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Welcome to the latest edition of Hounslow Matters - Autumn 2025



Dear Resident,

There's a reason why we call this magazine Hounslow Matters. It's because Hounslow does matter – to all of us.

For generations, people from all over the world who have chosen to make our borough their home have enriched it with their skills, creativity, traditions, and energy.

Our strength lies in the fact that we all live, work and have grown up together, with respect, understanding and unity. And that makes us a unique borough that not only celebrates diversity but is built on it.

I know that in recent weeks many of us have been concerned about protests and marches and I want to reassure everyone who lives, works, or studies in Hounslow that we stand firmly against hatred, racism, and division.

Once again Hounslow Matters is about the things that matter to you; affordable housing, community safety and the opportunities and futures of our young people.

Inside you'll find out more about how we're delivering, often with our partners, in areas of critical importance tackling inequality, inclusive, sustainable growth, and improving our places and environment.

One of the magazine's key stories this time is precisely about delivering with our partners, and our Community Stars Awards winners are outstanding example of the skills, creativity, traditions and energy of our residents, our communities, our partners and the work we do together.

It's also about the potential we have together. Last week we opened a new memorial garden for Feltham's Freddie Mercury - born in Zanzibar to Parsi-Indian parents – and a great example of the potential of Hounslow's people.

Our new exhibition celebrating 60 years of the London Borough of Hounslow is also a story of potential which illustrates the changes made from life in the 1960s and gives us a moment to think about the decades to come, shaped as they will be by our regeneration plans

Our trailblazing partnership with the Ministry of Defence and the Greater London Authority means one of Hounslow's largest brownfield sites at the former MoD site in Feltham will be transformed into a vibrant neighbourhood with new jobs, homes and community facilities.

Delivering growth and delivering for business is about more than profit. It's about better, affordable homes, sustainable and inclusive neighbourhoods, and - crucially - investing in our people and places. Watch this space!

As the nights start to get darker, we are wrapping up our fourth successful Summer of Culture programme. Working closely with local partners, we ran more than 150 activities and performances from local, national and international artists.

We champion culture and celebrate cultures in Hounslow, and we will soon launch a new strategy that will cement our reputation as a borough that leads the way in arts, culture and heritage.

We have so much to be incredibly proud of over the past sixty years and I would encourage you to visit the exhibition at Hounslow Library. Check out our website to find out more and when the exhibition will be visiting other libraries.

As the nights start to draw in, I hope you all stay safe, well and happy in our shared Hounslow home.

Cllr Shantanu Rajawat
Leader of Hounslow Council

Celebrating Hounslow's Community Stars

Local heroes were recently celebrated by Hounslow Council

The annual event, which recognises individuals, groups and organisations who go above and beyond to improve the lives of others, took place at Hounslow House on Wednesday, 24 September.

With support from sponsors Hounslow Herald, Community Stars attendees were welcomed by Council Leader, Councillor Shantanu Rajawat. He spoke about Hounslow's strength as a diverse borough and his pride in celebrating the extraordinary people, groups, and organisations gathered.

Syon and Brentford Lock ward Cllr Dan Bowring spoke about the importance of recognising the generosity and selflessness of Hounslow's community stars and invited winners up to the stage to receive their awards.

Winners included BeFriend, a local charity that does important work connecting trained volunteers with socially isolated people and Can You Challenge, which offers free football sessions to local children, promoting teamwork, resilience, and self-belief.



Cllr Shantanu Rajawat, Leader of the Council, said: "Hounslow is one of the most diverse and dynamic places in the country and what makes it special is the spirit of its people. Our Community Stars winners have shown kindness, creativity and resilience through their work in our local communities."

"Our awards ceremony recognises those achievements, inspiring us all to keep working together for a stronger, greener, fairer borough."

To see a full list of winners please visit:
www.hounslow.gov.uk/communitystars2025



Fun in the sun

Over 1400 visitors recently attended the annual summer fun day. The vibrant event brought together families, over 30 council and voluntary and community partner services for a day of free, family-friendly and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities friendly activities.



Cllr Samia Chaudhary, Cabinet Member for Education, Children, Skills and Employment, said: "Community days like these represent our wider commitment to deliver for children and families in Hounslow. We currently run three Family Hubs that have supported thousands of families in their baby development journey.

"I am delighted to see the government's commitment to rolling the Family Hubs offer across the country, Hounslow has been a pioneer in this fantastic initiative."

Hounslow's Family Hubs are located in Lampton (TW3 4JG), Brentford (TW8 0DJ), and Feltham (TW13 5AF), offering advice and support for families with children aged 0-19, and up to 25 years for those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The hubs operate Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.



Family Hub Summer Fun Day



A BRUSH WITH CREATIVITY

Interested in running classes for elderly and SEND residents as well as other vulnerable groups? Speak to Learn Hounslow, Hounslow's Adult Community Education offer, which is offering partnerships to sheltered accommodation residential groups.

Dashwood Court, a sheltered housing complex, recently took part in a series of six-week courses at the Meadowbank centre, which then blossomed into a vibrant local community for older residents to celebrate creativity together. The initial sessions, which featured chair yoga, painting, and pottery, inspired more than just new skills. When the courses ended, a few enthusiastic ambassadors stepped

forward, eager to keep the spirit of learning alive. This resourceful and inclusive approach has helped foster a warm, supportive space where residents of Dashwood Court can connect, learn, and express themselves.

Those working in sheltered accommodation homes or are interested in learning more about what Learn Hounslow offers visit: www.hace.ac.uk or call 020 8583 6000.



Dashwood Court resident group gather every week to celebrate their arts and crafts

Results are in

Hounslow students have once again achieved strong GCSE and A level results - outperforming national averages.

In GCSEs over 76% of students in Hounslow achieved a pass rate of 4+ in Maths, compared with the national average of 72%. A further 82% of students achieved a pass rate of 4+ in English, compared to the national average of 71%. A-level students also celebrated success with a pass rate of over 97%.

Hounslow schools have also achieved a 99% pass rate in level 3 BTEC qualifications with ten schools achieving a 100% pass rate, and 11% of pupils reaching the distinction grade.



Cllr Chaudhary joins students as they celebrate GCSE success

Hounslow's Secondary schools aren't the only ones that celebrated, with Key Stage 2 Reading, Writing and Maths also outperforming the national average

this year and early years providers continuing to improve young children's Good Level of Development.

CLASS OF THEIR OWN

Primary and secondary schools in Hounslow are now accepting applications from families with children starting primary school in reception or transferring to secondary school in September 2026. Applications for junior schools for children moving into year 3 are also open.

Children in Hounslow who are currently in Year 6 and were born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, will need to apply for a secondary school. The closing date for secondary school admissions is Friday, 31 October 2025.

For information of primary and secondary schools in Hounslow, details of the application process and forms, visit Hounslow Council's school admission website: www.hounslow.gov.uk/school-admissions

Hounslow Council's Schools Admissions Team will be available to offer advice and assistance by phone on 020 8583 2711/2721 or via email on admissions@hounslow.gov.uk

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All Age Autism strategy

Hounslow has launched an All-Age Autism strategy. The five-year plan is being overseen by an Autism Partnership Board and involves seven sub-groups concerned with various priorities for the autistic community.

