

CITY LIVING  
LOCAL LIFE  
KENSINGTON  
AND CHELSEA

# Annual Report 2015/16

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# Councillor Hargreaves' Welcome



Welcome to this year's annual report! This is a bite-size report which offers a taste of what has been happening across the borough this year with City Living, Local Life (CLLL).

I am pleased to note that officers have been busy with lots of projects and activities to support over the past year and that my colleagues in all eighteen wards have approved projects in their local areas. Around £200,000 has been allocated to 108 projects across Kensington and Chelsea by ward Councillors during the 2015/16 financial year. Projects range from youth festivals and tackling older people's isolation to helping people into employment and transforming community spaces.

The range of things supported by Councillors across the borough demonstrates how well City Living, Local Life is received by our residents and communities. The simple nature of the initiative makes CLLL accessible to those who perhaps otherwise might not be able

to turn their ideas into reality. Working directly with ward Councillors offers applicants the opportunity to receive a decision about funding very quickly in most cases. This has proved to be pivotal in making small projects and activities happen where people generally want to get on and do things rather than be tied up in long processes. That said, CLLL uses public money and accountability remains central to its delivery. To this end, I am pleased to report that a recent internal audit found CLLL being run to the highest standard the Council can expect. You can find detailed information about all projects that are funded on the CLLL website.

The website is packed full of information about what is happening in your local area and how you can get involved.

I hope you enjoy reading this year's report and it gives you food for thought to turn your own ideas into reality!

Gerard Hargreaves  
Cabinet Member for Civil Society

## CLLL in 2015/2016: a snapshot in numbers

**108**  
projects funded

**37**  
community  
events supported

**15**  
projects tackling  
isolation amongst  
older residents

**11**  
projects helping  
residents into work

**39**  
group activities,  
workshops and  
classes funded

**£200,000**  
allocated to  
projects

**9**  
projects  
celebrating  
local history

**14**  
projects  
transforming  
public and  
community spaces



# What is City Living, Local Life?



Now in its fifth year, City Living, Local Life is committed to building stronger connections between people across Kensington and Chelsea. It enables residents, community groups and local businesses to take an active role in bringing about practical, positive change in their neighbourhoods. Ward Councillors are at the heart of this work and help prioritise projects and activities that are led by the community. The aim is to build on what is already going on across the borough, encouraging local people to share their experiences of issues in their neighbourhoods and to work with ward Councillors to come up with solutions. Through these interactions City Living, Local Life aims to build lasting relationships which can help to build stronger, more resilient communities for the future.

## How does City Living, Local Life work?

Each of the eighteen wards in the borough has access to dedicated support and resources with ward Councillors able to access up to £20,000 per ward each financial year (£14,000 for wards with two Councillors). Residents or community groups come up with ideas for local projects or activities work with Councillors and officers to develop them further. Once ideas for activities and projects are received by the Council, ward Councillors consider them against the aims of City Living, Local Life, which are to:

- enhance understanding of local areas (including local history, local people, the area itself in terms geography and places within it);

- build stronger connections and relationships between local people;
- help to identify, assess and prioritise improvements in local areas;
- devise practical solutions that involve local people; and
- work with local people and organisations to deliver those solutions.

When applications are approved, funding is awarded and applicants set about delivering their project and keep Councillors informed. Officers continue to keep in touch about the progress of projects.

You can see City Living, Local Life in action in the short animation which can be found on the homepage at: [www.citylivinglocallife.org](http://www.citylivinglocallife.org)

**18,000**

views on the Community Noticeboard blog in 2015

**3,468**

registered readers of the monthly e-mail newsletter 'community cuppa'

**82**

applications were submitted using the new online form

**27**

projects enabling opportunities for young people

**1,310**

community cuppa newsletter sign ups

**17**

articles written by community reporters

**8000**

residents attending community events\*

**29**

City Living, Local Life pop-up events

**41**

arts and leisure activities supported

**2,500**

residents taking part in group activities, workshops and classes \*\*

\* reported by organisers of the events that have been delivered

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# City Living, Local Life across the borough in 2015/16



## North Kensington and Ladbrooke Grove

Over the last year, North Kensington and Ladbrooke Grove has seen Councillors from all wards supporting ideas that bring people from across the community together to celebrate the rich history, culture and diversity of the area. In Dalgarno, Councillors helped the Children and Parents Carnival Association hold the 2015 Notting Hill Nurseries Carnival, while in Golborne, over 3,000 people attended the Golborne Festival which showcased the best local food, music and dance.

Colville Councillors have helped bring local people together with the creation of 'Art/House', a structure made entirely of plastic storage crates where the community could get creative, while St Helen's supported Open Age to expand their local history walks and talks for older residents. At the other end of the age spectrum, Notting Dale also helped Rugby Portobello Trust to hold a fun day for local children.

As well as celebrating North Kensington, assisting local residents to improve skills and find employment has



'Art/House' community wall installation, Colville ward

also been a focus in Dalgarno, Golborne, Notting Dale and St Helen's wards. This was done through expanding ClementJames' 'IntoWork' programme to ensure more local residents benefit from the one to one support on offer. As well as 'IntoWork', a local Somali organisation has been able to maintain its sewing machines which members use for domestic repairs and to make fashion items for sale in and around Golborne.

Further information of ward projects supported in North Kensington and Ladbrooke Grove can be found on the City Living, Local Life website.



