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In this 60-page edition we have all kinds of stories, on a wide range of topics relating to the council and its services, but the front part of the magazine has a school-based flavour.

You can read about how cycling is making a dent in car journeys to school, about the new sports facilities planned for William Perkin High for all the community to use, and plenty more besides – including details of the upcoming open days around the borough.

Elsewhere, there is a glut of interviews, including one with the mayor (p30); some encouraging statistics on crime (p40); and some updates on various services that will hopefully prove useful.

Stories regularly also appear at www.ealing.gov.uk/aroundealingextra – and you can follow us on Twitter @A_E_Extra or sign-up for monthly email updates at www.ealing.gov.uk/register.
1 Volunteers are needed to help care for trees on the borough’s streets. The council recently finished planting 1,500 trees as part of the Mayor of London’s Street Tree scheme and they need to be looked after for the first three years while they establish. The council set up London’s first tree warden scheme in 2011 and is now looking for more wardens to help support Ealing’s network. Read the full story at www.ealing.gov.uk/aroundealingextra or volunteer by emailing Susan Wyatt at wyatts@ealing.gov.uk

2 Ealing Half Marathon returns for its fourth year on Sunday, 27 September. For full information and details of the route visit www.ealinghalfmarathon.com

3 Three Year 6 pupils at Berrymede Junior School decided to take it upon themselves to raise money for cancer research recently. They asked all the teachers for help and for any unwanted clothes, books or toys and they then ran a jumble sale, spending their afternoons some time after school sorting and pricing clothes and making posters and signs. With books for 10p and handbags for £2 they worked hard and made £86 which was sent off to Cancer Research UK.

4 Oldfield Primary School pupils reached the finals of the Great Quiz during the summer and came ninth out of 2,000 participating schools.

5 A new Ealing Teaching School Alliance has been set up to help staff from local schools share ideas, train and raise standards. It is supported by the council and a number of primary and special schools. It is based at Castlebar School in Ealing, designated a Teaching School after its third ‘outstanding’ inspection by Ofsted last year. The alliance can be contacted at eptsa@castlebar.ealing.sch.uk or 020 8998 3135.

No such thing…

…as a Gruffalo. Or is there? Children will soon be able to embark on an exciting nature trail around Horsenden Hill to find out for themselves.

The council’s parks team is working with the North Greenford ward forum to create a Gruffalo themed adventure trail in the park by the end of the year.

It will include a 7ft wooden sculpture of the Gruffalo, and four smaller ones of a fox, owl, snake and mouse, which will be hidden along a pathway for the children to find. There will be lots of fun activities for young children to get involved in and information on the park’s wildlife along the route.

Based on the international bestseller by Julia Donaldson, the Gruffalo is the story of a mouse’s walk through a deep dark wood, where he encounters several dangerous animals, including a fox, owl and snake, and a Gruffalo, who all want to eat him.

What is your view?

The council has scrutiny panels and committees that examine the work and effectiveness of local services. They are keen to hear your views on the topics being looked into this year: Child sexual exploitation; co-operative enterprises; community centres; health and adult social services. An ‘Ealing 360 degrees’ panel will look at the area as a whole; while the overview and scrutiny committee will review decisions by the council. Email scrutiny@ealing.gov.uk or call 020 8825 7497, or visit www.ealing.gov.uk/committees
Remembrance Sunday is a fixture in my calendar every November and one of the privileges I am afforded as a local politician is to meet all kinds of people, some of whom have extraordinary stories to tell about themselves or their families.

I have heard and read so many tales about the men and women from our borough who served in the two world wars last century and their fortitude and humility never ceases to impress me. As I have said before, when I stand at Greenford’s war memorial for the town’s service each year, I am struck by thoughts of the sacrifices given, and the ordeals undergone, by ordinary people like you and me.

Recently, the research of several families has helped our borough architect Gavin Leonard have their dead relatives’ names inscribed on Ealing war memorial, having been missed off in the post-war chaos almost 100 years ago. It is fitting that this should happen while the nation continues to mark the centenary anniversary of the First World War. You can still read their stories at www.ealing.gov.uk/aroundealing (previous editions) and www.ealing.gov.uk/aroundealingextra

These stories, which lie behind the names on our memorials, and the emotions of their living relatives, are so important to remember. Our memorials are much more than a roll call, a mere ‘list’ in stone. They are a lasting reminder of the human face of war.

Poppies, so often an emblem of remembrance and also of the First World War, were planted by the council on green spaces across the borough last year. They blossomed marvellously this year and I took a particularly close look one day at those growing in the nature area in Blondin Park. They were beautiful – and quite moving.

Education is such an important part of our community; it provides the cornerstone of our future by helping to provide our children with a sound footing to make a start in life.

Schools are therefore one of the most important elements in making a success of our borough, now and in the years to come. They also often provide some of the social glue that binds neighbourhoods and areas – through pupils, parents and staff integrating and working together and forging relationships.

I was delighted to find out that more than 93% of our pupils now go to a primary or secondary school judged to be good or outstanding by Ofsted, the government’s school inspection body. This puts Ealing among the top 10 authorities in England, and you will be able to read more about it in the next edition of Around Ealing.

I am sure, as they begin another academic year, our schools will continue to go from strength to strength.

“Our memorials are...a lasting reminder of the human face of war.”
Councillor Julian Bell
Leader of the council
A new pricing structure has been introduced for resident parking permits. Households will be charged more for each additional permit registered to the same address. It only applies to new purchases or renewals. Existing permits you already have will remain valid until their renewal date. All new customers will be charged a one-off registration fee of £15 on top of the price of the permit.

For more information, to check your permit’s expiry date or to request a PIN reminder, go to www.ealing.gov.uk/parking

Permit prices

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Cheat is jailed

A man was given a 15-month prison sentence for dishonestly claiming thousands of pounds, following an investigation by Ealing Council.

Ijaz Qayum, 48, of Taywood Road, Northolt, was sentenced at Isleworth Crown Court in June after previously pleading guilty to six offences involving housing and benefit fraud. He received a council property in Hanwell after making a homeless application to the council in 2007. But he and his wife had actually just bought a home in Northolt, which they then rented out. He also made fraudulent claims for housing benefit and council tax benefit, between 2006-2012.

Over the six-year period Qayum’s total amount of fraudulent gain came to nearly £69,000. The council has already started proceedings to recover the overpaid amounts of benefit under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and a confiscation hearing is set for October.

To mark the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, an exhibition is being held in libraries across the borough. It will be running right through to the start of December. Ealing Autumn Festival has organised the project, which has been funded via Ealing Council’s community website Bubble and 16 of the council’s ward forums. For more details read the full story at www.ealing.gov.uk/aroundealingextra
Photos: Animal magic

This photo was one of six winners of a photographic competition run by Brent Lodge Animal Centre in Hanwell.

The winners were all awarded a ‘meet the meerkat’ experience at the council-owned small zoo (often referred to as the Bunny Park). The competition was open to all visitors to commemorate the centre being recognised as a zoo for 40 years.

All six images are now on show at the entrance of the centre. This one was by Louise Morgan, others (including of prairie dogs, a peacock and a chicken) were by Chris Slow, Francis Thomas, Lisa Edington, Rachael Webb and Sue Holmes.

To view the other winning pictures, and find out more about the centre and its animal experiences and events, visit www.facebook.com/BrentLodgePark or follow @BrentLodgePark on Twitter – or alternatively email animalcentre@ealing.gov.uk or call 07956 362 341.

Time to play

Rope bridges, balancing blocks and beams, twisted tubular slide, a crawling tunnel and sensory games. This is the exciting new play area opening soon at Northala Fields.

Ealing Council’s parks team worked with designers to create something special at the Northolt landmark open space, using responsibly sourced materials.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: “This is an exciting new attraction in an already popular park. Northala Fields has always had an emphasis on sustainability and contributing to the biodiversity in the area. We didn’t want to stray away from this when planning the new playground.”

Roaring good time

This cheeky chap is just one of the dozens of fantastic moments we captured from this year’s Ealing Summer Festivals over the past three months. He was at the Greenford Carnival.

Go online to view a gallery of photos from the festivals on the official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ealingsummer and on the website of Ealing Summer at www.ealingsummerfestivals.com – and look out there for a competition for the best photo submitted by a resident.

On easy street

Ealing is the first west London borough to trial a ‘parklet’. An idea started in San Francisco in 2010, they temporarily take up one parking space, creating a little pocket of public space. They provide a place to relax, meet and enjoy the street.

Ealing Council worked with HB Designs to adapt the American concept to suit a British street – namely Bond Street, in central Ealing, in August. It has seating, planting, protection from the traffic and space to park your bike. At some point in September the parklet will move to the Avenue in West Ealing. To hire the parklet later this year email travelgreen@ealing.gov.uk
We remember

On Armistice Day (11 November), and on Remembrance Sunday (8 November) the country will stop to commemorate the sacrifice of our armed forces, past and present.

A two-minute silence will, as ever, take place for Armistice Day. And official Remembrance Sunday services and events will take place at war memorials across the country. They will again take on particular poignancy this year, with the 100-year anniversary of the First World War (1914-18) continuing to be commemorated.

To mark this, Ealing Council has been encouraging relatives of the war dead whose names were omitted from local public memorials to do some research and come forward. Several names have been added to Ealing’s war memorial as a result. The hope is to get as close to completing the lists between now and the century anniversary of the end of the war, in 2018.

The council’s parks team, meanwhile, sowed poppies last year at a number of parks and open spaces and they bloomed again in abundance this year. The flower became indelibly associated with the First World War when they sprung up in the bloody killing fields of Europe, and have since become emblematic of the remembrance of sacrifice.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES
Mayor of Ealing, Councillor Harbhajan Kaur Dheer, is due to attend a service at Ealing War Memorial on Ealing Green, in front of Pitshanger Manor, with a two-minute silence at 11am.

Deputy leader of the council Ranjit Dheer is also due to attend, along with the Deputy Lieutenant Major John Rodwell.

The local branch of the Royal British Legion marches each year to Greenford War Memorial from its headquarters in Oldfield Lane South for a public service at 11am. It is due to be attended this year by council leader Julian Bell and deputy mayor of Ealing Councillor Patricia Walker.

A parade also traditionally begins in Manor Park and passes through Southall on the way to Southall War Memorial on The Green for a service at 11am, this year due to be attended by previous mayor of Ealing, Councillor Tej Ram Bagha. The parade will then continue through the town.

For more information, visit www.ealing.gov.uk
Residents carrying out home improvements are being encouraged to sort their waste for recycling before taking it to the dump – to avoid being charged for sending construction rubbish to landfill.

New fees came into effect in July for all mixed loads of construction, demolition and excavation waste, which is already a paid-for service in other boroughs.

