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As you will notice throughout this autumn edition of the magazine, instead of referring you to [ealingnewsextra.co.uk](http://ealingnewsextra.co.uk) for more information on lots of our stories, we are now telling you to go to **aroundealing.com**

We have had a change of name after having to do some updates and maintenance to the website. It is now more user friendly, more accessible for people with sight or hearing impairments and better on mobile phones (which is now the most common way for people to view our online stories).

As the online home of Around Ealing (you can find back issues of the magazine there, too), it made sense to make sure the names all matched up, so we switched to **aroundealing.com**

Please take a look. Lots of stories and videos will appear there on a regular basis so you can keep up to date throughout the year, in between the four editions of the magazine, which are: Spring in March, summer in June, autumn in September and winter in December.

Richard Nadal

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The hugely popular Hanwell Hootie may not have been able to take place since 2019 because of coronavirus, but a special **Hootie in the Meadow** will take place on Saturday, 18 September giving you the opportunity to experience some excellent live music and comedy in Viaduct Meadow, opposite Ealing Hospital and next to the Viaduct pub. It will all be outdoors. Numbers have to be controlled, so access will be granted via buying a Hootie in the Meadow T-shirt for £10. There will be two different sessions, each one with its own T-shirt: Afternoon 12noon-5pm and evening 6-11pm. Find out more at [www.hanwellhootie.co.uk](http://www.hanwellhootie.co.uk)

2 Three Bridges Primary in Southall has been awarded 'world class' status by Ofsted. Ofsted assesses every school up and down the country. To be given its **World Class Schools** Quality Mark, a school has to have already been classified as outstanding – and then the pupils are judged to be outperforming their peers in a number of subjects. The world class accreditation is only given to 100 schools at a time. Read more at [aroundealing.com/news/three-bridges-declared-a-world-class-school](http://aroundealing.com/news/three-bridges-declared-a-world-class-school)

**3** The council's annual **scrutiny panels** are keen to hear the views of the local community on all the areas that they will be scrutinising over the year, which include: Climate emergency, children's mental health and wellbeing, COVID-19 inequalities and recovery, and resident engagement. To give your views or to be involved in the work of any of the panels, email [scrutiny@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@ealing.gov.uk) or call 020 8825 7494. More information is available at [ealing.cmis.uk.com/ealing/Committees](https://ealing.cmis.uk.com/ealing/Committees)

*speedread*



## Art with a positive message

This is just one piece of new artwork from a number of talented young local artists that you should soon start to spot on the sides of some of the council's rubbish and recycling trucks.

It was by Lolita Phelan-Llorca, aged nine, from Hobbayne Primary School – and you can see it on the front cover, too. She was one of the winners of a recent Greener Ealing truck art competition who were rewarded by their work being reproduced on the vehicles to spread positive environmental messaging to other residents.

Thank you to everyone who entered and congratulations to the winners. You can go to [aroundealing.com/news/truck-art-winners](http://aroundealing.com/news/truck-art-winners) to see the full list of winners and their fantastic designs.

# Commission continues work



Opportunities for residents to get involved with the independent 12-person Ealing Race Equality Commission continued over the summer as the commissioners gathered evidence and feedback from residents, businesses, community groups and more.

The commission is due to provide Ealing Council with a report in November.

An online survey has been available for residents to fill in and you can also find out more about the commission and its members at **[errec.dosomethinggood.org.uk](http://errec.dosomethinggood.org.uk)**

If you would like to speak to someone about the commission's work, you can call 020 8825 6100 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm).

 Read an interview with the commission's chairman, Lord Simon Woolley, at [ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/woolley](http://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/features/woolley)

# Leader's Notes

'We can only do so much as a council on our own, but together as a borough we can achieve so much more.'

**Councillor Peter Mason**

Leader of the council



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



Over the summer, the new leadership at Ealing Council set out our priorities for the coming year. We set out three key themes: Creating good jobs, tackling the climate crisis and fighting inequality. You will see more of this in this magazine and in editions to come, as well as online.

We are also going to be putting together a blueprint for shaping the future of the borough for the next 15-20 years. Turn the page to find out more about the Ealing Local Plan and how you can get involved and have your say.

The end of the COVID-19 pandemic is in sight. With rising rates of vaccination and lockdown conditions easing, it is important to remember that, whilst we are emerging from a health crisis, we are still facing a climate emergency, and there is so much more for us to do.

## CLIMATE ACTION

With global temperatures rising, and with extreme changes of weather more common than ever before, we face some difficult challenges that we can only solve if each and every one of us plays our part.

In Ealing, we're leading the way. With over 37,000 trees planted since 2018, so many more of our streets have tree



canopy cover, helping to reduce temperatures on the roads and make them that bit more pleasant hotter weather. Many of you will have experienced the vibrant wildflowers that we let spring up across the borough during the summer months, which helped to support greater numbers of bees and butterflies.

We're rapidly expanding our cycling network across the borough to make active travel easier and safer by installing segregated cycle lanes and more protected junctions. We're closing off the streets immediately surrounding many of our schools to ensure that polluting vehicles don't damage the safety and health of our children. We're also working up plans to re-wild so much more of our great parks and greenspaces, as well as tackle air pollution and smells from our most polluting industries.

We're getting even more support in place for residents to retrofit homes with better insulation and renewable energy and rolling out even more electric vehicle charging points. In the coming months we're also going to be setting out some even more ambitious standards to ensure that the development that happens in our borough delivers better public spaces and meets the highest energy and environmental standards.

To create lasting, sustainable change and save our environment, we need billions and billions of acts of kindness and conservation. We can only do so much as a council on our own, but together as a borough we can achieve so much more. If each and every local resident plays their part – recycling, retrofitting, re-wilding, running, cycling and walking – we'll be able to make a greener, more sustainable Ealing.

## Help shape the future



Ealing Council is going to be putting together a blueprint for shaping the future of the borough for the next 15-20 years. It wants you to get involved and have your say.

The Ealing Local Plan will be pieced together over the next two years; and this is the first stage. In effect, the Local Plan will

be a local guide to what can be built where. For example, it will affect how, where and when the council will allow new housing or development, where and how green spaces and our heritage can be protected; and assess what community facilities might be needed.

At this stage, the council wants you to give your views to help it put together a draft plan.

From September, you will be able to go to [www.ealing.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/consultations) and go to the Give My View survey. Then, once a draft plan is put together, there will be a series of public consultations on it – before a final plan is finally in place in winter 2023.



## Setting a path

Ealing Council has published a council plan for 2021-22 which sets out a vision for the borough and what the council needs to get right if it is to start to deliver on its three new priorities: Creating good jobs, tackling the climate crisis and fighting inequality – including how the council will look to work with residents, partner organisations, businesses, the voluntary sector and others.



Read the council plan at [www.ealing.gov.uk](http://www.ealing.gov.uk) by searching 'council plan 2021-22' – and watch a video at [aroundealing.com/news/a-fairer-greener-and-more-prosperous-future-together](http://aroundealing.com/news/a-fairer-greener-and-more-prosperous-future-together)

## Support for businesses

The council will soon be holding a series of support sessions to help local businesses to get back on track after the effects of the pandemic. Businesses will be able to access training on trading online, learn how to bid for and win contracts, and apply for one-to-one tailored support. To find out more and get regular updates, sign-up to the council's business e-newsletter at [www.ealing.gov.uk/businessnews](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/businessnews)

## Beating bills



It is estimated that three million households in the country are already struggling to pay energy bills, and the number could grow this winter as

prices surge during the colder months.

You can find out more on how to potentially save on your energy bills (and go green) on page 35. But if you need more help, then the council's Healthy Homes Ealing (HHE) is here for you.

Call 0800 083 2265 (free) Monday-Friday, 9am-5.30pm, or use the online referral form at [www.ealing.gov.uk/HealthyHomesEaling](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/HealthyHomesEaling)

## Finding help

On the council's 'vital help and support' webpages you can find information on all kinds of everyday issues you or your family might be experiencing. It includes how and where to get help with benefits, housing issues, paying for your fuel bills or childcare, jobs and training opportunities, health, mental health or interpreting services and much more. Have a look at [www.ealing.gov.uk/vital\\_help](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/vital_help)



# Get jabbed and stay safe

While many of the legal COVID-19 restrictions that the government put in during lockdown were lifted in July, residents are being reminded to remain cautious. Rates continued to rise in the borough over the summer, in line with trend across the rest of the country. *Jack Butler reports.*

**R**esidents who enter council buildings will be expected to wear a face covering unless exempt. Members of the public who come into contact with council staff will also be expected to wear a face covering when indoors.

### THREE WAYS TO STAY SAFE

There are three main ways to stay safe against COVID-19 – all three steps should be taking to make sure you are at the least risk of getting and spreading the virus:

#### 1 Follow public health guidance, especially the simple rules of

##### **Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air**

Hands – wash your hands regularly

Face – wear a face covering

Space – keep a distance between yourself and others

Fresh air – if you do meet indoors make sure it is well ventilated.

#### 2 Get the vaccine

If you are over 18 you can walk-up and get your jab.

No ID, no NHS number, no problem.

You can either walk up to CP House mass vaccination centre, a number of local pharmacies, or check online for pop-up vaccination events across the borough.

