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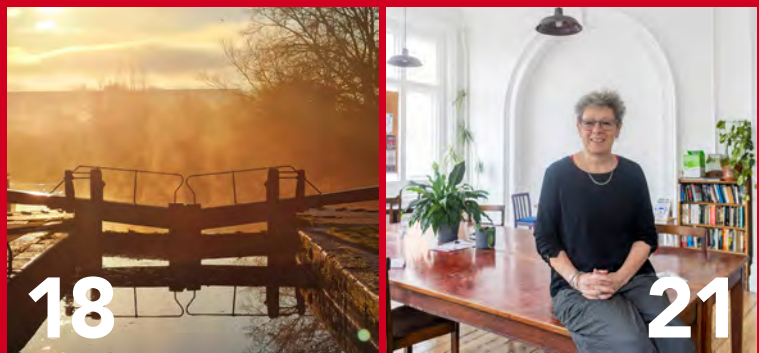


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For those of us with children of school age, you are perhaps joining me in a sigh of relief that some kind of normality has resumed at home now the little cherubs are back in the classroom. But if you have all that fun yet to come, take a look at our school admissions guide on page 15.

If you find yourself with some free time this autumn, now's your chance to get snapping your favourite autumn moments and enter our Seasons of Ealing competition – we love getting your pictures. Find out who the summer winner is, how to enter and what you can win on pages 18 and 19.

And there's lots more too, with news on transport investment (p10), the opening of Pear Tree Park (p11) and the results of our residents' survey (p6-7).

See you in December for our new-look winter edition.

**Verity Adams**  
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FRONT COVER: Picture of aerial view of Pear Tree Park.

## We shall remember



On Remembrance Sunday (10 November), the country will stop to commemorate the sacrifice of our armed forces, past and present. You can attend a local service; with 3 key, traditional events being held on the morning.

Armistice Day marks the end of the First World War in 1918 and at 11am there is traditionally a 2-minute silence – at the eleventh

hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month – to remember those who died. This will be held up and down the country on Monday 11 November.

Remembrance Sunday is held on the nearest Sunday to Armistice Day and tends to be when most memorial services are held.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Mayor of Ealing, Councillor Yvonne Johnson, will attend the Remembrance Sunday parade and ceremony at Ealing War Memorial on Ealing Green, in front of Pitzhanger Manor, with a 2-minute silence at 11am. The King's representative, Deputy Lieutenant Richard Kornicki, will be attending the service. Council leader Peter Mason will also be there, along with the council's chief executive Tony Clements.

Read more about local Remembrance services: [aroundealing.com/news/remembrance-2024](https://aroundealing.com/news/remembrance-2024)

## Cabinet reshuffle

Following the general election in July, Ealing Council Leader Peter Mason announced new roles in the council's cabinet.

Councillor Louise Brett has been appointed as the new deputy leader, while Councillor Paul Driscoll has joined the cabinet as portfolio holder for climate action. They succeed Councillor Deirdre Costigan, who was elected as the Member of Parliament for Ealing Southall.

In May, Councillor Blerina Hashani was also appointed as cabinet member for thriving communities. This came as part of a reshuffle after the recent elections to the London Assembly resulted in a longstanding member stepping down to take up a new role.

Councillor Hashani is believed to be the country's first cabinet member of Kosovar heritage. Read more: [aroundealing.com/news](https://aroundealing.com/news)

## Culture in the borough

October is Black History Month, and it is being celebrated by individuals and communities across the borough. There will be events happening in the borough that you can take part in, including talks and activities in your local libraries.

Visit [aroundealing.com/history](https://aroundealing.com/history) for local history articles, including 2 new ones this October on notable local black figures of the 20th Century.

There is lots more happening across the borough the rest of the year too, such as crafts, exhibitions and various classes to get involved with.

Go to: [ealingculture.org/whats-on](https://ealingculture.org/whats-on)

## Bright future ahead

Work on the refurbishment of Southall Youth Activity Centre (YAC) is in full swing and is due to be complete in November.

Improvement works began in June and the design and the activities have been led by young people, who will be using the centre.

