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NO CHANGES OVER SUMMER

Your usual collection day for recycling and rubbish, including communal bins, will NOT change over the summer, or the bank holiday in August. So, please carry on as normal. Thank you for recycling.

Please remember

- ✓ Place your bins out for collection at the edge of your property by 7am on your collection day
- ✓ Put your bins back after they have been collected, or they can cause an obstruction
- ✓ Check your collection schedule at www.ealing.gov.uk/collectionday

PLEASE DON'T MIX US UP

Your **BLUE BIN** is for household recycling only. All your recyclable items can be put in here. If your bin contains the wrong materials it will not be collected.

Your **BLACK BIN** is only for household rubbish that cannot be recycled; the less you put in here, the less goes to landfill. Rubbish must be bagged.

FOOD waste. Line your food waste bin with newspaper or use a compostable bag to help prevent smells and stop food sticking to the bin.



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Whether it is being in the local park, with the sun on your back; or the long, hazy stretch of the school holidays; or even just catching up with friends in the outdoors; the word 'summer' conjures something different in everyone's mind.

With so many bad things happening at home and across the world at the moment, it is nice to have something to look forward to. And the Ealing Summer Festivals are back to bring a little sunshine for a few weeks, too. You can read about what to expect on pages 20-22 as part of a little section on summer activities – including a chance to win a season ticket for Hanwell Zoo (p23).

Work to support wildlife (p32-33), a credit union offering simple savings and loans in these trying times (p14-15), local housing projects supporting people into work (p18-19) and Ealing entrepreneurs being given a hand to boost their businesses (p34-35) are just some of the other stories you can find.

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Leader's Notes

'We remain ambitious and hopeful for the future'

Councillor Peter Mason

Leader of the council



 **CREATING
GOOD JOBS**

 **TACKLING
THE CLIMATE CRISIS**

 **FIGHTING
INEQUALITY**

I want to start by saying 'thank you' to the residents of Ealing – we are both humbled and elated to be re-elected to a historic fourth term with an increased majority – we will, as before, stand up for the seven towns that make this the great borough that it is.

We said we would be open, inclusive and transparent and that is what we will be.

We are committed to delivering for Ealing. We have listened and our priorities are your priorities – delivering decent living incomes, genuinely affordable homes, tackling the climate

crisis, fighting inequality and fixing social care, tackling the cost of living and recovering from the pandemic, fighting violent crime and anti-social behaviour and regrowing, rewilding and recycling.

We are now tackling the change that our borough needs and deserves with the faith and confidence that the people of Ealing have given us, and we approach this with a sense of urgency and energy that responds to the challenges ahead.

'Everything can, and will, be delivered in a partnership of equals, working together to shape improvement'

We are determined to shape our communities for the better – handing power back and doing all we can to support those who need our support, to empower those who need empowering and get out of the way of organised communities and people who want to make change work for them.

Everything can, and will, be delivered in a partnership of equals, working

together to shape improvement.

We will:

- Enable everyone to get a decent living income, that can support genuinely affordable homes for all, securing

what is great about our seven towns through good growth

- Sustain our environment, taking firm climate action to protect our future – foster civic pride and inclusion in thriving communities and use our financial power to support a more inclusive economy

- Ensure every child and young person gets a fairer start in life, where everyone can enjoy long and healthy lives; tackle crime and inequality, that holds too many people back from

fulfilling their dreams and aspirations.

It is not going to be an easy task and we do not under-estimate the challenges ahead – austerity, broken markets in housing, growing demands for adult and children social care, Brexit, the global climate crisis and inequality.







And, of course, we are still recovering from COVID-19 – the most challenging situation in generations. When the pandemic hit, every community and neighbourhood came together – we looked after each other as friends, neighbours, and even as perfect strangers. The coronavirus crisis has shown us what matters most and that is something I am keen to continue – bringing us all together as we move forward.

However, there is so much good happening across the borough in our seven towns and communities – Acton, Ealing, Greenford, Hanwell, Northolt, Perivale and Southall – that we can take pride in and encouragement from. Our borough is a unique collection of identities and cultures. We remain ambitious and hopeful for the future of these seven towns that comprise our bit of west London.



Back row, left to right: Councillor Steve Donnelly (inclusive economy), Councillor Jasbir Anand (thriving communities), Councillor Josh Blacker (healthy lives), Councillor Shital Manro (good growth), Councillor Kamaljit Nagpal (a fairer start). Front row, left to right: Councillor Aysha Raza (tackling inequality), Councillor Deirdre Costigan (deputy leader and climate action), Councillor Peter Mason (council leader), Councillor Lauren Wall (genuinely affordable homes) and Councillor Bassam Mahfouz (decent living incomes). See pages 36-37 for a full list of the 70 councillors on Ealing Council.

Thank you for your continued support – in return, we pledge to you that we will:

 <p>Keep council tax low</p>	 <p>Invest £13million towards fighting anti-social behaviour, burglary, violent crime and violence against women</p>
 <p>Create 10 new parks and open spaces, plant 50,000 new trees and give 800 square metres back to nature</p>	 <p>Secure 10,000 new well-paid jobs across the borough</p>
 <p>Support the 3,000 of our most vulnerable residents to get the care they need in their own homes and deliver the London Living Wage to care workers</p>	 <p>Deliver 4,000 new and safe genuinely affordable homes.</p>



More pay
for home
care

'This is just the start'

In May, the decision-making cabinet set out a package of £23million of investment over the next four years.

Following the local election (see page 10), an updated council plan is now being developed and is due to be published over the summer – and this first package of investment will immediately begin to get things under way.

The money will be spent on a wide range of important local projects tying into the council's three main priorities – which remain: Creating good jobs, fighting inequality, and tackling the climate crisis.

CARE AND EQUALITY

It is critical to help people live safely and independently in their own homes (see page 29) and to make sure local care workers receive fair pay for

the essential services they provide. Therefore, the council is **increasing pay rates for homecare workers** as part of a staged and affordable plan to achieve the London Living Wage.

'Many of these projects and commitments have emerged through our engagement with residents'

The council has made a start on delivering on its commitments to acting on the findings of the Ealing Race Equality Commission's report. This includes establishing a **civic leadership**

development programme for underrepresented communities – supporting and encouraging participation and leadership across all levels of society, from young people and schools, upwards. This has first been demonstrated by the wider range of backgrounds represented among the new intake of councillors sitting on

Ealing Council after May's local election.

A **citizens' tribunal** is also being set up – see page 11.

Meanwhile, a **schools action plan** is being produced to make sure there is a reduction in the disproportionate exclusions from schools of Black Caribbean children and young people.

Making public spaces safer for residents, including women and girls, by **improving street lighting** is also one of the focuses of the spending. This new lighting will also be made greener and cheaper for council tax payers by investing in energy efficient technology – in keeping with the council's climate strategy. Talking of which...

CLIMATE ACTION

An **extra 50,000 trees** and saplings will be planted, ramping up the number put in each year and increasing the proportion of the borough covered by tree canopy to 25%. Over the last four years, more than 30,000 trees were planted – exceeding the council's target – and there are now an estimated quarter of a million trees across the borough. A tree nursery has also been set up on Horsenden Hill by park rangers and volunteers. Tree canopy is essential for absorbing emissions, producing oxygen and improving the air quality – and also for preventing flooding and, as an added bonus, providing shelter from heat and rain and also habitats for wildlife.