In Ealing many DIY and construction items such as paint, carpets and underlay, wood and appliances like washing machines, fridges and freezers, will continue to be free of charge for residents, as long as they have been sorted and separated for recycling. To do this, residents must provide a driving licence and bank statement or phone bill, proving their domestic address.

The fees are aimed at preventing people from sending large mixed loads of building waste to landfill for free and to cover the cost of processing building materials like plasterboard and rubble.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: “People sometimes bring huge car-loads of building waste to the reuse and recycling centres, which ends up in landfill. We hope the charges will encourage people to sort through their DIY waste and recycle what they can to avoid paying for it to go to landfill.”

Any unsorted items will be charged at £23 per 100kg (15.74 stones) of mixed building and DIY waste and must be disposed of at the Greenford reuse and recycling centre using the weighbridge. Payment is by credit cards or debit cards.

Non-residents and anyone disposing of construction waste commercially, such as builders and other trades people, already have to pay the fees.

1 Part of Indian music history will have a permanent home in Southall later this year thanks to an exhibition and digital archive of tabla playing. After going on tour around several locations, the exhibition is returning permanently to a dedicated learning and research area at the Dominion Centre in The Green, where the digital archive will also be publically accessible. The exhibition was put together by charity PRSSV (Pandit Ram Sahai Sangit Vidyalaya), was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and supported by Ealing Council. Read the full story at www.ealing.gov.uk/arounddealingextra

2 Local businesses are working with the council’s economic regeneration team to run Ealing in Business, a new business-to-business exhibition and networking opportunity. This first ever expo event will be held in the Victoria Hall at Ealing Town Hall on 19 November. It aims to be an affordable chance for small and medium sized companies to showcase to potential buyers and the wider community. See www.contactusealing.co.uk for more information or follow @ContactusEaling on Twitter.

3 Ealing Council is getting behind a local geographer who is campaigning to make London into the world’s first national park city. National Geographic Magazine photographer and explorer Daniel Raven-Ellison wants to promote the green spaces that make up more than half of the capital’s area and encourage people to think about them differently. He also hopes it will attract more visitors to outer London, including Ealing. See www.greaterlondonnationalpark.org.uk
Ealing Council has joined forces with William Perkin Church of England High School, the Premier League and the Football Foundation, and Twyford Church of England Academies Trust to create a youth sports development centre in the heart of Greenford for its schools and residents to enjoy.

Included in the proposals is a pavilion and an artificial grass pitch marked with three five-a-side pitches to complement the sports facilities already at the school, including an outdoor multi-use game area, which opened in 2013.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment
and leisure, said: “This area of the borough has been in much need of investment for a number of years and I’m really pleased this project is now moving forward. I’m positive the new pavilion will become a thriving hub of activity in the local community, bringing with it the health and social benefits of sports and leisure for people of all ages.”

Councillor Binda Rai, cabinet member for children and young people, said: “Staying fit and active is crucial for a healthy body and mind but it is an ongoing challenge for schools to encourage young people to get involved. Having fantastic new facilities will help the schools develop positive attitudes towards sports as well as giving the pupils access to coaching in football, netball and cricket.”

The council has contributed £500,000 towards the project, with another £150,000 given by Sport England, £150,000 from London Marathon Charitable Trust and, more recently, the Premier League and the Football Foundation awarded the project £534,000 which means the project is now able to move forward, subject to planning approval.

Keir Smith, associate headteacher at William Perkin High, said “This is an opportunity for the school to become the cornerstone of the local community; meet the need for community facilities in an area; as well as improve the young people’s access to sports facilities and training.”

If planning approval is given, work will start in the autumn this year and is expected to complete next summer.

POOL RESOURCES

The council’s major projects team is exploring proposals to redevelop Gurnell Leisure Centre in Greenford with a state-of-the-art Olympic standard swimming pool and sports facility.

Built in 1981, the current centre is no longer fit for purpose and is limiting opportunities for swimming, fun and sport for future generations.

Building on the legacy of the 2012 and 2014 Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth games, the new facilities will be suitable for amateurs and professionals alike, while giving its regular users a fresh, modern building and equipment to use.

The proposed designs include an Olympic-size swimming pool that can be used for learners, training and competitions, plus a fun water area. It would also have a café, climbing wall and soft play area for its members to enjoy.

If eventually approved, the site would include much-needed housing and improvements to the open space around the centre. But the popular skate park, BMX track and playground would all remain on the site. The latest proposals will be discussed by the council’s cabinet over the coming months.
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Dormers Wells High School is an oversubscribed, popular, high-performing, specialist maths, computing, applied learning and Leading Edge 11-19 comprehensive. It was judged to be ‘good’ with outstanding capacity to improve by Ofsted in 2012. The school continues to go from strength to strength with significant strides forward in the curriculum offer in 2015. Students can now start GCSE courses in year 9, enabling the more able to study a broader range of GCSE subjects or the less able to spend more time on fewer GCSEs. The school’s already strong extra-curricular offer is being enhanced by the introduction of a house system which will provide more opportunities for developing in school competitions. Included in this are a number of residential experiences and international visits.

The thriving and successful sixth form offers a wide range of qualifications including A-levels and BTECs. This year a number of students have again gone to Russell group universities including Cambridge and the LSE.

The school places a great deal of emphasis on developing teaching so that students can enjoy the best education possible. If you would like to find out more please visit the school for our open evening.

Dormers Wells High School
Dormers Wells Lane, Southall, Middlesex, UB1 3HZ
(pedestrian entrance via Allenby Road).

OPEN EVENING
Monday, 28 September, 5–8pm
Headteacher’s talk at 6.15pm and 7pm
Tel: 020 8566 6446
Email: jranawitham@dwhs.co.uk
Website: www.dwhs.co.uk

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(pedestrian entrance via Allenby Road).
Learning and achieving together

September 2015: The start of a new school year and, for Year 7 students at Brentside High School, it is the beginning of a very exciting journey that will ultimately impact on the rest of their lives.

An exhilarating challenge touched, no doubt, with a hint of fear from students and parents alike. Deciding where to send your child to school is not easy. Will my child be safe and happy? Will they succeed? Is this the best school for them?

At Brentside High School we take pride in knowing that the answer is a resounding ‘yes’. How can we be so sure?

Many parents look to Ofsted for help and Brentside’s last inspection judged care, guidance and support for students as ‘exceptional’. The report also praised “a culture of high expectations, mutual respect and success”, no exceptions, no excuses.

Our success was recognised by the Minister of State for Schools who congratulated us for being one of the top 100 schools in England. Recognition was given for the greatest sustained improvement in the percentage of students achieving five or more A*-C grade GCSEs, including English and mathematics.

One unique feature of Brentside is its high quality enrichment opportunities and partnerships. Recent examples include: a motivational talk from the US Ambassador to the UK; trips abroad to perform in Disneyland, Paris; a science trip to CERN in Switzerland; a student exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery and our established partnerships with both BBC Schools Report and Transport for London. Our staff really do go the extra mile to make such opportunities a reality for our students.

What better way to help you make your choice than to hear what other parents have to say? One Year 7 parent said: “Our son absolutely loves it. We are more than pleased with his progress and are confident that we made the right decision.” Another said: “Our daughter is doing really well academically. The support that students receive is, quite simply, excellent.”

Brentside’s state of the art facilities support excellent teaching and learning and we are very pleased to be in the planning stages of an exciting new building project to expand our provision for 2016.

To conclude, the relationships that teachers build with students to support, stretch and challenge make Brentside unique and the atmosphere is evident as soon as you step through the doors. There is no escaping the warm community feel of this highly successful school. Please do not take our word for it; come and see for yourselves!

OPEN EVENING
Wednesday, 30 September 2015, 5.30–8.30pm

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING
Thursday, 26 November 2015, 5.30–7.30pm
Brentside High School
Greenford Avenue
Hanwell W7 1JJ
We are a school at the heart of the community it serves, and have that community firmly in its heart. We value and celebrate the diversity, inclusivity and tolerance that make the school what we believe it is; a model for 21st Century society.

Our approach works. Our most recent OFSTED inspection, in 2013, saw Acton High become the first high school in Ealing to be rated ‘Good’ for overall effectiveness and in the four separate judgement areas of the new framework. That report also commended our teaching, rating a large majority of our lessons as ‘good’ or ‘outstanding’ and noting the effective promotion of students’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Although we’re proud of that achievement, we know that it’s what we do next that really matters. That’s why we are focused on further enhancing the experience we offer. In 2012 we founded our Sixth Form. Housed in its purpose-built Greer Centre building, the Sixth Form offers state-of-the-art ICT and digital media facilities and has already inspired a wave students onto Higher Education. Alumni have won places to read subjects including medicine, politics and chemistry at Russell Group institutions.

We look forward to welcoming parents of prospective students to our Open Evening event and finding out more about what your child might achieve as part of our community.

"I am really happy that I have chosen Acton High School. I particularly enjoy Science where we have lots of opportunity to do experiments"

Year 7 student

Open Evening
15th September 2015, 6-8pm
Headteacher’s Speeches: 6.30pm and 7.30pm

Open Mornings
22nd September 2015 9.15am-11am
30th September 2015 9.15am-11am

“Good teaching has led to students’ good outcomes over time”
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Alec Reed Academy provides an all-through education where children can start their schooling in the nursery at three years old and stay until they leave at 18.

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AleC reed aCadeMy iS a 'good school' (Ofsted April 2015)

‘High expectations are the norm. The academy prepares pupils well for the next stage of their education, whether this is moving from the primary to secondary or moving on from the Sixth Form’ (Ofsted 2015).

The academy provides a calm, ordered learning environment where children are respected as individuals and thrive. ‘Relationships between teachers and students are excellent. Over the time that pupils attend the academy they develop into mature young people who are well prepared for the next stage of their lives’ (Ofsted 2015).

A further success has been that the academy was awarded the National Collins PiXL Award for Outstanding Progress in recognition of its excellent examination results in 2014.

In designing the academy, architects have created a spacious, light and airy building, impressive state of the art facilities and indoor and outdoor sports centres available to students, families, and the community. There is an adult education centre and extensive grounds with an ‘Academy Fields’, a unique nature area perfect for outdoor learning.

Come and see it for yourself; we have open evenings for each phase:

- Primary: Thursday, 22 October 9.30–11am and 1.30–3pm
- Secondary: Tuesday 22 September 6–8pm, Principal speaking at 6.15pm
- Post-16: Wednesday, 11 November 6pm.
Applying for high school

The borough’s high schools are accepting applications for children to start school next year.

If your child was born between 1 September 2004 and 31 August 2005, he or she will be due to leave their primary school next summer and start year seven at a high school in September 2015.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 23 October 2015 or, by the absolute latest, the final, statutory deadline of 31 October 2015.

SCHOOLS INFORMATION
To find out more about your preferred schools, you can visit the education pages on the council’s website at www.ealing.gov.uk/education or, alternatively, you can contact the schools themselves. Each school will also be holding an open evening, details of which are on these pages.

