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# Have your say on property licensing in Ealing

**Ealing Council is proposing to make private renting in the borough safer and better by introducing new property licensing schemes**

Until Monday 2 August, you can tell us your views on our plans by filling in our online survey

You can also have your say by attending a live virtual public meeting. They will take place from 7 - 8.30pm on the following dates:

**Wednesday 16 June** for landlords and managing and letting agents renting out private rented properties

**Wednesday 23 June** for all other residents of the borough and local businesses

To book your place at a meeting, email [ealingmeetings@hqnetwork.co.uk](mailto:ealingmeetings@hqnetwork.co.uk) or call 01904 557197



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# SUMMER21 EDITORIAL

Welcome to the summer edition of Around Ealing magazine. This has been a feelgood edition to pull together because we have been able to include a summer activities section, for the first time. After the year we have all endured, it is so nice to be able to look forward to things again – and with other people.

So, please make sure you take a look through (and perhaps keep) the section beginning on page 10. It includes the return of the Ealing Summer Festivals. Although it is not quite its full traditional programme, it is exciting to see it back after having to be cancelled last year.

There are also four competitions in the magazine: One for children to win a free dance class with Strictly Come Dancing star Oti Mabuse (p8); one to win a season ticket to Hanwell Zoo (p15); one for school pupils to get their art on the side of the council's recycling trucks (p8); and, finally, one to win tickets to Ealing Comedy Festival (p10).

Richard Nadal  
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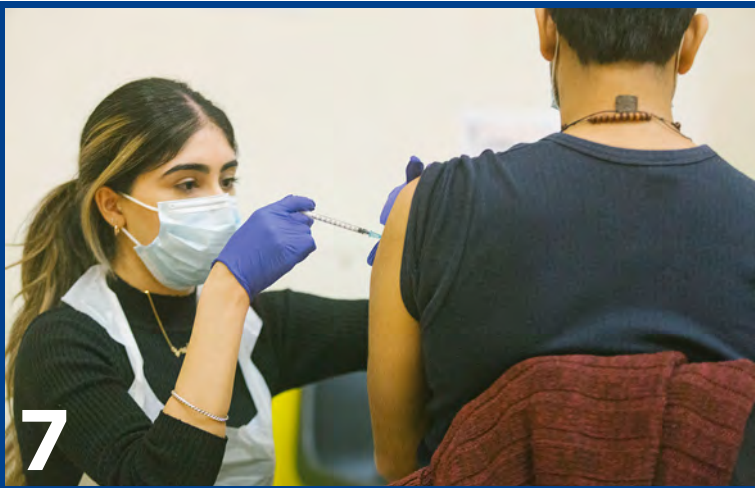
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# Leader's Notes

'I will lead an open, inclusive and transparent council'

**Councillor Peter Mason**

Leader of the council



Find more Leader's Notes on [ealingnewsextra.co.uk](http://ealingnewsextra.co.uk) and videos on YouTube at [/EalingCouncil](https://www.youtube.com/EalingCouncil)



In the first few days of the new administration, I made a number of announcements about how we will work to tackle air quality, readdress regeneration, tackle discrimination, as well as encouraging active travel. You can read more about these on this page six.

I want to give you my commitment that my focus will be on changing Ealing for the better.

Not for you, but with you.

You can read a bit more about the team I've brought together to lead that change on the facing page.

I love Ealing and this is a new chapter for all of us. I can't wait to start working with you to make our borough an even better place to live and work.

→ I visited Warren Farm recently to discuss the future of the site with local people from the Warren Farm Nature Reserve Campaign and the Brent River Canal Society. I want to ensure we can preserve the wild character of Warren Farm as a place for local people to enjoy nature, as well as deliver community sports facilities we know people need. I think we can find a compromise that the people of Hanwell and Southall deserve, and I am going to work to find out how we can get there.

## THREE NEW PRIORITIES

- Decent living incomes
- Action on the climate emergency
- Tackling poverty and inequality



→ It is the honour of my life to be elected to lead Ealing Council on an agenda of change, and of doing things differently.

I will lead an open, inclusive and transparent council, that will engage people – including you – in the challenges we face together.

And there are some big challenges ahead:

- Recovering from the pandemic and lockdown, bringing well paid jobs back to Ealing; and delivering the next generation of council houses and genuinely affordable homes
- Tackling the climate crisis, greening our borough, cleaning our air, and ensuring that the borough we build is sustainable, thereby enhancing our character as both the 'Queen of the Suburbs' and a place in London with a deep industrial heritage
- Relentlessly fighting the poverty and inequality that blights too many lives and holds too many people back from fulfilling their dreams and their aspirations.







## The following councillors will be joining the new leader in the cabinet:

- 1 Climate Action – Councillor Deirdre Costigan (deputy leader)** will be working on greening and keeping Ealing clean, achieving net zero carbon, and ensuring our parks, open spaces and nature are protected and enhanced.
- 2 Decent Living Incomes – Councillor Bassam Mahfouz** will be working on bringing new and well-paid jobs back to Ealing and securing a strong economic recovery where good businesses can thrive.
- 3 Inclusive Economy – Councillor Steve Donnelly** will be working to build wealth within the community by ensuring everything the council does increases social value and contributes to making Ealing a fairer place to live and work.
- 4 Genuinely Affordable Homes – Councillor Lauren Wall** will be working on the council's radical programme of social rent council house building, and ensuring tenants are empowered and have ownership of their communities.
- 5 Good Growth – Councillor Shital Manro** will be making sure the growth that takes place in Ealing enhances its character, conserves its future and makes great places people want to live.
- 6 Thriving Communities – Councillor Jasbir Anand** will be focusing on bringing people together to build strong neighbourhoods, empowering volunteers, encouraging community activism, engaging civic and faith leaders, and delivering well-loved community facilities and services.
- 7 A Fairer Start – Councillor Kamaljit Kaur Nagpal** will be working on ensuring all our children and young people of all backgrounds get the best start in life, from their earliest years through to a great education.
- 8 Tackling inequality – Councillor Aysha Raza** will provide a relentless focus on reducing poverty and inequality for those who most need support – and on promoting wellbeing and safety for all.
- 9 Healthy Lives – Councillor Josh Blacker** will be working on combating COVID-19, protecting and enhancing the physical and mental health of all, and supporting our older residents to stay independent and resilient.

# Open to change

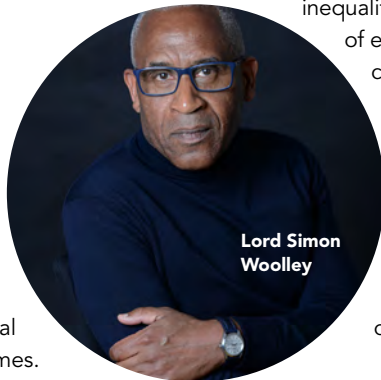


The council's new cabinet has set out a number of changes in direction and new priorities and has pledged to create a more open and transparent way of doing things – with residents at the heart of decision-making. Here are some of the first actions they have taken.

## LTNS

Ealing Council's new leadership team has reassured local people in all low traffic neighbourhood (LTN) areas that they will have the final say on the trial schemes.