Working with architect Emma Truman, the YAC is being completely refurbished by the appointed contractors both inside and out, to provide a facility that delivers -now and into the future - for local young people.

The decision was made in 2021 to retain the Young Adult Centre, and invest £2million in refurbishing a much needed and in-demand centre for young people.

Go to: [aroundealing.com/news/southall-yac](https://aroundealing.com/news/southall-yac)

# Leader's Notes

'This issue of Around Ealing is full of some of the ways in which we have fulfilled our promises'

**Councillor Peter Mason**

Leader of the council



Pear Tree Park, the launch of the Library of Things and our £28million transport investment programme. We also set up 500 new apprenticeships, helped 67 local employers become London Living Wage accredited and we planted 20,500 new trees.

We are really pleased that you are noticing the progress we have made. In our latest residents' survey 92% of people said they like the area they live in and 87% of people said the council does a good job.

One of the reasons people love our borough is because it is a fantastic place to raise a family. One of the many reasons for this is our fantastic local schools, 98% of whom are rated good or outstanding by Ofsted. Over the summer we once again celebrated exam results above the national average for both A-level and GCSEs. Congratulations to all the young people whose hard work has been rewarded and good luck in whatever you decide to go on to next.

There were also great results for young people who received care from the council. This year there are 5 university graduates and 13 young people who have been accepted to their university courses covering acting, bio veterinary sciences, psychology, finance, aerospace engineering, history, engineering and sciences. Through my role as a corporate parent, I see first-hand much effort our young people put into their education and these results are testament to their hard work.

However, we are not complacent. There's lots more work to do and that's why we will be setting a fresh set of targets for the year ahead.

My administration is focused on continuing to deliver and we have big plans for the year ahead.

→ We are just over halfway through our 4-year term as councillors. In 2022 when this administration stood for election, we presented our manifesto with a series of promises of how we intended to deliver better jobs, tackle the climate crisis and fight inequality. Delivering on our promises and making Ealing a better place to live is fundamental to my administration and what drives me every single day as leader.

This issue of Around Ealing is full of some of the ways in which we have fulfilled our promises; the opening of





# What do you think?

In 2022, a new 'council plan' was unveiled. It set out what you could expect from Ealing Council – its objectives, plans and priorities – in the 4 years up until 2026. But how has it been doing?

**Y**ou have had your say. In December, a substantial survey of residents was carried out by an independent research company on behalf of the council. The results were released this spring.

So, we took a look at what you said. But we also took a look at what the council did. Each year, goals and targets are set. So, we revisited some

of the highlights from the past year (2023/24).

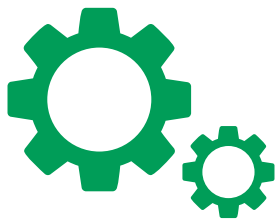
First of all, though. What did you think? Let's find out. The Ealing Residents' Survey 2023 was published in September after being carried out by an independent company at the end of last year. A total of 1,250 randomly selected residents were spoken to face-to-face.

## WHAT DID YOU SAY?

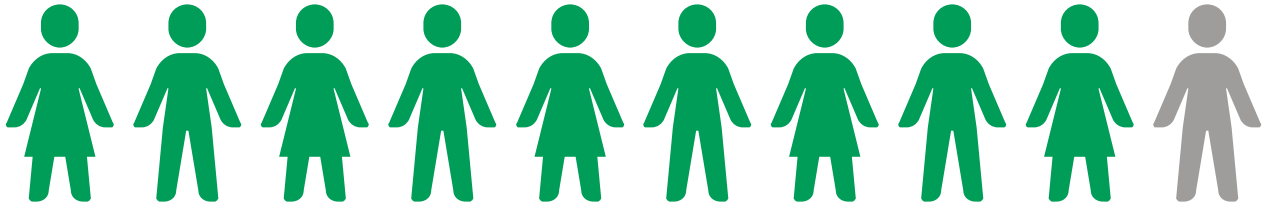
Of those asked, 92% said they were either very, or fairly, satisfied with their local area as a place to live. This is a rise of 8% on the results of another survey carried out in 2022.

In addition, 4 in every 5 people (80%) said they were satisfied with the council, which is also a rise of 8%.