HOW TO APPLY
You can apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk between 1 September and 31 October 2015. If you are unable to apply online, you can ask your current school for an application form to fill in, and ask them for instructions if anything is not clear.
If you choose to apply online you must not complete a paper application as well. If you do not live in the London borough of Ealing you must contact your own home authority.

The Cardinal Wiseman (Catholic) and Twyford (Church of England) high schools require a supplementary information form to be completed to assess denominational commitment and these may be obtained either from the schools themselves, or from the council website at www.eadmissions.org.uk

All new schools proposed to open in 2016 will be outside the co-ordinated application process. Parents wishing to apply to those schools will need to contact the school direct and apply on the school’s application form. Parents are strongly advised to also apply for established secondary schools through the co-ordinated system because there is no guarantee at this point that the new schools will open in 2016.

GET ADVICE
You can attend the admission advice sessions at Perceval House, in room M0.23 on 12 and 13 October and room M.022 on 14 October between 10am–4pm.

You can also attend an admissions fair on 6 October, between 4–8pm, at Ealing Town Hall in the Liz Cantell room.

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ANY QUESTIONS?
Visit www.ealing.gov.uk/admissions or you can get in touch with your preferred school. Alternatively, contact Ealing Council’s school admissions service by calling 020 8825 5522 between 9am and 12 noon, emailing mainroundadmissions@ealing.gov.uk or by post at Perceval House, 14-16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL.
The plans involve various measures to encourage walking, cycling or scootering to school; and encouraging those who do have to drive to car share or ‘park and stride’ by parking a little distance from the gates and walking the rest of the way. The aim is for all of our schools to eventually have a travel plan.

Impressively, 15 of our schools achieved ‘gold’ travel plan status in 2014, awarded by Transport for London (TfL) – rising from eight schools the year before. One of those was St Gregory’s Primary, in Woodfield Road, Ealing, which was even marked out by TfL’s STARS sustainable travel scheme as being the best in west London.

Beaconsfield Primary School, meanwhile, was recognised by STARS for having the highest increase in walking to school. Cycle training (‘Bikeability’) lessons were held at 39 schools, while balance bike training for nursery children meant 950 pupils learned to scoot, glide or cycle.

Meanwhile, Ealing has become the best in London for reducing the number of cars used for getting to and from school. In 2014, the use of cars for the school run fell by 2% to 27% (the next best borough in London was Hounslow at 34%).

### BIKING SCHOOLS

This intensive programme began at St Gregory’s Primary last year and was so successful it won acclaim at the London Transport Awards this year. It is the only scheme of its kind in London that involves compulsory cycle training for the whole school, combined with a regular coach presence one day a week and fun events.

On the same day each week the cycle coach meets with appointed ‘bike monitors’, runs cycle training, an after-school club and Dr Bike maintenance sessions; and organises bike rides, bicycle recycling and competitions.
Children were trained in Bikeability or age-equivalent cycle training. The results have been staggering, with the number of schoolchildren cycling regularly to school shooting up to 20%, from just 2% when Biking Schools first started at St Gregory’s as a trial before beginning in earnest. To put this in perspective, the average school cycling levels across the borough and London stand at 2%.

Bike ownership has increased among both pupils and teachers and almost a fifth of pupils were involved in a bike swap event, recycling their old bike and riding away with a ‘new’ bike appropriate for their age and size.

Parents were asked to complete a questionnaire, and three quarters said Biking Schools had improved their child’s confidence in cycling; a third said it had encouraged their family to cycle more; and 90% rated the programme as good, very good or excellent.

In fact, the programme proved such a success that it is now operating at two other local schools: William Perkin High in Greenford and North Ealing Primary in Ealing.

**PARKING CAMPAIGN**

The council is working with schools to encourage parents and drivers to take a parking pledge – keeping children safe by promising to park away from the school and instead taking a short walk to the school gates.

Yellow markings outside schools provide a clear space for children to cross safely where they can see traffic and traffic can see them. No parking, waiting or loading is permitted during the enforceable hours, however some motorists put children in danger by stopping on them.

The pledges will be accompanied by a crackdown on bad parking outside schools using CCTV. Those caught on the yellow ‘school – keep clear’ zigzag markings within controlled hours will be issued with a fine.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for environment, transport and leisure, said: “Parking on zigzag lines outside of schools is both dangerous and selfish. Parents and head teachers tell me time and time again they worry about the safety of our children and these measures are a strong message to try to get through to those who have previously decided to flout the rules.”

**PEDAL TO VICTORY**

A Big Pedal competition saw pupils at 10 local schools try to make the most journeys by bike or scooter over a 10-day period. West Acton Primary School came top after achieving 1,680 journeys. The competition, along with a travel plan put together by the council and the school, has seen 16% of its pupils cycling regularly to school (previously 7%) and 43% never being driven to school (previously 15%).

Big Pedal is a national initiative for schools. West Acton Primary was treated to a cycle stunt display show as a reward for winning.
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OPEN MORNINGS: September 15 (Senior) and 17 (Junior), 3 October (all ages)
SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING: Thursday 24 September
‘Outstanding’ Diocese of Westminster Inspection Report (Sept 2013)
SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES IN SENIOR SCHOOL
See website for full list of open events. To book a place at an event or for more information, please contact:
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We know that choosing a high school is a challenging decision, and we hope this article will give you a flavour of life at Featherstone High. Your son or daughter has the opportunity to join us at a truly exciting time as we celebrate our recent ‘outstanding’ Ofsted inspection. Students continue to achieve excellent GCSE results and we are regularly placed in the top 10% of schools in the country for the progress that is made by our students. Our A-level results and progression on to top universities have proved beyond question that our excellent provision is also firmly embedded within our sixth form.

We have had a very exciting year at Featherstone. Our annual Science Week included top guest speakers, exciting events and fascinating experiments; we have celebrated English literature and language with the “Wonderful World of Words” month long festival; our students excelled during the UK Maths Challenge; Featherstone dance students have trained and performed with Royal Ballet dance students; and we have sent our Southall Shamrocks Gaelic footballers off to Ireland to test their skills.

At the beginning of 2015 we were recognised by Ofsted as an ‘outstanding’ school for the second time in a row. Ofsted inspectors found “learning to be lively and interesting, with a wide range of helpful resources to support students’ accelerated learning.” They also found the behaviour of students to be ‘outstanding’ and their attitude to learning ‘exemplary.’ The school’s leaders, Ofsted noted, have “exceptionally high ambitions for all students to be successful.”

We spoke to some of our Year 7s and asked them about their first year here. One student said: “FHS is a fun place with exciting lessons and clubs”. Another added: “I really enjoy it here because of the sense of community”. Recalling their first day, this student said: “I was nervous, but the teachers here are very kind and they helped me settle in, I made friends really easily.”

A Year 7 parent told us: “I went to the open evening for this school and absolutely loved it. This school is a shining example of what an education can lead to: an environment in which success is fostered.”

We are proud of our success. Whatever the criteria: academic, social and personal, or sporting, this is an exceptional school. We want children to leave school having maximised their academic progress but also to really enjoy their time with us and to leave with fond memories.

Please do come and see for yourselves, it will not take you long to appreciate that Featherstone High School is a warm and hardworking community striving for excellence in all we do.

Featherstone High School is, once again, judged ‘outstanding’ by Ofsted.

OPEN EVENINGS AND DETAILS

Year 6 to 7 open evening: Thursday 1 October, 6–8.30pm
Headteacher’s talk 6.15pm and 7.15pm

Sixth form open evening: Thursday 26 November, 7pm
Featherstone High School
11 Montague Waye,
Southall, UB2 5HF
Call: 020 8843 0984
www.featherstonehigh.ealing.sch.uk
The 100-in-100 campaign is back for the third year running with a goal to create another 100 apprenticeships in 100 days. And, as Kylie Rae reports, it needs businesses to get involved – and young people eager to earn while they learn.

The council’s Ealing Apprenticeship Network has been helping local businesses set up apprenticeships for three years – and it started the 100-in-100 campaign in 2013. Each year it has run for 100 days between September and December with the aim of creating 100 pledges for positions for young people: A target which has, for the last two years, been smashed.

In return for creating apprenticeship positions, local businesses can expect to receive support around the process of hiring, employing and training an apprentice to ensure that both employer and employee get the most out of the placement.

All you have to do is get in touch with the Ealing Apprenticeship Network and its team will take you through it. See the contact details on this page.

PERFECT TIMING
For Ealing Community Transport (ECT), the 2014 campaign came at a period where it was recruiting for a business administration role and chief executive Anna Whitty saw that training an apprentice could be fortunate timing.

So, in January, ECT hired its first apprentice. Lee Digby joined the team as an operations assistant, helping to co-ordinate all aspects of the charity’s day-to-day services – including taking bookings, assigning vehicles and drivers to journeys, organising minibuses and dealing with customers.

“When we interviewed Lee we were immediately impressed with his interpersonal skills and knew he would be a good fit because customer focus is central for us,” said Anna. “He is articulate and respectful and has shown energy and enthusiasm right from the beginning.”

Lee said his apprenticeship with ECT has given him the confidence to take on everyday business administration challenges. The satisfaction he gets from helping the elderly and building relationships means he leaves work every day ‘with a smile on my face’.

He first heard about the apprenticeship scheme in sixth form and knew straight away that learning new skills and getting on-the-job training while earning income was definitely for him.

Lee said: “ECT is a wonderful place to work and the team definitely made me feel comfortable from day one, allowing me to get into a daily routine very quickly.”

ECT chief executive Anna Whitty

See box on facing page for contact details.
Some of last year’s graduates from the council’s apprenticeship scheme

The council also has apprentices attached to its own teams. Sharleen Willis-Hodgins has had a varied and exciting start to her career thanks to the scheme, from covert surveillance to house raids. Could you follow in her footsteps?

Now in its ninth year, the programme has seen almost 200 young people recruited into apprenticeships at the council. Sharleen joined the scheme in 2010 and has become the first to graduate to Level 4 of the vocational qualifications on offer – the equivalent of a foundation degree.

The programme is open to people aged 16-24 years old and offers apprentices a one-year training agreement with an optional second year and an allowance starting from £160 per week. Candidates must be highly motivated and enthusiastic and willing to learn new skills.

Sharleen heard about the programme through family and decided it was the right fit for her. Four years, five qualifications and an Apprentice of the Year award later, she has a solid foot in the career door and has not looked back.

She started with Trading Standards, battling against businesses selling illegal, counterfeit or age-restricted products. She is now employed full-time as an enforcement support officer – which can involve inspections on housing and licensing matters.

Sharleen encourages those thinking about taking up an apprenticeship to go for it: “All the hard work has paid off more than I could have ever imagined. The networking opportunities, support and training set you up for your future career.”
Study locally. Go far.

GSM London is giving the Ealing community the chance to get qualified for a high-earning career on their doorstep.