This will be achieved by a consultation on each LTN in the borough, keeping schemes that work and are supported, and removing those that do not. The council has already announced the end of the trial West Ealing South scheme (LTN 21), following the decision by Hounslow Council to close Swyncombe Avenue for two months. The council will be looking to consult on smaller sections of LTN 21 that local people have said are successful. Residents will be



Lord Simon Woolley

consulted before implementation, and nothing will be installed until after they have had the final say.

## TACKLING INEQUALITY

The new administration has committed to implementing the recommendations of the Ealing Race Equality Commission in full; and has given its chairman Lord Simon Woolley backing to continue taking a tough and independent approach.

To back this up, Councillor Aysha Raza was appointed as the council's first ever cabinet member for tackling inequality.

She said: "We are putting tackling inequality at the very heart of everything we do as a council. I will be focusing on reducing the inequalities that hold back far too many of our communities and fighting the hate and discrimination that has no place in our borough."

## DEVELOPMENT


The council will be taking a new approach to development that will put community-led development in the driving seat of regeneration – and make the process as transparent as possible.

This approach will ask more of developers, focusing on bringing back good jobs and employment for local people, re-greening neighbourhoods and maintaining genuinely affordable homes as the priority for any developer looking to build in the borough.

Among the planned measures will be an immediate review of council policy on tall buildings; new town development plans created with communities; a publicly accessible register of any meetings between developers and councillors; and the mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has been asked to help produce a new vision for the development of Southall, revoking the Opportunity Area Framework.

## SOUTHALL GASWORKS

Council leader Peter Mason has written to members of residents' group CASH setting out the urgent steps he has instructed officers to take to address issues of air quality around the old Southall gasworks.

The wide-ranging measures that council officers are now going to be carrying out include: Commissioning legal advice on the feasibility of a statutory abatement notice; giving CASH the opportunity to be involved in deciding the contract for monitoring air quality; drawing up a plan to include CASH and the wider community in developing an air quality strategy for Southall; and starting work on setting up independent complaint monitoring. 

## MORE INFO

Read additional information about all of these measures, and more, at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/policy](http://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/policy)



# 'Get it done'

Huge numbers of you have now received at least one dose of the **coronavirus vaccine**, with more than 170,800 having had at least one jab by 25 May. *Jack Butler reports.*

**B**y mid-May, anyone aged 30 or above was eligible to walk up to a mass vaccination centre and get their vaccine if they have not booked an appointment at one already. Keep an eye on [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) and [nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://nhs.uk/coronavirus) for the latest on who is eligible for a vaccine.

It is best to book a jab on the NHS website because walk-ups do not guarantee a vaccination slot, but if you are eligible you can just go along if you want to.

Getting the vaccine is the best way of protecting yourself and others against COVID-19.



Chloe Bassi

Chloe Bassi is a local student and has had both doses of her AstraZeneca vaccine. She said: "I didn't really get any side effects; it was perfectly fine. I was in work the next day and now it means I can go back to normal, really."

Get it done. You'll be a lot safer.

You can read more local people's stories at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/vaccine-get-it-done](http://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/vaccine-get-it-done)

## SURGE TESTING

From 24 May, a five-week period of extra, targeted COVID-19 testing was started by the council and Public Health England after small clusters were identified across London of a variant of concern first identified in India. Any tests that came back positive would be sequenced by the national Test and Trace programme to try and track the variant and better understand it. Visit [www.ealing.gov.uk/variantofconcern](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/variantofconcern) for more.

## GET TESTED



It has always been important to get tested regularly, but now more than ever because of the new variant. We are asking residents to get tested, even if you have no symptoms, to help to prevent transmission on to others, including those who may be more vulnerable.

Testing has been increased in the borough, with anyone over the age of 16 being encouraged to get a test. This can be done at testing sites across the borough, as well as at more than 50 local pharmacies, which can be booked on the council's website. Find out more at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/coronavirus/free-tests-get-tested](http://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/coronavirus/free-tests-get-tested)

## STAY SAFE

Councillor Josh Blacker, the council's cabinet member for healthy lives, said: "As we hopefully move towards leaving lockdown restrictions behind us on 21 June, which we are all excited about, it is important to remember that caution will still remain in many aspects of life and that lots of us will not yet have had both doses of the vaccine until later in the summer."

"As we move towards more normality and things begin to open up further, it is still vital to continue to follow public health guidance. This includes the golden rule of 'Hands, Face, Space' which is one of the best ways to stay safe when outside of your home."

 Check the latest situation on COVID-19 restrictions at [www.ealing.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/coronavirus) or [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) so you can stay up-to-date. 



## Calling young artists



Young artists are being given the chance to see their artwork appear on a waste or recycling truck – and also **win a prize** for their school into the bargain.

Ealing Council's waste and recycling contractor, Greener Ealing Ltd, is launching the competition to school pupils in the borough. Entrants must draw, colour or paint a design that can remind everyone of their environmental responsibilities. This might include recycling

household items correctly, putting rubbish in a bin or ways to help climate change.

You must be 18 or younger and attend an Ealing school to take part.



For full details and how to enter go to [www.greenerealing.co.uk](http://www.greenerealing.co.uk) or see [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/truck-art-design](http://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/truck-art-design)



## Do you have My Account yet?

Ealing Council is making it easier for you to manage your transactions with the council

online. You can now pay your council tax, access housing benefits and request repairs using My Account; and, later this year, services from the homeownership team and environmental services will be available through My Account, too.

My Account lets you set up direct debits, update information and upload documents for yourself – making it easier and quicker to get things done.

Sign up today at [www.ealing.gov.uk/myaccount](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/myaccount). For help with registration, contact the My Account support team by calling 020 8825 7733 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm).

## Win special dance lesson



We have teamed-up with **Strictly Come Dancing star Oti Mabuse** to offer 10 lucky local children the cha-cha-chance to show off their artistic moves and win a free dance class with her.

All your child needs to do to have a chance of winning the dance lesson is to get creative. Download a sketch of Oti and her husband Marius (also a professional dancer and teacher) and they can use it to design Strictly-style costumes for the quick-stepping couple. Then you send in your child's masterpiece for Oti and Marius to judge and pick their favourites.

The Oti Mabuse Dance Studio was opened in September in Park Avenue, in the Hanger Hill area of Ealing.



Find out how to take part, and download the sketch, at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/oti](http://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/oti)

## Your say on private renting

Ealing Council is proposing to make private renting in the borough safer and better by introducing new property licensing schemes.

Since 2017, many privately rented homes in Ealing have needed a licence to be let. And, because licensing has helped produce safer homes for tenants and more support for landlords, the council is now consulting on plans to renew and expand its schemes.

To have your say, go to [www.ealing.gov.uk/PRSLicensingconsultation](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/PRSLicensingconsultation) by Monday, 2 August.



## Get involved with commission

Opportunities for residents to get involved with the independent 12-person **Ealing Race Equality Commission** are continuing as the commissioners gather evidence and feedback.

Public meetings, which are broadcast on YouTube, are promoted via the council's social media (@EalingCouncil on Twitter and Instagram and @EalingLondon on Facebook) and there is an online survey for residents to fill in at [errec.dosomethinggood.org.uk/get-involved](http://errec.dosomethinggood.org.uk/get-involved)

You can also write to the commissioners by email at [raceequalitycommission@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:raceequalitycommission@ealing.gov.uk) or by post at Race Equality Commission Perceval House, 14/16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL. Alternatively, you can call 020 8825 6100 to speak to someone (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm).