The plan will be co-produced with autistic people and their carers plus partner agencies, seeking to:

- Improve understanding and acceptance of autism within society
- Improve autistic children and young people's access to education, and supporting positive transitions into adulthood
- Supporting more autistic people into employment
- Tackle health and care inequalities for autistic people
- Build the right support in the community and support people in inpatient care
- Improve support within the criminal and youth justice systems
- Improve housing

The Council is keen for members of the autistic community to help co-produce and shape the strategy.

For more information, visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk/age-autism-strategy

DOUBLING PROVISION OF EXTRA CARE APARTMENTS

Hounslow Council is doubling the number of Extra Care apartments in the borough, beginning with a new 50-unit construction in Nene Gardens, Hanworth.

Extra Care housing allows people to live independently in their own self-contained flat while having access to help with everyday tasks such as washing, dressing, personal care and taking medication.

HOUNSLOW CARERS SERVICE



Cllr Lily Bath and Cllr Madeeha Asim at the Cranford Hub

The Hounslow Carers Service provides information, guidance and practical support in convenient locations. It is suitable for anyone who looks after a family member, a friend or a neighbour full-time or for a few hours every now and again, even if they don't consider themselves as a 'carer'.

There are 19,000 unpaid carers in Hounslow and they are working longer hours than ever before. For support and to meet other people in a similar position, contact the Council's Carers Team at carers@hounslow.gov.uk or visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk/carers/support-carers

Get involved

Hounslow Council is reviewing how many school places it needs over the next five years and wants to hear from residents.

As part of its consultation the Council is developing a new School Organisation Plan (SOP) for 2026 to 2030, which will guide how it manages school

places. This includes decisions about how many places are provided, where they're needed most and how spaces in mainstream schools could be used better.

Resident feedback will help shape the principles and priorities that guide these decisions.



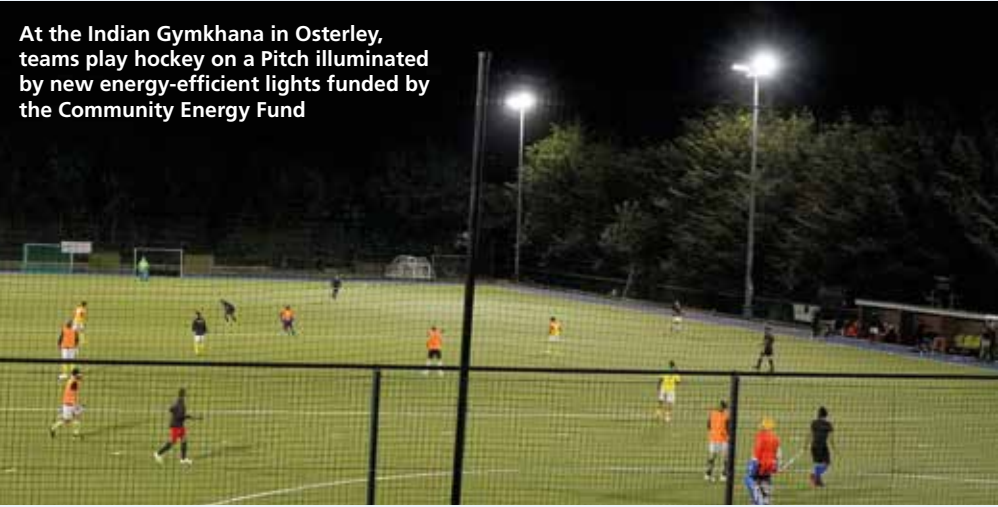
and delay hospital admissions through effective integration between local health and social care."

Major milestone reached

A Hounslow Council led initiative, run in partnership with Abundance Investment which lets residents invest from as little as £5 in community projects to make the borough a greener, cleaner place to live, has reached the target of £1m for the first round.

The money raised will be used to fund a wide range of projects, which include energy efficiency upgrades for community buildings, development of active travel infrastructure, air purifiers and green hedging to improve air quality near schools and converting under-utilised green spaces to promote bio-diversity and community food growing initiatives.

Stay informed on future raises and get updates on how the money invested is delivering a greener Hounslow by signing up to the mailing list at: www.abundanceinvestment.com/signup-for-updates



At the Indian Gymkhana in Osterley, teams play hockey on a Pitch illuminated by new energy-efficient lights funded by the Community Energy Fund

BOOST FOR GREENER COMMUNITY SPACES

To cut carbon, lower energy bills and future-proof community spaces, local groups are invited to apply for a share of a £150,000 Community Energy Fund.

Now in its fourth round, the fund offers grants of up to £40,000 for projects that improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions. Eligible groups include voluntary organisations, tenants' and residents' associations and faith and equality groups.

Projects could include retrofitting buildings with insulation and LED lighting, installing solar panels and upgrading heating systems with low-carbon heat pumps.

The initiative supports Hounslow's ambition to reduce carbon emissions and deliver a cleaner and greener borough.

Applications close 9 December 2025. To learn more, visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk/energyfund

NEW COMMUNITY SPACE OPENS

Local charity Skylarks recently threw open its doors to a new space for children who have special educational needs or disabilities.

Based at Inwood Park in Hounslow, the dedicated space is available free of charge for Hounslow families and was made possible by a £300,000 grant by Hounslow Council through its Thriving Communities Fund, which provides thousands of pounds to local charities and community initiatives each year.



Cllr Tom Bruce, Deputy Leader of the Council, officially opened the centre and highlighted the benefits for families

in Hounslow. He said: "Up and down the country, councils are facing unprecedented demand on its services for children with disabilities or special educational needs.

"This new haven of inclusivity will be an invaluable lifeline for so many families and I am incredibly proud that the Council could help fund this centre and play such a pivotal role in its creation."

The Managing Director of Skylarks, Aaron Guiver, said: "The brand new space has been thoughtfully designed to be flexible and accommodate all young people and children's different needs.

"It is more than just a new location,

Skylarks Hounslow is a warm, welcoming space where families can connect, feel part of a community and thrive together."

Each year, Hounslow Council works in partnership with the borough's thriving voluntary sector: funding projects and supporting charities and community groups to flourish.

To find out more about Skylarks, email info@skylarks.charity or ring 0330 520 0220

To find out more about the Council's Thriving Communities Fund, email community.development@hounslow.gov.uk

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SUMMER OF CULTURE 2025

Spectacular summer

For the fourth year in a row, Hounslow's parks, libraries, theatres, museums, historic houses and public spaces lit-up with live shows, pop-up theatre, dance, music, and family-friendly activities.

Working closely with partners, arts and heritage organisations and community groups, Hounslow Council amplified the rich diversity, cultural heritage and talent across the borough. The comprehensive programme brought together more than 150 activities and performances from local, national and international artists.

Films on Green screened Mufasa, Wicked and Moana 2 much to the delight of local families and children. Other big Summer of Culture events included the Brentford Canal Festival, Hounslow Desi Mela and the Redlees Summer Open Studios.

LCDO The Conference of the Birds @Vipul Sangoi

ANHAD Festival returned to Bell Square, inviting locals to join its vibrant celebration of contemporary, South Asian outdoor arts.

The West London Turkish Festival saw big crowds attending Springwest Academy in Feltham for live music, traditional Turkish food, a fun fair, football, stalls and more.