A unique strengths-based approach in a supportive environment is helping students from all backgrounds achieve a top university degree. Students are considered on their personal motivation to succeed rather than only academic qualifications. And by adopting a teaching approach which nurtures talent, GSM London has become known as the “you can do it” local higher education provider.

Students benefit from flexible study options at GSM London. They can graduate in as little as two years with the fast-track degrees, or study for a traditional three-year degree. There are options for those without A levels too: GSM London offer extended degrees which include a Foundation Year 0 designed to equip students with the skills and confidence to succeed in their studies.

Study locally

GSM London works with and for the local communities. The majority of GSM London students prefer the comfort of local study when they enter a degree. So with campuses located in easily accessible areas, students are able to live at home while studying and save on rent costs as well as benefiting from support from their network of family and friends – a real must when undertaking a life-changing university degree. The Greenford Campus is easy to get to by public transport, so going to class is just a bus or train away from the main Ealing stations.

Academically respected

All degrees at GSM London are awarded by Plymouth University, one of the UK’s top modern universities. What’s more, students don’t have to break the bank to study for a quality university degree. At GSM London tuition fees are 33% lower than most other universities and government funding is available through student loans which can cover tuition fees and living costs while studying.

Degrees with high earning potential

With a university degree on your CV, you can earn up to 45% more (according to the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, 2015). And at GSM London, degrees prepare students for 8 of the 10 highest-earning careers such as business management, oil and gas, economics and finance.

For Alison Wheaton, GSM London CEO, it’s the career-focused tutoring that makes it such a distinctive place to study: “It’s not about people getting degrees, but it’s actually about people getting degrees they can do something with.”

Making degrees possible

If you didn’t quite get your expected grades, are returning to learning, or haven’t formally completed your education, there’s no need to re-sit your exams or return to college education. You can benefit from the inclusive nature of GSM London and start directly onto a degree. Their unique Year Zero programme equips students with the skills and knowledge needed to begin a university degree, making them academically ready and confident to begin their studies.

The foundation year is part of the degree course itself, and is made up of taster modules that give you an insight into different subjects. GSM London also offer English refresher courses for those whose English is not their first language.

Taking the next step

GSM London’s Course Advisors offer help in selecting the right course, how to apply for student finance, and providing the information needed to make an informed decision.

Amira Bawazir benefited from this unique support service: “I decided to come back to education and found my Course Advisor to be really helpful and supportive. She took me through the application process giving me clear information about the course, funding and what to expect from higher education.”

For expert advice and to start as early as September, call a GSM London Course Advisor on 020 3740 1651 today.

Visit gsm.org.uk
A good Ofsted inspection recently commented that “staff and students have excellent relationships” and “all groups of students make good progress”; a fantastic achievement for this incredibly diverse and dynamic school.

No wonder there was a smile on the faces of the Year 11 students from Villiers High School as they arrived to celebrate the end of truly amazing year at their upmarket end-of-year Prom in the Doubletree Hotel in Ealing. And they were not the only ones celebrating, because it was clear to see equally wide grins spread across the faces of their teachers who had as much reason to raise a cheer for the huge achievements of this fantastically vibrant and exciting school.

The school year began back in September with news that Villiers had achieved the best results of all Southall schools with Villiers’ GCSE and A-level results proving that excellent teaching and determined studying had converted into outstanding progress and real success. The maths department topped the bill with its success with its A-level results ranking in the top 10% in the country and this success was equalled in the overall A-level results. Equally last year’s Year 11 group’s GCSE results saw Villiers ranked in the top 9% nationally. Not content with this, the school is hoping for even better GCSE results this year, predicting more than 60 of students achieving A*–C grades in at least five of their subjects including English and maths.

Life at Villiers is not only about exam success though and excellence in sports and the arts has also been in evidence with a stunning A -level and GCSE art show drawing large local crowds, the school’s long awaited production of Into the Woods which premiered in July, and the hugely popular sports day at Perivale Athletics Ground.

It comes as no surprise, then, that when Ofsted visited in April this year it found that, “Students are extremely interesting and pleasant to talk to” and “are co-operative and respectful towards their teachers, listen attentively” and that “teachers assess students work thoroughly” meaning that “all groups of students make good progress”.

No wonder then that Ofsted judged Villiers to be a ‘good’ school in all areas of the inspection.

So, as the Year 11 students begin their A-levels at the brand new, state-of-the-art V6 Sixth Form Centre, which has just been completed, we turn our attention to the impending visit of writer John Lloyd. He is famous for writing QI, Blackadder and Spitting Image, and has agreed to come in and teach a ‘guest English lesson’ for a lucky bunch of the most able Year 10 students.

There was also a surprise return of former pupils Parth Gharalkar, Vicky Dineshchandra and Gursharan Sandhu, who left Villiers sixth form last year and are about to begin their second year of university at Cambridge, Imperial and UCL respectively. Meanwhile, graduates of Oxford and Bristol universities, Edith Johnson and Jonny Hurn, will join Villiers as teachers on the Teach First Programme next year: Every reason to look forward to further celebrations in the future.
Teenagers – we’ve all been there! Looking after teenagers can be challenging but it’s a hard time for them too. We are looking for people who understand the needs of our young people and can be there for them through the highs and the lows and support them on the journey.

If you want to make a difference to the lives of teenagers, become a foster carer. We will be there to support you 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

To help you develop as a foster carer we provide an extensive training programme, which includes the opportunity to gain the Level 3 Diploma for the Children & Young People’s Workforce.

We pay top rates, which increase as you develop your fostering skills. Our rates for teenagers range from £320 to £447 per week for each young person you look after. We also need people to look after children of other ages.

Information sessions are your opportunity to find out more. Our next sessions are on 7 September, 5 October and 2 November at Ealing Town Hall. To book your place or for more information please contact us.

BE THERE. BE AN EALING FOSTER CARER.

Call Freephone 0800 731 6550 or email fosteradopt@ealing.gov.uk
Fourteen years ago, Nina decided to apply to become a foster carer with Ealing Council. Since then she has fostered girls and young women of ages ranging from 14 to 21: Eight teenagers, six mothers with babies and numerous respite placements.

Nina, who lives in Acton, said: “As a single parent with two young daughters, I felt I had the capacity to work with young people. A friend suggested I give fostering a go, so after some thought I decided to apply with Ealing.

“Like many, before I started fostering I had my misconceptions about children in care – too many issues, sleepless nights and police knocking on the door. Since becoming a foster carer, I realise society often sticks labels on foster children as being problematic. My views have since changed. Foster children – like my own children – require love, stability and a chance to prove themselves.

‘MANY TWISTS AND TURNS’
“I get asked all the time, ‘how do you deal with teenagers?’ Everyone experiences difficulty during their teenage years, coping with puberty, moving into high school and dealing with peer pressure. Although teenagers’ behaviour can be challenging at times, this task can be made less stressful if carers have the right support. I’ve found Ealing’s ongoing support and training has been great in assisting me in my role as a foster carer.

“For someone considering fostering teenagers, I would advise them to go in with an open mind and an open heart. It’s a journey with many twists and turns, but ultimately the joy of seeing a young person flourish in life is the greatest reward in this job.”

BE THE SUPPORT
Could you be a foster carer like Nina? Are you interested in finding out more about fostering? View the advert on the facing page, email fosteradopt@ealing.gov.uk or call freephone 0800 731 6550.

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“The joy of seeing a young person flourish in life is the greatest reward in this job.”

Open mind, open heart

Whether they admit it or not, all teenagers need love and guidance as they start out in life. Foster carers have the opportunity to provide this support and no one knows this better than Nina Samuel.
Recycling: Aiming high

It will be easier than ever to recycle soon after Ealing Council approved a switch to mixed recycling wheelie bins. The borough will also change to alternate weekly collections of rubbish and recycling.

The changes should come into effect by next summer and the simpler mixed recycling service will make it easier for people to recycle and help the borough reach the council’s target of recycling 50% of household waste by 2018.

It is a system that has been introduced in many other parts of the country, including in the neighbouring boroughs of Brent and Harrow, which have seen recycling rates rise by 12% and 22% respectively following the switch.

Most households with doorstep refuse and recycling collections will be given two wheelie bins:
- One for mixed recycling. With the exception of food waste, you will no longer be required to sort recycling into separate containers, but can place it all in one wheelie bin which will be collected every other week
- One for the refuse which is currently disposed of in black sacks. This wheelie bin will be collected every other week, in-between recycling collections.

Food waste would continue to be collected from the food waste bins every week. And garden waste will continue to be collected fortnightly.

KEEPING IT SIMPLE
Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: “Many people agree that action is needed to increase recycling rates for environmental reasons because rubbish is a major contributor to greenhouse gases and also a waste of precious resources. Many others will agree with it for financial reasons. We spent £8million last year on charges for sending household rubbish to landfill and these charges are likely to rise. At a time when we have to make savings across all of our services, it’s obvious that this is an enormous waste of money when we can recycle more.

“We have looked carefully at how other local authorities have achieved higher...
Dozen reasons to do it

1. **Simplicity**: The mixed recycling bin makes it easier for everyone to recycle (all recycling except food and garden waste in one wheelie bin)

2. **Recycling rates #1**: The council aims to ensure 50% of household waste is recycled by 2018. The borough has reached 44%, but a big change is needed to make further improvement.

3. **Recycling rates #2**: The new service is expected to drive up recycling rates to 51%.

4. **Unnecessary waste**: Currently, two thirds of the contents of black bags in west London could be recycled instead of sent to landfill. If it is easier to recycle, this should change.

5. **Money**: £8million is wasted in Ealing each year on charges for sending household rubbish to landfill – recycling 51% will save an extra 6,354 tonnes a year from landfill and waste less money: Money that could be spent on providing local services.

6. **It works**: More than 70% of councils have already switched. In London, it saw Bexley’s recycling rate increase from 41.6 to 50.6%, Brent from 31 to 43%, Bromley from 40 to 49%, Haringey from 24 to 32%, and Harrow from 27.7 to 50%.

7. **The environment**: Rubbish sent to landfill, especially food, rots underground and can create powerful greenhouse gases or other pollutants. Recycling reduces landfill, while also saving resources from simply being wasted.

8. **Cleaner #1**: Less spillage during collection.

9. **Cleaner #2**: Wheelie bins cannot be ripped open overnight by rats, cats and foxes in the way black sacks are currently.

10. **Fewer containers**: You will have three instead of four. One for mixed recycling, one for food recycling and one for general waste.

11. **Better containers**: Wheelie bins are longer lasting and more cost-effective than your green boxes and plastic sacks.

12. **Fewer trucks**: Not as many collection vehicles will be needed, lowering harmful emissions and running costs.

household recycling rates. Wheelie bins will make it easier to recycle, because they keep it simple; recycling goes in one bin and rubbish in another.