 Find out more about the commission and its members at [errec.dosomethinggood.org.uk](http://errec.dosomethinggood.org.uk)

and read an interview with the chairman, Lord Simon Woolley, at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/woolley](http://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/woolley)

## Results of elections

Three local by-elections took place last month in the wards of Ealing Broadway, Hanger Hill and Hobbayne. The following councillors were elected: Julian Dominique Gallant (Con), for Ealing Broadway Ward; Fabio Conti (Con), for Hanger Hill ward; and Louise Patricia Brett (Lab), for Hobbayne ward. You can find out more about the borough's councillors at [www.ealing.gov.uk/councillors](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/councillors)

Meanwhile, the elections for mayor of London and the Greater London Assembly (GLA) were also held. Sadiq Khan was re-elected as mayor, and Onkar Sahota as the GLA member for Ealing and Hillingdon.

You can find out more at [www.london.gov.uk](http://www.london.gov.uk)




## A foul habit



Dog owners and walkers are being reminded by Ealing Council to clean up after their animals because a small number of irresponsible residents have been leaving the mess behind.

It is illegal to not pick up **dog poo** from any public place or footpath that is left by your dog or a dog you are looking after. Failure to do so can result in a £150 on the spot fine and/or court action.

Dog mess should be wrapped in a plastic bag and put into a litter bin or taken home for disposal with household rubbish. There are almost 1,000 public litter bins across the borough so there is no excuse not to dispose of the droppings.

 Read more at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/dog-mess](http://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/dog-mess)

## Food and fun

Fun activities and good meals are available for children and young people during the summer school holidays. The council's **Holiday Activity and Food** (HAF) programme is funded by the Department for Education, for children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Find out more on page 14. You can also visit [www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk)

Residents can get the latest news and updates on the borough's trial Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/latest-news/ltn-update](http://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/latest-news/ltn-update)

# Find your summer

Summertime might not quite be back to 2019 levels, but do not worry – there is still plenty to do locally. And the Ealing Summer Festivals are back.

Local groups and organisations got in touch to let us know what they have been planning to help you fill those long, summer days and evenings. These 10 pages will give you a taste of what is likely to be out there. And have a go at our competitions to win tickets to the Ealing Summer Festival (below) and to win a 'family and friends' season ticket for Hanwell Zoo (page 15).



## EALING SUMMER FESTIVAL

MUSIC • COMEDY • DINING

### WIN TICKETS

ESF has teamed-up with Around Ealing to give away 12 tickets to readers in a competition. There are three chances to win, because three lucky entrants will win one of the following prizes:

**Four tickets for Ealing Comedy Festival 21 – 25 July**

**Four tickets for Walpole Live, 31 July – 1 August**

**Four tickets for Walpole Live, 7 – 8 August**

#### How do I enter?

To stand a chance of winning, all you have to do is answer the following question correctly and send your answer in by email to [hello@theeventumbrella.com](mailto:hello@theeventumbrella.com) by the deadline of 11.59pm on Friday, 16 July (2021).

#### Question: Who is ESF's comedy partner?

Make sure the subject line of your email is ESF competition. Once the deadline has passed, three winners will then be randomly drawn out. Only the winners will be notified – and these must respond by email in a stated period of time, or alternative winners may be drawn in their place. Names of winners may appear at [www.ealingsummerfestivals.com](http://www.ealingsummerfestivals.com) or on Around Ealing's website.

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# EALING SUMMER FESTIVAL

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## It's time to get that Ealing feeling back!

Ealing Summer Festivals is returning with a summer-long programme of comedy, live music from the borough and beyond, cinema screenings, feasting and activities for all ages hosted in Walpole Park in Ealing. If that isn't enough, 2021 is also the inaugural year of the Ealing Fringe, bringing the best of the borough's creatives to all of its seven towns.

### Ealing Summer Feast, Walpole Park.

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July

Three days of eating, drinking, shopping, kids' activities and listening to some of the borough's best bands.

### Ealing Comedy, Walpole Park.

21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July

It wouldn't be ESF without the belly laughing entertainment of Ealing Comedy. Our partners at Headliners Comedy are busy working on the line-up, so keep your eyes peeled for announcements and tickets.

### Walpole Live, Walpole Park.

27<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> August

Open five days a week, pop in for a spot of lunch on a weekday, bring the kids for an afternoon of craft, watch a movie or come to evening or weekend performances from the best of the borough's bands and DJs.

### Ealing Fringe, borough-wide.

June – August 2021

The Ealing Fringe will play host to events across the borough. From small to big, these events will feature the best of the borough's performers. For more information please refer to the Get Involved section below.

## Get Involved!

There are lots of ways to get involved in ESF this summer so don't be shy!

### Ealing Fringe

We want local people involved in the Fringe and Walpole Park events, being part of the programme as much as being in the audience. Applications for the following are now open:

1. You are a borough resident with an existing local event or one in the pipeline that you want support for.
2. You are a performer or activity provider who wants to perform or deliver an activity within the multi-disciplinary Walpole Live programme. To apply visit [ealingsummerfestivals.com](https://ealingsummerfestivals.com)

### Trading opportunities

We have lots of opportunities for traders, businesses and charities this year. We want to champion the best of borough, so please get in touch for more information. For example, if you want to take your restaurant outdoors, but have never run a pop-up stall, don't worry – we have a dedicated trader team who can assist you. Email [hello@theeventumbrella.com](mailto:hello@theeventumbrella.com)

### Sponsorship

We want local people involved in the Fringe and Walpole Park events, being part of the programme as much as being in the audience. Applications for the following are now open:

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### Working

Interested at trying your hand at festival work? Drop us a line. Email [hello@theeventumbrella.com](mailto:hello@theeventumbrella.com)

# Arts, culture and more

## Trash&Treasure flea and farmers market

Fun monthly markets with street food, DJ, artisan and vintage stalls at Trailfinders + weekly Sunday farmers market at St Augustine's School **Cost:** Free/£1 entry to farmers **Venue:** Trash&Treasure flea at Trailfinders sports club Farmers at St Augustine's Priory school **Dates:** 18th July at trailfinders Weekly at St Augustine's Priory **Contact:** In Cahoots Ltd [www.trashandtreasuremarkets.com](http://www.trashandtreasuremarkets.com) [Incahoots16@gmail.com](mailto:Incahoots16@gmail.com)

## Hanwell Carnival 2021

Music, food & drink, funfair and children's attractions. Dog show and pony rides. A wide range of charity and trade stalls. Biggest fundraising event of the year for many of the local charities. Fun for all the family **Cost:** Free **Venue:** Elthorne Park, Boston Road, Hanwell, W7 2AA **Dates:** 21st August - 12noon to 6pm **Contact:** Hanwell Carnival Committee [hanwellcarnival.co.uk](http://hanwellcarnival.co.uk)



## Summer Courses (Performing Arts)

During the summer break, ArtsEd will run several courses in performing arts. **Cost:** Various **Venue:** ArtsEd, 14 Bath Road, Chiswick, W4 1LY **Dates:** Various **Contact:** ArtsEd [artsed.co.uk](http://artsed.co.uk)