And 73% agreed the council provided value for money – a rise of 6%. When asked if the council does a good job, 87% agreed – while 86% thought it had friendly and polite staff, both higher scores than in 2022. Likewise, there was a 4% rise in the number of people who thought the council was efficient and well run (83%).



**87%** said  
council does  
a good job



## 9 out of 10 **satisfied** with your area

There were 79% who felt informed by the council about its services – an increase of 11% on the year before. And more than 2-thirds believed it now listens to concerns of local residents (69%) and 3-quarters (74%) thought it now involves residents when making decisions – which represent healthy increases of 8% and 11% respectively.

When broken down into specific services being rated by those who used them, many were rated highly and/or the same as in 2022, but a handful proved less popular.

- playgrounds fell to 79% satisfaction – which is still high, but down by 5%. The council has been refurbishing more than 20 of the borough's play areas

- leisure and sports facilities (including swimming pools) fell slightly to 72%. And this was not unrecognised by the council, which has been working on providing new sports ground next to Warren Farm, a new leisure centre and pool at Gurnell, and a new park has opened in Perivale (see page 11). It is also aiming to create a new regional park and investigating an open air swimming lido

- parking services also fell in satisfaction levels – down 15% to 59% – and the council has since announced it will be bringing parking enforcement in-house, rather than it being run by a contractor, to provide a better service

On the other hand, education services provided by the council scored very well, with the satisfaction for nurseries and primary schools both standing at 84% – the former a jump of 8% to and the latter a rise of 4%. Secondary/high schools leapt up by a huge 14% – rising from 71% in 2022 to 85%. Education for pupils with special needs rose 16% to 61%, and this is an achievement the council is aiming to build on by providing more SEND facilities in schools.

### COMMUNITY SPIRIT

When asked about life in the borough, 80% of respondents agreed that local people pull together to improve the local area; and 90% agreed that people from different backgrounds get on well together.

Meanwhile, 20% said they volunteered in the community, and another 6% said they gave unpaid help to others as an individual.

### WHAT ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT?

When asked what they were most concerned about for the coming 3 years, the 2 areas of highest concern were the cost of living (62%) and access to affordable housing (36%), both of which had gone up from 2022. The national housing crisis is particular stark in London, and you can read more about the council's work to help on pages 12-13. [AE](#)



**85%**  
satisfied  
with **high  
schools**



# What's been happening?

As ever, 2023/24 was a busy year. The council has hundreds of services and works hard with ever less money to do the best it can. It's impossible to list everything that has happened, but let's take a snapshot at some of the things it promised to do...



Cycling/cycle hangars

**A**gainst the backdrop of the national housing crisis, **homelessness** is a big concern. The council has:

- spent £20million in 2 years on various types of support and working with voluntary groups
- provided 40 new places to give

rough sleepers a bed and support  
 ■ developed a plan to spend £150million on new temporary accommodation (see page 12)

The council helped create 2,441 new **job** roles in the borough, plus:

- set up 500 new apprenticeships
- helped 3,355 people find employment who had faced barriers to getting back into work (exceeding a target of 2,000)
- helped 67 local employers become accredited as London Living Wage payers – with more planned in the year ahead

Also this year, there are plans to add a further

3 learning zones in Ealing, Greenford and Perivale – to add to the one already in Northolt.

2023/24 saw work and consultation come to a close on a new **local plan** to shape the borough for the next 15 years. It is due to be implemented this year.

Talking of plans, Ealing ranked as the best performing planning authority in London, for processing applications and keeping projects moving.

A planning application, meanwhile, will soon be submitted for a new and improved **Gurnell Leisure Centre**.

It was announced that **Warren Farm** will be allowed to be retained as a rewilded open space for wildlife, while a new sports ground will be built next to it.