“They will also help to keep our streets cleaner by preventing foxes, birds and vermin from ripping open refuse bags and stopping spillage from open recycling containers.

“Importantly, food waste will continue to be collected weekly to avoid bad smells – and to reduce the appalling amount of food thrown away in landfill, which currently equates to a third of the average contents of black bag waste.

“Our officers have carried out a survey of the whole borough and houses that don’t have space for a wheelie bin will have a different arrangement. However, if houses can have wheelie bins, they will be required to have them in order to keep the service as effective and efficient as possible for everyone.”

There are lots of ways to store your bin, visit www.pinterest.com/ealingcouncil – or for more information on the service visit www.ealing.gov.uk/recycling
She became mayor in May this year after 15 years of serving the borough, and more than three decades of being embedded in community life.

It was a huge cultural change for Harbhajan when she came to England in 1975 but she has seen many changes in the 40 years since. She moved to the borough she fondly calls home in the late 70s and said she is ‘truly honoured’ to now be its first citizen.

Even as a young working mother of two, she was keen to learn and understand how the government functioned in this country, many times taking her children out with her when canvassing or delivering leaflets.

“I am very proud of becoming the first Asian woman to be mayor in Ealing,” Councillor Harbhajan Kaur Dheer told Gracia Leo, after taking on the role this year.

“From an early stage it was my passion to understand local politics and the function of central government,” she recalled. “I got involved in the old Dormers Wells ward and was chair and then secretary of the board and held many other posts. I also attended meetings with Michael Elliott, former MEP for London West.”

She served as deputy mayoress in 2000/01, and as the mayoress (consort to the mayor) in 2001/02, carrying out the roles while working full time in Surrey, and thoroughly enjoyed both terms.

AN ACTIVE ROLE
But it was not until her children were grown and had flown the nest that
Harbhajan was able to take up a full, active role in local politics. She was first elected as a councillor for the Greenford Broadway ward in 2010 and chaired two scrutiny panels during her first term.

Harbhajan eventually donned the borough’s civic robes after being elected as the new mayor for the 2015/16 municipal year in May, taking over from Councillor Tej Ram Bagha. She said: “I was honoured to accept the role, taking over from a fantastic mayor, friend and fellow councillor.

“My aspiration during my term is to bring the community closer together. Through community cohesion I will work to help people understand what we do as a council and how we function. I also want residents to know I’m here to represent everyone in the borough as well as the council.

“One of my main objectives as mayor is to help raise awareness about violence against women and girls. I want to see young men being educated so they can begin to understand the role of women in their lives as mothers, sisters, wives, and to make changes in the way they treat young women and girls.”

Harbhajan has been active in the community for many years, especially with groups working with Ealing’s twinned towns. She has previously travelled to Poland, France, Germany and Nepal representing the borough while participating in town twinning events. She is also a member of the local Sikh temple in Southall.

The rest of the year promises to be a very busy one for the mayor, who has already attended many official engagements since May, because she also became a grandmother for the first time earlier in the year and is looking forward to combining these two challenging but rewarding roles.

**MAYOR’S CHARITIES**

The mayor of Ealing traditionally nominates charities to raise funds for during his or her term in office.

Harbhajan’s background and interests are reflected in her chosen charities, which include Age Link UK, Dementia Concern and Home Start. Social work has featured throughout her career. She was an approved mental health professional when she left Surrey County Council in 2013. She is also passionate about the rights of children and the elderly, particularly those with mental health conditions. Additionally, she will be supporting the efforts of Save the Asian Elephants during her mayoral year.

She said: “I want to support services for elderly people, particularly for those who don’t have relatives or anywhere to go during the daytime and end up feeling lonely and isolated at home. The groups that assist them really need financial support to run services. Also with dementia increasing in all communities I have seen many elderly patients and their carers trying to cope with this disease and I want to support work in psychiatry.

“Homestart is also linked to my profession in a way. It is for young mothers who have problems looking after their babies and sometimes reject their children through depression. The service is made up of volunteers who go and support mothers in their homes, giving them the opportunity to have time some time for themselves.

“I am keen to support these charities wholeheartedly because of my background. And, quite differently from the others, I have a really soft heart for animals and anything to do with their welfare, and I really wanted to support a charity that helps to protect them.”

During his year in office the previous mayor, Councillor Bagha, attended more than 500 official engagements and raised approximately £35,000 for his chosen charities, Age Link UK, Cancer Research UK and Diabetes UK.
Make it Ealing are proud to announce the launch of a new magazine which will highlight Ealing as a vibrant destination, encouraging Londoners to see Ealing in a refreshing new light!

The first edition will have a health and fitness theme, based around the Ealing Half Marathon. The magazine launches at the beginning of September. If you have any local news, events or insights that you would like to share with us, we would love to hear from you!
Contact Kate at Kate@ealingbroadwaybid.co.uk

A new funding opportunity is now open. Launched through Make it Ealing, for individuals, community groups, arts organisations, students, promoters, schools or nurseries based in Ealing town centre to bid for grants of between £100 and £3,000.

We want to encourage and inspire people to participate in the arts in Ealing town centre.
This could include holding an arts event, creating an art trail, holding workshops, running performances or recitals, teaching people to DJ, skills classes, you name it, if you have an idea to inspire Ealing, let us know and we’ll help fund it.
The transformation of seven spaces in Southall’s town centre includes a reclaimed churchyard, a public square, improvements to a park and much more.

As part of the ongoing Southall Big Plan, which has already prominently featured an improved layout for the Broadway, the revitalisation of these public spaces is a key part of giving the town centre a new lease of life.

Council leader Julian Bell said: “As well as making it safer and easier to travel and get about, the Big Plan’s wider focus was to find additional ways to make the town centre a better place to live, work and visit. Southall has so much going for it and bringing these public spaces to life will give the already vibrant community more opportunity to come together – and enhance the look and feel of the town for residents and visitors alike.”

Those projects not already completed will be finished by October. Funding has come from the council and the Mayor of London.

1 Southall Park: It has been made more inviting through better signs and lighting, including designs by children and young people from Villiers High School, Ealing Youth Forum and Southall Children’s Centre

2 Southall Square: This was created by pedestrianising the lay-by next to Lidl and outside Southall Market. It provides enough room to hold concerts, film screenings and speciality markets. A wall facing the square is to be covered in a mural

3 The Green: The forecourt outside St Anselm’s Church has been revamped to provide a large, white, terraced entrance from the street, inspired by the church’s marble altar

4 Southall Manor House: The entrance to the grounds has been remodelled to become a town square for ‘Old Southall’ – providing a new community space, a more attractive setting for the house and the war memorial, and more welcoming entrances to the gardens and playground. Work is under way to revamp the facing shopfronts

5 The Dominion Centre: When this reopened last year, massively renovated and with the new Southall Library inside, an attractive new forecourt and a new road crossing was added

6 Western Road corner: Arrangements are in place to turn the land in front of St John’s Old Church into a public space that can also be used for events, and its disused churchyard into a community garden; meanwhile, there are proposals to put a new community centre on the old public space next to the churchyard

7 Norwood corner: A generous new public space is planned, with trees and planters at the southern entrance to Southall’s town centre.

HOLD AN EVENT
To hold an event in one of these spaces, call 020 8825 6640 or email events@ealing.gov.uk

New entrance by the manor house

New frontage for St Anselm’s
Chop your food waste

Approximately, a third of the waste in the average household bin is food waste. Yet it is easy to recycle it in your food waste bin.

When food waste is sent to landfill instead of being recycled, it rots down without oxygen and creates methane, a powerful greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.

However, what you put in your food waste bin instead will be sent to an ‘anaerobic digestion’ plant to be broken down into a magical mixture of mulch and gas that can be turned into electricity to power homes, and compost to feed local farms.

It can cut down on street litter, too, as will be explained later.

So, there is a strong environmental case for you to recycle your food waste.

The council also has a target of recycling 50% of the borough’s household waste by 2018. At the end of 2014, our recycling rate stood at an all-time high of 44%. Recycling food waste can make a huge difference to us bridging the gap to reach the target.

Waste we do not recycle and send to landfill instead costs the council (and tax payers) millions of pounds each year: Money that could be better spent on local services.

So, there is also a strong financial case for you to recycle your food waste.

SIMPLE TO RECYCLE

And, what is more, it is easy to do, too.

1. You can use your kitchen caddy, or any small pot container you may have in the house, to make it simple for you to scrape leftovers in, close to your preparation area.

2. By using biodegradable liners (you can buy them from most supermarkets) for your kitchen caddy, you prevent the caddy getting messy – and the food waste will also be wrapped and contained when you put it in the bin outside. Alternatively, you can use newspaper.

3. Once the biodegradable liner bag in your kitchen caddy is full-up, you tie it up, remove it from the caddy and take it out to the food waste bin that you keep outside with your other recycling containers.

4. Your food waste bin is collected weekly, on the same day as your rubbish and recycling. So, make sure you keep collecting your leftovers and putting them out for recycling each week.
LOCKING OUT SMELLS – AND ANIMALS
Some people worry about the smell, or mess, especially in the warmer summer months. But, there is no need to worry. Do not leave food waste out or exposed and be sure to keep the lid closed – this will prevent flies being able to land on the food. And, where possible, store your food bin out of direct sunlight, this will help prevent any smells. You can also give your bins a regular rinse out.

The food bin is lockable and cannot be opened when the handle is in the upright position. This is designed to keep animals at bay.

Vermin like rats and foxes, as well as other animals including cats, are attracted to food waste in black sacks that are easily ripped open – scattering debris in the process. Using the specially designed, lockable food waste bins overcomes this problem and helps keep our streets free of litter. So, no longer will you wake up to find ripped open bin bags and rubbish strewn across your street if you put all the food waste in your sealed food bin.

‘BIGGEST WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE’
Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: “I am incredibly proud that our borough is steadily continuing to recycle more and waste less. Our recycling rates have continued to rise, because residents are doing the right things. But if you haven’t done it before, recycling your food waste is the biggest way you can make a difference to reducing the amount of rubbish we send to landfill.

“Food waste, such as leftovers and plate scrapings, accounts for more than a third of the waste in an average west London household’s bin. By getting used to recycling it rather than sending it to landfill, you will not only be helping the environment but also saving yourself, and the council, money. “That is because cutting down on the amount of food you throw away could potentially save you as much as £50 a month.

“And, for every 1,000 tonnes of waste that is recycled rather than being thrown away, the council saves more than £100,000 in landfill charges. That all adds up and potentially represents millions of pounds a year that could be spent on other services for residents instead.”

For more information and ideas on recycling, visit www.ealing.gov.uk/recycling

WHAT FOOD CAN I RECYCLE?
You are able to recycle all your food waste, including the following:

- Meat and fish – raw and cooked including bones
- Fruit and vegetables – raw and cooked
- All dairy products such as eggs and cheese
- Bread, cakes and pastries
- Rice, pasta and beans
- Uneaten food from your plates and dishes
- Tea bags and coffee grounds
Get out, get fit

Running, walking, weights, yoga; Ealing Council is making it easier than ever for you to get active in our parks across the borough, reports Neelum Bains.