The council will be continuing to support green and active travel, and this will include increasing the number of **bike hangers** placed around the borough to at least 150. In parallel, the cost of a **bike hanger permit** will be cut to no more than one sixth of the cost of an equivalent car parking permit. The use of **electric cars** will also be further



enabled by increasing the number of charging points to at least 2,000 across the borough. And even more local schools will be helped to establish **school streets** programmes to reach the council's target of 50. School streets make it safer for children to travel to and from school by bike or scooter or on foot. Meanwhile, road improvements will also be carried out.

GETTING ON WITH THINGS

Council leader Peter Mason said:

"Many of these projects and commitments have emerged through our engagement with residents across Ealing over the last few years.

"This is just the start. In the weeks and months ahead, we are going to set out how we will deliver each and every one of the pledges we have made to you over the next four years.

"Some we have already set out, which we know we can get on with straight away. Others will require us to work together, in a new relationship with you. Where we work with you, so we understand what you think is best for you, where we understand and act to find new ways to serve your needs better. Where we build a good, vibrant, and rich community, where each and every one of us can feel proud to call our home."

The investment also included the programme of **Platinum Jubilee events** in early June that included the Big Lunch, Proms in the Park, beacon lighting, and grants for nearly 150 street parties across the borough. You can see some photos on pages 8/9. [AB](#)

The full cabinet report setting out the investment programme is available on the council's website, www.ealing.gov.uk/committees

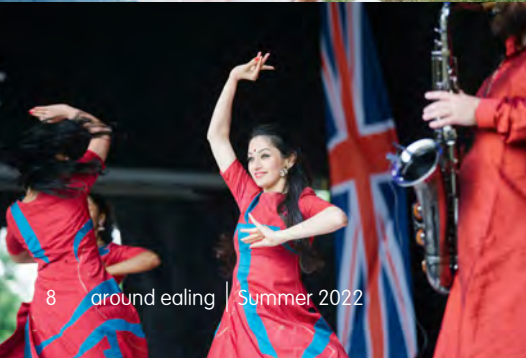


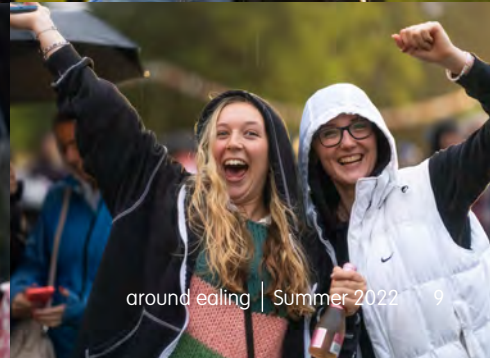
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**50,000
more
trees**



Platinum pics

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was celebrated across the borough – with dozens of street parties and at the council's Big Lunch, Proms in the Park and beacon-lighting events. Here is just a taste of the fun. Photos supplied by Alex Sturrock, Mickey Lee and residents. See more at aroundealing.com/news/jubilee









Citizens' voice

A citizens' tribunal is being set up by the council in response to the findings of Ealing's independent Race Equality Commission.

It will be independent of the council and will meet every other month from September this year. Its aim is to hold the council and its partners

to account on their responsibilities to fight race inequality and promote equality – and, also, to suggest ideas and initiatives for how to achieve this.

Earlier this year, as we reported in the spring edition of *Around Ealing* magazine, the Race Equality Commission published its report after a year of listening to the experiences of local people.

The report, which can still be read online at erec.dosomethinggood.org.uk/report, set out priorities for how organisations across the borough can work towards tackling inequalities.

At the time, council leader Peter Mason accepted the commission's recommendations and committed the council to implementing them.

He went on to say: "We will establish a citizen's tribunal, of a panel independent from the council, that will in 12 months' time hold us

accountable, in public, for our progress against the commitments we will make and the progress of our partners."


THE TRIBUNAL

As the magazine went to press, up to 10 tribunal members were being recruited via an open application process overseen by an independent panel. They are expected to be in place over the summer and start

meeting from September. If you are interested, you can find out more at erec.dosomethinggood.org.uk/citizens-tribunal

The tribunal's objectives will be to:

- Hold the council and its partners to account on the delivery of its commitment and responsibilities to fight race inequality and promote race equality.
- Suggest ideas and initiatives for how the council can most effectively fight race inequality and promote race equality.

The citizens' tribunal will hold an annual meeting, starting in July 2023, to set out to Ealing Council what progress has been made against the commission's report and on the impact of inequality and discrimination on the borough's different communities. 




Election Ealing decides

The Labour Party retained control over Ealing Council after winning a majority of seats in the local council elections on 5 May.

Labour will, therefore, lead the council for the next four years. There are now 24 'wards' (or neighbourhoods) in the borough. And a total of 70 candidates were elected to the council – with 22 wards each having three councillors elected to represent them, and the other two wards of the borough having two councillors each.

The political breakdown of these councillors is 59 Labour, six Liberal Democrats and five Conservatives. You can see all 70 of your councillors on pages 36-37 of this magazine, including how to contact them.

Voter turnout was 40.31% from a total electorate of 244,520.

Northfield ward had the highest turnout of 53.73%, with the lowest turnout in North Acton with 30.71%. 



Results

View the results for each ward at www.ealing.gov.uk/results2022



New mayor

The borough's new mayor has been appointed. Councillor Mohinder Kaur Midha will be the mayor of Ealing for the next year. She was deputy mayor last year and will be assisted in the role of the borough's first citizen by Councillor Hitesh Tailor as deputy mayor. The mayor's charity for the year is Heart-link Ealing Support Group. You will be able to read more about our new mayor in the autumn edition of Around Ealing magazine.



The collection that fits you

Almost a million tonnes of textiles, which could have been re-used or recycled, are needlessly put into rubbish bins each year in our country. And plenty of electrical items, too. But there is a solution...

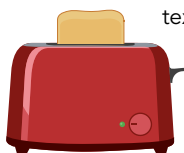


In the UK, clothing is ranked as the fourth worst sector for environmental damage, only just behind housing, transport and food.

Government research has revealed the average life of a piece of clothing to be just 3.3 years, and after that it is discarded. Creating our clothes uses lots of valuable resources. For example, it takes up to 16,000 litres of water to produce enough cotton to make just one pair of jeans. Once the clothing is buried or burned their benefits to us are lost, so we must extend their lifespan as much as possible – by reusing or recycling.

Lots of textiles can be recycled in Ealing – including clothes, bags, belts, curtains, blankets, towels, odd socks and lingerie.

Any unwanted clothing can be put in plastic bags and placed on top of, or beside, your blue wheelie bin for recycling on your next recycling collection day. Just make sure you put them in a bag to keep them together and dry and tie any pairs of shoes together.

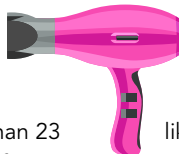


OR COLLECTIONS TO SUIT YOU...

Alternatively, thanks to a partnership between Ealing Council, West London Waste Authority and the charity TR Aid, you can also arrange for your unwanted clothes to be picked up at a time that is convenient to you.

TR Aid will collect donations from you direct from your door, at an agreed time, which means you do not have to leave them outside. There is no limit to the number of bags it will collect from you.

Since January 2020, TR Aid has collected more than 23 tonnes of unwanted textiles from across the region – approximately almost 90,000 garments. This has prevented the equivalent of 236.8 tonnes of harmful CO2 emissions.