Meanwhile, the new Pear Tree Park was opened in Perivale this summer and the council is making progress on

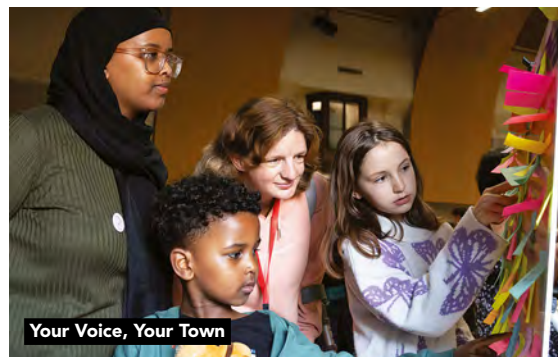


Apprentice





Pear Tree Park opening day



Your Voice, Your Town

finding a preferred location for a large, new regional **park** as a 'green lung' for London, and a new destination for days out.

**Recycling** rates in the borough remained in the top 3 in London, while an impressive 20,500 **trees** were planted as the council's 'greening' strategy took root.

Greener forms of **travel** were backed with new cycle paths, school streets projects and more, including:

- 105 new bike hangars
- electric vehicle charge points increased to 658
- banning of vehicle 'idling' – when a car is running despite being stationary. Civil enforcement officers can now issue penalty charge notices to drivers if they refuse to switch off.

Close to 1,000 residents took part in the 'Your Voice, Your Town' process, aimed at getting more local people involved in the **decisions** made about the places where they live. And these

are set to become regular forums.

The new Ealing culture news and events website was set up to provide a one-stop place for people to find what arts, music and fun events and activities are going on in the borough – and let others know about their own.

Financial support has been provided to many households across the borough, struggling in the **cost of living** crisis:


- this includes 14,400 families eligible for free school meals
- all 4 of the council's community hubs (at Acton, Ealing, Northolt and Southall libraries) have issued more than 200 free data SIM cards (for smart phones) to eligible residents
- meanwhile, the scheme to reduce council tax for those in need has been improved, meaning there is now a maximum discount of 80%

In **education**, 98% of council-run schools are now rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted; while 78 new

SEND places were created at local schools – meaning 128 new places over the past 2 years, comfortably exceeding the 4-year plan of 70 places.

Meanwhile, an Ofsted inspection of children's services rated them as Good, the council published an action plan to support care leavers even further and, in the year ahead, there are plans to open a new youth activity centre.

Another action plan, this time for **crime** – targeting male violence against women and girls – was published to set out how the council and partner organisations would work together to tackle the problem, both in terms of making the streets safer, and in terms of making it easier to report incidents and find help.

Investment came in the form of £3.25million to fight anti-social behaviour, burglary, violent crime, and violence against women. And £1.2million on schemes aimed at preventing youth violence. 

Better pavements, new walking routes, improved towpaths and boosts to cycling are just some of the planned benefits of a £28.3million package of spending.



# £28million to 'reclaim and repurpose' spaces

Councillors approved the plans at a meeting of Ealing Council's cabinet, which aim to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution, to improve road safety and to make it easier for residents to choose healthier walking and cycling options.

The multi-million-pound investment includes plans for improved roads and pavements in each of the borough's 7 towns.

There are also exciting new walking routes planned to link parks in Northolt, improvements to the canal tow path in Hanwell and Perivale and work to make a better, more connected



town centre for Greenford.

Council leader Peter Mason said: "We've been clear on our ambitions to create a healthier, safer, and better-connected borough. We need to evolve the way we think about roads, streets and pavements and help residents to reclaim and repurpose these spaces. This £28million cash boost is a huge step to achieving this."

## WHAT COULD IT INCLUDE?

More than £5.5million will be used to repair or resurface roads and footways that have been prioritised following an independent survey of the borough's roads. There will also be a focus on flood prevention measures, including rain gardens and more street trees to help with natural drainage.

Encouraging and supporting safe active travel forms a central part of the plans with £1million investment to delivering the next phase of the Uxbridge Road cycle lane, as well as money for cycle parking and cycle

training programmes. There is also money for more school streets and school travel initiatives to help children get to school safely.

Residents of Southall and Northolt should see almost £7million spent in their areas, as the Visions for Northolt and Get Southall Moving schemes continue.

The plans also include a new pilot programme to test out ways of making the borough's streets less congested and more pleasant to walk and cycle through.

## DONE WITH RESIDENTS' HELP

Councillor Paul Driscoll, the council's cabinet member for climate action, said: "We're going to be working directly with local people to come up with ideas to make our streets more than just places we pass through but spaces we can truly enjoy, whether for a walk, to sit and chat or even to play."

Read more at [aroundealing.com/news/better-roads-and-pavements](https://www.aroundealing.com/news/better-roads-and-pavements)

# New park bears fruit

One of the greenest boroughs in London has moved a step closer to creating a regional park with the opening of a new park.

**P**ear Tree Park in Perivale is the latest of Ealing Council's 10 new, promised public parks. The 49-acre luscious green space – around the same size as 30 football pitches – opened in July with more than 200 residents enjoying a community fun day.

Local children inspired the name Pear Tree Park after Brentside Primary Academy pupils, suggested echoing the area's historical links to Perie (a traditional word for pear). And, in

further recognition of this connection, the council will be planting a small pear orchard on the site, as well as working with residents to design the rest of the park space.

## PAVING THE WAY FOR A REGIONAL PARK

Pear Tree Park is a big step towards the council's plans to create a regional park in the borough, with the site potentially forming part of it. As well as giving more residents access to a well-designed green space, a regional park could have huge environmental benefits. It would support the council's plans to re-wild 800,000 square metres of the borough – thereby increasing biodiversity; and help towards the council's aims of planting 50,000 more trees to help manage and reduce air pollution.

The majority (76%) of more than 6,000 responses to a public

consultation last year supported the idea of a regional park.

A regional park would also provide opportunities for hosting sporting and cultural events.

## GRAND PLANS

Council leader Peter Mason said: "We have so many incredible wild and open spaces, and Pear Tree Park is the latest of our outdoor leisure offers. But we're not stopping there. We want even more green spaces – including a regional park right on our doorstep. Pear Tree Park is a major step towards us achieving this goal."

Councillor Blerina Hashani, the council's cabinet member for thriving communities, added: "A new regional park could give local people space to meet friends, play sports and experience world class music and performance and arts." [ae](#)



# Reducing the risk of homelessness

More people than ever are becoming homeless across the United Kingdom, according to national statistics.

In recent years, Ealing Council has seen unprecedented numbers of residents reaching out to ask for help with emergency housing.

In response, the council approved a new plan earlier this year, to increase the supply of temporary accommodation in the borough.

It will invest £150million into properties that can be used as much-needed temporary accommodation.

## WHAT WILL THIS MEAN?

This will mean fewer households needing to be placed into bed-and-breakfasts (B&Bs) or even commercial hotels.

The council has historically had great success in reducing the number of families temporarily housed in B&Bs. In March 2022, placements were at their lowest level since 2014, thanks to the council helping to prevent residents from becoming homeless or finding them a home in the private rented sector.



It has one of the best records among local authorities in London for homelessness prevention. But, despite that, the numbers of residents who need help are now so overwhelming that the B&Bs are full, and the council has had to resort to housing families in expensive commercial hotels.

The numbers of households being placed in temporary accommodation by the council more than doubled between 2011 and 2019 – and this has steeply risen even further in the last 18 months.

The expense of using commercial hotels has mushroomed in recent

months. With more and more families in need of emergency housing, the council's enforced monthly spend on commercial hotels increased 50-fold between November 2022 and June 2024.

