting series of local and international artists, free performances and festivals.

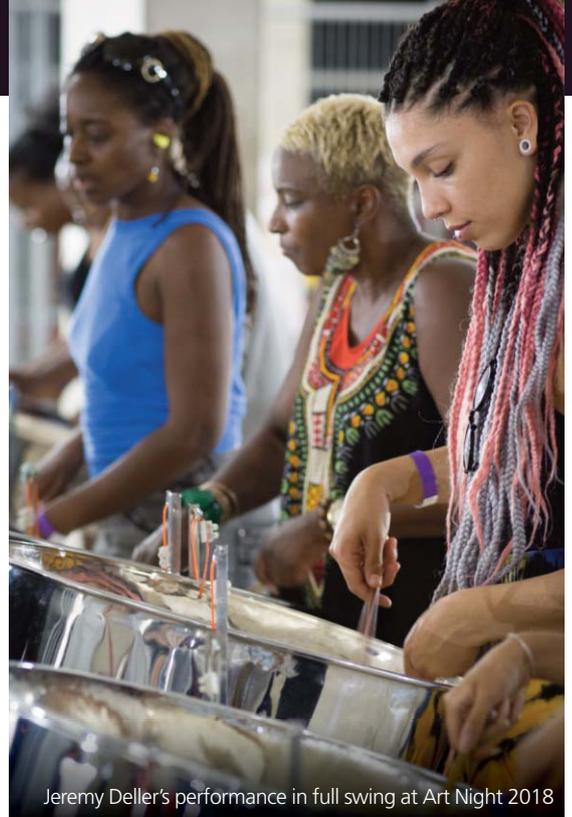
Audiences are enjoying a diverse range of more than 20 performances, art exhibitions and installations - from a walking boat sculpture at Battersea Power Station, to immersive one-person shows in a coffee shop, and a large-scale railway bridge redesign on Thessaly Road.

London designer Yinka Ilori is hosting art workshops for all ages and a solo exhibition in StudioRCA just off Nine Elms Lane, while transforming the railway underpass on Thessaly Road with a colourful 'Happy Street' design commissioned by Wandsworth Council during the London Festival of Architecture.

A free community festival on 13 July will celebrate the final transformation of the underpass. Outdoor performances, music, a friendly giant puppet and games for all ages will brighten up the area around Thessaly Road with themes of happiness and well-being.

Added to this, arts organisations moving into Nine Elms over the next year are fundraising to fit out their buildings. Matt's Gallery now have the keys to what will become a brand new contemporary art gallery opening in 2020 at The Residence on Ponton Road, SW8. A short distance away in Embassy Gardens, World Heart Beat Music Academy will bring concerts, music classes and workshops to Nine Elms.

As well as drawing families and local residents, the summer line-up is also set to attract visitors from across London – continuing Nine Elms' reputation for cultural activities after last year's popular Art Night which drew thousands of people to see art and performances across the area.



Jeremy Deller's performance in full swing at Art Night 2018



Designer Yinka Ilori colours in with children at London Craft Week



An artist's impression of new Matt's Gallery building



Yinka Ilori's Types of Happiness exhibition at StudioRCA, SW8



Check out cultural noticeboards on Nine Elms river path

Keep up to date with news and what's on in Nine Elms www.nineelmslondon.com
See the listings section for events this spring and summer p27.

WANDSWORTH ARTS FRINGE

WANDSWORTHARTSFRINGE.COM



Happy Birthday WAF

Wandsworth Council's flagship arts event, Wandsworth Arts Fringe, celebrated its tenth anniversary in style this month with more than 150 events spread across all 20 Wandsworth wards over two-and-a-half weeks.

As well as involving Wandsworth's industry-leading arts organisations – such as Battersea Arts Centre, Tara Theatre, Oily Cart, and ActionSpace – the festival celebrated the sheer quantity of creativity flourishing in Wandsworth's communities, bringing together schools, churches, community centres, and an impressive array of local businesses, with spoken word residencies taking place at barbers and hairdressers across the borough and a poetry tour visiting the Doddington and Rollo, Ashburton and Brocklebank estates.

Thanks to public funding received from the National Lottery through Arts Council England, #WAF10 also boasted a special highlights programme. Hidden Heathbrook – a Wandsworth Arts Fringe favourite - returned to Heathbrook Park, Dash Arts came to The Bedford in Balham for a fantastic day of comedy, film screenings, family workshops and a closing gig celebrated the exceptional European artists living and working in London.

If you'd like to be involved as WAF enters its second decade, keep an eye on wandsworthartsfringe.com.



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Help clean up the air

Wandsworth will once again be supporting Clean Air Day on June 20.

National Clean Air Day is about raising awareness of pollution issues, supporting people to reduce the amount of pollution they create and working together to improve air quality.

This year the council's clean air team will be at St George's Hospital, Tooting on June 19 and at Southside Shopping Centre, Wandsworth on June 20. Go along to ride a smoothie bike, pick up freebies and leaflets and find out how you can cut the amount of pollution you produce through simple measures such as not leaving car engines idling and avoiding wood burning stoves.

This is one of a range of measures taken by the council to reduce air pollution, including anti-idling campaigns, educational events in schools, working with local construction sites to reduce emissions, lobbying for cleaner buses and encouraging sustainable transport, including creating an extensive electric car charging infrastructure.

If you would like to help out at the Clean Air Day events, email environmentalprotection@wandsworth.gov.uk.



School streets come closer

A School Streets scheme could be introduced to close roads outside schools to traffic during drop-off and pick-up time.

The council is currently considering the practicality of the scheme at Penwortham, Hillbrook, Alderbrook, Earlsfield and Furzedown primaries. If the schools and parents back the scheme, there will be a wider consultation with local residents. If people support the scheme it could be introduced on a trial basis from September onwards.

Cabinet member for education and children's services Will Sweet

said: "We hope parents and local residents support this idea as we believe it will create a much safer and healthier environment for their children on their journeys to and from school."

Wandsworth already runs regular anti-idling events at schools, helps schools draw up travel plans to promote active, healthy, safe and sustainable travel, and runs free cycle training schemes for school pupils.

Find out more about school travel at wandsworth.gov.uk/schooltravel and about cycle training at wandsworth.gov.uk/cycletraining.

Bins get smart

Bins at 11 locations across Wandsworth have been replaced with smart bins, fitted with a sensor that alerts the council's waste team, in real time, when the bins are full. This means collection teams can focus on ones that need emptying.

If the 12-month pilot project is successful, it will help ensure Wandsworth's bins are emptied more efficiently.

Cabinet member for community services and open spaces Cllr Steffi Sutters said: "Monitoring rubbish levels in our bins will help us deliver a better service, reduce litter and help create an environment where residents are proud to live."

The council spends around £4m a year on its street cleaning service – all streets are swept at least once a week and busier streets are swept up to five times a day. There is also a rapid response team dealing with issues such as flytipping, dead animals and broken glass.

The trial is part of a range of measures being taken by the council to reduce litter and flytipping. It is planning to trial special bins that recycle chewing gum, and has launched the #MyWandsworth campaign to send a clear message that flytipping is unacceptable – find out more on pages 14-15.

Tommy Griffith, PEL UK, talking to Councillor Steffi Sutters about how the new smart bin technology will monitor waste levels in real time

More charging points

Another 220 electric vehicle sockets have been fitted to Wandsworth street lights.

They are part of a tie-in with electronics giant Siemens and leading EV charging provider ubitricity. The investment has been funded mainly via the Government's Go Ultra Low City Scheme (GULCS).