#### 3 Get tested regularly

Residents who are leaving their home should take a test regularly even if they are not displaying symptoms.

Residents can pick up rapid test kits from a number of local pharmacies, libraries and community centres. You can find more information at [www.ealing.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/coronavirus)


More information on legal restrictions can be found on the government's website, [gov.uk](http://gov.uk)



#### 'REMAIN CAUTIOUS'

Councillor Josh Blacker, Ealing Council's cabinet member for healthy lives, said: "Despite a heroic effort by the NHS, not everyone has been able to be vaccinated yet, so there are still real risks to spreading the virus.

"Residents should remain cautious and are reminded that the best way of keeping ourselves, and others, safe against COVID-19 is to follow public health guidance – and remember the hands, face, space, fresh air rule.

"You should continue to do this even if you've had a negative test and have had a vaccine or both." 

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Novia, aged 13

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# It's our choice

A local project is starting its second year of helping young adults with additional needs grow in confidence and learn the practical skills they need for the world of work.

*Deborah Dickey reports.*

**P**roject Choice is run by Health Education England. Working with the West London NHS Trust, Ealing Council and local schools, it provides tailored support to 18-24 year-olds with learning difficulties, disabilities or autism, giving them hands-on work experience, alongside classroom study. The end goal of these supported internships is work or university.

Ealing Council is funding placements for local students as part of its Future Ealing programme; giving them the support they need now to live more independent and fulfilling lives.

## 'I LEARNED NEW SKILLS'

Kajani Ambikaipalan has been working alongside staff in the library at West London NHS Trust headquarters, in Southall. She said: "I felt a bit nervous when they first said about the library, but now I'm happy. I learned new skills."

Aaron Parker is working in administration, also at the trust's headquarters. He said: "I felt quite excited and cheerful when I first

started. It wasn't easy, but I just got on with it. I like helping the other staff."

When asked what it would mean to them to have a job, Kajani said: "Freedom!"

## THEY ARE VALUED. THEY ARE WANTED


Annette Lafitte is the project co-ordinator and is one of the staff who have been guiding the young people through their journey at Project Choice. It was clear to see the emotion when she talked about her learners.

She said: "Imagine a young person

with SEND needs who struggled at school, has gone to college and done course after course and has seen no end. To move to a course that is focused on employment gives the learners a boost. It gives them a sense that they are valued. That they are wanted. And they are able to do a normal job."

Despite the challenges of the COVID pandemic, five young people from the 2020 intake have graduated, with one moving on to university and another already in work. And the course is already over-subscribed for this September.

## GET INVOLVED

If you could offer a work placement or a job to a Project Choice learner, get in touch on email [annette.lafitte@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:annette.lafitte@hee.nhs.uk) - the team offers ongoing support to employers. 



Kajani  
Ambikaipalan



Aaron Parker

Watch a video at  
[aroundealing.com/  
news/choice](http://aroundealing.com/news/choice)



# Apply for high school

Applications for children to start high school in our borough are now being received.

If your child was born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011, he or she will be due to leave their primary school next summer and start year seven at a high school in September 2022.

The recommended date for receipt of applications is 22 October 2021

or, by the absolute latest, the final, statutory deadline is 31 October 2021.

Councillor Kamaljit Nagpal, Ealing Council's cabinet member for a fairer start, said: "The admissions team at the council does all it can to make the application process as easy as possible for you when you are choosing a

school. We recognise it is an important decision and it is important to remember that, if you find you need a bit of support, you can also visit the council's website, contact the schools you are interested in, or speak to your child's current school."

## SCHOOLS INFORMATION

To find out more about your preferred schools, you can visit the admissions pages on the council's website at [www.ealing.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/admissions) or, alternatively, you can contact the schools themselves. Each school will also be holding an open morning or evening, details of which are on these pages.

## HOW TO APPLY


You can apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) between 1 September and 31 October 2021. If you are unable to apply online, you can ask your current school for an application



form to fill in and ask it for instructions if anything is not clear. If you choose to apply online, you must not complete a paper application as well.

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.ealing.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/admissions)

### NEW SCHOOLS

All new schools proposed to open in 2022/23 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 2022. 



### ANY QUESTIONS?

Visit [www.ealing.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/admissions) or you can get in touch with your preferred school.

## OPEN DAY PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS AND PUPILS 2021

### OPEN EVENINGS

Date	High school	Time	Head's talk
Thursday 16 Sep	Northolt High School	5.30pm - 7.30pm	6.30pm
Thursday 16 Sep	The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School	5.30pm - 8.30pm	6 & 7pm
Thursday 16 Sep	The Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls	6pm - 8pm	6.15 & 7.30pm
Thursday 16 Sep	Elthorne Park High School	5.15pm - 8.30pm	5.30, 6.15, 7, & 7.45pm
Tuesday 21 Sep	Alec Reed Academy	5.30pm - 7.30pm	5.45pm
Wednesday 22 Sep	Ark Acton Academy	5pm - 7pm	5.30 & 6.30pm
Thursday 23 Sep	Ark Soane Academy	5pm - 7pm	6pm
Thursday 23 Sep	Dormers Wells High School	5pm - 8pm	5.30 & 6.30pm
Thursday 23 Sep	Twyford CofE High School	5.30pm - 8.30pm	5.30, 6.30 & 7.30pm
Thursday 23 Sep	Villiers High School	4.30pm - 7pm	5 & 6pm
Tuesday 28 Sep	Brentside High School	5.30pm - 8.30pm	6 & 7pm
Wednesday 29 Sep	Ada Lovelace CofE High School	5pm - 8pm	5.15, 6.15 & 7.15pm
Thursday 30 Sep	Ark Soane Academy	5pm - 7pm	6pm
Thursday 30 Sep	Drayton Manor High School	5pm - 8pm	5.15, 6.15 & 7.15pm
Thursday 30 Sep	Featherstone High School	5pm - 7.30pm	5.15 & 6.15pm
Thursday 30 Sep	William Perkin CofE High School	5pm - 8pm	5.15, 6.15 & 7.15pm
Thursday 07 Oct	Ealing Fields High School	5pm - 8.30pm	5.15, 6.15 & 7.15pm
Thursday 07 Oct	Greenford High School	5pm - 7pm	5, 6 & 7pm

### OPEN MORNINGS

Alec Reed Academy	Tuesday 28 Sept, Thursday 30 Sept, Tuesday 5 Oct & Thursday 7 Oct	9am - 10.30am	Coffee morning and tour
Ark Acton Academy	Thursday 30 Sept & Friday 1 Oct Thursday 7 Oct & Friday 8 Oct Thursday 14 Oct & Friday 15 Oct Thursday 21 Oct & Friday 22 Oct	9.30am - 11am	Tour and talk
Ark Soane Academy	Monday 27 Sept, Tuesday 28 Sept, Wednesday 29 Sept, Thursday 30 Sept & Friday 1 Oct	9.30am - 11am	Open morning
	Saturday 9 Oct	10am - 1pm	Open morning
The Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls	Tuesday 28 Sept, Tuesday 5 Oct & Tuesday 12 Oct	9.30am - 11am	Coffee morning with the headteacher

**IMPORTANT** Please ensure you contact the school prior to attendance for information on any special arrangements for social distancing.

# WELCOME TO WOODLANDS ACADEMY



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all-through experience from Nursery to Year 6 as well as before and after school care.

Their **curriculum is creative, inclusive, purposeful** and has been developed to foster the children's interests and get them excited

about their learning! With such fantastic outside space, the school is **embracing outdoor learning** with projects such as Forest School.

**"Woodlands is a great school. My children love the learning & playing."**

There is a strong focus on digital learning with tools such as Chromebooks for students to enhance their learning experience. Alongside this, the school has a fantastic new library, giving pupils the chance to develop a love of reading from a young age.

Woodlands is passionate about the **wellbeing of their children and their parents**. Because of this strong commitment, **Joe Wicks** recently visited the school to talk to the children about the importance of good mental health.

**"I am grateful for this school. The effort from all the staff has been beyond exceptional."**

This is a **friendly school with a warm atmosphere** and parents feel part of the school family. Woodlands is looking forward to welcoming new families to see the school.

**Woodlands Academy** 

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## CHOOSING THE BEST HIGH SCHOOL



## Featherstone High Celebrates Another Successful Year....

Despite the disruptions, it has been an exciting and productive year at Featherstone High. The school enjoyed record breaking results and is regularly placed in the **top 5% schools in the country** for GCSE progress.

Staff celebrated as **Fadi started his Law degree at Oxford**, and **Arth jetted off the States** to take up a fully funded university scholarship in Ohio (one of **three students who gained full scholarships**). Four students also started their journey to becoming doctors.

**Featherstone held a highly successful Virtual Science Week** allowing students to participate in exciting events based around 'Innovating for the Future'. This was followed up with face to face STEM workshops including robotics and medical diagnostics.

**Budding entrepreneurs are well supported and nurtured at Featherstone.** The Year 12 Young Enterprise team won the 'Innovation Award' at the Central & West London Competition and

Year 10 students created a 'highly commended' sauce and label design for high-end ingredient company, Belazu.