Other events included the Feltham Arts Summer Programme and Midsummer Night's Dream from The Arts Centre Hounslow, in the Walled Garden at Boston Manor Park.



@Cristina Schek



@Cristina Schek

Creative Mile, Brentford Art Trail showcased the best of local talent. Boston Manor House hosted Five Days of Play in its grounds - a free celebration which welcomed families to relax and children to explore and make new friends.



Workshop with Lalita Bailey



Workshop at West Middlesex Pride



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@Rita Guo Cheng

The UK/Poland Season has been a highlight of the programme, showcasing the festival, Theatre is Freedom/Teatr to Wolnosc, with free performances on Bell Square.

SWINGING 60s TO NOW

2025 marks 60 years of the London Borough of Hounslow.

The Council is hosting a free exhibition showcasing what Hounslow looked like in the 1960s. The exhibition will also include contemporary photos that highlight how Hounslow has changed with new architecture and activities in 2025.

The exhibition will visit libraries across the borough.

- **Bedfont Library**, Wednesday 15 October - Friday 14 November
- **Brentford Library**, Monday 17 November - Wednesday 24 December
- **Feltham Library**, Monday 5 - Friday 30 January 2026
- **Isleworth Library**, Monday 2 - Friday 27 February
- **Heston and Osterley Libraries**, Monday 2 - Tuesday 31 March



Brantford's fruit and vegetable market in the 1960s



Historic Gillette Clock Tower Restored



Gillette clock opening event



One of West London's most iconic landmarks, the Gillette Clock Tower, is ticking once more.

The much-loved landmark, a striking feature of the Golden Mile skyline, had fallen into disrepair in recent years. But now, thanks to a partnership between Hounslow Council and the Vinyl Factory (the leaseholder of the Gillette Building), the historic clock has been fully renovated and is once again keeping time for the local community.

It has taken more than seven months to source and craft specialist parts and enlist skilled clockmakers capable of restoring such a rare timepiece. Some components had to be specially made from scratch to ensure historical accuracy.

The Gillette Clock Tower is not just a local landmark, it is an important piece of London's heritage.

Built nearly a century ago, it played a critical role during the Second World War and was used as a lookout point to spot planes heading to bomb London.

The Vinyl Factory funded the works as part of its ongoing investment in the site and the Gillette Building's reputation as a centre for global, creative industry. With recent planning permission to increase from three to nine sound stages, the site is becoming one of West London's leading film and TV production spaces.

CRACKING DOWN ON ROGUE LANDLORDS

Hounslow Council is prosecuting rogue landlords who fail to meet legal standards, prioritising tenant safety and quality housing. The Council's latest crackdown aims to tackle unlicensed Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs), poor property conditions, and illegal rentals.

Enforcement officers conduct inspections and investigations, ensuring landlords comply with health and safety regulations, licensing requirements and proper tenancy agreements. Over the last six months the Council has served over £180,000 in fines to landlords and agencies for failing to meet property standards, with the average fine being £14,000. As part of an ongoing campaign against rogue landlords the Council will name and shame those who fail to meet legal requirements.



Cllr Bruce joins Housing Enforcement Officers on a housing inspection

Cllr Tom Bruce, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Assets, Regeneration and Development, said: "We stand firmly with tenants and communities, supporting people's right to live in a secure, well-maintained home. Most landlords provide safe and decent housing, but we will not tolerate those who exploit renters or neglect their responsibilities. Where landlords fail in their duty of care, we will act decisively - issuing the strongest penalties available whenever possible."

Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activity or substandard housing conditions to the Council. This decisive action marks a significant step towards delivering safer, fairer rental experiences in Hounslow.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF BEDFONT LAKES COUNTRY PARK

Hounslow Council recently celebrated 30 years of the iconic Bedfont Lakes Country Park. The former landfill site was opened to the public as an oasis of nature for residents to enjoy.

The celebration event was organised by Lampton Greenspace Countryside Team, which included Birds of Prey, animal handling and displays from the park's rescue centre, bushcraft and performances from local groups.

The Mayor of Hounslow, Cllr Amy Croft, attended the event along with the Landscape Architect and construction team who designed the park in the 1980s.



Cllr Salman Shaheen, Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Public Spaces, said: "Bedfont Country Lakes Country Park

is an incredible space that has so much to offer for families, runners or dog walkers and nature enthusiasts.

"I know many families are feeling the pinch finding affordable options for their children during the summer holidays and this was the perfect day to celebrate what is arguably one of Hounslow's best parks."



The Mayor at the 30th anniversary event at Bedfont Lakes

Historically, the area was known for its market gardens and orchards – including supplying apples and pears to Covent Garden Market in central London. From the 1950s, the site was repurposed as a landfill until 1973. By the late 1980s the site underwent a dramatic transformation to create a parkland of lakes, woodland and grassland. In 1995, the park formally

opened to the public and was declared a nature conservation and a local wildlife site.

To find out more activities at Bedfont Lakes Country Park follow us on [facebook.com/bedfontlakescountrypark](https://www.facebook.com/bedfontlakescountrypark)

For the Councils online Parks hub, visit: [talk.hounslow.gov.uk/hub-page/parks](https://www.talk.hounslow.gov.uk/hub-page/parks)



Cllr Shaheen with Cllr Dunne and ward councillor Cllr Bowring

Playground gets major upgrade

This summer, Hounslow Council and Lampton Greenspace installed a brand-new playground at Robin Grove Recreation Ground in Brentford – offering a variety of facilities for local residents and park users.

Based along the Grand Union Canal in Brentford, the refurbishment is part of the Council's wider transformation of the area. Seating has also been installed to complement the facilities and provide riverside viewing. The Council also consulted with local families on the type of play equipment they would like to see installed.

The Council and Lampton Greenspace teamed up with Brentford FC to develop a community orchard at the site with Brentford players Ethan Pinnock and Mikkel Damsgaard planting the first trees.



For more information about the Council's green spaces, visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk/parks-open-spaces

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH COUNTRYSIDE RANGER

Stephen Bishop, a Countryside Ranger at Bedfont Lakes Country Park, outlines his role in maintaining Hounslow's green spaces.

What do you like most about your job and why did you choose this career path?

I studied environmental management at university and I have always had a passion for the outdoors. I love the variety of work I do here and it's really fulfilling. Being outdoors is really good for your mental health and it's wonderful to see the parks change during the different seasons. It's certainly very different from a desk job!

What do Countryside Rangers do on a day-to-day basis and what role do they play in maintaining Hounslow's parks?

We play a vital role in protecting our parks and open spaces – ranging from litter picking to in-depth habitat management. For example, Hounslow Heath needs 'human intervention' from Countryside Rangers to maintain and enhance the heathland through scrub clearance.

The job changes depending on the season too: in winter, as the birds aren't nesting, we undertake vital habitat work such as maintaining trees and heathland. In summer, we have our summer holiday programme which includes bug hunting, wildlife explorers and 'junior rangers' where children have the opportunity to be a Countryside Ranger for the day!

What is the most challenging part of your job?

Unfortunately we get fly-tipping in



our parks, which is frustrating to see people damaging our parks in such an irresponsible way. I know the Council are working hard to crack down on fly-tippers with higher fines so hopefully this will subside.

