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Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II 1926 -2022

A tribute to the Queen

With a reign spanning seventy years, our late Queen's enduring service to our nation was admired and respected across the country, across races and classes and around the world.

It was therefore unsurprising to feel the power of silent tribute in Westminster Hall as people from every walk of life came together in reverence of our late Queen. I was struck by my own overwhelming sense of gratitude, and I know those watching from afar on the livestream were also deeply moved by the sheer outpouring of love and respect apparent in the silent gestures and expressions and often tears of people of all ages, some of whom had queued throughout the day and the night.

At a local level, Her Majesty touched hearts too - visiting Gunnersbury Park and Museum in 2002 as part of her Golden Jubilee Tour, to open the Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara's education wing in 2004 and the University of West London's Brentford campus in 2009.

I was honoured to join several commemorative events celebrating our late Queen's life of dedicated service and give thanks alongside communities across the borough, including the dedicated multi-faith event at the Gurdwara and evening service at the Holy Trinity Church – the day before her funeral. Joined by

a number of Hounslow Cllrs and the MP Ruth Cadbury we were able to collectively recognise and pay tribute to her late Majesty's embodiment of unity and respect for all cultures. It seemed only right that in Hounslow, one of London's most diverse boroughs, we did so.

Hounslow also had the great honour of having the Queen's cortege pass through our borough after the service at Westminster Abbey. Thousands of residents lined the route along the A4 to pay their respects. For me was a perfect example of Hounslow's affinity to our late Queen. I would like to personally thank all the council workers, our partners in the police, and the military who were involved in ensuring that Hounslow played its part in the funeral procession.

Mrs Sukvinder Dhanjal – who met the Queen at the Gurdwara in 2004 – said something that really resonated with me - she described the Queen as the 'mother of the nation' and I would certainly endorse that opinion.

As we now enter a new chapter in our history, I know the borough feels a real sense of pride in welcoming our new King, His Majesty King Charles the Third. We wish him the best of health and a long reign.

**Cllr Shantanu Rajawat
Leader of Hounslow Council**



Queen Elizabeth II, as Princess, at the opening of the Head of the River boat race

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Correction:

Cllr Salman Shaheen is the Cabinet Member for Parking, Parks and Leisure and not Communities and Equalities as stated in the last issue of the magazine.

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Welcome to the latest edition of Hounslow Matters – Autumn 2022



Dear Resident,

It has been a challenging, exciting and moving few months since we took office as a new administration for Hounslow. A cost of living crisis, an entrenched war on the continent, the death of a beloved monarch, and a change in Prime Minister and Cabinet have characterised a volatile period in our history as a nation. As a borough, and as a Council, we know we have our work cut out for us.

That is why in late September, the full meeting of the Council endorsed our Corporate Plan 2022-2026, which can be read at www.hounslow.gov.uk/corporate-plan. Our plan represents a roadmap for how we will meet the challenges of the coming years, in a way that helps create a healthy, thriving, green borough where people have an equal chance of accessing opportunity.

At the heart of our approach to delivering for residents is an iron-cast commitment to listen, engage and consult really well so that we understand the issues and challenges our residents, communities and businesses are facing. A centrepiece of this new approach has been our full consultation with residents, community groups and other borough partners on equality, diversity and inclusion in Hounslow. I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to what was a rich and informative collaboration that will provide the basis for a strong approach to creating a more equal borough for all.

I am clear that the Council cannot solve the problems we face as a borough in isolation. As we learnt from the pandemic, we are at our strongest when we work in partnership and learn from each other in a One Hounslow spirit. We will need this spirit as we tackle the challenges we will face in the coming years, not least the cost of living crisis. I'm confident our brilliant borough will emerge stronger than ever.

Best wishes,

**Cllr Shantanu Rajawat (Shan)
Leader of Hounslow Council**



Bell Square Anhad

SUMMER OF CULTURE

Hounslow was alive with the sound of music this summer.

Streets echoed to the rhythm of the dance. Museums, parks, historic houses and art centres pulsed with performance and creativity.

This was our Summer of Culture. It was your celebration of life in our borough.

Between June and August, Hounslow Council worked with community groups and partners to stage and support more than 180 events.

There were headline acts from international performers alongside local people who all came together to share and participate in culture.

The packed programme saw around 125,000 people turn up to be entertained and inspired through

activity including storytelling, sport and even the chance to sit back and watch a big screen movie in the open air on a hot summer's night.

The idea behind Summer of Culture was to reflect the rich cultural diversity, heritage and creativity that Hounslow has to offer.

Many festival events were free, and the Council made it possible for everyone to take part by offering a series of grants to borough-based community groups.

In partnership with Watermans Centre and Creative People, and the Places programme, we delivered a spectacular outdoor programme. Ranging from a fiery performance from 'Amor' – delivering an explosive mix of dance, drama and fire on Bell Square, to the silent-era stylings of Polish slapstick comedy production 'Aliens from Mons' which brought much needed laughter to the proceedings.

Showcasing the culture of our diverse South Asian community over the course of one great festival day,

community organisation/performance company Ahnad brought together performers from across London for a feast of colours, sights and sounds.

Summer of Culture with Deblozay – this French/Haitian performance was the festival finale and saw a spectacular parade through the streets of Hounslow.

Other festival events, such as the Festival of Storytelling, brought all ages together to experience stories in their widest form right across the borough.

Films on the Green brought some of the biggest crowds to the event, with hundreds of people turning out for screenings of Bend it Like Beckham, Encanto and Aladdin.



The Patchwork Quilt shadow puppetry



Bell Square Rara Woulib Deblozay

CLlr Shivraj Grewal, Cabinet Member for Communities and Equalities, said:

"Hounslow's Summer of Culture was a real high point in our borough's calendar. This was a celebration of our communities and our creativity on a scale that we have not seen before. Thank you to all our partners and event organisers, and everyone who took part, delivered their performances or turned up to support the many amazing shows – you did our borough proud.

"We now want to build on the success of our Summer of Culture by continuing to promote the amazing range of talent and creativity our borough has."



Pandvani 108 at Brentford Lock, Storytelling Festival

- Number of people attending film screenings: 2,498
- Number of people attending the Storytelling Festival: 1,708
- Number of people attending cultural providers' events during Summer of Culture: 14,988
- Number of people attending Summer of Culture grantees' events: 12,352
- Number of community events staged (Summer of Culture Grantees): 41
- Number of professional events staged: 75



FESTIVAL VOICES

Hounslow's Summer of Culture was a showcase for the entire community.

It included world-class acts and professional performers in its headline events. Crucially, the festival provided opportunities for local groups and organisations to stand in the spotlight and stage events.

The Council provided the opportunity of grant funding, information and guidance to those who wanted to get involved. The aim was to create a legacy for the Summer of Culture that goes far beyond the three months of the main celebrations.

Bell Square Anhad



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Gators Basketball Club



HOOPLA FOR HOUNSLOW

For the Chiswick Gators Basketball Club, the Summer of Culture was a chance to bring their beloved sport to the community. It also gave the club the chance to pay a fitting tribute to club coach and founder member Ali Abucar Ali, who tragically lost his life in a stabbing incident in Brentford last November.

Club coach Mike Kwentoh and parent volunteer helper Kate Astley jumped at the chance to apply for funding to put on the club's own basketball festival.

"We wanted to do something to introduce young people to the sport and to celebrate the life of coach Ali," said Mike. "Our idea was to run a full day of taster sessions and a tournament. We also wanted to make it a fun day by having music and other activities.

"The application process for funding was straightforward and there was plenty of help available. We felt fortunate to be given a grant. We were also quite nervous because this was the first time we had done this sort of thing."

The event was at Lampton School and saw more than 100 young people take to the basketball court.

It was so successful that now the Gators want to make it an annual affair.

"It was a real learning experience for us," Kate said. "And one that has made us realise what is possible. We want to use it to help our club grow and to provide more events in the future."

It has also spurred on the club with plans for the Coach Ali Foundation - a newly registered charity providing young people with training and educational opportunities in all aspects of the sport.

"Being part of the Summer of Culture was a significant moment for the club," said Mike. "It was great to be part of such a big celebration. It has shown us what is possible when we all work together."



MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

FROM TRINJAN WOMEN'S GROUP

When Mohinder Dosanjh discovered that her group could get involved with Hounslow's Summer of Culture, it was something to make a real song and dance about.

The group received a grant of £965 to stage two events - a music day to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and a sports day at Thistleworth Tennis Club in Isleworth.



A scene from Trinjan's hugely successful Summer of Culture music day

"It was great news when we discovered that we had been successful in getting a grant to stage these events," said Mohinder. "We have regular meetings, but we had never attempted anything on this scale. It was really exciting for us.

"We wanted to provide the

community with chances to get together and celebrate. We also wanted to raise the profile of the group and encourage more women to join."

The music day saw more than 100 people turn up to enjoy a selection of music and activities such as bouncing along to a Bhangra keep fit session. The sports day saw a further 40 people enjoy activities such as yoga and table tennis.

"This was an amazing journey for us," said Mohinder. "It was great to be part of Summer of Culture. It has given us the confidence to stage more events like this in the future and to continue to bring our community together."



Kamchatka performance

AND THERE'S MORE...