**Featherstone fosters a love of literacy:** author Sara Grant and award-winning rap poet Karl Nova took part in the annual Wonderful World of Words Festival. A Year 9 student also gained second place competing against all the other World Class Schools in the country for her essay on the education system

**The fantastically creative art students held a virtual Art Exhibition** showcasing their talents. You can view this on the school website.

**Sporting endeavour is a key part of life at Featherstone.** The NFL (National Football League) have chosen Featherstone as a venue to run their inclusive and enjoyable programme, with eleven Year 8 students selected to take part. School Sports Week also provided an amazing opportunity for students to take part in many different sessions including: GAA, Zumba, Ultimate Frisbee, Climbing and Cycling.

The school has had a brand new sports hall floor funded by the London Marathon Charity in recognition for their commitment to students



and the local community. Additionally, the Featherstone Schools Sports Partnership has been shortlisted as a finalist for the National UK Active Awards, a well-deserved nomination.

Featherstone also continues its work, as part of the Grand Union Multi-Academy Trust, sharing expertise and resources. **This school really does continue to show that, whatever the criteria: academic, creative, enterprising, social and sporting, it is an exceptional school.**

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**Post 16 Open Evening**  
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**5.30pm – 7pm**

**High School Open Evening,**  
**Tuesday 21st September**  
**5.30pm – 7.30pm**



**Reception Open day –**  
**Tuesday 12th October,**  
**9am – 11.30am**

**Nursery Open day –**  
**Monday 11th October,**  
**9am – 11.30am**

The Principal is holding coffee mornings and tours should you wish to visit the Academy during the working day at the following times:

- Tuesday 28th September, 9.00am – 10.30am
- Thursday 30th September, 9.00am – 10.30am
- Tuesday 5th October 9.00am, – 10.30am
- Thursday 7th October 9.00am, – 10.30am

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**Brentside High School is a vibrant learning community**, which puts students at the heart of everything we do, recognising and developing the unique talents of every child.

**We prioritise student safety and wellbeing**, supported by a strong pastoral system, working in partnership with parents, carers and families.

Ofsted notes that our students are proud and loyal, thrive on taking responsibility and are respectful of each other in our **"diverse and harmonious learning community"**.

Year on year, **Brentside students achieve significantly above students nationally**. Your child will benefit greatly from teachers' strong and confident subject knowledge which captivates and inspires students.

For more information about arrangements for Open Evening please visit our website where you can also find our prospectus. We look forward to welcoming you to Brentside in the future.



# BRENTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER



**"CAPTIVATES AND INSPIRES PUPILS" (OFSTED 2020)**

## Open Evening

Tuesday, 28 September 2021 17:30-20:30

Headteacher's Talks 18.00 and 19.00

NB: the format of the Open Evening is subject to change due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Please visit our website in September for more details.

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# Villiers HIGH SCHOOL

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Headteacher's talk at 5.30pm and 6.30pm





# Learning together

Speech and language therapist  
Kate Burton with a parent

Our borough is the third most ethnically diverse local population in the whole of the UK and more than half of our school pupils do not speak English as their first language.

**E**aling Children's Speech and Language Therapy service is funded by the NHS and Ealing Council. Its speech and language therapists support children and young people aged up to 18.

It works with children who have difficulties with their communication skills – but it also provides families and schools with support for children who need help with English or with their family's home language.

## 'BEING BILINGUAL IS A POWERFUL TOOL'

Brody Sutcliffe, speech and language therapist, said: "October is 'Celebrating the bilingual child' month and we want to raise awareness that speaking more than one language can be a huge advantage in life and should be celebrated. Learning more than one

language is not confusing for children, even if they have a speech, language and communication need. Being bilingual is a powerful tool."

Bethany Ross, another speech and language therapist, added: "Speak to your child in the language you are most confident and comfortable in using. This helps your child to develop a strong social and cultural identity; and it also helps to maintain family connections."

## 'MY FACE INSTANTLY LIT UP'


One local mother was worried about talking to her two-year-old son Abdi\* in their home language, Somali. He had some communication difficulties and was learning English and she did not want to confuse him. However, after getting advice and support, she felt confident to start trying. And, after just a few weeks,

Abdi said his first word in Somali and is now doing it more and more.

Abdi's mother said: "After trying the strategies I was given by the therapist, I incorporated these into my day-to-day communication in Somali and I saw a massive change when he responded to me in Somali. My face instantly lit up and I was happy and shocked as he had never responded to me in Somali before."

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you want to speak to a speech and language therapist, you can find support through the service's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/SLTEaling](https://www.facebook.com/SLTEaling) or you can contact it via email at Ealing.SLTadvice@nhs.net

Alternatively, you can also speak to your child's health visitor, GP, school or nursery. 



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## West Acton Primary School



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#### For Reception 2022 applications

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Wednesday 24 November 2021, 9.00am-10.00am

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For further information please contact:  
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Monday 27th September Tuesday 5th October

Monday 11th October Tuesday 19th October

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If your child is due to start school in September 2022, come and see our learning in action during one of our open mornings.

Please contact our school office to reserve a place: 020 8578 8928



*...staff take good care of pupils' welfare and have high ambitions for their academic success.*

Ofsted Inspection, December 2018



Faith, hope and love; these three things will last forever, and the greatest of these is love.  
1 Corinthians 13:13

### The Edward Betham CofE Primary School

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- Our scientists conduct weekly experiments through our partnership with Empiribox Science
- Our musicians can learn a range of instruments through our links with Ealing Music Service
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We offer 15 to 30 hours Nursery provision. Children joining Reception will be provided with a laptop to aid their ICT skills and access online learning. We would

love you to be part of our family!

Please contact the school office on 020 8571 7925 to arrange a tour.



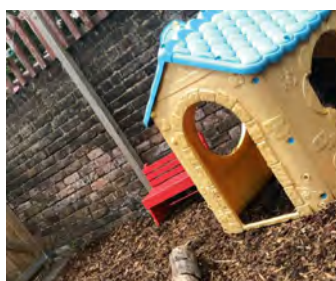


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# The time is now

The climate crisis is an issue that is already seriously damaging the world we live in and, unless we take urgent action, its disastrous effects will be felt on our own doorstep before long.



**W**hether it is losing our homes to flash flooding, shortages of water and food, the loss of wildlife or our NHS facing increasing deaths from heat and air pollution, the consequences of ignoring the climate crisis will be felt right here in the borough.

But small steps taken by all of us could make a huge difference in averting the crisis. And, taking them can also help us all to live healthier lives, enjoy greener neighbourhoods... and, if that were not enough, save money as well.

On the following pages, and in subsequent editions of *Around Ealing*, you will find tips on how you can take your own small steps. Visit [aroundealing.com/climate-action](http://aroundealing.com/climate-action) for more.

And Ealing Council's new leadership has signalled a step change in the way the borough will tackle the growing crisis, by reaffirming its commitment to

its climate action strategy and placing it as one of its top three priorities for the borough. It will inform almost everything it does.

## EVERYONE CAN PLAY THEIR PART

The council wants to make it easy for everyone to play their part – from how we get around and heat our homes; to how we value the natural world, and even the way we buy our food and deal with the clothes we wear.

We have all come to value our green spaces more than ever these past 18 months, because they were a lifeline for many during the COVID-19 lockdowns, and the council knows we need to protect and improve them – and not just for our everyday health. Our trees, hedges and fields act as our lungs by breathing oxygen and absorbing carbon dioxide and other emissions. They can also provide shade in the heat, habitats for birds and animals, and soak up rainwater to prevent flooding. There are many reasons why 'greening'

our borough is so important.

Likewise, the council's plans to support our economic recovery from COVID-19 will also be guided by the need for climate action, so that we can build a borough that provides us with good jobs while also addressing the environmental crisis.

## 'SOMETHING NONE OF US CAN IGNORE'

Councillor Deirdre Costigan, the council's cabinet member for climate action, said: "From floods to heat waves, increased air pollution and food and water shortages, the results of the climate crisis are something none of us can ignore. By uniting as a borough, we can begin to make some of the positive steps urgently needed to tackle this enormous challenge – while also continuing to make Ealing a better place to live for us all."



Read more about the climate action strategy at

[www.ealing.gov.uk/climateaction](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/climateaction) 

# Small steps to cut footprint



**World average 6 tonnes**



**UK average 12 tonnes**

Lots of phrases are used when talking about the climate crisis and our impact on the world but they are not always explained.

**WHAT IS 'NET ZERO'?**  
The council's climate action strategy's aim is to make our borough's harmful emissions so low that we can effectively say we are 'net zero'. But what does that mean?

Making Ealing carbon neutral by 2030 means reducing the amount of harmful carbon dioxide emissions ('greenhouse gases') we produce as a borough to zero overall. Greenhouse gases come from burning fossil fuels such as gas, coal and oil.

Reducing emissions to 'net zero' is central to the council's climate action strategy. This does not mean removing all emissions generated from our day-to-day

living. Instead, it means making sure they are being considerably reduced across the borough and that any remaining emissions are cancelled out and balanced by reductions in other areas.

Nationally, and globally, some of this 'offsetting' of the leftovers is likely to mainly be achieved by being absorbed by oceans and forests – in Ealing, we will need to do things on a smaller scale, but 'greening' will still play an important role.

