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About your North Ken News

North Ken News is a dedicated newsletter for North Kensington communities produced by Kensington and Chelsea Council.

Have you got news for us?

We are always on the lookout for good news stories, whether they are about an event you are running, a local hero who is working wonders in your community or a programme or course that local residents could benefit from.

If you would like to get in touch with an idea or story, please email northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Tell us what you think

We're interested in hearing your feedback about North Ken News. We want to produce a newsletter which you enjoy reading and find useful, so please let us know what you'd like to see more of. Email us at northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk

If you would like to opt out of receiving North Ken News or would prefer to read it online, please let us know at northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk

Staying in touch

There are other ways to keep up to date with borough-wide news as well as news and announcements from Kensington and Chelsea Council.

 [@RBKC](https://twitter.com/RBKC)  www.facebook.com/royalborough


 www.nextdoor.co.uk

 www.instagram.com/kensingtonandchelseacouncil

For updates on Grenfell

 [@GrenfellUpdates](https://twitter.com/GrenfellUpdates)

 www.rbkc.gov.uk/grenfell

 To stay up to date with the latest news and events sign up to our e-newsletter mailing list, visit www.rbkc.gov.uk and search K&C Life.

Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission

The independent Memorial Commission is developing the community-led vision for a lasting memorial to honour those who lost their lives in the Grenfell tragedy. The Commission is currently preparing its final report, which it intends to publish soon.

For more information:

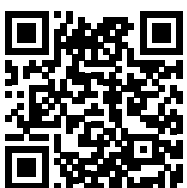
▶ Visit: GrenfellTowerMemorial.co.uk

▶ Phone: **0303 444 4831**

▶ GTMCSecretariat@levellingup.gov.uk

▶ Follow them on Twitter and Instagram: [@GrenfellTowerMC](https://twitter.com/GrenfellTowerMC)

Grenfell Tower
Memorial Commission



HOPE
Even in the darkest
moments hold on to
your hope and keep
fighting!

♡ ♡ ♡
You are always in our minds
and hearts. We sit on your
bench at school and
remember the times
we were happy together

Love gives hope
Forever in Our
hearts

Are you ready to Carnival?

Sunday
27 to Monday
28 August

From Sunday 27 August to Monday 28 August, Carnival returns to the borough with the music, costumes and excitement that celebrate Caribbean culture and the contributions of the community to UK culture and history.

Carnival is a celebration like no other, and many local residents and businesses play a huge part in supporting the event. We want to make sure residents are up-to-date with what will take place in the run up to the weekend, during the event and in the days afterwards. Following resident feedback, this year we've created a Carnival hub on our website to help all residents with what they need to know in advance of the bank holiday weekend and offer a clearer, simpler way to stay up to date.

The new website includes an interactive map that will help you see a clearer picture on a street-by-street level of what's planned in your area.

However, if you or someone you know doesn't have access to the website or the internet, you can pick up one of our free Resident Guides from the Customer Services Centre at the Town Hall, or any of our estate offices or libraries.

Notting Hill

Carnival 2023

Inside, you will find information on waste collection changes over the weekend, parking restrictions, what to do if you have at-home care provided for you, as well as what you can expect in the run up to the weekend, during the festival and beyond. You can also find services information and contact details if you have any further questions.

Visit the Carnival hub
on our website today:
rbkc.gov.uk/carnival



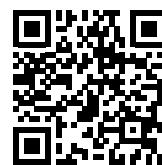
New skills and qualifications for adult learners

Congratulations are in order as we celebrate the achievements of our adult learners who have been graduating over the last few weeks.

These are local residents who have taken on courses, workshops and training in subjects as diverse as organic vegetable growing, making bath bombs, and learning English as a second language.



If you or someone you know would like to explore a course, visit rbkc.gov.uk/adultlearning to find out more.



Students proudly pose at the Westway Centre with their certificates.

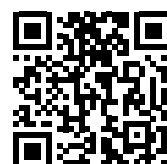
Fun and free food this summer break

There are countless activities available for children aged up to 16 to get stuck into this summer holidays. Better yet, with the Holiday Activities and Food programme, children on free school meals can choose from a range of activities available for free including a meal.

Whether your child is a fan of sports, arts, crafts, drama, or anything in between, there's an activity to suit their interests. There are also places available for children not on free school meals for a small charge.



Places are filling up so don't delay – check out the huge range of activities available to your child today by visiting the Our City website ourcity.org.uk/haf-programme or scanning the QR code:



Look out for the annual canvass



The annual canvass runs between July and November and each household will receive at least one form of Canvass communication (email, letter, or form) addressed to the occupier to confirm who lives at an address and to check who is eligible to register to vote.

Why is it important?

By law, the Electoral Registration Officer must prepare a revised register of electors that forms the basis for voting.

