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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](mailto: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 you find useful, so please let us know what you'd like to see more of. Email us at [northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto: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.

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[www.facebook.com/royalborough](http://www.facebook.com/royalborough)

and for updates on Grenfell, follow

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

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](mailto:northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk)

# Notting Dale Cook-Off

In the last edition of North Ken News you may have read about a cook-off in Notting Dale. We would like to clarify that The Notting Dale Festival, which included a cook-off, was the first festival of its kind for Notting Dale. It was co-designed and supported by the local police, the Westway Trust, ward councillors, local residents, the SPACE and the Notting Dale Residents' Advisory Board under the auspices of the Notting Dale together values, promoting cohesion and togetherness.

# North Ken News readers get half price discount to Design Museum exhibition



Ever wanted to visit the award-winning Design Museum in Kensington but not had the chance? If you bring a copy of the April edition of North Ken News along with you, you'll get a 50 per cent discount to the current exhibition '**David Adjaye: Making Memory**'.

Celebrated Ghanaian-British architect **Sir David Adjaye** has curated an exhibition about how new monuments and memorials are used to tell powerful stories and address injustices. Monuments are a record of who we are in the world and what we have done. However, do all communities get to be represented equally? And what about the future – can we build monuments to that?

Using full scale models, films and rare objects which inspired his designs, Adjaye has created an emotional journey from Ghana to South Korea, Washington DC and beyond. Featuring projects such as the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington DC and the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre in London, these buildings show how architecture can be used to reflect on history, memory and record human lives.

Tickets are normally £10.90. To redeem your 50 per cent discount, bring the April edition of North Ken News to the Design Museum ticket desk. You can also book online using promotional code **KEN50**, at [www.designmuseum.org](http://www.designmuseum.org)

Children up to the age of 15 go **free** over the Easter holidays and throughout April.

**Dates:** Discount available until 30 April 2019

**Location:** The Design Museum, 224-238 Kensington High Street W8 6AG

## Additional environmental checks in and around the Grenfell Tower site

In October the Government confirmed that additional environmental checks would be carried out in and around the Grenfell Tower site.

These checks will be carried out by an independent specialist, with Government funding and will be completed in two stages. Stage 1 will be an initial risk assessment and involve collating all relevant background information to identify the areas where the main stage of sampling should be undertaken. Stage 2 will involve carrying out a detailed risk assessment comprising the site investigation and the majority of sampling. The work will then be independently checked by a group of experts in the field, known as the Science Advisory Group.

The local NHS is already offering enhanced health checks to any local resident who has been affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy. You can arrange this with your GP and more information can be found at [www.grenfell.nhs.uk](http://www.grenfell.nhs.uk)

For the most up-to-date information from the Government, there will be a series of regular updates through local and direct channels, including meetings with community representatives, Ministerial letters and their profile on the Nextdoor app, which you can find by searching 'Grenfell Community Updates - HM Government'. For more information on the Nextdoor app, visit [nextdoor.co.uk](http://nextdoor.co.uk). The team can also be reached directly by emailing [environmental-checks@communities.gov.uk](mailto:environmental-checks@communities.gov.uk) or calling **0303 444 0078**.

## Has your home business outgrown your home?

If your new business is quickly outgrowing your current workspace, **Portobello Business Centre** is here to help. For two full weeks new clients can have free use of No11, the newly refurbished co-working space at Canalside House, 383 Ladbrooke Grove, W10 5BU.

This flexible space features Wi-Fi access, a meeting room, business advisers offering support and guidance as well as a kitchen stocked with tea and coffee. Working in a co-working space is a great way to encourage collaboration and networking in an environment buzzing with activity and productivity.

After the two weeks, desks can be reserved for **£10 per day** or **£90 a month**. For more information, please contact Portobello Business Centre.



Employment Opportunities

### MHCLG looking to recruit Community Engagement Project Manager

As part of its community engagement work, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) is seeking to employ a Community Engagement Project Manager with a community organiser background to help design and deliver consultation events and communications.

The role would be as a contractor for three months, with the possibility of extension.

Individuals would need to undertake full security checks.

The role will be advertised on [www.publicsectorresourcing.co.uk](http://www.publicsectorresourcing.co.uk) until Wednesday 3 April.

If you are interested, please also contact MHCLG via [environmental-checks@communities.gov.uk](mailto:environmental-checks@communities.gov.uk)





## National praise for KAA choir

Since renowned choirmaster **Gareth Malone** shared the story of **Kensington Aldridge Academy (KAA)** in his BBC series *The Choir: Our School by the Tower*, the nation has been moved by the resilience and spirit of students and staff at the academy.

