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Young people from our youth panels had the opportunity to express their ideas on major issues affecting them at a special Full Council meeting in October

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FROM THE LEADER



This has been another testing and challenging year for our borough, but it never fails to amaze me how our community members rally together to come through and help support one another.

The cost-of-living crisis continues to affect thousands of our families and we appreciate the impact this will have as the winter months approach.

We are doing everything in our power to support our residents, but with a growing population and increased costs, there is only so much we can do with limited funds available to us.

The vast majority of our budget is allocated to adult and children's social care and temporary housing due to significant increases in demand and rising costs.

We provide thousands of our adult residents with care and support every day, with the number increasing year-on-year.

Meanwhile, a chronic shortage of temporary accommodation is also driving up costs.

All of this puts a huge pressure on the council finances and as a result we have already identified a significant budget gap for 2025/26.

We are by no means alone and you may have seen a number of other London councils and those across the country also reporting big budget gaps.

Haringey is one of the boroughs with the highest levels of deprivation in the capital but is considered an 'outer London' borough, meaning it receives even less funding than many of its neighbours.

Core government grants for the borough are £143m less in real terms than in 2011 and that tells the story of our financial position.

The Chancellor's first budget showed the new government wants to invest in public

services and is listening to calls from Haringey and councils across the country for additional resources.

We will continue to make a strong case for the fair funding we need to address the challenges we face.

Even in these tough times, investment in the frontline services that our residents need remains a priority.

When it comes to building new affordable homes, we have made it a priority to deliver 3,000 council homes at council rent by 2031 and we are well on track to deliver this.

We continue to provide the best possible start in life for our youngsters with 98 per cent of our schools rated good or outstanding by Ofsted, our Children's Services given a good Ofsted rating and our SEND provision awarded the highest Ofsted rating.

I would urge everyone to look at the budget proposals that have gone out for public consultation.

We know our residents value council services, so it is crucial we hear from you as we want to understand how each of our suggestions affects you and your family at this critical time.

You have the chance to shape how changes are implemented, and we can use this feedback to help with our final decisions that will be made at the Full Council meeting in March 2025.

I know times are hard for everyone, but I sincerely hope that everyone gets to enjoy a break over the festive season, and as we look ahead to 2025, I will continue to push for the funding that our borough needs and deserves.

Peray Ahmet

**Cllr Peray Ahmet
Leader, Haringey Council**



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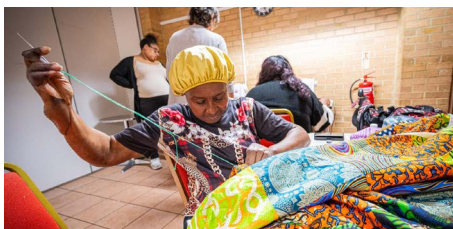
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NEWS



MAJOR TRANSFORMATION IN LEISURE PROVISION ACROSS HARINGEY

Our residents are now benefitting from a major change in leisure provision after three of our centres returned to direct council management on 1 October. Tottenham Green, Park Road and Broadwater Farm Community Centre will now form part of our ambitious plans to provide a comprehensive Active Wellbeing offer across the borough. The work started immediately with refurbishment being carried out to deep clean and perform some essential

maintenance. A phased approach will be adopted so works at the three sites continue as part of a significant investment programme approved in December 2023.

We will be engaging with our residents in the coming months on the types of activities and services they would like to see in our leisure centres so we can provide the highest quality facilities now and in the future.

LANDMARK MOMENT IN CONSTRUCTION OF 46 COUNCIL HOMES

We have reached another big milestone in our council-homes delivery programme after a topping out ceremony took place to celebrate the moment a new development providing 46 much-needed council homes reached its highest point.

Leader of Haringey Council Cllr Peray Ahmet and Deputy Leader Cllr Sarah Williams joined local councillors and representatives from developers Berkeley as we marked the significant progress of the building called Bluebell House.

The new council rent homes are part of Alexandra Gate in N8, and will deliver 1,800 homes, including 500 which are affordable, along with new community amenities.



NEW HEALTH CENTRE OPENS IN TOTTENHAM HALE

A multi-purpose health care centre set to benefit more than 25,000 residents has now opened its doors in Tottenham Hale.

The state of the art medical facility neighbours the site where the council has built 131 council homes and will transform the lives of local people in the area.

Welbourne Health Centre, delivered by Haringey Council and NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board (ICB), provides primary care services and safeguard quality healthcare for people of all ages.

The Lawrence House Group, a GP practice which currently has four surgeries in Haringey has relocated its medical centres in Hale Village and Dowsett Road to the Welbourne Health Centre.

IN BLOOM — RESULTS ARE IN

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our Haringey in Bloom 2024 gardening competition. We were spoilt for choice but have chosen our winners! See details and be inspired by their planting at www.haringey.gov.uk/inbloom

MAJOR MILESTONE ON THE BROADWATER FARM ESTATE

Residents on the Broadwater Farm estate will see a major transformation with the delivery of the first new homes in over 50 years.

The Broadwater Farm regeneration programme will hit a major milestone after Haringey Council's Cabinet approved the contract to start work on 40 new homes and one commercial unit on the former Moselle school site on Adams Road, N17.

This will comprise of 26 one and two-bedroom flats, 10 three bedroom and four four-

bedroom homes with four of the two-bedroom flats being fully accessible to wheelchair users.

The new homes are part of an exciting £250million programme of regeneration that has been developed in partnership with residents and wider stakeholders to ensure the highest quality of housing services across the area.

This will include work starting on 294 new homes, the retrofit of 800 existing homes, improvements to the public realm and socio-economic activities introduced to meet the needs of the estate.



OVER £15 MILLION INVESTMENT TO SUPPORT SEND CHILDREN IN HARINGEY

Haringey's local Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) services will benefit from a total cash injection of £15.1 million.

The Department for Education (DfE) have allocated Haringey Council £2.7 million as part of the High Needs Capital Provision Allocation to enhance educational support for children across the borough.

The significant financial boost will create up to 50 additional education places for children with a range of special educational needs and disabilities.

This latest grant is in addition to the £12.4 million capital allocation, which was approved by Cabinet in September 2023.



FANTASTIC FUN FOR EVERYONE AT HARINGEY'S FIRST-EVER AGE WELL FESTIVAL



Residents turned out in their numbers as they enjoyed the first Age Well Festival in Bruce Castle Park back in September.

Organised by Haringey Council, Public Voice and the NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board (ICB) in collaboration with many local creative, voluntary and community sector (VCS) partners, this vibrant and free-to-attend event saw the borough's older residents come together, engage in a variety of activities and explore what it truly means to age well.