ELECTRICAL ITEMS, TOO

That is not all. If you have a bag of textiles for collection, TR Aid can also collect your small electrical items, too – from electric toothbrushes to coffee machines and clocks.

Did you know that the average

UK household contains 20 unwanted electrical items? Only a small number, whether they are broken or just unwanted, end up being recycled.

Councillor Deirdre Costigan, cabinet member for climate action, said: "Many of us are not aware that items such as kettles, toasters and mobile phones can be recycled, so they often just end up sitting unused in a cupboard or drawer – or are simply thrown in the bin. This is a terrible waste of useful materials like gold, aluminium and steel.

"Any small item with a plug, battery or cable can be collected by TR Aid. If it fits in a carrier bag, it can be taken to be recycled."



How do I book a TR Aid collection?

Visit www.traid.org.uk/clothes-donations/wlwa or call 020 8733 2595.



'We keep it simple'

As the cost-of-living crisis starts to bite, a little-known alternative to high street banks is offering you simple and affordable **savings and loans**.

Residents struggling to get a bank account, or an affordable loan, can join the Hillingdon Credit Union (soon to be renamed the London Community Bank). It has been trading for 31 years and is not-for-profit. It is based at Hillingdon Council but serves people living in our borough, and beyond, too.

Last year, it approved 2,200 loans, with monthly interest rates starting from as low as 1% and no early repayment charges. They also come with free life cover up to the age of 69.

And, unlike most high street banks, it has products especially designed for people with a poor credit rating or who need to borrow just a small amount. This includes single parent families who are unemployed.

More than a million people in the UK are members of credit unions, but many do not realise they are available.

THE UNION IS FOR EVERYONE

Steve Allen is the credit union's business manager. He said: "If you don't have a bank account, or you have one that doesn't allow direct debits, you automatically pay more for some services, and others you're not allowed to have. Lots of businesses won't take cash these days and if you have a poor credit rating, banks don't want your account.

"High-street banks won't lend for less than £1,000 on a loan. So, if you need to borrow, say, £400 to buy a new washing machine or school uniform, some people are forced to turn to pay day loan companies and are paying massive interest rates. It's a downward spiral."

Saving tips

Steve gives some handy tips on money
[aroundealing.com/news/saving-money](https://www.aroundealing.com/news/saving-money)



'WE KEEP IT SIMPLE'

"The credit union is trying to stop that happening," continued Steve. "But also to provide good services to people with jobs and who have money, too. I worked in the financial sector for many years, and the basic rule is that the more complicated the product, the more profit there is in it. That's why we keep it simple. None of our staff are on commission and we keep costs as low as possible."



The union offers special child benefit loans and around 80% of its loans are of this type (see Elizabeth's story). It also offers prepaid Visa card for people who cannot get a bank account, junior saver accounts, a Christmas savings club, and much more.

Members' savings are protected by the government's FSCS guarantee.

And, because its not-for-profit, the union can offer interest rates that are better than the average. Everyone

with an account is a member and can take advantage of all the benefits that come with that, including expert advice on help available for those on low incomes and how to make your

money work for you.

 To find out more and to apply for an account, go to **www.hillingdoncu.co.uk** or call 01895 250958. 

**'I was struggling so much, I can't tell you'**

Elizabeth Wright is a single parent of two boys. She joined the union eight years ago on the advice of a friend.

She said: "Even though I was working full time, I found myself robbing Peter to pay Paul. Every month there was just nothing left.

"After my relationship broke down, my bad credit score meant I couldn't go to a high street

bank for help, so I was going to Cash Converters to get pay day loans. I was struggling so much, I can't tell you. I wanted to do the best for my kids and show them a good example, but I couldn't.

"I'd never heard of a credit union before, but my friend told me about these loans where they use your child benefit. Your

child benefit gets paid into your credit union account. They take some of it to put towards paying off the loan, they put a little bit into a savings account, and you take the rest. It meant that I could take out a small loan at an affordable rate and pay off some of my other debts.

"It was a really pressured situation at the time and it helped so much to know the help was there. It was really easy to apply. I was always treated with respect, and it was good to know that it wasn't about profit for the credit union. It benefits everybody."



FOSTER FOR EALING



"The training is excellent"

Caleb, foster carer for 15 years



"You receive ongoing support and there is always someone there for you"

Donna, foster carer for 5 years

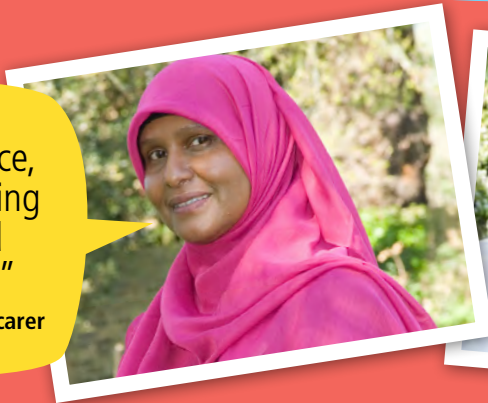
"You can make a real difference to a child's life"

Rukhsana & Zahid, foster carers for 24 years



"It's a local service, so everything is based in Ealing"

Ruqaya, foster carer for 8 years



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE?

We need more people to become foster carers to look after the children in our care. Foster carers come from all walks of life and everyone brings something different. As a foster carer we will provide you with excellent support and training. You don't need a spare bedroom to foster with us, as you may be able to look after babies if you have space for a cot in your bedroom. We also pay allowances of between £269 to £466 per week for each child you look after, depending on their age and your experience.

Find out how, together, we can do this at

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

Website: **ealingfosteradopt.co.uk** Facebook: **/ealingfosteradopt**



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• EALING FOSTERING CONNECTIONS •



Baby-friendly borough

Common but distressing issues in babies like tongue-tie and reflux, or just being unsure what to do, can be barriers to breastfeeding newborns – and it can prove deeply upsetting to mother and child alike. However, support is at hand.

Dedicated support and advice for mums who want to breastfeed their babies is just one of the ways that Ealing is becoming a UNICEF baby-friendly borough.

The UNICEF UK Baby-friendly Initiative is a nationwide programme. Ealing Council and the Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust are working together to put in place UNICEF's standards and transform the support given to local families throughout its children's centres and health visiting services.

'A LOT OF NEW MUMS GIVE UP BEFORE THEY WANT TO'

Aggie Sheriff is a specialist public health nurse and infant feeding lead for Ealing. She said: "Evidence shows a lot of new mums give up breastfeeding before they want to. This can lead to feelings of loss of confidence and frustration, and even to low mood or post-natal

depression. Our service helps mums to breastfeed for as long as they want."

The team is ready to help at any stage and can be contacted by email on clcht.breastfeedingsupport@nhs.ent or by calling or texting 07815 717055.

"We always have someone on duty," said Aggie. "We visit mums anywhere."

Many different community languages are spoken across the team, including Polish, Punjabi and Hindi.


'HE'S HAPPY, HE'S HEALTHY, AND I AM AS WELL'

Leanne from Northolt first received help from the service when her baby, Troy, was just 15 days old. He is now a happy and smiley six-month-old.

She said: "I found out about the service at our 15-day health visitor check-up. Troy had already had his second tongue-tie cut by then and breastfeeding was really difficult. He wasn't able to latch at all; he was crying. I was having

to express, top-up by formula and it was just a very stressful experience.