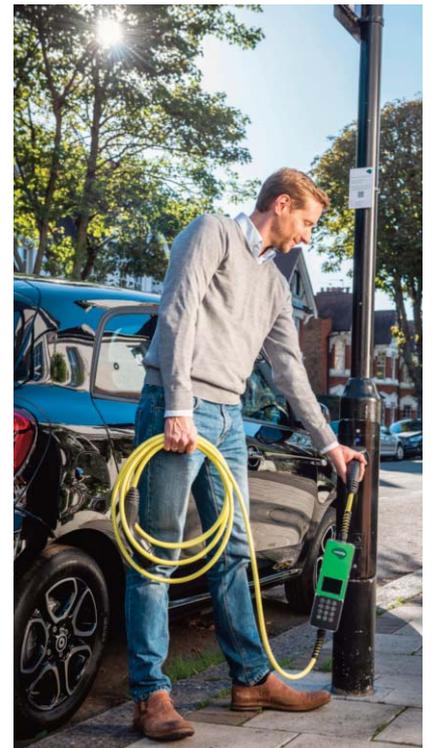
The council will also shortly begin the process installing another 350 charging plugs in every suitable lamp post inside two pilot zones in parts of Putney and Battersea immediately adjacent to the proposed extension of the Mayor's ultra low emission zone. If these two pilot zone schemes prove successful, it could see lamp post charging extended to other residential areas in Wandsworth.

This is in addition to around 200 charging points provided by Source London, with Wandsworth remaining on course to meet its target of delivering up to 900 on-street charging points in total - the highest level in London.

Two new e-car clubs are also now operating in Wandsworth. These will use the Source London charging points and allow residents to hire an electric car by the hour, day or week.

The number of electric vehicles bought by people living in the borough has grown from 127 at the end of 2015 to around 700 today – with numbers rising by around ten per cent every three months.

Find the location of your nearest charging point at wandsworth.gov.uk/driveelectric



#gettoknowyourlibrary



Unearth your past



DO YOU ENJOY TV PROGRAMMES LIKE A HOUSE THROUGH TIME AND WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? IF YOU WANT TO EXPLORE YOUR OWN PAST, WANDSWORTH'S LIBRARIES AND HERITAGE SERVICE ARE HERE TO HELP.

If you have a library card, you can access the popular Ancestry site for free. Ancestry claims to provide access to ten billion historical records and has become the go-to resource for researching your family history.

"You can't use this on your laptop at home," said Hilary Manning, who manages the libraries' e-resources, "but you can come into the library and people do spend quite a bit of time looking up their families. It's an incredible resource and all you need to do is put your name in and begin searching. There are all sorts of different records on there such as censuses, military records and some immigration records, and they are adding more all the time."

To find out more log onto your local library online, click on 'Services' and scroll down to 'Browse Online Reference Tools'

Meanwhile if you want to find out about the history of where you live, go along to Battersea Library, where upstairs you will discover the Wandsworth Heritage Service. It's the ultimate treasure trove containing dozens of maps of the borough, thousands of photographs and postcards, council records, local newspapers, electoral registers and the census, local street and trade directories and records of local firms.

"Our most popular requests would probably be people looking up the house and building history of individual properties – most of the time people's own homes," said Emma Anthony, the archivist.

"Anyone can come in to use our service," said senior archives assistant Gillian McGrandles, "but if you have anything specific in mind it might be best to call ahead, just to give us a bit of notice so we can start digging!"

Emma and Gillian are also busy organising the Wandsworth Heritage Festival which this year features a literary murder mystery and runs from May 25 to June 9. Find out more on p26.



Singer and television presenter Denise Waterman paid a visit to the archives recently to research her own family tree. Find out how she got on on the council's You Tube Channel – WandsworthBC.



CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

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The #gettoknowyourlibrary celebration of Wandsworth libraries has been focusing on the groups, events, resources and services they offer.



Faiz and Jason - reading support at Tooting library

New ways to help children read



Starlett

A DOG CALLED STARLETT HAS BEEN HELPING CHILDREN AT PUTNEY LIBRARY WHO STRUGGLE TO READ ALOUD.

The Bark and Read Scheme is run by a group called Therapy Dogs Nationwide. Children with English as a second language, or who struggle to read aloud, can read to Starlett without feeling judged. The hope is that more sessions will be held in the library.

Meanwhile Tooting Library's Reading Support Programme sees an army of teenage volunteers who sit with youngsters in the children's library and offer one-to-one support.

"I prefer it than reading to adults because sometimes when I get the words wrong the adults might be a bit grumpy while they don't mind so much," said Jason, aged six. "Today I had Faiz and I always like the people I read to. Coming here every week to read is fantastic and it makes me want to read more advanced books."

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or in your child joining the programme, contact: Heather.Shepherd@GLL.org



Hearing help

Hear to Help takes place at Putney Library on the fourth Monday of every month between 3pm and 5pm. Run by the charity Action on Hearing Loss it allows anyone with a hearing issue to pop in and ask questions on everything from tinnitus to hearing aids. Advice comes from friendly volunteers such as Melanie Hornsby, seen here offering one-to-one advice to Helen Oldham and Barbara Ibbotson.

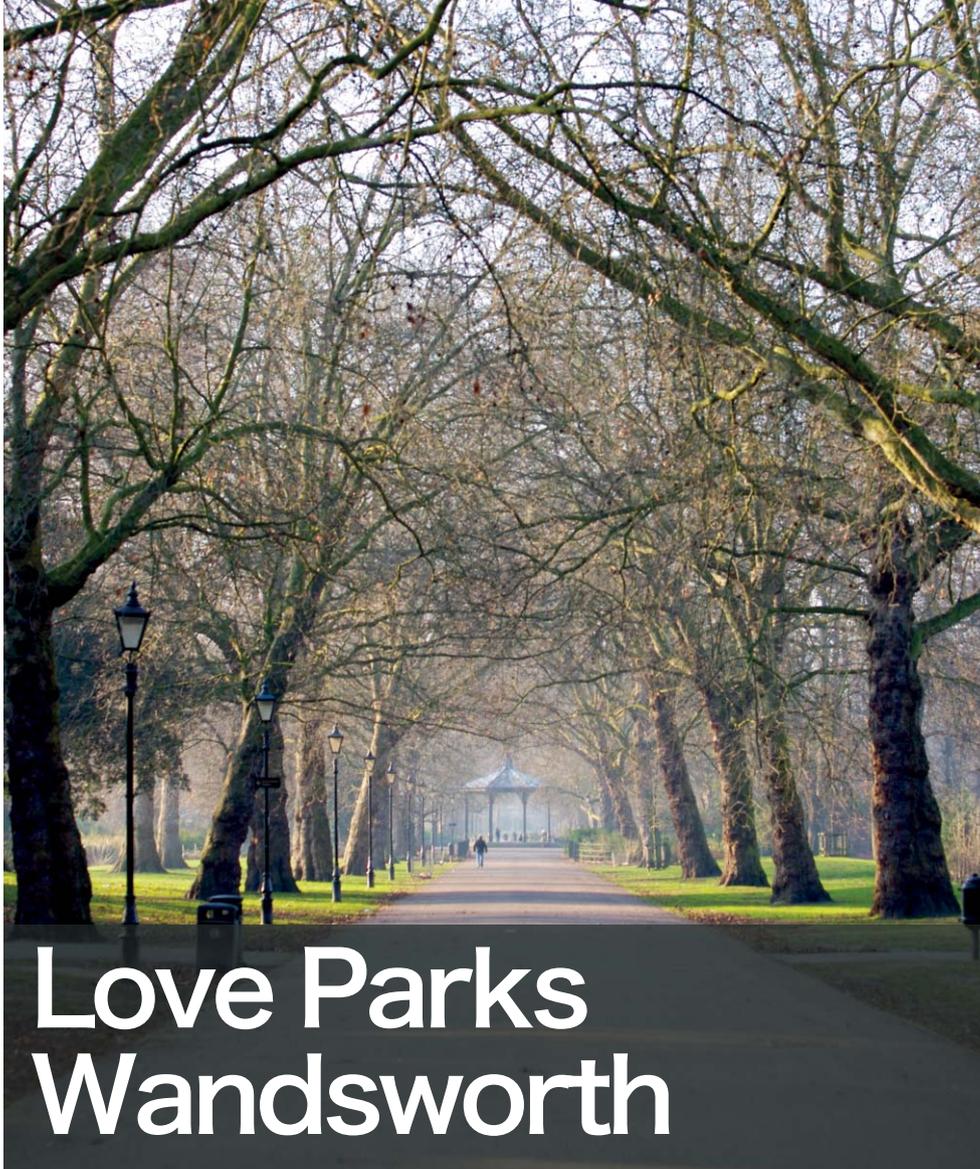
It was extremely useful," said Barbara afterwards. "I've learned a lot and am now much more wary about the sort of hearing aid I'm going to buy. I'm now asking myself whether I really do need everything that's offered by a £4,000 aid as opposed to a £2,000 one."