It's important to respond to the form as everyone is legally obliged to do so and you could face a fine if you don't.

If we do not receive a response from the form, we will make contact to get a response from the property via reminder forms, the telephone, email or a visit to your property.

Not registered?

If you want to register, the easiest way is to go online on the **GOV.UK** website. If you are not currently registered, your name will not appear in the communications we send to you.

How to respond?

You can visit **householdresponse.com** to respond to our communications. It's easy and only takes a few minutes.

Alternatively, you can complete the form and post it back to us in the pre-paid envelope provided.



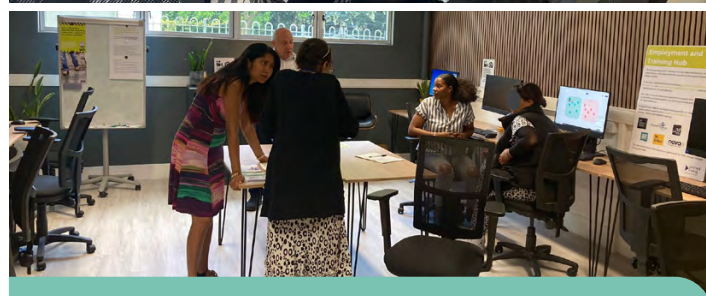
A new home for employment and skill building

A much-requested new Employment and Training Hub has opened on the Lancaster West Estate in response to a consultation which saw over 200 local people identify it as a top priority for the community.

The dedicated space was co-designed and co-delivered by the Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team in collaboration with the Lancaster West Residents' Association and other key stakeholders.

The new digitally equipped room will provide opportunities for training provision, creative courses, workshops, and employability support for residents across North Kensington. It will also enable residents to get online and use the brand-new suite of computers.

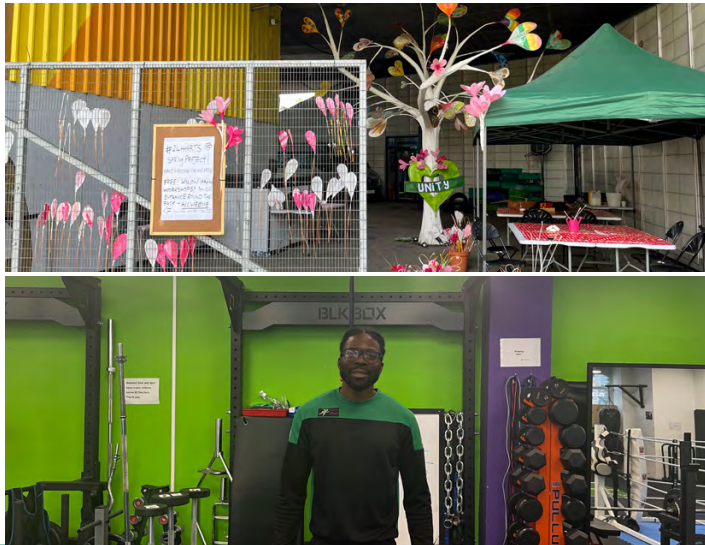
In a series of launch events, residents were able to put forward their ideas on what they would like to see delivered in the space, including youth leadership workshops, tutoring sessions for children, learning software packages, coding, and games development.



If you know of any residents or organisations who could run a course or class at the hub, or if you just want more information, please contact Felicity.Maries@rbkc.gov.uk

Events and activities from the Grenfell Projects Fund

Now we're in the swing of summer, many of our Grenfell Projects Fund projects have launched, or will be launching in the upcoming months. Take a look at what these amazing organisations have to offer:



- ▶ **24 Hearts:** Art installations and workshops
- ▶ **Abundance Arts' 'Connecting Community' Arts and Community Wellbeing Project:** Creative wellbeing sessions
- ▶ **Fit for Life Youth:** Youth fitness training
- ▶ **Our Power Hub CIC:** NFT digital art project
- ▶ **Swimunity:** Swimming lessons
- ▶ **Common Ground's Grenfell Truths and Fire Safe Homes:** Raising awareness and fire safety training
- ▶ **Bridging the Gap:** Essential skills training, physical activities and family mentorship workshops
- ▶ **Gheez Rite Chaplaincy Community Association:** Coding and programming workshops

For the full list of projects, please visit rbkc.gov.uk and search 'Grenfell Projects Fund' or email Grenfellcommunityteam@rbkc.gov.uk

Update from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

The Government knows how important and sensitive a decision on the future of Grenfell Tower will be, and a decision has not yet been made.

The Government is committed to supporting bereaved families, survivors and local residents and their work to determine a future memorial. The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Michael Gove MP, has been having conversations with these groups to understand their views, which includes a residents' meeting held in May.