The two-part series followed the choir as they prepared a concert to commemorate the school's return to their original building in Notting Dale ward. The series also highlighted the importance of music and performing arts, demonstrating the effect it can have on students who otherwise might not find a positive outlet.

A KAA spokesperson said: "We are immensely proud of our students and staff. This series has shown the students in our community to be the mature, resilient, hardworking and talented young people we know them to be."

The Council offers its warmest congratulations to KAA on the success of this programme, as well as its ongoing admiration to the students and staff, who, in challenging circumstances, have continued to achieve success and bring pride to the area.

## Get on your bike with free cycle repair space

If your bike is in need of some love and repair, bring it along to **Bikeworks CIC**, 3 Maxilla Walk (access via Kingsdown Close), W10 6NQ. They've got plenty of space and all the tools you'll need to make your bike as good as new, or simply to give it much needed tweaks and repairs.

The next workshop is on Saturday 13 April from 12 noon to 2.30pm. You'll need to register when you arrive but the workshop space is free to those living in Kensington and Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham. Everyone else will need to pay £7 per hour to use the space.

More people than ever are using their bikes to travel around the borough and beyond. It's no wonder seeing that cycling is a sustainable and environmentally conscious way to get from A to B – not to mention, **it's free!**



 **Bikeworks CIC: 020 8980 7998**

 **enquiries@bikeworks.org.uk**

## Walk your way to a healthier life

It's no secret that getting out and about is a great way to boost your mood and improve your health. That's why the **Changing Lifestyle Walking Group** from the Midaye Somali Development Network wants to get more of us out and about, enjoying the local area while staying active.

The group meets on the last Tuesday of every month at Unit 3, 7 Thorpe Close, W10 5XL at 10am. Moving at a pace that suits all, the group enjoys chatting and sharing ideas. It's a great way to meet your neighbours and make new friends.



If you're interested in joining:  call 020 8969 7456  or email [afaf@midaye.org.uk](mailto:afaf@midaye.org.uk)

# Give us your views on new North Kensington homes

## New homes are planned for North Kensington after the Council announced a new much-needed home building programme for the borough.

The programme will deliver a total of 600 homes, including at least 300 homes for genuinely affordable social rent, community spaces and other facilities.

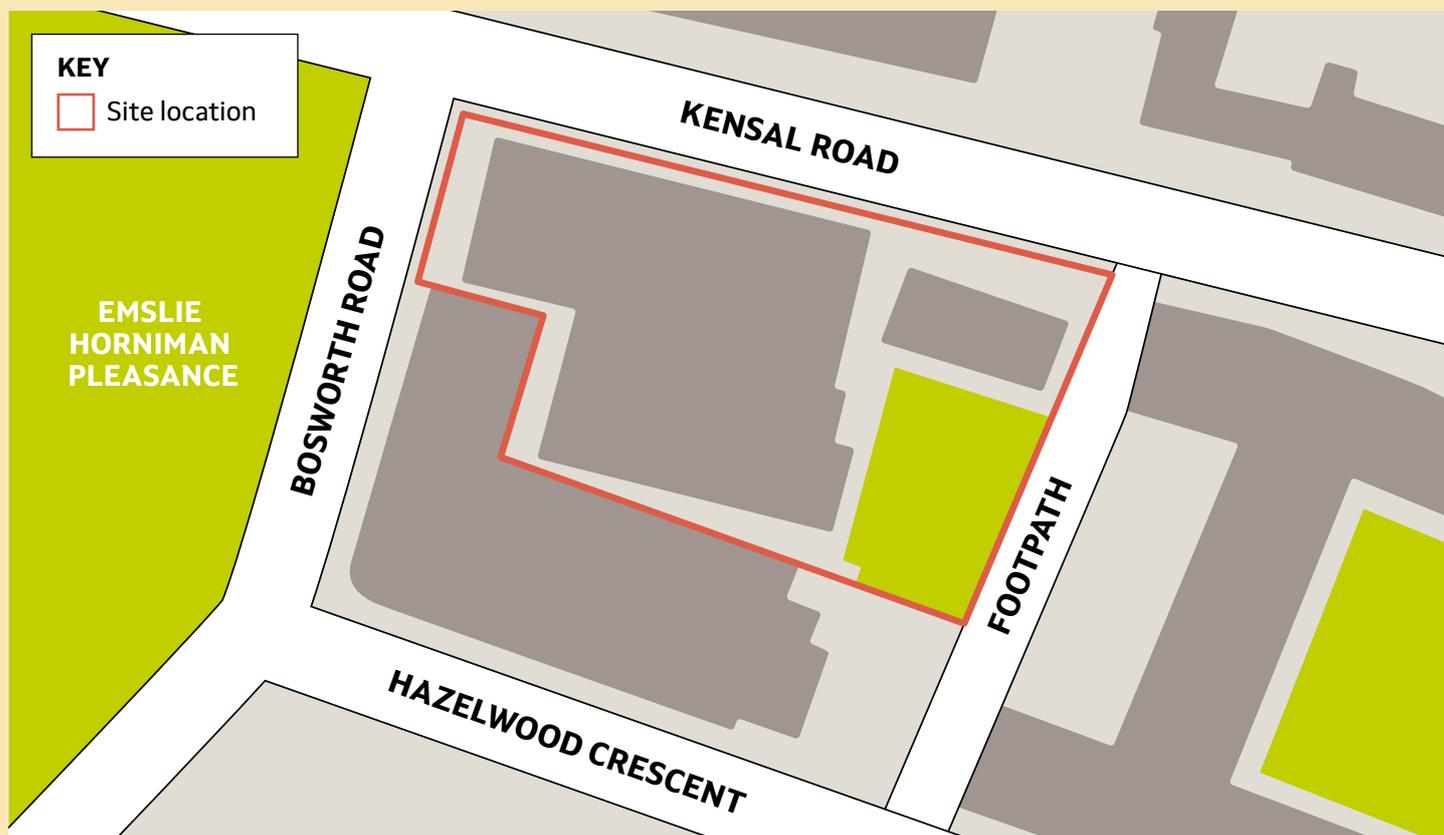
The first Council-owned sites planned are at Kensal Road, Acklam Road, Hewer Street and Barlby Road.