## **WHAT IS YOUR 'CARBON FOOTPRINT'?**

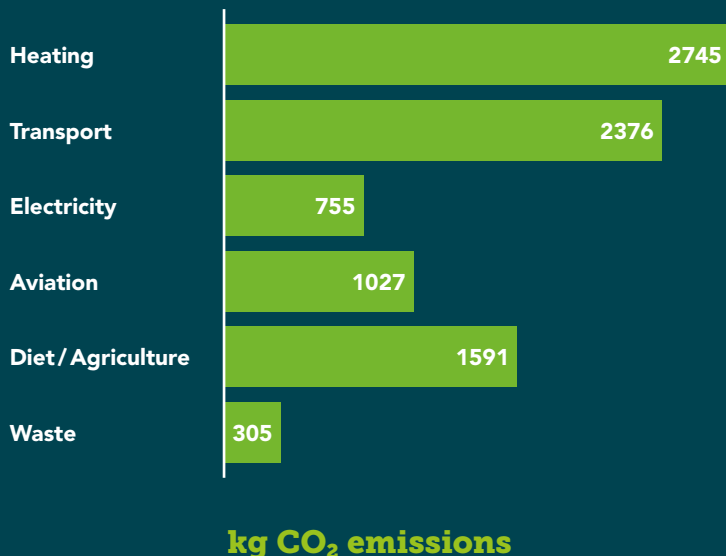
We must drastically reduce the harmful gases such as carbon dioxide and nitrogen dioxide we release into the

atmosphere from fossil fuels, often without realising, whether through driving or heating our homes.

Carbon footprint is the amount of carbon dioxide released into the air from your activities as an individual. It is a good way of measuring your own personal impact.

As you can see in the graphics on this page, it consists of things like heating, travelling and waste. In the UK, our average carbon footprint was double that of the world average in 2017 according to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) – showing how much work there is to be done. You can work out your own, using the WWF's calculator at [footprint.wwf.org.uk](https://footprint.wwf.org.uk)

## UK average household emissions in kg (Energy Savings Trust)




### HOW DO WE REDUCE EMISSIONS?

It is amazing that so many things we do and so many products we consume involve releasing carbon. How we heat our homes is one place to start, as you will see on the following pages, and so is how we travel.

But we also need to think about what we consume. When we order a new phone on the internet, we do not think about the emissions from the factory that built it, the ship that brought it from China, the delivery van – and then the packaging goes in the bin and releases more gases. If we all take small steps to shop as locally as possible, choose products with less waste and packaging, and try to reuse or recycle items then, together, we can make a difference.

Indeed, recycling as much as possible is an important contribution we can all make. So is trying to cut down on 'fast fashion' – buying secondhand when you can and recycling or donating used clothes instead of throwing them away.

We can all try to travel as much as possible on foot, by bike or on public transport – and cutting the number of unnecessary short car journeys that are so polluting.

There are lots of other things you can consider you might not have thought of. Just one example is on page 30, if you have a drive or front garden. 

## Community action

ActForEaling is a growing network of community groups, businesses, local organisations and individuals working together to find ways to help the borough reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2030.

Supported by Ealing Council, ActForEaling was started in summer 2020 and now has its own online Ealing Climate Action Hub at [actforealing.org](https://actforealing.org) where you can find and share ideas and resources. It's also a place to interact with others wanting to collaborate on collective local efforts against climate change.


There is something for everyone, whether that is tips on recycling better, learning to save energy (and money), changing the way we get about, reducing our food waste, or even bee keeping.

Why not take a look? There are lots of ways to get involved in the network too.

### EVENTS IN OCTOBER

'COP 26', an important global summit for world leaders on what every country needs to do to combat climate change, is due to be held in Glasgow in November. In the lead up to this a number of local events are planned to provide helpful tips and advice and so Ealing can play its part in taking climate action. Keep an eye on [actforealing.org](https://actforealing.org) for details.



Read more about ActForEaling at [aroundealing.com/news/act-for-ealing](https://aroundealing.com/news/act-for-ealing) 



# Committed to community, committed to excellence

At Northolt High School, we have been concentrating in the last two years on developing two aspects of our school – our curriculum and our community. Throughout all of our work supporting our students and families during the pandemic, we have retained a relentless commitment to this developmental work. As we look forward to reopening our school to a more 'normal' way of operating in September, we will do so having not just endured the last two years but having become stronger as a result of this experience.

## OUR CURRICULUM

Our Subject Leaders have each developed clear curriculum maps which explain the academic journey our students go on as they learn at Northolt High School. We believe that each of the subjects we study form part of a wider conversation. It is our job to equip our students with the knowledge, skills and understanding to be able to engage in those wider conversations. Our curriculum is designed to return to core concepts and skills as

our students' progress. As you browse through the curriculum pages on our website ([www.northolthigh.org.uk](http://www.northolthigh.org.uk)), you will see how the concepts taught in key stage 3 are returned to and built upon in later years, so that students are able to develop their understanding and application of knowledge in increasingly sophisticated ways. If you'd like to

find out more, please watch a two-minute video on the curriculum pages of our website.

## OUR COMMUNITY

In the Autumn term of 2019 we began our work towards achieving Ealing's Family School Partnership Award.

This award supports schools to improve the ways in which they work to involve families in the life of the school. Using staff and parent surveys, we identified key areas for further improvement. We trained our staff team, improved our website and launched a weekly newsletter to families as part of our drive to ensure that communication with parents was improved. This journey has helped us to ensure that our parents are now partners

in the way we shape our school. We now survey parents regularly to gain their feedback and input into school life, and check that we have parents' support for any changes we're proposing to make. The pandemic offered us a real opportunity to forge closer bonds with our families. We are proud to report that we are the first Ealing High School to receive the Family School Partnership Award.

## OUR NEW SCHOOL

Our other major news is that we are progressing well on our mission to build a brand new school for our students. We have worked with Ealing Council to develop outline plans for an exciting new building. It will contain state of the art facilities for our students and will significantly improve the quality and range of our sports provision. We're also building a Performing Arts and Cinema Centre which we intend to be available (along with our sports facilities) for community use in the evenings and weekends. The work at the moment is focused on installing temporary accommodation on our school site to enable us to move out of one of our school buildings. Once vacated, demolition of this old building will begin so that the new one can be developed on this space. We can't wait to see this work start. Please keep checking our website for updates as the work progresses!





Children at Willow Tree Primary have embraced the scheme

# Moving forwards

At 10 schools across the borough, special travel schemes are to be made permanent, after being tried out during the last school year – with some likely to be in place as the new autumn term arrives, reports *Dan Stephens*.

**A** School Street is a designated area around a school with some restrictions on traffic in place at its opening and closing times. In effect, it makes the vicinity around that school a pedestrian and cycle-only zone.

This helps to achieve a safer, more pleasant and environmentally-friendly experience for children and parents travelling to and from school, as well as pedestrians and cyclists – while maintaining access for residents and businesses within the zone.

## 'HAD A MASSIVE IMPACT'

Willow Tree Primary in Northolt is one school to have already benefited from setting up a school street to make the trip to and from the classroom safer and greener.

Headteacher Sue Stanley explained: "The school streets initiative has had a massive impact. The streets surrounding the school are much safer at the beginning and end of the day.



It is also helping us to increase our exercise. It is wonderful to see so many more children coming to school by walking or on scooters and bikes."

Councillor Josh Blacker, the council's cabinet member for healthy lives, said: "Our school streets will make it easier and safer for children and parents to choose to walk, cycle or scoot to school. The physical and mental benefits to children are clear for everyone to see, with concentration levels and mental wellbeing boosted by the exercise in the mornings, in particular."

## 'SMALL STEPS CAN MAKE BIG DIFFERENCE'

Councillor Deirdre Costigan, the council's cabinet member for climate action, added: "Our school streets have been a huge success with pupils, parents and school staff and I'm delighted we're making them permanent. The more of us choosing to do the school run this way, the more we will reduce the amount of short car trips being made locally.

"This will help to reduce the levels of dangerous air pollution in the borough. Tackling the climate crisis is one of Ealing's very top priorities and small steps like this can make a big difference."

 Read the full article at [aroundealing.com/news/school-streets-stay](https://www.aroundealing.com/news/school-streets-stay) 

## IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE

A new campaign aimed at Year 6 pupils who are about to move from primary to secondary schools is using fun videos using wild animals to teach children about road safety. It is being run by the London Road Safety Council and has involved special classes and assemblies taking place with a road safety officer, alongside extra support for pupils and parents. It aims to prepare children for a new and potentially unfamiliar journey and help them to make safe decisions on and around the road.



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# Here comes the sun

Environmentally-aware pupils were excited to learn their school is getting new solar panels as part of the borough's goal of reaching net zero carbon by 2030.

**T**he project at Grange Primary School in Church Gardens, Ealing, will supply clean energy as well as provide a handy educational tool – and save the school money. It will extend and update an existing array of panels it has had for five years.

Sixteen schools and children's centres have signed up to have solar panels and other energy efficiency work done in recent years, as part of a programme organised by Ealing Transition and School's Energy Cooperative, and actively supported and part-funded by Ealing Council and the Greater London Authority's London Community Energy Fund.

