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I have been looking forward to the summer. For some reason, this winter seemed to last an inordinately long time. So, here we are at last.

The festivals are back, of course, and we have our usual preview of what you can expect, from page 10. There’s a new food and drink festival for you to enjoy this year, joining the comedy, carnivals and live music.

A fantastic service tackling isolation in the community, providing companionship, advice and a place to go, is featured on page 26; and a scheme encouraging firms to pay the London Living Wage to employees is up-and-running (page 24).

Oh, and one of my favourite places in the borough, the Bunny Park, is featured on page 19.

Richard Nadal
EDITOR
The winners of a **school art competition** have seen their eye-catching designs on the sides of one of the council’s recycling and rubbish collection lorries. Amey, the council’s waste services and environmental contractor, is donating £150 to each winning school to be used on books or equipment. Children aged between four and 16 sent in their handiwork and you can see the winning entries at ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features.

A procession full of fairy tale characters will get **Hanwell Carnival** under way on Saturday, 18 June – drawing crowds from Hanwell Community Centre to Elthorne Park where there will be food, fairground rides and much more. A community stage will put on dance, music and sports performances; and a dog show will spotlight loveable pooches. The carnival – believed to be the oldest in London – is run by the community and partly funded by the council’s local ward forums. Visit hanwellcarnival.co.uk and see What’s On on page 51.

A beacon was lit in Southall as part of a nationwide celebration to mark **Her Majesty the Queen’s 90th birthday**. It was one of thousands of beacons that formed a chain across the country that was started by Her Majesty herself, at Windsor Castle. Our borough’s beacon was at the Royal Logistic Corps, Army Reserve Centre in Southall. The outgoing mayor of Ealing, Councillor Harbhajan Kaur Dheer, was joined by Major Andrew Gifford TD, Richard Kornicki the Representative Deputy Lieutenant for Ealing, council members and other invited local dignitaries. You can view a small gallery of photos at ealingnewsextra.co.uk/gallery.

**Borough’s new chief**

Ealing Council has appointed a new chief executive. Paul Najsarek took up the position in April and replaced Martin Smith, who had filled the role for more than six years. The chief executive of a council oversees all of the officers employed by the authority and manages its day-to-day operations, in partnership with the political leadership – which, in Ealing, consists of a cabinet and the council leader, Councillor Julian Bell (see page 44).

Before Mr Najsarek’s most recent position as chief executive at Bolton Council he lived and worked in London and the south east for 25 years, and held the top post at neighbouring Harrow Council. He has been head of policy at the Audit Commission; and was also part of a key central government team.

**The mayor is...**

The new mayor of Ealing for 2016-17 is Councillor Patricia Walker (pictured left) after being elected by fellow councillors. She was deputy mayor in 2015-16.

She officially took on the role in May and will hold office for a full year. She succeeds outgoing mayor, Councillor Harbhajan Kaur Dheer. The new mayor will be assisted in her duties by the newly-appointed deputy mayor Councillor Simon Woodroofe. See the next edition of Around Ealing for more details or visit www.ealing.gov.uk.
The Ealing Summer Festivals are, genuinely, something I look forward to every year and I eagerly anticipate the previews, which you can see from page 10. One of my personal favourites is Greenford Carnival. I shall be attending again this year. It is not only a fun day out because of the displays, food and music; but also because I enjoy meeting people – some new, some I have chatted to before, others I know of old. There is always something interesting going on.

With the arrival of Crossrail in 2019, Ealing will become one of the best-connected London suburbs; and Property Week recently called Ealing ‘the standout area of west London’ in terms of economic and regeneration potential. You could say we live in the emerging ‘capital’ of west London.

There are already a lot of plans under way, and in some cases spades in the ground, across the borough. For example, there is the proposed transformation of the former Southall Gasworks site which could mean 3,750 new homes, shops, parkland and community space being created, along with better transport connections, walkways and cycle paths. This is on top of the ongoing Southall Big Plan projects. There are a number of redevelopment plans for central Ealing which should see new homes, shops, restaurants and leisure facilities, following on the heels of the Dickens Yard development. And then there are the £10billion plans for Park Royal and Old Oak which could change that area dramatically.

However, it is not all about the ‘new’. We also need to preserve the historic threads weaved into the fabric of our borough. They are critical to Ealing’s identity. That is why Walpole Park has been restored to its Regency splendour by the council and why Pitzhanger Manor is following suit; and why Ealing and Hounslow councils have teamed up to revitalise and repair the stunning buildings and grounds in Gunnersbury Park.

Getting this balance right is crucial. We want to be dynamic and to attract investment and jobs for the future and the council is working hard on this – but part of Ealing’s attraction is its past and its present. There is much to admire already which is one of the reasons people want to live and work here.

On pages 14-15 you can read about some of the investment the council has made in sporting facilities in the borough, with more to come. I have said since before the London 2012 Games that I regarded it as essential that we should build on the momentum they created to mould a legacy for sports in Ealing. Physical activity is fundamentally important to a healthy lifestyle, and it is never too late to take up a sport – and also a great habit to form when you are young. And, therefore, we want to make this as feasible as possible by doing what we can to provide good facilities.

“You could say we live in the emerging ‘capital’ of west London.”

Councillor Julian Bell
Leader of the council
Fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour in an alleyway connecting three roads in Northolt has driven residents mad for years. But it has now been stopped.

The alley between Castle Road, Gonville Crescent and Ribblesdale Avenue had become a dumping ground for all kinds of waste and it started to impact on the lives of residents, attracting rats.

Eventually, the residents of the area all came together, with the help of Ealing Police and the council’s safer communities team, and successfully applied to the council for its resident-led gating scheme.

This would mean steel, lockable gates would be installed by the council at each entrance of the alleyway – with the keys held by residents.

However, before the gates could be installed, the alleyway had to be cleared of its mountain of rubbish. The council arranged for the borough’s community payback service (what used to be called ‘community service’), to bring in low-level offenders to help shift the waste.

A committee of residents has now been formed to oversee the scheme, and maintain the area.

**INTERESTED IN THE GATING?**

Visit www.ealing.gov.uk/communitysafety for more information and download an application form. Or call the team on 020 8825 7757 for more details. Before applying you will need to make sure you have the consent of every resident with access to the alleyway.
WIN a race place

People are flocking to sign-up to take part in the fifth Ealing Half Marathon. Take part in our competition and you could win one of its coveted race places.

The annual event will take place on 25 September and recently won best half marathon at the Running Awards for the third year in a row. It costs £36 for affiliated runners to take part and £38 for unaffiliated runners. But you could be in with a chance of winning a race place for free, along with an official ‘hoodie’ top and T-shirt, by entering our competition at ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features

The race starts and finishes in the council’s Lammas Park and features a 13.1-mile route on closed roads and parks. Ealing Half Marathon was started in 2012 to build on the legacy of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London, with the endorsement of local organisations including Ealing Council.

A new bridge

Southall is to have a new pedestrian and cycle bridge across the railway, to make it safer and quicker to cross.

Currently, cyclists and pedestrians have to take a much longer route, over the busy South Road bridge. The new bridge from Merrick Road will replace an old footbridge which is in disrepair and has been closed for many years.

It will include lifts and ramps to make it accessible to wheelchair users and pushchairs. Designs will include landscaping as well as high quality lighting and CCTV.

The project will be funded using £3.45million section 106 money contributed to the borough by developers as part of their planning agreements, £1million from the council and £500,000 from the Heathrow Airport Transport Fund.

Every little helps

The borough’s Tesco customers have chosen a community project to win a first prize of £12,000 in its Bags of Help scheme. The money was raised from the new 5p plastic bag charge.

It will be put towards work being carried out by the Hanwell and Norwood Green Orchard Trail group. It is a community project started by residents, and supported and organised in partnership with Ealing Council and the Canal and River Trust.

The group, aided by council park rangers, planted a trail of 40 native fruit trees in February 2015. The plan, in due course, is to extend the trail along the waterway in either direction, linking the green open spaces of Hanwell and Norwood Green. The orchard provides free fruit for residents and food for wildlife as well as making the route more attractive.

You can read more on the trail in the December 2014 archive at ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features

Skating ahead

Ealing’s popular skatepark, outside Gurnell Leisure Centre, will be open all summer despite the planned changes at the centre itself (see page 14). The skatepark is a great, free activity for children of all ages and a chance to enjoy outdoor sports together. Working with the council, the Ealing Skatepark Association organises many events at the park throughout the year – visit ealingskateparkassociation.com for updates.
1 The London Mela will not be held this summer. Instead, the organisers Remarkable Productions will set up a new independent trust to manage the event, which will then be financially independent from Ealing and Hounslow councils for the first time. The trust will focus on bringing the London Mela back to Gunnersbury Park in 2017 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Indian independence. See page 10 for a preview of Ealing Summer Festivals.

