

Culture, Arts and Leisure

CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE IN THE ROYAL BOROUGH

The Royal Borough is host to many well known arts institutions, museums and events and has a number of public libraries, leisure centres and parks and open spaces. Map 2.1 details the arts and museums, libraries, sports and leisure centres, events and festivals and parks and open spaces which can be found in the Royal Borough.

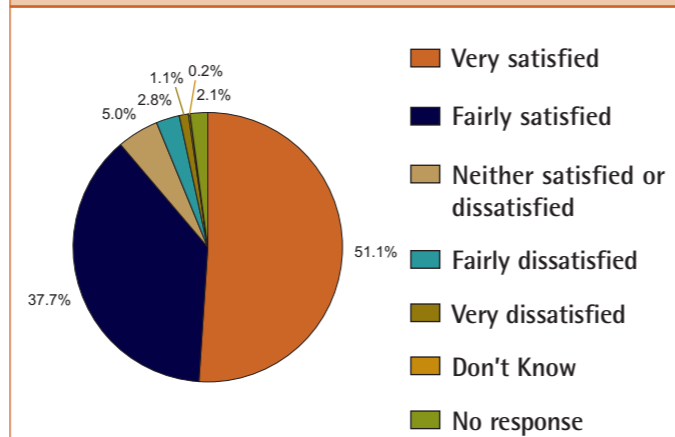
Museums and Galleries

The borough contains a wide range of museums, galleries and art institutions. The Council manages two small museums; the Leighton House Museum and Art Gallery and The Linley Sambourne Museum. There are three major national museums located in the borough – the Science Museum, Natural History Museum and the Victoria and Albert (V&A) Museum. Visitor figures are presented in table 2.1. See map 2.1 for the locations of these museums and galleries in the Royal Borough.

Libraries

The borough has six public libraries located on map 2.1. Table 2.2 illustrates the numbers of visitors, issues and borrowers for each of the six libraries.

FIGURE 2.1: KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA RESIDENT SATISFACTION WITH PARKS AND OPEN SPACES 2004. (Q: HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE QUALITY OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IN KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA?)



Figures rounded up or down
 Source: The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Community Strategy Residents' Panel July 2004
 Updated: N/A

Parks and open spaces

When residents were asked what they think the best thing about living in the Royal Borough is, seven out of ten members of the Councils' Residents' Panel mention local parks. Figure 2.1 illustrates the level of satisfaction with parks and open spaces in the Royal Borough, with 88.7 per cent stating they are fairly or very satisfied with their quality.



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TABLE 2.1: VISITOR FIGURES FOR MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES IN KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA 2002/03 – 2004/05

	LEIGHTON HOUSE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY	LINLEY SAMBOURNE MUSEUM	SCIENCE MUSEUM	NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM	V&A MUSEUM
2002/03	No data	No data	2,368,955	2,729,924	No data
2003/04	18,103	5,528	2,121,527	3,224,740	2,743,506
					total V&A Museums 2,250,438 Kensington Site
2004/05	20,231	3,280	2,112,108	3,218,124	2,471,600
					total V&A Museums 2,011,200 Kensington Site

Source: Sourced directly from institutions
Updated: Annually

TABLE 2.2: VISITORS, ISSUES AND BORROWERS FOR LIBRARIES IN KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA 2001/02 – 2004/05