## Summer Arts Lectures from The Arts Society Ealing

The Arts Society Ealing, formerly known as NADFAS, is excited to announce its summer art lectures: Gertrude Bell: Traveller, Archeologist, Orientalist, Imperialist (Tuesday 21st June) Images of the Americas: Exploring the New World (Tuesday 13th July) Wish you Were Here: The Seaside Holiday in Art (Monday 10th Aug) **Cost:** £5 per lecture **Venue:** We usually run nine evening lectures a year from the University of West London, St Mary's Road, but since COVID, all our lectures have been via Zoom, and this will continue through the summer. So for more information on how to join us for these lectures, for the links and to pay, please contact: [spsecretarytase@gmail.com](mailto:spsecretarytase@gmail.com) **Dates:** Gertrude Bell: Monday 21 June at 8pm, Images of the Americas: Tuesday 13th July at 5.30pm, Wish you Were Here: Tuesday 10th August at 11am **Contact:** The Arts Society Ealing [theartsocietyealing.org.uk](http://theartsocietyealing.org.uk)

## Orbital Arts to hold dance/ theatre/arts workshops

A workshop for three hours over a five-day period offering dance, theatre, art to children between 5-8yrs. Fully qualified teacher with DBS and first aid certification. All enquiries to [office@orbitalarts.co.uk](mailto:office@orbitalarts.co.uk) **Cost:** £180 **Venue:** Ruskin Hall, Church Road, Acton W3 8PP **Dates:** 9-13 August, 23-27 August **Contact:** Orbital Arts [www.orbitalarts.co.uk](http://www.orbitalarts.co.uk) [office@orbitalarts.co.uk](mailto:office@orbitalarts.co.uk)

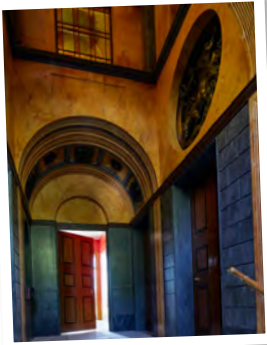
## Armenian Summer Festival

It is an annual event taking place at North Acton Playing Fields on Sunday 11th July between 12-6pm celebrating Armenian culture, food and much, much more. **Cost:** Free **Venue:** North Acton Playing Fields **Dates:** Sunday 11th July 2021 **Contact:** Armenian Church Trust UK [www.asflondon.co.uk](http://www.asflondon.co.uk) [Info@asflondon.co.uk](mailto:Info@asflondon.co.uk)



## Questors Choir Undaunted! A celebratory, summer musical evening

Questors Choir has kept going, despite COVID-19, with virtual rehearsals run by Paul Ayres, Musical Director and Ben Lewis-Smith, Assistant Musical Director. We hope to resume live rehearsals soon and, all being well, we will offer a summer musical evening, featuring sacred and secular, classical and contemporary choral music. **Cost:** To be confirmed **Venue:** St Martin's Church, Hale Gardens, Acton W3 9SQ **Dates:** Saturday, 17 July, at 7.30 pm **Contact:** Questors Choir [www.questorschoir.org](http://www.questorschoir.org) [publicity@questorschoir.org](mailto:publicity@questorschoir.org)



## Soane Restored

Discover the fascinating story of how Pitzhanger, a rare and extraordinary example of John Soane's work, was conserved and restored to its original vision. This exhibition reveals how master craftspeople used cutting edge skills and techniques to peel back the layers of history and,

meticulously reinstating key interior and architectural elements lost for over a century. **Cost:** Entry included in Pitzhanger general admission charge. £7.70 (Members + under 18s free, Ealing residents free on Wednesdays and Sunday mornings) **Venue:** Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery, Mattock Lane, Ealing, W5 5EQ **Dates:** Until 5 May 2022 **Contact:** Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery [www.pitzhanger.org.uk](http://www.pitzhanger.org.uk)

## Julian Opie

Pitzhanger presents new sculptures, paintings and films by renowned contemporary artist Julian Opie. This solo exhibition focuses on people, buildings and animals with a centrepiece inspired by a French village and outdoor works in the grounds outside the Manor and within Walpole Park. **Cost:** Entry included in Pitzhanger general admission charge. £7.70 (Members + under 18s free, Ealing residents free on Wednesdays and Sunday mornings) **Venue:** Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery **Dates:** Friday 25 June until Sunday 24 October **Contact:** Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery [www.pitzhanger.org.uk](http://www.pitzhanger.org.uk)

## Ealing Art Group Annual Exhibition

Annual Exhibition of members' artwork in various mediums. **Cost:** Free **Venue:** Gunnersbury Mansion **Dates:** 3rd July - 1st August **Contact:** Ealing Art Group [www.ealingartgroup.co.uk](http://www.ealingartgroup.co.uk)

## Wild World Heroes - Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Children can sign up to read six books this summer – and they will be given a collector folder to keep a record of their journey and there is a certificate and medal for successful completion. This year's theme is 'Wild World Heroes' and is a collaboration with the World Wildlife Fund. It's a wonderful way to encourage children to continue reading during the holidays and discover more about the environment. **Cost:** Free **Venue:** Sign up at your nearest library **Dates:** Saturday, 10 July – Friday, 10 September **Contact:** Ealing Libraries Facebook: @EalingLibraries / Twitter: @ealinglibs

## Windrush Day

To mark Windrush Day, Rudi Page and Derek Clement will talk about the ups and downs of being brought up as a child of Windrush parents, and relive memories of Acton and Ealing in the 1960s/70s. Most of the passengers were ex-servicemen who had fought in the war and were now seeking work. They later became known as the 'Windrush Generation'. The story continues with the children who were born in the Caribbean and England who were brought up with the aspirations of doing better than their parents. But this new generation faced racism and indifference. Despite this they became part of the community and their impact in sports, arts academia and politics is significant. **Cost:** Free **Venue:** Online **Dates:** Tuesday 22 June, 7pm **Contact:** Ealing Libraries Streaming live on [www.facebook.com/rudi.page.98](https://www.facebook.com/rudi.page.98)

## Lyrical Voices

Sing, perform and make merry music with our online choir. No auditions nor the ability to read music required, just bring plenty of enthusiasm! Contact [info@juwonogunbe.com](mailto:info@juwonogunbe.com) **Cost:** Free **Venue:** Online **Dates:** Every Tuesday at 6.10pm **Contact:** Ealing Libraries Facebook: @EalingLibraries / Twitter: @ealinglibs

# Julian Opie at Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery

Friday 25 June – Sunday 24 October 2021

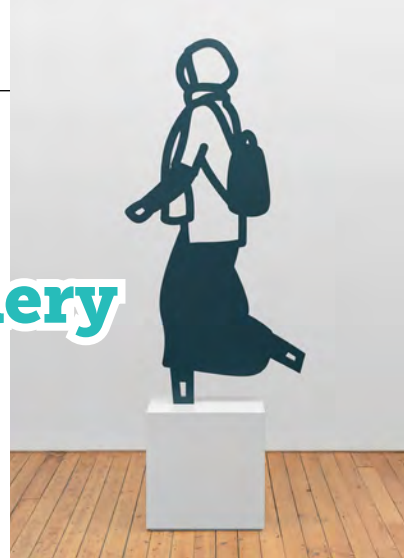
**J**ulian Opie is a leading contemporary artist whose distinctive visual style is recognised the world over.