2 A new service is bringing the hospital to people’s homes – allowing them to get well in familiar surroundings during a period of severe or sudden illness or after being discharged from hospital. Home ward Ealing has been set up by a partnership of local organisations, including the council, each contributing its own expertise and knowledge to provide a joined-up care network. Read the full story at ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features

3 Internationally known cycling company Brompton Bikes was due to move into our borough in May. Its new factory in Greenford will house all 240 of its staff and is twice the size of its previous base in Brentford. The council’s regeneration team works hard to encourage businesses to open in the borough and Brompton follows the lead of confectioner Ferrero, which also moved its headquarters to Greenford last year.

4 People in Ealing at risk of developing Type 2 diabetes will be among the first in the UK to be offered the help of a new Diabetes Prevention Programme. People can be referred on to the scheme by their GP or following an NHS health check. Currently there are 475,000 people living with diabetes in London.

Pretty, blooming good

Ealing Council was picked out from more than 600 entrants to take part in the Britain in Bloom Awards 2016. Ealing was nominated by London in Bloom to compete for the ‘large city’ category of the Royal Horticultural Society’s national awards. It is one of 72 finalists chosen from across the UK and the council’s parks officers will take the competition judges on a tour of the borough’s best parks and open spaces in August.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: “Ealing has long been famous for its lush open spaces and has previously won gold in several London in Bloom categories. It is a real honour to be nominated and it is a testament to our great team of park rangers and volunteers who help keep our parks looking amazing.” Visit www.ealing.gov.uk/parks and www.rhs.org.uk

Setting up business

A workspace will open in West Ealing in the autumn, offering a home for new and small businesses.

Ealing Council is working with Catalyst Housing, University of West London, OPEN Ealing, InWestEaling and ContactUs on the project which will make working space available over two floors of St James House, in St James Avenue.

Entrepreneurs, social enterprises, homeworkers and freelancers will be able to rent desks and meeting rooms, and also network with each other. There may be space for a crèche, too.

The Mayor of London’s Regeneration Fund has contributed £283,320 and a further £301,790 has come in the form of match-funding to refurbish the office space.

Last year, the council tested the idea by setting up a co-working space in a former insurance shop in West Ealing, and more than 250 people used it.

Council leader Julian Bell said: “This is a great opportunity which we are pleased to support so we can help small businesses get off the ground and enable social enterprises to make a difference in the community. We know from our trial last year there is a demand for more co-working space.”

To find out more, contact Lemuel Dickie-Johnson at JohnsonLD@ealing.gov.uk or on 020 8825 7026.
Research shows that starting the day with a good breakfast and a walk set us all in good stead – or, scooting or cycling instead. But it can make a real difference to our children. On average, they will concentrate better in class, and develop more healthily.

Many parents of children due to start school for the first time in September will be excited, and will be busily organising new uniforms and new routines. But how many parents will think about the new journey to school?

Sahreen Siddiqui, senior deputy headteacher at Stanhope Primary School in Greenford, said: “We have noticed that children who walk and get lots of exercise often concentrate better in class, especially if they have walked to school. As a school community we are wholly committed to helping our pupils, right from the start in reception, learn how important it is to get lots of fresh air and exercise.”

FUN, NEW MAPS TO USE

Ealing Council’s school travel team is working with primary schools to produce easy-to-use maps that show the best local walking routes, including useful cut-throughs and safety tips. Where possible, they will also show locations for ‘park and stride’ schemes, where parents with further to travel can safely leave their car and walk, scoot or cycle the rest of the way in. The maps will be handed out to parents by the schools.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: “The new maps are simple to use and a fun way of getting your child to school.

“Approximately 63% of Ealing’s primary school children live within half a mile of their school – easy walking distance for most. And others who have to drive a car could park a little distance away and walk the rest of the way – because every extra step counts.

“We want to see more children walking to school throughout the borough and setting in place the habit of a lifetime. More people walking to school instead of driving would benefit us all, reducing road congestion and air pollution while improving the health of every child who is doing so. It also gives parents some precious talking time with their child.

“More people walking to school could also help prevent the scenes of mayhem that sometimes unfold in front of school gates caused by cars on the ‘school run’, which can make getting to school more dangerous for our children than it should be.”

Almost two-thirds of primary school children in our borough live within half a mile of their school – about 15 minutes’ walk. Yet it is estimated only half of pupils walk to school regularly.
The festivities will run throughout July. It all begins with Greenford Carnival. Next, you can dabble in explorations of the palate with west London’s new gastronomic delight: Eat Drink Ealing. Acton Carnival follows hot on its heels with its famous parade; and you can also tickle your tastebuds at the CAMRA beer festival. Then, of course, you can have a good old laugh at the ever-popular Ealing Comedy Festival.

The summer will be played out to the sound of music as the Blues and Jazz festivals take over Walpole Park again.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, Ealing Council’s cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: “Food and drink; music and laughter; carnivals and parades: The Ealing Summer Festivals has it all and it is always fantastic to see it back. The new Eat Drink festival on Ealing Common will extend what is already a packed programme of events and, although the London Mela is having a year off, there is plenty of top entertainers to get excited about and fun activities to enjoy this summer.”

EAT DRINK EALING

The newest addition to the festivals, Eat Drink Ealing will see Ealing Common become home to an assortment of top-of-the-range and hand-selected gourmet traders.

Having extensively covered all the cultural bases, with music and arts, it seemed high time to tap into the culinary side of things.

The festival is run by the established Eat Drink group, which has held food festivals elsewhere and built up relationships with some of London’s, and the south east’s, finest traders in fresh produce, gourmet delights, cocktails and real ale.

Not only will Eat Drink Ealing satisfy hungry bellies but it will also bring live music, children’s play areas and spaces to simply relax, too.

Taking place on 2-3 July with tickets priced at £3, visitors can feast on an assortment of foods, without having to break the bank. Couple this with live entertainment at the festival’s main bandstand, and relaxing rest areas to ride out that sleeping beauty-esque food lethargy, Eat Drink could become a food festival to rival any dining experience.
A week of mockery

With his unique brand of satirical commentary, Andy Parsons takes the stage at the Ealing Comedy Festival, where the audience will end up laughing both at him and themselves.

Parsons took to the comedy world after his stint as a legal clerk, which he described as ‘the most tedious thing I’ve ever done.’ Thankfully, for the sake of our comedic sensibilities, he abandoned his law career and began building a reputation as a funny man.

Parsons established London’s first sketch comedy club, TBA, with Henry Naylor, who he later went on to record Parson’s and Naylor’s Pull Out Sessions with, a satirical radio show on BBC Radio 2. The pair also performed the show live in theatre at Edinburgh Fringe and at comedy festivals across Australia. Parsons has appeared on They Think It’s All Over, QI and BBC Radio 5’s Fighting Talk.

Parsons also spent eight years as a captain on panel comedy game show Mock the Week. Last year, he left the show in order to pursue his personal project Slacktivist Action Group, a monthly show and podcast. And he’s still doing his stand-up shows, one of which you can enjoy in Ealing...

The festival takes place on five evenings: 14–15 July and 20–22 July. Tickets are £20 per show (plus booking fees). Visit www.ealingsummerfestivals.com for a full line-up of acts.

Competition: Win tickets

We have 10 pairs of tickets to give away to readers: Two pairs for each of the five nights of comedy. All you have to do is ‘like’ the Ealing Summer Festivals page on Facebook by 4pm, Friday, 8 July. Make sure you also send this Facebook page a private message with your phone number, email and postal address so you can be contacted if you are one of the lucky winners. The draw will take place once the deadline has closed, and only the winners will be notified. Names will appear at www.ealingsummerfestivals.com. Employees of Ealing Council are excluded from the competition and may not take part.
Greenford Carnival is back for another year to light up Ravenor Park. Taking place on 2 July, the carnival sees all its usual celebratory essentials take their rightful place in the park and this year it is offering free entry for all.

Greenford offers something for everyone, with all the usual family-friendly wares on offer. There will be children’s entertainment, including face painting and a petting zoo. Local performers take to the main bandstand to provide the musical goods and stalls operated by charities and local traders will be selling merchandise.

This year local schools will put on a five-aside football tournament – as well as a procession teeming with an assortment of superheroes, fairy tale characters or anything that has struck pupils’ vivid imaginations.

After running for 14 years, the organisers of Acton Carnival at the Acton Arts Forum felt it high time to take a retrospective theme and look at Acton’s history. So this year’s carnival, on 9 July, will be themed as Acton: Old Town – New Town.

The now-famous procession which starts things off will begin at Woodlands Park, before parading along the High Street and is set to be bursting with vibrant handmade costumes and a DJ spinning party tunes on one of the floats. The festivities then culminate at Acton Park, where there will be good food, stalls and activities on offer to enjoy – and an exciting programme of performers will take to the main stage until 7pm. Get involved and check on www.actonartsforum.org for updates.

Acton Carnival tickets cost £2 per person, or you can get £5 family tickets for two adults and three children between the ages of 12-16. Children aged 12 and under can get in free of charge.
Back in 1987 local musician Bob Salmons staged a free gig in Walpole Park. There was no bar, no big tents, the audience bought picnics and the band performed on the old, now demolished, Victorian stage at the north end of the park.