Tell us a fun fact about a Countryside Ranger

I don't think many people know Countryside Rangers look after a number of animals at our Animal Rescue Centre at Bedfont Lakes, this includes rescued rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens, snakes, lizards and even tortoises!

Find out more about the activities at Bedfont Lakes Country Park by visiting: [facebook.com/bedfontlakescountrypark](https://www.facebook.com/bedfontlakescountrypark)

STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Three months into Hounslow Council’s Pavement Pledge, residents are already noticing the difference on their doorsteps.

The £2 million programme is upgrading pavements across all 22 wards, making everyday journeys smoother, safer and cleaner for everyone.

So far, fresh surfaces have been completed on Heston Road, The Ridgeway, Grove Park Road, Smallberry Avenue and Winchester Road. Local people are already enjoying the benefits – whether it’s walking the kids to school, heading to the shops or simply taking a stroll.

This Autumn, the work continues. Crews are busy at Rochester Avenue and Manor Avenue, with Beech Avenue and Ealing Road in Brentford next in line. In some areas, modular paving is being used to protect the character of local streets while delivering a long-lasting, modern finish.

By early 2026, the Pavement Pledge will have renewed 20 pavements across the borough. Alongside Hounslow Highways’ wider maintenance work, that means more than 80 streets and footways will be improved this year alone.



Cllr Shivraj Grewal and Hounslow Highways in front of Heston Road works



Works at Grove Park Road in Chiswick before and after



Greener service for the borough

Residents across Hounslow have recently begun to see the benefits of the Council’s refuse collection vehicles, which now run on a new low-emission fuel.

Powered by 100% renewable Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) fuel, the trucks are delivering a service that’s greener and cleaner, helping to cut harmful emissions and improve local air quality.

The investment is already making a difference to daily collections while supporting the Council’s commitment to tackling the climate emergency.



Recycle Week and beyond

During Recycle Week, Hounslow residents showed their strong commitment to protecting the environment, but caring for the planet is not just for one week, it is an everyday habit that also helps household budgets.

Half of what goes into black bins in Hounslow is food waste. Across the UK, the average family throws away an equivalent of eight meals every week – with bread, milk, bananas and salad the worst culprits. Cutting waste could save families around £60 a month.

If residents are unsure what goes where, the Waste Wizard online tool makes it easy to search any item and instantly find out how to dispose of it correctly: www.hounslow.gov.uk/wastewizard

FINES PILE UP FOR FLY-TIPPERS

Over the past two months, enforcement teams have handed out more than 600 fines to people caught dumping rubbish in public places illegally. The fines add up to £90,000 in total - each costing offenders £1,000.



- The most common offences include:
- Leaving black rubbish bags, shopping bags full of rubbish and other household items on the pavement, beside street bins, alleyways and even in bushes and grassy areas.
 - Abandoning bulky items such as mattresses and furniture on pavements.
 - Unlicensed waste carriers dumping waste illegally.

- Donate or sell items in good condition – local charities or reuse networks.
- Take it to the Recycling Centre – www.hounslow.gov.uk/reuse-recycling-centre
- Always use a licensed waste carrier. If the carrier dumps the waste illegally, the resident is responsible. Check to see their licence – www.gov.uk/register-renew-waste-carrier-broker-dealer-england

Seen rubbish dumped? Report fly-tipping quickly online here: www.hounslow.gov.uk/flytipping

Cllr Pritam Grewal, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Customer Experience and Enforcement, said: “The vast majority of residents dispose of their waste responsibly, and we thank them for helping to keep Hounslow clean. This is why we will not tolerate fly-tipping.

“I recently joined the neighbourhood enforcement team on patrol for our new video series Litter Watch to see their work first-hand. Together, we tracked down offenders and issued tough penalties to anyone who blights our streets.”

How to get rid of waste the right way

- Book a Bulky Waste collection – www.hounslow.gov.uk/bulkywaste-collection



Weeding the way

Hounslow’s streets are looking cleaner and tidier, thanks to the ongoing success of the 2025 Weeding Programme.

Across August and September, the Council’s horticultural team carried out two borough-wide weed sprays, covering more than 462 kilometres of pavements and kerbs.

The programme trialled five alternative methods of weed removal, helping the Council explore more effective and sustainable ways to keep streets clear, without the use of chemicals. From Brentford to Chiswick, every ward has already benefited, leaving pavements

neater, safer and more accessible for residents.



Cllr Shivraj Grewal, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Recycling and Transformation, said: “Our teams have done a brilliant job progressing the weeding programme for 2025. Cleaner, safer streets make everyday journeys more pleasant and show the pride we all have in our borough.”

The second phase of the programme is due to be completed in early November, after which residents can look forward to enjoying cleaner streets.





Opportunity Hounslow:
**BUILDING THE
 GOLDEN MILE OF
 THE FUTURE**

Residents, businesses and community leaders all came together to help shape the future of the borough at the second Opportunity Hounslow Conference, held at the University of West London's Paragon Building in Brentford.

The event, themed 'Building the Golden Mile of Tomorrow', marked the centenary of the Golden Mile (GM100) and reflected on the progress made one year on from the launch of the Opportunity Hounslow Business Case for Growth. More than 100 people attended, including London's Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley, alongside speakers and panellists from across business, education, development and the community.

Big announcements were made during the day:

The launch of Hounslow's new place brand to showcase the borough's identity, pride and global reach.

The creation of the Golden Mile Developers and Business Forum, bringing together businesses including Sky, developers and landowners to coordinate regeneration across nearly 450 acres of west London.

The Ministry of Defence and Greater London Authority have formed a landmark partnership to unlock the MoD site in Feltham. This once-in-a-generation project will deliver over 1,300 new homes, including genuinely affordable housing, alongside community facilities, green spaces and thousands of jobs connected to the wider Heathrow economy.



Cllr Shantanu Rajawat, Leader of Hounslow Council, said: "Opportunity Hounslow is about turning our ambitions for Hounslow into action. The announcements we've made today from launching a new place brand to convening a Golden Mile Developers

Forum and working with the MoD on Feltham, show how we are delivering inclusive, sustainable growth. Working with our partners, we are building the homes, infrastructure, jobs and opportunities our residents need. This is Hounslow's time, and together we are ensuring it delivers a lasting legacy."

Professor Peter John CBE, Vice-Chancellor of the University of West London, added: "The University of West London is proud to co-host the Opportunity Hounslow Conference and play a central role in the borough's future. Our new initiatives in Feltham will provide education, skills and opportunities that ensure local people benefit directly from regeneration."



Tom Copley, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development said: "I'm delighted to take part in this flagship event which will bring leaders together from across business, education, development and the community to shape the future of growth in Hounslow. Opportunity Hounslow provides a forum for important discussions around affordable housing, placemaking and local heritage, which will feed into the development of the area as we continue to build a fairer, more prosperous London for all."

The conference featured discussions with contributions from organisations including Areli, Ballymore, TFL, Brentford FC, Hadley Property Group, Thinking Place, West London Chambers and Chiswick House and Gardens. Themes ranged from celebrating the Golden Mile's industrial heritage to planning its future as London's media heartland, as well as the infrastructure needed to support growth including the West London Orbital rail link and reimagining the A4 corridor as a greener, safer place for people.

