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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

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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.

Wednesday 14 June marks the sixth anniversary of the Grenfell tragedy. If you would like to discuss support, please contact the Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service on 0208 637 6279 or go to www.grenfellwellbeing.com.

Scan the QR code for information on community-led commemorative events.



An update from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Traffic monitoring around the Grenfell Tower site

A short study will begin on 26 June to help the independent Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission to understand how people move around the Grenfell Tower area which will contribute to the development of a memorial at the site.

Pedestrian and traffic movements will be collected from Thursday 29 June to Sunday 2 July using CCTV cameras at approximately 16 locations. For more information, visit the link below and go to 'latest updates'. If you have any questions, please contact the Grenfell Tower site team using the details below.

To talk about the Grenfell Tower site, please:

▶ Email: GrenfellTowerSite@levellingup.gov.uk

▶ Phone: 0303 444 0011

▶ Visit the link and go to 'Get in touch': [www.gov.uk/grenfell community updates](https://www.gov.uk/grenfell-community-updates)

For more information about the Memorial Commission, please go to: www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk

**Grenfell
community
updates**



Kelso Cochrane remembered in new homes development

Family and friends of Kelso Cochrane, who was murdered in Notting Hill 64 years ago, came together to see a new building in North Kensington named in his memory.

175-177 Kensal Road, which is one of the Kensington and Chelsea's new homes developments, was officially named Kelso Cochrane House in a ceremony that honoured his legacy and ensured that he is never forgotten. The development will offer 38 new homes – 28 at social rent and 10 for key workers, with the first tenants due to move in this summer.

Kelso's life was tragically cut short when attacked and murdered by a gang of white youths in Notting Hill while on his way home on 17 May 1959. No-one was ever convicted of his murder and those responsible are still free.

Millie Christian, Kelso's niece, said at the event:

"This is an extremely emotional night, a truly a historic moment which is long overdue but nevertheless welcome."



Paying tribute

Scan the QR code to watch a video from the naming ceremony which paid tribute to Kelso Cochrane's life
youtu.be/LW_iV-HjzFU



Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission

Grenfell Tower
Memorial Commission

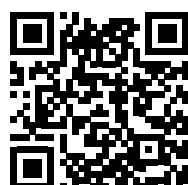
The independent Memorial Commission is developing the community-led vision for a lasting memorial to honour those who lost their lives in the tragedy. You can let the Memorial Commission know your thoughts on a future memorial via:

► Email: GTMCSecretariat@levellingup.gov.uk

► Phone: **0303 444 4831**

Learn more

For more information about the Memorial Commission, please go to www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk or follow them on Twitter and Instagram @GrenfellTowerMC



Summer community projects in North Kensington

With summer now in full swing, we have a selection of Grenfell Projects Fund projects ramping up to provide free services and entertainment for residents across the north of the borough:

To find out more, go to www.rbkc.gov.uk and search "Grenfell Projects Fund".

▶ **Youth Action Alliance's One Heart community festival** – Being held at the Westway Sports Centre on Saturday 17 June, the event will include free activities, food and refreshments.

▶ **Fit for Life Youth** – Fitness instructor qualifications and training for young people.

▶ **NKenPlay** – Outdoor child play sessions next to Kensington Leisure Centre.

▶ **Baraka Community Association** – Healthy living activities programme.

▶ **Neighbourhood Doulas** – Birth education, preparation, and postnatal support.

▶ **Trimenco** – Coaching and training for female residents over the age of 21.

▶ **Notting Hill Therapy Clinic** – Health and wellbeing classes including meditation and aerobics.

▶ **24 Hearts** – Workshops to create public art installations.



Helping young people handle their mental health

A new far-reaching campaign is helping young people better understand their mental health. A 2022 survey found that a third of young people in the borough don't know what mental health services are available to them. **We Got U, U Got This** seeks to promote these services, while breaking down the stigma of talking about mental health.