Fewer than 100 people turned up but the gig was a success and was staged again. Fast forward to 2016, and that little gig has grown into what is now known as the Ealing Blues Festival. This year, on the weekend of 16–17 July it will celebrate its 30th festival as one of Britain’s most established Blues events.

The line-up this year contributes to the commemorative atmosphere. One of the finest Blues performers from across the pond Earl Thomas returns following his exceptional performance at the 2014 Ealing Blues Festival. Deemed ‘one of the most important blues artists of this decade’ by the Best of Blues Awards, his songs have been covered by icons such as Etta James and Tom Jones. Earl sets the main stage on fire on Sunday, 17 July at 9pm.

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JAZZ WEEKENDER

Ealing Jazz Festival has undergone some changes for its 2016 incarnation but, although it is shorter than previous years, the festival will still be a show-stopping music event with dozens of local and international acts, ready to light up Walpole Park once again over two days, on the weekend of 23–24 July.

This year, the music starts a little earlier in the day than usual (on both days) and the bill is to include an array of established artists - meaning even more music and even better entertainment for your money. And you can take advantage of advance tickets (see box below) too.

It has also been put together by jazz programmers, including Continental Drifts and the Jazz Umbrella.

On the Sunday, the south stage will focus on contemporary, cutting edge music and will bring some of the best UK jazz artists to town once again.

There will be big band favourites, funky Latin tunes, jazz and funk fusion, bebop, hard bop, contemporary jazz and more. Keep a look out for announcements on the performers at www.ealingsummerfestivals.com and follow @Ealing_Summer on Twitter.

BLUES AND JAZZ TICKETS

- **Advance tickets**: £5 per day or £10 for the weekend (plus booking fees) at www.ealingsummerfestivals.com
- **On the day tickets**: £7 per day or £12 for the weekend

There will be a bar on-site selling a variety of drinks.
Sport in the borough should have a bright future thanks to investment of more than £65 million in new facilities. Neelum Bains reports.

In the last four years Ealing Council has spent more than £30 million in new sports facilities; with plans to invest a further £35 million over the next three years, providing a lasting and sustainable legacy for residents following the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The council has been working to a plan aimed at increasing participation in sport and recreational activities for people of all ages across the borough. After having the opportunity to host some of the Olympic torch relay before London 2012, the council pledged to create more opportunities for residents to play and enjoy sport across the borough.

National body Sports England has approved these plans and recognised the council’s established system of working in partnership with community groups and sports developers as a model of good practice for other local authorities to follow.

DIVING IN AT GURNELL
Following the success of the £15 million Northolt Leisure Centre and £18 million Everyone Active Acton Centre in recent years, the council plans to invest more than £37 million in the redevelopment of Gurnell Leisure Centre in Ruislip Road East.

Subject to planning permission, the new centre would be due to open in 2019. The old one would close in 2017. The new flagship leisure facility would include a 50-metre Olympic-length pool with moveable floors, a leisure play pool, a fitness gym, studios, children’s soft play area and café. As well as the new indoor leisure facilities, the regeneration will provide improved outdoor facilities including a new playground, skate park, BMX track, Trim Trail and distance marker routes.

IN YOUR AREA
GREENFORD, NORTHOLT AND PERIVALE
The council is working with William Perkin High School to create a £2.8 million youth sports development centre in the heart of Greenford for its schools and residents to enjoy.

Perivale Park is also getting a £440,000 makeover to replace the pavilion, which will bring back into full

Pupils playing football at William Perkin High School, where modern sports facilities for the community are being built.
use the site’s grass pitches for cricket, football and Gaelic football.

Middlesex Football Association plans to move its headquarters to Rectory Park in Northolt later this year if its £2.8million plans get approved to build a new pavilion, install two new artificial football pitches and create a community space.

Northolt has also recently benefited from a £1.5million investment into Lord Halsbury Playing Fields.

**EALING**

An old derelict building in Popes Field in Ealing could be rebuilt in a scheme costing around £500,000. Subject to planning approval, it would include building a new pavilion and also provide better grass pitches for football and new cricket wickets.

The council, with funding from the Football Foundation and Sport England, has given Pitshanger Park in Scotch Common, Ealing, a £650,000 makeover, including a new pavilion and grass pitches for Pitshanger FC to use.

**SOUTHALL**

The council has been recognised for the successful partnership it used for reinvigorating Spikes Bridge Park in Southall. The first of its kind, it bought the council together with a community organisation, Southall Community Alliance, and a sports charity, London Tigers. The £2.3million project transformed an unloved and underused park into a local sports hub.

Work will soon begin on Durdans Park Cricket Ground. The £500,000 project will replace demolished, derelict facilities with a new pavilion and improved cricket wicket and football pitches. The council has a project partner, Ramgarhia Sports and Social Club.

One of the biggest sports renovation projects planned for Southall over the next few years will be the £20million redevelopment of Warren Farm. Under the development agreement, QPR will build a new multi-purpose community sports complex and elite training facility, which will provide a base for the club’s training academy as well as give local people access to high-quality community and sports facilities.

**ACTON**

Gunnersbury Park sports facilities will be improved over the next year with nearly £10million already committed to build a new indoor sports hall, changing rooms and education space. The plans will also include new floodlit, artificial grass pitches for football, as well as new cricket wickets and floodlit tennis courts.

Working with local developers and Old Actonians Sports Club, the council has been able to build a new sports hub at Boddington Gardens Pavilion and create a new sand-based artificial grass pitch for hockey and other sports.

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**‘Vital for now and for the future’**

Council leader Julian Bell said:

“Each one of these projects is vital for improving health and sporting opportunities for people in the borough: For now, and for generations to come. It will represent a true and lasting legacy from London 2012, which we were so keen to build on. We have been lucky to work with excellent funding partners such as the London Marathon Charitable Trust, Sport England, Football Foundation, and Mayor’s Legacy Funding. And our community partnerships have proved to be a huge success. Long may such local teamwork continue.”
Indeed, around 830 of Ealing’s private landlords are accredited with the London Landlord Accreditation Scheme (LLAS). The LLAS asks that landlords comply with a code of conduct and fulfil a fit and proper person requirement. It also provides training and development for landlords.

Most of the borough’s landlords and their tenants are responsible and considerate. However, with around 36,000 homes in the borough’s private rented sector there will inevitably be some who fall short of the mark. Council officers are on constant lookout for problems such as dilapidated homes, overcrowding, domestic noise, unkempt gardens and fly-tipping, which can cause nuisance and distress for tenants, neighbours and the local community.

Kingdom Houses is an Ealing-based landlord which believes accreditation is a benefit to both landlord and tenant. Dawid Joubert, of Kingdom Houses, said: “We were very pleased with the professionalism of the London Landlord Accreditation scheme and the operators who ran it. They provided theoretical knowledge, practical guides, and referenced actual court cases to back up their advice. In addition, they provided me with a complete checklist on how to make sure that, as a landlord, I provide tenants with every single thing they need to enjoy the property whilst covering myself legally. It also benefited our tenants by putting their minds at ease knowing that we are looking out for them.”

Council officers also advise landlords on works needed to address issues such as damp, mould, water leaks, electrical defects, dangerous staircases, fire safety, blocked drains and structural defects. Landlords are then expected to bring their properties up to standard.

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EMPTY PROPERTY GRANTS
Ealing Council offers discretionary grants of up to £15,000 to assist landlords with properties that have been empty for six months or more. Grants are issued on the condition that homes are brought up to standard and then let through the council to families in urgent need of decent housing. The council also operates a free matchmaker scheme which links up owners of empty properties with potential buyers. Find out more at www.ealing.gov.uk

TENANTS’ RIGHTS
If you are a tenant in privately rented property you have rights to:

■ Live in a property that is safe and in a good state of repair
■ Know who your landlord is
■ Live in the property undisturbed
■ Be protected from unfair eviction (you do not have to leave immediately because the landlord tells you to) and unfair rent
■ Have a written agreement if you have a fixed-term tenancy of more than three years.

For more information visit: www.ealing.gov.uk/housing and click on ‘Private housing’ in the vertical list of options.

‘IMPROVING THE QUALITY’
Councillor Ranjit Dheer, cabinet member for safety, culture and community services, said: “We are responding to the housing crisis by increasing the supply of decent homes. This includes bringing empty homes back into use, and improving conditions in the private rented sector through accreditation and licensing. Recognising that we need to support both residents and landlords is helping to improve the quality of housing and neighbourhoods.”

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The butterfly house and jungle walkthrough is open between 12noon-4pm at weekends and in the school holidays. Entry to this is £2 per person and there is a park gift shop for visitors to buy small pocket-money toys and make donations to the animals’ upkeep and conservation in the park.

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PARTY IN THE PARK
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All the money raised goes towards future projects and maintenance at the animal centre.