For his solo exhibition at Pitzhanger – his first in a London public gallery in four



years – he has created new sculptures, paintings and films that focus on people, buildings and animals. The works create their own landscape, a walk-through environment like a computer game or a journey through a city. Some of the images are animated and others animate as you wander around or through them. The centrepiece – inspired by a French village – invites you to explore its empty streets.

The exhibition is complemented by artworks at the front of the Manor and within Walpole Park and there will be



related outdoor family activities in August.

Find out more and book now at [pitzhanger.org.uk](http://pitzhanger.org.uk)

Open Wednesday-Sunday 10am-5pm (late opening until 7pm on Thursday). Members and under 18s go free. Ealing residents free on Wednesdays and Sunday mornings. Mattock Lane, Ealing W5 5EQ.

## Access free activities this Summer as part of Ealing's HAF programme!

Children and young people from reception to year 11 who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals will be able to access free summer activities during the school holidays. This is part of **Ealing's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme**, which is funded by the Department for Education.

### Activities available include:

- Sports
- Cooking
- Arts & Crafts
- And much more!



### For more information and to book

Visit the Ealing HAF section at [www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk) This website also offers information on all summer activities and holiday playschemes in the borough as well as advice and guidance for families.



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**Sat 14 August** Swanage. Sandy beach & steam trains  
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# Lots to do at the zoo

You may have read the news that another baby was born at Hanwell Zoo in the spring, and other newcomers are waiting to see you as well? Well, why not have a go at our competition to win a free season ticket to the local gem?

It's our first baby loris, which is a huge milestone for the zoo," said the zoo's manager Jim Gregory.

"The grey slender loris is part of a European endangered species breeding programme, which plays a key role in the conservation of endangered species. It feels great to know we were able to play a small part in that."

Read more at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/baby-news-at-hanwell-zoo](http://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/baby-news-at-hanwell-zoo)

Other recent additions to the zoo include tamarin monkeys, a margay, an armadillo and miniature donkeys – joining the dozens of other species from lemurs and meerkats to flamingos and leafcutter ants.

Social distancing requirements have meant that a maximum of 100 people were allowed in

the zoo at any one time, so it is worth checking whether these restrictions are still in place before visiting – because you will need to book in advance at [hanwellzoo.co.uk/booking-form](http://hanwellzoo.co.uk/booking-form)


## COMPETITION

To be in with a chance of winning one of the zoo's 'family friend' season tickets, for you and a child, correctly answer the question below. You need to send it to [aroundealing@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:aroundealing@ealing.gov.uk) by the deadline of 11.59pm on Monday, 12 July 2021 – and make sure you use the subject line **Zoo competition**, or your entry might not be counted.

The season ticket will run from the date of it being issued, for a year. The 'family friend' ticket allows the adult on the card and one child

into Hanwell Zoo for 12 months.

Question: What is the name of the largest living rodent species on Earth, which you can find at the zoo?

The winner will be drawn randomly from among the correct entries after the deadline. Only the winner will be contacted. 

## Hanwell Zoo

Hanwell Zoo has really changed in the last 12 months. Several new additions have come into the collection including monkeys, an armadillo and an incredible pair of grey slender loris. The new arrivals have settled in alongside the flamingos, lemurs and meerkats that already call Hanwell Zoo home. **Cost:** £4.50 per adult and £2.50 per child **Dates:** Open every day except Christmas Day **Website:** [hanwellzoo.co.uk](http://hanwellzoo.co.uk)



# Sports and outdoors

## Cricket at Actonians CC

Come and play on any of our five men's teams or two women's teams - but if you're not actually up for playing, come and cheer on your local league contenders. We're based at Gunnersbury Drive in South Ealing W5 4LL. Supporters welcome! Great club, great people.

**Cost:** Free to attend **Venue:** Actonians Sports Club, Gunnersbury Drive (off Pope's Lane), South Ealing W5 4LL

**Dates:** All summer. See website for match dates:

[www.actonianscricket.com](http://www.actonianscricket.com) **Contact:** Actonians Cricket

[www.actonianscricket.com](http://www.actonianscricket.com)

## Footgolf Fun in The Sun

Come and have a go at this fun and crazy sport! Anyone can play from ages five to 75. It's a wonderful fun sport to play with friends or family in the beautiful surroundings of Hanger Hill Park. **Cost:** Under 18s from Just £5 and Adults From £8

**Venue:** London Footgolf Centre in Hanger Hill Park **Dates:** All summer long, seven days a week, from 10am till dusk! (12th June until 31st August) **Contact:** London Footgolf Centre [hangerlanefootgolf@gmail.com](mailto:hangerlanefootgolf@gmail.com)



## Family Fun Wildlife Workshops

Come along to our Family Fun days, 10-3pm, in Northala Fields (Tuesdays), Southall Park (Wednesdays), Acton Park (Thursdays) and Walpole

Park (Fridays). Education officer Natasha Gavin will be leading activities to inspire children to nurture nature with a range of weekly themed activities (Night animals, Busy Bugs, Precious Plants and Brilliant Birds respectively). Organised by Ealing Council **Cost:** Free **Venue:** Northala Fields, Acton park, Southall Park, Walpole Park **Dates:** Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri throughout August. **Contact:** Ealing Council/ Natasha Gavin [ikwiy@gmail.com](mailto:ikwiy@gmail.com)

## Toddle Fit Family

Toddle Fit, is our dance based preschool fitness programme created to inspire a healthy relationship with the body, mind from the youngest years. This will be outdoor fitness fun for all the family led by a DramEd performer. **Cost:** £6 + booking fee **Venue:** The Bunny Park, Hanwell **Dates:** 12th, 19th, 26th June, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th July **Contact:** DramEd [www.dramed.com](http://www.dramed.com) [hello@dramed.com](mailto:hello@dramed.com)

## ParkPlay

Free, fun activities for everyone in your local park every Saturday morning **Cost:** Free **Venue:** Various parks across the borough – see website for more latest venues **Dates:** Every Saturday from 9.30am for 10am start **Contact:** ParkPlay [www.park-play.com](http://www.park-play.com) [rick@park-play.com](mailto:rick@park-play.com)

## Come Try Handball

Come and try handball, a dynamic, exciting and inclusive team sport that was in the spotlight at London 2012. The handball-packed, free taster afternoon run by West London Eagles Handball Club is open to: Boys and girls aged 11-18 years old – and adults, too. Everyone is more than welcome to take part. Fun guaranteed! No prior playing experience required. **Cost:** FREE **Venue:** Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub **Dates:** Saturday 17 July 2-6pm and Saturday 28 August 2-6pm **Contact:** West London Eagles Handball Club [westlondoneagles@gmail.com](mailto:westlondoneagles@gmail.com) / [www.westlondoneagles.co.uk](http://www.westlondoneagles.co.uk) / #westlondoneagles



## Perivale Park Athletics Track Junior Holiday Activities

Do you think you could run the fastest, jump the highest or throw the furthest? Then why not come and join us at Perivale Park Athletics Track? You can learn all track & field events, play fun games, and take part in a mini competition. All participants will receive prizes. Suitable for ages eight-16 years. **Cost:** £50.50 (Leisure Pass £39.30)

**Venue:** Perivale Park Athletics Track **Dates:** 26th-30th July, 9th-13th August, 23rd-27th August (Monday -Thursday: 10.30am-1.30pm, Fridays: 10.30am-3.30pm) **Contact:** Everyone Active. For more information, please email: [Perivaleinfo@everyoneactive.com](mailto:Perivaleinfo@everyoneactive.com) or phone: 0208 575 5776 [www.everyoneactive.com](http://www.everyoneactive.com)