"With the support of the service, we've got to the point where we're exclusively breastfeeding. He's happy, he's healthy and I'm happy as well. I'm really thankful to the service and I would recommend it to anyone. They're all really friendly and approachable. No question is too much or too silly. They really give you the time and support you as a new mum."

Councillor Kamaljit Kaur Nagpal, cabinet member for a fairer start, said: "It is common for women to find it tough when they first give birth. This service is a lifeline." 

More Info

Watch a video and read the full story: aroundealing.com/news/baby-friendly-ealing





"Would I recommend an apprenticeship? 100%. They really are the best way in," said Kyle Wilson-Ogutunde, who is training as an apprentice at a local housing construction project.

Ealing Council has been working with local businesses across the borough to provide hundreds of apprenticeship opportunities.

This includes at Sherwood Close in West Ealing, where 106 new affordable flats are being built in four modern blocks, and a new community space is being created. The project is being carried out by the council's partner Clarion Housing Group and its contractor Durkan as part of the council's ongoing housing regeneration programme.

Durkan currently employs two local apprentices at the site through Joe Brennan Training. And there are plans for another four to come, working in different disciplines across the teams.

'THE BEST FEELING'

Kyle is 20 and from South Acton. He is six months into a three-year apprenticeship with Durkan, training to be a quantity surveyor, at Sherwood Close.

He said: "I like the balance, that was one of the main reasons why I picked

it. I get to be on site. I don't want to be in the office all the time. It's a bit like learning to ride a bike. You can't learn unless you get on it. In a similar way, you can't really learn a construction trade unless you get out on site.

"I want to learn how to actually price the buildings, how to talk to sub-contractors, how to negotiate prices. I think that's really important.

"I live locally. I feel so lucky and proud to work in my home borough. The best feeling is when I'm in my mum's car and I go 'this is where I



work' to my mum and my family; and my mum says to people 'this is where Kyle works'. It is brilliant. It's pride."

LOCAL WORKERS AND A LIVING WAGE

Mahroof Anwar, regeneration social impact manager at Clarion Housing Group, said "A key part of our social investment programme is about focusing on jobs and training for local people."

Kevin O'Connor, Durkan's head of social value delivery, added: "We pay the London Living Wage to all of our apprentices – and what I'm really happy about is we've got over 90% success rate in moving our apprentices into permanent employment, post-qualification."

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, the



council's cabinet member for decent living incomes, said: "Since April 2018, we've worked closely with training providers and local businesses across the borough to create almost 800 apprenticeships, and we plan for another 2,000 roles in the coming years. They are a great alternative to university: They can be life-changing and offer a fast and reliable way to get qualified while getting paid in a real job."


'GIVEN ME A SECOND CHANCE'

Brent Charles is 37 and an apprentice project manager with Durkan, working at Sherwood Close on a three-year apprenticeship.

He said: "I've got an extensive background in the construction sector, but I hit some life challenges and began to struggle. The apprenticeship that Durkan offered me has given me a second chance. It's got me back on track and given me a real boost. I'm doing something I love, I'm excited about my career."

"There are so many benefits to being an Ealing resident working on a local project – Clarion and Durkan's

focus on this makes complete sense. Living and working locally reduces travel time which means I can fit my coursework and studying around the job. But it also feels good to be doing something here, for my local borough. It's good to know I will walk past in years to come and be able to say, I was part of the team that built that.

"I'd recommend apprenticeship management training to adult learners, or just anyone like me that has experienced some difficulties and is looking to make a fresh start back at work." 

More Info

If you would like to know how an apprenticeship could change your life, visit the apprenticeship zone on the council's Work Ealing website at [workealing.com](https://www.workealing.com)

Watch a video at [aroundealing.com/news/building-a-career-with-an-apprenticeship](https://www.aroundealing.com/news/building-a-career-with-an-apprenticeship)



Festivals are back

Set in our borough's stunning parks, **Ealing Summer Festivals** is returning with its renowned comedy, blues and jazz events – as well as welcoming back the Ealing Beer Festival and Acton Carnival.

Acton Carnival

brought to you by Artification

→ Saturday 9 July, Acton Park
Carnival Procession: 10.30am from Crown Street, then Acton Park 12noon–7pm
→ TICKETS: From £2; kids go free

Acton Carnival is the biggest festival in Acton and a vibrant celebration of the town's rich culture and history, bringing together amazing dancers, performers, musicians, and artists from the local area. After two long years of tuning in online virtually, Artification is back in action and ready for the procession to return to the streets of Acton. The procession leaves Crown Street at 10.30am, and festivities continue in Acton Park from 12noon until 7 pm. If you want to get involved with the action email chantel@artification.org.uk and find out more at www.artification.org.uk/events/acton-carnival-2022



Ealing Beer Festival

brought to you by CAMRA

→ 13–16 July, Walpole Park (Ealing)

Wednesday-Friday: 12noon- 10.30pm

Saturday: 12noon-6pm

→ TICKETS: CAMRA members £18 / non-members £20, including: Souvenir glass (non-refundable), souvenir programme and £10 drinks vouchers.

Drink beer and be merry at one of the capital's best beer festivals. The Ealing Beer Festival is CAMRA's largest outdoor festival in London and has been truly missed by many. Back in Walpole Park this July after a two-year hiatus because of the pandemic, expect the best in real ale, craft beers from across the globe, cider, perry, wine and mead. Find out more at the website, ebf.camra.org.uk



Ealing Comedy, Blues and Jazz festivals

in partnership with Ealing Gin

Produced by The Event Umbrella on behalf of Ealing Council, the Comedy, Blues and Jazz festivals are an intrinsic part of the musical and comedic history of the area and bring the great British festival experience to your doorstep with side-splitting comedy, music for dancing and chilling to, cold drinks and amazing street food.

Ealing Comedy is hosted in a single Big Top main stage with seating, while the Blues and Jazz festivals bring use the covered Big Top main stage, an open air stage and plenty of kids' activities and workshops to keep the small ones entertained.

This year, the three events are brought to you in partnership with Ealing Gin, whose makers, the Duncan family, have lived in the borough for five generations. Hand-crafted in small batches using a traditional copper still, the gin will be the exclusively poured gin at these events.

Find out more on all three events, and buy tickets, at www.ealingsummerfestivals.com



Ealing Comedy Festival

in partnership with Headliners Comedy

→ 21-22, 27-29 July, Walpole Park

Doors from 6pm / shows start at 7.45pm

→ TICKETS: From £25

The wait is over. Ealing Comedy Festival is back in Walpole Park for its 28th year. Hosted in our Big Top you can look forward to laugh-out-loud belly laughing, cold drinks and great street food.

Some of the top comedians appearing are Dylan Moran, Tom Allen, Al Murray, Kiri Pritchard-McLean, Milton Jones and Ed Byrne – plus some special guests.

Ealing Blues Festival

in partnership with Ealing Blues Club

→ 23-24 July, Walpole Park

→ TICKETS: From £10

It is for very good reason that Mojo Magazine has described Ealing as 'The Cradle of British Rock Music'.

When Alexis Korner opened The Ealing Blues Club in 1962, he sparked the sound that became British rhythm and blues. You can read more about that in the local history section of aroundealing.com

The Ealing Blues Festival keeps this spirit alive and is London's longest running blues festival, having started in 1987. This year's billing brings together some of the best names in heritage and modern blues, from the borough and across the country: Chris Jagger Band, Wilko Johnson, Robert Hokum and the Great West Groove Band, a tribute to Alexis Korner & the birthplace of British blues, Emma Wilson with the Paul Cook Band, Zoe Schwartz and Blue Commotion – plus many more.