MORE INFO
- Email animalcentre@ealing.gov.uk
- Call 07956 362341
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Brent Lodge Animal Centre, often called the Bunny Park, is tucked away in Brent River Park, Hanwell. Home to more than 40 species of animals, birds and insects, it is west London’s only official, free zoo. Have you been recently?
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them into a role. It is in no way a short term thing – we see it as an opportunity for someone to become a full-time member of staff. Progression is key.

“For the apprentice, the scheme opens the doors to companies willing to give you an opportunity no matter what your background in life. There is something for everyone and the chance to build a career.

“We hope Liam will be the first of many here at Innov8.”

‘IT HAS MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE’

Liam first came across Innov8 as a school pupil studying in its construction classes. When the opportunity came up to become an apprentice there, he was delighted. He started in October 2015.

“I love working here,” said Liam. “I support the tutors in the classes, mostly in construction, which is my area of expertise; but I am also self-trained in working with motor vehicles and I am studying further in that area to help me be able to guide students, as well as develop my own skills.

“I really like the teaching because you are giving people an opportunity and guiding them – helping them achieve. I like doing that. They get the basic skills they would need to approach an employer to start a trade.

“I would tell anyone considering an apprenticeship to do it. It is a brilliant scheme. It can take you in many more directions in life than you might have thought of. You can progress with a qualification, build your experience and also be in a position to take advantage of opportunities that come up – which you may not have expected. That is what happened to me.”

Liam Barber is thriving in his apprenticeship

Liam teaching bricklaying

Liam giving tips on car maintenance

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19 scholarships awarded 2013-2016.

“The roots to grow and the wings to soar”
Several businesses in Greenford and Hanwell are paid to allow shoppers to use their toilets – and now the council wants the idea to spread to every town in the borough.

Ealing Council’s community toilet scheme has been operating in Hanwell and Greenford since 2011 and has proved a hit with customers. Those businesses taking part display a sticker in their window.

The scheme aims to provide clean, safe and accessible toilets in convenient locations for residents and visitors. Under the scheme, businesses let members of the public use their toilet facilities free of charge during normal opening hours.

Each business taking part receives an annual fee of £600 per year to help towards the cost of maintaining the toilets.

They are only accepted on to the scheme if certain criteria are met, based on accessibility, cleanliness and location. Once accepted, the business will be part of the scheme for a year initially – at which point the council reviews its success before deciding whether it should continue or not.

Council leader Julian Bell said: “It is an excellent scheme which helps encourage shoppers to use their local high street shops – knowing they will not get caught short. It is also an opportunity for local businesses to potentially attract more people in to browse.

“The businesses will maintain the toilets and it is in their interest to keep them to a good level of cleanliness to make sure they do not put off existing customers and, potentially, new ones coming in. The council carries out regular monitoring of the toilets as well – and a business will be taken off the scheme if it falls below expected minimum standards.”

I WOULD LIKE MY BUSINESS TO JOIN
If you would like to join the scheme or have any queries, email Fatima Rana at ranafa@ealing.gov.uk
Post and Packing in Churchfield Road, Acton, is accredited as a London Living Wage employer, and Mr Dowling said: “I think it is so important. I worked my way up and I believe strongly in fair pay.”

Up to £2,000 in business rate relief was made available by the council for each of the first 100 local businesses to sign up to become an accredited London Living Wage employer: Something the council did itself in 2013. At the time of Around Ealing going to press, firms were still signing up.

The London Living Wage is calculated according to the basic cost of living in the capital – currently at £9.40 an hour, “I have done low-paid retail jobs in the past so I know what it’s like to struggle,” said Keith Dowling, co-owner of one of the first businesses to benefit from the council’s scheme to encourage local firms to pay their employees at least the London Living Wage.
which is £2.20 above the national living wage.

According to the London Poverty Profile, published by the Trust for London, currently more than 25% of the jobs in our borough are ‘low paid’, contributing to levels of in-work poverty, and child poverty.

‘ONE OF MY CONDITIONS OF OPENING’
Prior to opening Post and Packing in September last year, Mr Dowling worked for Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. The new business is a franchise which he owns 50-50.

“I made being accredited one of the conditions of me giving up my nursing job, which I loved,” he said. “It was my dream job.

“First of all, paying the London Living Wage is only fair and an improvement on the minimum wage. And, secondly, if we did it from the start it made it easier to budget for.

“It is beneficial to the business, as well, because it helps to get the right people in as staff and to then retain them.”

‘INCREDBLY SIMPLE’ TO DO
PAG Leisurewear in Ealing was another of the first local companies to sign up for accreditation.

Partner at PAG Leisurewear Emmie Hanreck said: “The London Living Wage is a clear, elegant, statement about the ethics of the business, backed by a financial decision that can’t be smudged or worked round and the accrediting process is incredibly simple.

“Pay your staff what they need to live a respectable life. We need our people to care, perform and be an asset to the business; the living wage is one of the fundamental steps to achieve that.”

BOOST TO REPUTATION
Councillor Peter Mason, the council’s Living Wage champion, and cabinet member for prosperity, skills, employment and transformation, said: “I congratulate the businesses that are committing to paying the London Living Wage and taking advantage of the council’s scheme.

“We want the borough to become a Living Wage borough and I hope the example being set by these local businesses will set a precedent for others to follow – and will make sure staff are paid a fair wage.

“Those who have signed-up to the scheme are effectively being recognised as good employers and thereby enhancing the reputation of their business. It is a good thing for everyone concerned.

“Accredited employers are eligible to use the Living Wage employer logo. This increases their appeal to employees, helping to retain and hire staff; and could also potentially improve their attractiveness to customers and funders.”

Council leader Julian Bell said: “We are determined to make Ealing a fairer and more prosperous borough and, therefore, we want our residents to be paid a decent wage. But we also want this to be a great place to run a business, so we are doing our bit to help by offsetting the cost of accreditation.”

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Council leader Julian Bell with Emmie Hanreck, partner at PAG Leisurewear

MORE INFO
- Any businesses interested should email revenues@ealing.gov.uk
- Visit www.ealing.gov.uk/livingwage
A new Loneliness and Isolation Charter was unveiled at a special seminar held at Ealing Town Hall in the spring. It sets out what the council and the other agencies will do to combat the problem in the borough.

A shocking statistic delivered to the seminar audience was that loneliness can have the same impact on a person’s life expectancy as smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

The charter sets out a number of pledges, including: carrying out research to find out the true extent of loneliness in the borough; making sure new care co-ordinators at GP surgeries are able to identify and help people in these situations; and improving community transport so people do not become isolated because they find it hard to travel to social activities.

Councillor Hitesh Tailor, the council’s cabinet member for health and adults’ services, said: “In a city of eight million people, London can be a surprisingly lonely place for many. Research shows people who are lonely are more likely to visit their GP or, for elderly people, to need residential care at an earlier point in their lives. This campaign is intended to recognise the extent and cost of loneliness and identify ways to overcome the barriers for people to use the support and social networks available. This is about all of us, across all the ages.”

Among guests at the seminar were representatives from Age UK, Members and volunteers at Neighbourly Care in Southall.
ADULTS SERVICES

the NHS, the Campaign to End Loneliness, Neighbourly Care, Ealing Community Transport and social housing groups.

The council also contributes funding to a number of organisations providing social activities, support and advice for residents.

‘I CANNOT EXPLAIN JUST HOW MUCH IT MEANS’

Around Ealing paid a visit to one of these, Neighbourly Care, which offers activities for older people at its main centre in Southall, which is where we went. But it also now offers some activities in 14 other locations across West Ealing, Acton, Northolt, Greenford and Perivale. Activities include keep fit, computing classes and day trips.

The charity’s Southall centre, in Featherstone Road, used to be a pub. Chief executive Andy Buddle led fundraising efforts to transform the building into what it is today. He said: “My big thing is inclusion and bringing people out of isolation. Everyone comes together from so many backgrounds and it is lovely. We treat everyone exactly the same and you see the enormous change that comes about in them. They give so much back as well as getting so much from it.”

Mohinder Palkayr Dhaliwal, 60, has been attending the Featherstone Road centre since 2002 after a spell of isolation following the deaths of her mother and two brothers within a short space of time, which led to Mohinder suffering panic attacks. The centre made so much difference to her that she began volunteering there six months later – and she has done so ever since.

“It’s like my home,” she said. “I like coming here. It’s a safe place and I can relax. They have always helped me. There are so many things going on, too: Exercise, a computer group, an art group, a sewing group, bingo, advice. I see other people here who remind me of my mother and so I do it for her memory, too. I cannot explain just how much it means.”

Simarjit started going to the centre in 2010 after suffering depression. She said: “I was just sitting at home doing nothing and it does you no good. I live alone and my doctor said I must go out and see others. I saw a leaflet for volunteers for Neighbourly Care so I came in and volunteered. I feel so much better since coming here. I come three days a week to help people, chat, and make them tea. They like me and I like them. I meet all sorts of people and it is a relaxing place to be. The staff are very kind and Andy is like a father to me. My mind has become very peaceful.”