The new Council homes will be built on land which we already own, without the loss of any existing homes. The building of other homes for open market sale and rent will help pay for these new social rent Council homes as part of this plan.

Since the Council announced the programme in October last year, we have started consulting residents in North Kensington about the plans. To date we have held four drop-in sessions, with more planned.

Funding has been awarded by the Greater London Authority; this grant, which is for £33.6m, will help build the social rent homes.

Consultation with local residents and businesses is underway. The Council is using your feedback to form a proposal for each area.



Find out when the next consultation events are being held at

 [www.rbkc.gov.uk/new-homes](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/new-homes)  or email [newhomesenquiries@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:newhomesenquiries@rbkc.gov.uk)



## School kids go green in Meanwhile Gardens

Is the grass always greener on the other side? It will be if the young people of **Ark Brunel Academy** have anything to do with it!

Year 5s from the Academy on Middle Row in Golborne ward have been paying weekly visits to their local community green space Meanwhile Gardens to connect with nature and learn about how they can help preserve it.

As part of the **Young Champions of Meanwhile Gardens Programme** the budding young gardeners have been learning about the life cycles across the seasons. They have also been designing handmade posters which are displayed around the garden to encourage dog owners to be responsible about picking up after their dogs.

Of course, no visit to the community garden would be complete without playing in the playground and enjoying the beautiful scenery which the children have helped sustain.

One of the children from the Academy said: "I have definitely had fun. I've been so sucked up in this project that, even if Tuesdays are my least favourite day in the week, I always think today's Tuesday and I have gardening so you have to be happy."

It's not just local children who are sprouting into action, if you want to learn more about how you could help out in this beautiful pocket of North Kensington, please get in touch.

## Additional GP appointments available near you

**If you live or are registered with a GP in Kensington and Chelsea or Queen's Park and Paddington, there are additional GP appointments available to you at evenings and weekends.**

You can make an appointment to see a GP or nurse between 8am and 9pm seven days a week, including bank holidays.

Dr Andrew Steeden, Chair of West London CCG, said: "You can book an appointment by calling your GP practice or **NHS 111** when your own practice is closed. Appointments are available at two local hubs and take place in the evening and at the weekend.

"These additional appointments have been helping patients to see a GP or a nurse at a time more convenient for themselves. Patients who have used GP services in the evening and at weekends at the hubs have told us how great they have found the service and how helpful it is to be able to make an appointment at a time that suits them."

