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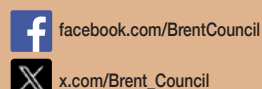
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PAVING THE WAY TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

This autumn, Brent is putting serious money into the public spaces that you use daily. From tackling potholes and uneven pavements, to putting in new streetlights, CCTV cameras, and play equipment in local parks, you will see improvements coming to a street near you over the coming months.

This investment is about more than just infrastructure. It's about public spaces to be proud of, and a safer and greener Brent for all. Funded directly by developers building new homes in our borough, these projects will help ensure the benefits of growth are shared by everyone locally. You can read more on page 5.

You will also see the council's Don't Mess with Brent campaign going from strength to strength with more than 5,700 enforcement notices handed out over the past year – double the year before! There is more to come as we bring in additional overnight rubbish collection, increase street cleansing and tackle paan spitting. Residents are joining the battle against those responsible for blighting our streets (page 33).

It's been a huge year for major events at Wembley Stadium and Wembley Arena. We are proud to be home to these two iconic sporting and cultural destinations which support thousands of jobs in the local economy. But they also bring extra costs – from waste collection and cleaning to congestion on local roads. That's why I've written to Government, calling for new powers to introduce a local visitor levy – a small, locally-set charge on overnight stays, just like those in cities such as Amsterdam and Venice. I've also urged Ministers to help us explore a voluntary ticket levy – a small contribution from big event operators to support grassroots venues and help nurture the next generation of Wembley headliners (page 7).

These small changes would help us invest even more into Brent's public spaces while supporting our borough's cultural future. Brent will always be a borough that welcomes the world – but we must ensure these big events work for everyone who lives here all year round.



Councillor Muhammed Butt
Leader of the Council

Powering tech titans at Staples Corner

Ever wonder what keeps our digital world running? The clever stuff behind the scenes that lets you pay your car tax online or order that last-minute gift?

All of that data has to live somewhere. Data centres' are massive, high-tech warehouses full of servers that store and process all the information that powers everything we do online. They're critical infrastructure in our modern world.

Staples Corner in Brent is home to one of these spaces. Pure Data Centres is an engine room for tech titans like Amazon, Google, Microsoft and Oracle, and it's the company's first location in London.

Council Leader Muhammed Butt recently got a behind-the-scenes look at how the place operates, Pure Data Centres efforts to go green, and how they're training up the next generation of tech stars in the local community.

By 2026, they're building what will be one of the world's biggest living walls on the site. Think of a giant vertical garden that's great for the environment. They've also funded a mini living wall at St. Robert's Southwell Catholic Primary and are helping spruce up gardens at two other local schools.



Brent Council councillors and officers visit Pure Data Centre

Photo: Callum Keith

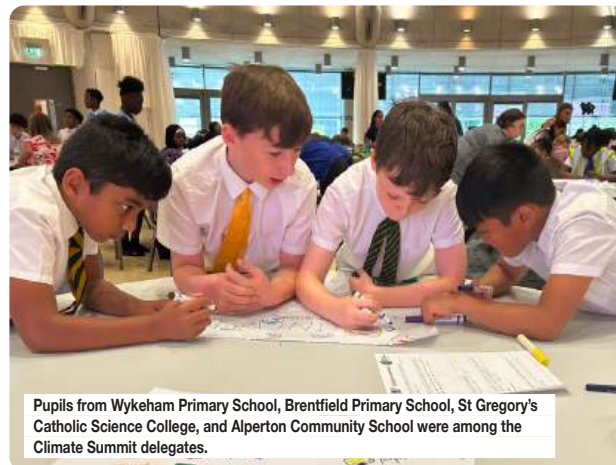
Pupils tackle climate change

Young eco-ambassadors from local primary and secondary schools assembled in July for a big Climate Summit.

Together they brainstormed ways to tackle top environmental issues, coming up with innovative solutions to make their school – and by extension their borough – greener.

From transport to sustainable buildings and biodiversity, no topic was off limits. They workshopped projects they could set up with the help of teachers and

classmates when they went back to their own schools. The projects with the most potential are now being given financial backing to help bring their ideas to life, empowering the next generation to play a direct role in creating a more sustainable Brent.



Pupils from Wykeham Primary School, Brentfield Primary School, St Gregory's Catholic Science College, and Alperton Community School were among the Climate Summit delegates.

£14.5 million boost for public spaces

Improvements to roads, parks and public safety infrastructure are coming, with millions of pounds worth of projects getting the green-light from Brent Council's Cabinet.

Funded by money raised from developers (called the Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy), these projects will deliver upgrades residents can see and feel every day.

"This is about putting pride back into Brent's streets," said Cllr Krupa Sheth, Cabinet Member for Environment and Enforcement. "We're creating a cleaner, safer, greener borough where everyone feels proud to live."

More specifically, the council is investing £10.7 million in highway maintenance, tackling potholes, uneven pavements, and upgrading street lighting. This builds on £15 million already spent since 2022 on Brent's roads and pavements.

Brent's award-winning parks will also benefit, with £730,000 allocated to improve footpaths and play equipment. Patrols and CCTV will help keep spaces like Gladstone Park and Roundwood Park clean and safe. A further £3.1 million will modernise Brent's CCTV network, replacing 130 outdated cameras with high-quality digital models to better tackle crime, fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour.

Works begin this autumn and continue into 2026, supporting Brent's goals for growth, active travel, public safety and climate action.



Roundwood Park



UK's longest mural

A major new park – the first in the area in over 130 years – has opened in Wembley Park.

And if you pay Union Park a visit, you'll find the longest mural ever painted by a single artist in the UK. The 75 metre-long 'Threads in the Wildflower' is an expansive, hand drawn mural

by London-based artist Alec Saunders.

Union Park has seven acres of green space for the public to enjoy. With wildflower meadows, water features and public art, it's designed to be a space where nature, culture and community thrive side by side.

Photo: Chris Winter

New MI6 chief grew up in Brent

The first woman to be appointed to lead the UK's foreign intelligence agency, MI6, spent her childhood in Brent.

Blaise Metreweli is making history as the first female chief to be appointed in MI6's 116-year past. She was born in Brent in 1977 and will take up her new role - traditionally referred to as "C" - on 1 October.