With major regeneration planned in both Feltham and the Golden Mile, Opportunity Hounslow is about ensuring that growth delivers new homes, good jobs and stronger communities for everyone who lives and works in the borough.

Chiswick

IN FOCUS



Blooming Ginkgo Corner

Chiswick has a brand-new spot to pause and enjoy a little greenery. Ginkgo Corner, a community-led project with the Chiswick Flower Market that has transformed the planting area outside the old police station on Chiswick High Road into a pocket park for everyone to enjoy.

Unveiled with special guests Nicki Chapman and garden designer Arit Anderson, the new space protects the much-loved Ginkgo tree while adding colourful planting, better drainage, and comfortable seating.

Local people helped shape the plans, with 91% of residents who took part in the consultation supporting the refresh. The design, by Luke Greysmith of LGLA Projects, was made possible thanks to funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, managed by the GLA, alongside contributions from the Chiswick Flower Market, with support from Hounslow Council.

Beacon of health and home

Earlier this year the brand-new Health Centre on Fisher's Lane, opened to patients. The £23 million development brings together three GP practices, community services, and mental health support under one roof, improving access to care for more than 60,000 people locally.

Built with the future in mind, the centre includes energy-saving features such as solar panels and efficient heating, alongside landscaped courtyards, a rooftop terrace and new public gardens.



Cllr Tom Bruce, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Assets, Regeneration and Development, said: "This modern facility not only offers a central hub for health and community services, but also includes the provision of 55 social homes. Over £1 million in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds were allocated by the Council to support the practical implementation and temporary relocation costs of this project."



Chiswick Flower Market – the Columbia Road of the West

Every first Sunday of the month, Chiswick Flower Market takes over the town centre. Launched in 2020, it was the first new flower market in London for 150 years.



Set up by an enterprising group of residents working with Hounslow Council and local businesses, the market has brought fresh energy, footfall and fun to Chiswick. It has also played a key role in the regeneration of the High Road, supporting local shops and boosting business.

With everything from cut flowers and houseplants to herbs, shrubs and bulbs, plus an Innovation Corner for new traders.

Celebrating Chiswick's Green and Creative Spirit

Chiswick is home to Abundance London, a volunteer-led group that brings colour, creativity and community spirit to the area. From maintaining over 30 pocket gardens to installing the striking Chiswick Timeline mural and running the popular Plinth art project, where residents choose a new artwork every six months.

They also make the most of Chiswick's natural abundance, harvesting surplus fruit from hundreds of local trees. This season alone, over two tonnes have been donated to food banks including City Harvest. Their annual Apple Day at Chiswick Library is a much-loved local tradition, with live apple pressing and this year the launch of a new book.





NEW COMMUNITY HUB OPENS ITS DOORS

Based in Cranford, the new Meadowbank Community Hub and Library is set to officially open its doors in October. The launch is part of the Council's wider commitment to ensuring all its 11 libraries become Community Hubs by the end of 2025.

Designed with residents in mind, the new space will include a modern, welcoming library and a dedicated children's area alongside the current adult learning curriculum and support from Work Hounslow. In addition, tailored support on issues such as money management, employment, and health and wellbeing will be available. Such support will be available in a comfortable environment with confidential spaces for advice and support, digital access points and public PCs.

As well as Council services, partners including : Citizen's Advice Hounslow; Healthy Hounslow; Health Outreach team; the Council's Housing team; Department of Work and Pensions; Connect to Work and more will all be available at the new Hub.

The new hub aims to help local residents like Josephine, who recently benefited from support at the Feltham Hub. She met Michael from the Work Hounslow team at the hub and said: "Michael's helped me build my confidence, encouraged me to take new courses and now I can operate my phone and send emails, which keeps me connected with family and friends."

Josephine also found out about a volunteering opportunity at the hub and now helps at weekly, free community dining events adding: "I enjoy the teamwork and love what I'm doing there. I'm happy being in the community and giving back."

Michael, who is based at the hub regularly, supports many people to access training and support and often a pathway to securing a job. He said: "It's

been a pleasure working with Josephine, I get so much satisfaction seeing people taking up the opportunities we have here and improving their skills. Josephine's been getting work experience at the community events, and she has so much compassion for others. Seeing her grow in confidence – it's what Work Hounslow is all about."



Cllr Ajmer Grewal, Cabinet Member for Residents Support, Communities and Equalities, said: "Our hubs offer support and ideas to help people work their way away from their worries and achieve their goals."

"It's lovely to hear from Josephine and others, who tell us how their lives have been improved and opened up, by working with all the wonderful staff in our community hubs."



"We're excited to be delivering our new Meadowbank Community Hub and Library in Cranford and hope to hear many more reports from local people being supported there."

YOUTH CLUB PROVES POPULAR

Free sporting and creative activities for young people in Heston proved popular with young people and parents over the summer months.

Called Heston in the Community, the group recently received £30,000 grant from the Council's Thriving Communities Fund, which provides thousands of pounds to local charities and community initiatives each year.

Alongside summer activities the community group runs weekly, term time sessions including youth club sessions and volunteering opportunities helping foster social cohesion and positive pathways to adulthood.

Projects provide a supervised space where anyone aged between 8-24 years old can meet people, chat and have fun, participating in an array of organised activities including sports, crafts, mentoring, cooking and dance.

Emilia, Youth club manager at Heston in the Community, said: "A big thank you to Hounslow Council for their continued support. Together, we are helping the next generation in the borough to transform their lives."

"The Council's funding came at a crucial time for our youth projects as we respond to a wider financial crisis



facing the grassroots youth sector."

The Thriving Communities Fund is part of the Council's wider Thriving Communities strategy, which aims to work closely with the voluntary sector to deliver for local residents and communities.

To find out more about Heston in the Community email community@hestonitc.com

To find out more about the Council's Thriving Communities Fund, email community.development@hounslow.gov.uk



Cllr Grewal visiting the youth club in Heston

With recent data showing parents are now spending £1,076 per child on summer holiday activities, the free youth club is a lifeline for many parents who live in Heston.

Major partnership receives approval

In 2023, Hounslow Council teamed up with Middlesex Association for the Blind and Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) to step up support for visually impaired residents.

With no dedicated eye hospital based in Hounslow, the partnership project aimed to provide emotional and practical advice for visually impaired residents – acting as a bridge between the NHS and social services.

The project received a seal of approval from the residents, and 94% of the people involved reported improved knowledge of support and resources.

For 86-year-old Freda, who has lived in Hounslow for 60 years, the project

proved a lifeline, she said: "After I had a heart attack when I was 60, I struggled to see out of the right side of my eyes and I never had any support for 26 years."

"The project offered me help, and I received a certificate from the hospital



for severe visual impairment, which has made a big difference. I now have a white stick for when I am out and about, dark sunglasses to protect my eyes from the sun, and a magnifying glass to help read food labels."

"All of this has made me feel wonderful and I now feel more much confident."

During the project, two dedicated Eye Care Liaison Care Officers were on hand to provide a wealth of practical and emotional support to residents such as Freda. Hounslow Council also underwent an intensive training with its frontline workers to ensure they understood the needs of visually impaired residents.