Ealing Jazz Festival

in partnership with Continental Drifts

→ 30-31 July, Walpole Park

→ TICKETS: From £10

First held in 1984, this festival attracts the best of jazz and world music and is one of London's longest running jazz events. This year the line-up is stellar. Find out more on the festivals website. aroundealing.com

Get involved

There are lots of ways to get involved in the Comedy, Blues and Jazz festivals.

Local traders, businesses and charities – get in touch to ask about running stalls. If you want to take your restaurant outdoors, but have never run a pop-up stall, do not worry because the festivals team can help you do just that. Email hello@theeventumbrella.com to have a chat.

You can also get noticed at the events by being one of its sponsors – there are a variety of packages and benefits to choose from. Email hello@theeventumbrella.com

Win tickets

Around Ealing and Ealing Summer Festivals have teamed-up to give away 12 tickets to readers in a competition.

There are three chances to win, because three lucky entrants will be able to win one of the following prizes:

- Four tickets for Ealing Comedy
- Four tickets for Ealing Blues
- Four tickets for Ealing Jazz

To stand a chance of winning, all you have to do is answer the following question correctly and send your answer in by email to hello@theeventumbrella.com by the deadline of 11.59pm on Friday, 15 July (2022).

Question: **What year did Alexis Korner open the Ealing Blues Club?**

Make sure the subject line of your email is 'ESF competition'. Once the deadline has passed, three winners will then be randomly drawn out. Only the winners will be notified – and these must respond by email in a stated period of time, or alternative winners may be drawn in their place. Names of winners may appear at www.ealingsummerfestivals.com or on Around Ealing's website aroundealing.com. Employees of Ealing Council are excluded from the competition and may not take part. No monetary alternative is available.

Win some animal magic

Hanwell Zoo, as many of you will know, is a bit of a local treasure. And lots of you will no doubt be planning to visit this summer. Well, we are giving you the chance to win a 'family friend' season ticket to the zoo for you and a child.

Have you watched our Animal of the Week video series about some of the inhabitants of the zoo?

If not, you do not have to miss out on these introductions to a number of furry and feathered friends, which we ran weekly during April and May. They are still available to view.

You can simply use the QR code on this page (with your smartphone's camera) to watch all eight videos as a playlist. Or just visit the council's YouTube channel and find them that way.

Once you have seen them, why not have a go at our competition? You will have a better chance of getting the answer right if you have watched the videos.

The first video is about a trio of black and white ruffed lemurs who arrived at the zoo six months ago to join – among others

– the monkeys, armadillos, grey slender loris, meerkats, capybaras, ants, miniature donkeys, tortoises, wild array of birdlife – and bunnies – that already call Hanwell home.

COMPETITION

To be in with a chance of winning one of Hanwell Zoo's 'family friend' season tickets, for you and a child, correctly answer the question below.

You need to send it by email to aroundealing@ealing.gov.uk by the deadline of 11.59pm on Friday,

15 July 2022 – and make sure you use the subject line 'Zoo competition', or your entry might not be counted. Please include your full name and a contact number.

The season ticket will run from the date of

it being issued, for a year. The 'family friend' ticket allows the adult on the card and one child into

Hanwell Zoo for 12 months.

Question: How many of our eight Animal of the Week videos include the Hanwell Zoo manager Jim Gregory talking about the featured creatures?

The winner will be drawn randomly from among the correct entries after the deadline. Only the winner will be contacted, and no monetary alternative will be offered. Employees of Ealing Council are excluded from entering this competition.

 Find out more about the zoo, including entrance prices, at hanwellzoo.co.uk

Watch the Animal of the Week video playlist



Your events

Bring Your Baby Pub Quiz

Brief description: From the creator of 'Bring Your Baby Guided London Walks', 'Bring Your Baby Pub Quizzes' are fun, brain-stimulating daytime parent socials.

Cost to attend: £10 per person (kids go free)

Venue: The Aeronaut, 264 High Street, Acton, London W3 9BH

Date(s): Thursday 7th July, 12pm-2.30pm; Thursday 4th August, 12pm-2.30pm; Thursday 1st September, 12pm-2.30pm

Website: bringyourbaby.org

Exhibition – Rana Begum: Dappled Light



Brief description: Discover Rana Begum's striking works which celebrate light, colour and form. Rana Begum RA, a Bangladeshi-born artist who lives and works in London, blurs the boundaries between sculpture, architecture, design and painting. Displayed across the Gallery, Manor and garden, the works respond to John Soane's design and architecture of Pitzhanger.

Cost to attend: Entry included in Pitzhanger general admission charge. £7.70 (Members + under 18s free, Ealing residents free on Wednesdays and Sunday mornings)

Venue: Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery, Ealing

Date(s): Now, until 11 September 2022

Website: www.pitzhanger.org.uk

Library Summer Reading Challenge

Brief description: Our library will be inviting children up to 11 years to join the Summer Reading Challenge, run by The Reading Agency

in partnership with The Science Museum Group. We will also be holding fun weekly activities for children on the theme of science and technology.

Cost to attend: Free

Venue: Northfields Community Library, 255A Northfield Avenue, Ealing W5 4UA

Date(s): Saturday 9th July to Saturday 3rd September

Name of organisation or group: Northfields Community Library

Website: northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk

Visions for Northolt events

Brief description: Series of community-led events across Northolt to celebrate the Visions for Northolt programme and ensure that future investment and projects in Northolt reflect the needs and priorities of the local community. To include a 'high street day' on 9th July with a food stall and unveiling of the pop-ups and high street signage competition and much more.

Cost to attend: Free

Date(s): 9 July

Website: www.visionsfornortholt.co.uk

St Gregory's Primary School Summer Fete

Brief description: Fun for the whole family. Our annual summer fete is back, and it is better than ever. Rides, market stalls, food and drink, candy floss and popcorn, live music, children's entertainment and activities, and much, much more.

Cost to attend: £2 per adult, kids go free

Venue: St Gregory's RC Primary School, Woodfield Road, Ealing W5 1SL

Date(s): Saturday 9 July

Summer Holiday Workshop

Brief description: Five fun filled days of musical theatre for 4-16 year-olds. Work with professionals, make new friends and put on a show in a week. No experience required.

Cost to attend: £180

Venue: Christ The Saviour School, Springbridge Road, Ealing Broadway.

Date(s): 25-29 July

Name of organisation or group: Stagecoach Performing Arts

Website: www.stagecoach.co.uk/actonandealingbroadway

Hanwell St Mary's Church and Churchyard Open Weekend

Brief description: Learn more about this historic church and its churchyard located in the centre of Hanwell by the Bunbury Park. Find out about the earlier residents of the community. Learn about the survey of the churchyard undertaken in 2020-21 and how it throws light on the development of Hanwell. See the crypt, enjoy refreshments, children's activities.

Cost to attend: Free

Venue: St Mary's Church, Church Road, Hanwell. The church by the Bunbury Park

Date(s): Saturday 16th July 2-4pm; Sunday 17th July 2-4pm

Website: www.stmaryshanwell.org.uk

Classical music concert

Brief description: Arun Menon (viola) with Daniel King-Smith (piano) will perform pieces by Bach, Tarrega and Rachmaninov as part of the Iris Axon Concert Series. On the first Sunday of each month (except August), the series (now in its 17th year) promotes young professional classical musicians from around Europe – and many have gone on to stellar careers winning international competitions.