Summer's gone but culture is still very much with us in Hounslow for the rest of the year.

As part of the ongoing legacy of our Summer of Culture, many of the contributors to the festival are continuing to put on a whole host of events for everyone to enjoy.

Here are some of the great upcoming events that will keep everyone entertained during the autumn and winter.

Bell Square on Hounslow High Street will continue to be one of the borough's focal points for cultural activity with some great free events:

Saturday, 5 November, 1pm and 3pm - Kamchatka:

This thought-provoking performance piece starts with eight characters lost in the city, each carrying a suitcase.

Saturday, 19 November, 6.30pm - Same Sky, Winter Lights

The ever-popular and fun Hounslow annual Winter Lights parade is a spectacular procession through the town centre which includes the turning on of the Hounslow Christmas lights by the Mayor of Hounslow and a finale performance at Bell Square. Find out more at: watermans.org.uk

The Arts Centre at the Treaty Centre, Hounslow High Street, also has some great free events coming up:

Every Thursday between 7pm and 10pm you can enjoy the best in local live music at the **Jam Night**.

Until Wednesday, 16 November - Hear Myself Think. This interactive exhibition invites visitors to plug in their headphones and enjoy an everyday activity in the company of one of five different characters.

Thursday, 17 November - Sunday, 15 January - The Princess and the Pen. See celebrated cartoonist Brooke Bourgeois illustrations up close. Find out more at: www.theartscentre.co.uk

Cycleway 9 - Bike to the future

Plans to make travelling by bicycle through Chiswick and Brentford easier and safer are on the right track.

Working in partnership with Transport for London, Hounslow Council is ensuring the bike-friendly Cycleway 9 project supports two-wheeled transport across West London, to make it safer and more accessible by creating dedicated lanes in some of the busiest areas.



The next phase of construction work on Cycleway 9 is now underway. Work is taking place on Chiswick High Road from the junction with Chiswick Lane up to Heathfield Terrace.

The work includes improvements like new entry points for cyclists, new bus shelters and parking spaces, road resurfacing and a new zebra crossing on Chiswick High Road.

Cllr Katherine Dunne, Hounslow Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Environment and Transport Strategy, said: "The Council and its partners have consulted widely with residents and other stakeholders on this scheme and have kept them informed of progress.

"We can see Cycleway 9 taking shape across West London as a major initiative to encourage more people to cycle to work and for pleasure.

"The Council is committed to tackling the challenges we all face through climate change. We also want to make Hounslow a cleaner, greener and healthier place for everyone who lives and works here. Projects such as Cycleway 9 are part of this plan."

RECYCLING EFFORTS RECOGNISED WITH INDUSTRY AWARDS SHORTLISTING

Hounslow Council has been shortlisted in the National Recycling Awards category for best Food Waste Initiative, with its Flats Communal Waste Service catching the eye of the judges. It is one of only six organisations to be shortlisted for the coveted award.

Hounslow became the first London borough to introduce an innovative fully operational state-of-the-art bin wash (similar to a large-scale dishwasher). A full bin is collected from each site weekly and replaced with a clean bin, solving the issue of dirty and/or smelly bins reported in residents' feedback.

Cllr Guy Lambert, Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Operational Services, said:

"We are of course delighted to be recognised for our service's innovation, and for the dedication displayed to tackle the problem of food waste. Around 32% of properties in our borough are flats, so the roll out of the Flats Communal Food Waste service is really making a meaningful difference to Hounslow.

The project has cut more than 5,000 kgs of carbon dioxide emissions, so we're doing our bit to support the Council's green ambitions, too.

"The Council can't afford to see food waste quite literally wasted, and residents increasingly do not want to contribute to this either.

"People are becoming more aware of the amount of food wasted and its negative impacts on the environment, and this is leading to positive behaviour changes in terms of the reduction of food waste.

"There's a clear desire from our residents across all property types to recycle more, and it's our duty to provide ongoing accessible and innovative solutions to tackle the issues of waste."

Residents living in flats who would like food waste recycling can contact recycling@hounslow.gov.uk

Please provide your full address and the name and contact details of your managing agent.



State of Independence

Hounslow Council hosted a successful drop in event for Ukrainian refugees at Brentford Library recently with over twenty families attending. They were able to make connections with key Council services, network with other new arrivals and continue settling in the borough, knowing support is in place.

Work Hounslow and Community Solutions were two of the services in attendance along with various other Council teams. Both also played their part in helping a recent arrival in the UK, Shihab Al Balushi, who came into Hounslow House on Ukrainian Independence Day to share his story.



Originally from Oman, Shahib moved to Ukraine over six years ago, finding love and settling in Ivano Frankivsk in the west of the country to raise a family. And then the war started.

The family initially fled to Poland and then decided on the UK as the best destination for their future.

However, upon arrival, financial difficulties followed and at one stage Shahib and his family had to sleep in their car. But through word of mouth, he found himself talking to a member of the Community Solutions team who immediately assisted with applying for a household support grant, the opening of a bank account and childcare.

The partnership element of Community Solutions also led to a connection with both Job Centre Plus who helped the family access available benefits, and Work Hounslow, who managed to accelerate the visa application and arrange an interview with a hotel in Heathrow.

With employment eventually secured the family found accommodation through a specialist Ukrainian refugee charity and are all now settled in Twickenham.



NEW ROUTE INTO DUKES MEADOWS MOVES ONE STEP CLOSER

A stunning new footbridge for pedestrians and cyclists along the Thames Path will soon provide an uninterrupted journey through one of Hounslow's most scenic areas.

The Dukes Meadows Footbridge project has reached a major milestone with the installation of the 30m long central span.

Until now, visitors enjoying this idyllic stretch of the 185-mile Thames Path have had to take a long detour to get around the Grade II listed Barnes Railway Bridge.

Cllr Shantanu Rajawat, Leader of Hounslow Council, said: "This imaginative project opens up one of our borough's

premier spaces to be enjoyed by even more visitors. This major construction milestone is testament to years of close partnership working between Hounslow Council, our construction partner and the local community - under the leadership of my predecessor Steve Curran. We believe it will attract many more visitors to this amazing green space and will provide residents with a new walking and cycling route."

Hounslow Council has been working closely with construction partner Knights Brown on delivering the complex project. The footbridge is due for completion later this year.

Ride on time

Hold onto your handlebars and press down on your pedals because it's time to hit the saddle as Hounslow Council continues to support people who want to get to grips with cycling as a great way to get around.

There are several schemes that the Council supports which can help you to get moving as choosing the bike over the car is great for the environment, it's brilliant exercise and can be beneficial for your mental health.

The borough hosts regular weekly training sessions for children, adults and groups,

aimed at making you safe and secure when riding. These sessions are free but must be booked in advance.

Our regular Dr Bike sessions offer free cycle check-ups by qualified mechanics. The team can also make minor repairs and adjustments.

The Try Before You Bike scheme gives you the opportunity to hire a bike for a small monthly fee. And if you want to buy the bike at the end of the trial, you can claim the money back. Find out more at: www.hounslow.gov.uk/cycling

CREATIVITY FLOWS THROUGH BRENTFORD

Creative Mile – the Brentford Art Trail returned to the borough for a second year in early September, with the support of Summer of Culture and Creative Enterprise Zone funding.

With the theme of colour, this exciting vibrant event brought together local artists for a weekend of open studios and exhibitions and once again attracted thousands of visitors.

The one-mile pedestrian route connected eight venues along the river Thames and over 70 different artists, including painters, jewellers, ceramicists, print makers, film makers, poets, musicians, sculptors and many more.

Designed to showcase the creativity of Brentford, Creative Mile provides a platform for artists to showcase their work and build an audience, while connecting with residents and the wider local community.

Explore the artist's work and keep up to date with what the Creative Mile is planning next year by visiting www.creativemile.org



Business on the big screen

Advance for Growth is the exciting new competition for businesses to win free advertising space across the borough.

Launched by the Council in partnership with JCDecaux and Hounslow Chamber of Commerce, the competition will equip one Hounslow business with the tools and expertise to substantially scale, and build a strong, recognisable brand.

The winning business will receive access to the Council's and JCDecaux's prestigious Out-of-Home advertising estate for a whole calendar year. This includes the digital advertising boards on the borough's high streets and the M4 torch.

Cllr Shantanu Rajawat, Leader of Hounslow Council, said: "This is a remarkable opportunity for an aspiring Hounslow business to scale and reach new audiences. We continue to seek

new ways to make the local economy and businesses stand out. Through our strong local partnerships, we are providing a platform for one lucky business to dramatically grow and thrive.

"Not only will the business have access to premium advertising space, which will be seen by residents and visitors across the borough, but they will receive tailored support to ensure they maximise the potential for their brand."

Businesses can apply by completing the application form online and telling us why your business is ready to take this incredible step to scale and growth.

Closing date for entries is 7 November 2022. The winner will be announced on 24 November 2022.

Find out more and enter by visiting www.hounslow.gov.uk/advanceforgrowth



Cllrs Siddhu, Bruce, Dunne and the Leader of Hounslow Council Cllr Rajawat

£500,000 TO BENEFIT borough's partially sighted community

Hounslow Council, in partnership with the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and the Middlesex Association for the Blind, have been awarded £500,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund to benefit Hounslow residents with sight loss.