Blaise said: "I am proud and honoured to be asked to lead my Service. MI6 plays a vital role - with MI5 and GCHQ - in keeping the British people safe and promoting UK interests overseas. I look forward to continuing that work alongside the brave officers and agents of MI6 and our many international partners."



Businesses shut down in drugs raid

Two businesses involved in a suspected drug operation on Harrow Road, Queen's Park, have been shut down, after reports of suspected drug dealing and serious anti-social behaviour.

Brent Council and the Metropolitan Police secured a legal Closure Order for a mobile shop and a café, which will remain for at least three months.

Police secured search warrants and uncovered illegal substances and weapons, leading to several arrests.

If you witness suspicious behaviour or have concerns about illegal activities in your area, please report it to the police – 101 for non-emergency enquiries, or 999 in an emergency.

Renters rights revolution

Renting in Brent? Don't miss the Private Renters Fair on Wednesday 8 October, from 3-7pm at the Civic Centre - a one-stop shop for advice, support and practical help.

With major changes to rental law coming soon, a live panel session will break down what the Renters' Rights Bill means for you - including the end of 'no-fault' evictions and stronger rights for tenants.

A wide range of organisations will be on hand to help with everything from cutting your energy bills, tackling damp, accessing grants, finding good-quality work, reporting anti-social behaviour and much more.

Get one-to-one advice from legal experts, advocacy groups, debt advisers, and much more - all under one roof.

Book your free space: www.bit.ly/priverentersfair

Skipping success inspires children

TV presenter and radio personality Miquita Oliver paid Kilburn Grange School's pupils a visit – to share her passion for skipping!

She led a whole school assembly to talk about how skipping was helpful to her when she was their age, in primary school – and still

is today. Miquita told the children that a rope is a “portal to the life that you want, no matter who you are and where you come from.” Kilburn Grange School's Headteacher, Helen Khinich, said “Miquita was so patient and kind with the children and brought positive energy and inspiration to the whole school.”



Miquita Oliver teaching how to skip to Kilburn Grange School pupils

London's most diverse local council

New data shows 71% of Brent's staff identify as Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic, following a big push to make sure the council's workforce reflects the diversity of the communities it serves.

That means Brent Council has the most ethnically diverse workforce of any London council. It's all part of a new plan the council put in place last year to make sure everyone, no matter their background, feels included and has a fair shot at opportunities – whether that's as an employee or as a resident.

Calls for visitor levy boost

Wembley's booming success, hosting sell-out shows from Oasis to Coldplay, has led Brent Council to call for a new visitor levy to ensure local residents benefit from the influx of visitors.

While these events bring millions of pounds to the local area and support over 1,800 local jobs, they also put a strain on council services, leading to increased pressure on waste management, traffic, and noise.

The council already works with venues to manage these issues but argues a new funding stream is necessary. Brent Council is now lobbying the government to gain the power to introduce a discretionary visitor levy, similar to schemes already in place in Glasgow and recently approved in Wales. It argues the money raised could be ring-fenced for essential services, including street cleaning, parks, and environmental enforcement. The levy is being described as a fair way to supplement council funding

amidst sustained financial pressures. Councillor Muhammed Butt, Leader of Brent Council, said: "Small change from visitors would make a big difference locally. Our job is to ensure local people share in the success of our big venues. A visitor levy is a fair and practical way to strike that balance. It would help us invest in keeping public spaces clean, green and enjoyable for residents long after the crowds leave."



Leader of Brent Council with Cabinet Members showing their support for a visitor levy

Three parks win Green Flag Award

King Edward VII park, Bramshill Open Space and Roe Green Walled Garden all gained a coveted Green Flag Award this summer, placing them among the best parks in the whole of the UK.

The award is a worldwide symbol of excellence when it comes to the management of parks and green spaces. It recognises the hard work of Barn Hill Conservation Group, who maintain Roe Green Walled Garden, Krinkels, Brent Council's Parks Service, as well as numerous community volunteers.

"This is a massive achievement for everyone that works so hard on keeping our green

spaces so welcoming and beautiful," said Councillor Krupa Sheth, Cabinet Member for Environment and Enforcement.



New home secured for Brent's only Muslim primary school

Brent Council's Cabinet has agreed plans to secure the future of Islamia Primary School by relocating it to the Gwenneth Rickus site on Brentfield Road by September 2027.

The school has been required to leave its current site on Salusbury Road by August 2027 following an eviction notice. Consultations with parents, staff and residents showed strong support for the move.

Have you visited Craven Park Road Post Office?

Late last year it bucked national trends – opening its doors in the same month that over a hundred Post Offices were threatened with closure. Now that's something to celebrate! Harlesden residents can find the shop at 28 Craven Park Road, NW10 4AB.

From bonding to emotional wellbeing

Get support with babies under 2 years old. Run by NHS specialists, Brent's Parent-Infant Relationship Service is there to support parents and caregivers. www.bit.ly/Parent-Infant-Support

Launching soon – a new easy-to-use directory of community services

Coming soon, Brent Council is teaming up with a platform called Joy to offer residents a better directory of community organisations, activities, groups and support near you. From volunteering opportunities to carer support, you'll be able to find NHS, Brent Council, private and charitable services into one place. Keep an eye on council channels for further updates.

St Raphs event – ending violence against women and girls

As part of 16 days of activism to end violence against women and girls, Brent's community safety team invites you to a discussion at St Raphael's Family Wellbeing Centre, NW10 0TR on 2 December 2025, 11am-1.30pm.

Share your views and concerns with representatives from the police, Brent Council and other agencies.

£45,000 awarded to grassroots projects

Seven local projects got their share of £45,000 to bring their ideas to life, thanks to the Community Chest Fund.

Among them, Laurence's Larder will be running a Community Art Café, offering hot meals, crafts, and social connection. The next generation of parent and toddler group leaders will get special training through Daniel's Den project that received funding. Higher Potential will run a weekly youth club, helping young people build confidence and skills. And EchoVibe

HUB will put on multilingual health clinics, job support, and community events in Barham Park.