## 'GOOD NEWS STORY'

Reverend Steve Paynter, school governor at Grange, said the panels were a 'good news story for a number of reasons'. He said: "The first and obvious reason for installing the solar panels is because it will be the 800 plus children of Grange School, along with their whole generation, who will


face the very worst effects of a global climate in serious breakdown – if the world does not respond now to the challenge to stabilise greenhouse gas emissions and start to bring them down. Secondly, it will, over the long term, help the school reduce its expenditure on electrical power which, in turn, will free-up additional funding for more useful educational purposes within the school. And, thirdly, solar panels are a great way of helping educate pupils about the reality of climate change and the ways we can transition away from our dependency on fossil fuels."

## TONNES BETTER

The original solar system at Grange Primary was installed in September 2016. Since then, it has saved nearly three tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions each year. The new system will be more powerful and is expected to produce a lot more electricity each year. Over their lifetimes, the

combined effect should save more than 400 tonnes of emissions.

Councillor Deirdre Costigan, the council's cabinet member for climate action, said: "The solar and energy installations in local schools and children's centres are all contributing to the fight against climate change but, together, they are also saving about £15,000 each year on their electricity bills.

"Grange school and the others involved are leading the way when it comes to taking steps to fight climate change. I'm so impressed by the commitment from pupils and staff who know that we need to make changes now to avoid catastrophe later. They're a real inspiration to the rest of us." 

## WANT TO GO SOLAR?

Solar Together, a collective buying scheme to help Londoners buy solar panels for their homes, is also supported by Ealing Council. You can find out more details, and also register interest, at [solartogether.co.uk/ealing](https://solartogether.co.uk/ealing)



The panels on the roof

# Recycling your food waste has never been easier

Your recycling is really making a difference - thanks!

Please put the following in your small, green food waste caddy:



Tea bags and coffee grounds



Leftovers and plate scrapings



Bread and pastries



Fruit and vegetable peelings



Dairy, fish, egg shells

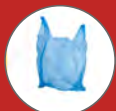


Meat and bones

Do not include:



Cardboard and thin card



Carrier bags, black sacks and cling film



Wood and building materials



Polystyrene packaging



Nappies

## How to use your food waste caddy

Your caddy can sit on your worktop or inside a kitchen cupboard.

1

Line your kitchen caddy or any other small plastic container with a caddy liner or newspaper and put your food waste in it. (No plastic bags)



2

Whenever you need to empty your caddy, tie the top of the liner. Remember not to let it get too full before emptying it.



3

If you live in a house or converted flat, put your food waste recycling bin out for collection by 7am on your normal collection day.




Or if you live in a purpose built flat, empty your kitchen caddy into the communal recycling bin located in your refuse area.

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 A photograph showing three people (two women and one man) standing in a lush green field. One man is pointing towards the vegetation. A yellow box is visible in the foreground.
 

# Wildlife welcome


 A circular inset photograph showing two small brown harvest mice perched on a green plant stem.
 

Photography  
© James Morton

Ealing is set to become one of the first boroughs in London to successfully rewild a locally extinct species, reports *Dan Stephens.*

It is thanks to the efforts of volunteers at the Ealing Wildlife Trust (EWG) to reintroduce harvest mice. The project is backed by Ealing Council and aims to place the tiny rodent species, which is in

significant national decline, into suitable habitats in the borough. Over the summer months, the EWG were running surveys to find the most suitable spots for the mice to be reintroduced, before releasing them.

EWG founder Sean McCormack said: "We believe that, after much surveying of potential habitats, the harvest mouse is locally extinct – but, luckily, there are a number of localities that could support a population. We have successfully crowdfunded a rewilding programme and will hopefully be in the position to help this species make a comeback right here in Ealing."

## BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

The council's new leadership has made its climate action strategy a key priority. Enhancing green spaces and protecting nature is a huge part of this revamped strategy – including a Biodiversity Action Plan, which comes

into effect in September.

Councillor Deirdre Costigan, cabinet member for climate action, said:

"We've been working to improve the biodiversity of parks and have added more than 230,000 square metres of new wildflower meadows and almost 400 bird and bat boxes in recent years, alongside 50,000 trees.

"But there is still so much more to achieve, and we are ramping up our efforts to tackle the climate crisis here in Ealing and we are transforming our parks and green spaces to support and improve biodiversity. There is now a new wetlands area in Perivale Park which will alleviate flooding and provide more diverse habitats for wildlife to thrive – with more projects that help nature and address climate change planned across the borough in the near future."



Read the full article at  
[aroundealing.com/news/rewilding-harvest-mice](https://www.aroundealing.com/news/rewilding-harvest-mice)

# Fronting up to greening challenge

Did you know that if you are lucky enough to own a driveway or front garden, you could have a powerful tool for climate action on your hands?

**T**he borough has approximately 75,000 front gardens. But a survey as long ago as 2005 found that more than half were covered almost entirely in hard surfaces.

Christine Eborall of Ealing has long extolled the virtues of 'greening' your front garden or drive and has campaigned for it. The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan recently included the idea in the London strategy for climate action, in response to what has become a hard surface epidemic – when front gardens could actually be a force for good in the fight against the climate crisis.

Christine said: "Some roads have driveways or paved front gardens all the way down the street, on both sides of the road. It is effectively tripling the width of the road."

## **POLLUTION, HEAT AND NECTAR**

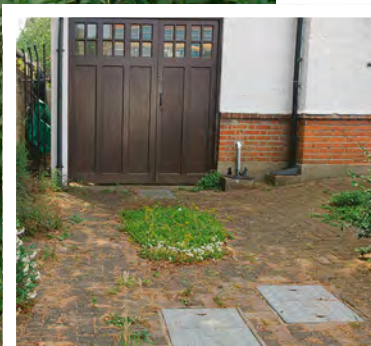
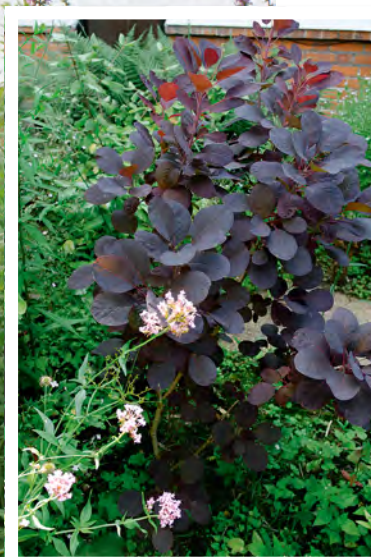
"Hard surfaces can't cope with increasingly common torrential downpours," said Christine.



## How do you do it?

### Christine's top tips:

- First of all, it does not have to be a 'proper garden' – and it could just be a small island where the wheels of your car don't go
- It can be as cheap and simple, or as elaborate, as you want it to be
- Remove some, or all, of your hard surface
- If you remove hard surface in the area you normally park, put down a reinforced mesh there instead, which is relatively inexpensive – leave the soil or underneath to do its own thing
- Any area you don't use for parking, you could leave as soil or green
- See what happens – you might be surprised what seeds and plants 'arrive' on the wind
- Or, you might like to buy a few low-growing plants to put in; if you have space, you could even put in flowering shrubs which are very attractive and good for nectar
- Take a look on the front gardens pages of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and the London National Park City websites for more tips and advice.



"But greening your front garden or drive absorbs rainwater and reduces run-off, meaning the risk of **flooding** is reduced. There has been concern for a long time that water pollution, and erosion, in the River Brent has largely been caused by run-off from local hard surfacing – particularly from front drives.

"Hard surfaces reflect the heat back and make it **hotter** in built-up areas including inside people's houses, which is called the 'heat island effect', whereas gardens and greening have a significant cooling effect.

"Gardens provide – by far – the most support for **nectar** production in towns and cities. Much more than verges and parks. And front gardens are as useful as any garden space. People are starting to realise we need to do this to support the pollinating insects who are so crucial for our own food production. By doing so, we are also creating **habitats** for other insects and food for birds."

### THAT IS NOT ALL...

Christine continued: "The plants also help to absorb **air pollution** – especially if you have hedges, bushes or trees – and the plants and soil also absorb

carbon dioxide. So, greening is helping to clear the air we breathe and cut our carbon footprint into the bargain.

"And greening even cuts the cost and time involved in maintaining a hard surface. A greened area is largely **self-sustaining** and resilient – you don't need to do much. There is no need for toxic weedkiller or cleaning products, and no need to replace or repair it every few years like you do with hard surfaces."

### ELECTRIC CAR? GREEN YOUR DRIVE

There is a concern that the move towards electric vehicles to help combat climate change might actually have an unwitting bad side effect – by leading more people to pave their front garden to charge their car overnight. Christine said there is a need for more fast-charging infrastructure to make it easier to power your car, but: "If you want to be green with an electric vehicle, then you should green your drive too. I don't think people are joining the dots."



Read the full story, and watch a video interview with Christine, at

**[aroundealing.com/news/front-gardens](https://aroundealing.com/news/front-gardens)**

# Tackling home truths

As you will have seen in our earlier article (see pages 20-21), a significant chunk of the UK's harmful carbon emissions come from keeping our homes warm. But the council is using a pioneering Dutch method to take the heat out of this issue.