Cost to attend: Pay cash on the door for a programme £5 concessions, £6 adults, £2 children

Venue: Acton Hill Church (W3 9BU)

Date(s): Sunday, 3 July at 4pm

Coffee with Family Carers

Brief description: Family carers are invited over for a cup of coffee to discuss their routine, issues, and whatever they want. A venue without judgment, yet supported by experienced carers. Cost to attend: Free

Venue: First Floor, Fairlawn High Street Southall London UB1 3HB United Kingdom

Date(s): August 13, August 20, August 27

Name of organisation or group: Inspire London College

Website: https://inspirelondoncollege.co.uk/

Golden Days support group

Brief description: The support group focused on people suffering from dementia, mental health, and any other disability. An event where they can talk without the fear of judgement. Cost to attend: Free

Venue: Lets Care All, First Floor Office No1, Fairlawn, Uxbridge High Street UB1 3HB

Date(s): August 14, August 21, August 28

Website: letscaresall.org.uk

Sports

Breeze bike rides



Brief description: Cycle rides for women who want to explore their local area

Cost to attend: Free

Venue: Starting from Southall Park

Date(s): 6 August, 13 August, 20 August, 27 August

Website: www.letsride.co.uk/breeze

BounceSport Summer Camp

Brief description: BounceSport are a childcare provision offering a multisport summer camp for children aged 8-14 years old. The camp is led by a group of experienced and qualified PE teachers. BounceSport provide a mixture of sports and fun activities for children at their brand new two-year-old site. Some of these include, football, tennis, table tennis, volleyball, basketball, dodgeball and much more.

Cost to attend: £40

Venue: Ada Lovelace C of E High School, Park View Road, Ealing W5 2JX

Date(s): July 25th - August 12th (Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm)

Name of organisation or group:

BounceSport

Website: www.facebook.com/BounceSportCamps

Football Fun Sessions

Brief description: Footy Fun 4 Kids Mini Kickers is a unique programme for children aged from 18 months to three-years old. The ultimate outcome is that our children increase confidence and improve social and physical fundamental skills to allow them to progress within the sport.

Cost to attend: £8 to £10 per session

Venue: Walpole Park, Mattock Lane, Ealing W5 5EQ

Date(s): Every Sunday 9.30-10.15am MINI KICKERS (18mth-3yrs); 10.30-11.30am GROUP SESSION (4-13yrs).

Website: www.footyfun4kids.com/

Footy Fun 4 Kids – Multi Sports Summer Camp

Brief description: Our Holiday Camp is designed for children aged 4-12 years old and includes a range of various sports and activities like cricket, netball, basketball, arts and crafts and many more.

Cost to attend: £40

Venue: Blondin Park, Northfields, Ealing W5 4UL

Date(s): From 22nd of July to 1st of September, 9.30am-3.30pm

Website: https://www.footyfun4kids.com

Zebra Sports Gymnastics

Brief description: Multicultural recreational gymnastics for boys and girls ages 4yrs+. Tuesday PM, Wednesday PM & Saturday AM. Summer Holiday Club; and Adults Fit - Stretch Class Tuesday 7.15 -8.15pm

Cost to attend: £11 per one-hour lesson.

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Venue: Drayton Manor High School, Drayton Bridge Road, Hanwell W7 1EU & Nishkam School West London, Syon Lane, TW7 5PN

Date(s): We operate weekly throughout the

entire year on: Tuesday 6.15 -7.15pm - Children ages 4yrs+, Tuesday 7.15 - 8.15pm - Adults age 16ys +, Wednesday 5.45-6.45pm - Children 4yrs+, Saturdays 9.30/10.30 & 11.30am (start). – Children 4yr+.

Holiday Club 8am-4pm weekdays during half term breaks and throughout the summer holidays.

Website: www.zebraports.co.uk

Footy Fun 4 Kids – Sessions

Brief description: Tuesday football: 5.30-6.30pm 4&5 years old; 6-7.30pm girls only. Wednesday football: 5.30-7pm 6&7years old; 6-7.30pm 8-13 years old. Friday Multi-Sports: 5.30-6.30pm 4&5 years old; 6-7.30pm 6-13 years old. Saturday football 9am-12pm 4-13 years old.

Cost to attend: £10 to £15 per session

Venue: Blondin Park Sports Ground, Blondin Avenue, Northfields, Ealing W5 4UL

Date(s): From 29th of June to 13th of July

Website: www.footyfun4kids.com/

The Brentham Lawn Tennis Association Tournament

Brief description: Brentham has been running this tennis tournament for several years now. Sponsored by Grimshaw Estates. It is a Grade 4 and played on Tiger Turf. It is open to U14 Girls and Boys. U16 Boys and Girls. Open Ladies and Men. Veteran (40) Ladies and Men. Open Ladies and Men's Doubles

Cost to attend: £20/15 depending on category
Venue: The Brentham Club, Meadvale Road, Ealing W5 1NP

Date(s): Runs from Friday 8th July through to The Finals 16/17th July. Organised by LTA Referee and umpires.

Website: www.brenthamclub.co.uk

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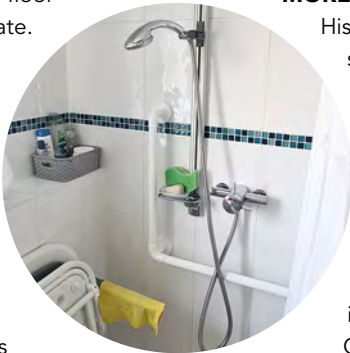
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'A massive change'

"I can now do things on my own that were impossible to do before," said Gren Garrett, after Ealing Council's adaptations service modified his home to help him cope with his illness. *Richard Bolton reports.*

The 73-year-old suffers with mobility problems, which stem from Parkinson's disease, and he had experienced difficulties in using the bathroom in his ground floor flat on the Medway estate.

Mr Garrett, who has lived in his Perivale home for 23 years, was assessed by an occupational therapy team, after being discharged from hospital. The former teacher was referred to the council's adaptations team, which visited him in his home to consider what changes could be made to help him live safely and independently there with his wife.



'I REALLY STRUGGLED'

"My mobility problems meant that I really struggled to get out of the bath, even though I had my wife supporting me," said Mr Garrett.

"Anyone who lives with Parkinson's disease will understand what that means. It really affected my confidence."

Using money from its Better Care Fund, the council installed a new level-access shower and a specially adapted toilet. The team also added a new wash basin and completely renovated his bathroom.

"I'm so pleased with the work that's been carried out," said Mr Garrett. "It means that I'm now less dependent on others and my confidence has increased. The standard of the work has been terrific."


'MORE INDEPENDENCE'

His wife Theresa said: "I've seen a massive change in Gren's demeanour. I now no longer have to worry about him using the bathroom on his own and it's given him greater freedom and more independence."