For more information or to book an appointment with a GP or nurse please contact your local GP practice or call **NHS 111**



### The two hub locations are:

#### Integrated Care Centre

St Charles' Centre for Health and Wellbeing  
Exmoor Street, London W10 6DZ

Monday to Friday	6.30pm to 9pm
Saturday	8am to 8pm
Sunday	2pm to 8pm

#### Violet Melchett Integrated Care Centre

30 Flood Walk, Chelsea, London SW3 5RR

Monday to Friday	6.30pm to 9pm
Saturday	8am to 4pm
Sunday	8am to 2pm

020 8960 4600

info@meanwhilegardens.com

# Community spotlight



## Books for local children to call their own

**As founder of the London Children's Book Project, local mum Liberty Venn has been changing the way children access literature in North Kensington and across London.**

The project allows for preloved books to find a new lease of life as a gift for a child. The books are donated by families who have outgrown them and are given to the children to own and cherish.

Liberty told us: "When children read a story, all sorts of things happen to their brain. It boosts their imagination, helps them relax and builds self-esteem. When you talk to families about passing on books, they love the idea of a book that brought their children so much joy when they were younger being enjoyed for the first time again."

Liberty piloted the project with the help of **Barlby Primary School** in Dalgarno ward and has rolled it out over the past two years to give all local children the opportunity to enjoy the fantasy and escapism of reading and to give them the pleasure of having a favourite book that is theirs to keep.

As the project has grown it's gone from strength-to-strength, making full use of the warehouse provided by the Council to store books in and creating exciting book gifting events for children both in and out of the borough.



*Liberty poses with the pop-up book huts*

There are 10 pop-up book huts that are taken to schools for children to choose a book from. As well as this the project brings '**Bookshop in a Box**' kits to schools for them to create an immersive and free bookshop setting where children can browse and "purchase" their own books.

Last year the project gave 24,000 books to schools for children to take home. This year the project aims to double their efforts, providing up to 50,000 books.

If you would like to enquire about how you or your children can benefit from the Children's Book Project, or to donate books towards the cause, visit:



[www.childrensbookproject.co.uk](http://www.childrensbookproject.co.uk)

# What's on at The Curve?

The Curve Community Centre hosts courses, events and programmes as well as continuing to offer support to those who need it. It's located at **10 Bard Road, W10 6TP** and is open **Monday to Friday, 10am to 8pm** and **Saturday and Sunday 11am to 6pm**.

Throughout April The Curve will be hosting a special programme of activities for you and your family to enjoy. Here are some of the events to look forward to in the coming weeks.



## Monday 8 April 2pm to 4pm

**Fairy cake decorating** for all ages with Janet. Come along and learn how to bake and design cupcakes including making your own icing. No need to book, just drop in.



## Wednesday 10 April 1.30pm to 4pm

**Parish's Pizza Parlour.** Open to all ages. Use fresh produce to express your creative side in the kitchen. Come along and design a pizza you can take home and enjoy. No need to book, just drop in.

## Saturday 13 April

Come and let loose on the dance floor and show off your best **salsa** moves. Whether you're a salsa pro or a dancefloor novice, there's a free session to suit you.

**2.30pm to 3.30pm**  
Beginners and improvers

**3.30pm to 4.30pm**  
Intermediate and advanced

## Sunday 14 April

Master the Korean martial art of **Taekwondo** with free sessions available for all ages and abilities. No need to book, just drop in.

**11am to 12 noon**

Beginners ages six to 12

**12 noon to 1pm**

Advanced ability aged six to 12

**1pm to 2.30pm**

Aged 13 plus (teens and adults)

A **free crèche** service is available at The Curve for those accessing services or activities in the centre. Please call to book a place  
**020 7221 9836.**

Contact The Curve

 020 7221 9836

 [thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk)

## Get creative – arts grants up for grabs

Are you an organisation or individual looking for funding to organise creative activities or an art-based experience for your local community? If so you might be interested in applying for an arts grant.

Kensington and Chelsea Council's **Arts Grant Scheme** is now open and welcoming submissions for quality creative projects.

You can apply for a grant of **up to £3,000** to support activity which could include anything from dance to visual arts, literature to theatre, tours, artist-based talks or research and development. We'd love you to be as creative as possible.

You will have to meet key criteria and the project has to enrich the creative offer for residents in the borough.

To find out more about how to apply and what criteria you need to meet, come along to one of our drop-in sessions:

 **Tuesday 2 April, 10am to 2pm**  
**Gallery Space, Kensington & Chelsea College,**  
**Hortensia Road, SW10 0QS**

 **Saturday 6 April, 1pm to 4pm**  
**CASS Arts, Kensington High Street, W8 7RG**

Applications must be made using the online form before midnight on Thursday 30 April 2019

 To apply: [www.rbkc.gov.uk/artsgrants](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/artsgrants)

 For queries: [enquiries@bikeworks.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bikeworks.org.uk)