MORE INFO

For information on community groups, activities and support available locally visit www.careplace.org.uk
Big ideas for small spaces

Groups of residents will soon be turning four unloved corners of the borough into beauty spots, community gardens, or outdoor activity areas, reports Neelum Bains.

As part of the council’s second Transform Your Space project, it asked residents to think big with ideas of how to change neglected and underused spaces into places for the whole community to enjoy – and it was not disappointed with the suggestions.

Of the eight projects submitted, four were selected as winners. Any group that made a submission has been encouraged to develop its plans further and offered support from their local ward forums, including financial contributions, feedback and guidance.

The ‘winners’ were: The Piggeries Orchard, the Katherine Buchan Meadow project, Garden 4 Everyone and Transforming Copley Close projects. Each was awarded funding from Transform Your Space to help get their plans started.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: “Having seen the winning projects, I am excited to see them come to fruition with the help of the Transform Your Space funding. They are small in size but potentially big in impact. It is a fantastic way to help local groups who are prepared to come together and work hard to improve community life.”

GARDEN 4 EVERYONE

This project in Acton will be given £45,000 to help transform an open space between Friars Gardens and St Dunstan’s Avenue into a communal garden for local people to enjoy. The site is currently underused but the group has ambitious plans to open it up and build a natural play area; add new seating and pathways; and plant new trees and wildflowers, which will help wildlife to thrive. The group hopes to get local school children to get involved when they set up ‘bug hotels’, and build bird boxes to hang off the new trees. The group behind the project, Friends of Friars Gardens, is being supported by the council to set up a management team to oversee the garden.

Kim Rugg, a member of Friends of Friars Gardens, said: “I think the whole
community will come together. We’re very excited. The main thing is to be inclusive. We want a children’s play area; some dog training equipment for owners to use to exercise and train their dogs; and we want the bottom area to become an ornamental garden where everyone can go and relax and chat.”

You can read the full story on this project at ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features

KATHERINE BUCHAN MEADOW
The Katherine Buchan Meadow project has been awarded £46,000 to help bring an unloved open space in Old Hanwell conservation area back to life. It is used as little more than a walkthrough by local people and also tends to attract anti-social behaviour. A group of residents plan to change that by redesigning the space and introducing new plants and furniture. They intend to sow a wildflower meadow to honour and celebrate the life and community spirit of Katherine Buchan, who built and maintained four almshouses in the area.

“This project will create a beautiful, tranquil place to be enjoyed by everyone in our local community,” said project co-founder Amanda Rutkowski. “Having a communal space is so important to the people who live around here.”

You can read the full story on this project at ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features

THE PIGGERIES ORCHARD
This project in Hanwell has been awarded £15,000 to help transform a route along the Grand Union Canal into an urban wildlife and nature beauty spot with wildflower meadows, wetland space and fruit foraging. The stretch of land along the Grand Union Canal, between the Three Bridges monument and Osterley Lock in Hanwell is locally known as The Piggeries. The site has become overgrown. The Hanwell and Norwood Green Orchard Trail group intends to transform the neglected site into a wildflower meadow with a community orchard full of native fruit trees to encourage local foraging. The site will also be renovated to improve wildlife habitats for hedgehogs, birds and bats.

WHAT’S NEXT?
The winning groups need to raise additional funds, find volunteers and get support from their local community. Details about the winning projects, and others happening across the borough can be found at Spacehive. For advice and handy guides on setting up a project in your area and sources of funding visit the community projects and volunteering website Bubble at www.DoSomethingGood.org.uk
In the UK, a charge is paid by every organisation that disposes of waste instead of recycling it. Last year, Ealing Council spent £8 million on these charges alone. That means that every black rubbish bag put out for collection by a household – and also every bit of waste at Greenford Reuse and Recycling Centre that was thrown away instead of being recycled – cost the council and you, the local council tax payers, money.

In fact, it would be the equivalent of simply throwing away £73 of each and every average band D household’s council tax bill payments this year.

However, the council has now brought in a new system of wheelie bins for recycling and rubbish to increase the amount that people recycle in the borough. This is good for everyone’s pockets, as well as the environment, because it will mean less waste will be thrown away, resulting in a lower waste disposal bill.

**BLUE BIN: WHAT TO PUT IN**

Put the following in your blue bin:

- Cardboard and thin card
- Paper, envelopes, junk mail
- Newspapers and magazines
- Plastic bottles, pots and tubs
- Metal tins, foil and cans; and aerosol cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Food and drink cartons.

From 6 June almost all recycling except for food is to be placed in the new, blue wheelie bins. Deborah Dickey reports.
Banned: The usual suspects

These items **SHOULD NOT** be thrown into the blue recycling bin but are the most typical ‘contaminants’ chucked in mistakenly.

- Nappies
- Crisp packets and sweet wrappers
- Food waste
- Polystyrene
- Crockery, pyrex, drinking glasses
- Carrier bags and cling film

The new collection system means the way recycling is sorted after collection has also had to change because everything is mixed-in together.

Once the recycling truck has swallowed up the contents of your blue wheelie bin, it will be whisked away to south London, to a huge sorting facility for recycling.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: "We want people to recycle as much as they can; it’s good for the environment and for our finances. That is why we are changing the system to make it easier.

“The new system of mixed recycling is thoroughly tried and tested elsewhere and it makes it easier for residents, because they don’t have to sort different types of materials themselves. Instead, amazing technology does all the work for us.

“Some people see all of the recycling going into one bin and assume that it’s all getting thrown away with the rubbish. But it is simply not the case. Recycling has actually increased wherever this system has been introduced in London.

“The council is financially penalised every time it throws rubbish away so it just wouldn’t make any sense anyway, especially given the current financial pressures that we are facing.”

For more information visit www.ealing.gov.uk/recycling or facebook.com/ealingrecycling

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**WASH AND SQUASH**
- Please rinse out containers (food residue causes problems)
- Please take off any lids (but still recycle them if they are plastic)
- Please squash down any boxes or plastic bottles.

**TEXTILES AND BATTERIES**

The council will still collect these for recycling but they must not be placed in the blue wheelie bin. Instead, put them in a separate carrier bag on top of your recycling bin and they will be taken.
Food for thought

Many people do not realise that one of the simplest ways they can make a difference to the planet is to stop throwing food waste in the rubbish bin.

Wasted food has a big impact on climate change. Most of it ends up in landfill, where it creates harmful gases and pollution as it rots.

But it does not have to be this way, because leftovers and out-of-date food can actually be a force for good. You just need to recycle it instead of dumping it.

Recycling your leftover food is more important than you might think. It makes a big difference to the environment – and can create power for homes. Deborah Dickey found out more.

SMART AND SIMPLE
Most households in the borough can use the council’s weekly food waste collection.

It is easy. All you have to do is place your leftovers, scrapings, tea bags, peelings and out-of-date food in your green food waste bin, and put the bin out on your collection day each week. Simple. And to make it even more convenient, you can use a smaller...
RECYCLING

As easy as 1,2,3...

As we said earlier, it is simple to recycle food.

1. Just keep a small food caddy in the kitchen (any small plastic container with a lid will do) and line it with newspaper or compostable liners. These are widely available in supermarkets and shops.

2. Keep the green food waste bin outside; and when the kitchen caddy is full, take it out and pop the liner/food waste in the green bin – making sure you pull the handle down on the bin to lock it shut.

3. Give your caddy a quick rinse and line it again for the next load of food waste.

If you do not have a green food waste bin, you can order one by going to www.ealing.gov.uk/bins or calling 020 8825 6000.

‘caddy’ bin in your kitchen (see the information box on this page).

The black rubbish wheelie bins are collected every other week, but the green food waste bin is emptied every week, meaning that using the food waste collection service is the smart way to prevent smelly bins, especially in the summer.

‘IT FEELS NATURAL NOW’

Leah Grey lives in Greenford with her family and uses the council’s weekly food waste service.

Leah said: “Everything is recycled at my house: The glass, plastics, cardboard and the food. We’ve always recycled. For us, it’s about sustainability and protecting the environment. My mum says: ‘You won’t have a planet for your children to live on if you don’t recycle.’

“The food waste is a big one at my house, every week without fail. I found the food a bit disgusting at first and used to get in a lot of trouble from my mum for scraping the plates into the rubbish bin, but I’m used to it now. I can see why people find it a bit strange to begin with, but once you start doing it, it actually feels disgusting to put old food into the rubbish bin. It feels natural now.”

Read more of Leah’s story at ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features

THE CLEVER BIT

All of the food waste that Ealing Council collects is taken to a special processing plant – where it gets converted into electricity, and also fertiliser for farms.

At the plant, all of the food waste is placed in a giant, sealed, air-tight tank to break down in a controlled way. This produces gas which is siphoned off and used to make electricity that gets pushed into the national grid to heat and light homes. What is left is pasteurised to kill any bugs then used as agricultural fertiliser to improve soil.