Councillor Lauren Wall, the council's cabinet member for genuinely affordable homes, said: "As well as delivering thousands of new genuinely affordable homes to let, we have also fulfilled our pledge to invest millions in the borough's existing housing stock. That includes a multi-million-pound commitment to adaptations which support disabled residents to continue to live



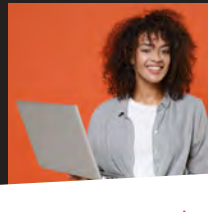
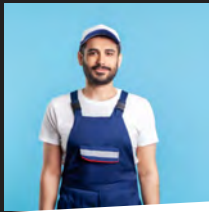
independently in their own homes."

i If you would like to find out if your home is eligible for a Disabled Facilities Grant, you can contact the council's social services by calling 020 8825 8000. 

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Shaping Ealing continues

Following thousands of responses to Ealing Council's big survey, a draft of a new local plan is being put together.

Shaping Ealing, the boroughwide conversation, ran from November until May, with thousands of residents and businesses taking part in an online survey and events across the borough.

In fact, because of the popularity of the survey, it ran longer than originally planned and was extended until May, when it was due to end sooner. It eventually closed with more than xxxx responses received.

WHAT NOW?

The council has been analysing the feedback from the events and survey as part of the work to develop the new local plan. This draft of the plan is then due to be presented to residents this autumn. Keep an eye on **[aroundealing.com](https://www.aroundealing.com)** and **www.ealing.gov.uk/shapingealing**


WHAT IS THE LOCAL PLAN FOR?

It will be a set of planning policies that will guide the future of our borough for the next 15 years – including how land is used and how places might change. The priorities in the plan will shape decisions taken by the council, developers and others about homes, the use of physical space, tackling climate change, creating jobs and provide a framework to help the council to address issues like health, and inequality.

It is one of the key documents drawn up by any local planning authority.

'A GREAT OPPORTUNITY'

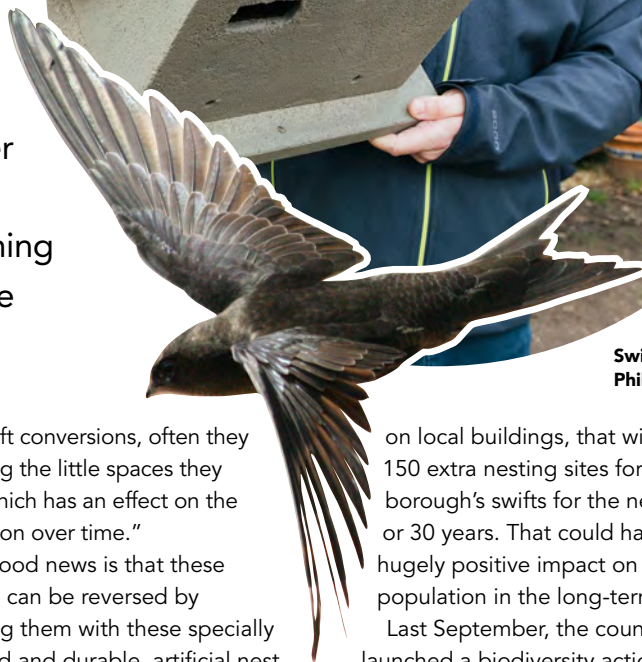
Council leader Peter Mason said: "My administration is committed to being open, transparent and inclusive. I am pleased we were able to start an ongoing conversation about what really matters to you and your local

area. We don't often get such a great opportunity to really shape the borough, so it was really important to take this opportunity and see as many people get involved as possible. We look forward to sharing the draft local plan with everyone later this year, to get further feedback." 



Saving Ealing's swifts

A project launched by the Ealing Wildlife Group (EWG) is giving swifts, an acrobatic summer visitor to our skies, vital support over the breeding season and aiming to help address a worrying decline nationally. *Dan Stephens reports.*



Swift photo by Philip Heron

The Save Ealing Swifts campaign is working to install 150 artificial nesting boxes designed specifically for swifts on suitable buildings across the borough, typically where these birds choose to raise their young.

Local people have been quick to support the campaign, which has also benefited from money from Ealing Council's Future Ealing Fund.

RED-LISTED SPECIES

Sean McCormack, founder of EWG, said: "Swifts are a migrant species of bird that comes here all the way from Africa, but they are massively in decline – they have just been red-listed, which means they are of the highest conservation concern.

"One of the reasons for this is because they are losing their nest spaces in our eaves and in our buildings – they are a very unproblematic visitor and do not make any mess. But when we are renovating our roof spaces or

doing loft conversions, often they are losing the little spaces they need, which has an effect on the population over time."

The good news is that these declines can be reversed by providing them with these specially designed and durable, artificial nest boxes, to replace the traditional eaves that have been lost. The boxes can last up to 30 years.


Boxes are being installed by the campaign team on schools and public buildings to educate children and local people about our impact on biodiversity and how we can help our threatened wildlife.

'HUGELY POSITIVE IMPACT'

Sean continued: "We want to involve schools and local people because the more people who are inspired by these wonderful birds, the better chance we have of helping them flourish in the borough.

"If we can put up these boxes

on local buildings, that will be 150 extra nesting sites for the borough's swifts for the next 20 or 30 years. That could have a hugely positive impact on our local population in the long-term."

Last September, the council launched a biodiversity action plan (BAP) to safeguard the borough's nature long into the future. This covers a wide range of measures, from expanding wildflower meadows, hedgerows and planting trees, to building bird and bat boxes and supporting the reintroduction of locally extinct species such as the harvest mouse. The BAP is part of the council's wider climate action strategy. 

More info

Watch a video and read the full story at aroundealing.com/news/saving-ealings-swifts





Bringing back beavers

A pioneering rewilding initiative to bring beavers back to Ealing after more than 400 years is set to be launched in the coming months, *reports Dan Stephens.*

The project, which is in the process of seeking approval to begin, and is subject to consultation, is set to become a flagship example of rewilding in London. It is being led by the Ealing Wildlife Group (EWG), Ealing Council, Citizen Zoo and Friends of Horsenden Hill.

It will see a 10-hectare site at Paradise Fields in Greenford used as a trial enclosure for beavers. The herbivorous, water-dwelling rodent is native to Britain, but has been driven towards extinction by hunting and persecution. This type of trial is essential before any long-term beaver reintroduction is considered.

Beavers act as ecosystem engineers, creating dams which enhance wetland habitats for other wildlife and provide ponds that act as nurseries for other creatures like fish and amphibians. Their presence in an area has proven to bring multiple other benefits, including

cleaner water, carbon storage, flood risk reduction and drought prevention.

GOOD FOR US, AND THEM?

Sean McCormack, founder of the EWG explained: "Our project is going to investigate how beavers will manage this landscape and improve it for other species of wildlife, all for free and without the need for extensive land management by people."

He said the beavers' behaviour could even also reduce flooding in nearby residential areas, around Greenford Tube station.

"Beavers are seriously good at flood mitigation," he said.

"We want to explore how local urban communities will engage with these natural ecosystem services and having amazing wildlife, like beavers, on their doorstep.


"There are so many great reasons to welcome beavers back to the borough.

"We want to allay any concerns anyone might have and assure people that it is easy to protect any trees we

don't want to be affected by them and, as a herbivore, beavers are also no threat to local fish stocks."

Councillor Deirdre Costigan, the council's cabinet member for climate action, added: "We are working to secure a more environmentally friendly future and to be trialling the reintroduction of beavers in an urban area such as Ealing is exciting. It is truly pioneering and could help us achieve the ambitious aims set out in our biodiversity action plan we launched last year – and in tackling the climate crisis on a local level.