The funding is over three years and will deliver emotional and practical advice, guidance, and support to 2,500 people per year. It will also provide two Eye Care Liaison Officers (ECLOs), who will provide

an important bridge between health and social services in addition to support and wellbeing of patients.

There will also be increased awareness through events, talks and workshops with around 100 planned over the next three year. Finally, there will be a new focus on the number of Certificates of Visual Impairment (CVI) issued in the borough - which are important for rehabilitation, mobility training and assistive devices.



Cllr Samia Chaudhary with Abhijit and Divya Borkar from the Humble Thali

Hounslow restaurants encouraged to make A COMMITMENT TO HEALTHIER CHOICES

Hounslow Council is working in partnership with local food businesses to make it easier for customers to find restaurants and takeaways serving healthier food.

Recent Public Health England data for Hounslow shows that 38.7% of children in year six and 63.2% of adults are overweight or obese. One of the biggest barriers to maintaining a healthy weight is the lack of healthy food and drink options.

The London Healthier Catering Commitment (HCC), is a voluntary scheme aimed at making simple changes to how food is prepared, cooked, and served, to reduce the amount of food that is high in fat, sugar, and salt.

The new scheme is designed to attract a network of local food businesses in the borough committed to offering their customers healthier choices when eating out, on the basis that small changes can make a big difference. That way, customers can decide where to dine, knowing that healthier options are available to them.

The first business to sign up to the scheme, Humble Thali, opened during the Covid-19 pandemic as a takeaway restaurant due to lockdown restrictions but has since opened its doors to welcome customers as a dine-in restaurant as well. Any businesses wishing to join can express their interest by email for an initial assessment.

Humble Thali owner, Abhijit Borkar, said, "We are delighted to be the first food outlet in Hounslow to sign up. It's really easy to join and the support on offer has been great to help us lead the way. We felt it was important to be part of the positive impact it will have on our customers' health allowing them to enjoy a guilt-free meal out."

Commenting on the launch of the commitment in Hounslow, Cllr Samia Chaudhary, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health Integration, said: "Staying a healthy weight can be a real challenge when there is so much unhealthy fast food available, so it is very inspiring to see food outlets playing their part. We encourage more to join the scheme to boost healthier options available throughout the borough."

Participating businesses will receive support from the Council's Public Health team to make the healthier changes and can display a certificate and window sticker to promote their participation in the scheme. They also receive a free online food safety training place in recognition of their efforts.

Reducing adult and childhood obesity is one of the Council's top health priorities and HCC will help raise awareness of the healthier options available.

To find out more and sign-up, businesses should visit www.hounslow.gov.uk/healthier-catering

Pawsome Animal Welfare Team wins multiple awards

The Council's Animal Welfare Team have been awarded the RSPCA's Pawprints gold award in two categories – the Stray Dogs service category and the Kennelled Dogs category.



Making it a hat-trick, one of our very own Animal Welfare Officers, Andy Newnham, has won the 2022 RSPCA Special Recognition award for work carried out to disrupt puppy farming during lockdown, work on animal welfare prosecutions, and efforts in building community relations and supporting animal owners.

Andy said: "This is completely unexpected, as the competition is so tough. I'm overwhelmed by the support that officers from the Met police, RSPCA inspectors and our local community animal groups gave to the nomination, and I'm honestly over the moon to receive the award. I also have my colleagues and Hounslow residents to thank for it, without whom this wouldn't have been possible."

The RSPCA Pawprints awards recognises and celebrates local authorities, housing providers, and police officers who have gone above and beyond for animals in their communities.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BOROUGH – TARGETED FUNDING HITS THE SPOT

Support for people affected by cancer, family carers in the borough and preventing youth violence are just a few of the projects that have benefited from the most recent round of Hounslow Council’s Thriving Communities Fund.



Project Turnover session at Staines Rugby Club

The fund is aimed at helping the voluntary and community sector (VCS) deliver projects that benefit Hounslow communities and meet the ambitions outlined in the Council’s new corporate plan. Through it, voluntary and community organisations can apply for revenue grants of up to £25,000 with a focus on:

- A Greener Hounslow by supporting community food projects and the circular economy
- A Healthier Hounslow by strengthening social connections
- A Liveable Hounslow by building resilience for Hounslow Housing tenants
- A Safer Hounslow by protecting vulnerable residents

- A Thriving Hounslow by supporting young people through employability and skills.

An additional £50,000 has also been made available through Hounslow’s Borough Based Partnership to deliver projects that make Hounslow healthier.

Key priorities include children and young people’s mental health, dementia, diabetes, falls suffered by elderly people, intermediate or short-term care, and population health management.

The grantees will be announced in January.

More than £70,000 was allocated in total to The Mulberry Centre who look to improve the lives of people affected by cancer, Harrow Carers, first-time beneficiaries, now branching out in Hounslow, to offer wide-ranging support for carers in the borough, and Osterley-based Our Barn who provide specialist support for family carers.

Golden Opportunity Skills and Development received £25,000 for a new project that offers early intervention work in preventing youth violence in the borough of Hounslow.

Nearly £40,000 was awarded to sport-related projects including Project Turnover, who, through rugby, seek to re-engage 12–17-year-olds back into education and away from possible exclusion and Feltham/Hounslow based London Warriors Basketball Club, who run regular community sessions in the area. Hounslow Community Rowing Trust – a first-time beneficiary – provide indoor rowing lessons to state school pupils at Brentford Leisure Centre.

Mags Davison, CEO of Project Turnover, said: “We are delighted to be supported by Hounslow Council’s Thriving Communities Fund. Project Turnover aims to create positive outcomes for the UK’s most vulnerable young people via an immersive programme based on proven research that sport can be used as a framework for a program of positive change for young people. We run a program that leverages sport, to cultivate resilience, motivation, and hope in students at risk of exclusion, gang involvement, drug abuse, violence, and opting out of school.

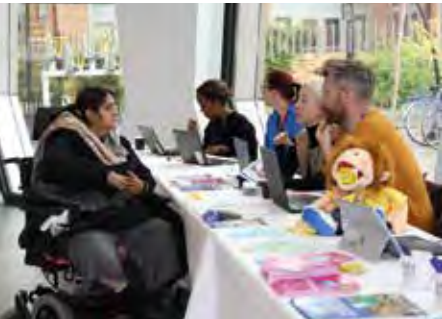
“The Thriving Communities bid has allowed us to continue supporting young people in the borough to make positive life direction changes.”



The Mulberry Centre



COST OF LIVING - GETTING HELP EARLY



Whether its employment and training, food, housing, money matters or general wellbeing advice and support is readily available through Community Solutions.

As part of its ongoing support to Hounslow residents, the Council is delivering a series of Cost-of-Living marketplace events hosted by Community Solutions to help those living in and around the borough.

Araba (pictured top left), a resident from Heston, who leads The West London Ghanaian Association attended the first marketplace event: “I found out about so much that will help me personally as well as my members so I’m going back to tell them about all the help that’s out there. Lots of people are genuinely worried about the high cost of living and an event like this can only do good. The Council’s done a good job getting this together and I’ve been really impressed.”

Long term Community Solutions partner Crosslight, a local debt advice



charity, felt the event was beneficial for residents and themselves, as advisor Kate Burling explains: “It was a wonderful experience. The most important thing for us was to meet people who need our service but also to meet other people who are working within Hounslow itself, offering other services our clients need.

“It was a great opportunity for us to see where we might be able to signpost some of our clients along to and also so they (other organisations) know a bit more about what we do so they feel confident about referring people across to us when they see a client who needs debt advice.”

Also among the attendees was Cllr Shivraj Grewal, Cabinet Member for Communities and Equalities, who added: “Supporting residents with the impact of the increase in the cost of living on residents is a top priority. The Community Solutions team are out and about in the borough, up to six days a week, signposting residents to the support available – so don’t wait before seeking help. The earlier you access available support the less likely you are to reach crisis.”

The next Cost of Living Marketplace event will take place on Thursday 3 November from 4pm - 7.30pm at Bedfont Community Centre, 9 Proctors Close, Feltham TW14 9NB

For further information on upcoming events as well as a wide range of other advice, visit www.hounslow.gov.uk/costofliving

WINTER READINESS

Over the last few months, the increased cost of living has been touching every part of our lives, and for some of us the increased costs are leading to pressure on our finances – and in turn our health.

We can expect growing pressure caused by the increases in our everyday costs to affect all parts of society this winter – at the same time many of our more vulnerable neighbours will also be experiencing ill-health as a result of the cold weather.

Our volunteers, community groups and partner organisations are working with the Council to make the support we offer even more effective, for example, our Cost of Living Marketplace and Roadshow is bringing together community organisations to provide information, advice and guidance to residents.

Financial support is also available to those in greatest need through the Household Support fund which will help some residents to purchase essential items such as food and help to pay utility bills. For further information please visit our information hub at www.hounslow.gov.uk/costofliving

You can also access the Council's Community Solutions Service for early help and advice in person at a number of borough-wide locations, or via the telephone and online at www.hounslow.gov.uk/communitysolutions

One of the best ways you can protect yourself and your loved ones from becoming unwell is to look after your health.

The NHS is reminding residents of simple actions that they can take to stay well which allows the NHS to focus on those residents who may experience serious ill-health.