For information on the Grenfell Tower site, and to ask any questions you may have, please come to an informal drop-in on:

- ▶ Wednesday 9 August, 1pm to 3pm at Kensington Leisure Centre, Silchester Road, W10 6EX

You can also:

- ▶ Email: GrenfellTowerSite@levellingup.gov.uk
- ▶ Or phone: **0303 444 0011**

For a summary of the meeting, please go to 'Latest updates' at gov.uk/grenfell-community-updates



**Grenfell
community
updates**

Need a hand getting out and about?

Getting older or having mobility challenges shouldn't mean you can't be part of your community. Westway Community Transport and its accessible minibuses and cars are here to help you get to where you want to go. Helping older residents for 30 years, this community transport service is available to members for just £12 a year.

There are two services available, the Shopper Bus Service and Volunteer Cars. The Shopper Service is door-to-door and runs on a weekly timetable, with a passenger escort on board to help with your bags. Volunteer Cars is a one-to-one service you book in advance to take you wherever you want to go; whether it's to a GP appointment, health and well-being classes or to see friends and family.

Joyce, a 75-year-old Shopper Bus user from Kensington said: *"If they were to stop the service, people in my generation would be a lot poorer in both health and mental welfare. It makes a whole world of difference to have the service available."*



With almost 7,000 journeys across both services carried out in the past 12 months, this community asset is working hard every day to make a difference.

Could you or someone you know benefit from transport support?
Find out more by calling **020 8964 4928** or visiting www.westwayct.org.uk



Our Housing Management Team is moving

On Friday 11 August the Housing Management reception at the Network Hub in Kensal Road will close, and our new office in Malton Road will open on Monday 14 August.

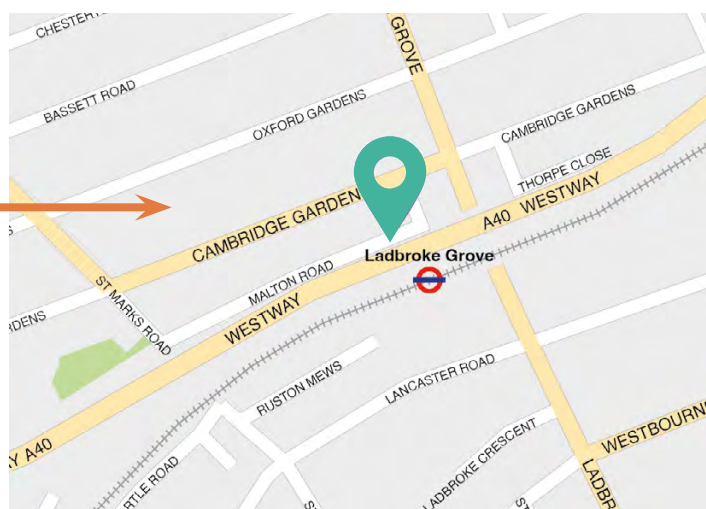
You'll be able to access all the same services that we offered at the Network Hub, but in a more central location in North Kensington.

The full address for the new reception is:

2-4 Malton Road, W10 5UP

It's easy to find under the Westway near to Ladbroke Grove station.

We're also expanding our office locations, so for some services you can meet with our housing staff by appointment at the Council Offices: 37 Pembroke Road, W8 6PW.



If you have any questions you can contact the Housing Customer Services Team on **0800 137 111**.



An Archive for North Kensington

The Council has made a commitment to support a North Kensington Archive, which will preserve and share the stories of the countless individuals who have shaped and influenced this vibrant pocket of London.

For over 150 years, North Kensington has been at the centre of many campaigns, fighting for social justice and equality. These campaigns range from the Chartist rally on Kensington Common in 1848, to the campaign for justice for the Mangrove Nine in the early 1970s, to more recent events such as the Grenfell Tower tragedy in 2017.

We are currently looking for an independent expert to meet with people across North Kensington to develop the ideas around this archive and make it a place designed with and for the community.

The identity of North Kensington has been created by countless incredible people and we're excited to help preserve these stories in a permanent archive collection, and make sure they're never forgotten.

The archive will be:

- ▶ a collection of printed material, such as books, original records, photographs and videos.
- ▶ a home for stories, told through information created by and for the community.
- ▶ a source of unbiased and trustworthy information.
- ▶ a permanent collection for the community to use and continue to add to in the future.



If you have any questions or would like to find out more, please email us: NorthKen.Archive@rbkc.gov.uk

MMR vaccinations

There has been a rise in measles cases in North West London, so it's vital people have their MMR vaccinations when they are due. Measles is highly contagious and can lead to complications which require hospital treatment.

The MMR vaccination has been given to children for decades and is very effective and safe. Children should get the first dose of MMR when aged one and the second after they are three years old. If your child, or you, have missed an MMR jab, you should contact your GP to arrange for a jab as soon as possible.

For more information go to nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine