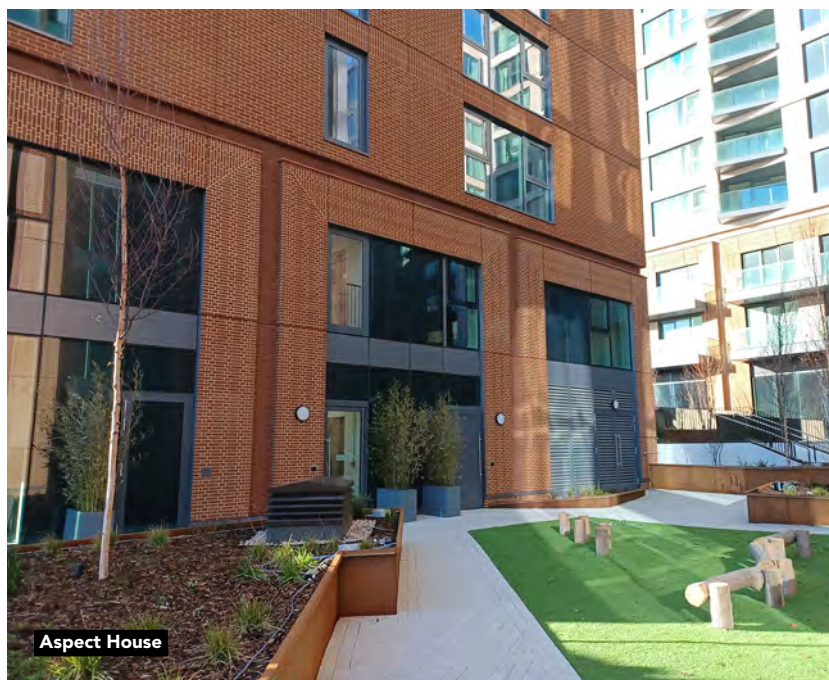
## DOUBLE-WHAMMY CAUSING ACUTE SHORTAGE

With its beautiful open spaces and fantastic transport links, our borough is a highly desirable place to live, but a 'double-whammy' of increased demand and reduced supply has made it one of the least affordable places to buy a home in London.



Since 2018, private rents have almost doubled in some areas. Last year alone, private rents in the borough rose by 16% – the biggest annual increase of any London borough. This is because, at least in part, of changes to tax rules, buy-to-let mortgages, and lettings laws that have led to many landlords leaving the market.

Indeed, the total number of 1-4 bed privately rented properties across London has dropped by more than 40% since 2017. Combined with the cost of living crisis and the previous government's freeze in local



housing allowance, the majority of the remaining privately rented homes in the capital are unaffordable for residents on moderate incomes, and particularly those who receive housing related benefits.

### **NEW TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION**

Buying properties to turn into safe, secure temporary accommodation will help reduce the number of families who need to be placed into B&Bs and commercial hotels which have no access to cooking or laundry facilities. It will also lessen the need for families placed in hotels to move frequently from one place to another.


This has included Aspect House in Acton (pictured), which is now a temporary home for 31 households who would otherwise have been at risk of homelessness.

The council has also taken a year-long lease of a hotel in west London. Having closed as a hotel last October,

it reopened to provide temporary accommodation for more than 60 families in April. The council is now in talks to extend this type of leasing scheme to other former hotels too.

### **'FRESH START OUR RESIDENTS DESERVE'**

Councillor Shital Manro, the council's cabinet member for good growth and new homes, said: "Many of those who approach us in need of temporary accommodation are in a desperate situation. But, with almost 8,000 local families on the waiting list for social housing, there simply aren't enough homes to go around.

"This initiative is about making sure that all of our residents can live in a decent, safe, and secure environment where they can get back on their feet. We know the difference that good quality temporary accommodation can make. These new homes will provide the fresh start that our residents deserve." 

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In everything we do, we aim to be world-class. We aspire to provide our students with an education they can be proud of around the world; they should feel confident that they can contribute meaningfully. We are inclusive as we are open to all, celebrate our differences, do not discriminate, and treat everyone equitably.

We are at the beating heart of the community of Southall; we serve the families of this community, and we encourage its children to imagine and create an even better future.

Our motto "For life, not school, we learn" means that we expect pupils to go beyond just passing exams at a high level; this is a basic expectation. We prepare them to be active citizens who take charge of their futures and leave the world a better place than they found it.

The results of these priorities speak for themselves. Year 11s have made progress



consistently 'well above' the national average for the last eight years and achieve in the top few percent of schools in the country. We often can be found among the top two or three schools in England for our Maths results. Our 6th formers do equally brilliantly and this year, we had a number 'upgrading' their course or University on results day given that they had done even better than expected. Several students apply successfully for Universities abroad each year and we have great success with Medicine, Dentistry and Law courses as well as Russell group and Oxbridge University entrance.

Our enrichment programme is vast with many international experiences each year including visits and work experience to India, Africa, the United States as well as closer to home in Europe. Students can find and pursue their passions at school with nearly 50 clubs and activities being

offered per week and free musical instrument lessons resulting in several students being chosen for local and regional ensembles.

We opened our refurbished theatre in Autumn 2023 which provides a home for our stunning performing arts department to showcase their talents: our music concerts, drama productions and multicultural shows are a joy to behold. Our brand-new Eco Building is planned to start very soon which will give us state of the art, sustainable facilities as well as a stunning sustainable building to be proud of.

For further information, or a tour, please contact [info@villiers.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:info@villiers.ealing.sch.uk)  
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**School Games Gold award**  
**TFL School Champions Silver award**  
**Pearson National Teaching Awards Silver**  
**Rights Respecting Schools Bronze award**  
**Pride in EDI Bronze award**  
**Stonewall Champion School**  
**Bronze award**



# Primary places

Is your child due to start primary school in September 2025? If so, you can apply for places now.

**U**nder the London-wide primary school admissions scheme, parents living in the borough will submit a single application to Ealing Council, listing their preferences, even if they are applying for a place at a school outside the borough.

You can read the borough's admissions prospectus online at [www.ealing.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/admissions)

## WHAT TO DO

All parents and carers living in the borough need to list up to six different schools that they want to apply for, including any that are located outside the borough (but not private schools). Your choices have to be ranked in order of preference, from one to six.

Only one offer can be made to you, and this would be from the highest ranked school from your list that is available.

The closing date for applications is 15 January 2025.


If you are unsure of what to do, or want to know more about a school, you can visit the council's website and you can also speak to the schools you are most interested in.

## HOW TO DO IT

Apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

After the deadline on 15 January 2025, the applications will be processed. Then, on the London-wide offer day on 16 April 2025, an offer will be made to all applicants, as far as practically possible.

If a school is over-subscribed, its published admission criteria will be used to decide the order in which applicants are offered places. 

## USEFUL TO KNOW

- If you want to apply for a place at a faith school, you will also need to fill in the school's own 'supplementary information form'. These are available from the schools concerned or on the council's website at [www.ealing.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/admissions) and will be used to assess denominational commitment. The supplementary form must be returned to the school before the closing date. If you do not complete both the main application form and the school's supplementary information form, your application will not be regarded as valid. For more information, contact the school(s) concerned
- If you want to apply for a place at a school in another borough, it is important you read the primary prospectus for that borough to make sure you understand the admission criteria for the schools you are applying to.

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# Borrow all kinds of things



 **TACKLING**  
THE CLIMATE CRISIS

A new 'Library of Things' opened over the summer with more than 30 items ranging from carpet cleaners and jet washers to electric drills, tents and wallpaper strippers – all of which you can borrow and return once you've used it.

**T**he Library of Things has been set up in Ealing Broadway Shopping Centre in partnership with Ealing Council.

For a small fee, you can hire household items and return them once you have finished using them.

It works in a similar way to a normal library – you register, reserve the item online, borrow your item and then return it.

The idea is it will help you to save money so you don't have to buy something you might only use once or twice, while cutting waste.

Ealing Council leader, Peter Mason said: "The Library of Things helps us meet our commitments on reducing waste and the throwaway culture of household possessions.

"It provides the perfect alternative to buying items and only using them once,


to then be stored away and forgotten. Now, residents can save themselves money, while helping to reduce their carbon footprint by not buying products that are made using harmful emissions."

Councillor Paul Driscoll, the council's new cabinet member for climate action, said: "With the ongoing cost of living crisis, residents now have an affordable way to consume products, whilst reducing their impact on the environment."



## 'DRILLS, TRIMMERS FOR A FEW POUNDS...'

Rebecca Trevalyan, co-founder and co-director of Library of Things, said: "We've had lots of interest from residents and organisations – so we're excited that they can now borrow high quality items like Bosch drills, Kärcher pressure washers and STIHL hedge trimmers for a few pounds per day."

Andrew Rollings, centre director at Ealing Broadway, said: "Supporting our local community and encouraging sustainable shopping are hugely important for us – our recent clothes and uniform swap shops have proven incredibly popular with our shoppers, and welcoming Library of Things is the next step in continuing to offer support for sustainable and low-cost solutions." 