BOOST YOUR IMMUNITY

If you are in a higher risk group, you will be eligible for a vaccination this winter. Vaccinations are important to help you stay well and prevent avoidable infection. Check if you are eligible:

Group	Flu vaccine	Covid-19 autumn booster
All adults aged 50+	✓	✓
Carers and healthcare staff	✓	✓
Pregnant women	✓	✓
People aged 4 - 49 with clinical risk	✓	✓
Immuno-suppressed	✓	✓
Children aged 2 -10	✓	✗



Are you 50-64? Get Winter Ready



Protect yourself and others with the **COVID-19 booster** this winter.

It's easy, book or walk-in.
hounslow.gov.uk/get-winter-ready

HOW TO GET A FLU JAB

You can get a flu vaccination appointment through

- An invite from your GP
- Your local community pharmacy

Community pharmacy locations that are offering vaccination can be found at www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu

School aged children can get a flu vaccination through their school. Parents are reminded that they must provide consent and return their signed consent form.

COVID BOOSTERS

If you have an NHS Number and are registered with a GP you can book an appointment online.

You can also attend our pop-up clinics or stop at the Hounslow Health Outreach Bus which has stopping points across the borough. Visit www.hounslow.gov.uk/vaccine for local vaccination sites.

GET THE RIGHT HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

Choosing the right service means you will get the right help quickly, 111 online (www.111.nhs.uk) can quickly direct you to the right service for your medical needs and book you an appointment if needed.

TAKING CARE OF YOUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING

OneYou Hounslow offers friendly local support to help you take steps to look after your physical and mental wellbeing, getting more active and fitter is especially important for health.

We can all feel anxious, low, or stressed at certain times during life, but if you are finding it hard to cope with the pressures of life and feel you need help this winter, local support is available by contacting Hounslow IAPT service. Alternatively, you can call NHS 111 or make an appointment to see your GP.

Visit OneYouHounslow.org.uk for more information.

For more details on how North West London is doing to help you stay well this winter visit: www.nwlondonics.nhs.uk/Winter

TIME TO GET INVOLVED!

We're committed to putting your views at the heart of our work. We want everyone to have a say on the issues which matter to them, and then use this representative feedback to shape our decisions. We're developing new ways for people to engage with us so there's something to suit everyone.

In each edition of Hounslow Matters we'll highlight the current opportunities for people to shape what we do, and update on what we did in response to previous engagement projects.

IT'S YOUR HOME, MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT

Council tenants are being urged to get involved with improving housing management services and ensuring estates are places residents are proud to call home with well-maintained safe neighbourhoods for everyone.

Our approach to engagement with tenants and leaseholders has been refreshed.

We're now offering more opportunities for residents to get involved.

Opportunities include:

- ✓ **Joining or starting a Tenant Resident Association to represent the tenants' voices on your estate.**
- ✓ **Becoming an Estate Improvement Champion, carrying out regular spot checks to ensure estates are clean, safe, and well maintained.**

- ✓ **Joining an Action Group to monitor service areas and issues that matter to residents, for example Repairs Action Group.**

- ✓ **Being part of a Housing Strategy Group working with senior council officers to influence the directions of housing services.**

- ✓ **Being a Communications Ambassador helping us spread the word on your estate.**

Cllr Sue Sampson, Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Homelessness, is determined to support and amplify the voices of residents.

She said: "The Council's ambition is to overhaul how we listen and empower council tenants and homeowners.

"I want residents to play an active part

and champion changes to our housing management services.

"Get Involved in making improvements and tackling issues that are important to people.

"We've been stepping up our engagement with council tenants and leaseholders through a range of activities. Our residents know their own communities, and they must be at the centre of what we do as a council and in tackling issues we face as a borough."

To sign-up or find out more, email: engage@hounslow.gov.uk



Cllr Sampson with Pat Sell, resident from Ivybridge Estate

NEXT STEPS IN HOUNSLOW ELECTRIC FUTURE

As part of its action against climate change, Hounslow Council has plans to install 2,000 electric vehicle charging points in the borough by 2026.



Between July and September, the Council shared its plans with residents and asked for their views on the proposals.

The Council is currently analysing the findings of this consultation. The proposals and comments will be presented to the Council's Cabinet at its November meeting. An updated version will be published in Spring 2023.

Cllr Katherine Dunne, Hounslow Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Environment and Transport Strategy, said: "We would like to thank everyone who took part in the consultation. Your views will help us to shape this strategy and the future of transport in our borough.

"Introducing more electric charging points will help our borough meet the future demand for electric vehicles. It will reduce our reliance on fossil fuels such as petrol and diesel which, in turn will reduce carbon emissions in our borough."

Find out more about Hounslow Council's Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy at: www.hounslow.gov.uk/electricvehicles



MAKING A MORE EQUAL HOUNSLOW

More than one thousand people took part in our borough-wide conversation about equality.

The Council is developing its new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion strategy to make Hounslow a fairer and more inclusive place to live, work and study, and wants it to be shaped by all our diverse communities.

From July to October we ran an online and paper survey, held dozens of discussions with different groups and put on several events where people could talk about what they see as the barriers to equality and how they could be overcome.

Cllr Shivraj Grewal, Cabinet Member for Communities and Equality, said: "Tackling inequality across the borough is a major priority for the Council. We want Hounslow to be a fairer, more inclusive place to live and work, a place where everyone feels heard, respected

and welcome. We need to reduce inequalities in our most deprived neighbourhoods and for our most disadvantaged communities, and ensure there are opportunities for everyone to thrive.

"However, we know we can't do this alone. Traditional approaches are not enough, we need new insights and radical ideas which is why it was so important we heard from lots of different people from different backgrounds. A big thank you to everyone who took part."

The feedback from residents will be analysed and used to shape the strategy, which will be published next year.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING FOR HOUNSLOW

As part of its commitment to improving health and wellbeing throughout the borough, Hounslow Council is inviting residents, community groups, and wider communities to tell us their opinions about a new Health and Wellbeing Strategy that is being developed.

The findings of the survey will help us realise an ambition to see our communities healthier, connected and able to realise their full potential in a way that



To find out more visit our consultation page www.hounslow.gov.uk/consultations



is not based on individuals' financial resources. We want to create opportunities to realise this commitment for people to live healthier, happier and richer lives says Kelly O'Neill, Director of Public Health.

The short survey, which includes space for written suggestions and comments, will ensure that the results identified in the survey can meet the needs of residents.

The opportunity to provide feedback will close on Friday 25 November 2022 and all responses received will be reviewed. The strategy will then be updated before the findings and outcomes can be shared with residents.

www.hounslow.gov.uk/healthandwellbeing

Jean Inward School of Dance get the attendees in the mood for the Bedfont, Feltham and Hanworth Forum



REVITALISED AREA FORUMS PROVE A HIT

The first of our revitalised area forums – at the Musical Museum on Brentford high street in late September, saw approximately eighty residents, local community groups and Council representatives gather in the venue's Concert Hall for a lively session on the issues important to local people.

Local residents and groups including The Mulberry Centre, Cultivate London, Men's Sheds and All Aboard Club, were dotted around the room, as attendees connected with each other, Cllrs and council officers.

An extended Q&A session and debate between the audience and Cllrs helped ensure community views and priorities were at the heart of the event.

Maurice Akin, a local postman who was attending his first forum commented: "I thought it was really good. Because I know the area so well, I was aware of



what people's concerns were and think they had merit as issues. And I think they were left feeling that the Council were going to act on their concerns."

A week later and Feltham library was the venue for the Bedfont, Feltham and Hanworth Forum. Opened by a fabulous performance from the Jean Inward School of Dance in Feltham, there was another full house discussing a range of topics from a prospective local 'youth zone', a new cricket pitch, to toilets at Faggs Road Allotments.

Among the local groups attending were Friends of Feltham Green and Creative People and Places. Attendee,

Lily Bough, a teacher at Reach Academy and campaigner for the new youth zone commented: "I'm always excited to get involved in democracy. It was lovely to see so many people from the community there, the stalls were a great idea, and the dance group was a lovely touch. It felt joyful and very community orientated."

Our revitalised Area Forums ensure residents can have their say on issues that involve their local area by engaging directly with the Council - helping us to transform how we listen to, and work with, our local communities.

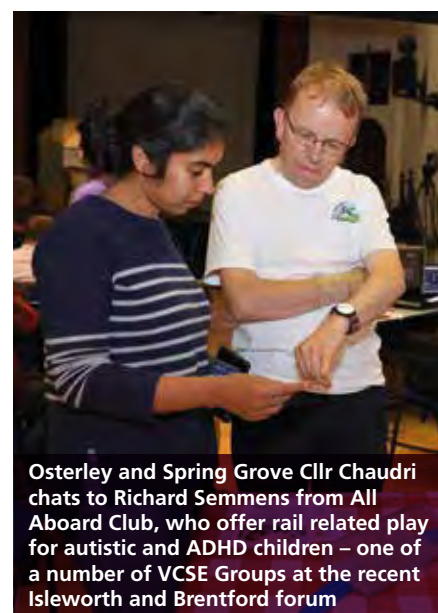
UPCOMING AREA FORUMS

Heston and Cranford Area Forum
Cranford Community College, High Street Cranford, TW5 9PD
Thursday 27 October from 6pm – 9pm

Central Hounslow Area Forum,
Hounslow House on the Sixth floor,
10 November from 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Chiswick Area Forum, Chiswick
Town Hall, Tuesday 22 November,
6.30 – 9.30pm

Isleworth and Brentford Area Forum, Brentford FC, G-Tech Stadium, Lionel Rd, Brentford TW8 0RU, Thursday 24 November. Room and timing to be confirmed.