It's a kind of magic

Green Eco Cabin and Freddie Mercury Memorial Garden at Feltham Green offers a space to celebrate and commemorate Freddie Mercury's connection to Feltham, alongside delivering a new community asset at the heart of the town centre. In part supported by the Mayor's Good Growth Fund, the project delivers on our ambition to unlock the potential of town centres, helping to build a greener, better and fairer London for all".

Angela Parton, Chair of the Friends of Feltham Green, said: "The Feltham Green Eco Cabin is so much more than a building – it champions sustainability, low-carbon design, and community pride. It will be a welcoming space for people to connect, learn, and take part in activities and to promote all of the other groups in the area. Once all of the improvements have finished, Feltham Green being located in the heart of the town will radiate out positive waves to show Feltham wants and is changing for the better."



building designed with the community and built with support from the Council, the Mayor of London and other funders. The Cabin will serve as a base for the Friends of Feltham Green, while also hosting activities ranging from gardening workshops to after-school clubs, exhibitions, and community events with the option of other community groups to hire it.

Cllr Shantanu Rajawat, Leader of Hounslow Council, said: "Feltham Green has always been at the heart of the town and we have delivered a space that is safer, greener and more welcoming for all.



The garden, which forms part of the first phase of the Feltham Green masterplan, delivered by Hounslow Council in partnership with the Friends of Feltham Green, transformed a previously underused space into a safe, vibrant community area. Major improvements include new landscaping, steps and sightlines, opening the site for public use and creating a lasting tribute to one of Feltham's most famous former residents.

The event also celebrated the completion of the new Feltham Green Eco Cabin a striking, zero-carbon

"The Freddie Mercury Memorial Garden is a fitting tribute to one of Feltham's most iconic residents, and the Eco Cabin shows how we can deliver sustainable, community-led regeneration that leaves a real legacy.



"This is just the start – through our Future Feltham programme, we will continue to deliver new homes, jobs, and community spaces that put local pride and identity at the centre of regeneration."

Jules Pipe CBE, Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and the Fire Service, Greater London Authority said: "The completion of the Feltham



Feltham Green's transformation is part of the wider Future Feltham masterplan, which sets out an ambitious vision for the area. With more than 3,000 homes, 9,200 jobs, new leisure and community space, and better transport connections planned, the Council is determined to deliver regeneration that is inclusive, sustainable, and rooted in the town's identity.



The next phase of the Feltham Green masterplan will create a new Family Area, with future phases proposed to include biodiversity improvements for Feltham Pond Island and the construction of a new boardwalk.

STANDING UP TO ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR



Everyone deserves to feel safe in their own home. Sadly, anti-social behaviour (ASB) can sometimes cause real distress for neighbours and whole communities. When this happens, the Council works with the police and other partners to step in and take action.

Here are two recent examples of how issues were tackled:

Maudsley House

One tenant's drug dealing and disruptive behaviour was making life incredibly difficult for neighbours. Despite being offered support to change his behaviour, he refused to engage and problems escalated. Thanks to residents coming forward with evidence and close work with the police, the Council were able to secure a court closure order.

Morris Road

A neighbourhood dispute that started with parking and pet problems quickly escalated. Allegations of harassment and abusive behaviour followed, leading to court action. A restraining order and curfew were put in place to protect residents. Since then, reports of ASB have reduced and life has been calmer for those affected.



Cllr Sue Sampson, Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Homelessness, said: "These cases show that we will act

firmly but fairly to protect tenants and make sure our communities are safe and welcoming places to live."

Tenants experiencing ASB are encouraged to report it to their estate's housing officer:

www.hounslow.gov.uk/estateschedule



GET RID OF WASTE THE RIGHT WAY

Last year, clearing fly-tips cost the Council £375,000. Money that could be spent on housing repairs, playgrounds or community safety.

Don't leave it on the street, do this instead:

- Book a Bulky Waste collection – www.hounslow.gov.uk/bulkywaste-collection
- Donate or sell items in good condition – Local charities or reuse networks.
- Take it to the Recycling Centre – www.hounslow.gov.uk/reuse-recycling-centre

RIDING AHEAD WITH NEW E-BIKES



Hounslow's new e-bike scheme with operators Forest and Voi has been helping residents make thousands of journeys every week.

With more than 250 parking bays across the borough, giving riders safe and convenient places to start and finish their trips. The new scheme includes stricter rules, affordable ride offers and additional safety checks.

- **Pay-as-you-go** – Ride by the minute or buy a bundle/subscription for extra savings. Prices start from just 6-7p per minute.
- **Forest's Friends of the Forest** – 20% off for NHS workers, emergency service heroes, students and anyone over 60.
- **Voi's Equitable Access Programme** – bespoke discounts for a wide range of users, including the exclusive Voi4Hounslow pass for Hounslow

residents that offers 30 minutes of riding for just £1.75.

Residents can sign up for these discounts directly through the Forest or Voi apps.



Cllr Katherine Dunne, Cabinet Member for Environment, Climate Change and Transport, said: "Cleaner air, safer streets and real alternatives to the car. That is what this scheme is about. Forest and Voi are giving residents better value and a service that balances the needs of people using e-bikes with clear pavements for those walking and wheeling."

For more information, visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk/ebike

ELECTRIFYING CHARGING

More than 2,000 new charge points are set to be installed across the borough, giving residents, businesses and visitors many more convenient ways to go electric.

A new partnership with Qwello will deliver the first wave of fast chargers. Each unit will provide up to 22kW of

power, giving most cars a full charge in just three to five hours. Designed around users' needs, the chargers will offer contactless payment, reservable sessions via the Qwello app and 24/7 customer support.

To make charging even more accessible, the Council is also planning to install

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Two lucky residents are now the proud owners of brand-new bikes after winning the raffles at this summer's Hounslow Cycling Mela and Boston Manor Park cycling hub launch.

Each winner chose a bike to suit their needs and are excited to start exploring more of the borough on two wheels.

Hamish, 9, said: "I'm so excited and can't wait to cycle to school on it every day."

His mother, Sinead, added: "What a brilliant surprise. If it wasn't enough that we'd had such a wonderful afternoon enjoying bike ballet, making bike smoothies, getting our bikes marked on the bike register app, as well as receiving a fantastic bike service from Dr. Bike - my 9-year-old wins the raffle and a brand-new bike!"

For more information and to join the free adult cycle training programme, visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk/cyclehounslow



Hamish with his new bike

lamp column chargers on residential streets. A public consultation on the proposed charger locations will launch soon, giving residents the chance to have their say, help shape the network and make sure it meets local needs.

For updates, visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk/electric-vehicle-charging-points



WORKING TOGETHER

The Council has been working closely with the police, health services and community organisations to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour across Hounslow.

As part of National Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week, a series of outreach events were held across the borough, talking to local communities from Feltham to Chiswick about specific problems in each ward and exploring solutions that worked for local communities.

WEAPONS AMNESTY



Hounslow played host to a national anti-knife crime charity, FazAmnesty, who stopped off at Bell Square to raise awareness of safe, confidential ways of disposing of knives, taking offensive weapons off the streets as part of a nationwide tour ahead of the ban on ninja swords which came into force on 1 August.