**Y**ou may remember an article we ran in our spring edition about the ground-breaking approach to retrofitting homes that makes them incredibly energy efficient, which is taken from a concept called Energiesprong ('energy leap'), so called because it aims to jump straight to net zero in a single bound.

Well, work is now under way on 68 council-owned houses and flats in South Ealing to effectively wrap them in what has been described as a 'tea cosy' – and you cannot get more homely than that.

The buildings will be hugged by

protective external insulation; and powered with electricity mainly generated by solar panels put on the roof. With air source heat pumps and ventilation, the combined effect is to keep the home at a steady 18-21 degrees Celsius all year round – and there is no longer any need for gas, which is carbon-heavy. The newly retrofitted homes get performance guarantees, to make sure they stay at comfortable temperatures throughout the year, come rain or shine, and the best part is that residents can remain in their homes while work is carried out, because nearly all of the improvements take place on the exterior of the home.

## CUTTING BILLS, CREATING JOBS

This approach is not just of environmental benefit. It dramatically cuts the costs of energy bills, too – something that has been proving a challenge to an increasing number of households. And, in addition, it will create jobs. The green energy and green homes industries are growing fast; and these kinds of projects can help put Ealing at the forefront of the green revolution. It is a key plank of the council's plans for our borough's post-COVID economic recovery.

Energiesprong was first trialled in the UK in Nottingham – and now Ealing is leading the way in London. The council



Watch a video to find out more on the project, and how Energiesprong works, at [aroundealing.com/news/retrofit](https://www.aroundealing.com/news/retrofit)



A home nearby whose owner has done their own extensive retrofit

is funding more than half of the project in South Ealing with an investment of £3.4million, while grant funding has been secured from a variety of sources for the rest. The hope is to secure more money from the government to do much more – because at least 5,000 of the council's properties have been identified as being suitable. That is a third of the council's housing stock.

### GOOD FOR CLIMATE, GOOD FOR TENANTS

Councillor Deirdre Costigan, the council's cabinet member for climate action, said: "This isn't just good for the climate, it's also good for our

tenants: We estimate that people could pay much less for their heating every year – and it will also help with ventilation; keeping their houses cool in the summer, not just warm in the winter. The houses will have triple glazing, which will cut down on noise; and they will have solar panels on the roof to

generate their own electricity. They will be fully insulated – like a tea cosy put over their property."

### 'IT LOOKS VERY EXCITING'

Trees Estate resident Asma Mohammad said: "It looks very exciting because I am trying to become a bit more 'green' myself. And the chance to reduce my energy bills was a bonus because I have a baking business and I use gas a lot, so the bills are quite high."

The loss of her trusty gas oven was a concern, but she hopes it 'won't be too much of a hurdle' to switch to an induction oven.

She said: "The more I learn about global warming, and the more I learn about the impact our actions, including our fuel consumption and waste, have on the environment and how it will affect future generations, the more I want to become greener myself. And maybe me sacrificing a few things for the greater good, and longer good, is not so hard."

Fellow resident Anne Lloyd said her energy bills are 'very expensive' at the moment. She said: "The project sounds very good to me if it'll save me money on my energy bills and also make the house warmer – and also soundproof it as well. We have a lot of traffic where we live – and it would be good if we can reduce the noise because we hear it quite a lot indoors, especially at night. When you're trying to sleep, the traffic can be very loud." <sup>ae</sup>



Houses due to be retrofitted

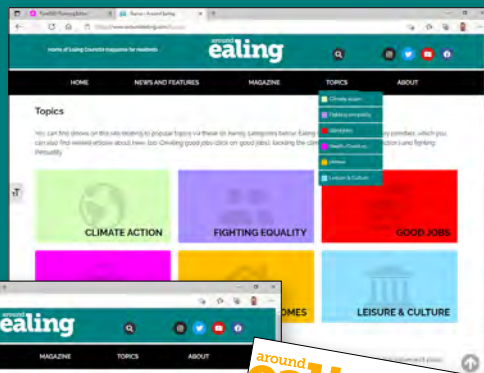
# Going local

Around Ealing has a new home online called **aroundealing.com**

As well as regular news stories and videos, and electronic copies of the magazine itself, you can now search via six topics – including the council's three priorities – and take a look by town.

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# The power is yours

With bills rising, there has never been a better time to switch energy provider and to lock in a good deal. And, with climate change on everyone's minds, finding a supplier of renewable energy would be even better.



**W**holesale energy prices hit a three-year high recently, and the government regulator Ofgem is to raise the limit on what energy companies can charge you. The 'cap' on Standard Variable Tariffs will rise, meaning that charges will increase.

With so many of us still working from home more than we used to, it is even more important to consider switching to save on your energy bills.

However, there is more than one route to getting a better – and hopefully greener – deal this autumn.

## BIG LONDON ENERGY SWITCH

Ealing Council is one of the councils backing the Big London Energy Switch, which runs regular 'auctions' for residents to club together to get the best deals from energy suppliers as a group. It works on the basis of

strength in numbers – with more than 6,000 local people signed up last time around. Registering your interest is simple and there is no obligation to switch. The next auction is coming up on Tuesday, 12 October. Find out more at [biglondonenergyswitch.co.uk/ealing](http://biglondonenergyswitch.co.uk/ealing)

## LONDON POWER


London Power is also now available. It was set up by the Mayor of London in 2019 to give Londoners a greener and more affordable option. Customers get 100% renewable electricity and gas carbon offsets as standard and have an option to contribute to planting more trees in London. Since it launched, London Power has saved its average customer 1,120kg of carbon a year each – the equivalent of the work of 560 trees.

Many of the big energy companies offer tempting introductory rates that are then hiked up later on. But London

Power aims to give you good value for the long term and to get you on the cheapest tariff – which is particularly important for households in danger of fuel poverty. With both pre-payment and monthly direct debit rate plans, there is something for everyone.

To learn more and get a quick quote, visit [www.mylondonpower.com](http://www.mylondonpower.com) or call 0808 168 8145 or email [hello@mylondonpower.com](mailto:hello@mylondonpower.com)

## CONSIDER GOING RENEWABLE

Councillor Deirdre Costigan, the council's cabinet member for climate action, said: "With climate action one of our priorities, I'd urge everyone to consider choosing a supplier with 100% renewable energy – to help reduce the negative impact our homes can have on the environment. And, with prices rising, now is the ideal time to look into switching." 

# Ealing Half Marathon



The award-winning Ealing Half Marathon is back once again and will take place on Sunday, 26 September 2021.

It could not take place last year because of COVID-19 restrictions but the race, which is endorsed by Ealing Council, has been able to return and will begin in Lammas Park at 9am.

Up to 5,000 runners are expected to take part, along with thousands of spectators and hundreds of volunteers. Many of the runners are raising money for charity.

If you are planning on cheering on the runners, the 13.1-mile course will cover

parts of Montpelier, Pitshanger, Central Ealing and Hanwell before returning to Lammas Park via Uxbridge Road.

## ROAD CLOSURES

To ensure the safety of participants and spectators, all the roads that the event passes through will be closed to traffic at some stage during the event.

To minimise any disruption to residents, the race organisers will close roads as the lead runner approaches and attempt to re-open roads no later than 15 minutes after the last runner has passed by in Montpelier, Pitshanger and Central Ealing. All other areas remain closed until the times stated to allow runners to return to Lammas Park safely.

Movement around the course before the race starts will require your co-


operation as course checks are carried out and equipment is put in place.

The first roads will close from 7am on the day of the event and it is anticipated that all roads will reopen by 1pm.