Osterley and Spring Grove Cllr Chaudhri chats to Richard Semmens from All Aboard Club, who offer rail related play for autistic and ADHD children – one of a number of VCSE Groups at the recent Isleworth and Brentford forum

RE-IMAGINING OUR TOWN CENTRES, WE NEED YOUR HELP –

Cllr Tom Bruce, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development



The regeneration of our town centres is a vital part of our ambitious plans for the future of the borough.

Through Prosperity and Place strategy – adopted by Cabinet earlier this year – we want to collectively create vibrant places for our communities to live, work, study and spend their leisure time. We want to put Hounslow on the map.

This will help us to drive economic growth that builds on the borough's strengths, while ensuring that our future local economy is fairer, more resilient, and diverse, including creating not just good jobs, but great careers for local people.

We can't achieve everything overnight – but the start of this journey begins with us listening to you, our residents and our communities.

To do this we have been inviting residents to get involved through in-person events and online feedback. You can now play an instrumental role in designing the town centres for the future so that they meet the needs and aspirations of the communities that use them most.

We want our town centres to be hubs of economic and cultural activity for our residents, visitors, and businesses.

Find out more about regeneration and have your say online on the Town Centre Visions by visiting www.hounslow.gov.uk/regeneration

MAYOR OF LONDON BACKS HOUNSLOW'S CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Hounslow has been successful in securing reaccreditation as one of the Mayor of London's Creative Enterprise Zones, which includes a £630,000 investment.



Women In Film event at Digital Dock, hosted by JGA Developing Futures

Hounslow's zone – Creative Enterprise West, was founded in 2019 and is situated around the Great West Corridor. It focuses on championing and nurturing creative industries and skills, unlocking workspace for creative industries and supporting a network of creative businesses, which includes industry giants like Sky and the Discovery Channel and a range of smaller local creatives.

Cllr Shantanu Rajawat, Leader of Hounslow Council said: "Hounslow has long been a hotbed of success for the creative industries, especially in TV and film production, with a vast mixture of large worldwide organisations, smaller businesses and start-ups producing content enjoyed across the globe.

"Our zone has already provided a great boost of support to the sector and is inspiring the next generation through the educational and training opportunities."

Activities in the reaccredited zone will focus on helping Hounslow residents access employment support and training to secure jobs in the film and television sector. The new Creatively Developing Futures in Hounslow programme aims to boost employment in the 'screen' industries and upskill residents already working in creative businesses to enable them to progress further in their careers. Residents can find out more and register interest by visiting www.jga-group.com/creative-programme-hounslow

BRINGING ABOUT POSITIVE CHANGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Helping children displaying challenging behaviours has been the key aim of the Focus30 Programme with the Brentford FC Community Sports Trust, Chiswick school and Springwest Academy.

A student from Springwest Academy student said: "Controlling and expression my emotions I wanted to have a better positive attitude towards school and certain lessons. The emotions workshop really made me think about all the different emotions I can be feeling at the same time and how to express them in a positive way which meant I wasn't getting in trouble."

Students from Springwest Academy enjoying a tour of the Gtech Community Stadium

Another Springwest student said: "I have improved on my silly behaviour in class, I can often get distracted by others which gets me into trouble but now I know to take myself away. I have also been able to make a new friendship group which has helped me make better decisions."

Ms D Bertin, Assistant Head Teacher, Chiswick School, said: 'We loved the fact that we could ask for bespoke sessions. The staff established good relationships with the students throughout to the extent that the boys from the first cohort still ask to see them.'

This scheme is part of the support for local schools and community organisations through the Hounslow Education Partnership.

LEADING THE WAY, SAFETY EVERY DAY

In March 2021 we launched our Safer Communities Strategy with the aim of working across our communities to keep Hounslow a low crime borough and a safe place to live, work, study and visit.

THE THREE PRIORITIES OF THE STRATEGY ARE:

Residents are less affected by serious crime.

Young people and adults exposed to and exploited to commit crimes receive help.

Residents work together to keep Hounslow safe.

A YEAR ON WE LOOK AT A QUICK SNAPSHOT OF WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED UNDER THESE PRIORITIES:

Robbery
offences
decreased by
24%

Burglary
offences
decreased by
16%

Illicit drug
offences
decreased by
22%

Data from the West Area Police Borough Command Unit

As part of delivering on our priorities for the strategy, earlier this year we launched Keeping Ivybridge Safe, Together, a new area-based initiative that focuses on talking to residents to find out what crimes and behaviours are concerning them, so we

can understand what the causes are. To this effect we launched a survey which residents helped design. From the survey 50% of the respondents feel fairly-safe on the estate, but we know we can do more to help make people feel safer.

An element of this approach is doing things differently and we have created international links with partners in the Netherlands to learn from the models they are using to approach community safety which we will be rolling out to other areas of the borough as well.



Young people at the launch of Keeping Ivybridge Safe, Together



Hounslow Council's Deputy Leader Cllr Dunne (far left), Cabinet Member for Community Safety Cllr Grewal (far right) and Hounslow's Young Facilitators launching their People and Places of Safety map

YOUNG PEOPLE MAP PLACES OF SAFETY

Local young people met Cabinet members from the council in July this year, to present and discuss a People and Places of Safety map they have produced. Hounslow Young Facilitators are a team of 34 young people, aged 11-19, from nine different schools and colleges across the borough.

Hounslow. The resulting map offers a snapshot of the group's hopes and aspirations around the concept of community safety, and how we could all work together to make Hounslow a safer place to live, work and study.

Through the project, the young people also learned about challenging topics including exploitation,

radicalisation, and grooming to further inform their work.

Jess, 18, said: "I know this map will help young people think about what to do and who to go to if they want a place of safety. I'm really proud of our work."

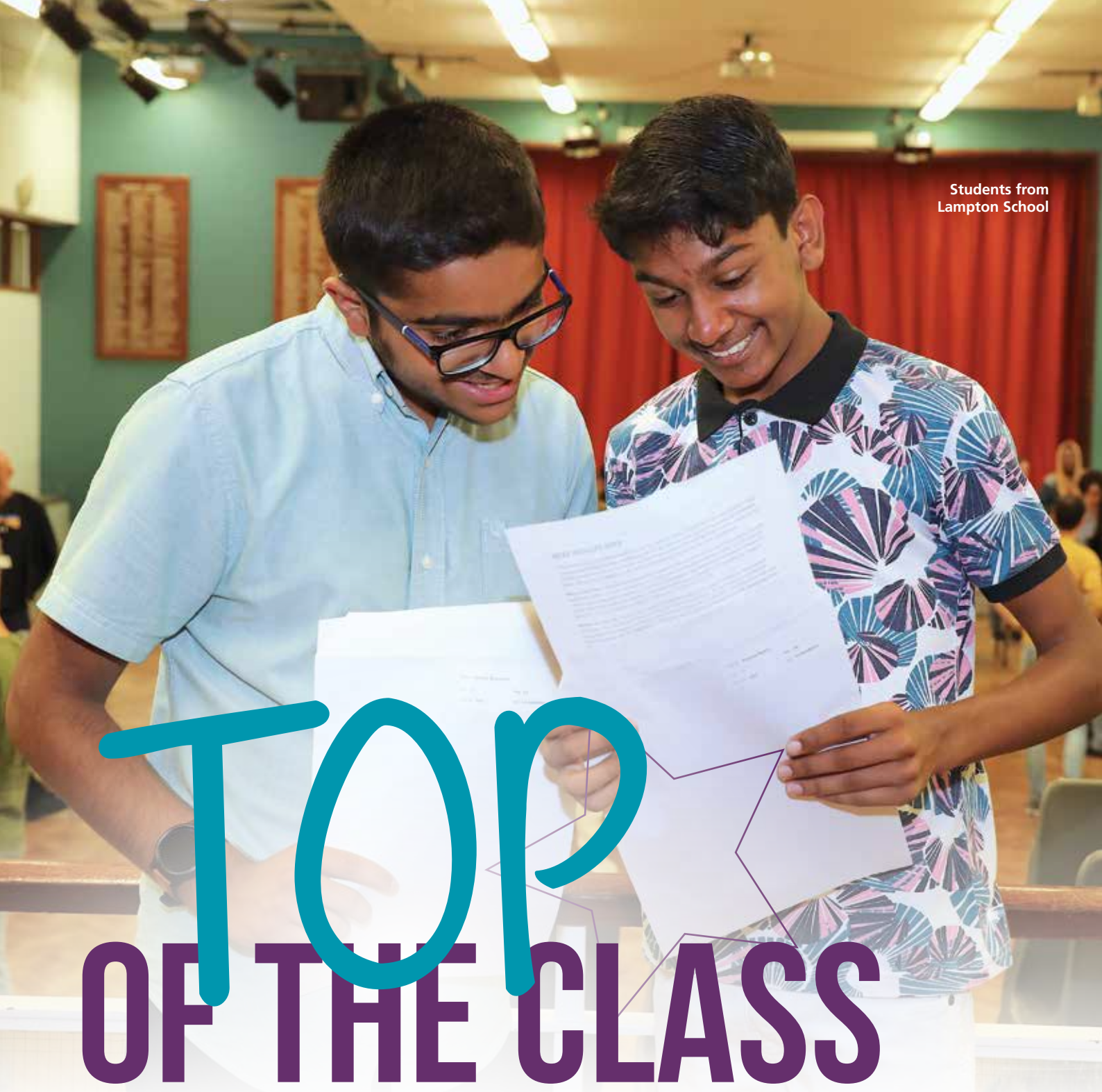
Vanessa, 15 said: "It was so great to hear where other young people felt safe and didn't feel safe. I didn't realise how big Hounslow was and all the things that are going on for the community."