It is proven that people who exercise regularly are reducing their risk of major illnesses, such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes and some cancers by up to 50%. So, when residents approached the council via their ward forums to help them get more active, the council’s parks’ teams started investing in outdoor gym equipment across the borough.

In fact, the equipment has been put into 27 parks so far, so you can exercise in your own time, in the fresh air.

Popular with people of all ages and abilities, the equipment works different parts of your body, including arms, legs and core muscles. There are instructions on the machines to help first time users learn how to use them.

If you are not quite ready for the weight-resistance equipment, but fancy an activity with a bit less crunching and stretching, the parks have lots of walking, yoga and Park Run clubs looking for members. Joining a group activity can help keep you motivated and is sociable too – it is a great way to make friends in your area.

For the runners, joggers and walkers, there are distance marker routes in 23 parks, making it easier for you to measure how far you have gone.

If you are ready to go out and try out any kind of physical exercise in the park, remember to wear comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear. It is also advisable to bring along water and sunblock in the warmer weather.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: “There is lots of research to suggest that even a small amount of exercise can help improve a person’s physical and mental health. This is why ward forums, like the one I sit on, have helped set up local sports projects including Park Run. We have more than a hundred parks with a wide variety of sports activities on offer, ranging from football and cricket to yoga and walking clubs, there is something for everyone. Unlike structured classes in a formal setting, the outdoor gyms, amazing open spaces and parkland offer free physical exercise for people of all abilities.”

PARK RUN

Park Run, a national organisation that helps people arrange free weekly 5km running sessions, has set up a group at Northala Fields in Northolt and one at Gunnersbury Park. The sessions are open to runners with any level of experience. After each run, the groups often meet for a post-run beverage in a café to share tips and make new running friends. If you are interested in joining or setting up a run in your area visit www.parkrun.org.uk
The Starpath project is to be piloted in Ravenor Park along the main path that runs from Ravenor Park Road to Oldfield Lane South and will use a coating which absorbs light during the day to store it for the night. It should mean the pathway will get brighter as the sky gets darker.

Residents approached their ward forum councillors for help to improve the park’s lighting. It is a well-used path, which is why it was chosen by the council’s parks team for the trial. If it proves to be a success, Starpath technology could be used in other parks.

Starpath, which was invented by UK company Pro-Teq Surfacing UK Ltd, can be applied to almost any surface including tarmac, concrete and wood. It uses a coating which absorbs UV rays during the day and expels them at night as a soft blue glow which can be seen in the dark.

Specialist spraying equipment has to be used to create a Starpath. The process begins with using a mix of materials to form a new surface on the existing path. This is followed by spraying it with a bioluminescent material, which will absorb the sun’s UV rays, and then sealing it with another, protective coating.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: “Starpath should allow the path to be lit up at night without the need for traditional, costly and more intrusive lighting. As well as improving safety in the park by lighting up its main path, Starpath repaired the existing path to a good standard at the same time – with no ongoing energy costs.

“The initiative does not replace the need for brighter lights on busy streets and pedestrian areas, but could be a real solution for us to consider in areas with less footfall. There is no light pollution either: The path adjusts according to natural day light, glowing brighter the darker it gets.”

To have your say on matters affecting your area, or bring your ideas to your elected councillors’ attention, visit www.ealing.gov.uk/wardforum and find out when your next meeting is taking place.
Keep COSIE this winter

The time for woolly hats, scarves and mittens may be a few months away, but a few simple steps now could make heating your home easier and cheaper this winter, reports Andy Mahady.

If you are not sure what steps to take, a range of help and advice is available from the Cold Weather Support in Ealing programme (COSIE). Any resident can make a free call to COSIE and receive tips and information on how to keep their home snug and warm this winter and how to keep energy bills down too. You may be offered an appointment with the council’s handyperson service to arrange home improvements designed to retain heat and save energy. This could include a free boiler service or repair.

Some residents may also qualify for a free home visit by a ‘Green Doctor’ who can offer tailored energy advice and support. Energy saving measures such as draught-proofing, low energy light bulbs and reflective radiator panels may also be offered. Additional support is available for those who are

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struggling to pay their energy bills.

Although anyone can call COSIE, you are likely to be eligible for a home visit if you are aged 75 years or older, or you are on qualifying benefits with children under the age of five, or you have a disability or specific long-term chronic health condition.

Call the COSIE freephone helpline today on 0800 083 2265 and find out what advice or support you could receive.

**LOOK IN ON VULNERABLE NEIGHBOURS**

Cold and damp homes are not just unpleasant places to live, they can have a significant impact on a person’s health and wellbeing. People aged over 65 or those with disabilities or who have long-term health conditions are most vulnerable. Staying warm over the winter can help prevent serious illnesses such as pneumonia, heart attacks, stroke and even depression.

Council leader Julian Bell said: “None of our residents should have to suffer cold and damp homes this winter. If you know someone who may be vulnerable during cold weather, please help them get the advice and support they need by contacting COSIE.”

**AVOIDING CONDENSATION**

There are a few simple steps everyone can take to reduce condensation in the home and save energy. When you are cooking keep the lids on pots and pans and open the window, or turn on an extractor fan. You should keep your bathroom door closed too and dry clothes outside whenever possible. And when making a nice warm cuppa only put the amount of water you need in the kettle – anything more is just wasting time, water and electricity.

‘The service is great’

A call to COSIE by Southall resident Yasmin Qamruddin resulted in substantial savings on her energy bills. Yasmin said: “The service is great and taught me simple measures to keep my home warmer, like buying a clear blind for the windows and how to bleed radiators. It also gave me the confidence to switch energy suppliers, which saved me £150 on my water bill and £140 on gas and electric. So I now have a warmer home with cheaper bills. I definitely encourage more residents to contact COSIE.”

**Passive homes**

Ealing Council has recently built six new homes with a difference. The term passive house (often referred to in the German ‘passivhaus’) refers to a rigorous, voluntary standard for energy efficiency. Residents in the new homes at Allenby Road, Southall, can expect extremely low energy bills thanks to range of energy efficient measures, including a high-tech ventilation system and special insulation made from recycled plastic bottles. These significantly reduce the loss of heat through the walls, roof and floor compared to conventional homes.

A summer bypass system also ensures the homes remain at a comfortable temperature in the warmer months despite the very high standard of insulation. The six new energy efficient flats – three two-bedroom and three one-bedroom – were completed in the summer and are being let at affordable rents.
The total number of recorded offences in the borough has fallen from 37,295 to 25,887 during this period. And six of the seven key crime categories are on course for a 20% reduction by 2016.

However, people’s perceptions are not always in step with this downward trend – and, in fact, crime remains one of the biggest concerns for residents in Ealing. Therefore, the council, working closely with the police, is keen to improve residents’ confidence.

One way has been through setting up a new safer neighbourhood board, which is happening across London. A variety of different types of people sit on the board, including lay members from the public. Unlike other groups that have existed in the borough before, this is where local crime priorities are set as well and police services are scrutinised. The board is responsible for engaging with residents, local community groups and businesses on behalf of the Mayor of London to make sure needs identified by the community are being addressed. It also helps to sets priorities based on crime statistics, trends and local knowledge.

More information about the role of the boards is available on the Mayor of London’s website www.london.gov.uk/priorities/policing-crime

Over the last year the safer communities team has made increasing use of Parkguard in residential areas to monitor potential trouble spots. Their patrols have the added benefits of providing a high visibility deterrent to possible trouble makers and reassurance to residents.
Radcliffe Estate in Northolt was identified as showing signs of having a possible drug dealing problem. Parkguard was brought in to patrol the estate and within weeks their officers had collated a significant amount of information for the council. As a result of the intelligence, the police carried out their own monitoring and gathered further evidence. This led to eviction proceedings, closure of properties and injunction applications against the offenders. Some other simple but effective improvements were also carried out to deter drug dealers from using the estate and keep its residents safe.

‘REAL TEAM WORK’
Councillor Ranjit Dheer, cabinet member for community services and safety, said: “Our partnerships within the community and with the police are vital to identifying any problems and thereby make sure the borough is the best possible place to live and work. It is real team work. “We have an overall trend for falling crime, which I am very pleased to see. It is only by maintaining, and strengthening, the ties between council, police and community that we’ll make sure that continues. And it is crucial that we do so because the rise in incidents of violence is something that must be addressed.”

Earlier this year, Paul Martin was appointed as the Chief Superintendent of Ealing Police, the new Borough Commander. Paul has been in the police force for 23 years and worked in many areas around London, and he said: “I am honoured to have taken up the position of Borough Commander. “It’s humbling to be in a position where I feel I can make a difference in people’s lives. Ealing is one of the most vibrant and progressive boroughs I have worked in. There is a drive and energy within the community and my ambition is to improve the services we offer.”

He has been impressed by the close partnership work between the council and the police that has developed in the borough and welcomed the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy 2015-18 that was approved by the council’s cabinet in June.

For the full interview, visit www.ealing.gov.uk/aroundealingextra

THE SEVEN KEY CRIME AREAS 2014/15

- Burglary offences down from 3,870 to 2,874
- Criminal damage offences down from 3,099 to 2,401
- Robbery offences down from 1,483 to 590
- Theft from motor vehicle offences down from 3,741 to 2,363
- Theft from person offences down from 1,097 to 531
- Theft of motor vehicle offences down from 879 to 724
- Violence with injury offences up from 2,514 to 2,670
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www.strandpalacehotel.co.uk
“We have been improving the lighting in crime hotspots for five years now and 23 separate paths and streets have received an upgrade,” said Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure.

“Poorly lit areas can make residents feel nervous and unfortunately attract those who want to carry out anti-social behaviour and crime.

“By increasing the number of street lights and, where possible, upgrading them to brighter LED lights, we have literally shed light on the problem and taken away the criminals’ hiding places.”

One area that has been upgraded is Beaconsfield Road, Southall (in the photo). In July 2012 work started to make the area brighter and safer in response to concerns raised by local people and councillors. The residential road is near Southall train station and suffered from above average crime rates and had below standard lighting.

In the year prior to the lighting upgrade, the police had dealt with more than 80 complaints linked to poor lighting, including damage to vehicles, assault, burglary, harassment and drugs possession. The council invested £30,000 in changing the 41 old fashioned orange sodium streetlights to brighter LED and the result was a significant drop in criminality with around 20% less night time crimes reported to police. Significantly, no night time burglaries or car theft were reported in Beaconsfield Road in the most up-to-date crime stats from 2014.

Sergeant Billy Wilson from the Southall Broadway safer neighbourhood team has noticed the difference. He said: “The new lights are much brighter and give us a far better view along the street. They have also reduced the shadows in which criminals like to hide.”