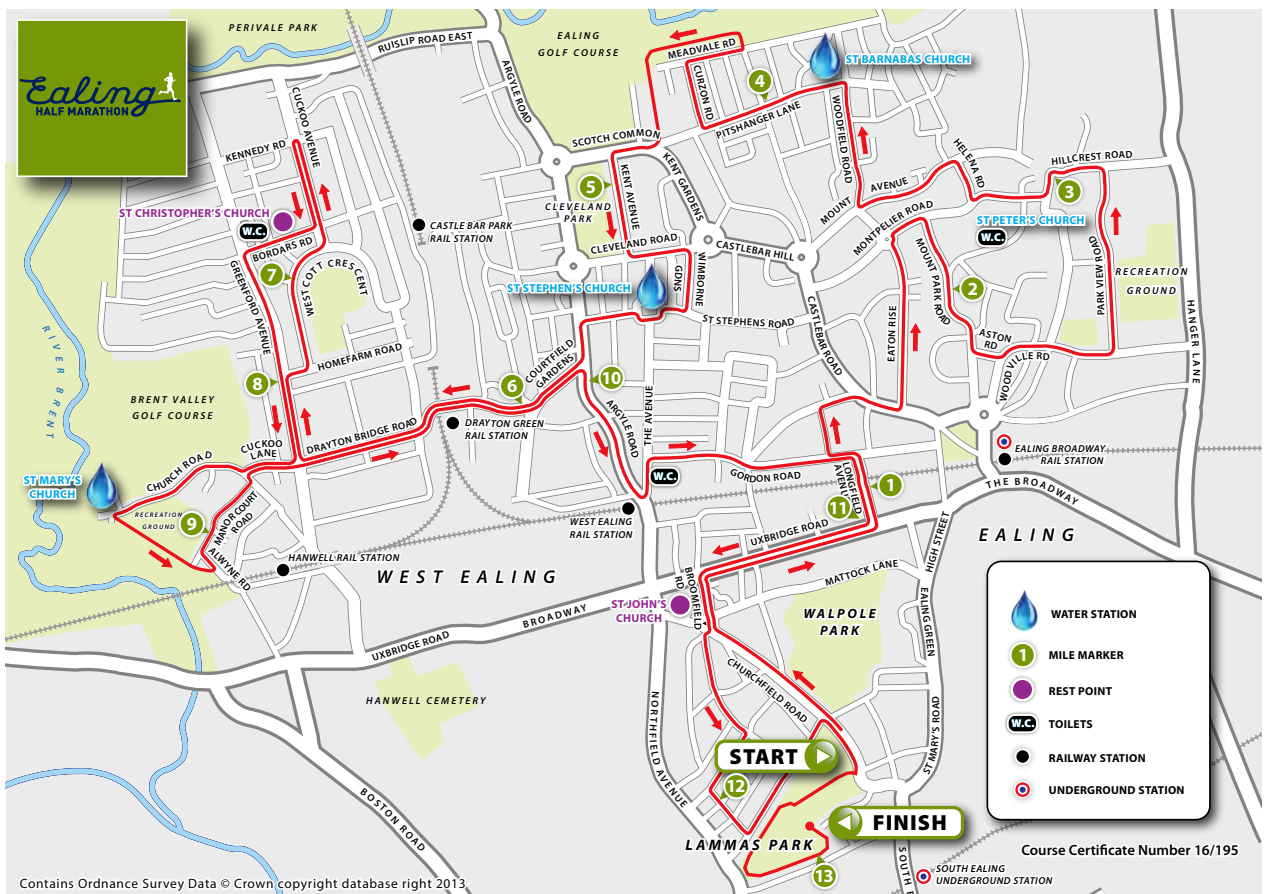
Affected buses that operate in the area will be on diversion from 6.30am until 1pm on 26 September.

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information about Ealing Half Marathon or to contact the organisers, visit [www.ealinghalfmarathon.com](http://www.ealinghalfmarathon.com). For enquiries about road closures, call 020 8825 5000.

If you would like to be one of the 700 volunteers and earn a free place to next year's event, you can register your details at [www.ealinghalfmarathon.com/volunteer](http://www.ealinghalfmarathon.com/volunteer) 

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Culmington Road	8:00	12:55	Helena Road	8:40	10:20	Greenford Avenue	8:30	12:10
Churchfield Road	8:00	12:55	Mount Avenue	8:40	10:20	Home Farm Road	9:20	11:45
Broomfield Road	8:00	12:55	Woodfield Road	8:40	10:20	Westcott Crescent	9:20	11:45
Uxbridge Road (part)	8:00	12:55	Pitshanger Lane	8:40	10:35	Cuckoo Avenue	9:20	11:45
Longfield Avenue	8:40	12:20	Curzon Road	8:40	10:35	Borders Road	9:20	11:45
Gordon Road	8:40	12:15	Meadvale Road	8:40	10:40	Cuckoo Lane	9:20	12:00
Carlton Gardens	8:40	9:50	Pitshanger Park	9:00	10:40	Church Road	9:20	12:00
Carlton Road (part)	8:40	9:50	Woodbury Park Road	9:00	10:45	Bunny Park	9:20	12:00
Castlebar Road (part)	8:40	9:50	Scotch Common (part)	9:00	10:50	Alwyne Road	9:20	12:00
Eaton Rise	8:40	10:00	Kent Avenue	9:00	10:50	Manor Court Road	9:20	12:10
Montpelier Road	8:40	10:20	Cleveland Road (part)	9:00	10:55	The Avenue	9:20	12:15
Mount Park Road	8:40	10:05	Wimborne Gardens	9:00	10:55	Lavington Road	9:30	12:55
Aston Road	8:40	10:10	St Stephens Road	9:00	11:00	Kingsdown Avenue	9:30	12:55
Woodville Road	8:40	10:10	St Stephens Avenue	9:00	11:00	St Aidans Road	9:30	12:55
Park View Road	8:40	10:15	Argyle Road	9:00	12:10	Elers Road	9:30	12:55
Hillcrest Road	8:40	10:15	Courtfield Gardens	9:00	12:10			



# Thinking local, big or small

The Future Ealing Fund (FEF) is helping ambitious local ideas get off the ground and a range of different projects are already benefiting from support – including a video series showcasing the talents and stories of local people.

**T**his second round of the FEF was announced by the council in March this year and is providing financial backing to community-led ideas – that have so far included anything from a junior golf academy to a food growing scheme aiming to boost mental wellbeing.

It is helping to put decisions about how we invest in our communities firmly in the hands of residents. To qualify, projects have to start crowdfunding via the Spacehive website. And each round of the FEF provides capital funding to the most deserving projects with a portion of its £100,000 pot, to help them reach fruition.

## **'ANYONE CAN GET INVOLVED'**

Councillor Jasbir Anand, the council's cabinet member for thriving communities, said: "Our goal is to make the borough better and we want people who live and work in Ealing



to get involved. We want to engage with local people about the issues they care about and provide extra support in helping them to make these improvements."

Once it is on the Spacehive website, absolutely anyone can get involved with supporting one of these projects. The site allows you to make a donation of money, your hard work or even your knowledge.

Councillor Anand added: "The Future Ealing Fund is all about empowering residents to make a difference themselves – and anyone can get involved once a project is set up by offering their time, money or professional expertise." Over the summer, the FEF supported two projects and they are now under way. Others were already being backed – such as the Hanwell DIG project we featured in the last edition of the magazine, and also a golf academy you can read more about at [aroundealing.com/news/tee-rific-local-golf-project](https://www.aroundealing.com/news/tee-rific-local-golf-project)

### YOU ARE THE STARS

The Me and My Southall project is being run by Punjabi Theatre Academy UK. It has been crowdfunding, with plans to promote Southall's culture and attractions to people nationwide – and beyond – by getting local people to get involved in videos showcasing the area and the people living there.

Sharonjot Mahi, co-ordinator at the academy, said: "Me and My Southall will be a video diary series where we will go round Southall and discover local artists, businesses, inspirational people.

"We'd like something real, something that really shows Southall as a community. There is so much culture – so many different backgrounds – and it's really nice to get to know them. There are many, many artists around. So, it's also going to be a platform for people to share their talent, which I think is really important."

Tajinder Sindra, executive director of the academy, added: "Different people, of different cultures can share their stories in front of the camera, with a cinematographer and hosts to help along the way.

"The videos will all be shot in local areas, mainly green spaces, because we want to promote the spaces that Southall has to offer."

Local people will not just be the stars, but also key to producing the videos too, as Sharonjot explained: "We want to involve local people in things like acting, scriptwriting and even things like small exercises. We are aiming for the wider community. It's literally for everyone. You get to build your confidence; you get to meet new people of similar mindsets. That is a way to bring the community together and make them more united, in a sense."

Tajinder added: "We are going to run community workshops in preparation of filming and shooting and provide training for participants to learn acting skills, scriptwriting and more."



Find out more about Me and My Southall and other FEF projects at

[aroundealing.com/news/your-future-ealing](https://www.aroundealing.com/news/your-future-ealing)



### Is my project right for FEF?

The next FEF is open until 22 September 2021, so there is still some time to submit ideas. The FEF is available for anyone with an idea that brings their community together, improves their high street, creates a hub for learning or helps reduce the borough's carbon footprint – and much more besides. Community groups, mutual aid or volunteer networks, charities, tenant or residents' associations, and social enterprises could all be ideal for FEF support.



To find out more, visit [www.spacehive.com/movement/ealing](https://www.spacehive.com/movement/ealing)

# Plan for recovery – and beyond

As the borough's economy and job market recover from the effects of the pandemic, the council is determined to help it thrive and has developed a plan to do just that – while also addressing various inequalities that are holding people back.

It also wants the plan to have a green 'heart' to help the borough fight the climate crisis.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, the council's cabinet member for decent living incomes, said: "Our borough is full of small businesses, entrepreneurs, creative people. And we also have some big, national or international companies here.

"It was inspirational to follow the recent series in Around Ealing on how various local businesses managed to survive or even thrive despite the challenges. But the picture is not completely rosy. There are problems, too.

"The council and many of its partners have been doing all we can to help support those in the community who have lost their jobs or struggled because of the effects of coronavirus on the economy. In fact, 36% of working residents in Ealing were furloughed in 2020 – the fifth highest rate in London. The impact on the travel industry hit Heathrow Airport and its supply chain

very hard, meaning thousands of job losses across our area.

"And there are still other longer-term inequalities in the workforce. For example, the employment rate for residents from our ethnic minority communities is lower than that of our white residents; and women find it harder to find employment than men. And almost a third of people working across the borough earn less than the London Living Wage.

"This simply isn't acceptable in 2021. That is why the council has a new strategy to rebuild our borough's economy, putting jobs at the forefront.