## Adult and junior summer crash course swimming lessons



Swimming crash courses during the summer school holidays, perfect for all swimmers, young and old, regardless of swimming skill, to help make rapid progress and

maybe even master a specific stroke. Available at the Everyone Active Acton Centre, Dormers Wells Leisure Centre and Northolt Leisure Centre. **Cost:** Please contact the centres for further details **Venue:** Everyone Active Acton Centre, Dormers Wells Leisure Centre and Northolt Leisure Centre. **Dates:** Days and times vary **Contact:** Everyone Active [www.everyoneactive.com/content-hub/swimminglessons/swimming-crash-courses](http://www.everyoneactive.com/content-hub/swimminglessons/swimming-crash-courses)

## Soft Play Centre

This fantastic soft play centre is available for casual play sessions throughout the week as well as for exclusive hire for special occasions such as birthday parties. Our facilities are ideal for children up to the age of seven, with specially designed soft play equipment areas for babies and toddlers as well as a range of interactive features to

provide sensory stimulation for young minds. **Cost:** Please contact the centre for further details. **Venue:** Northolt Leisure Centre. **Dates:** Days and times vary. Please visit the website for further details. **Contact:** Everyone Active [www.everyoneactive.com](http://www.everyoneactive.com)

## Park Tennis – social

One hour of free tennis every Saturday morning at Gunnersbury Park sports hub, run by volunteers. Players of all ages and abilities welcome – and we even provide equipment, so just turn up. **Cost:** Free. **Venue:** Gunnersbury Park sports hub tennis courts, W3. **Date:** Every Saturday, 10-11am. **Contact:** Park Tennis [info@parktennis.org](mailto:info@parktennis.org) or visit [www.parktennis.org](http://www.parktennis.org)

## Footy Fun 4 Kids

Footy Fun 4 Kids Summer Holiday Sports Camp at Blondin Park, Ealing, caters for boys and girls, of all abilities, from ages 4 to 12. Participants will take part in a variety of sports across the week, games, fun challenges and much more! All sessions are run in compliance with current government social distancing guidelines and we are offering half day (AM or PM) and full day sessions. **Cost:** Check website or contact for more details. **Venue:** Blondin Park, Sports Area, Ealing W5 4UL. **Date:** 22July–3 September **Contact:** Footy Fun 4 Kids [www.footyfun4kids.com](http://www.footyfun4kids.com) / [info@footyfun4kids.com](mailto:info@footyfun4kids.com) / 03302290566

## Football classes

Little Kickers is running football classes for girls and boys aged between 18 months and seven years old. **Date:** Throughout the summer. **Cost:** Visit

the website for details. **Venue:** Indoor and outdoor venues. Lammas Park, Hanwell, Northfields, Ealing Broadway, Pitshanger. **Contact:** Little Kickers. Book at [www.littlekickers.co.uk](http://www.littlekickers.co.uk)

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Find out how, together, we can do this at

Freephone: **0800 731 6550** Email: **fosteradopt@ealing.gov.uk**

Website: **ealingfosteradopt.co.uk** (for details of our next virtual events)

Facebook: **/ealingfosteradopt**



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The **Green Homes Grant: Local Authority Delivery** scheme offers grants of up to £10,000 for low-income homeowners to improve their insulation and heating systems. Landlords with eligible tenants may also apply for grants of up to £5000 (to cover 2/3 of works). Make your home more efficient and save money on your energy bills!



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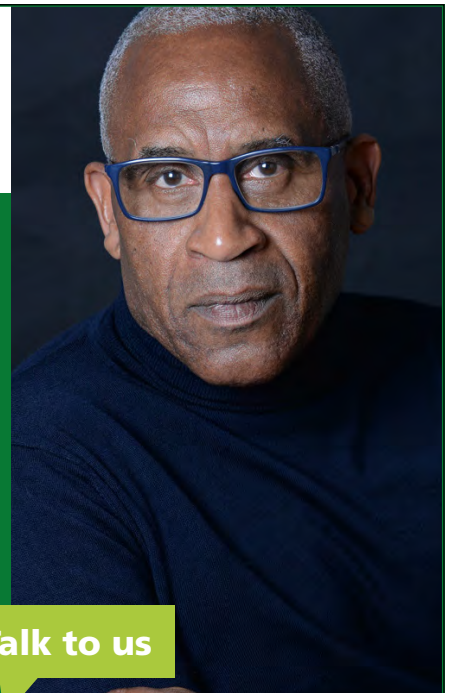
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CHAIR OF EALING RACE EQUALITY COMMISSION



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# Sowing seeds of change

Up-and-coming local projects are being given a helping hand to grow and flourish thanks to the Future Ealing Fund, which has been set up to support local people with big ideas about improving the local community.

*Dan Stephens reports.*

**L**aunched in March as a further development of Ealing Council's previous Transform your Space (TyS) initiative, the Future Ealing Fund provides financial support to community-led ideas that help the recovery of business, neighbourhoods and the local area.

A share of the £100,000 fund is available up to a maximum of £10,000 and is being offered as a pledge towards people's active crowdfunding campaigns.

## SKILLS, SOCIALISING...AND FOOD

One project which could benefit from funding is the DIG scheme in Green Lane, Hanwell, which has been working to transform an unused garden area with the aim of creating regular opportunities for local people to learn about gardening and horticulture.

The burgeoning project is being led by the social enterprise Cultivate London and, as DIG co-founder Sylvia Cordell explained, it is all about supporting the local community: "We want to enable local people to have job-ready skills.

"Our programme of activities will address mental health, wellbeing and social isolation, among much more, and will be available to everyone who wants to get involved.

"We will also produce organic food that will be shared by the participants – and any surplus will be offered to food banks."

## 'FUNDS IN THE HANDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE'

TyS backed 25 local initiatives over five years to help turn neglected and underused pockets of space into community assets – and Future Ealing is

building on this success by significantly broadening the scope of future projects.

Projects looking to bring the local community together, improve public spaces and high streets, create hubs and help reduce the borough's carbon footprint could all be eligible for a share of the fund.

Community groups, mutual aid or volunteer networks, charities, tenant or residents' associations or social enterprises are all encouraged to get involved.

Councillor Jasbir Anand, the council's cabinet member for thriving communities, said: "Our Future Ealing Fund aims to transform the borough for people who live and work here; and we are putting funding in the hands of local people to help residents to do more in their local areas and help us achieve that."

The council will be announcing the first projects to receive Future Ealing Funding in June. But there will be another chance to apply if you have a great idea because a second round of the Future Ealing Fund will be launched in the autumn.



Find out more at  
[ealingnewsextra.co.uk/  
features/future-dig](https://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/future-dig)



# 'Life is coming back'

It was described as being 'like a new beginning' as a local charity shop with an important role in the community was able to reopen and the borough's high streets emerged from the latest lockdown.



**C**APE is a small charity that provides vital mental health services for Ealing residents, through one-to-one psychological support.

Ealing Council contracts CAPE to provide those services, but the charity also runs a shop in Churchfield Road, Acton. Among other things, the shop provides volunteering work to some CAPE clients to help rebuild their confidence and support them to establish work-like routines and find work again.