The campaign, which has been produced in collaboration with Westminster City Council, Young K&C and Young Westminster, signposts to a range of providers that offer mental health support to young people.

If you are, or if you know, a young person living in Kensington and Chelsea or Westminster, why not take a look at the We Got U website to find out more about the support available?

▶ www.wegotu.info



Second annual report on the Grenfell Recovery Programme

The Council has recently published our second annual report on the delivery, reach and impact of the Grenfell Recovery Programme.

This report brings together information about what has been delivered through the programme, who it has reached and what difference people feel it has made. The programme is supported by the Council, but it is made possible by the many local organisations who work with us to deliver it.

Key headlines from the programme:

- ▶ 736 bereaved and survivors are accessing the Dedicated Service. Of those, 75 per cent feel they have made at least some progress in areas that matter most to them.
- ▶ Overall, the health and wellbeing support for the local community has been accessed by 2,337 children and young people in schools and community settings, and by 1,148 adults between October 2021 and September 2022.
- ▶ 1,334 individuals took part in the latest Grenfell Projects Fund programme which launched in June 2022, with 78 per cent of the participants who completed a survey rating the activity as brilliant.

- ▶ Since the previous annual report was published in March 2022, we have been working with bereaved, survivors and local people to adapt existing Grenfell Recovery services and launch new projects. These include:

- ✓ Six projects for children and young people and six peer support programmes for adults to expand the support available in the community.
- ✓ A North Kensington Inclusion Project which aims to promote school inclusion and tackle school exclusions and supported 51 children in schools across the 2021/22 academic year.
- ✓ An Employment and Skills programme to support the employment and ambitions of North Kensington residents assisted 140 individuals between April and December 2022.

More work is needed on other areas of the programme where less progress has been made, including the Housing Legacy projects, The Curve Legacy Fund, and the next round of the Community Leadership Programme.

We would love to hear your feedback and ideas about how we can improve future reports. You can let us know what you think by emailing GrenfellRecovery@rbkc.gov.uk

New homes at Acklam Road reach halfway point

The Acklam Road new homes project recently reached the halfway mark, an exciting milestone for the project, with its completion expected for next summer.

Acklam Road is one of the Phase 1 sites in the Council's New Homes Programme and will provide 32 much-needed new homes, including 20 social rent homes alongside market rent homes and community facilities. Four of the two-bedroom homes will be accessible.

The design of the building aims to make it better for the environment and cheaper for the residents to live in. This is done partly with the air-source heating system, which uses no gas and a minimal amount of electricity to create heat from the outside air, even in the middle of winter. We are also installing thermally efficient windows and doors.

All these new homes will be tenure blind which means they will offer a similar high standard of design inside and out, whether they are social or market rent.



Find out more, visit www.rbkc.gov.uk and search "New Homes".

Amazing Spaces in Kensington and Chelsea: Portobello Road

Portobello Road is a world-renowned market street that means so much to so many people.

We're supporting the ambition of traders, residents, and businesses for a long-term plan to sympathetically improve the infrastructure of the area while celebrating Portobello Road's iconic character and culture.

We've promised that any plans to improve Portobello Road will include community participation from the outset. As a first step to achieve this, we're recruiting a Portobello Engagement Oversight Panel to shape and oversee the community engagement process. Working alongside facilitators, panel members will help ensure the community is aware of the project, can participate and are encouraged to have their say.

We are seeking interest particularly in those who live or work in Golborne, Colville, Pembridge, Notting Dale, St Helen's, Dalgarno and Norland. A series of public meetings will be arranged with traders and residents.

You can apply to join the panel or find out more by visiting www.rbkc.gov.uk/portobello-road



Community Grants Funding

Following the closure of the Curve, we have made £25,000 worth of funding available to North Kensington residents to lead and organise community events of cultural significance, as well as events that commemorate the Grenfell tragedy.

Some events have already been granted funding, including Eid celebrations at Emslie Horniman's Pleasance Park which were held in April and which welcomed over 1,400 local residents.