Knives can be disposed off safely and anonymously at a secure bin in Feltham. Find out more at www.word4weapons.co.uk/knife-bin-locations

IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS

Concerns from residents about dog-related anti-social behaviour plans have been approved to introduce a borough-wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to ensure dog owners behave responsibly in shared spaces.

The PSPO will require dog walkers to clean up waste immediately, carry poo bags or poop scoops, and keep dogs on leads in designated areas such as cemeteries, play areas, sports pitches and near roads.

It will also limit the number of dogs per walker to a maximum of four and bans commercial dog walking in Brent Lea and Stamford Brook Common. Breaking these rules will incur an on-the-spot fine of £100.

Cllr Pritam Grewal, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Customer Experience and Enforcement, said: "We're proud to be a listening Council – and that's why our work over the summer was directly shaped by the voices and concerns of our residents and businesses.

"We've been working alongside our partners in the police, community organisations and local businesses to take decisive enforcement action when

people show a persistent lack of respect towards our communities.

"We know that when people feel safe in their communities, they are free to live better lives, and that's why delivering a Borough that's safe, clean and tidy – one that we can all be proud of – is one of our top priorities as a Council."



FACING THE MUSIC

The Council recently secured a successful prosecution against a Brentford resident who continued to play excessively loud music after an abatement notice, which ordered him to stop.

Tried in absentia as he failed to attend court, the defendant was found guilty, ordered to pay £3,588, and had his audio equipment seized.

Persistent noise is a form of anti-social behaviour that damages residents' quality of life. To report a noise nuisance, visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk/reportnoise

For incidents involving crime or suspected criminal activity:

Dial 999 if a crime is in progress or someone is in immediate danger

Call 101 for non-emergencies.

Contact Crimestoppers anonymously at 0800 555 111 or via their website.



HELP WOMEN STAY CANCER FREE

The NHS, supported by Imperial College London and Hounslow Council, is working to support more women to be screened for breast cancer by recruiting Community Champions.

The champions will be trusted local voices who can raise awareness of the importance of screening among Hounslow women and support them through the process. They will play a pivotal role in the efforts to save lives through awareness and community engagement. One in eight women

will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in their life, and encouraging early detection is the most effective way to increase survival rates.

The NHS invites women aged between 50 and 70 to a free breast screening every three years, but attendance rates

in many places, including Hounslow, are below where they'd like them to be. That's why this new drive for volunteers is so important, it can help the NHS connect with women who may not be reached through its usual channels.

WHO ARE THE CHAMPIONS?

Anyone living in Hounslow can apply to be a Community Champion. The NHS is particularly keen to hear from people with a connection to neighbourhood, community or faith groups. But there is no experience necessary to be a champion, just a willingness to help.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Volunteers will take part in a two-hour community engagement training course, available online or in person. On completion, they will receive a certificate.

They will then be asked to share important messages about breast screening with women in their local community over six months. This will be done using simple materials like leaflets, a video, and posters. The friendly team will be on hand to support volunteers throughout the whole process.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

For more information how to become a Community Champion, visit: bit.ly/Breastcancerchampion

network. Across the nine pilot stores, the number of healthier options has increased by 29% this year.

KEEPING IT LOCAL

This supports people who may not be able to get to larger supermarkets and instead rely on smaller local shops. At the launch of the network at Best One on Bedfont Lane, one local mum said: "This shop is really local to me. There are so many healthy options available, it's a great selection. I'm really pleased with it."

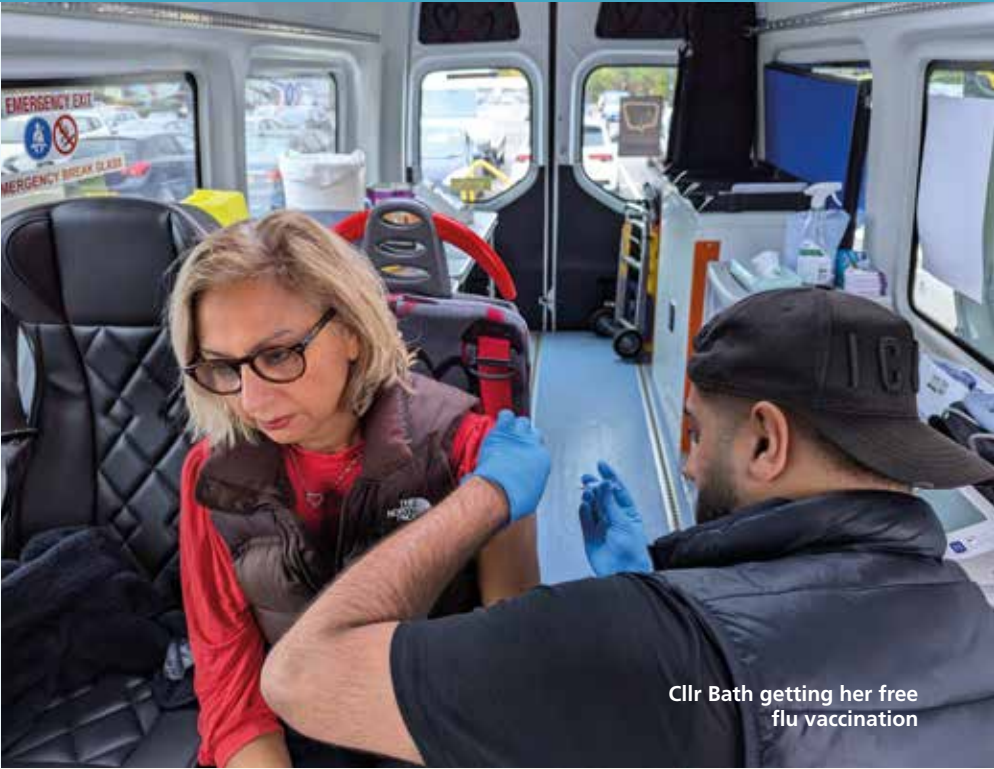
The Council's role in the network is to fund free stock drops to the shops for a period of time, taking the risk away from the retailers who participate in the scheme.

Speaking at the Launch, Cllr Samia Chaudhary, Cabinet Member for Education, Children, Skills and Employment, said: "Hounslow Council is part of the Good Food Retail network because we know we need to look at the food environment to make our community healthier. It's also a chance to engage with retailers across the borough and understand the challenges they face in stocking healthier options."



"We are focused on school children as important customers of convenience stores, as well as supporting residents who are less mobile and rely disproportionately on convenience stores. Once healthier products are in shops they sell, but we have to support stores to make the initial change."

To find out more about the Good Food Retail Network, head to the website: www.goodfoodretailnetwork.co.uk



Cllr Bath getting her free flu vaccination

STAY OUT OF HOSPITAL WITH FREE FLU AND COVID VACCINATIONS

Free flu and COVID-19 vaccinations are now available for all eligible residents. Getting vaccinated is the best way to avoid serious illness, ending up in hospital and facing long waits. It also means helping to keep all Hounslow residents safe, including your friends and family.

Residents in any of the following categories can get a free flu vaccination through the NHS or local pharmacy:

- ➔ 65 or over
- ➔ 18 to under 65 in clinical risk groups
- ➔ Carers
- ➔ Pregnant
- ➔ Frontline health and social care workers

Residents are eligible for a free COVID-19 vaccination if they are 75 or over, live in a care home for older adults, or have a long-term illness that affects their immune system.