Councillor Mahfouz continued: “It makes sense that if a street is well lit, it will be less attractive to criminals. The good news is that new LED lanterns are being added across the borough so every street is eventually going to benefit from this improved lighting, while saving the council money on electricity and maintenance bills. We are investing £6 million in this switch, and I believe this is money well spent.”
Nature’s feast

Autumn is the perfect time to start composting, as leaves fall from trees, and flowers die. Compost acts as a natural fertiliser and is full of nutrients for your garden.

Compost is nature’s way of recycling and not only does it get rid of unwanted waste, but at the end of the process gardeners also get a handy self-made product to help their garden grow.

Because it is so packed full of nutrients, compost can be used to feed plants, improve soil texture and help your garden retain moisture in dry weather conditions.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: “Home composting is, without a doubt, the most environmentally friendly way of disposing of old plants, dead flowers, grass cuttings and other foliage.

“By starting to fill a compost bin now, you should produce enough good-quality compost in time to use on your garden in a few months’ time – in the spring – when you are planting and encouraging growth.

“You can take advantage of a reduced-price compost bin through Ealing Council, which start as low as £17.98 from www.ealing.getcomposting.com “The bin is delivered to your home and comes with a handy guide on how to use it and you might be surprised by just how many items you can actually compost.”

As well as garden waste and uncooked food waste, you can compost shredded cardboard, paper and newspaper – and a lot more.

At least 30% of the average household bin can be composted. There are many everyday waste items from your home and garden that can be added.

MORE ABOUT COMPOST

Compost is produced by alternating layers of some of the natural products listed above. A mix of ‘greens’ and...
If you want an alternative to composting, or have a lot of garden waste, you could be one of the thousands of households to sign up for the council’s fortnightly garden waste collection scheme.

From 1 October you can get a discount. For £45 you can have it collected until 31 March next year. You can choose from three reusable sacks or a garden waste wheelie bin and, if you order additional containers, you will get a 25% discount. If you do not have much garden waste, why not opt for a wheelie bin where you can shut the lid and store your waste sealed?

Biodegradable sacks are available to residents living in flats or on red routes. Residents eligible for means tested benefits or over 65 are eligible for a 25% discount.

WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

- Grass cuttings
- Twigs and hedge trimmings
- Plants and weeds
- Flowers
- Leaves
- Garden prunings.

WHAT DO I DO TO SUBSCRIBE?

You can start subscribing for the garden waste service online at www.ealing.gov.uk/gardenwaste or by calling customer services on 020 8825 6000 from 1 October.

ALTERNATIVES

Otherwise, garden waste can be taken free of charge to Greenford Recycling Centre, in Greenford Road; or Acton Recycling Centre, in Stirling Road; where it will be recycled.

Any garden waste put out inside rubbish sacks or bins will not be collected.

The green items contain bacteria that generate the initial heat required to start things breaking down. Mixing in some brown items will prevent the contents from becoming too sludgy and smelly.
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Making it personal

“There is no such thing as a one-size-fits-all with disability and it is really refreshing the council understands that,” said Andy Walker – one of those who have been helped to design a support package to suit their own needs. Deborah Dickey reports.

More than 3,000 adult social care clients in Ealing now have their own personal budgets and more people are being helped to move over to them all the time.

Before personal budgets were introduced in 2007, clients were mostly offered council-run support. Although this suited some people, many required a more flexible approach to live independently.

Andy Walker is a broadcast journalist and started managing his own personal budget in 2007. Using the funds available to him, and working with the adult social care team, he has created a support package that is specifically tailored to his needs and offers him greater choice.

He said: “This is not a ‘problem’; this is my life. And the client-centred help from the council allows you to do things with dignity.

“It is a really positive approach to providing care resources for individuals. I think it is a modern way of doing things which works well for the people receiving care and is appropriate for those providing the funding.

“It is also a very human way of doing things and there is someone on a phone to help if you need it.

“On the one side you get the support for however you need it to work, while on the other having responsibility for how the money is spent. It provides certainty because I am in the driving seat – and certainty is essential with care because if there was any doubt over whether someone is going to be there to help it would be really quite worrying.

“My budget is also flexible enough to allow me to take care of any changes if I need to. There are no direct strings from the top and it is my responsibility to use the budget to pay for my requirements. It is not just a hand out – it is more like teamwork.

“My advice to anyone else would be to just do it. I think it will work very well for you.”
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A new directory website for local businesses and community groups

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The council switched to a new, efficient e-permit system in April and stopped issuing paper parking permits for controlled parking zones (CPZs).

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, is championing the change. He said: “Just in the same way that the DVLA has stopped issuing paper vehicle tax disks, all of our permits are now issued electronically. This includes visitor vouchers which are now bought instantly via the RingGo phone service.

“This is better for customers, because it has made renewals faster. It’s also more convenient, because residents don’t have to wait for permits to turn up in the post or come and queue at the council’s offices.”

Electronic permits are linked to the car’s registration – meaning that parking officers can check them instantly using handheld computers. And a new online tool on the council’s website means customers can check whether their own car has a valid permit, as well as other cars parked on their street.

Another change has been the way that renewal notices are issued. The council has sent a letter to residents to inform them that it is moving to a new system – and that reminders will from now on be sent out by email, rather than by post. Councillor Mahfouz is keen for residents to sign up for this service: “We will send renewal notices by email now. This saves money and has an environmental benefit. Although residents will be aware when their permit comes to an end, we are happy to remind those who supply us with their email address.”

Lastly, a new charging structure has been brought in for permits. Multiple car ownership reduces the available space for everyone in the zone so, like many other London councils, the council is now charging more for each additional permit issued to the same address.

Councillor Mahfouz explained: “Multiple car ownership can be a real problem for people living in CPZs. Work vehicles registered to home addresses and properties with several cars can put extra pressure on roads that are already experiencing problems. This new prices discourage this and is part of our drive to encourage more sustainable transport methods, such as cycling, car clubs and public transport.”

To find out more about resident parking zones and parking permits, go to www.ealing.gov.uk/parking.

PIN INTEREST

Customers need a personal identification number (PIN) to renew their parking permits and buy visitor vouchers. If you do not have a PIN or have forgotten it, you can go to www.ealing.gov.uk/parking and request a reminder.
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or £2.50 per child at the door. No Joining Fee. (Saving £50)
The council sometimes finds itself on the end of such claims: Either completely fabricated, or exaggerated, by people looking to make some money. In fact, as many as one in five of all insurance claims in the UK are fraudulent. Every year, this fraud results in millions of pounds being wasted across the country. These criminal attempts to steal from the public purse are not victimless crimes because you, the taxpayer, are always left to pick up the bill – and, consequently, funding for our local services suffers. This is because, even if an insurance claim is turned down, you are still paying for a case to be investigated and defended in court. A recent case cost the council £100,000 to disprove a bogus claim about a faked fall. Every pound we save by preventing this type of fraud could be spent on local services instead. In these tough economic times, it is especially important.

HELP US STOP THEM
By calling FraudLine, you can help us stop these crimes against our community. If you think you have some information about a fraudulent insurance claim you can call 0800 328 9270 – a special 24-hour hotline. It is free and confidential, and is manned by people with the expertise to help.

The council, and FraudLine, has the support of the government-funded Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department, led by City of London Police.

TYPES OF FRAUD
There are common types of insurance fraud. These include making exaggerated claims by pretending an accident was far worse than it really was; untrue personal injury claims that describe a false set of circumstances, time or place of an accident; completely bogus claims that use invented symptoms or an incident that never occurred; and multiple claims where the fraudster knowingly makes claims for the same injury in a number of different local authority areas.

Squirreling away fortunes

You, and Ealing Council, are picking up the tab for people involved in shameless insurance scams. Do not let them squirrel away public money this autumn.
The Cabinet

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Deputy leader, and safety, culture and community services

Councillor Hitesh Tailor  
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Deputy mayor  
Councillor Patricia Walker

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AUTUMN MEETING DATES

Acton
- **Acton Central**: Wed 21 Oct, 7pm at St Mary's Church, The Mount
- **East Acton**: Mon 12 Oct, 7.30pm at John Perryn Primary School, Long Drive
- **South Acton**: Wed 7 Oct, 7pm at Centre for Armenian Information and Advice, Mill Hill Road
- **Southfield**: Wed 9 Sep, 7.30pm at Southfield Primary School, Southfield Road; and Wed 9 Dec, 7.30pm at Acton Green Church, Cunnington Street

Ealing
- **Cleveland**: Thu 15 Oct, 7pm at Drayton Court Hotel, The Avenue
- **Ealing Broadway**: Tue 6 Oct, 7.30pm at Ealing Town Hall
- **Ealing Common**: Tue 3 Nov, 7.45pm at St Matthew's Church Hall, North Common Road
- **Hanger Hill**: Thu 5 Nov, 7.30pm at Church of Ascension, Beaufort Road
- **Northfield**: Thu 8 Oct, 7.30pm at Log Cabin Children’s Centre, Northfields Avenue
- **Walpole**: Thu 22 Oct, 7pm at St Johns Church Lounge, Mattock Lane

Hanwell
- **Elthorne**: Tue 3 Nov, 7pm at Oaklands Primary School, Oaklands Road
- **Hobbayne**: Tue 20 Oct, 7pm at Hobbayne Primary School, Greenford Avenue

Greenford
- **Greenford Broadway**: Wed 21 Oct, 7pm at Ealing Education Centre, Mansell Road
- **Greenford Green**: Wed 7 October, 7pm at Holy Cross Church, Ferrymead Gardens
- **North Greenford**: Tue 27 Oct, 7pm at Horsenden Primary School, Horsenden Lane North

Northolt
- **Northolt Mandeville**: Mon 12 Oct, 7pm at Islip Manor Community Centre, Arnold Road
- **Northolt West End**: Wed 14 Oct, 7pm at Northolt Library, Church Road

Perivale
- **Perivale**: Tue 20 Oct, 7pm at Selborne Primary School, Conway Crescent

Southall
- **Dormers Wells**: Wed 21 Oct, 7pm at North Road Primary School, Meadow Road
- **Lady Margaret**: Tue 10 Nov, 7pm at Lady Margaret Primary School, Lady Margaret Road
- **Norwood Green**: Mon 16 Nov, 7pm at Norwood Hall, Norwood Green Road
- **Southall Broadway**: Mon 26 Oct, 7pm at St George’s Community Centre, Lancaster Road
- **Southall Green**: Tue 3 Nov, 7pm at The Dominion Centre, The Green

Did you know young people can play a part in local decisions on how to improve their neighbourhood through ward forums? They can even get involved by email.

Ward forums are a place to discuss all kinds of local concerns with councillors and help decide how funding should be spent to make improvements. However, recently an unusual request was made to two wards in Greenford to help save a football club’s future.