Celebrating Shakespeare

A workshop on A Midsummer Night's Dream was just one of the many free events for children offered by Wandsworth Town Library. It starred library assistant and actor, Timothy Weston, who captivated a class of Year 4's from West Hill Primary School with his dynamic retelling of the Shakespeare play involving students playing many parts.

"I enjoyed the play and really liked acting in it," said Ruqayyah who gave a brilliant interpretation of Oberon, the king of the fairies. "My favourite bit was when Puck and I were sprinkling the dust in the eyes of the lovers. I hope there are more events like this here."



Love Parks Wandsworth

This summer join a celebration of the borough's parks and green spaces with more than 500 events and activities taking place during June and July as part of Wandsworth Council's Love Parks campaign.

The Love Parks campaign is back for a second year, but this year is on a much larger scale. It kicked off with the Augmented Reality Easter Egg Trail in Battersea Park over the Easter weekend, enjoyed by more than 1,200 people.

Take part in one of hundreds of free walks, learn more about the trees in your local park on one of our tree identification walks, learn about British biodiversity on the free biodiversity walks or sign up to one of Putney School of Art and Design's courses taking place outdoors.

Looking to get fitter this summer? There will be free outdoor gym sessions run by our personal trainers around parks and greenspaces, plus we have lots of free trim trails where you can just turn up and use the outdoor equipment.

Battersea Park will be hosting several community events throughout June, from family-focused activities, to health and well-being events and the ever-popular annual Battersea Park Dog Show.

Please share your experience with us on social media using the hashtag #LoveParksWandsworth to tell us why you love your local park and green space.

For all the latest information, events and activities visit www.enablelc.org/loveparks

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TOP YOUNG PERSON

Michael Enriquez has won this year's Wandsworth Young Person of the Year Award.

Michael hopes to become an architect and is helping to design sustainable school buildings in the UK and Kenya. He is a mentor for younger pupils, is a member of the Ernest Bevin College council and is chairman of Interact, the young people's branch of the Rotary Club. He raises money for the STEM4 charity which works with young people on mental health issues and is a keen sportsman, playing semi-professionally for Tooting and Mitcham FC.

Visit Wandsworth.gov.uk/wypy to find out who won commendations and special awards and how to get involved next year.

BREAK INTO SONG

The Wandsworth Community Choir has just celebrated its first birthday, and new members are welcome.

It's run by the council's Wandsworth Music Service and lifelong learning teams and is open to local residents aged 18 and over. There will be no auditions and you do not need to be able to read music.

For more information and to register email SWilliams4@wandsworth.gov.uk or call 020 8871 8055.

PLAY FOR FREE

All Star Tennis, which is investing £500,000 in upgrading courts at six locations across the borough, is offering children and young people the chance to play as much tennis as they like every day after school free of charge.

Their Junior Fair Play Scheme allows young players to play for free between 3pm and 5pm Monday to Friday when courts are available and this even includes the loan of equipment at King Georges Park, Tooting Common and Wandsworth Common.

Find out more at www.allstartennis.co.uk

More homes and greater housing choice

Across London a shortage of homes and rising property prices is making it more difficult for people to find a property that is affordable to rent or buy.

Building Homes
for Wandsworth People

Councils have a role to play in helping people not just meet their housing need but also their aspiration to own. That is why Wandsworth Council is responding to this through a major council housebuilding programme, where it is using its own land and resources to provide more than 1,000 homes to rent and buy, prioritised for local people.

Wandsworth also has a dedicated low-cost Home Ownership Team, who offer advice and support to help people of all backgrounds living or working in our borough to secure a home that is right for them.

The team administer a wide range of schemes and manage a list of over 4,000 people looking to access shared ownership or low-cost rent properties targeted to working households in Wandsworth.

You will find a member of the Home Ownership Team pop up in your local library at one of their Roadshows held throughout the year. You can also go to the council's Open the Door home ownership event at the Town Hall on October 17. See the council website nearer the time for details .



Daniel Comens

Role: Senior Home Ownership Officer

How long have you been working at Wandsworth Council?

I have worked at Wandsworth for 14 years in total, nine in the Home Ownership Team and five

years in Adult Social Services

What's your typical day like?

My typical day involves working on a number of our schemes including our House Purchase grant applications that help council tenants buy a property of their choice. This includes carrying out financial appraisals/interviews for tenants seeking to use the grant towards purchasing a property on the open market.

What advice would you give to someone who'd like to own or rent a home in Wandsworth?

Make sure you are fully aware of your likely

financial obligations or commitments prior to purchase so you know whether it is an affordable option for you. It is always best to liaise with your bank before making any decisions so you are aware of your mortgage potential and with the housing provider so you are clear about what your other outgoings will be.

Be proactive, patient and determined when looking to get on the ladder. There are opportunities out there but sometimes it can take time to find the property you want.

What myth would you like to bust in relation to owning a home?

Many have the preconception that property prices are too high and that it is impossible to buy in the borough, but for example with the shared ownership scheme you can buy a percentage share of a property in a desirable location of the borough.

How can the council help?

Keep a look out for any of our home ownership events where you will be able to access all the necessary information to proceed.



Jean Bryan

Jean Bryan is a 51 year old former council tenant from Battersea who used a house purchase grant award of £80,000 to move with her 28 year old son Jordan to a 3-bed house in February 2019. Jean had been a Wandsworth Council

tenant for 23 years and was a full-time childminder when she applied. Although on our home ownership register for over sixteen years when she applied for the grant, she only made her first formal application for the scheme in September 2018.

"I was living in a two bedroom flat on the 4th floor and I now have a three-bedroom house with a garden where I can grow my tomatoes. The area is lovely and quiet, and the neighbours are fantastic –

I couldn't have asked for anything better, thank you Wandsworth Council.

"I would encourage anyone interested in the scheme for themselves and their family to definitely go for it but find out more about it first and make sure it is right for you. Wandsworth do other schemes as well, but for us it was the best thing we could've done. We've done it, so you can do it as well."

If you live or work in Wandsworth you can register on the housing list by completing our application form online at: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership or if you would like to find out more information about owning or renting a home within the borough you can contact a member of the Home Ownership team on **020 8871 6161 /option 5**

1,000 Homes Programme

We've recently completed six houses at Rowditch Lane and two flats at Arnal Crescent all for low-cost rent.

With more than 450 homes in the pipeline these completions mark a significant step to delivering on the commitment to build 1,000 homes under the council's Building Homes for Wandsworth People Programme.