None of it goes to waste. Food is perhaps more powerful than you thought?

What happens to my food waste?

FOOD WASTE

ANAEROBIC DIGESTION

BIOGAS

HEAT AND ELECTRICITY

SOIL FERTILISER

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Volunteers play a crucial and often under-appreciated role in our local communities. All of us have at some point benefited from those who give up their time for free, whether it was at our favourite charity shop or at a local community event. Perhaps less well known are the health benefits that come with volunteering. There is now good evidence to suggest that volunteering can help improve self-esteem, wellbeing and social engagement skills. Research suggests that the benefits for older people or those with long-term health conditions may be even more pronounced. These volunteers appear to experience less depression and improved mental wellbeing.

Ealing Council is funding a project helping people with long-term health conditions improve their lives through volunteering. Andy Mahady discovered some of the lesser known benefits it can bring.

HELP TAILORED TO YOU
Ealing Community and Voluntary Service (Ealing CVS) has been funded by the council to provide a volunteering service specifically tailored to help those coping with various long-term health conditions. Staff from Ealing CVS meet with potential volunteers to discuss and advise them on what kind of volunteering might be most suitable.

“I’m confident my volunteer role has given me the skills, experience and, most of all, confidence, to move back into paid work.”

Recent volunteers found opportunities in retail, data entry, IT support and advisory services.
given their individual health conditions. Once agreed, they then embark on an initial 12-week volunteering role and keep in close contact with Ealing CVS during that time.

It has helped numerous people with long-term health conditions grow in confidence and increase their self-esteem. Samantha Stotland, Ealing CVS volunteer centre manager, said: “Our volunteers tell us the experience has improved how they feel, given structure to their lives, widened their social networks, and helped gain access to further education, training and paid employment.”

The project has helped people with many different health conditions, ranging from difficulty standing and walking, to visual impairment, anxiety and speech difficulties. One participant who suffered memory loss because of a brain tumour volunteered as an IT support assistant and subsequently went on to get a paid job.

‘IT WAS QUITE FRIGHTENING AND DEBILITATING’
In 2007 local resident Amiir* was diagnosed as suffering from schizophrenia – a long-term mental health condition that causes a range of different psychological symptoms. Amiir previously worked in a customer service role for a large high street fashion retailer in central London. Amiir was kind enough to speak to Around Ealing about his experience. He said: “I had not been in paid work since 2007 because of my illness, which was quite frightening and debilitating. However, I’m now volunteering in the public sector and have a public-facing role dealing with requests and enquiries. I’m really enjoying the work and my manager is very pleased with how I’ve progressed. I keep a diary of my experiences and what I’ve achieved, which I find very useful. “I’d now like to move back into paid work and gain more independence. I’m confident my volunteer role has given me the skills, experience and, most of all, confidence, to make that move soon.”

‘MANY OPTIONS AVAILABLE’
Councillor Hitesh Tailor, the council’s cabinet member for health and adult services, said: “If you have been affected by a long-term health condition, volunteering could play an important part in your recovery. The range of activities is varied, with recent volunteers finding opportunities in retail, data entry, IT support and advisory services. There are many more options available and they do not all require giving up an entire day.

“This excellent programme is transforming lives. The participants are inspiring and many had previously been unemployed or socially isolated for several years. Whether you have a health condition or not, volunteering can make a big difference to your community and your own health and wellbeing.”

*MORE INFO* If you are interested in finding out more about the volunteer programme, or if your business might be able to offer a placement, contact Samantha Stotland at samantha@ealingcvs.org.uk or call 020 8280 2230.
“Education is one of the most important gifts, next to confidence, that you can give a child.”

‘Sir Alec Reed, Philanthropist and Founding Sponsor of Alec Reed Academy’

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Nearly £4.3 million is being spent on renewing the borough’s roads and footpaths in this financial year 2016/17. Deborah Dickey found out more about how the council decides which to target.

Every year, Ealing Council uses independent surveyors to carry out an inspection of every road and footpath in the borough. As they go along they are checking for problems such as potholes, cracking, rutting and other signs of damage and deterioration.

There are 367 miles of public highway in the borough and the council is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of approximately 338 miles (the remainder being the responsibility of Transport for London). Of these 338 miles, 25 miles are classed as ‘principal roads’ where resurfacing is funded by TfL.

Each road that is inspected is given a condition rating on a scale between one and 100, with a low score indicating they are in good condition and a high score meaning they are in a poor condition. Those with the highest rating are targeted for resurfacing.

The reason that the survey is carried out every year is because surfaces fail at different rates, so a road that was acceptable last year may have worsened more quickly than other roads through the year.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: “The condition of roads and pavements is really important to everyone. As a cyclist, I know how potholes and cracked surfaces can affect my journey and I know motorists and pedestrians feel the same.

“Year on year, we have continued to invest millions of pounds in our roads despite the massive financial pressures we are still facing. This year is no different. Our independent survey allows outside experts to judge which roads and pavements should be prioritised and I am delighted we are able to do so many.”

Of the total road renewal budget for this year, the council will spend £2.9 million on resurfacing roads and £570,000 on pavements.

In addition, Transport for London has contributed £766,000 to repair sections of main roads in the borough that it manages.

A full list of the roads scheduled for renewal is available at www.ealing.gov.uk/reportit.
“Riding changed my life, my health, and keeps me active and fit,” said Preeti King who took up cycling in her 50s. “It also saves me the cost of car parking and petrol – and the best thing of all is I’m helping the environment by reducing pollution.”

Preeti, from Southall, had never ridden a bicycle until 2013 but now she rides absolutely everywhere. “I go by bike shopping, to work, out with friends and family, and back home. Also just for fun outings,” Preeti said.

‘I AM FULL OF CONFIDENCE NOW’
Everything changed when she came across Ealing Council’s cycle training programme. It is run by Cycle Training UK (CTUK) and provides free lessons for people who live, study or work in the borough.

“Before 2013, I didn’t have the confidence to ride a bike,” she said. “I was driving a car and using public transport. But then I read a leaflet that said Ealing Council provides one-to-one training through CTUK and also there were Monday fun riding sessions and social riding for women. “So I contacted CTUK. The instructors are very friendly and they gave me very good personal, one-to-one training. They built my confidence and I am full of confidence now and I’m riding everywhere – off-road and on-road. Before the training I was very hesitant about going on the road.”

‘I SAVE MONEY AND loose WEIGHT’
As her riding ability and confidence grew, Preeti progressed to attending fun rides twice a week. On Mondays between 2-4pm, there are mixed classes for men and women; and on
CYCLING

Family rides and Ticket to Ride

Short family fun rides are to be held every Sunday between 10am-12noon throughout the summer, during which cyclists will cover five-eight miles at an easy pace on quiet roads and through parks and along canals:

- First Sunday of June: Gunnersbury Park
- Second Sunday: Northala Fields, Northolt
- Third Sunday: Southall Park
- Fourth Sunday: Churchfields Recreation Ground, Hanwell

This leads up to the annual borough-wide event Ticket to Ride, with a series of longer, guide-led rides on Sunday, 26 June.

More information can be found at www.cycletraining.co.uk/boroughs/ealing.html

Women’s cycling

If you are a woman who would prefer to learn to cycle with other women, email travelgreen@ealing.gov.uk to find out more about a new project called Women on Wheels. If you sign up to receive email updates you can receive all the latest information about cycle training, bike hire, cycling clubs and rides in the borough. You will also get free bike maintenance, online bookings, bike recycling, and much more.

Check-ups with Dr Bike

To keep her bike in working order, Preeti attends ‘Dr Bike’ sessions in Southall, which are among many held in the borough for all residents – you can find out more at www.ealing.gov.uk/cycling – and the London Bike Hub also offers maintenance sessions on Saturdays and Sundays, which you can view at www.londonbikehub.com

Sundays there are family-friendly social riding sessions between 10am-1pm. Both sets of sessions are held at Southall Park and Gunnersbury Park.

“I save money and lose weight without going to the gym,” she said. “This keeps me fit and stress free. And I also advise my friends and family to consider cycling to reduce their own carbon footprint. I very rarely use my car.”

If you are like Preeti and want to make a lifestyle change, then it is time to get cycling.

There is no need to feel nervous if you are a beginner, just visit www.ealing.gov.uk/cycling and find out more.

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Watch a video on Women on Wheels at ealingnewsextra.co.uk/video

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Ealing Council has the power to demand someone removes or cuts back any vegetation that is obstructing, or endangering, pedestrians on footpaths or drivers on roads.

Trees and hedges are the responsibility of the owner of the land they stand on, and the owner has a legal obligation to keep them from encroaching in this way.