The map is the culmination of a long-term project that started in November 2021 in association with Participation People.

The team explored perceptions and insights into people, and places of safety across

Working with a 'graphic recorder', the map highlights community strengths, and existing community safety projects employed by Hounslow Council.



Students from
Lampton School

TOP OF THE CLASS

Hounslow students receiving their A-Level results recorded a collective pass rate of 98.3%, while GCSE results showed that 77.4% of pupils achieved a grade 4 or better in Maths and English, outperforming the national average of 71.4%. Results across all subjects saw improvements on pre-pandemic results, with significant boosts in Maths and English attainment.

Result day celebrations were not just limited to young people in the borough. Adult learners also undertook GCSE examinations with Hounslow's Adult and Community Education Service – which provides a range of accessible learning opportunities for adults in Hounslow. The adult learners recorded a 100% pass rate in both English and Maths GCSEs.

Mr Stephen Davis,
Head Teacher of Lampton

School said:

"We are immensely proud of all our students who have received their GCSE results. The last few years have been tough for everyone – let alone young people preparing for their important examinations – but their hard work has been rewarded.

"Every teacher, staff member, parent and carer has also played a pivotal role in preparing the students for

their GCSEs and ensuring they were successful."

Mr Mike Rose, Deputy Head of the Heathland School, said:

"We are all so proud of our students receiving their A Level results. They worked incredibly hard, engaging with their teachers, and providing commitment and support to one another along the way.

"They all have exciting futures ahead of them as they

embark on university courses, apprenticeships or enter the world of work. We wish them the very best of luck and hope that they take with them some fond memories of their time at secondary school."

Cllr Lily Bath, Cabinet Member for Children, Learning and Employment, said:

"The time young people spend in school is such a formative part of their lives

and I'm proud that Hounslow – where every school is rated 'Outstanding' or 'Good' by Ofsted – is equipping young people with the tools to succeed. The future is bright for Hounslow.

"The success of our adult learners showcases that it's never too late to sit your GCSEs and gain vital qualifications that will help you progress in your career. We have a vast range of flexible

courses for adults, and I hope other residents in the borough will be inspired to sign up and realise their full potential."

Hounslow's 14-19 Connexions Service is available to provide free impartial advice and support to young students who are unsure of their next steps or didn't get the results they expected. Call the service on 020 8583 5151 or visit www.hounslow.gov.uk/connexions



Cllr Bath with students at The Heathland School

HAFFY HOLIDAYS!

Funded by the Department for Education, our Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) gives local children the chance to experience engaging and dynamic activities when term time's over. Nutritious, tasty food is part of a deal that's of no cost to all children in the borough of Hounslow that already receive benefit-related free school meals.

Christmas is approaching so make sure your kids get a Haffy Holiday!

We can offer your child a fantastic holiday experience where they can take part in a variety of exciting events. This summer, Hounslow's youngsters experienced basketball, cycling, kayaking, arts and crafts and much more!

Wellbeing is central to the programme. There's at least sixty minutes of physical activity included each day, alongside engaging learning about healthy eating.

Over 10,000 vouchers were raised during the summer so get involved!

GET INVOLVED

Once provision has been put in place, they will be listed on fsd.hounslow.gov.uk

Parents who want to receive the voucher need to apply for free school meals. If you are already registered for benefits related free school meals you will receive their voucher from the school. You can check eligibility and apply for FSM at www.hounslow.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

The Evouchers.com link will be then be sent by the school for bookings now and in future.

APPLY ON TIME FOR SCHOOL PLACES

Parents and carers whose children will be starting reception in primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2023, can now begin applying for a school place.

The easy online application process allows families to choose six schools for both primary and secondary. Families are encouraged to take their time exploring the range of options available.

To avoid disappointment, it is vital not to miss the application deadline.

Those with a child in Year 6 and born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012, will need to apply for a secondary school place. Applications must be submitted by Monday 31 October 2022.

Parents and carers with a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, will need to apply for a primary school (reception class). The deadline for applications is Sunday 15 January 2023.

Any applications received after the deadlines will be considered late, and late applications will only be processed after 'on time' applications.

You can find a copy of Hounslow Council's brochure, information on the online application process and the link to make your application at www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions

THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THE COUNCIL

Andrea Tidy, Estates Services Manager at Hounslow Council, explains why caretakers are such an important part of the Council's work.

"Our caretakers are extremely resilient," Andrea explains. "No day is the same and they often have to deal with a number of reactive issues."

During the pandemic, caretakers were the only frontline staff interacting with residents - face to face - within housing services.

"I remember talking to an elderly woman who was so frightened by the pandemic," Andrea says. "When she saw one of our caretakers still carrying out his daily duties she felt reassured and realised everything was going to be ok."

Along with being a reassuring presence during the pandemic, one of the Caretaking Team Leaders, Tina Memory, was recently recognised for her continued delivery of the British Institute of Cleaning Sciences cleaning training, which led to her winning an award for BIC's Assessor of the Year.

"Previously, I think the caretaking service has often been perceived as a 'Cinderella service'. Post pandemic, we really have a powerful voice. Our caretakers have one of the strongest, and closest, relationship with our residents - it is important they play an important role in ensuring estate pride."

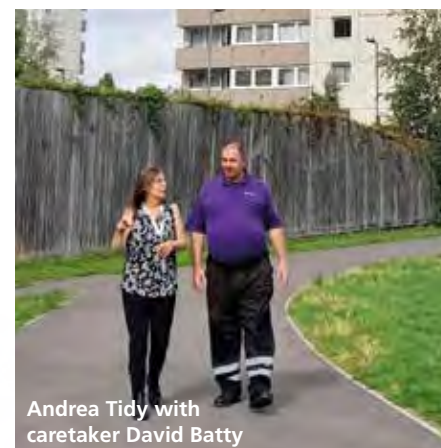
And estate pride is the cornerstone of Hounslow Council's housing priorities over the next four years. The Council have

pledged a £300 million investment in council estates and wants to improve the ways it engages with residents.

Cllr Sue Sampson, Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Homelessness, believes caretakers play an integral role on the borough's estates - having lived on the Worples Road Estate for most of her life.

"They often go about their daily work without complaint or any need for recognition for their tireless work," she says.

"They truly are the unsung heroes of our Council and are the bedrock of the communities they serve."



Andrea Tidy with caretaker David Batty



Cllr Sampson with caretakers from the Ivybridge Estate



Cllrs Chaudhary, Farmahan, Dunne and Leader of Hounslow Council, Cllr Rajawat, with residents and council officers at the opening of the Two Bridges housing development

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Supported housing for residents with learning disabilities and/or autism

The Two Bridges housing development based in Feltham was opened in August 2022 by Leader of Hounslow Council, Cllr Shantanu Rajawat. At the event, Asim, one of the residents, proudly showed around the self-contained flats and some of the residents shared how they felt about living there.

Leo Maloney, Two Bridges resident, said:

"Before this, my life was not great, and I did not feel like my future mattered. Since moving in here, I have met a lot of new people and had opportunities to change my life for the better.

"I made a lot of self-destructive decisions in the past. Now, my habits have changed, and my mental state is better. It has been a life-changing moment for me and for the first time in my life I believe I have a future to look forward to."

Cllr Shantanu Rajawat, Leader of Hounslow Council, said:

"As part of our ambitions for Hounslow, we want to ensure people with learning disabilities or autism have the right support and access to our services while leading rewarding and fulfilling lives in a place they can call home.

"As a Council, we are achieving more through working in partnership and collaborating with our local communities. I would like to thank our partners as well as our residents and their carers who have all come together to help make this project possible."

Dimensions, a not-for-profit organisation supporting people with learning disabilities and/or autism, is providing 24-hour support to the residents which includes a management team and senior behavioural practitioners providing care tailored to the individual's need.



JOIN OUR BOROUGH- WIDE FLOWER IN BLOOM PROJECT

Following the success of the Feltham in Bloom project, residents on other estates are being encouraged to replicate the project in their communities.

Established in 2019, Feltham in Bloom aimed to clean, green and beautify the Feltham, Bedfont and Hanworth area. The 1,750 strong Facebook group has won awards in two 'London in Bloom' bids. Feltham in Bloom has been actively boosting the growing and sharing of all kinds of plants over the past three years. During Covid, plants were being given away regularly. They have also worked to encourage the growing of flowers fruits and veggies in three local schools.