If your application didn't get picked this time, or if you've got a great idea for supporting health, education, climate action, and community development locally, a new application window opens on 15 September. You'll have until 13 October to get your application in. www.brent.gov.uk/communitychest

Kingsbury school gets wild living wall

St Robert Southwell RC Primary School is getting serious about the environment, and they've got a fantastic new "living wall" to prove it.

Year 2 children got their hands dirty helping to build the vertical garden which is packed with plants, including wild strawberries. It's turned a dull, grey bit of the playground into a green oasis. But the wall isn't just for looks – it's a mini-powerhouse for the planet, designed to soak up air pollution, help keep temperatures down, and attract more wildlife. The whole project was a gift from Healthier Earth and Viritopia, and it's just one example of how schools in Brent are stepping up to tackle climate change, one plant at a time.



Nina Flashner, A Healthier Earth, and Niall Mc Evoy, Urban Greening Consultant, Viritopia, help the children with the planting.

Supporting Brent's Traveller communities

A new approach will address the social and accommodation issues faced by Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities in the borough.

Over the summer, Brent Council has been working closely with residents of the Lynton Close Traveller Site in Stonebridge to address overcrowding and fire safety risks.

At these meetings, the Irish Traveller community highlighted access to suitable accommodation and the opportunity to meaningfully shape support services as important to supporting residents' health and wellbeing, as well as ability to

thrive in education and employment.

Councillor Fleur Donnelly-Jackson, Brent's Cabinet Member for Housing said: "In Brent, we celebrate diversity, and we are committed to making sure our borough is an inclusive place for all of our communities. That's why we're acting on feedback from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller residents. By tackling these issues head-on, we want to lay the foundation for a fairer future."

Residents are invited to share their views on the new strategy, through the council's Have Your Say consultation portal.

Give councils powers to say no to more gambling shops, say leaders

With a whopping 81 licensed gambling premises, it's no wonder that it's easier to find a place to gamble than it is to shop at a major supermarket, visit a job centre, or see a GP in some of Brent's wards.

But a national law means that, today, councils have very little power to stop more gambling and gaming shops from opening up – even when communities and councillors oppose them, or there's evidence they're doing harm locally. To try to change that, earlier this year, Brent brought together over 40 councils

and mayors up and down the country – including the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham – calling for the biggest overhaul to the Gambling Act since its creation in 2005.

Now, Brent Council is stepping up its campaign to change the law, teaming up with thinktank the Social Market Foundation to make more detailed recommendations for the government to consider. Keep your eyes peeled for updates!



Wembley Jobs Fair draws crowds

A record-breaking 9,000 local jobseekers took their next step at Wembley Jobs Fair this summer.

For the fifth year in a row, Brent Council's free employment service, Brent Works, organised the sell-out event which connects residents directly with eager employers in the borough.

It's all about helping attendees to find good local jobs, apprenticeships and training opportunities.

Sponsors Vistry Group, The Football Association and Job Centre Plus made the event possible, with Wembley Stadium playing host to the event. www.brentworks.brent.gov.uk/



Irish President sends message to Brent Mayor



Brent Mayor, Cllr Ryan Hack holding letter sent from Irish President.

Brent Mayor Councillor Ryan Hack has received a special telegram from Irish President Michael D. Higgins, recognising the Brent Irish Advisory Service (BIAS) as a vital community organisation.

President Higgins praised BIAS for being “a steadfast source of guidance, advocacy and friendship” over many decades. The charity is the Mayor's chosen cause for his term in office. Councillor Hack said: “I'm deeply honoured by President Higgins' message to Brent's Irish community. As Mayor, I represent all residents, but I'm proud to celebrate the Irish community's rich heritage and lasting contributions to our borough.”

Green glow-up for Church End and Roundwood

Residents in Church End and Roundwood can look forward to better routes for walking and cycling, cleaner air, and an area that feels safer.

It's all part of a £3 million project to create a 'Green Corridor'.

Councillor Jake Rubin, Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Community Power, said: "We're not just talking about a few new flowers. Our Green Neighbourhoods initiative is an ambitious project. This is a huge investment dedicated to making the area better for everyone and improving residents' quality of life."

Local people recently gave their views on designs. Work on the project's first phase will focus on Church Path and Longstone Avenue which is expected to be completed by Spring 2026. Brent Council is working with partners Steer and MP Smarter Travel to deliver the improvements.

Money comes from a ring-fenced fund that can only be spent on infrastructure, making sure it's dedicated to projects that benefit the community.



Celebrating disabled people's empowerment

Crowds celebrated Disabled People's Empowerment Month at a fantastic local event this summer.

Organised by the council, the celebration kicked off with a resource fair where local groups and services that support disabled people set up stalls to connect with the community. Things then moved to Wembley Library for an afternoon of brilliant entertainment. Attendees enjoyed a dance performance, original songs from the Brent Mencap AllStars, an insightful talk on autism acceptance from NHS England's Andrew Carpenter, and some great stand-up comedy from Suzi Payton who is neurodivergent herself.

Throughout the month, Brent Council also hosted a hate crime awareness training session and a free film screening of the documentary *Fighters* at The Lexi Cinema. It was a month dedicated to celebrating the identities, cultures, and contributions of disabled people.



Panel discussion with (from l to r) Bharat Kerai, Daniel Henderson and Sarena Phillips.

Wheely good revival



Leader of Brent Council, Cllr Muhammed Butt, rides one of the newly repurposed bikes at the Central Mosque of Brent in Willesden.

A bunch of old bikes are getting a second chance, all thanks to a new scheme called Revive and Ride. The first batch have found a new home at the Central Mosque of Brent in Willesden.

The bikes were saved from the Abbey Road Waste and Recycling Centre, fixed up by the team at Peddle My Wheels, and then given away. The mosque received six bikes, complete with helmets and locks, and its community will also get free cycling lessons and guided group rides. The whole idea is to help local groups get active and stay connected without breaking the bank. It's a new partnership between Brent Council, Peddle My Wheels, and West London Waste Authority. Mosque Chairman, Dr. Riaz, said the bikes are in great shape and "will make a real difference to members of our community." He continued, "It's inspiring to see such meaningful initiatives taking place locally. We look forward to continuing our work together to support sustainable, community-focused projects."