It is generally accepted that the minimum clearance should be the equivalent of allowing a 6ft-tall person holding up an umbrella to walk unimpeded along a footpath, or a double decker bus to travel along a road without hitting any overhanging branches.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: “Vegetation overhanging the highway is one of

With the warmer months of the year upon us, you need to keep an eye on the growth of your trees, hedges and shrubs in case they overhang a pavement or road. As the plants sprout forth, the number of complaints shoots up.
the top enquiries or complaints the council receives each summer. It is all a matter of having consideration for others. If you see your tree, for example, is hanging a long way over your front or back fence, then you know there is a chance its branches could be interfering with others’ right of way. If you don’t deal with it yourself, the council has the power to serve notice to demand you lop or cut it back. If it is not done within 28 days, you then run the risk of the council carrying out the work itself and charging you for it. But there is no need for it to get that far if you just keep an eye on the plants growing on your property.”

WHAT CAN I REPORT TO THE COUNCIL?
If you feel vegetation is causing an obstruction or putting others in danger, you can report it to the council.

From a legal perspective, the landowner is likely to be liable for any obstruction. The council can and will, where circumstances warrant it, demand work is carried out.

These are the kind of problems reported about trees next to roads:
- It is hindering vehicles or pedestrians
- It is dead or likely to fall or collapse
- It is obscuring the line of sight at a road junction
- It is obstructing streetlights, pelican crossings or road signs.

Residents can report an obstruction or a tree problem online via www.ealing.gov.uk/reportit or by calling customer services on 020 8825 6000.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY TREES ARE PROTECTED?
A protected tree is one that is subject to a preservation order or is growing in a conservation area. But the Highways Act 1980 can supersede this to protect the public from unnecessary hazards. Therefore the council can still demand the minimum amount of pruning required to bring the tree in line with the requirements of the act.

AFFECTED BY OVERHANGING FROM NEXT DOOR?
If you are affected by overhanging trees or bushes you do have a legal right to prune to the boundary of your property only. But you must ensure the tree is not protected by planning legislation and discuss your intentions with the tree owner prior to undertaking the work. Even then you should proceed with caution because if things go wrong you could potentially be found legally liable for serious damage to the plants, or for trespass if you go beyond your boundary. Check if a tree has a preservation order, or just find out more, on the council website www.ealing.gov.uk by running a search for ‘trees’.

▲ The image above shows the minimum height allowed for overhanging branches by road type.
LOOKING FOR SOMETHING POSITIVE TO DO IN THE COMMUNITY?

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You can meet some of our foster carers at our monthly information sessions. It’s a great opportunity to ask questions and to find out how it all works.

Our next sessions are on 6 June, 7.30-9.30pm and 4 July, 11am-1pm in Ealing Town Hall. Contact us to find out more and to book your place.

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Online is just the ticket

You can now make almost every local parking purchase on the internet because many of the council’s services are available online. Deborah Dickey found out more.

Indeed, Ealing Council has been moving more and more of its parking services online. For most people this means no more queuing in the customer services centre or having to find the time to make a telephone call during the council’s opening hours. Instead, transactions made through the council’s website can be made at a time and in a place that suits the customer.

CHANGE OF VEHICLE

The most recent online service to be introduced allows customers who live in controlled parking zones (CPZs) to register a change of vehicle online. Previously, applications would only be accepted by post with the service taking up to 10 working days, or in person at Perceval House. Residents who do not want to apply online will still be able to submit a postal application.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, environment and leisure, said: “As a council, we are trying to make it as easy as possible for residents to carry out their day-to-day transactions with us. The majority of people now have access to the internet, either at home or on their phones. For those who don’t, and don’t have any friends or family who are able to help, they can make use of the computers in our public libraries or in our customer services centre.”

2016/17 residential permit prices have increased by 50p per permit. The new price for your zone will be on your permit renewal email.

IMPORTANT: REGISTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

The move to online services has resulted in some important things taking place via email rather than by post. CPZ permit renewal reminders are now only issued by email, which has brought to an end the problem of letters getting lost in the post. However, to receive a reminder, residents must register their email address. Residents renewing their parking permits online need a PIN number to complete their transactions. Residents who have mislaid their PIN number, but have registered their email address with the parking team, will be able to go online and ask for their PIN number to be emailed to them.

To register an email address with the parking team, customers should send their details to parkingservices@ealing.gov.uk
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More details on the cabinet are available at www.ealing.gov.uk/councillors

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Details of all councillor surgeries are available at [www.ealing.gov.uk/councillors](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/councillors)
Send letters to: Ealing Council, Town Hall, New Broadway, Ealing W5 2BY.
Supporting improvement ideas put forward by local people continues to prove a popular part of the work of the borough’s 23 ward forums, as shown in Hanwell recently.

This was the case when members of a group attended a meeting of Cleveland ward forum to speak about their ideas to transform parts of Copley Close Estate.

The representatives of Hanwell Big Local – a partnership of residents and local organisations formed to improve the lives of people living in Gurnell Grove, Copley Close, High Lane and Cuckoo estates – put forward their plans for developing an orchard trail, a communal garden at Gurnell, a growing project at Copley – and also for converting disused woodland there into a new community space.

Like all the ward forums, Cleveland’s meets at least twice a year and is attended by residents and headed-up by three elected councillors. At this particular meeting, the forum supported the group’s ideas and it was decided to pledge £10,000 from Cleveland’s budget. This money contributed to a ‘crowdfunding’ campaign run by Hanwell Big Local and Cultivate London for Copley Close that recently reached its goal of raising £180,000 for the project.

Crowdfunding allows donations, whether big or small, to be made towards a particular scheme from a large number of people. One crowdfunding website called Space Hive has a dedicated section for civic projects in Ealing – and it has helped eight local events, including the Hanwell and Acton Christmas fairs, raise enough money to be held.

MORE INFO

You can find out more about organising or supporting a community project where you live by by visiting www.ealing.gov.uk/wardforum – and also find the details of how to contact your local community manager.
A king, war and trolleybuses

Borough archivist Dr Jonathan Oates has rewound time in Ealing by 80 years for a series we have been running online. It takes us to 1936 and the world according to Alexander Goodlet.

Goodlet was a relatively unusual man living in Ealing during extraordinary times as the world stumbled towards what became the Second World War. We have been serialising his diaries week by week on Ealing News Extra, at ealingnewsextra.co.uk/history, as if 1936 and 2016 were running in parallel.

Here we give you an abridged, little taste. You can read it all, including an introduction with a cast of characters, at ealingnewsextra.co.uk/history

SATURDAY 18.1.36

Was awakened by the mater for breakfast at 11.30 and rose to find two very bad events in the news.

The King is dangerously ill at Sandringham House with cardiac trouble and a chill, and in spite of frequent bulletins to say that he is holding his own I very much fear for him. Poor old
gentleman, he has had a pretty hard life and somehow or other everyone seems to look on him as a relative.

The other bad thing is the news that Mr Rudyard Kipling died last night. And so passes another queer link with that strange sunlit late Victorian age which always mysteriously fascinates me.

MONDAY 20.1.36
Rose at lunchtime and have been fairly busy ever since. It is ten to ten and the mater, Boys and I are in the drawing room. We have just heard on the wireless that “The King’s life is drawing peacefully towards its close”.

No one has said a word here. The mater seems heart broken, and the Boys uneasy and shocked.

I went up to the post to post a letter and an old gentleman at the pillar box was in tears. It is a beautiful, clear cold night; one can visualise Sandringham lying in the quiet countryside waiting.

It is 10 o’c and Big Ben solemnly tolling the hour.

This waiting is horrible. Nobody in the room has spoken a word. The wireless of late years has brought the King very intimately into the lives of us all. Somehow it now makes us all members of the family assembled to witness his passing.

And then came the final news bulletin, just before 12.20.

His Most Gracious Majesty King George V passed peacefully away a few minutes after midnight. God rest and reward him, and bless and comfort the Queen.

So now we have a new King; I wonder if he is to be Edward VIII or David?

FRIDAY 3.4.36
Eden made a very good speech in the House today explaining things. Personally, I am filled with foreboding over the situation. I think Germany is in the grip of a madman, and sooner or later we will all be involved in the bloody and futile mess.

“Personally, I am filled with foreboding over the situation. I think Germany is in the grip of a madman, and sooner or later we will all be involved in the bloody and futile mess.”

TUESDAY 7.4.36
Again another 6 am to bed, and did not rise until 3pm. Thereafter put in two hard hours on the map and then went to Acton for the Mater.

Incidentally, saw there the new trolleybus service in operation.

WEDNESDAY 6.5.36
Went for a walk before dinner and after it went to Lyon’s where J.D. and I had coffee, afterwards taking a walk over Hanger Hill.

Today a hot debate in the House on foreign policy. From which several interesting points emerge. Sir A. Chamberlain says that at the beginning he was quite prepared to enforce sanctions to the point of war, but neither the country nor the Opposition would have stood for it. Now he thinks the whole thing should go by default. Eden says that really effective sanctions never had a chance to be imposed owing to the bad faith of several nations; meaning, of course, France. Sir S. Hoare says we should now abandon the League and all its commitments and return to our traditional independence, guaranteeing only the Low Countries and the French channel ports.