Cllr Sue Sampson, Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Homelessness, said: "I was really inspired by the Feltham in Bloom project: it is an exemplary case of residents transforming the spaces and places that matter to them. We are committed to making our borough greener and developing 'estate pride' across all our estates."

To find out how you get involved in the Council's Flower in Bloom project, please contact your Estate Officer.

FOOD WASTE RECYCLING RATES

A project aimed at increasing food waste recycling rates in Hounslow is proving to have all the ingredients for success.

Having set an ambitious target in early 2020 of providing a food-waste collection service to 24,000 flats by the end of 2022, Hounslow Council is well on track to achieve and even exceed its goal.

More than 17,000 households across 137 sites have benefited from the scheme, with savings of more than £54,000 as of early September.

The Council's recycling team and its partners have engaged with residents throughout the project, playing an active role in the programme by providing ideas to improve the service throughout the roll out.



Cllr Guy Lambert, Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Operational Services, said: "There is an appetite among our residents to recycle more food waste than ever before.

"Our aim is to provide a food waste recycling service to all households in the borough, and providing a service to purpose-built flats is a significant step in achieving this objective. By participating you will be helping to reduce waste, cut costs, and protect the environment."

Kea D'Silva follows in her grandfather's footsteps and cares for the environment

HOUNSLOW GREENTALK ENCOURAGING GRASSROOTS CLIMATE ACTIVISM

It's a simple idea that is helping precious trees across Hounslow thrive and grow.

The borough's interactive website Hounslow Greentalk encourages residents to get involved with its Adopt a Tree campaign. Residents can simply sign up to the website and then take on a public tree close to home. A little bit of water and some TLC can make all the difference to these planet-saving trees.

And in one remarkable example, the Adopt a Tree initiative is helping a young girl from Isleworth carry on an amazing family tradition.

Fourteen-year-old Kea has an awareness about the fragile nature of our environment, and like many young people her age, she wants to preserve it. She believes in safeguarding the best of nature for generations to come and is fully aware of the science behind the need to support trees, and how it feeds into the Climate Emergency Hounslow Council declared in 2019.

By giving some of her time, she is supporting an important cause. She helps to care for a street tree and in doing so, she's helped to preserve her own family's heritage.

"My grandfather when he was younger, would plant crops and grow food," she said. "He would learn from a young age how to cultivate land to produce the best crops, and how to germinate seeds and look after the bees and insects so they would pollinate his flowers and crops."

There are more than 123,000 trees in Hounslow. The Council and its partners believe every single tree in this impressive green canopy is special, and it's clear that the people of the borough do to.

She further added: "For my grandfather, I have adopted a tree within my local community near his house," she said. "It's newly planted, and I hope to look after it so it can provide oxygen and help clean our air. It will also support wildlife, something that is important to my grandfather and myself."

Kea's message to anyone who cares for the environment in Hounslow is a simple one: "Get involved."

To find out more about Hounslow Greentalk and how to Adopt a Tree, visit: hounslow.greentalk.io

GO GREEN with the Youth Climate Network

Hounslow Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019, with ambitious targets to reduce carbon emissions and create a stronger, cleaner, and healthier borough for everyone.

But meaningful and lasting change can only be achieved with the help of passionate individuals who care about our planet.

The Council is calling on residents aged between 18 and 25 to become actively involved with the Youth Climate Network; this means co-producing actions and priorities for the borough and helping to shape the green future of Hounslow and beyond.

The voluntary group for young people is already in full swing and works with Hounslow Council to design and deliver environmental projects, and initiate behaviour change in the community.

If you're passionate about the change you want to see in the world, come and volunteer with Hounslow's Youth Climate Network. Email environmental.champion@hounslow.gov.uk for further details.

ANOTHER GREEN TRIUMPH

Hounslow's parks have done it again and have been awarded in this year's coveted Green Flag Awards.



Cllr Shaheen at Boston Manor Park

For the second year running, a total of 21 of the borough's parks have earned the prestigious Green Flag following inspections from judges earlier in the year.

The annual awards are presented by the Tidy Britain Group in recognition of well-managed parks and green spaces. Since the scheme started over a quarter of a century ago, it has become the international quality mark for great green spaces.

In the Council's latest corporate plan, Ambitious for Hounslow, the authority committed to invest £5m in the borough's parks to ensure they remain among the best in London.

Master plans to transform the borough's parks, including Watermans Park, Feltham Arenas Parklands, Dukes Meadows and Boston Manor Park, are in motion.

Residents, visitors, and the many park-user groups have also been engaged to produce a vision for the future of the borough's green spaces.

Cllr Salman Shaheen, Cabinet Member for Parking, Parks and Leisure, said: "This fantastic result for Hounslow once again shows that we have some of the very best parks in London and proves just how committed we are to making the most of our borough's open spaces.

Achieving this high standard for our parks is a team effort. Our parks team and our partners have worked alongside our community groups and those residents who feel so passionately about these green spaces."

Find your local award-winning parks and green spaces this autumn at www.hounslow.gov.uk/parks

what's going on AROUND HOUNSLOW

Welcome to Hounslow

Hounslow is an exciting and vibrant west London borough, with lots of things to see and do. Around Hounslow includes fun things to do for all the family including children and young people. It's advisable to check with the organiser or venue if the event or activity is still going ahead.

Gunnersbury Park & Museum

[www.visitgunnersbury.org/
whats-on](http://www.visitgunnersbury.org/whats-on)

LITTLE FLAMINGOS: SONGS, DANCE AND STORIES

**Friday 4 November,
Friday 2 December, 10.30 -
11.30am, 1.30 - 2.30pm**

Join us for rhymes, action songs, and interactive stories, followed by free play in our small soft play area. Tea, coffee and juice will be served. These playful sessions are led by our volunteers and inspired by the flamingos that used to live here at Gunnersbury £3 per child, adults free.

FREE FAMILY TRAIL: GALLERY PASSPORTS

Until 31 March 2023

Calling all intrepid explorers – pick up your passport from the Front Desk and follow the clues around the museum to collect a stamp from each gallery. Pop your completed passport into our special postbox at the end of your visit to be in with the chance of winning a fluffy toy animal to keep! There's a new prize every month. Free.

LITTLE FLAMINGOS: STIR-UP SUNDAY

**Sunday 20 November,
11am - 12pm**

Help our Victorian servants prepare for the Christmas festivities in this special interactive performance for Early Years!

Our Little Flamingos Early Years programme encourages curiosity and creative expressions through singing, dancing and storytelling. Activities are set up for babies and toddlers to interact and play with a parent or carer and are designed for little ones that can sit unaided. £7 per child, adults free, booking essential.

STIR-UP SUNDAY

**Sunday 20 November,
12.45 - 1.45pm,
2.30 - 3.30pm**

Help our Victorian servants prepare for the Christmas festivities.

Traditionally, Christmas preparations would begin on the last Sunday before Advent, known as Stir-Up Sunday. An interactive, promenade performance for all the family. Suitable for children aged 6+. £7 per child, adults free, booking essential.

DIWALI FOOD DEMONSTRATION & TASTING

**Sunday 6 November,
2 - 3.30pm**

Join Mindu Bains from community group Trinjan as she rustles up some delicious food for Diwali! Mindu will show you how to make popular Indian sweet and savoury dishes.

£15, booking essential.

CHRISTMAS WITH MACIEK O'SHEA

**Sundays 4 December,
11 December, 2 - 4pm**

Get into the holiday spirit with baritone Maciek O'Shea as he presents a colourful concert of seasonal showstoppers and festive classics for all the family!

Free, suggested donation of £5, no need to book - just turn up.

CHANUKAH CONCERT WITH KLEZMERCO

**Sunday 18 December,
2 - 4pm**

London-based Klezmerco bring joyful Klezmer music from Eastern Europe to West London! Join them to celebrate the start of Chanukah.

£15, booking required.

FESTIVE FILM SCREENINGS AT GUNNERSBURY

**Tuesday 27 December,
Thursday 29 December
and Friday 30 December,
11am - 1pm**

Christmas calls for a bit of movie magic so why not come down to Gunnersbury Park Museum and enjoy a festive movie for all the family to enjoy. Please check back nearer the time for more information.

£5, suggested donation per family, no booking required.

CHISWICK HOUSE AND GARDENS

[chiswickhouseandgardens.
org.uk/whats-on](http://chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk/whats-on)

CHISWICK HOUSE AND GARDENS WEDDING SHOWCASE

**Sunday 6 November
10am - 3pm**

Recently engaged or looking to pop the question? Join us this November for our Wedding Showcase to see our beautiful wedding spaces and meet the team who will make your special day a dream come true.

Free to attend but you must pre-book a ticket.

Feltham Arts

www.felthamarts.org

UNDER 5S: TINY TALES

Wednesdays, 10 - 10.45am

**The Hub, next to Feltham
Library, The Centre,
Feltham, TW13 4GU**

A wonderful series of workshops for parents/carers and toddlers, brought to you by talented local facilitators from Tale Be Told Theatre. Have fun with your child and enjoy sensational storytelling, music & movement and a craft to take home. Term time only.

FELTHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR

**Tuesdays (term time only),
6 - 7.30pm**

**Reach Hub, Axiom House,
Feltham TW134AU**

The Feltham Community Choir is a mixed ability choir that sings a variety of different music from contemporary to rock music! We are an easy-going group of people who enjoy singing and we welcome you to come join us. No previous singing experience is required!

16+ years old

Free.

FELTHAM ARTISTS CLUB

**First Thursday of the month
excluding August,
10am - 12noon**

**The Hub, Feltham Library,
The Centre,
Feltham TW13 4GU**

A friendly group of amateur artists of mixed ages and abilities who paint in all mediums. We do not have a tutor but twice a year we have visiting artists to provide a demonstration or a workshop. We have an outing every summer. Annual subscription fee is £20, plus £2 each meeting for refreshments and raffle. You will also receive a monthly newsletter.

KNIT & NATTER CLASS

Mondays 10am - 12noon

**The Hub, Feltham Library,
The Centre,
Feltham TW13 4GU**

We launched our knit and natter group in 2015 and it has grown into a friendly flourishing group full of knit-spiration and chat. If you are already a knitter, please come and join us. If you don't knit but you would love to learn, come and give it a go! Term time only, excluding Bank

Holidays. No need to book, just come along!

SEWING & NEEDLEWORK CLASS

Mondays 2pm - 4pm

**The Hub, next to Feltham
Library, The Centre,
Feltham, TW13 4GU**

This friendly group has been established for several years and run by a local volunteer. Create mini sewing projects focusing on patchwork, applique, needlework and much more. Projects have included bags, soft toys and wall hangings. Join our friendly group for an afternoon of craft and chat. Term time only, excluding Bank Holidays.

Moving Communities

Tell us what you think about active leisure and physical activity in Hounslow. Hounslow Council and Sport England are conducting a survey around physical activity to help understand your views.

Please visit:
[www.hounslow.gov.uk/
moving-communities](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/moving-communities)

KEEP ACTIVE

WOMEN AND GIRLS FOOTBALL

Find Local Football sessions; Wildcats, Squad Girls and Adult visit:
find.EnglandFootball.com

TENNIS WITH LAMPTON LEISURE

Junior group coaching, social and community sessions.
[www.lamptonleisure.co.uk/
activities/tennis](http://www.lamptonleisure.co.uk/activities/tennis)

BETTERPOINTS

Download the free App - and get going! Visit App Store or Google Play and register.

hounslow.betterpoints.uk

OUTDOOR GYMS

Why not visit one of Hounslow's outdoor gyms and fitness trails?

Visit [www.hounslow.gov.
uk/getactive](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/getactive)

OURPARKS COUCH TO BHANGHRA

Free at-home exercises, visit: [www.ourparks.org.
uk/content/couch-to-
programmes](http://www.ourparks.org.uk/content/couch-to-programmes)

GOOD GYM HOUNSLOW

Find out how to become a volunteer with a range of local projects visit: [www.
goodgym.org/v3/areas/
hounslow](http://www.goodgym.org/v3/areas/hounslow)

WE ARE UNDEFEATABLE

Ideas supporting older adults and those with long-term health conditions to be more active visit: [www.
weareundefeatable.co.uk/
ways-to-move](http://www.weareundefeatable.co.uk/ways-to-move)

CYCLING IN HOUNSLOW

Try a brand new or nearly new bike with Peddle My Wheels visit: [www.hounslow.gov.
uk/try-before-bike](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/try-before-bike)

BRENTFORD FC CST

Online Yoga and more visit:
[www.brentfordfcst.com/
event/online-yoga-all-
abilities](http://www.brentfordfcst.com/event/online-yoga-all-abilities)

KEEPING ACTIVE AND HEALTHY

Find your local events and activities.
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of Hounslow**

LAMPTON LIGHTS

**FIREWORKS
FOOD
FUNFAIR
ACTIVITIES
STALLS**

**SATURDAY 29
OCTOBER**

**LAMPTON
PARK 6 - 10PM**

FIREWORKS START AT 7.30PM

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OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE MAYOR

The Mayor of Hounslow 2022-23 is Cllr Raghwinder Siddhu. He was first elected to the Council in 2018 and represents the Bedfont Ward. Since taking office in May 2022, the Mayor has been busy supporting the borough, as well as fundraising for his chosen charity - Polio and Children in Need Charity (Registered Charity Number 1096394).

Mayor's Charity

The Mayor has chosen Polio and Children in Need Charity (Registered Charity Number 1096394).

Polio and Children in Need Charity's mission is to provide nutritional, educational, healthcare, and vocational training support to children with polio or other neuromuscular disorders. For those children who come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, the charity has the goal of making them independent and productive citizens. It also aims to advance public education of polio and other neuro-muscular diseases.

MAYOR SIDDHU HAS BEEN CONTINUING HIS WORK IN THE BOROUGH BY ATTENDING MULTIPLE COMMUNITY EVENTS OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

Death of Queen Elizabeth II and Proclamation of King Charles III

In September, the Mayor formally proclaimed the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the accession of King Charles III.

Mayor Siddhu also attended several church services for the monarch's passing throughout the mourning period.

Hounslow was honoured to watch as the Queen's funeral procession to Windsor passed through the borough.



Would you like the Mayor to support your local organisation, business or community group? Or if you'd like the Mayor to attend your civic event, charity or voluntary organisation please get in touch with mayor@hounslow.gov.uk

Inaugural Dinner at the Indian Gymkhana Club

The Mayor hosted his inaugural dinner at the Osterley Indian Gymkhana Club. In attendance were representatives, Cllrs, and the deputy Mayor. A tremendous £7,616 was raised for Polio and Children in Need during the charity raffle and auction.



Raji Bhaji Festival at Bell Square

Mayor Siddhu attended the Summer of Culture Raji Bhaji Festival. The event supported local talent and Hounslow Foodbox, an emergency food charity supporting vulnerable members of the local community.



Schools Out for Summer Charity Raffle

With help from local businesses donating items, £250 was raised for the Mayor's chosen charity, Polio and Children in Need, at the 'Schools Out for Summer Charity' raffle.



London Warriors Annual Award Ceremony

The Mayor attended the Award Ceremony of the London Warriors, a local basketball club for young people, rewarding their athletic achievement and ambition.



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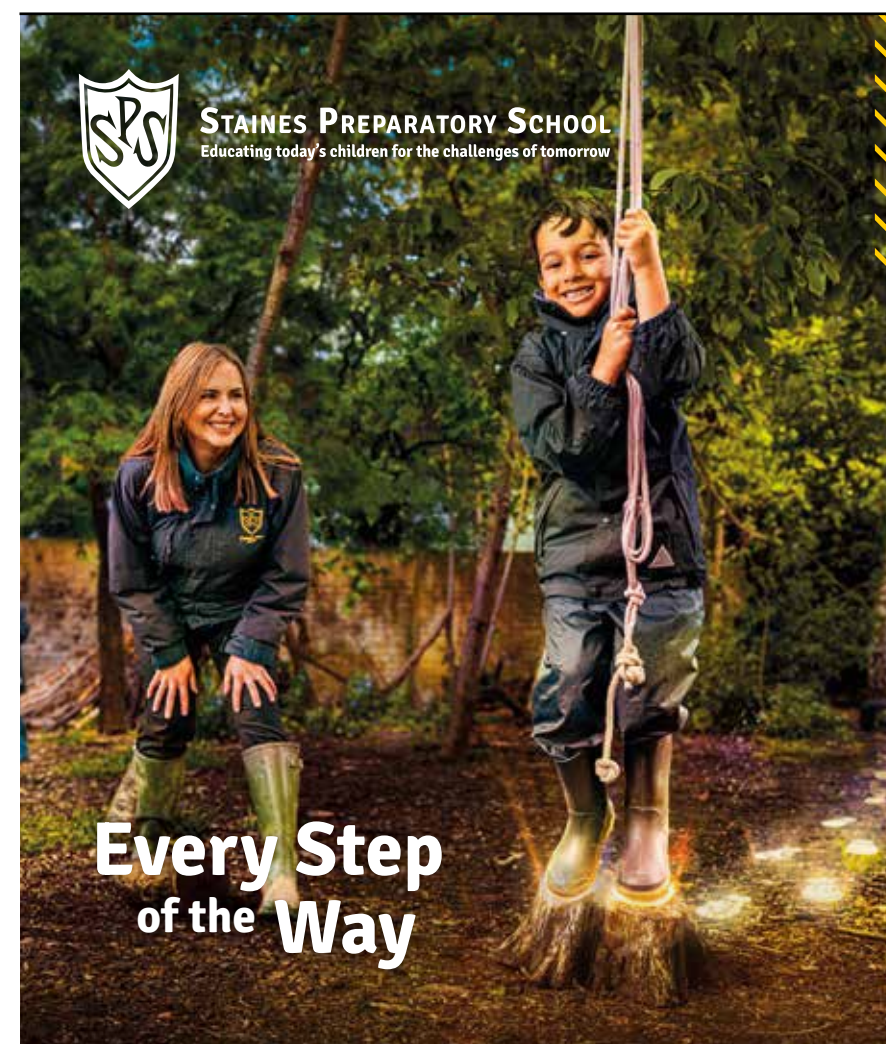
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Climate, Environment & Transport Strategy



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