"I was delighted to attend the opening of this scheme, which shows the fantastic progress being made with our plans to build 1,000 homes on council owned land. We are leading the field in London with our ambitious and innovative new Housing Strategy and delivery plans, which also include the regeneration of two key housing estates, crucial to improving our residents' homes, community and leisure facilities and public spaces and bringing jobs and investment to the borough."

CLlr Kim Caddy, cabinet member for housing



“ Plogging is just one of many ways we are bringing the community together to keep Wandsworth looking clean and tidy ”

Councillor Steffi Sutters
Cabinet Member for Community Services
and Open Spaces



Plogging in Battersea Park
last September

Come plogging this summer

PLOGGING, THE NEW WORKOUT TREND FROM SWEDEN GIVING YOU THE DOUBLE ENDORPHIN HIT OF KEEPING FIT AND MAKING A MASSIVE DIFFERENCE TO YOUR COMMUNITY IS COMING TO WANDSWORTH.

It's a combination of running, jogging or walking and the Swedish term 'plocka upp', meaning pick up, and is coming to King George's Park in June thanks to Plogolution as part of the council's MyWandsworth campaign.

The concept is simple: rather than jogging on by the rubbish littered on the street or in a park, ploggers pick it up and dispose of it correctly. Michelle Parkes, Plogolution co-founder, explains:

"We started Plogolution just under a year ago and would like to thank Wandsworth Council for supporting us to help create fit

and happy communities that are dedicated to building an environment that we can be proud to hand down to future generations.

"Our vision is all about tackling plastic pollution, which is now at crisis point, with eight million tonnes of it hitting our oceans annually.

"We want to create a planet where plogging is no longer needed and our streets, parks and town centres are clean. We are a long way from achieving this dream, but with events like this we can get one step closer."

Wandsworth Plog

2k walk or 5k run: open to all ages and fitness abilities

Saturday June 8, 1pm-3pm

**King George's Park,
Wandsworth**

All equipment will be provided including gloves, rubbish bags and a FREE Plogolution t-shirt. Everyone is welcome, so pop along, make some friends and make a difference.

**Register for FREE at
plogolution.com**



Keeping Wandsworth clean and tidy

John Graham, Team leader and driver, Tooting has been picking up bags and emptying bins locally for nearly 20 years.

BETWEEN THEM TOMASZ, JOHN AND PATRICK HAVE SPENT MORE THAN 50 YEARS KEEPING WANDSWORTH'S STREETS AND TOWN CENTRES CLEAN AND LITTER FREE.

The council spends around £4m a year on its street cleaning service – all streets are swept at least once a week and busier streets are swept up to five times a day. There is also a rapid response team dealing with issues such as flytips, dead animals and broken glass.

Alongside this, the council will continue to fine litterbugs, and prosecute the most serious flytippers. Between April 2017 and April 2019 more than 12,000 fines were issued for littering and flytipping offences.

Here we recognise some for the people who work tirelessly throughout the year, in all weathers, to keep the borough looking at its best.



Tomasz Piatkowski, Area supervisor for Battersea, has been managing a team of street sweepers and drivers for more than 10 years.

Report fly-tip offenders

Help catch those irresponsible enough to dump litter illegally. To report someone, please give us as much detail as you can:

- Take a picture of the incident with a date and time stamp, making sure you don't put yourself or others at risk.
- The amount and type of waste, such as a few bags of rubbish, a fridge, a sofa.

- The circumstances, like the date, time and location it took place and a description of any vehicles involved, plus registration number.

Get in touch by email: flytipwitness@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk call us **020 8871 8558** or via our **Report It app**.



Patrick Duggan has been keeping Wandsworth town centre clean and tidy for more than 20 years.



Historic milestone comes home

A RARE 17TH CENTAURY MILESTONE AND MOUNTING BLOCK HAS BEEN RESTORED AND PUT BACK IN ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION IN ROEHAMPTON VALE.

A mounting block is a block of stone used by riders to mount a horse and the Roehampton block is combined with an inscription reading 'From London Towne to Portsdown they say tis myls three score.' It was first installed in 1654 and since then has had a chequered history.

It was lost in the 19th century when it was probably moved due to road improvements, and rediscovered by chance in 1921 during the demolition of a barn in Wandsworth. It was identified and purchased by local historian Ernest Dixon, who displayed it in his nurseries, and later garage, in West Hill.

It remained there for some 60 years, before being moved to the garden of a house in Southfields, then to Roehampton Library, Wandsworth Museum in Garratt Lane, West Hill and eventually to the grounds of Whitelands College, University of Roehampton.

For the past four years the council has been working with the Putney Society, Wandsworth Historical Society, Transport for London and Roehampton University on a project to relocate the mounting block permanently to a site as close as possible to its original location. Funding for the scheme has come through the Wandsworth Local Fund (see page 20).

The block has been carefully restored and is now located close to the entrance of Putney Vale Cemetery opposite an existing 19th century nine-mile milestone which has also been restored. The grade II listed cemetery gates have also been repaired and restored as part of the project.

Heathrow expansion update

Councils argue the High Court's failure to quash the Government's Airport National Policy Statement (ANPS) regarding Heathrow expansion, could bring long-term damage to the health of millions of Londoners.

They warn that large areas of London and the Home Counties will be affected by noise from the north-west runway. For many London boroughs it means a substantial increase in the number of communities affected.

The Secretary of State's decision in favour of Heathrow's north-west runway proposal was challenged by Wandsworth, Hillingdon, Hammersmith & Fulham, Richmond upon Thames and Windsor and Maidenhead councils and the Mayor of London and Greenpeace.

The court has refused all the applications for judicial review of the ANPS essentially because it has decided that at this policy stage the decision to support a third runway at Heathrow needs only meet a low level of judicial scrutiny.

Cllr Ravi Govindia, Leader of Wandsworth Council, said: "This ruling is hugely disappointing for Londoners. It shows that the Government can drive through expansion plans without properly considering the full environmental and health impacts. But it does not mean the runway will ever be built. It still faces enormous legal obstacles particularly around air pollution."

There will be another stage where the damage caused to life and health and the environment by a third runway and its associated traffic (damage causing air pollution, noise pollution and contributing to climate change) will be more closely scrutinised. Objections to runway three must be heard then and any decision to approve it will be open to challenge through the courts.

The councils have pledged to maintain detailed scrutiny of all aspects of the airport's planning application for the runway (Development Consent Order). This will include the detail of how the airport intends to meet its obligations in key areas such as noise, air quality and surface access. This detail will be subject to examination at the public inquiry stage with potential for further challenge in the courts.

Supporting rough sleepers

Wandsworth has successfully bid for just over half a million pounds to tackle rough sleeping.

The council successfully bid for £268,000 over the next two years under the Government's Rapid Rehousing Pathway initiative. This money will be used to support frontline staff who work closely with people who are homeless and living on the streets by providing a more targeted and personalised approach that can help them back into decent accommodation.

And it has also been awarded an additional

£237,000 under the Government's wider Rough Sleepers Initiative which will be used to develop a broader strategy to reduce rough sleeping in Wandsworth and fund additional accommodation options.

The council's cabinet member for housing Cllr Kim Caddy said: "This money will enhance the work we already do to tackle street homelessness in our borough by allowing us to offer much more targeted and intensive support to some of the most disadvantaged people living in our community."

More information about the two schemes is available on the gov.uk website.



MIA COOKS UP A STORM

Fourteen-year-old Mia Weatherhead has won the sixth annual Wandsworth Young Chef of the Year competition for her menu of salmon and scallop ceviche followed by chicken wrapped in Serrano ham with saffron sauce and chorizo croquette.

Young Chef is run by the Mayor of Wandsworth and the council's lifelong learning team. It teaches young people how to cook good healthy food to a budget, provides a chance to learn from the experts and helps young people get a foothold in the catering industry.