The Pater thinks that Eden on Monday will at the League demand more and stricter sanctions, and if the French do not back up this Britain will then formally abandon the League and all her treaties under it. Rather one in the eye for the French. Of course such a course would mean retarding the establishment of international law and sanity for half a century; but it certainly is the only course we can take. If on the other hand France backs up sanctions it means finis to Mussolini and his brigands.

A third possibility, an unpleasant one, is a combined hostile France and Italy in the Mediterranean. But that would mean universal war, I think. The Scandinavian powers are so disgusted at the position that they are meeting among themselves to consider leaving the League.

At a sitting of the Arms Commission today Mr Lloyd George affirmed that broken promises and contracts by British armaments firms had gravely handicapped Russia in the war and led in great measure to her collapse.

BRICKS, MORTAR AND MORTALITY
There are a number of houses in Ealing where murders have occurred. Read an article on it at ealingnewsextra.co.uk/history – and Dr Oates is also giving a talk on this subject at Ealing Central Library on Tuesday, 21 June at 6.15pm. It will cost £3 for library members and £5 for non-members.
DEMOLITION NOTICE
This notice is given by the council of the London borough of Ealing, of Town Hall, New Broadway, Ealing W5 2BY (Ealing Council) regarding its intention to demolish properties at West End Gardens, Northolt, Middlesex, UB5 6QR
The council is required by Schedule 5A of the Housing Act 1985, to publish the following information:

1. The council intends to demolish
7a, 7b, 8a and 8b West End Gardens, Northolt, Middlesex, UB5 6QR (‘the relevant premises’)
2. The demolition of the relevant premises is necessary for the regeneration of West End Gardens.

3. The council intends to demolish the relevant premises by 5 February 2023, however the intention is to demolish as soon as possible after the block becomes vacant.
4. The council will be serving initial demolition notices upon the tenants of the flats. These notices will remain in force until 5 February 2023 unless extended, revoked or otherwise terminated under, or by virtue of, paragraph 3 of Schedule 5A of the Housing Act 1985.
5. Whilst this notice is in force, the council will not be under an obligation to grant a lease as is mentioned in section 138(1) of the Housing Act 1985 in respect of any claim to exercise the right-to-buy in respect of any of the flats within the relevant premises.
6. However, right-to-buy claims submitted to the council for any of the properties within the relevant premises whilst this notice is still in force will be processed by the council as normal, so that if the demolition plans cannot be implemented the application can be completed. This notice does not prevent a council tenant submitting a right-to-buy claim.
7. There may be a right to compensation under section 138C of the Housing Act 1985 in respect of certain expenditure incurred in relation to any existing right-to-buy claim.
8. Any claim for compensation under the previous paragraph of this notice should be served upon the council within the period of three months beginning from the operative date of this notice.
9. If the council serves a final demolition notice in respect of the relevant premises and a right-to-buy application is suspended because of the service of this notice, that application will lapse and no further application can be made whilst the final demolition notice is in effect.
10. The operative date of this notice is 5 February 2016, which is the date the notice was served on the secure tenants at the relevant premises.

5 February 2016
Pat Hayes
Executive director of regeneration and housing, on behalf of Ealing Council
**WHAT'S ON**

**PM Gallery & House**

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

**Gunnersbury Park Museum**

Gunnersbury Park Museum is currently closed for restoration until January 2017 however there are still lots of activities to attend.

Enjoy fun and free summer activities at Gunnersbury for children, young people, families and adults. Activities and events will include Arts Award workshops, mini-beast safaris, archaeology-themed event days and concerts.

For full details of all workshops and activities, visit the Gunnersbury website: www.visitgunnersbury.org

Should you have any queries please contact the public programmes officer, Sharon Walters: gunnersburylearning@ealing.gov.uk

For information contact 020 8992 2247/1612

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**Libraries in Ealing**

There are 13 public libraries in the borough where you can borrow items, from books to DVDs and CDs. Free internet access is available in all libraries to members and non-members. Libraries are free to use. Events are also free unless otherwise specified.

For information contact your local library or email reading@ealing.gov.uk or visit www.ealing.gov.uk/libraries

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Ealing Autumn Festival: Travelling art exhibition June-September at Jubilee Gardens Library (now, until 16 June); Perivale Library (18 June-7 July); Hanwell Library (9-21 July); Greenford Library (23 July-4 August); Northolt Leisure Centre Library (6 August-1 September). The tour continues at other libraries until January.

This year’s Ealing Autumn Festival is based around the theme of Truth and Reconciliation – with one of the highlights an exhibition of paintings that has been touring libraries across the borough. Get more information at your local library or at www.ealingautumnfestival.co.uk FREE

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**Bunny Park Dog Show**

12 June at Churchfields Recreation Ground, Hanwell, 12noon-4pm

The popular dog show is back for the third year. Raising money for an incubator at Brent Lodge Animal Centre (’the Bunny Park’), this day of fun activities will feature an array of handsome hounds and pretty pooches and will have a royal theme to tie-in with the Queen’s 90th Birthday. Visit www.bunnyparkdogshow.co.uk FREE

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**Hanwell Carnival**

Saturday 18 June at Elthorne Park, Hanwell, 12-6pm

It kicks off with a parade at 11am which snakes its way along the streets from Hanwell Community Centre to the park in Boston Road. This year’s theme is ‘Fairytale of Hanwell’, so watch out for some magical characters. There will be a fairground, children’s attractions, dog show, acoustic tent and charity stalls; as well as stages with live music and dance; and food and drink. FREE

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**Library Craft Fair**

18 June at Ealing Central Library, 11am

Check out our spring and summer craft fairs for locally handmade arts and crafts, gifts, homeware and clothing. Suitable for families. FREE

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**Local History Talk – Murder Houses of Ealing**

21 June in the Green Room at Ealing Central Library, 6.15pm.

Dr Jonathan Oates’s talk looks at the murders that have occurred between 1880 and 1957 in houses in the borough (and which still stand). £3 library members, £5 non-members. Contact the local history centre on 020 3700 1055 or email ealing.localhistory@carillionservices.co.uk

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**Norwood Green Village Day**

Saturday 9 July, On the green at 12noon

Charity stalls, arena displays, dog show, Mini-tique road show, as well as stages with live music and dance; and food and drink. FREE

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**Council meetings**

**JUNE**

| Thu 7 | Full council |
| Thu 9 | Overview and scrutiny committee |
| Tue 14 | Cabinet |
| Wed 15 | Planning committee |
| Thu 16 | Licensing committee |
| Tue 21 | Standards committee |
| Thu 28 | Regulatory committee |
| Thu 30 | Ealing Business Partnership |

**JULY**

| Thu 7 | Overview and scrutiny committee |
| Tue 12 | Cabinet |
| Thu 14 | Education joint committee |
| Tue 19 | Full council |
| Wed 20 | Planning committee |
| Thu 21 | Health and adult social services scrutiny panel |
| Thu 28 | Audit committee |

**AUGUST**

| Thu 4 | Overview and scrutiny committee |
| Wed 17 | Planning committee |

Meetings due to be held at Ealing Town Hall at 7pm. Correct at time of publishing. Visit www.ealing.gov.uk/com执行日期到查看会议日期。
Changes to children’s services at Ealing Hospital

From 30 June 2016 where we look after your child in an emergency is changing

- The children’s overnight or ‘inpatient’ ward at Ealing Hospital will be closing.
- Ambulances will stop taking children to A&E at Ealing Hospital.

What to do if your child needs urgent care in Ealing from 30 June 2016

- In a life-threatening emergency call 999.
- If it is not a life-threatening situation go to Ealing Hospital’s urgent care centre, visit/call your GP or call NHS 111.

Urgent care

Ealing Hospital’s urgent care centre provides 24/7 urgent care, treating children and adults with minor illnesses and injuries that are urgent but not life threatening, for example:

- sprains and strains
- minor burns to small areas
- minor cuts including those needing stitches
- common infections such as chest, ear or throat
- minor broken bones such as toes, ankles, wrists, fingers or collarbone.

If your child needs more specialist care than the urgent care centre can provide, they will be safely transferred to another hospital with you.

Emergency care

Accident and Emergency departments (A&E) provide emergency care for major, life-threatening illnesses and injuries, which may result in a stay in hospital, for example:

- drowsiness and loss of consciousness
- severe chest or tummy pain
- breathing difficulties
- choking
- severe non-stop bleeding
- swallowing of chemicals
- having fits
- badly broken bones, including legs
- bad burns
- a rash that doesn’t disappear under the pressure of a glass.

If your child is suffering from any of the above, you should dial 999 immediately for an ambulance.

Note: This is a list of some examples, if your child needs emergency help dial 999.

Note: Ealing A&E will remain open for adults from 30 June 2016.

All other children’s services including day clinics and outpatient appointments will stay at Ealing Hospital and you should use them as normal. These changes are about improving children’s care across the whole of North West London, by providing better access to more specialist senior doctors during the day and night.

More information can be found at www.healthiernorthwestlondon.nhs.uk