"I would like to thank the EWG, Citizen Zoo and the Friends of Horsenden Hill for all their hard work."

If the project's application process is successful, the first beavers could be on site at Paradise Fields in 2023. 



More info

Watch a video and read the full story at aroundealing.com/news/bringing-back-beavers



Ready to grow

Amanda and Simon of Ealing Gin with their still

A selection of companies, offering anything from tasty treats to online innovation, are working on big plans to grow – with the help of an injection of cash from a fund set up to help local entrepreneurs. *Iva Manova and Richard Bolton report*

In November last year, Ealing Council launched its pioneers' fund, a scheme that provides grants to small and medium sized businesses to help them grow, develop new products or expand their workforce while stimulating the local economy. The £1million pot was shared out among 12 selected businesses based in the borough, that were each able to demonstrate how the funding would help accelerate growth and create new jobs.

A STROKE OF GIN-IUS

One of these was Ealing Distillery, which produces and sells hand-crafted gin. Produced in a little still called



Felicity by married couple Amanda and Simon Duncan, the gin is in the 'super premium' category which means it uses the finest botanicals as well as the London dry gin process.

Ealing Distillery is a winner of two highly prestigious international gold medal awards – International Wine and Spirits competition and The Gin Masters.

Amanda said: "Our ultimate ambition is to build a bigger distillery in the heart of Ealing, where people can visit and see how the gin process works."

"The pioneers' grant will accelerate our ability to get to that point. We will use it to build the brand and business up, raising awareness in Ealing and beyond Ealing's borders. We would love to employ other people in future.

"We will also use part of the grant to reduce our carbon footprint and make the business more sustainable."

DOUGH-ING THE RIGHT THING

In Park Royal, one of Europe's largest industrial estates, lies Doughlicious, an award-winning firm that creates ready-to-bake cookie dough using only the best gluten-free ingredients.

Headed up by Florida-born entrepreneur Kathryn Bricken, the Ealing business was started in 2017 and produces a range of cookie-based treats that are on sale at major outlets across the UK.

"We saw a gap in the market for amazing cookies that were soft, delicious and natural so we created a cookie dough that was better than that was already available by using oat flours, no white sugars or refined ingredients," said Kathryn.

"With the pioneer fund grant, we'll have the ability to bake our cookies and package them so people can enjoy them on demand, as well as a very special version that is super exciting and will be in supermarkets soon.

"Ealing Council were brilliant in supporting our application. They kept us in the loop at every stage of the process and we were really excited when we found out we were successful."

EXAMINING ONLINE SUCCESS

Based at the University of West London in Ealing, Go Create Academy offers creative media courses and qualifications – such as vlogging, podcasting, mobile film making, creative sound and media production.



Kathryn Bricken of Doughlicious

With backgrounds in TV, radio and music, founders Peter Stone and Susan Hickey set up their business in February 2020 and, last year, also helped a school at the university develop a safe online exam system for children that avoids unnecessary data obtaining and sharing.

Susan said: "Last year we realised that we had developed a reliable quality control system ticking many boxes for education institutions when running exams online. We are really proud of it."


The pioneer scheme funding will fund further development of the exam system to make it accessible to students anywhere in the world; and also help pay for providing more skills courses.

GOING UP IN THE WORLD

Housed in a former Rolls Royce warehouse in North Acton sits Queens Rolla House, a project space for artists

– another recipient of pioneer funds.

The studio is managed by artist Henry Krokatsis who, last year, carried out work to create access to its rooftop terrace – and it has now been converted into an exhibition space and restaurant/bar area to host events.

"We're not a profit-maximising enterprise, so the grant should enable us to take advantage of this space which will help us to fund future exhibitions as well as a small cinema featuring independent films," said Henry. 

More info

Read more, and watch videos, about other pioneer scheme businesses in our series on aroundealing.com/jobs – starting with Ealing Distillery.



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Conservation areas



Did you know that our borough currently has 28 designated 'conservation areas', covering approximately 12% of the total land area? A review is currently being carried out on them.

Conservation areas have extra planning controls

and guidance in place to protect the historic and architectural elements which make them special.

A review has been looking at what changes have taken place in our conservation areas in Ealing, and to assess if they need updating in any way. It will also determine if any new ones should be created.

Panels that already meet to discuss these conservation areas were consulted before a public consultation was held in February-March this year. A report on the findings and feedback is due to be presented to the council's cabinet in due course.

Electric train

A new battery-powered electric train service between West Ealing and Greenford stations is to be trialled later this year – the first of its kind in the country.



The technology relies on fast-charging battery power and means the service will be net-zero for carbon emissions and there will be less noise for passengers and local people. It can travel for up to 62 miles before taking just 10 minutes to recharge after a journey.

It will be operated on the route by Great Western Railway in partnership with Network Rail and manufacturer Vivarail, and comes as a result of a successful funding bid by Ealing Council to the Department for Transport.



For the full story, visit aroundealing.com/news/ealings-trains-net-zero

Garage reboot

A £1 million project is refurbishing 36 empty, disused garages on an estate and transforming them into spaces for everyone living there.

Work began in early February at the Havelock estate in Southall, and the new community facilities being created include a gym, a toy library and a play garden. It will also revamp the stretch of the Grand Union Canal that passes by the estate.

It is likely to take about six months in total, and has been designed by award winning architect Alison Crawshaw.



For the full story, visit aroundealing.com/news/new-community-facilities-for-southalls-havelock-estate

More SEND places

More classrooms specifically designed for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) have opened.

An additional resource provision (ARP) opened at Havelock Primary, Southall recently with two classrooms – and a third is coming in September. ARPs are attached to mainstream primary and secondary schools.

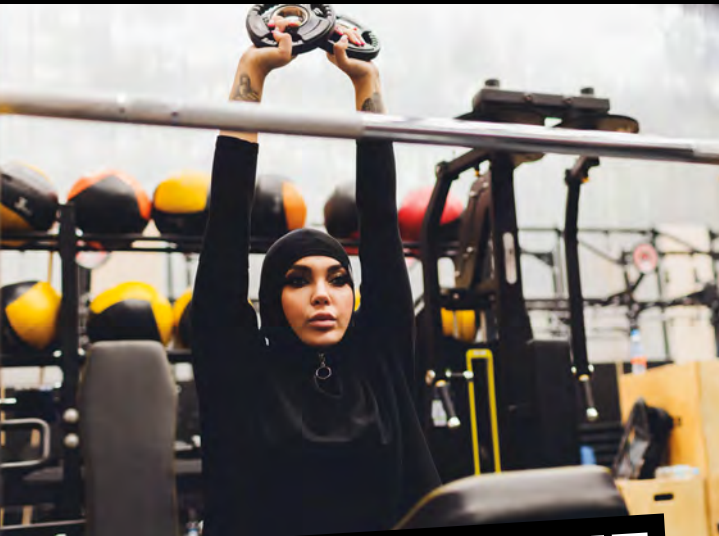
More than 60 new SEND school places have been created by Ealing Council since 2018, and more are in the pipeline.



For the full story, and a video, visit aroundealing.com/news/send-school-places

Ealing Council stands with those directly affected, and with the families affected, by the war in Ukraine. The council is working with residents who put their name forward to house Ukrainian refugees. A webpage has been set up on the council's website to provide more information on how to help, and where and how to get support and advice if you are affected. Visit www.ealing.gov.uk/ukraine

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