Ebony Steelband's 'Blockarama', Golborne ward



Age UK activities, Notting Dale ward





Community outreach work delivered by St. Philip's Church, Abingdon ward



'Food Explorers' week at Fox Primary, Campden ward



Lectures organised by The Kensington and Chelsea Forum for Older Residents, Campden ward



# Central Kensington



Councillors in the wards surrounding Kensington High Street focused on tackling isolation amongst older residents. Campden and Abingdon Councillors in particular, have funded local charities and churches to develop activities for older people to get together. This has included everything from Christmas lunches at St. George's Church, intergenerational cooking sessions at Kensington United Reformed Church to seminars and lectures on health, wellbeing and community safety at St. Mary Abbots Church. Open Age and the Kensington and Chelsea Forum for Older Residents have been particularly active in this part of the borough and have reported a sharp increase in residents attending these events (especially those seldom seen) and taking advantage of the additional services offered at the events.

Councillors in Holland ward have also enabled wider community involvement by hosting a 'ward conversation' to invite ideas from residents about local improvements. In Abingdon ward, St. Philip's Church was supported to increase its work with local communities. For more details about activity in Central Kensington visit the City Living, Local Life ward pages online.



# South Kensington and Chelsea



Chelsea Youth Festival, Chelsea Riverside ward

Helping young people reach their potential has been a feature of the projects funded in the south of the borough. Most prominent has been support to Premier League Kicks, a football programme run by the Chelsea Football Club Foundation. In Chelsea Riverside, young people have benefitted from the Chelsea Youth Festival, pupils from Marlborough Primary School took part in opera workshops in Brompton and Hans Town and Stanley ward arranged funding to buy Christmas presents for children in Royal Brompton Hospital who could not go home for Christmas. Older people were also supported through community events and activities such as the intergenerational film and reminiscence project at Ashburnham Primary School and activities organised by the New Horizons Centre in Royal Hospital.

A number of local facilities have also been transformed, such as the Earl's Court Youth Club's football pitch which was supported by Councillors from Redcliffe and the reopening of the Police Tardis outside the tube station in Earl's Court ward (as seen on front cover). Courtfield Councillors worked with local residents to add greenery in Gloucester Road.

New community spaces were also launched, with the opening of an IT hub at Chelsea Theatre and St. Cuthbert's Church in Earl's Court transforming itself into a community hub.

View all ward activity in South Kensington and Chelsea on the CLLL website.



An Nisa, Women's Empowerment event, Earl's Court ward



Chelsea Kicks Football programme, supported by Chelsea Riverside, Stanley, Royal Hospital, Redcliffe and Brompton and Hans Town wards

# How can you get involved?

## Sign up to Community Cuppa

Join City Living, Local Life's monthly e-bulletin to be kept up to date with local community news, events and other developments. Signing up is super-simple at [www.citylivinglocallife.org](http://www.citylivinglocallife.org) or using the QR code below.

## Submit a project

If you have specific proposals for a City Living, Local Life project then you can submit an application on our website. To ensure your project meets local priorities we would recommend speaking to the Councillors in the ward you are applying to before you submit.

## Suggest an idea

City Living, Local Life only succeeds with the ideas, talent and knowledge of local people. If you have an idea about improving local life, no matter what size or ambition, we would love to hear from you! To submit an idea for consideration, get in touch at [locallife@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:locallife@rbkc.gov.uk) or contact your local ward Councillors.

## Becoming a Community Reporter

We are always looking for people with an interest in writing to help tell the great stories of life in Kensington and Chelsea past and present for the Community Cuppa. Let us know if you would like to volunteer.

## Joining a local community group

There are lots of voluntary and community groups in Kensington and Chelsea including residents' associations and registered charities. By getting involved, you might have a stronger connection with your local area, meet new people and help make a difference. If you would like to find out more about your area, get in touch!



# Looking forward

In 2016/17, City Living, Local Life will remain a key means through which councillors support small but worthwhile projects in their wards. Officers will continue to work with councillors to turn local ideas into reality. One of the aims of the initiative has always been to offer small amounts of funding which could be used to attract additional resources whether it is through match funding from other sources, people volunteering or donations from locals. Projects or activities that bring alive this key aim of the initiative will be especially welcome in the coming year and likely to receive the strongest support.

City Living, Local Life will also aim to complement new and exciting community engagement opportunities such as the Kensington and Chelsea Hive for crowdfunding local projects and the neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). For more information on both of these new initiatives please visit the City Living, Local Life website.





# Ward Spend

## Abingdon

Ward spend: £5,450

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/abingdon](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/abingdon)

## Brompton and Hans Town

Ward spend: £2,599

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/bromptonandhanstown](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/bromptonandhanstown)

## Campden

Ward spend: £12,517.55

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/campden](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/campden)

## Chelsea Riverside

Ward spend: £17,216.83

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/chelseariverside](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/chelseariverside)

## Colville

Ward spend: £17,303

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/colville](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/colville)

## Courtfield

Ward spend: £20,000

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/courtfield](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/courtfield)

## Dalgarno

Ward spend: £14,000

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/dalgarno](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/dalgarno)

## Earl's Court

Ward spend: £17,450

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/myearlscourt](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/myearlscourt)

## Golborne

Ward spend: £20,000

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/golborne](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/golborne)

## Holland

Ward spend: £544

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/holland](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/holland)

## Norland

Ward spend: £6,268

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/norland](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/norland)

## Notting Dale

Ward spend: £16,599.48

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/nottingdale](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/nottingdale)

## Pembridge

Ward spend: £11,289.98

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/pembridge](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/pembridge)

## Queen's Gate

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/queensgate](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/queensgate)

## Redcliffe Ward

Ward spend: £15,236.93

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/redcliffe](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/redcliffe)

## Royal Hospital

Ward spend: £14,486.93

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/royalhospital](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/royalhospital)

## Stanley

Ward spend: £2,486.93

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/stanley](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/stanley)

## St Helen's

Ward spend: £5,891

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/sthelens](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/sthelens)

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For further information about City Living,  
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