North Greenford United, based in Berkeley Avenue, was on the brink of folding. Its facilities and main football pitch were in such a poor state that matches had to be postponed, resulting in lost revenue. The future was uncertain for of all of its teams, including almost 100 young players aged between seven and 18.

North Greenford and Greenford Green ward forums decided to come to the aid of the club, helping to fund one-off improvement costs after agreeing the club was an asset to the community. In return for the £23,000 shared between the two wards, the club agreed free football coaching sessions for local youngsters (visit www.northgreenfordunitedfc.co.uk for details of the sessions).

Paul Foot, the club’s development officer, said: “Without the support of the forums, the club would not have been able to continue.”

GET INVOLVED
To have your say on matters that affect you where you live, come along to the next meeting in your ward or put your ideas forward to MyWardMatters@ealing.gov.uk.

For full details, visit www.ealing.gov.uk/wardforums
Acton’s impetuous Edwardian stuntman

George Lee Temple was the first person in Britain to fly upside down. He was a daredevil in the early days of aviation and his dangerous shows attracted big crowds.

He was born in Acton in 1892, the son of George Temple, a Royal Navy officer, at 9 Cumberland Park. The young George seemed initially destined for a life in the motor industry in Coventry, where he was a trainee in 1911. He was also a motorbike enthusiast with a reputation for daring and having accidents. But he decided on another career in the fledgling aviation business.

In the following year he began learning to fly a Caudron bi-plane. In February 1913 he received his Aero Club certificate. He established a flying school at Hendon, but relinquished it by the summer. He was more interested in establishing himself as an aviator and a daredevil performer. He was the first in the country to fly upside down. He also made almost vertical dives to the ground and only just levelled the machine within a few yards of the ground. These performances attracted large crowds.
CRASHES
It was certainly dangerous. He was involved in two crashes in 1913. In January of that year he had taken a Bleriot pattern monoplane from the aerodrome at Hendon and crashed, falling 40 feet to the ground. Although the plane was damaged he was not and when people rushed to the site, they found him calmly smoking among the wreckage. He was flying again in a few days’ time.

On the other instance, in December, he was flying from Hendon to Uxbridge above the Brent Valley, but was forced to land at Harefield. The plane became wedged between two trees in a farm. He was unharmed and the machine undamaged, but it took three hours for it to be removed from the trees.

It also seems he had enemies. In late 1913 he received two anonymous letters, one reading, ‘An attempt will be made to prevent you flying on the Thursday’. He ignored it, but when he was in flight he heard a loud bang and later the mechanics found rivets and powder in the cylinders. A similar incident occurred two days later. The mechanic said that these items could not have been put there accidentally.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT
However, on Sunday 25 January 1914, after having been unwell for the last fortnight, he was determined to fly again. His father advised him against it, but he told him, ‘Father, you can trust me’. However, when he was performing an exhibition flight at the aerodrome, where he rose 800 feet, ascending and descending at very steep angles, a gust of wind caught the plane’s tail and the machine toppled over. Unable to bring the plane to a horizontal in order to land, he fell to the ground. Temple was found underneath the plane with his neck broken. The inquest suggested that Temple had still been ill at the time of the crash.

The funeral at Acton Cemetery six days later was very well attended and one of the floral tributes was in the shape of a monoplane. An ornate memorial was erected in December 1914.

MORE...
Paul Lang will be giving a talk at Ealing’s aeronautical history at Ealing Central Library on 12 November at 6.15pm.

MAGNA CARTA
An exhibition is touring the borough’s libraries, featuring artwork marking the 800th anniversary of the world-famous 1215 legal charter signed by King John, the Magna Carta. See www.ealing.gov.uk/aroundealingextra for the full story.
**The Story So Far: Closing Celebration**
Saturday 26 September, 11am–3pm at Ealing Central Library
A performance, literary, arts event celebrating the best of Ealing’s arts community.

**Magna Carta Exhibition**
7–26 September at Northolt Library and Pitshanger Library (digitised)
28 September – 31 October at Ealing Central Library and Wood End Library (digitised)
2–21 November at Greenford Library and West Ealing Library (digitised)
Freedom, human rights and democracy: The Magna Carta Exhibition continues touring across all Ealing libraries until Saturday 5 December to celebrate 800 years of the sealing of the Magna Carta. The exhibition has been created by the 4020 Art Group based on a concept by Diana Braybrook and is delivered by Ealing Autumn Festival, in partnership with Cultural Community Solutions which manages Ealing libraries on behalf of Ealing Council. Funded by Ealing Council ward forums and Bubble.

**Roald Dahl Day**
Celebrate the wonderful and wacky world of Roald Dahl. Come into your local library to join in a special Roald Dahl activity and take out and read one of his books.

**Greenford Library – Craft**
Friday 4 September, 2–3pm
Jubilee Gardens Library – Writing workshop (Ages 4+)
Saturday 5 September, 2.30–3.30pm
Hanwell Library – Craft (Ages 3–10)
Thursday 10 September, 11am–12noon
All libraries – Displays of Roald Dahl’s famous books
Saturday 12 September, all day
Dominion Centre and Library – Draw your favourite Roald Dahl character
Saturday 12 September, 2–3pm
Ealing Central Library – Craft
Saturday 12 September, 11am–12noon

**Walpole Park, Mattock Lane, Ealing W5 5EQ**
The house and gallery are closed to the public for restoration until Spring 2018 however Pitzhanger will continue to hold a range of heritage and arts activities, workshops and classes at the new Rickyard venue in Walpole Park, and in spaces across the borough.

For information contact: 020 8567 1227 or visit www.pitzhanger.org.uk

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**PMG events**

**Adult courses**
Our popular adult education programme run in partnership with Ealing Adult Learning is led by practising artist Idun Eustace, who has many years’ experience leading fine art classes. Her unique, open style of teaching has consistently inspired confidence in our students. For more information or to book contact Ealing Adult Learning on 020 8825 5577 or visit www.ealing.gov.uk/education.

**Oil Painting – Experienced**
Tuesdays – 29 September to 8 December, 1–4pm at The Rickyard
Develop your skills with paint techniques, colour mixing, care of brushes and ‘how to’ use paint-mediums. £183 per term.

**Oil Painting – Beginners**
Tuesdays – 29 September to 8 December, 5–7.30pm at The Rickyard
Explore paint techniques, colour mixing, care of brushes and ‘how to’ use paint-mediums. (new learners only) £115 per term (66 concessions).

**Life Drawing – Experienced**
Wednesdays – 30 September to 9 December, 9.30am–12.30pm at The Rickyard
Build on your figurative drawing skills, and develop your own unique ideas and artistic processes with the support of a tutor and peer critiques. £240 per term.

**Life Drawing – Beginners**
Wednesdays – 30 September to 9 December, 1.30–4.30pm at The Rickyard
Improve your skills and ability to draw from a model (new learners only) for £182 per term (concessions £123).

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**Libraries events**

**Teen Action Group**
Saturday 5 & 19 September at Ealing Central Library
Join us and take action in your library. TAG is a group of 11–19 year-olds, bringing fun and exciting activities into your libraries. Get the chance to plan and organise events and have your say on what libraries can offer young people.

**First year anniversary of the Dominion Centre and Library**
Saturday 5 September 11am–4pm at Southall Dominion Centre and Library
To celebrate the one-year anniversary of the opening of the Dominion Centre Library we will be hosting a day of special events – come and join us in the celebrations.

**Author Talk: Susi Holliday**
Tuesday 8 September, 6–7pm at Northfields Library
Local writer Susi Holliday will be discussing her debut novel Black Wood. She is a crime writer and blogger. Her first full length novel is an unsettling psychological thriller.

**Agatha Christie Week (all libraries Friday 8 September) plus a Whodunnit Murder Mystery Evening**
Fantastic book displays across the borough to celebrate Agatha Christie Week plus we will be holding a special ‘Whodunnit’ murder mystery evening on Thursday 17 September, 6.30–8.p.m. Come along and solve the murder mystery case at Northfields Library. £1.50 members/£2 non-members.

**150 years of Alice in Wonderland (Ages 4+)**
Saturday 26 September, 2.30–3.30pm at Jubilee Gardens Library
Create, colour and design your favourite character.
Local history talks
- 20 October: The Great Western Railway by David Blackwell. The GWR was a great engineering achievement for its engineer, the young Brunel, and his legacy lives on today. Talk looks at the local history of this railway and its structures.
- 10 November: Ealing’s Aeronautical History by Paul Lang. Did you know that there was an Acton aerodrome, one of the first RAF bases at Northolt, an aircraft factory in Acton and an aeroplane crash in Southall? Talk looks at the impact of aviation on the borough.
- 17 November: The Last Battle on English Soil by Dr Jonathan Oates. 2015 marks the tercentenary of the last battle on English soil (1715), which took place at Preston in Lancashire. Talk explores why the battle was fought and why it was important. Coincides with a book by the author on the topic.
- 1 December: Churches through time: Ealing’s Christian History, 1114–2014 by Dr Piotr Stolarski. Ealing has a rich but little known ecclesiastical history. This talk surveys the impact and influence of various Christian denominations, churches and individuals in the Ealing borough from medieval to modern times. The speaker’s book on the subject will be on sale.

All in the Green Room at Ealing Central Library at 6.15pm
- £3 for library members
- £5 for non library members

Contact the local history centre on 020 3700 1055 or email ealing.localhistory@carillionservices.co.uk

Other events
Fostering and adoption information sessions
- 7 September, 11am–1pm; 5 October, 7.30–9.30pm;
- 2 November, 11am–1pm at Nelson Room, Ealing Town Hall, New Broadway, Ealing, W5 2BY

Come along to one of these information sessions to find out more about fostering and adoption through Ealing Council. Contact: Freephone 0800 731 6550, email fosteradopt@ealing.gov.uk

Dr Bike health check sessions
Meet with cycling experts for a free bike health check, cycling advice and lessons how to check your bike for roadworthiness.
- First Saturday of the month, 2–5pm at Hanwell Clock Tower (on Station Road/Cherinton Road)
- Second Saturday of the month, 2–5pm at Acton Market (outside Morrisons)
- Third Saturday of the month, 2–5pm at West Ealing (Melbourne Avenue next to West Ealing Library)
- Fourth Saturday of the month, 2–5pm at Southall Broadway (outside Southall Town Hall)
- Last Thursday of the month, 4.30–7.30pm at Haven Green (Ealing Broadway Cycle Hub)
- 31 October, 2–5pm at Greenford Town Centre (corner of Oldfield Road and Ruislip Road)

For more information email cycling@ealing.gov.uk

For more events visit:
www.ealing.gov.uk/whatson

Gunnersbury Park Museum

Gunnersbury Park Museum is currently closed for restoration until January 2017.
For more information contact 020 8992 2247/1612 or visit www.ealing.gov.uk/gunnersbury

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