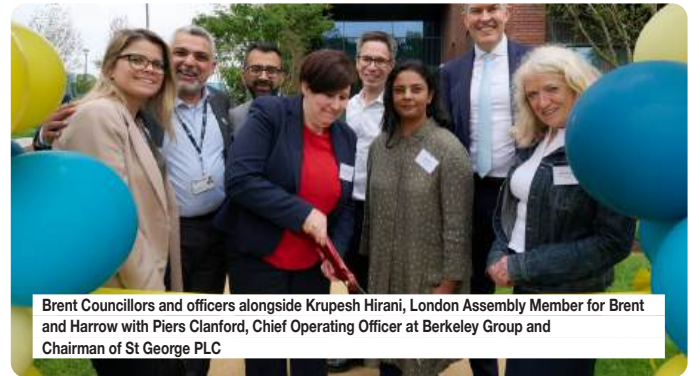
115 new homes for Brent Families

Over a hundred Brent families are getting a fresh start as 115 new, high-quality council homes have been finished at the Grand Union development in Alperton.

It's a big win for the community, and part of developer St George's promise to build over 1,000 affordable homes. This is the second batch of homes to be delivered.

The new homes, a mix of one, two, and three-bedroom flats, are located in Clearwater House, an 11-storey building right along the peaceful canal. Residents are already moving in and getting to know their new neighbourhood, which is buzzing with restaurants, shops, a nursery, gym, open spaces and a community centre. Councillor Fleur Donnelly-Jackson, Cabinet Member for Housing said: "We are proud that over the past year, Brent Council has overseen the delivery of 434 new affordable homes in the borough. Developments such as Grand Union help us in our commitment to increasing

affordable housing." The Grand Union development is about more than just housing – the whole area has been transformed, with everything from shops and leisure facilities to new workplaces.



Brent Councillors and officers alongside Krupesh Hirani, London Assembly Member for Brent and Harrow with Piers Clanford, Chief Operating Officer at Berkeley Group and Chairman of St George PLC

Tasty waste-free meals at new Civic Centre café

London's Community Kitchen has opened a new café, Harmony Kitchen, at Brent Civic Centre this autumn.



Headed by Taz Khan MBE, the team are committed to zero waste, zero hunger. The café will create new jobs and training opportunities for local people, and serve affordable, nutritious and tasty meals – all made from unsold surplus food from supermarkets and wholesalers that's been saved from landfill.



Taz Khan MBE with smiling staff and customers

Picture: Amit Lennon/The Observer

New Director to focus on housing and jobs

Jehan Weerasinghe joins Brent Council this month as its new Corporate Director for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration, bringing with him 20 years' experience at some of the UK's largest housing associations.

Jehan takes over from Alice Lester MBE, who is retiring after serving nine years at Brent Council. He will be focused on creating the new homes and job opportunities that residents need, as well as stewardship of the public realm.



For the community, from the community

A new fund, Brent Giving, is bringing together businesses, institutions, and major donors to create lasting impact in the local community.

They're looking for volunteers to decide how grant funding should be shared across the borough. No experience needed – support and training will be provided, and you'll be paid for your time.

www.BrentGiving.org/Panel-Apply

Council's housing team hits the road

Throughout the summer, the council's housing team hit the road, visiting eight estates across the borough. More than 200 tenants and leaseholders spoke directly with housing officers, reported repairs, joined estate walkabouts and accessed on-the-spot services like NHS health checks.

The events were part of Brent's new Housing Improvement Plan, which is focused on delivering quicker repairs, better homes and a landlord service that truly listens.

"We've heard what matters most to residents and we're already making changes," said Cllr Fleur Donnelly-Jackson, Cabinet Member for Housing. "New repair contractors will be in place soon to improve response times, a dedicated team is now

tackling damp and mould, and our new Housing Management Advisory Board is putting tenants in the driver's seat to shape the future of housing in Brent."

The roadshow may have wrapped, but the journey has just begun. Stay updated by signing up to The Noticeboard at: www.brent.gov.uk/stayconnected.



Electric community spirit



Bridgestone Arena in Stonebridge buzzed with laughter, chatter and music this summer. More than 1,000 people came down to a two-day event that was all about putting the 'unity' in community. Families enjoyed mouth-watering food, handmade goods, games of football, boxing and bouncy castle fun. Made possible with funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, delivered by the Jason Roberts Foundation, Brent Council and an army of volunteers, the atmosphere was described as 'electric'!

History in the making

Brent Museum and Archives just got a big boost, with a £45,900 grant from The National Archives. The money will be used to catalogue and preserve the huge collection from the Brent Trades Council.

This collection is a goldmine of local history, covering the Trades Council's campaigns for workers' rights and social justice from the 1960s to 2013.

Once it's all catalogued, a process expected to take about a year, everyone—from school children to researchers—will be able to dig into Brent's rich history of trade unionism.



Paul Boateng speaking in Brent in the early 1960s

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Slow down, say Neasden students

Most schools in Brent have a 20mph speed limit, something that's popular with students, teachers and parents.

But staff at Crest Academy in Crest Road, Neasden say drivers sometimes ignore the speed limit. So they ran a competition to make more eye-catching signs.

With more than 500 entries, it was tricky picking a winner. But six students' designs were picked to be displayed on the street, to tackle speeding and raise awareness of the speed limit. Congratulations to Jawhara Haider from Year 7, Emma Kaushal, Dairik Kantilal and Nermen Alqaid from Year 8, and Colin Selvanayaugam and Mirriam Draegon from Year 9.



Crest Academy students with their winning posters

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Celebrating young SEND superstars

An evening of dance, poetry, music and artwork awaited the more than 250 guests who gathered at Brent Civic Centre to celebrate the achievements of young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) this summer.

The night opened with a powerful performance by Wembley Manor and Manor School's choir. Poetry readings, speeches and musical performances followed, with pupils from Woodfield, The Village, Edith Kay and Seva Education all taking part.