# Summer sensations

We are pleased to unveil the summer winner of our photography competition Seasons of Ealing. Again, many of you got involved to decide the favourite.

Seasons of Ealing made a comeback in winter since it got halted in its tracks by the pandemic. You will have probably seen the robin photo that won, followed by the snails in spring. Like then, the winning photographer will again receive a prize of 4 tickets to Ealing Picturehouse cinema.



1 Jane Marie O'Regan

## AND THE LATEST WINNERS WERE...

After receiving lots of entries for our summer competition, our panel had the task of trimming them down into a shortlist of photos. These were then put to a public vote to choose the winner, during August.

The winner was Jane Marie O'Regan with her photo of wildflowers in Elthorne Park.

As well as the photo appearing here and on Around Ealing website, she will receive the top prize of 4 tickets to watch a film at the new Ealing Picturehouse cinema.

In second place was David Bean with his picture of sunrise at Hanwell Locks.

And in joint third place was our winter winner, Alice Jakubak, with her photo of an owl in Lammas Park,

and Leighton Price with a picturesque scene at Horsenden Hill.

Well done to everyone who was shortlisted and thank you so much to everyone who took part.

## GET READY FOR AUTUMN'S CONTEST...

The idea is for you to enter your favourite snaps of anything of an autumnal flavour in your local park or back garden or even in your street. It could be a landscape, a skyline, wildlife, your family playing in fallen leaves; whatever takes your eye and lifts your spirits. The key is that it has to have been taken in the borough – and, it must have been taken by you.

We want your snaps of the new season

sent in. And the winners, again, will get a fantastic prize and be published in Around Ealing magazine and website.

Once again, the public will get to make the final choice, so even if you don't enter, you can still get involved.

The autumn 2024 Seasons of Ealing competition opened on Tuesday 1 October 2024 and will close on Sunday 3 November 2024. At that point, a shortlist will be selected and a public vote will decide the winner. For full details of how to enter (and the rules), visit

[aroundealing.com/news/autumn-seasons](https://aroundealing.com/news/autumn-seasons)

Picture  
house

# Runners up and other shortlisted entries



David Bean



Alice Jakubiak



Kelly Chow



Liz Scarff



Leighton Price



Phil Walley



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Amanda in the  
cinema's lounge

# More than a cinema



A former disused library that was transformed into an independent cinema run by the community is celebrating its third anniversary this month.

**A**ct One Cinema was officially opened in October 2021 with a single 60-seat screen, a café/bar and a lounge area. Since then, it has expanded its offering to include a second screen and hosts a series of community-led events.

Around Ealing paid a visit to the cinema within its first 6 months of opening, following Acton Arts Project's successful bid to take over the Grade II listed building from the council, with a remit to bring more culture to the community. And we revisited recently to find out how the project was faring.

Aside from showing the latest blockbuster movie or niche film, the cinema has welcomed visitors for live streamings of special historical events, including the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and the Coronation of King Charles III. It has also shown

the Eurovision and song contest and events from the Royal Opera House. Earlier this year, crowds came to show their support during the Euros 2024.

Amanda Mason, one of the directors of Acton Arts Project, said: "I feel very proud of what we've achieved so far and think we can continue to build on that.

"The second screen, which opened in January 2023, gives us so much more flexibility and control. It's been really successful and allowed us to expand the offer a lot. We try and keep it a little bit Indie too, so we can

appeal to different people and that seems to work for our demographic."

## MORE THAN MOVIES

More than just a cinema, the Acton Arts Project runs film clubs, has used the building to display local artists, hold Q&A events and more. Its team also holds an open mic night once a month and encourages young filmmakers to showcase projects to audiences on the big screens.

There is a large, yet cosy, communal area for visitors to enjoy a drink from the café, run by the cinema staff, where events are often held. And, if there isn't a film showing that you want to watch, you can just come and enjoy the atmosphere, read a book or even do some work.

For the latest films and events, go to: [www.actonecinema.co.uk](http://www.actonecinema.co.uk)

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