Inspired by Jenny Joseph's iconic poem Warning, which celebrates defying age-related stereotypes, attendees were invited to don their favourite shade of purple and march through the park alongside festival organisers.

Adding a touch of creative flair, artist Donald Waugh, who runs 'Pavement To Catwalk', collaborated with eight ambassadors to design unique headpieces for the parade - each one symbolising the diverse journeys we all take as we grow older.

Festival goers also got to enjoy dance and live music performances as well as participate in an extensive array of hobbies and pursuits such as 'Create Your Own Story,' Nordic walking, pickleball, walking cricket and much more!

HISTORIC CIVIC CENTRE ENTERS NEXT STAGE

Plans to create a dynamic civic hub for future generations of the community and services that are delivered by council staff on behalf of our residents are set to take another major step forward.

At the time of publication, the council's Cabinet were due to consider a report recommending the award of the main build contract for a major expansion and refurbishment of the Civic Centre.

The scheme will deliver a new annex, high-quality offices, and restored civic spaces which will be shared with the community in the heart of Wood Green. The revamp and major restoration of the Grade II listed building will also prioritise sustainability and eco-friendly design.

Restoring the treasured landmark is the best value option for the council's accommodation needs because of the opportunities it provides to make alternative use of our existing buildings in Wood Green.

The redevelopment will create a welcoming and vibrant space for residents and our staff, while celebrating the character and rich local history in the building.

Accommodating more than 800 council staff and 100s of visitors, with space for local people and community groups, the new Civic Centre will be a source of civic pride in the borough.

We will continue to involve residents in the project as it moves on to the next stage.

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APPLY FOR BIGGEST EVER ROUND OF COMMUNITY CARBON FUND

We are urging community groups, schools and businesses who want to help the climate emergency to apply for the biggest ever round of our flagship sustainability fund.

The Community Carbon Fund has re-opened for a fourth year with a total pot of £112,000 available to support community-led carbon cutting projects in 2025-26.

The fund has already supported 26 impactful projects, including retrofitting, energy efficiency, renewable energy generation, circular economy initiatives and

climate awareness programmes. As part of our Climate Change Action Plan, it offers micro, medium, and large grants.

In line with the Haringey Deal, the Community Carbon Fund sets out our commitment to tap into the strengths, knowledge, expertise, and passion of Haringey's people to tackle the big challenges we face, including climate change.

The deadline for applications is 5 January 2025. Find out more at:

<https://haringey.gov.uk/ccf>

HARINGEY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY AND HERITAGE



Haringey launched another year-long celebration of Black history and heritage in the borough.

The community came together at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre on 4 October to hear speeches from special guests including Foreign Secretary David Lammy MP, Leader of the Council Cllr Peray Ahmet, Mayor of Haringey Cllr Sue Jameson as well as local MP, Catherine West.


David Lammy MP gave a powerful and moving speech about his long journey in Tottenham and his pride at becoming the new Foreign Secretary.

Cllr Ahmet said she thought Haringey had one of the best programmes in London which is co-produced with so many local people. "We should be proud we are the borough that has pushed the boundaries – the Rebel Borough," she added.

The event marked the formal launch of Black History Haringey 365, the council's annual programme to highlight the fascinating and diverse history of Black communities in Haringey and promote Black history education.

The Black History Haringey 365 webpages include all the event listings, but also contain a wealth of resources such as activities, quizzes and timelines that you can access whenever you want to learn more about our borough's rich and diverse Black history:

haringey.gov.uk/bhh365



Help us move towards a low waste north London – take part in our consultation

The seven north London boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest, together with North London Waste Authority, are preparing a Joint Waste Strategy to provide the framework for waste management in north London up to 2040.

Reducing waste and addressing the climate challenge is a team effort that involves the government, manufacturers, retailers, and consumers. Our eight authorities also play an important part on behalf of two million Londoners. Read the draft strategy and make comments to help inform the final version before it is approved.

Find out more and complete our short survey:
northlondonwaste.commonplace.is





COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT IN HARINGEY



HARINGEY STANDS UNITED FOR HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

Community and faith leaders from across Haringey joined together at the London Alevi Cultural Centre and Cemevi in Hornsey last month to mark National Hate Crime Awareness Week (NHCAW).

Leader of the council, Cllr Peray Ahmet, joined Cabinet Member for Communities, Cllr Ajda Ovat, Bibi Khan MBE and representatives from the borough's Multi-Faith Forum (MFF) as they spoke of how hate crime can do lasting and significant damage to its unsuspecting victims, particularly with regards to their mental health and psychological wellbeing.

They also stressed how the solidarity and support among the various MFF

groups from Haringey Council and local partners had provided a real source of solace and strength in recent times.

There was a programme of activities throughout the week to mark NHCAW here in Haringey, including:

- Hate crime awareness training organised by the Community Security Trust (CST)
- An autism and extremism/radicalisation course for professionals working with children and families
- A hate crime and disability workshop from Disability Action Haringey
- Community artwork sessions from Follow Your Art at Hornsey and Wood Green Libraries to raise awareness of hate

crime and celebrate the diversity of Haringey

For further information please visit: haringey.gov.uk/hate-crime

WEEK OF ACTION IN BRUCE CASTLE

Thank you to all the Haringey business owners and residents who engaged with us as part of our Week of Action in Bruce Castle.

The focus was on local concerns that matter to

residents and business owners such as anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime, fly-tipping, unlicensed Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs), parking enforcement and supporting those experiencing rough sleeping, as well as other important issues.

There was also a central engagement hub each weekday located across the ward, thereby giving residents opportunities to discuss any issues or concerns they have with council staff.

We organise a Week of Action every two months, with each event focusing on a different area of the borough.



WORKING WITH YOU TO IMPROVE COUNCIL HOMES

You know your homes better than anyone else so it's important that we work with you to co-create our approach and take your feedback on board to help us improve our housing service.

In September 2023, we introduced our new resident engagement structure, inviting council tenants and leaseholders to join separate groups and panels to help shape our policies. Since then, we've been working with more than 50 residents who have provided invaluable feedback

We have also run a series of interactive courses to enable them to better understand housing management, and recently awarded certificates to participating residents who successfully completing their training.

RESIDENT VOICE BOARD

The Resident Voice Board, which oversees all activities, has advised on our approach to protecting women and girls against violence and our estates and neighbourhoods strategy. They've also reviewed the vulnerability, safeguarding, housing arrears and estate parking policies to ensure residents' needs are met.

Afia Nkrumah, the Chair of the Resident Voice Board, said:

"If we want Haringey to be the safest, most comfortable and sustainable place to live, we have to let the council know what we need by getting involved and providing our point of view.

"We can help shape our council's policies to provide effective services and long-lasting changes that will benefit everyone in the community."

TASK AND FINISH AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT GROUPS

Our Task and Finish and Continuous Improvement Groups provide focused advice on specific projects or issues. For example, the most recent housing asset management strategy, which will guide our investment, has been co-created with residents who have helped us identify the priorities based on their needs.

We're working with a repairs group to co-produce a new repairs handbook and a repairs policy. The leaseholders continuous improvement group has looked at our service charge booklet, offering suggestions to improve it.

Our advisory panel conducts deep dive reviews of housing services to provide recommendations to be included in our improvement plan and has completed a review of the cleaning service on our estates.

Debra Edwards, a member of the Resident Voice Board and Chair of the Supported Housing Continuous Improvement Group, said:

"Since the groups were established last year, we've achieved a lot. We feel that we now have a voice and the board represents all residents.

"We live here and we love this area and want to see positive outcomes for residents."



QUILTING TOGETHER AT BROADWATER FARM

Quilt Club is a Haringey-based organisation that is not just about sewing quilts, but is weaving together the fabric of the local community.

Its doors are open to everyone, offering a free and welcoming space for creative expression and endeavour, especially for those who've never had access before. Hosted by textile artist Nicola Woollon, the participants gather each week to sew and share textile skills, collaborating on large scale installations or personal projects.

Since February 2024, Quilt Club has been meeting at the Broadwater Farm Community Centre.

With its friendly atmosphere, the group is helping build strong friendships. One resident who regularly attends says, "I've lived on the estate for over 20 years, and I've met someone who lives on a different floor of my block, and another lady in another block of flats. If it hadn't been for Quilt Club, we probably would never have met."

The Broadwater Farm Quilt Club is currently facilitated by Nicola, local artist Optiks and volunteers

Gill and Angie, but they're now looking for a Haringey resident to become the group's dedicated facilitator. Nicola explains,

"The primary responsibility of the role is to support members quilt-making projects and ensure the smooth running of the sessions. Some sewing machine knowledge, such as how to set up a machine

and knowing what to do if it gets stuck is helpful."

It's a fantastic time to get involved as Nicola explains, "The group is hosting a showcase of members'




work at the community centre on Thursday 12 December. It's a great opportunity to see the beautiful quilts created by our members and learn more about the art of quilting."

If you'd like to apply to be the Broadwater Farm Quilt Club facilitator, please contact Nicola at nicola@quiltclub.co.uk

Check out Quilt Club on their Instagram page [@quilt_club_7sisters](https://www.instagram.com/quilt_club_7sisters)

Quilt Club is one of many activities and projects happening at Broadwater Farm as part of the wider improvement programme. You can learn more at

 www.haringey.gov.uk/improving-broadwater-farm-together

We meet every Monday, and no experience is needed. The sessions are free, and we provide all the materials and equipment, but you're welcome to bring your own projects along. It's very relaxed – you can arrive anytime between 4pm and 8pm.

"The group now has around 45 members, with at least 15 participants each session, mostly from the estate and local community.



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STAYING WELL THIS WINTER

The colder months can be tough for many people, with shorter days and falling temperatures. There's lots you can do to make sure you stay well, feel good and avoid illness this winter. Our Warm Spaces programme, which will open its doors to residents during the colder months, has more details on page 23.

SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING ABUSE

If you're worried about violence or abuse from your partner, ex-partner, or a member of your family, we can offer support and advice. Visit www.haringey.gov.uk/VAWG to find out more.

One survivor of abuse recently told us, "I wouldn't be here without your support" – so please remember that it's never too late to reach out, and there are experts out there in Haringey who can help.

If you're worried about your own behaviour, the first step is to ask for help. Recognising how your behaviour affects others can be difficult but choosing to seek help is the first step towards making positive change. Visit www.haringey.gov.uk/BehaviourSupport to get help.

GETTING JABBED

Vaccinating against illness is the best way to protect yourself. Flu, RSV and

Covid-19 jabs will be available for those who need them. You can either wait to be contacted by the NHS or contact your local GP or pharmacy.

WE CAN HELP YOU STOP SMOKING

Stopping smoking is one of the best things you can do for your health and it's never too late to quit. Different support options and tools available include e-cigarettes and nicotine replacement therapy. For further information call **020 8885 9095** or visit: www.haringey.gov.uk/smokefree

GETTING A HANDLE ON YOUR DRINKING

Whether you think you drink too much, or just want some help cutting down, DrinkCoach can help. The online platform can help you assess your drinking level and give you tips to cut down. Visit www.drinkcoach.org.uk

Haringey Advisory Group on Alcohol (HAGA) run counselling, support sessions and online appointments for anyone affected by alcohol use. All services are confidential, free, and non-judgemental.

You can also get a free liver scan to check on the health of your liver by attending HAGA on any Tuesday. Call **020 8885 9095** or visit www.haringey.gov.uk/alcoholforinformation.

STAYING HEALTHY AND ACTIVE

Looking after your physical health can help you feel good, stay at a healthy weight, get into the outdoors, and meet new people! Our partners at One You Haringey can help you to stay healthy and active, move more, get a free NHS health check, and more. Call the team on **020 8885 9095** or visit www.oneyoutharingey.org

CHANGING YOUNG LIVES FOR THE BETTER

The Haringey Learning Partnership (HLP) is an alternative provision school changing young lives for the better.

Collaborating closely with teams across the council, HLP supports students who require alternative educational provision. This partnership aims to provide tailored support for those facing behavioural, emotional, or special educational needs.

For one student, HLP has been instrumental in helping her catch up on her work while also teaching vital skills like communication, teamwork and leadership.

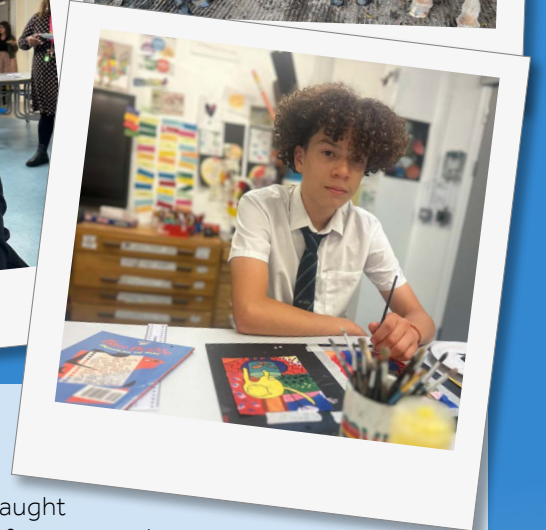
"HLP has not only helped me with my schoolwork through the encouragement of my teachers, but it has also taught me new ways to manage my emotions," said Ava, a Year 10 GCSE student.

For Ava, the best thing about attending HLP is that teachers take the time to break down the work and explain it to students.

"They try multiple techniques to find one that's right for each student. I really enjoy lessons here and I am making a lot of progress because of the support. The teachers are easy to talk to and always try their best to accommodate everyone's needs," she added.

"Every Friday, we have an assembly where we celebrate all the success from the week and certificates are given to students for all the great things they have done.

"Attending HLP has really helped me think about the future. I want to go to university and study psychology."



The supportive environment has also taught Ashley valuable skills in focusing and concentrating during lessons, paving the way for his academic success.

"Our classes are a lot smaller than in mainstream and we get lots of support in our lessons. All of the teachers are really kind and calm, and they explain things to me which has helped me to behave well and listen carefully," he said.

A Year 9 student, Ashley says he really likes HLP, which makes him feel a "lot happier."

"At the end of each day, we have tutor time where we reflect on all the things that happened during the day and look at how many positive points we got and whether there are things to improve," he added.

"I think the best thing about HLP is the opportunities we have. I really loved going to Jamie's Farm and I never thought I would get the chance to spend a week on a farm in the countryside. The best thing was just being outdoors all the time and spending time with animals. I loved the horses."



YOUNG LEADERS SHAPE HARINGEY'S FUTURE

Members of our Youth Panels make their voices heard on critical issues

In July 2024, members of our two Youth Panels, Elevated Youth and the Wider Youth Panel, visited the Houses of Parliament, learning about the UK's democratic processes and meeting with Bambos Charalambous, MP for Southgate and Wood Green.

They met with key figures in September, including Haringey's Youth Participation Champion Cllr Lester Buxton, Cabinet Member for Children Schools and Families Cllr Zena Brabazon, and anti-knife crime campaigner Faron Paul. Discussions covered knife crime, mental health, gentrification, housing and more opportunities for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

In a major step, their voices were heard at a council meeting in October. Joined by the Cabinet and councillors, a special Full Council provided a valuable platform for children and young people to creatively express their ideas, concerns, and aspirations.

Our young members spoke about issues important to them. Key themes included:

- **Yasin:** Placemaking and regeneration and the importance of retaining local culture and small businesses.
- **Steven:** Better support for young people leaving care, with a focus on housing and reducing wait times.
- **Selina:** Increased SEND funding in mainstream schools, especially for sensory rooms and Occupational Therapist support.
- **Zak:** The need for more indoor sports facilities, especially for young people with SEND.
- **Ruth:** Work experience opportunities for young people aged 16+ and affordable local housing for young people.
- **Danielle:** Mental health support within the education system for young people with SEND and the importance of teaching mindfulness and coping mechanisms early.
- **Zach:** Homelessness and improving access to housing



support for young people with SEND.

- **Kai and Navaeh:** Knife crime and its impact on the community.
- **Cindy:** The critical role of youth hubs like Rising Green and Bruce Grove, calling for more funding and staff retention.
- **Keke:** Concluded with an original rap, "Love, Lost & Fear", sharing her struggles of being a young person and striving to achieve good grades in school.

This event was a powerful moment for youth representation, but it's only the beginning. More work is needed to ensure their voices continue to shape the future.

If you want to join the Youth Panel today find out more:



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Find about more about what your local health team can offer you at nclhealthandcare.org.uk/localhealth



A MISSION TO END DIGITAL POVERTY

Meet Adaku Nweke, Deputy Manager for Housing Related Support, whose commitment to helping our most vulnerable residents goes well beyond her day-to-day responsibilities.

Adaku has spearheaded an initiative to combat digital exclusion and data poverty, ensuring residents who are struggling financially can stay connected.

Recognising that internet access is no longer a luxury but a necessity, Adaku has teamed up with several organisations to distribute free SIM cards, tablets and laptops to residents in need.

Her work began with the National Databank, a project led by the Good Things Foundation in partnership with Virgin Media O2, Vodafone and Three. It provides free SIM cards and vouchers to those who can't afford them, helping residents stay connected with essential services, job opportunities and loved ones. Adaku has successfully distributed SIM cards and vouchers across various council teams, offering support to residents facing severe digital exclusion.

That's not all. Thanks to the National Device Bank, Adaku received 15 tablet devices and secured 69 refurbished HP laptops, earmarked for care leavers, particularly 17-year-olds, who often lack the resources for continuing education. These devices are set to remove barriers to education, opening doors for young people who otherwise may struggle to pursue courses in fields like graphic design.



This is just the start. I want us all to continue working together to bridge the digital divide, increase digital inclusion and end data poverty for good.

Adaku's efforts don't stop there. She's formed a new partnership with Genuine Solutions, a multi-award-winning company

specialising in the recovery and distribution of mobile technology. Thanks to them, 40 Android smartphones have been donated to our residents. This partnership not only supports digital inclusion but promotes sustainability by reducing tech waste.

One resident who received a smartphone expressed their gratitude, "I can now access my Universal Credit

account and keep in touch with my family, which has been wonderful."

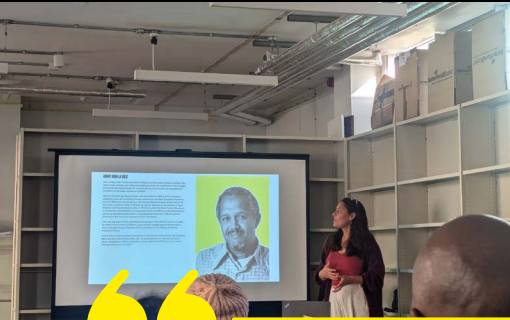
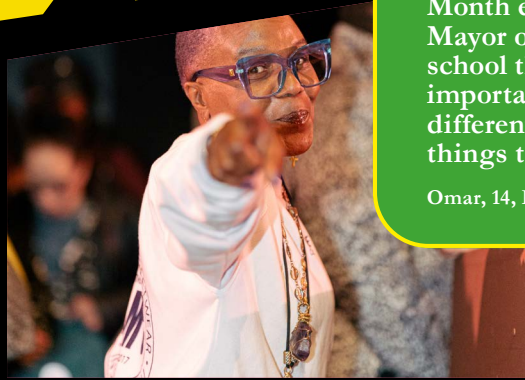
Reflecting on her project, Adaku shared, "This is just the start. I want us all to continue working together to bridge the digital divide, increase digital inclusion and end data poverty for good."

Adaku's initiative is just one example of how our staff are not only meeting the needs of residents but are passionate about creating meaningful, long-lasting change in the communities they serve. Together, they are helping to build a Haringey where every resident has access to the digital resources they need to succeed, ensuring that no one is excluded from the opportunities of the digital age.

HARINGEY HONOURS BLACK HISTORY AND HERITAGE IN STYLE

My favourite part of our Black History Month event was getting to show the Mayor of Haringey around the brilliant school that we're in. I think it's an important event because you just celebrate different cultures and unique things - things that should be celebrated.

Omar, 14, Haringey Learning Partnership



I'm excited to see the inclusivity and intergenerational collaboration happening with Haringey's Black History 365! There are so many fantastic events promoting creativity, learning, and deep conversations that celebrate diversity of thought and offer opportunities for everyone.

Shawn Semper, Community Engagement Officer



Find out more about Black History Haringey 365 at



haringey.gov.uk/bhh365

Have you visited us yet?

200 FIVE STAR REVIEWS

5 genuine resident quotes made on www.google.com

The hosts were very welcoming and helpful

We would highly recommend the use of this hall

Love this space!

Lovely and accomodating venue

One amazing new building



www.facebook.com/tottenhamhale
[@stf_engineroom](https://twitter.com/stf_engineroom)
[@engineroomtottenhamhale](https://www.instagram.com/engineroomtottenhamhale)

Unit A, Eagle Heights, Lebus Street,
Hale Village, London, N17 9FU
T: 0208 808 5490
E: info@engineroom.org.uk



Weekly and holiday activities



www.engineerroom.org.uk/booking

REMAND FOSTERING

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Could you support young people aged 16,17 or 18 who are going through a difficult period in their lives? If so, you'll be supported by getting paid from £467 per week...



We are looking for 'Remand Foster Carers' whose role is to care for young people while they await court dates for an offence they are alleged to have committed. So, if you are the type of person who is good at influencing a young person to 'turn things around' and would be able to provide short-term foster care in this remit, we would love to hear from you.



The length of placements could vary but are a maximum of few months. By providing this type of specialist fostering, it offers an alternative to a young person living in custodial care before appearing in court.

Private Fostering What does it mean?

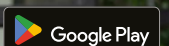
A private fostering arrangement is when a child or young person, under 16 years, or 18 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, is living away from home for 28 days or more and is being cared for by an adult who is **not** their immediate or extended family member.

It is usually an arrangement which is agreed between a child's parents and the private foster carers. A child looked after by the local authority is **not** a privately fostered child.

Parents or those who have parental responsibility of a child or young person **must** advise the council of the private fostering arrangement, and where a private foster carers lives, at least 6 weeks in advance of when an arrangement is made, or in an emergency, within 48 hours.

If you become aware of a private fostering arrangement, or if you would like any further information, please email Haringey Council's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) at mashreferral@haringey.gov.uk or phone 020 8489 4470.

Scan one of the QR codes to the right to download the Haringey Private Fostering app for iOS or Android.



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A FAIRER GREENER HARINGEY:

WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR | 2022-24

PEOPLE POWER

Launched the Haringey Deal, Wood Green Voices and Tottenham Voices



Launched our Climate Partnership to co-design climate action with local residents



FIXING STREETS

4,195 potholes filled



100% of street drains cleaned

56 pavements re-laid

144 roads resurfaced

CLEANER AIR

34 school streets protecting 16,000 pupils



130 new electric car chargers – bringing us to 229 in total



3 major low traffic neighbourhood trials – creating safer, less polluted roads



147 new bike hangars on streets and estates - and a fairer policy for locations



THRIVING CULTURE

Won London Borough of Culture 2027 – bringing £1.3m investment from City Hall



Library Lates initiative launched



Alexandra Park and Highgate libraries renovated and reopened

COST OF LIVING

Haringey Works helped 799 local people into work



Help for 4,000 families from the Haringey Support Fund



Council Tax relief for 26,118 families



FAIRER HOUSING

217 people have keys to a new council home



650 will have keys by autumn 2024

2,096 council homes renovated to Decent Homes standard



2,000 new council homes underway

3,000 planned

3,000 planned



A new Housing Improvement Plan to accelerate repairs and renovations

61 empty private homes back in use after council action

15,356 private renters in shared houses protected by licensing

SAFER COMMUNITIES



33 Safe Havens for women and girls created

Coproduced an anti-hate crime strategy



Created a Gambling Harm Reduction Network

5 new alley-gates to cut crime and anti-social behaviour



SUPPORTING FAMILIES

Children's services awarded a Good OFSTED rating



Special Educational Need services awarded highest OFSTED rating

2 new family hubs in Seven Sisters and Muswell Hill

2 new playgrounds and 4 playgrounds fully renovated

GREENER NEIGHBOURHOODS

13 new wildflower meadows, co-designed with local residents



Co-designed the transformation of Down Lane Park with the community



Co-designed a new skate plaza in Finsbury Park with skaters

Over 1,000 new street trees



4,000 new trees altogether

26 new rain gardens

22 parks at Green Flag standard as at May 2024

STRONGER SCHOOLS

Helped deliver the Mayor of London's Universal Free School Meals initiative

School exclusions well below average: 98% of schools good or outstanding

27th in the country for 'value-added' to GCSE results

97% of primary and

93% of secondary pupils get one of their top 3 choices of school

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A LIBRARY



Haringey's libraries provide more than just books. We spent a day at one of our branches to find out about the many community activities on offer.

Located across from Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, Coombes Croft Library offers an oasis of calm away from the hustle and bustle of Tottenham High Road. It is also the venue for a wide range of activities organised on a voluntary basis to support residents.

The day begins with an English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) support group. Facilitated by volunteers, the group supports people to improve their confidence with English.

There is a lot of demand for this locally, says library manager Eleni, who coordinates the initiative.

People are very comfortable walking in – there's no need to book – and people are comfortable with the space. There's no pressure and no barriers.

The informal sessions focus on improving conversation skills, but they also give participants the opportunity to find other activities and volunteering opportunities where they can further practice and improve their English. It's about networking, Eleni explains. "People have so many skills, it's just about tapping in and exploring.

This is followed by a sewing group, where people from across Tottenham gather to learn new skills and create unique fabric designs.

This is a very interesting group, which helps a lot of people," says one of the participants while working on her latest item of clothing. "People who have never used a sewing machine before are here, people with all kinds of special educational needs and so on.

Later in the afternoon, the sound of the sewing machine is replaced by the tinkling of keys as children turn up for free after school piano lessons. Since 2022, residents have had access to high quality electric pianos in all our libraries, thanks to a partnership with Haringey Music Service and Casio.

The library is accessible to everybody – it's a free service for the community, says piano teacher Miss Taylor, who provides free lessons to children and adults at Coombes Croft every week.

So many young people want to learn music, but their parents can't afford it. Having access to free lessons empowers the children – creativity is so important.

The piano lessons conclude a busy day at Coombes Croft, but activities continue throughout the week, with knitting classes, stay and play sessions and art exhibitions among the many community initiatives taking place here.