Artwork by pupils at Alperton and Edith Kay and a collaborative video about aspirations and friendship by The Village School, Seva Education, and Ark Elvin Academy, were other highlights.

"It was wonderful to celebrate this group of young people, whose achievements often go unrecognised, as well as the

parents, carers and professionals who support them," Cllr Gwen Grahl, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools reflected.

Since its launch in 2023, the biannual event has shone a spotlight on the unique talents and impressive progress of SEND students.



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Brent Connects:

Your Voice, Your Community, Your neighbourhood forum.



Brent Connects is a space created for local communities to come together and discuss the issues that matter most in their area. Last year, close to **500** residents joined their local area meeting for meaningful conversations on local priorities such as **fly-tipping, community safety, Housing, local redevelopment, youth** and more.



Not sure which ward you live in? Scan the QR Code



Help shape the agenda

We want to make sure the topics we discuss are relevant to you. Tell us what matters most in your area by scanning this QR Code and completing this short survey.

Dates for your diary!



Autumn Brent Connects:

Harlesden Brent Connects: Monday, 6 October 2025, 6.30-8.30pm

Wembley Brent Connects: Thursday, 9 October 2025, 6-8pm

Kingsbury & Kenton Brent Connects: Thursday, 16 October 2025, 6-8pm

Kilburn Brent Connects: Thursday, 23 October 2025, 6-8pm

Willesden Brent Connects: Tuesday, 28 October 2025, 6.30-8.30pm

**Check here
for meeting
updates**



Persistence,

Brent students received their GCSE and A Level results this summer.



Councillor Gwen Grahl, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, said: "It's truly inspiring to witness the commitment and effort of our students come to fruition. We are

very proud of every young person who received their results this summer and appreciative of the crucial support provided by all professionals, including teachers and support staff, parents and carers who have helped them reach their goals."

It's important to remember that the best start in life begins long before exam season.

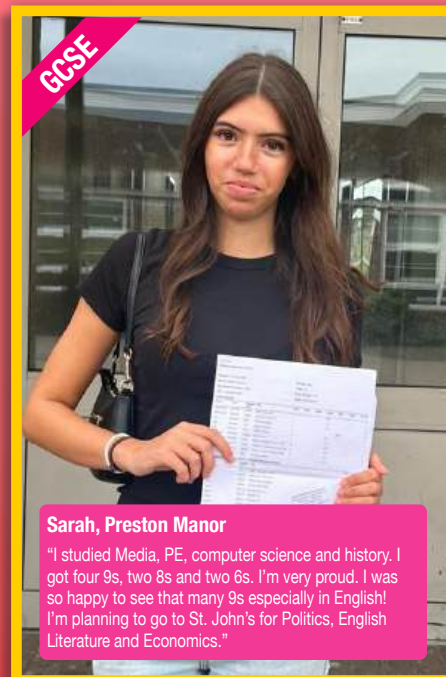
From day one, Brent is here to support families, whether it's helping new parents with breastfeeding support at our Family Wellbeing Centres or providing parenting guidance to give every child the best start in life.

Our schools continue to deliver excellent education, with 97.5% of pupils attending a school rated Good or above by Ofsted. But learning doesn't stop at GCSEs. We're proud to offer skills, training and career support through programmes like Brent Works, the council's free employment service, and the annual Wembley Jobs Fair, West London's largest jobs fair, which connects young people with local employers, apprenticeships and job opportunities. We know that building a great career is a journey, and we're committed to supporting further learning and upskilling so that our residents can thrive in an ever-changing job market. At every stage, Brent Council stands alongside families and young people, helping them to build bright, successful futures.



Roshini, Alpertown Community School

"I got seven 9s and three 8s. I am planning to study A Levels at Alpertown Sixth Form – Biology, Chemistry and Maths, and potentially Psychology. I want to become a doctor and study Medicine at university."



Sarah, Preston Manor

"I studied Media, PE, computer science and history. I got four 9s, two 8s and two 6s. I'm very proud. I was so happy to see that many 9s especially in English! I'm planning to go to St. John's for Politics, English Literature and Economics."