Funding is limited to a maximum of £1,500 so if you'd like to submit an application, please contact **GrenfellCommunityTeam@rbkc.gov.uk** or call Sami on **07739 314338** ahead of the deadline on Friday 30 June 2023.

Find out more

Please visit **rbkc.gov.uk** and search 'The Curve'.



Royal recognition for local headteacher

A North Kensington-based Headteacher has been awarded a New Year Honour by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal at Buckingham Palace. Veronica Hilliard MBE of Golborne and Maxilla Nursery School received the award for Services to Early Years Education.

Prior to receiving the award, Veronica shared her excitement, saying,

"I couldn't believe it when I found out that the Council had nominated me for the award, then when I found out I'd actually been listed as a recipient of an award I was completely stunned".

Veronica shared her deep gratitude for the recognition she has received, stating,

"To be rewarded for my work and service within the local community is the ultimate compliment. The presentation day itself was an incredible occasion for both me and my family."

Golborne and Maxilla Nursery was affected by the Grenfell tragedy and Veronica worked tirelessly to support the families and children affected in the aftermath. Her efforts have helped to bring comfort and solace to those who needed it most and continue to support affected families.

While presenting the award, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal took the time to enquire about the families affected by Grenfell. Veronica said:

"With community always at the heart of my work, it meant a great deal for Princess Anne to thoughtfully enquire as to how the families of Grenfell are coping and how the community must bring great support to the bereaved."

Golborne and Maxilla is a maintained nursery with places for early years children aged between two and five. In 2018 the nursery opened their Early Years SEND resource base, which hosts places for children with Special Educational Needs.



To find out more, visit **www.golborne.rbkc.sch.uk**

Support for bereaved, survivors and the local community beyond 2024

The Council's targeted Grenfell Recovery Programme is due to come to an end next year.

Although some services and initiatives will continue beyond March 2024 using existing funding, we are beginning to plan for the next period of support for bereaved, survivors and the immediate local community, from 2024 to 2028.

Support in the next period will be provided through a new Restorative Justice programme, which is being funded by the Council and other parties. There will be three main elements of the new programme: personalised support for bereaved and survivors, support for the immediate local community near the Tower, education and training for bereaved and survivors and the immediate local community.

It is vital that the new support reflects the needs of the bereaved, survivors and residents who live in the area immediately around the Tower.

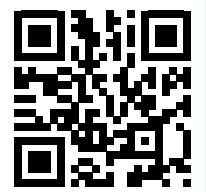
The Council has been asked to lead the work with the community to design the new programme but an independent expert will be appointed to review and challenge our approach.

We want to hear from as many people as possible as part of the consultation and we are clear that future support may look very different in the next period if that is what people want.

A report was presented to the Leadership Team in May that includes information about the restorative justice programme and the approach to the consultation, which we will be launching in the coming weeks.

Scan the QR code to access the report. If you would like to have the report emailed to you, or to find out more about this work, you can contact us at

GrenfellRecovery@rbkc.gov.uk



View detailed feedback from the Grenfell Legacy conversation

Over 600 bereaved, survivors and residents shared ideas and suggestions with us as part of our 'Change at the Council – a legacy from Grenfell' conversation, which we launched last summer.

We have now completed a report on all the feedback we heard via the surveys, group discussions and one-to-one conversations in person, over the phone and via email. You can access the report here:

linktr.ee/grenfelllegacycomms

The scale of the challenge you have set the Council is clear. Most of you said the Council has not changed or got worse since Grenfell and highlighted a range of areas where significant improvement is required. We hope this comes across in the report.

So far, your ideas have helped to shape the new Council Plan, with many of the key themes underpinning the Council's priorities for the next four years. This can be seen, for example, in the commitment to achieve a fairer Council, and to ensure all residents are – and feel – safe in their homes. Towards the end of the year, we will publish a long-term plan for how the Council acts on the feedback.

Look out for a future update on how your feedback is being used further and how you can get involved with helping us create that change.