Find events and activities in your local library at

 libraries.haringey.gov.uk/events

SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY THIS WINTER

NEED HELP WITH YOUR ENERGY BILLS?

Our SHINE team can help, as energy adviser Anthony explains:

"Our service is all about keeping people warm – and helping them to stay well. If you are on a low income and/or are over 60, disabled or have children, then we're here for you.

"We've provided hundreds of residents with practical advice on using their heating more efficiently, helped them apply for grants, benefits or other financial support – or switch providers to get a better deal.

"If you can tell us about the size of your home and what your current bills are over the phone, we can quickly work out whether we can get you on a better tariff. And if you would like a home visit from one of our 'Energy Doctors' we can pop round and make a few energy saving changes on the spot – like fitting reflective panels behind

your radiators or taping round draughty windows."

We are writing directly to residents we think are most likely to benefit from a visit – so if you get one of our letters, get in touch on:

- shine@islington.gov.uk
- **0800 953 1221**

DON'T BE ALONE – A WARM WELCOME AWAITS

Haringey Warm Welcome is a network of inclusive, warm, and welcoming spaces run by local businesses, community groups, and places of worship. These spaces offer a safe place for residents to go, meet new people, get refreshments, and take part in fun activities.

Visit www.haringey.gov.uk/a-warm-welcome to find a Warm Space near you. Everyone is welcome!

APPLY FOR PENSION CREDIT AND KEEP YOUR WINTER FUEL PAYMENT

Don't miss your unclaimed pension credit - you could receive up to £3,300 each year! Receiving Pension Credit also means you won't lose your Winter Fuel Payment this year, which is worth up to £300.

We've sent a letter to residents who we think could be eligible for Pension Credit. The deadline to claim Pension Credit to receive the Winter Fuel Payment is Saturday, 21 December 2024, so please claim now.

If you need help with claiming Pension Credit or any other benefits, funding or grants we are here to help. Call **020 8489 4431** or visit



www.haringey.gov.uk/HereToHelp



ANTONY'S TOP ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- Easy foil insulation: a simple piece of DIY foil placed behind your radiators reflects heat back into your home, helping it to stay warmer for longer.
- Foam insulation for exposed pipes: stops heat from being lost from exposed pipes in your home, making your heating more efficient – and is simple to install yourself.
- Draft-proofing: patching up drafts around windows and doors can make a huge difference - insulating tape is self-adhesive and easy to install.
- Get your boiler serviced: an annual check keeps it working as efficiently as possible.
- Close your curtains: you can lose warmth through your windows. So, close the curtains in the evening to keep the heat inside. You can even buy thermal curtain liners.

Haringey, Here to Help

Haringey
LONDON

Get valuable funding for your child's school!

Did you know, schools can receive up to **£1455** in extra funding through the **Pupil Premium** for every child who is eligible for **Free School Meals?**

CLAIM
FREE
SCHOOL
MEALS



The funding is used to boost learning outcomes for pupils so every child in Haringey can achieve their full potential.

So, if you're on * benefits, complete a free school meals application form today.

scan me
to learn
more!



www.haringey.gov.uk/FSM

*Please see the list of qualifying benefits on our website.

HOPES HIGH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOLLOWING LEISURE CENTRE SWITCH

Residents speak of their hopes and aspirations for our leisure provision after we brought three centres back under direct council control in October.

We are now running leisure facilities at Tottenham Green, Park Road and Broadwater Farm following a handover of management from Fusion Lifestyle on 1 October.

This move is a fresh start for our leisure offer and an opportunity that we should grasp with both hands.

Howard Barrett, 72, from Fortis Green, swims two or three times a week in the lido at Park Road and intends to visit the gym more regularly now too to alleviate a knee injury.

“Park Road is a wonderful facility and provides many benefits to the community beyond the provision of the facilities,” the retired management consultant, who has been a member at Park Road for five years, commented.

“It has a very friendly atmosphere and, while possibly hard to prove, must positively impact the health of users and therefore lower costs to the NHS in the long term.

“The gym has a massive range of equipment catering for every need, while the heated 50m pool provides superb year-round swimming.”

Scott Readman and his family go to Park Road two or three times a week for the children’s swimming lessons or the family swim sessions, although he does



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sometimes use the gym himself.

“The main thing we love is the convenience as we live very locally,” the 50-year-old freelance designer stated.

“The changes that are needed are pretty straightforward – attentive staff, clean facilities, no regular closures and simplified booking systems.

“I’d like to see more done with the Lido in the summer; it’s an amazing facility and under used and we need the children’s outdoor swim area to be back up and running.”

For further information about the four Active Wellbeing Leisure Centres here in Haringey, please visit:



haringey.gov.uk/leisure-centres

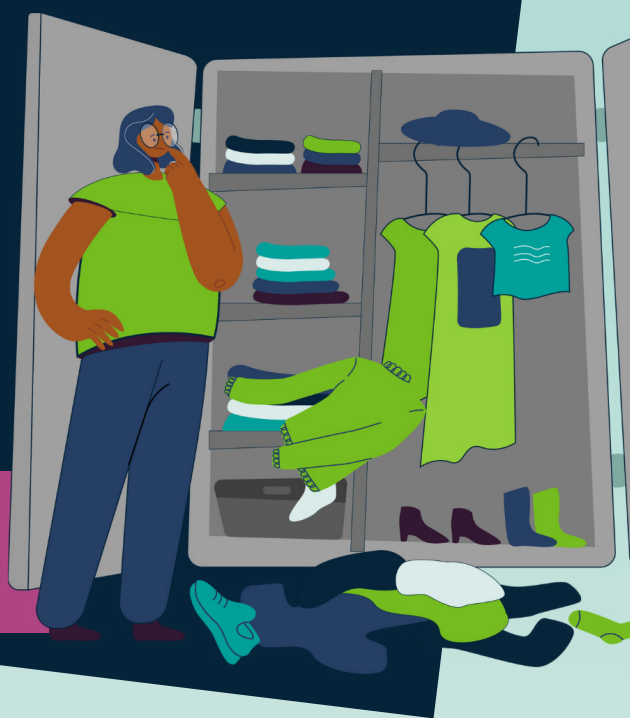


Sort out your House with

traid

FREE clothes collection service makes it easy for you to donate clothes, shoes, linen and more right from your doorstep. Book your collection now and contribute to a great cause!

For more information, visit www.haringey.gov.uk/traid-collection



We're working with Real Nappies for London to give Haringey parents a voucher worth £70 towards the cost of real nappy products or laundry services.

For more information, visit www.realnappiesforlondon.org.uk

Real nappies are:

- ✓ easy to use
- ✓ practical
- ✓ a great alternative to disposables
- ✓ better for the environment
- ✓ great for encouraging earlier potty training
- ✓ cost-saving – the total cost of using real nappies can be up to £1,000 less than using disposables

Voucher worth **£70**

Purrrfect for recycling your electricals.