Preet, Alpertown Community School

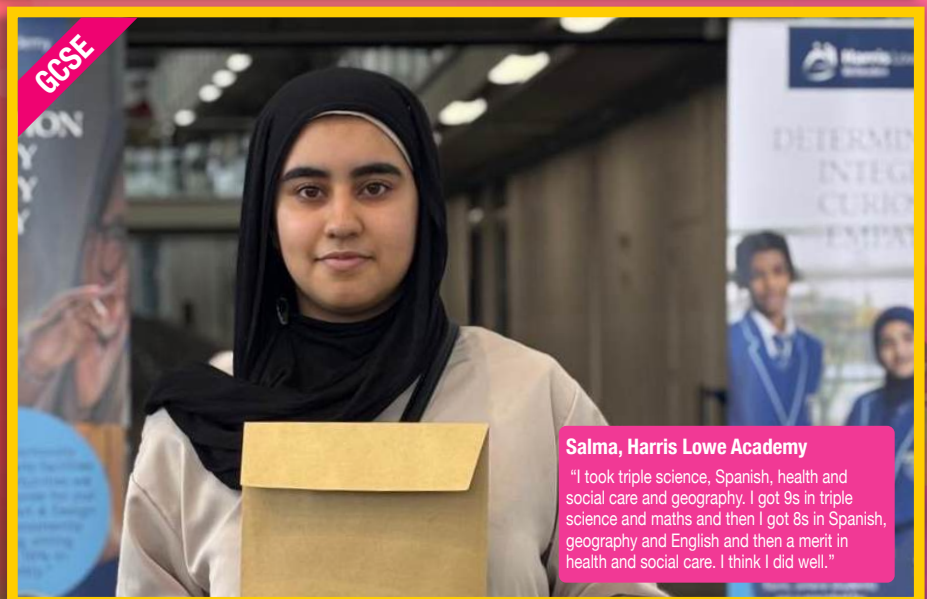
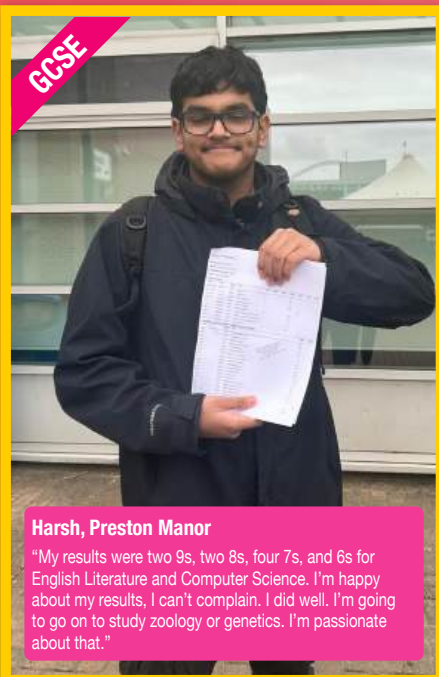
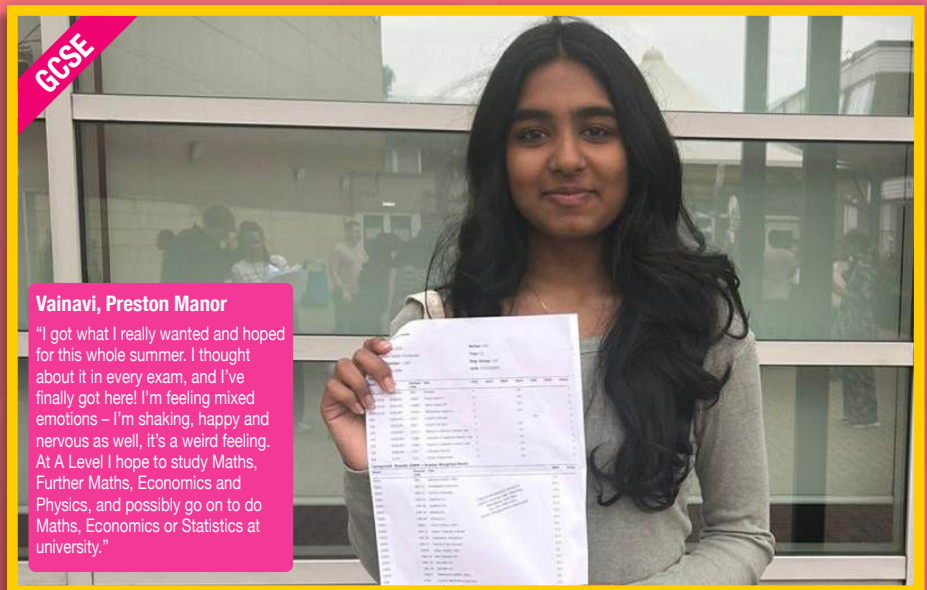
"I'm very happy. I want to do Maths, Further Maths and Economics at Alpertown and I'm looking forward to it. I want to be a Chartered Accountant when I'm older."



Darpana, Alpertown Community School

"I was stressed this whole summer but I'm really happy with the outcome and I hope I do well in the future."

passion, payoff!



best start in life

GCSE



Henry, Harris Lowe Academy

"I'm so happy with my results. I got 9s and 8s, and a Level 2 distinction in Sport."

GCSE



Arya, Wembley High Technology College

"I got all 9s and one 8. I will have Further Maths, Maths, Physics and Economics as my A Levels. I feel great today, it's higher than what I predicted!"

GCSE



Molly, Wembley High Technology College

"I'm staying at this sixth form and I am planning to take Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Psychology. I did way better than expected in my GCSEs! I was expecting mainly 7s and I didn't expect to get the 8s and 9s I got, so I am excited."

GCSE



Sam, Wembley High Technology College

"I am quite glad with how I did. I got into the subjects I want to do, so I am happy about that. I am going to stay here at Wembley High to do biology, chemistry, maths and psychology. I am hoping to be a doctor one day. I was very nervous, I came here very early. But when I saw the 8s I was relieved."

A LEVEL



Meghna Shah, Claremont

A Level in Physics / A Level in Chemistry / A Level in Maths / A Level in Further Maths. "I want to be an aerospace engineer specialising in propulsion and avionics. I got two As and two Bs. I wouldn't say that I am satisfied but my hard work did pay off. I am going to City University to study a Master's in aerospace engineering."

A LEVEL



Frankie, Claremont

"I feel good about my results! I got As for my Economics and Product Design A Levels, and a B for Biology. It was difficult but worth it in the end, because I got what I needed to go to Queen Mary University to do International Relations."

Max, Claremont

"I am going to study Architecture at Westminster! My results weren't exactly what I expected, but I still got into my first-choice university and I am still where I want to be."

A LEVEL



Andraa, Ark Elvin

"I got my BTEC in IT and will go to Warwick University to study computer science. I did well. I feel ecstatic, like I did really well."

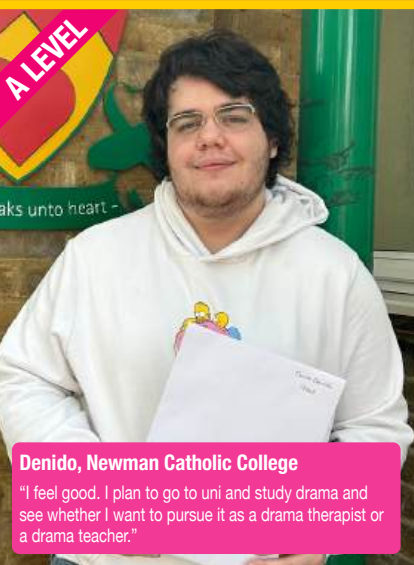
A LEVEL



Max, Newman Catholic College

"I had a great experience here and made great friends... If I had to choose again, I would choose Newman College to study."

A LEVEL



Denido, Newman Catholic College

"I feel good. I plan to go to uni and study drama and see whether I want to pursue it as a drama therapist or a drama teacher."