The pandemic hit the shop hard, like so many others, but it managed to keep going, not least thanks to grants it received from the council.

"The discretionary grants helped sustain us through potential insolvency,

meaning we will not be another shop closure statistic and have been able to open again with a bright new shop layout," said Patsy Richardson, the shop's non-executive director.

"We are very grateful for financial support from the council in the form of a business grant, and a rate relief grant. These have made a critical difference to the shop being able to stay viable through the lockdown, and re-open now. We would also like to thank the generosity of the local community and our landlord who have all supported us through the lockdown.

"We've all helped each other and come out the other end of the lockdowns. It had been touch-and-go at times.

"Reopening the shop was huge. It's a new beginning."

## 'LIFE IS COMING BACK'

"Thanks to our close collaboration with the council," said Patsy, "our CAPE shop remains a cheerful community presence in Churchfield Road, providing a hub for the local community. Proceeds from the shop go back to the main charity – providing local services at a time when mental health funding is needed more than ever.

"It's been exciting, quite frankly, to reopen and be in the community again. The work we do is very community based and it is nice to see the road busy and the shop full. Lots of life is coming back."

Patsy added that the shop also took the opportunity provided by the lockdowns to increase its resale of donated second-hand clothes and



## **LOVE EALING** *love local*

With the final easing of lockdown restrictions on the horizon, people will soon be able to get back to doing the things they love and have missed. Local businesses are here to help.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, Ealing Council's cabinet member for decent living incomes, said: "While we might be near the end of the road for lockdown restrictions, the road to recovery is only just beginning for our local businesses. With many forced to close for a large part of last year, local businesses need all our support to shop local and help them get back on track. They shape the character of our communities and help to make the borough a great place to live."



Find out more about the #LoveEalingLoveLocal campaign at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/love-local](https://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/love-local)



recycling of any textiles and books it is unable to sell. She said: "We are proud to be a part of a greener Ealing."

### GETTING INVOLVED

Volunteering is a huge part of the CAPE story and it is not restricted to clients of

the charity, some of whom have gone on to be employed. It is also open to other residents – and help is needed. If you are interested, just drop into the shop.



Read the full story at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/cape](https://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/cape)

### SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

The council has been on hand supporting businesses throughout the pandemic with financial support and operational guidance as well as supporting the borough-wide high street taskforce to help ensure that business can recover and bounce back from the economic challenges they face.

By the end of March, the council's finance team had paid £107million in awards, with 17,080 grant payments provided to local business. In addition, £103.5million was given in business rate reliefs.



Read more, including how your business could get advice, at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/supporting-business](https://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/supporting-business)



# LOVE EALING

*love local*



Stay safe ♥ Support local businesses



# Get active to get around

Whether it is to help lower carbon footprint or boost fitness, local people are choosing active travel options to get from A to B. And, as Daniel Stephens reports, the council is supporting residents of all ages in making the switch as we boost our step counts and increase pedal power.

**M**ore than 20 schools across the borough are leading the way by participating in

the Big Pedal, a national challenge pitting schools against each other to see how many journeys to and from school can be clocked up by bike, scooter or on foot.

More than 33,000 active travel journeys have so far been made by pupils, staff and parents in our borough and Oaklands Primary School in Hanwell has had great success in helping pupils get involved. It has been as high as 31st in the entire country.

Councillor Deirdre Costigan, cabinet member for climate action, said: "Congratulations to Oaklands and all our schools participating in the Big

Pedal Challenge. It is a great way of encouraging young people to walk and cycle as we look to increase the active travel journeys right across the borough."



Karolina Malinowska

## CYCLING SUPPORT

Cycle training and cycle maintenance is available through the regular Dr Bike sessions taking place at locations across the borough this summer. Further cycling training for adults and children is available alongside hiring of dockless

bikes, and much more – including a Try Before You Bike scheme that allows you to hire a bike before deciding to buy it.

Karolina Malinowska said: "I've definitely caught the cycling bug. I decided on Try Before You Bike because, having not cycled since childhood, I was not sure if commuting

on a bike is for me. But I absolutely love it and can't recommend this flexible service highly enough. My daughter loves cycling around in her seat that I ordered with the bike and we went on many fantastic days out last summer."

## CARS AND VANS

From 25 October, Transport for London's Ultra Low Emissions Zone is expanding from central London and will include some parts of the east of the borough, affecting cars and vans. Find out more at [tfl.gov.uk/driving](https://tfl.gov.uk/driving)

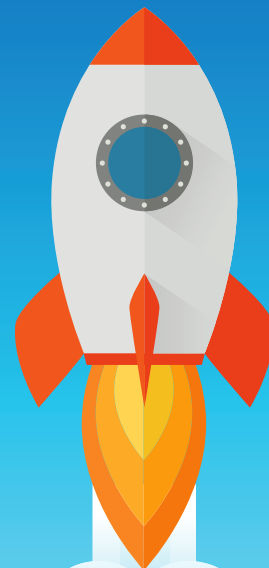
People who want to cut down on their car or van use but still need one for some journeys could benefit from one of the borough's car clubs. You can book for as little as an hour. There are also discounted rates, whole day hire or long-term hire.



Find out more about active travel, cycle support and car clubs at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/active-travel-support](https://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/active-travel-support)

# Recycling is rocketing

Did you know Ealing has collected 3,000 tonnes more recycling in the last 12 months than in the previous year? That's the equivalent weight of about 40 space shuttles. Thank you for contributing to our fight against climate change.



## What can I recycle?

✓ Cardboard, paper, plastic bottles, tubs and trays, glass bottles and jars, and drink cans.

## What can't go in my recycling bin?

✗ Black rubbish sacks, nappies, textiles (place in a bag and leave on top of the recycling bin), food waste.



Find out more at  
[www.ealing.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/recycling)

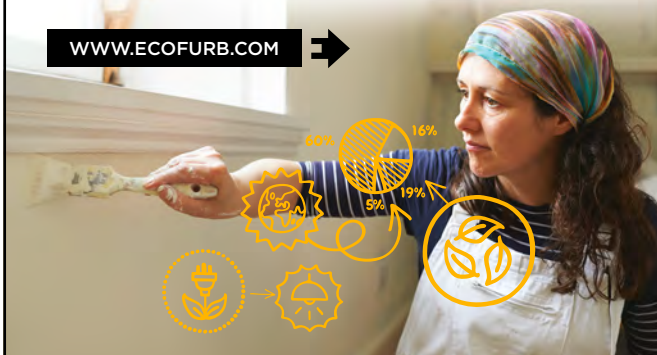


## Want to make home improvements and reduce your carbon footprint?

Ealing Council supports the **Ecofurb Plan Builder** – a tool to show how to make your home warmer and more sustainable.

Ecofurb can also help make your plans a reality, giving impartial advice, getting quotes, and overseeing the works.

[WWW.ECOFURB.COM](http://WWW.ECOFURB.COM)



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# Green is in style

Spring has already sprung and, with summer arriving, many people have been de-cluttering clothes drawers and clearing out cupboards, reports Verity Adams.

And, with shops re-opening and crowds beginning to hit the high streets once more, many charity shops have been inundated with donations and some were even struggling to keep up.

So, with so much on offer at the moment, you could bag a bargain or two – with second-hand shopping a rewarding and sustainable way to get your fashion fix, buy gifts or find items to decorate your home. In the process, you help the charity.