We are on a mission to reduce e-waste with the help of #HypnoCat! Say goodbye to old electronics cluttering your home and hello to a greener future.

To book your FREE collection visit www.wastecollections.haringey.gov.uk

To find your nearest recycling bank visit www.haringey.gov.uk/recycle-electricals



CELEBRATING HARINGEY'S HISTORY OF DISABILITY ACTIVISM

Since 2010, the UK Disability History Month has run between 17 November and 20 December to highlight the history of the struggle for equality and human rights for people living with disabilities. For this Disability History Month we remember two former residents who were prominent activists for disability rights and whose stories should be more widely known.

The activist and writer Paul Hunt (1937 – 1979) is remembered for spearheading the early Disability Rights Movement in the UK. He had suffered a degenerative physical impairment from early childhood and in the 1950s was forced to live in a hospital and then a home for 17 years. Campaigning for Rights, not Charity, he led campaigns against such residential institutions, advocating for independent living.

In September 1972, Paul wrote a letter to The Guardian from his flat at 61 Chettle Court in Ridge Road, N8. His published letter would have a far-reaching effect on the lives of disabled people, formulating plans for alternative kinds of care. He invited others to join him in creating a new organisation to address the discrimination disabled people faced in their lives. As a result, the Union for the Physically Impaired Against Segregation was formed.

With others, Paul had previously produced the important book 'Stigma. The Experience of Disability' (1966), analysing the experiences for disabled people and arguing for a different approach to the 'medical model' that defined those with disabilities, their self-representation and control of their lives. Although Hunt sadly died in 1979 when the



Photograph from the 'Collected Works of Paul Hunt' Edited with commentary by Luke Beesley. Published online 2022.

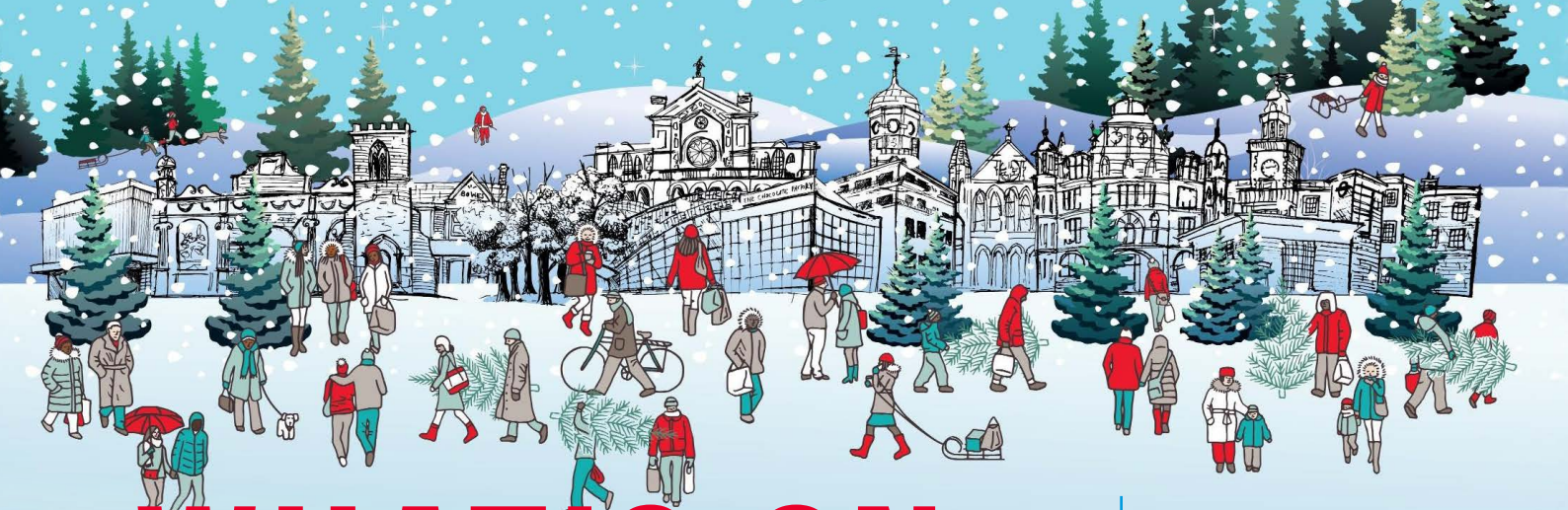
movement was still in its infancy, his legacy lives on in the social model of disability which has been integral to the fight to overcome barriers in a disabling world.

Katherine 'Kath' Gillespie Sells MBE (1951-2023) of Maidstone Road, Bounds Green, was an activist, psychotherapist, writer, former nurse, disability rights campaigner and LGBTQ+ rights campaigner. Growing up in Tottenham, her brother is former Haringey councillor Vince Gillespie, and her son is the musician Daniel Sells-Gillespie (lead singer of 'The Feeling'), both of whom are LGBTQ+ activists. In 1989, Kath founded REGARD, a national, volunteer-run organisation of disabled LGBTQ+ people that provides information, raises awareness and campaigns on issues affecting disabled LGBTQ+ people and helps to combat social isolation.

REGARD follows the social model of disability that Paul Hunt and others were advocating back in 1972, where society needs to change and remove the barriers to inclusion and equal rights. In 1996 she co-authored two pioneering books, 'The Sexual Politics of Disability' and 'She Dances to Different Drums'. In 2010 Kath was Stonewall's Hero of the Year, and in 2011 was London Pride's Grand Marshall.



Photo of Kath and Vince Gillespie courtesy of Vince Gillespie



WHAT'S ON

FESTIVE HARINGEY!