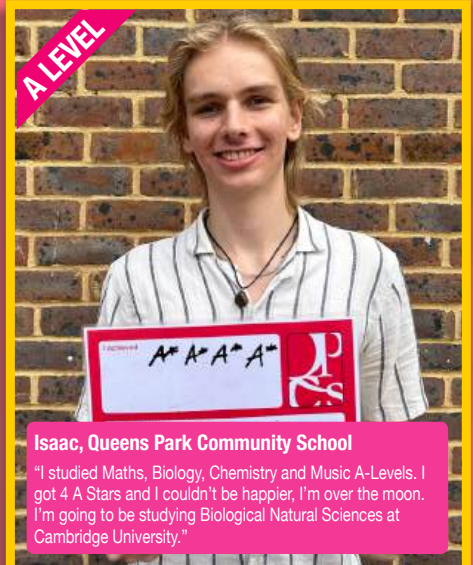
A LEVEL



Damien, Queens Park Community School

"I studied BTEC Business and received a Triple Distinction Star today, which I'm really proud of. I plan to go on to study Business Computing and Data Analytics at Middlesex University."

A LEVEL



Isaac, Queens Park Community School

"I studied Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Music A-Levels. I got 4 A Stars and I couldn't be happier, I'm over the moon. I'm going to be studying Biological Natural Sciences at Cambridge University."

A LEVEL



Cia, Ark Elvin

"I am off to university at Royal Holloway, and I feel very good today."

Soniya, Ark Elvin

"I am going to Queen Mary University to study Business Management, and I feel good."

A LEVEL



Abigail, Queens Park Community School

"I studied A-Levels in Drama, Spanish and Sociology. I'm really, really happy with my results, because it's been such a challenge doing everything new in a new country, because I'm from Nicaragua and my first language is Spanish, but I've done well and I'm really proud of everything I've achieved here. I'm planning to go to Royal Central School of Speech and Drama to study Drama there."

Winter warmers



Struggling with energy costs on a low income, Mrs Fayaz* from Harlesden booked a free Green Doctor visit through Brent Well and Warm.

A Green Doctor helped show her how to use her heating system more efficiently, replaced the lightbulbs in her home with energy-saving bulbs, and set her up with a fuel voucher. Mrs Fayaz is now saving around £200 a year. "The help was wonderful," she said.

If you're worried about your energy bills and staying warm with colder weather on the way, read on – we have six tips for you.



Green Doctor Shakiru Pedro

*Name changed to protect privacy

Claim the £££ you're entitled to



Millions of pounds in benefits go unclaimed every year in Brent, including £11 million in Pension Credit.

If you're over State Pension age and on a low income, Pension Credit could boost your income and unlock extras like Housing Benefit. Check what benefits you qualify for: www.bit.ly/brentcalculator

Talk to your energy provider



Check you're on the best tariff available. Lots of suppliers offer hardship funds for those in debt.

Adjust your boiler settings



Lowering your thermostat by just one degree can reduce your bills.

Experts say around 18°C in winter is safe.

Insulate your rooms



Block out draughts by sealing gaps around doors, windows and floors with draught excluders.

Google "DIY draught excluders" and make one at home from old clothes.

Book a Green Doctor visit



If you're struggling to keep your home warm, copy Mrs Fayaz and book a free consultation through Brent Well and Warm. Their advice is free, and all about helping you cut energy use and costs.

Scan here:



Visit a Brent Hub



Get help with benefits, housing, council tax and more from one of the seven hubs.

Scan here:





Sue Dhami working at Brent Hubs

Winter Fuel Payment

The Government has confirmed that all pensioners (over State Pension age) will automatically receive a Winter Fuel Payment this year to help with heating costs. If your annual income is over £35,000, you'll have to repay it through tax.

Warm Home Discount

This winter, households on means-tested benefits will automatically receive £150 off their energy bills



A cut above

Ever dreamt of switching your job, to pursue something you love?

That's exactly what two master hair stylists in the making are doing, thanks to a new hairdressing academy in the heart of Harlesden.

Opened by Brent Start, the council's adult education service, the academy on Craven Park Road is all about helping local superstars find their cutting edge and develop their hairdressing and barbering skills.

Safa, 28, from Wembley Park, has always been interested in hairdressing so when she found out Brent Start offered hair colouring classes, she enrolled.

"Their courses make it feel like I'm working in a proper salon," says Safa who has used her newfound confidence to start hair styling for friends and family.

Her big goal is to open her own salon – something she'll carry on working towards with a Level 2 Diploma in Beauty and Therapy starting this September.

Abi, 45, from Stonebridge, is proof you can truly reinvent yourself. Abi's journey with Brent Start goes back to 2003, with English language classes. Once she'd mastered English, she went on to take a cooking and catering qualification that landed her an exciting job as a chef. But when life threw a curveball after the pandemic, Abi didn't just sit around. She came straight back to Brent Start in 2024 and jumped into barbering. She loved it so much she kept going, learning colouring, cutting, and styling.

Now, she's all about mastering her own hair and helping friends and family.

Abi can't say enough good things about her teacher, Androulla, calling her "patient and encouraging" and praising the class for being a welcoming spot where learners support each other and share life experiences as well as skills.

"At Brent Start, we are all about equipping local people with the tools they need – not just to find a job, but to carve out careers that allow them to thrive in an evolving economy," says Councillor Harbi Farah, Cabinet Member for Jobs & Skills at Brent Council.

From digital skills to maths and English as a Second Language (ESOL), to find the right course for you,

Scan here:



the rest

“At Brent Start, we are all about equipping local people with the tools they need”

Cabinet Member
for Safer
Communities,
Jobs and Skills



House rules

Everyone should feel safe and secure in their home, but sadly not all landlords play by the rules.

In Brent, every landlord, in every ward except Wembley Park*, must have a licence to rent out their properties – it's the law. This rule is all about protecting renters from unsafe or substandard living conditions. But how can you tell if your landlord is following the law? Here are seven warning signs that they may be operating without a licence.

Councillor Fleur Donnelly-Jackson, Brent's Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "We're committed to driving up standards for renters. No one should have to live in unsafe or overcrowded conditions. If your landlord isn't playing by the book, report it – we are here to take action."

If you're worried about your landlord or unsure whether they're properly licensed, don't stay silent – this law is here to protect you.

Go to www.brent.gov.uk/privaterenting to check if a property is licensed, or to report an unlicensed one.