"The Ealing Plan for Good Jobs is named after one of the new leadership's three priorities and sets out a vision for continuing to support residents to upskill, reskill and find good jobs. And we will seek to support local businesses to thrive and create new jobs. We also aim to attract investment to the area – while also seizing opportunities to build the 'green economy' and tackle the climate crisis. It is critical to the borough's future. More details will come as the plan is put into action."

For more information on the Ealing Plan for Good Jobs, visit [www.ealing.gov.uk](http://www.ealing.gov.uk)



**£ CREATING  
GOOD JOBS**

# Helping you to find work

Together with the council's partners, its Ealing Work West service is providing various programmes to help you find work, reports *Iva Manova*.

For more details on any of these, visit [ealingworkwest.com](http://ealingworkwest.com) or contact [workwestadmin@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:workwestadmin@ealing.gov.uk) or 020 8825 8486.

- **Skills for Londoners** by West London College – help to prepare a professional CV or application
  - **Job Entry Targeted Support (JETS)** by Shaw Trust – help finding work if unemployed for at least 13 weeks while on benefits
  - **Work and health programme** by Shaw Trust – support to manage your disability or health condition, develop your skills and start work
  - **Restart Scheme** by Ingeus – up to 12 months of employment support
  - **Digital edge** by Catch 22 – turn your computer knowledge and skills into a career
  - **Construction and employability programme** by ConnecMe2 – for people aged 16-24 not in education, employment or training
  - **Construction bootcamp and construction buildback** by West London College.
- Sector-based work academy programmes (SWAP) by West London College:

- Accountancy
- CAREer Clinic – training for health or care sectors
- Civil Service
- Construction
- External wall insulation
- Scaffolding
- Women Into Construction
- Security, logistics and customer service.

## CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIPS

There are construction apprenticeship opportunities available via [ealingworkwest.com](http://ealingworkwest.com), offering practical training in a job with study, such as:

- **Construction site supervisor apprenticeships** at Berkeley Group if you are over 16
- **Construction apprenticeship programme** by JBT Training if you are over 18, have completed or are working towards a trade diploma and have a CSCS card. 

## On the right course

Anamaria Busic enrolled on to one of Ealing adult learning's employability workshops after losing her job because of COVID-19's impact on the business. It helped her apply for, and find, new work opportunities.

She said: "I lost my job due to the pandemic, after being furloughed for a number of months. At the time my confidence in my skills and qualifications was very low, so much so that I was doubting whether I was employable at all. I felt I needed all the help I could get.

"The workshop has made a big difference to me as I got plenty of reassurance that, with my skills and experience, I would be employable. It helped me a lot with identifying what kind of job I could do over the next two years and actually succeed at getting it."

Find out more about Ealing adult learning courses at [ealingworkwest.com](http://ealingworkwest.com)



Anamaria Busic

Digital champion  
Rabin Bose at  
Ealing Central  
Library

# Personal computer champs

The borough's libraries have become home to a group of friendly digital champions, on-hand to help you get to grips with everyday technology, reports *Neelum Bains*.

While some people are excited by new technology, the rapid move to doing more things online is a worry for others. It can leave some people feeling isolated or vulnerable.

The team of trained, dedicated digital champions will be based in six of the borough's libraries. The aim will be to have one in each library by the end of the year.

For now, a digital champion will be available at various times throughout the week at Ealing Central Library, Greenford Library, Northfields Community Library, Northolt Leisure Centre library and Woodend Library. Check with your local library for availability.

## GETTING YOU ONLINE

Rabin Bose is a digital champion at Ealing Central Library. He said: "You

don't have to learn everything – just what is relevant to you. We are here to help you, guide you and give you the skills you need so that, in future, you can carry on doing it on your own.

"The learner can go at his or her own pace. We don't rush you; we take one topic at a time. It's up to you – how you want to learn, what you want to learn, and at what pace."

## BUILDING SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE

Councillor Steve Donnelly, Ealing Council's cabinet member for inclusive economy, said: "Using the internet can be nerve-racking for some people, especially if it is their first time. We are working with Citizens Online, a national digital inclusion charity, to improve residents' basic digital skills and to build their confidence to use


the internet to access opportunities and services – or even just to stay in touch with friends and family.

"By giving residents the skills needed to digitally empower themselves, our aim is to build more resilient communities while also reducing the reliance on face-to-face public services."

## DIGITAL HELP AT HOME

Anyone living in the borough can also call a free helpline on 0808 196 5883. You will be put in contact with a digital champion, who will be able to train you remotely, either online or via the telephone, whichever is most appropriate. The training is completely free.



Read the full story – and watch a video – at [aroundealing.com/news/personal-computer-champions](https://www.aroundealing.com/news/personal-computer-champions) 

# One stop shop

More than 115,000 residents and businesses are using My Account to manage their payments and engage with the council, reports *Neelum Bains*. Are you signed up yet?

**A**s well as payments, you can now make a number of requests and applications on My Account too. You can even report missed bin collections and sign up for email updates.

Councillor Steve Donnelly, Ealing Council's cabinet member for inclusive economy, said: "The council's digital customer portal, My Account, is making it easier for you to pay bills and manage your transactions online at your convenience. You can also report repairs and see your housing information online.

"Businesses can use it to take care of their rates bills, and more, too.

"When you are busy, it makes everything easier, quicker and in one place. So, it's no wonder so many people have already signed up. Particularly when we've all got used to doing so much of our tasks online during the pandemic."

## WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Hunejot Grewal, Southall resident, said: "Lockdown has changed the way we do so many things. Shopping, banking and interacting with the council – it's all moved online. This means I can do things like buy groceries, check my banking – or now, even pay my council tax – when it is most convenient for me.

"My Account has made the process so much faster and easier, and the great thing is you only have to register once. Now I've done it, I can do business with the council my own way. I have control and oversight of my transactions with the council. I can check my account details, set up direct debits and let the council know about any changes to my circumstances without having to leave home."

## What is on My Account?

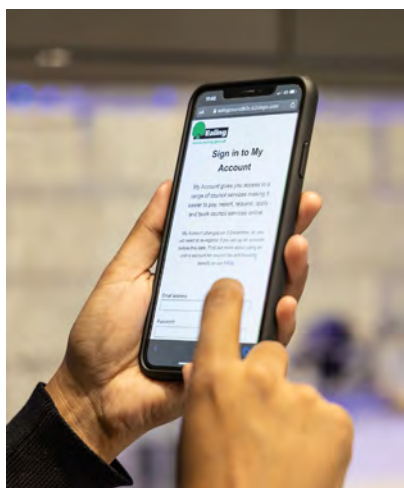
- Housing rents and repairs
- Council tax
- Council benefits
- Business rates
- Soon: 30 new environmental services, including reporting missed bin collections, requesting bulky waste removal, applying for a skip licence and requesting a temporary traffic road order.

Find out more at [aroundealing.com/news/my-account](https://www.ealing.gov.uk/news/my-account)

## Creating an account

Creating a new online My Account is quick and easy – just go to [www.ealing.gov.uk/myaccount](https://www.ealing.gov.uk/myaccount) and you can sign up today.

For help with registration, visit the council's website or contact the support team by calling 020 8825 7733 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm).



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# 'It is my duty to give back'

"I feel privileged to serve in Ealing, the borough has given me so much," said the borough's new mayor when he spoke to *Edel Meremikwu*.

**C**ouncillor Munir Ahmed was formally elected as the mayor of Ealing in May. As the borough's 'first citizen', he is responsible for civic ceremonial duties within the borough and attends a wide range of events and key functions.

"When I first came to Ealing, I had senior people in my community who guided me, and showed me the best way to live life," said Councillor Ahmed. "I learned the importance of legacy. How to raise my children, build my business and work life – this was an inspiration.

"I thought that if there were people before me that helped me to be where I am, then it's my responsibility to help the next generation. So, I decided, having been successful in my business and family life, that it is my duty to now give back and serve the community.

"Since serving as a councillor, I have always kept my emails open. I never have a message that says I am unavailable; I am always here for

people in the community."

Councillor Ahmed has been a Labour councillor for Perivale ward since 2014 and a member of several committees. He has also chaired the governors at Vicars Green Primary school in Perivale for almost 15 years.

He added: "I want to help residents to understand the council better. People are not familiar with local government and how the system actually works, what councillors do, and how they can get help from their local representatives. I would like to spread as much information about this as I can; and meet as many people and organisations as possible."



## HELPING FAMILIES IN EALING

Home Start is the mayor's chosen charity for his year in office until April 2022.

Councillor Ahmed said: "As we are just coming out of the pandemic,

Home Start is the best choice of charity to help families. Especially those who have suffered during this difficult period, whether it's through domestic issues, mental health issues, partnership issues, caring for children or challenges as single parents."

His wife Fakhirah has been accompanying him as mayoress; and his youngest daughter Alveena is also his consort and will accompany him when required. Meanwhile, he is being assisted in his duties by Councillor Mohinder Midha, who has been appointed deputy mayor.

 Read the full interview with the mayor at [aroundealing.com/news/mayor-ahmed](https://www.aroundealing.com/news/mayor-ahmed) 



The mayor in his chamber  
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# Prospective Parents' Events

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

6.00pm - 8:30pm

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