Helen Scanlon, assistant manager at FARA charity shop, in The Broadway, Greenford, said: "It's great to be open again and the public have been very generous in their donations and we welcome everything we get. We have received more than we would normally."

In the meantime, with charity shops so full at the moment, residents are being reminded of other ways to

lighten the load of unwanted items in a similarly sustainable fashion.

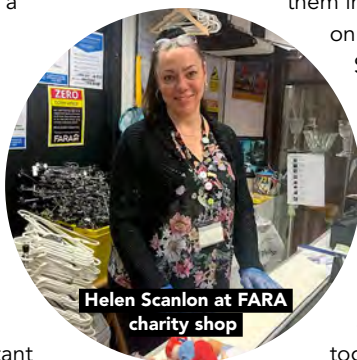
## RECYCLE YOUR THREADS

Textiles can be recycled as part of your kerbside collections, on your normal recycling day – just make sure you put them in a clear, secure bag on top of your blue bin.

Shoes, bags, belts, socks and underwear can also be recycled as part of your kerbside collection. Keep the bags dry and alongside each other and tie any pairs of shoes together. Recycling left in black rubbish bags will not be collected.

Alternatively, you can take unwanted cast-offs to a textile collections bin near to your home. You can find your nearest one at [www.ealing.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/recycling)

This old clothing is taken away and sorted before being sent to be reused or recycled into different products.



Helen Scanlon at FARA charity shop

## 'THE LAST THING WE WANT'

Councillor Deirdre Costigan, the council's cabinet member for climate action, said: "The last thing we want is clothes and textiles being sent off to landfill when they could be re-used, re-loved or recycled. As it is, 'fast fashion' is responsible for lots of waste in the production cycle. But, on top of that, every year hundreds of thousands of tonnes of used clothing gets dumped in UK landfill unnecessarily – damaging the environment, as well as wasting resources and your money."

## MORE READING

■ We tasked Verity with having a bargain hunt last year. You can read what she did at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/bargain-hunt](http://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/bargain-hunt)

■ Read more about how you can help cut back on fast fashion at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/fashion](http://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/fashion)

■ For other ideas on reusing old clothes, visit Ealing Repair Café's page at [www.facebook.com/ealingrepaircafe](http://www.facebook.com/ealingrepaircafe) or go to [www.loveyourclothes.org.uk/buying-clothes](http://www.loveyourclothes.org.uk/buying-clothes) 





# Look west for help

Ealing Work West, part of Ealing Council, can connect you to various employment and training opportunities via local organisations, *reports Iva Manova.*

## TRAINING FOR JOB SEEKERS

The council's partner West London College is offering various training and sector-based work academy programmes, such as:

- **Skills for Londoners** – a one-week programme of intensive support if you have been recently made redundant or looking for a career change. Taking place every month, it can help you build confidence to be successful at interviews
- **Career Clinic academy** – pre-employment training, designed by the NHS, if you are interested in a career in the health or care sectors
- **Civil service sector-based academy** – a one-week online programme taking place monthly to prepare you for a career in the civil service

- **Women in construction** – pre-employment course for women to discover a varied, exciting and well-paid career in construction
- **Scaffolding academy** – training for those looking to work in the scaffolding trade
- **Green skills sector-based academy** – pre-employment training and introduction to external wall insulation, working with Green Homes Grant scheme employers
- **SCS Railways** – pre-employment programme if you want to work for one of the largest HS2 contractors or their supply chain
- **Construction boot camp** – pre-employment programme to introduce you to various trades including brickwork, dry lining, plumbing, electrical installation, carpentry.

For more information, visit [www.wlc.ac.uk/courses](http://www.wlc.ac.uk/courses) or email [lis@wlc.ac.uk](mailto:lis@wlc.ac.uk)

## EVENTS TO HELP YOU FIND A JOB

On the Ealing Work West website, you can find free, informative and interactive virtual webinars and workshops to help you find a job,


## MORE INFO

For more information, visit [www.ealingworkwest.com](http://www.ealingworkwest.com), email [workwestadmin@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:workwestadmin@ealing.gov.uk) or call us on 020 8825 8486 – Monday to Friday 9am–5pm.

apprenticeship, traineeship or simply give you a career direction.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for decent living incomes, said: "The council and its partners have been doing as much as possible to support residents during the pandemic, and that has included help with finding employment and training. Ealing Work West is a great place to start if you need advice or guidance."

## OBTAINING NEW SKILLS

Our adult learning team offers a wide range of workshops and courses, many of which free, to help you develop new skills or gain better employment. Find out more on the Ealing Work West Website. Courses include: English; maths; customer service; preparing for work (digital skills, interview practice, CV and cover letters writing); creative and crafts; and health and wellbeing. 

Natalie Burrage

# No complaints with career path

"I had always thought apprenticeships were for school leavers," said Natalie Burrage, who became an **apprentice** at 31 to restart her career after a tragedy made her rethink her future.

**N**atalie is now a complaints officer for Ealing Council's adults and children's services. It is a job she gained after completing a one-year apprenticeship last year. Not only was she given a full-time position at the council, but she was also named Apprentice of the Year.

It was a well-deserved achievement which crowned a process that had taken her on quite a journey.

She said: "I left school early with no qualifications and I started working full time at the age of 18. I spent seven years working at McDonald's, followed by four years at Ladbroke's. Having three children, I was not really thinking about a career. I just wanted to earn some money and go home to my family.

"In 2018 my husband passed away. I realised that life is short; and I wanted to do more with my life – to better myself and make my children proud.

"I received an Ealing News Extra

email [from the council] with information on apprenticeships. I had always thought apprenticeships were for school leavers, but I was happy to see there was no upper age limit requirement. It was difficult to decide whether it would be worth taking a pay cut for a year, possibly more, and work in such a different environment but I decided to apply and see how it goes. I'm so glad I did."

During the apprenticeship, Natalie had to study alongside doing her work and needed to take exams to get key qualifications, but she said the training and advice she received proved 'very supportive and helpful.'

She added: "An apprenticeship is a great way to start a career and get qualifications. It's a good foot in the door and Ealing is an amazing place for apprentices."

 Read Natalie's full story at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/no-complaint](https://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/no-complaint)

## THINKING OF AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Visit [ealingworkwest.com/apprenticeships-zone](https://ealingworkwest.com/apprenticeships-zone) to find out more about becoming an apprentice, apprenticeship job vacancies and information and resources if you are already an apprentice, including redundancy support.

## HIRE AN APPRENTICE

On the same webpages, employers can find about hiring an apprentice and the benefits for their business. If they employ an apprentice by 30 September 2021, they can also apply for a one-off payment of £3,000.

## GET IN TOUCH

Whether you want to become or hire an apprentice, the Ealing Work West apprenticeship team can help. Contact via email at [apprenticeships@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@ealing.gov.uk) or phone 020 8825 6234 (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm).

# NO COVID SYMPTOMS?

**You can now get a free coronavirus test locally, even if you do not have symptoms. Book a test now.**

يمكنك الآن وأنت في منطقتك المحلية أن تخضع لفحص مجاني للكشف عن الإصابة بفيروس كورونا، حتى إذا لم تكن الأعراض تظهر عليك. احجز موعدًا للفحص الآن.

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