RISING FLU CASES

Last winter 1,511 people in Hounslow were admitted to hospital with flu, the highest number in five years. This puts a strain on the local NHS, meaning many

people were waiting a long time to be seen while feeling unwell.

The best way to avoid this and to get protected throughout the cold winter months, is to get vaccinated as early as possible.



Cllr Lily Bath, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Health Integration, said: "Flu cases are sadly rising across the capital, so it's important we all keep ourselves safe from the worst symptoms. It's the best way to protect ourselves, our loved ones and our brilliant NHS colleagues."

"Additionally, COVID-19 has not gone away and we still see over 100 unvaccinated people hospitalised in Hounslow every year. So if you are eligible, or know someone who is, please look at the best way to get vaccinated as soon as possible."

To book free flu vaccination visit: bit.ly/lbhflu

And for free COVID-19 vaccination visit: bit.ly/lbhccovid



Attendees at the Good Food Retail Network launch at Best Way on Bedfont Lane

CHEAPER, HEALTHIER FOOD OPTIONS

Hounslow has joined 12 other London boroughs to join the Good Food Retail Network, which works with small retailers to bring healthier options into convenience stores.

Nine corner shops in Hounslow are now stocking healthier options, including more fresh fruit and vegetables, as a result of the Council joining the

Keeping well over winter



Flu and COVID-19 can be serious

Hospital admissions and fatalities linked to these viruses have increased over recent years - especially among certain groups.

These viruses change every year, so you do not build natural immunity. The free flu and COVID-19 vaccinations offer the best protection.

Make sure you book your vaccines.

Flu vaccine invites will go to:

- all adults aged 65 years and over
- children and people who are pregnant
 - If you are pregnant, the RSV and whooping cough vaccinations are also recommended
- adults aged 18+ with a health condition for example: people with diabetes, breathing, heart and other health conditions and those who are immunosuppressed
- care home residents close contacts (family and carers) of immunosuppressed individuals
- frontline health and social care workers.

COVID-19 vaccine invites will go to:

- all adults aged 75 years and over
- care home residents
- anyone aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed.



The NHS will send invites. If you miss yours, book now through the NHS App, ask at your pharmacy or contact your GP practice. Walk-in services are also available, scan or use the link below. School aged children will be offered the flu nasal spray through school. www.nwlondonicb.nhs.uk/fluCOVID



THE MAYOR OF HOUNSLOW 2025-26 IS CLLR AMY CROFT



The Mayor has been truly inspired by the wonderful groups, organisations and individuals she has met in the 125 events she has attended so far, who are doing amazing things across the Borough to make the lives of their fellow residents better.

She would love to create better networks of these organisations across the Borough during her year in office, so if you know of groups doing good things in the community, who she may not have met, do encourage them to contact her at mayor@hounslow.gov.uk, and invite her to come along and see what they do.

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Abundance Apple Day, Chiswick



Chiswick Flower Market



Grove Park Residents Association Summer Party



Thames Tidestart Chiswick



Citizenship Ceremony, Feltham



Feltham Arts event Together We Soar



Hounslow Symphony Orchestra Summer Proms, St Marys Church Osterley

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

PEOPLES UNITE!

9 - 23 November

Southall: A small neighbourhood, with a massive impact. Travel through time from the 1970s

up to the present day and hear from local heroes who confronted racism through their music and activism.

LITTLE FLAMINGOS

17, 20 October; 7, 17 November; 15 December
10.30am-12.30noon

Our Little Flamingos Early Years programme encourages curiosity and creative expressions through singing, dancing and storytelling.

Activities are designed for little ones that can sit unaided to interact and play with a parent or carer.

CHISWICK HOUSE AND GARDENS

chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk/whats-on

DUCK POND MARKET

1st Sunday of each month

Set against the unique historical backdrop of Chiswick House, each month brings a charming selection of local arts, crafts, and homewares. With a mix of food for now and food for later, our market celebrates sustainability and ethical shopping

SPOOKTACULAR HALF-TERM HALLOWEEN PARTY

31 October - 1 November,
11am-1pm, 2pm - 4pm,

Garden Pavillion

Join us for a fang-tastic day of fun and games at our half-term Halloween party with Bizzy Buddies. Enjoy Face painting, Halloween arts and crafts, Halloween-themed games, and Halloween disco/music.

THE TWELFTH NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

21 November to 4 January
2026

The historic rooms of Chiswick House will be transformed into an imagined Georgian world of yuletide opulence and fantasy, as we join Duchess Georgiana of Devonshire for this Twelfth Night-inspired journey.

Summer Of Culture events

DRACULA

15 October - 2 November

This new adaptation of Bram Stoker's iconic novel. Perfect to lovers of theatre,

horror, classic literature and students studying the novel. Find out more at bostonmanorhouse.org/event/dracula

AUTUMN & WINTER EVENTS AT HOGARTH'S HOUSE

Hogarth's House presents a rich programme of talks, workshops and festive activities this season. Discover the full programme and book tickets at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/hogarthshouse

ANNA JOCHYMEK - FREE.HER (OUTDOOR EXHIBITION)

24 October, 10am - 5pm at
Brentford Market Place

25 October, 11am - 5pm at
Bell Square Hounslow

An exhibition by artist Anna Jochymek, who asks Polish women in Hounslow to share their personal stories and reflect on their migration experiences.

FESTIVE EVENTS AT BOSTON MANOR HOUSE

Boston Manor House is hosting a lively programme of events inspired by Polish culture and traditions, as part of the community exhibition. Discover the full programme and book tickets at: bostonmanorhouse.org/whats-on

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More and more parents are choosing **SAME-DAY GP APPOINTMENTS** when their child (0-4) is unwell, avoiding long waits at A&E and getting the right care faster.

Contact your GP surgery to book.

Appointments are available for children aged 0-4 years, Monday to Friday, 5.30pm – 8.30pm (times may vary across Hounslow)



Hounslow parents can now access more same-day GP appointments for their unwell child, avoiding an unnecessary visit to A&E.



Dr Manal Karrar, Lead GP at Brentford Family Practice, discusses the new 750 monthly appointments for children aged 0-4 in Hounslow:

“We know how stressful it can be for parents when their child isn’t well, especially when children under five often pick up so many minor illnesses. That is why in Hounslow, GPs have worked together to introduce evening clinics for 0-4-year-olds as a trial, running

Monday to Friday, between 5.30pm to 8.30pm, across the borough. These clinics are run via local, GP-led hubs that provide same-day care from doctors who know the community and have full access to children’s medical records.

The aim is to give families timely support, avoid unnecessary visits to A&E, and offer peace of mind for urgent same-day concerns such as fevers, rashes, coughs, or infections.

During the appointment, your child will be assessed by a GP who can offer treatment, provide prescriptions if needed, or arrange onward referrals to hospital

specialists or your usual GP for follow-up care. The teams at the hub will also give practical information on managing minor illnesses at home, or can signpost to wider services like pharmacies, family hubs, local groups, or the Hounslow Healthier Together website. Our aim is for more parents to feel confident in knowing what to do, how to check symptoms, and when to seek further help.”

If your child is unwell, and you’re not sure what to do, first check their symptoms at: **healthiertogether.westlondon.nhs.uk**



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