Find out more at wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk

LORRY BAN

Residents living in the Magdalen Road area of the borough have given their overwhelming backing to a scheme to ban lorries from driving past their front doors. The road will now be included in a wider lorry ban area.

The scheme, which came into effect earlier this month, means that HGVs are now prevented from using streets bounded by Magdalen Road, Trinity Road, Burntwood Lane and Garratt Lane.

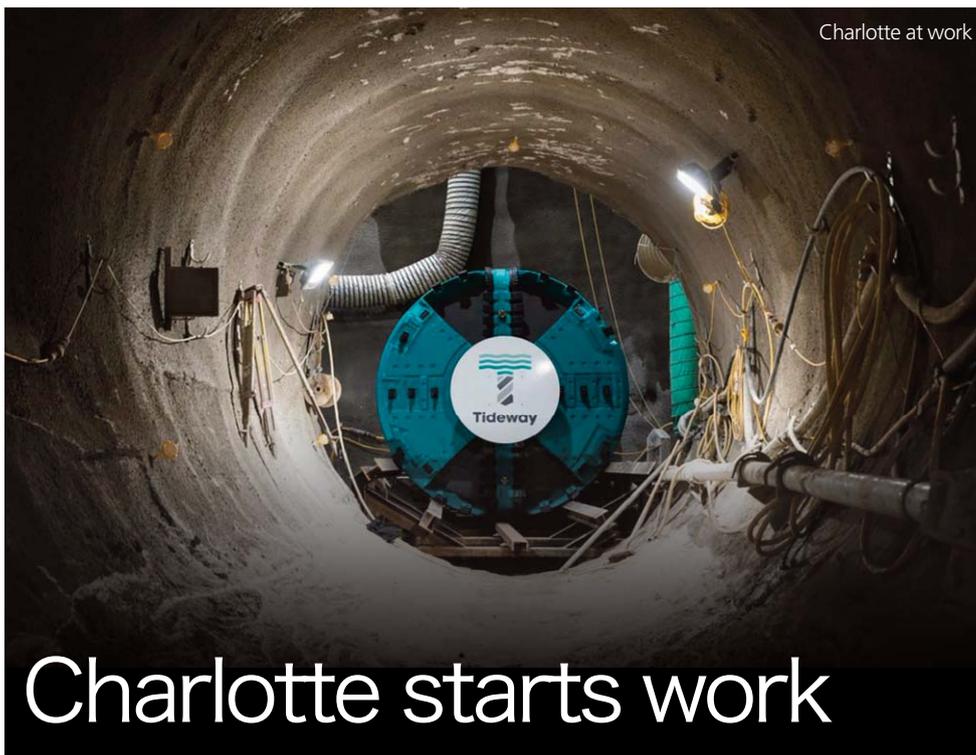
SUMMER TRIP HELP

Volunteers are needed to push wheelchairs and help out on the free Wandsworth Community Transport summer trips to the coast. If you can spare a day or two contact Manuel on 020 8675 7460.

SUMMER FUN

The Pick N Mix is back this summer. Pick N Mix is a borough-wide summer scheme run by the council's Youth Service for young people aged 10 - 19, or up to 25 with a disability, from July 29 to August 30. There will be a comprehensive programme of activities for young people – all of them free or heavily subsidised – at venues around the borough including trips out, art, music, sport and more. The aim is to give young people opportunities they may otherwise not get.

Find out what's on offer at wandsworthsummer.com



Charlotte starts work

The Mayor of Wandsworth has helped send off a tunnelling machine digging a 1km tunnel under Wandsworth to tackle sewage pollution in the River Thames.

The three-metre-wide refurbished tunnel boring machine (TBM), named Charlotte after Nine Elms suffragist Charlotte Despard, is digging the Frogmore

Connection Tunnel from Tideway's Dormay Street site.

When the project is complete in 2024, the 1.1km tunnel will take sewage overflows from King George's Park into the main 25km Thames Tideway Tunnel at Fulham, where it will be transferred to east London for treatment.

Find out more about the project at tideway.london

Apply now for a neighbourhood grant

THE NEXT ROUND OF THE WANDSWORTH LOCAL FUND (WLF) IS NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS FROM RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS.

The Wandsworth Local Fund is a charge the council makes on developers which is then used to benefit the local area. Since Wave 1 in 2015 more than £9m has been spent on projects that have made a big difference to local communities, including improvements to parks, sports pitches, children's playgrounds, roads and public open spaces.

The council is now looking for applications from residents and groups for projects that meet the priorities local people have said are important. These include:

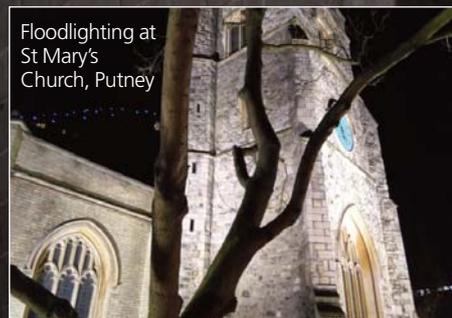
- Improvement of public spaces including protecting biodiversity
- Community safety
- Street improvements such as pavements, lighting, tree planting, cycling facilities and street furniture
- Investing in sports and leisure facilities
- Improving traffic and parking

Anyone with an idea for neighbourhood improvements should contact their ward councillors. Find out who they are at wandsworth.gov.uk/councillors.

The deadline for applications for round seven of the Wandsworth Local Fund is July 1. Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/WLF



Godley Gardens in Earlsfield got a revamp



Floodlighting at St Mary's Church, Putney



Earlsfield railway bridge has been repainted

Become a school governor

Wandsworth is asking local people to consider becoming a school governor – and is keen to hear from people from all ethnicities and backgrounds so that governing bodies truly reflect the communities they serve.

Every school has a governing body and they play a vital role working with the head to improve standards. Some have children at the school, but many do not. Training and support is provided by the council.

Find out more at <http://i4s.wandsworth.gov.uk/Page/13619>

Hasib Dewan is Vice Chair of Governors at Hillbrook Primary School

“ Being a school governor gives you the chance to contribute to the quality of the experience children have at school by using the skills and knowledge from your day to day life. As a technology and business transformation consultant, I work with a school near where I live to look at opportunities for improving school facilities, mapping out plans over computing lessons, but also thinking about where technology is heading and how best to bring that into the school experience for Hillbrook’s children. It doesn’t matter what you do for a living - depending on your interests you could get involved in things like quality of teaching, something subject specific, school finance, or support the school in raising standards around attendance.

“If you’re the kind of person that wants to give a little back to their community and have some time to spare each month then being a governor is something I couldn’t recommend highly enough. To think you have had even a small part to do with the positive learning experience of children in your local area is a brilliant feeling.”



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Diabetes Week June 10-16

This Diabetes Week, find out if you are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes, which is often preventable.

In Wandsworth 23,000 people are on the verge of getting type 2 diabetes, but 80 per cent of these cases can be prevented through regular exercise, a healthy diet and keeping your weight down.

You may be on the verge of becoming diabetic without even knowing it, but if you take the council's quick online test today, you can see how at risk you are.

If you are at high risk you can ask your GP to refer you to a diabetes prevention programme which offers tailored, personalised support to change your lifestyle, including education on healthy eating, help to lose weight and exercise programmes.

Take the test at nhsdpp.diabetes.org.uk/c/wandsworth

Dorothy Smalling is a Diabetes Champion, helping local people understand more about the disease and how to prevent it.