WOOD GREEN

Lights switch on
**Saturday 16
November from 4pm**

Outside Wood Green
Library, 187-197 High
Road, N22 6XD

TURNPIKE LANE

Lights switch on
**Saturday 23
November from 4pm**

Turnpike Lane Tube
Station, High Road,
N15 3NX

GREEN LANES

Lights switch on
**Saturday 23 November
from 5.30pm**

The Salisbury Hotel, 1
Green Lanes, Haringay
Ladder, N4 1JX

MUSWELL HILL CREATIVE WINTER MAKERS FAIR

**Saturday 23 November,
10.30am - 4.30pm**

Everyman Theatre,
21 Fortis Green Road,
Muswell Hill, N10 3HP

TOTTENHAM BRUCE GROVE

Lights switch on
**Friday 29 November
from 5pm**

1 Scotland Green Road,
N17 9TA (next to the
bus stop)

HORNSEY

Lights switch on
**Friday 29 November
from 4pm**

Outside Treasures, 29A
Hornsey High Street,
N8 7QB

HORNSEY CHRISTMAS MARKET

**Friday 29 November,
4pm - 7pm**

Inside the Three
Compasses Pub, 62 High
St, London N8 7NX

MUSWELL HILL

Lights switch on
**Saturday 30
November, 4pm**

Everyman Theatre,
21 Fortis Green Road,
Muswell Hill, N10 3HP

FLORENTIA VILLAGE MADE BY TOTTENHAM WINTER MAKERS MARKET

**30 November and 1
December, 12pm -
7pm**

Florentia Village, 108 Vale
Rd, Haringay Warehouse
District, N4 1TD

MYDDLETON ROAD WINTER FESTIVAL

Lights switch on
**Sunday 1 December
from 5pm**

Outside 79 Myddleton
Road, N22 8NE

MYDDLETON ROAD MARKET AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Sunday 1 December,
12pm - 6pm**

Santa's Grotto
From 12pm - 6pm

Outside of 79
Myddleton Road, N22
8NE

TOTTENHAM GREEN WINTER FESTIVAL

Lights switch on
**Saturday 7 December,
from 5pm**

Town Hall Approach
Road, Tottenham Green

TOTTENHAM GREEN MARKET AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Saturday 7 December,
from 12pm - 6pm**

Santa's Grotto
From 12pm - 6pm





CROUCH END

Lights switch on
**Saturday 7 December,
6.30pm**

The Broadway, N8 9JJ
(outside the refurbished
town hall tree pit)

**Market and
entertainment**
From 10.30am - 7pm

CHRISTMAS MARKET @ BLUE HOUSE YARD

**Saturday 7 Dec 2024,
12pm - 5pm**

5 River Park Road,
Wood Green, N22 7TB

WOOD GREEN CHRISTMAS MARKET

**Saturday 14 December,
11am - 6pm**

Lymington Avenue,
Noel Park, Wood
Green, N22 6HE

ALEXANDRA PALACE

Alexandra Palace Way,
N22

alexandrapalace.com
020 8365 2121

SANTA'S GROTTTO

**27 Nov - 23 Dec 2024,
12pm - 6pm**

Tickets from £16

BAKAR

Bakar is bringing his
melting pot of indie, rap,
rock & punk to Alexandra
Palace

5 Dec 2024, 6:30pm

16+ only

Tickets from £41.62

THE WIZARD OF OZ ON ICE

**6 - 9 Dec 2024, various
times**

Suitable for children 3+

**Tickets from £11 -
£15.50**

GARETH MALONE

Sing A Long A Gareth:
My Life in Music

6 Dec 2024, 6.30pm

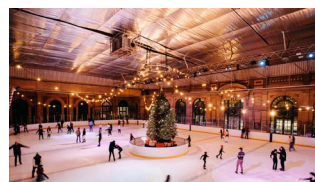
Tickets from £25

ADAM KAY

Twas The Nightshift
Before Christmas

**7 Dec 2024, 6pm and
8:45pm**

Tickets from £25



FESTIVE SKATE

11 Dec 2024 - 5 Jan

**2025, various times
from 11am**

14+ only

Tickets from £11

CHRISTMAS ICE DISCOS

**11 Dec 2024 - 5 Jan
2025, various times
from 11am**

Tickets £17.50

HORRIBLE HISTORIES PRESENTS HORRIBLE CHRISTMAS

**12 Dec 2024 - 4 Jan
2025, various times**

Age recommendation 5+

Tickets from £17.50

PHILHARMONIA BRASS AT CHRISTMAS

16 Dec 2024, 6.30pm

7+ only

Tickets from £22

BERNIE GRANT ARTS CENTRE

Unit 10 Tottenham Green
Enterprise Centre, Town Hall
Approach Road, N15 4RX

berniegrantcentre.co.uk

CORAM SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Wed 27 November, 7pm

Coram Shakespeare
Schools Foundation
presents...

Coram Shakespeare
Schools Foundation is
proud to present the
world's largest youth
drama festival at Bernie
Grant Arts Centre.

**Tickets: £12.05/£9.80
Group rate (20+): £9.00**
(excluding booking fees)

LIVE: OVER THE TOP UNDER THE RADAR

**Wed 11 December,
7:30pm**

Over The Top Under
The Radar is back for a
special LIVE event this
Christmas!

**Tickets: Adult: £10.00
Concession: £8.00**

RSL X BOOK SLAM

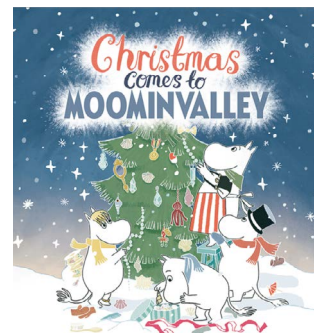
**Thu 12 December, 7pm-
10:30pm**

Where London's leading
literary juke joint brings
together writers and
readers

**Tickets: £10
Concessions: £7**

JACKSONS LANE

Archway Road, N6
jacksonslane.org.uk
020 8341 4421



CHRISTMAS COMES TO MOOMINVALLEY

**6 Dec 2024 - 5 Jan
2024, various times**

Tickets from £10 - £25

*All listings correct at time
of print.*

YOUR COUNCILLORS

Your local councillors are here to help. If you would like to talk to your ward councillor, please come along to their regular surgery. You can also email or telephone.

Councillors' surgeries provide an opportunity for you to meet your ward councillors and discuss local issues and concerns.

You can check whether face-to-face surgeries are available for specific councillors by visiting: www.haringey.gov.uk/Councillors

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Christmas and New Year Collections

Usual Collection Day

Monday 23 December 2024

Tuesday 24 December 2024

Wednesday 25 December 2024

Thursday 26 December 2024

Friday 27 December 2024

Monday 30 December 2024

Tuesday 31 December 2024

Wednesday 1 January 2025

Thursday 2 January 2025

Friday 3 January 2025

Revised Collection Day

No Change

No Change

Friday 27 December 2024

Saturday 28 December 2024

Sunday 29 December 2024

No Change

No Change

Thursday 2 January 2025

Friday 3 January 2025

Saturday 4 January 2025

Normal collections will be resumed from w/c Monday 6 January 2025

Top Tips for Recycling this Christmas



All containers should be emptied and washed prior to being placed in your recycling bin.



Do not leave food in any containers.



Freeze leftovers for another day!



Do not place glittery cards or paper in your recycle bin.



Does your used wrapping paper pass the scrunch test? If it stays scrunched up, recycle it, if it doesn't, don't.



Avoid unnecessary food waste by planning your menu over the festive period.

Extra waste? You can also visit the Western Road Reuse & Recycling Centre in Wood Green every day between 9 a.m - 4 p.m except Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



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