VISITORS							
	KENSINGTON CENTRAL LIBRARY	CHELSEA LIBRARY	BROMPTON LIBRARY	NORTH KENSINGTON LIBRARY	NOTTING HILL GATE LIBRARY	KENSAL LIBRARY	TOTAL VISITORS
2001/02	468,321	258,751	150,107	164,785	71,844	24,568	1,138,376
2002/03	516,234	257,208	146,938	225,493	73,950	32,969	1,252,981
2003/04	558,300	275,919	146,399	249,752	70,373	35,644	1,336,387
2004/05	480,844	357,994	137,987	227,180	69,118	50,538	1,323,661
ISSUES							
	KENSINGTON CENTRAL LIBRARY	CHELSEA LIBRARY	BROMPTON LIBRARY	NORTH KENSINGTON LIBRARY	NOTTING HILL GATE LIBRARY	KENSAL LIBRARY	TOTAL ISSUES
2001/02	237,229	88,954	48,656	64,116	21,971	5,454	466,380
2002/03	239,105	99,444	52,743	69,104	22,584	6,263	489,243
2003/04	289,034	120,153	68,918	81,275	26,181	8,411	593,972
2004/05	203,999	83,106	44,831	49,278	18,651	7,242	407,107
ACTIVE MEMBERS							
	KENSINGTON CENTRAL LIBRARY	CHELSEA LIBRARY	BROMPTON LIBRARY	NORTH KENSINGTON LIBRARY	NOTTING HILL GATE LIBRARY	KENSAL LIBRARY	TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS
2003/04	20,073	9,011	4,891	7,082	2,963	1,072	45,092
2004/05	17,933	8,388	5,284	6,812	2,782	1,311	42,510

VISITORS Total increase/decrease 2001/02 – 2004/05: increase of 185,285 visitors.

ISSUES Total increase/decrease 2001/02 – 2004/05: decrease of 59,273 issues*.

ACTIVE MEMBERS Total increase/decrease 2003/04 – 2004/05: decrease of 2,582 active members.

*Decrease due to discrepancy in multiple counts on 'talking book' issues prior to 2004/05.

Source: The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Education Libraries and Arts
Updated: Annually

Events and Festivals

The borough hosts many well known events and festivals. These include the Notting Hill Carnival, Opera Holland Park, Chelsea Flower Show and the Portobello Film Festival. Table 2.3 illustrates visitors figures for all of these events since 2002.

TABLE 2.3: VISITOR/ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR MAIN EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA 2002 – 2005

	NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL		CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW	OPERA HOLLAND PARK		PORTOBELLO FILM FESTIVAL		
	SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	MONDAY ATTENDANCE	ATTENDANCE OVER 5 DAYS	ATTENDANCE	CAPACITY FILLED	WESTBOURNE STUDIOS ATTENDANCE	INN ON THE GREEN ATTENDANCE	EMSLIE HORNIMAN'S PARK ATTENDANCE
2002	450,000	850,000	157,000*	33,000	85%	6,500**	2,000**	2,000**
2003	150,000	500,000	157,000*	33,500	88%	6,500**	2,000**	2,000**
2004	250,000	500,000	157,000*	38,000	96%	6,500**	2,000**	2,000**
2005	250,000	500,000	157,000*	37,000	95.5%	6,500**	2,000**	2,000**

*This event is capped and consistently sells out.

**Estimated figures based on turnover of films and capacity of venues.

Source: The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Education Libraries and Arts
Updated: Annually

Sports and Leisure

Three main leisure centres serve the borough; the Kensington Leisure Centre, Chelsea Sports Centre and the Westway Sports Centre which is run by the Westway Development Trust. Tables 2.4 and 2.5 illustrate member and visitor information for these sports and leisure centres.

TABLE 2.4: USAGE FIGURES FOR KENSINGTON LEISURE CENTRE AND CHELSEA SPORTS CENTRE 2002/03 – 2004/05

	KENSINGTON LEISURE CENTRE	CHELSEA SPORTS CENTRE
2002/03	576,053	454,752
2003/04	582,309	359,101
2004/05	568,955	235,769

Source: Sourced directly from sports and leisure centres
Updated: Annually

TABLE 2.5: MEMBER FIGURES (TOTAL MEMBERS JOINED) FOR WESTWAY SPORTS CENTRE 2002 – 2004

2002	13,495
2003	15,087
2004	15,179

Source: Sourced directly from sports and leisure centres
Updated: Annually