“ I have learnt to be vigilant, to continuously assess my own risk and to make the necessary changes to remain diabetes free. This involves management of my food intake (making good nutrition a priority), trying to be active most days and using stress management techniques to cope with those ‘pesky’ unavoidable life stressors. ”



GREEN HAVEN

A disused space in the centre of the Doddington Estate is to be turned into a play area and a quiet haven for residents on the estate during the warmer months. Local residents and GoodGym worked with the council to clear the space so work can start.

GoodGym Wandsworth is a community of volunteers who combine doing good with getting fit. A team of 37 runners worked tirelessly to transform the space into an area the residents can be proud of.

If you know of any unused green spaces on your estate, get in touch with your Resident Participation Officer. Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/RPO.



TYPE 2 DIABETES KNOW YOUR RISK

Finding your risk of Type 2 diabetes only takes a few minutes. It could be the most important thing you do today...

Check your risk online at
nhsdpp.diabetes.org.uk/c/wandsworth



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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Be there for a child in Wandsworth...
...and we'll **be there** for you

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Call us now on (020) 8871 6666
for details and to book a place



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To find out more:

 www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fostering

 carerrecruitment@wandsworth.gov.uk

 [wandsworthfostering](https://www.facebook.com/wandsworthfostering)



Pubs are history treasure troves

THE RICH HISTORY OF WANDSWORTH'S LOCAL COMMUNITIES HAS BEEN PRESERVED IN THE MANY OLD PUBS THAT HAVE SURVIVED TO STILL SERVE THIRSTY PUNTERS TODAY.

Figures at the end of last year from the Office for National Statistics show that Wandsworth has lost far fewer of its pubs since 2001 compared to neighbouring boroughs – ten per cent compared to 24 per cent in Lambeth and 40 per cent in Merton.

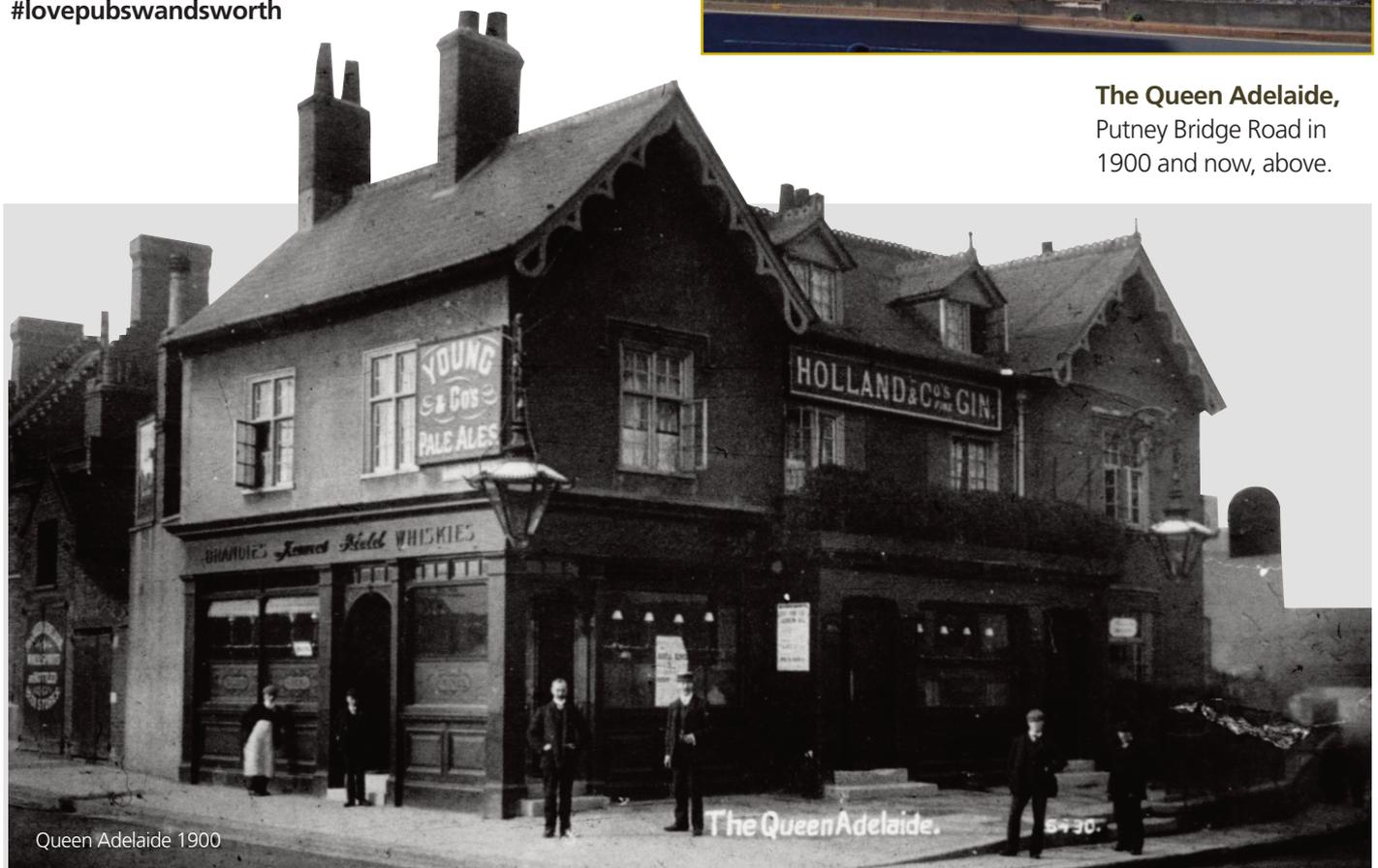
In 2016 Wandsworth was the first local authority in the UK to bring in measures to protect its most important pubs from being converted to other uses, such as mini-supermarkets, without the need for planning permission - a move praised by the Campaign for Real Ale.

Here are just some of our most historic pubs. Keep an eye on the council's twitter and Instagram feeds for more and post pictures of your favourite pubs with the hashtag **#lovepubswandsworth**



Queen Adelaide 2019

The Queen Adelaide,
Putney Bridge Road in
1900 and now, above.



Queen Adelaide 1900

The Queen Adelaide.

#lovepubswandsworth

Leather bottle 1900



The Leather Bottle, Earlsfield, played a key role in the 18th century Mayor of Garret elections, a sort of political parody featuring comedy candidates such as Lord Twankum.

King's Head 1900



The Kings Head, Roehampton in 1900. The council turned down an application in 2007 to turn it into flats.

The Falcon Hotel



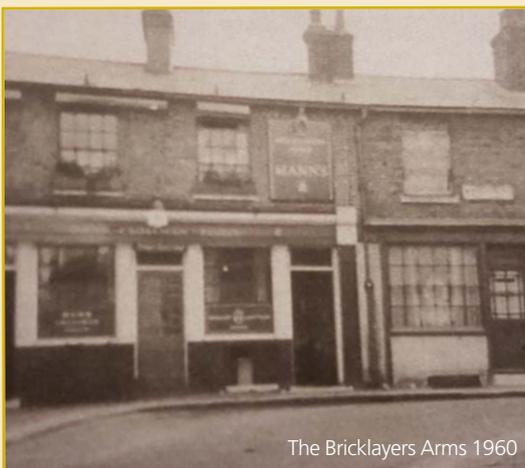
The Falcon, Clapham Junction is famous for having the longest bar in the UK. There's probably been a pub of on that site, an important staging post, since the 17th century. Here it is 1890.

The Ram Inn 1910



The Ram Inn, Wandsworth in about 1910. It has been empty for a while, but is due to become a pub again this summer.

The Bricklayers Arms 1960



The Bricklayers Arms, Waterman Street, Putney, seen here in 1960, is the last survivor of an 1826 terrace and originally had a stable yard at the back. From *Pubs of Putney & Roehampton* by Dorian Gerhold. Pictured right is current landlady Becky Newman.





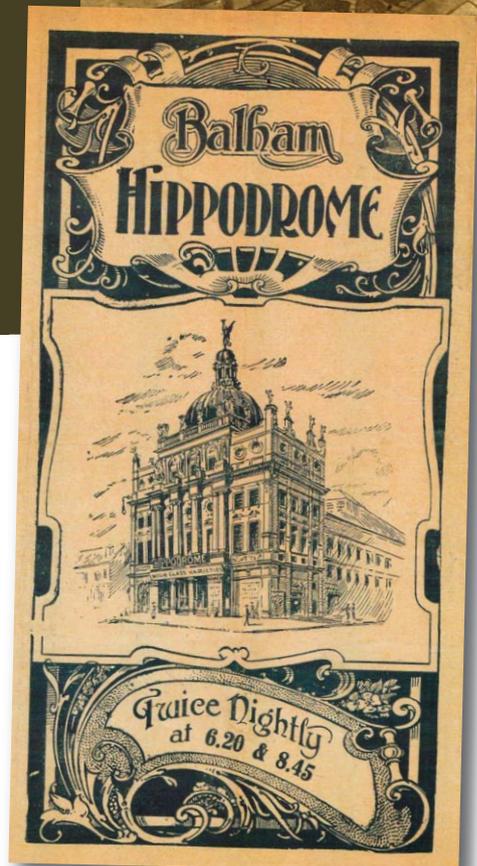
25 May - 9 June

Wandsworth Heritage Festival 2019

THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL FEATURES A WIDE VARIETY OF TALKS, WALKS, AND WORKSHOPS EXPLORING THE THEME OF 'ENTERTAINING WANDSWORTH'.

Highlights include:

- A tour of the former Granada Cinema in Tooting
- A talk on Wandsworth and Battersea's music halls by local historian Neil Robson
- A talk by author Pat Heery on the Putney Velodrome
- A guided walk showing Battersea Park's role in the 1951 festival of Britain celebrations
- A literary themed murder mystery staged by Wandsworth's librarians
- A talk on the history of Putney's cinemas from local historian Philip Evison
- A talk from Wandsworth Prison Museum's curator exploring the role the prison has played in fiction and film
- A tour, talk, and exhibition at Whitelands College showcasing the wealth of costume and archives the college has collected from 138 years of May Day revels
- A guided walk round Wandsworth Town charting its entertaining past
- A talk at Tara Arts Theatre from Dr Cathy Hunt about the Corriganza factory strike
- A guided walk along the course of the Heathwall from historian and writer Jon Newman
- A magic show where children can join former Battersea magician and watchmaker John Neville Maskelyne in 19th century Wandsworth for some magic tricks interspersed with weird and wonderful facts from the borough's history



Many local groups and societies help to document and protect Wandsworth's heritage. The festival provides an opportunity for them to showcase their work and recruit new members.

- For full listings of the Wandsworth Heritage Festival programme, visit bit.ly/2HiJLkf. Copies of the Festival programme are also available from local libraries.

what's on?

EVENTS FOR JUNE
TO JULY 2019



June 1

Old York Road Unplugged

Wandsworth Town's biggest street party returns. Live music, stalls and family entertainment, plus the chance for Old York Road's diverse mix of independent traders to showcase their wares. Old York Road will be closed to traffic from 7am-9pm.

wandsworth.town

How to be listed

Send details (including access for people with disabilities) by July 26, 2019 to: whatson@enablelc.org. We cannot guarantee that your entry will be inserted.

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What's On is compiled by Enable Leisure and Culture, a registered charity.

Tuesday May 28, 11am-12.30pm (for ages 5-7) and 1.30pm-3pm (for ages 8+)

'Colour and pattern' half-term workshops

Families are invited to join artist Yinka Ilori in a hands-on workshop.

Free. ROSE community centre, Ascalon Street, Battersea, SW8 4AN. nineelmslondon.com/events/creating-happy-street

June 3

Board Games Club

Have some fun, roll some dice, flip some cards and make some friends.

Sessions will start around 7pm and finish when the pub closes but turn up when you want as there will be new games starting all the time.

The Selkirk, 60 Selkirk Road, Tooting meetup.com/Games-at-the-Selkirk/

Tuesday June 4 at 6pm and Saturday June 8 at 11am

Nine Elms architecture walk

Join artist Luke M Walker for a walk around Nine Elms as he explores the architecture.

Battersea Power Station Heritage and Learning Hub, Circus West, SW11 8AB nineelmslondon.com/events/nine-elms-architecture-walk

Tickets £6

June 8-9, 15-16, 22-23

Yinka Ilori: Types of Happiness at StudioRCA

Inspired by Ilori's first public commission to redesign the rail underpass on Thessaly Road, this exhibition of up-cycled, story-led furniture explores the art of sitting down and the sixteen different types of happiness incorporated into Happy

Street. Every Sat/Sun noon – 6pm,.

Free

StudioRCA, 1 Riverlight Quay, Nine Elms Lane, SW8 5AU

June 12-16

London Seafood Festival 2019

Live music, cooking demos, street food and entertainment for children on the riverfront piazza, or take part in masterclasses and enjoy festival menus inside restaurants, bars and shops all week.

Battersea Power Station, Circus West Village, Sopwith Way, Battersea, SW11 londonseafoodfestival.com

Thursday June 13, 7.45 for 8pm

Fulham Palace: restoration of the Palace and gardens

A talk about the recent extensive restoration.

Presented by the Wandsworth Society West Side Church Hall (corner of Melody Road and Allfarthing Lane)

Wheelchair accessible

BALHAM LITERARY FESTIVAL

June 13-25

Balham Literary Festival

The Balham Literary Festival returns with a line-up featuring vegan cooking star Rachel Ama, novelist Max Porter, crime writer Mick Herron and esteemed philosopher AC Grayling.

A staple of the London literary calendar, this year's festival will host a dazzling array of events with discussions ranging from

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July 7, 3pm, July 9, 7pm

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Shakespeare in the Squares is a not-for-profit professional touring company which stages a Shakespeare play in London garden squares and parks for one or more performances in each venue every summer. This summer they visit the beautiful secret garden in the Royal Victoria Patriotic Building, Trinity Road with a production set in the 1920s.

shakespearewandsworth.eventbrite.co.uk

climate change to crime fiction, whilst celebrating some of best talent south London has to offer. Events will take place at venues across Balham including Balham Bowls Club, Balham Oxfam and St Mary and St John The Divine Church. Balhamliteraryfestival.co.uk

– recruiting, supporting and motivating volunteers
June 26 Funding Day – Meet the funders and workshops
June 27 Effectiveness and sustainability
June 28 Communications – Creating content and campaigning
June 29 Festival Day –

Celebrate at the Falcon Road Festival
Call 020 7223 2845, email batterseacharitiesweek@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/batterseacharities

June 29

Wandsworth Symphony Orchestra summer concert

Verdi – Force of Destiny Overture, Elgar – Cello Concerto and Glazunov, Syphony No 5
St Luke's Church & Community Hall, 194 Ramsden Road, Balham, 7.30pm
wandsworthsymphony.org

June 29 and July 27

The Funny Side of Earlsfield

The June date features headliners Matthew Osborn and Michael Legge. In July see improv group Sprout. Booking essential
Tara Arts, Garratt Lane, Earlsfield
tara-arts.com

July 4, 7pm

South West Songbirds

The Southwest Songbirds are an all-female choir based in Earlsfield. Their summertime special features a wide variety of music from ABBA to U2 and includes hits old and new. Tickets on the door - all proceeds go to charity.
St Andrew's Church, Garratt Lane, Earlsfield, swsongbirds.co.uk



Get active Wandsworth Festival Roadshow 2019

Wandsworth Council's annual Get Active Wandsworth festival is back for its tenth year. This year it will be coming to four community events:

Saturday 15 June, 12noon to 7.30pm

Furzedown Big Day Out

Furzedown Rec, SW17 9BP. Free Entry
Get Active Wandsworth will be providing free tennis, football, skateboarding and korfbal sessions all provided by local clubs plus free adult health checks, body MOTs and an interactive kids' zone. There will also be live music, food and gift stalls, crafts, face painting and bouncy castles.

Saturday 29 June, 12noon to 6pm:

Falcon Road Festival

Shillington Gardens, SW11 2TT. Free Entry
Come along to our Get Active Wandsworth Festival Zone in Shillington Gardens with local clubs providing activities. Visit the Get Active Wandsworth stand to find out more about getting active in your local area. This is a fun day out packed with stalls from the local community with Wandsworth Radio and Battersea Fire Brigade also in attendance.

September TBC

Get active Roehampton Festival

The Bull Green SW15 4EN: Free Entry
Tennis, football, rugby, multisport and yoga as well as many other activities included on the Get Out, Get Active Programme in Roehampton.

June 24-29

Battersea Charities Week

Charities, businesses and community groups that want to serve Battersea come together to learn from each other and form new relationships and partnerships. Events include:

June 24 Partnerships Day – developing solutions and sharing resources

June 25 Volunteering Day



Until June 16

James Capper's MUDSKIPPER sculpture

Artist James Capper has transformed a working Thames boat into a walking sculpture. See the amphibious sculpture emerge from the Thames onto the foreshore using two step-type propulsion legs.

Thursday 30 May, 5pm – Thames path near The Riverside, Hamilton House, 5 St George Wharf, SW8 2LE

Sunday 9 June, 12pm – Thames path near The Riverside, Hamilton House, 5 St George Wharf, SW8 2LE

Monday 10 June, 1pm – Thames path near Nine Elms Pavilion (opp US Embassy), Riverside Walk, SW8 5DF

Free Nineelmslondon.com





May 25 to June 2

User Not Found at The CoffeeWorks Project

The London premiere of User Not Found, written by Chris Goode, looks at what happens with our digital identities after we die. In this immersive café performance right next to Battersea Power Station, audience members receive a smartphone and a pair of headphones and are involved in one man's unfolding story as he's faced with keeping or deleting his partner's online existence.

Performances are at various times each evening.

Tickets £20, concessions £16.50. All tickets for Tuesday performances £15.

Please note - there are no performances on Mondays. This Dante or Die production is presented in partnership with Nine Elms on the South Bank, in association with Battersea Arts Centre.

The CoffeeWorks Project at Battersea Power Station Book at bac.org



Throughout 2019, Open daily, 9am-7pm

Heritage and Learning Hub, Battersea Power Station

An interactive exhibition charting the history of Battersea Power Station. The exhibition contains a historic architectural model from the 1930s alongside a model showing the future of the project. Items from within the art-deco designed Directors' entrance are on display as well as a mock-up of the iconic Control Room A's elaborate dials. Former workers of the Power Station are encouraged to get in touch with the team and share their memories by contacting alumni@bpsdc.co.uk. **Free**

July 5-6

Il Nozza di Figaro

St Paul's Church, Rectory Grove, Clapham
 Stpaulsoperafigaro.event
 brite.co.uk



July 6

'Blooming Tooting' Guided Walk

Starts 2pm from King Edward VII statue outside Tooting Broadway tube station
 Find out about Peter Barr, 'The Daffodil King'. This walk will identify the rich horticultural heritage of this area and visit key locations in Peter Barr's story. These will include part of the grounds of Springfield Hospital and the Share Garden.
<https://summerstown182.wordpress.com/2018/12/15/blooming-tooting/>

Saturday July 13, 12pm to 6pm

Happy Streets Festival

Celebrate the colourful redesign of Thessaly Road rail underpass at a free festival for the whole family.
 St George's School & ROSE Community Centre, Ascalon Street, SW8 4AN.
nineelmslondon.com/events/creating-happy-street

July 13

Community Fun Day

The Balham and Tooting Community Association's tenth annual fun day, organised jointly with St Augustine's Church and the Al Risalah Trust. Rides, inflatables, stalls, crafts and games, farm animals and fabulous multicultural food.
 Batca.org

July 14, 11am – 6pm

Northcote Fest 2019

Northcote Road Summer Fete is an established community street festival held in Battersea's famous shopping street. Live music, dance and

entertainment, big screen showing the Wimbledon Men's finals, more than 100 stalls, children's activities and more.
northcoteroad.london

July 15-27

Comedy Edinburgh Previews

Another riotous summer of big-name comics and bright new talents, as they preview their gigs before heading to the Edinburgh

Festival Fringe. Battersea Arts Centre.

July 17

Aaron Simmonds: Disabled Coconut

Join the 2017 BBC New Comedy Award finalist and wheelchair enthusiast as he tells you what happens when you are being trolled online for not being disabled enough.
£7, £5 concessions
 Battersea Arts Centre

June 29, 11.30am-1pm

Trials for a new football club, FC Battersea, which is initially seeking talented U12 boys who are passionate about playing football to form its first squad.
www.fc.battersea.com



July 19, 7.30pm

The Pucciarelli Group: In Concert

The Pucciarelli Group will present music from their upcoming release Feel Free To Feel Free, with a nod towards some of their biggest musical inspirations including Kenny Wheeler, John Taylor, Keith Jarrett, Pat Metheny and Michael Brecker. **£12.50**
 Tara Arts, Garratt Lane, Earlsfield. Tara-arts.com

Help to make your neighbourhood a safer place

WANDSWORTH IS THE SAFEST INNER LONDON BOROUGH, BUT RESIDENTS STILL NEED TO BE ON THEIR GUARD AGAINST CRIME.

The council's community safety team works with the local police to reduce crime by working with offenders, running crime prevention schemes and advising local people on how to avoid becoming victims of crime.

Here are some of the key things you can do to keep yourself, your home and your property safe;

- If you have sash windows, fit a lock. Burglars often gain entry through sash windows, but locks can be quickly, cheaply and easily fitted. Always keep windows shut and locked when you're out.
- Don't let front garden hedges get too high. They provide a useful hiding place for burglars gaining access through a window.
- If an unexpected caller arrives, don't let them in unless you're satisfied they are who they say they are. A genuine caller won't mind waiting while you check out who they are. Think about fitting a spy hole.
- Double-lock doors
- Get your bike security marked and fit security devices to mopeds and motorbikes.
- An increasing number of 'keyless' cars are being reported stolen in Wandsworth. Beat thieves with an old fashioned steering wheel lock, or a cover for the key fob. The council is working with local car dealerships to have covers issued with every new car.
- Join your local neighbourhood watch group, or set one up.

Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/communitysafety

Follow @saferwandsworth on twitter or Facebook. You can also search for your local safer neighbourhood team on twitter to find out about crime prevention events in your area.



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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://www.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

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

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

Report It app



Wandsworth Report It makes it easier for anyone to report problems like flytipping, graffiti and other environmental issues. Search for the Wandsworth Report It app on the Apple, Android or Windows app store.

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

CUT DOWN ON THE **PLASTIC** YOU USE



A third of the food we buy is thrown away

Each home wastes £840 a year on waste food



Avoid single-use plastic

Plastic litter KILLS wildlife

Most plastic is reusable - so reuse it!

Plastic marine litter often starts inland

REDUCE YOUR **FOOD** WASTE

Wasted food costs you and your Council money

Wasted food is devastating to the environment

REDUCE

REUSE

RECYCLE

END OF THE LINE FOR WASTE