"We're committed to driving up standards for renters. No one should have to live in unsafe or overcrowded conditions."

Councillor Fleur Donnelly-Jackson,
Cabinet Member for Resident Support
and Culture

* Wembley Park ward is excluded because the number of private rental properties with disrepair in the area did not meet the threshold set by the government for inclusion in a selective licensing scheme.

Councillor Fleur Donnelly-Jackson, Brent's Cabinet Member for Housing

7 Warning signs

1 Your deposit isn't protected

Landlords must legally register your deposit with a government approved scheme within 30 days. If you didn't receive confirmation of this, your landlord may be violating tenancy laws - and may not be licensed.

2 Overcrowded conditions

If too many people are living in one property, this could be a sign of a rogue landlord cutting corners. Overcrowding is both unsafe and illegal.

3 Ignored repair requests

Licensed landlords must carry out essential repairs. If your landlord regularly ignores requests for repairs or delays fixing problems like damp or leaks, they may not be licensed.

4 No annual gas safety certificate

All rented homes must have an annual gas safety check. If you haven't seen one, it's a red flag - and a possible breach of safety laws.

5 Health and safety risks

Exposed wires, damp and mould, faulty fire alarms, or other hazards are signs your home isn't up to standard. Licensed landlords must meet basic safety requirements.

6 Cash-only rent

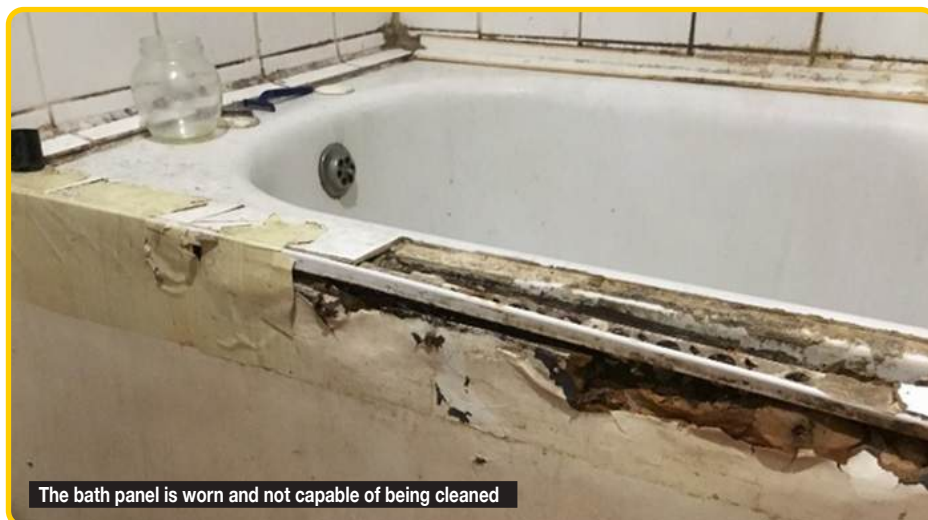
Refusing bank transfers and demanding cash without receipts may be a sign of an unlicensed landlord.

7 Frequent unannounced visits

Regularly turning up without warning breaks tenant rules and could mean the landlord isn't following the law.



The electrical cable has been joined by tape and the electric socket is detached from the wall



The bath panel is worn and not capable of being cleaned

Sound judgement



Unwanted noises, smells, dust and lights can all be disruptive and anti-social. After all, no one enjoys trying to sleep through blaring music, inhaling toxic fumes or having security lights piercing into their bedroom!

As the first council in the country to win a prosecution based entirely on evidence from a phone app, Brent is a force to be reckoned with when it comes to clamping down on nuisance neighbours.

Last year, Brent Council won a noise nuisance case without any officers or witnesses present in court. The prosecution relied solely on recordings submitted through The Noise App. Then in April, an Alperton resident was ordered to pay £8,665 – the highest fine

Brent has ever seen issued for a noise offence – after repeatedly playing loud music during the night. The marathon music sessions included the 2019 Alaina Castillo track ‘I Don’t Think I Love You Anymore’.

Councillor Harbi Farah, who is Brent’s Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, Jobs and Skills, says, “Nuisance isn’t just a minor irritation, it can seriously disrupt people’s lives and affect their physical and mental health.

“No one should have to endure blaring

music, toxic fumes, or intrusive lights. We are leading the way in tackling these issues head-on to create safer communities and neighbourhoods.”



Download The Noise App
available on iOS and Android

Noisy neighbour nuisance

A Willesden resident complains about a neighbour alleging banging through the ceiling during the night. The team installs a recording device to investigate, padlocking it into place. They will return in a fortnight to remove the device and assess whether the recordings meet the threshold for a formal warning.



Cllr Harbi Farah, Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, Jobs and Skills, and Diane Lewis, Nuisance Control Officer, call on a resident who has complained about noise from the flat above her.



Diane Lewis, Nuisance Control Officer, installs a sophisticated sound recording device in a resident’s flat. The nuisance control team will return in a fortnight to collect the equipment and assess whether the recorded noise meets the threshold for a formal warning to the resident’s upstairs neighbour.

Temperatures rise around supermarket fan

The team is in Kilburn to investigate a neighbour's complaint about a noisy supermarket extractor fan. The shop manager says that the fan works harder during heatwaves to keep the supermarket fridges and freezers going. The noise team asks for a head office contact to discuss control measures for the fan noise.



Diane Lewis, Nuisance Control Officer, investigates a resident's complaint about a noisy supermarket extractor fan.

Toxic waste backyard bonfire

Down the road in Willesden, a neighbour reports the toxic smell of waste from regular Friday night bonfires in a resident's back garden. The nuisance control team finds burnt construction debris from a house renovation and firmly asks the occupant to hire a skip in future.



A Kilburn resident reports a smell of toxic waste from a Friday night bonfire. Cllr Harbi Farah, Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, Jobs and Skills, and Diane Lewis, Nuisance Control Officer, find evidence of burnt debris from a home renovation.

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Speakers, amps, mixers and guitar seized from a commercial premises on the North Circular Road. The venue was being used as a shisha-smoking music venue for party-goers, even though the owner was not



permitted to use the premises in this way. Despite warnings, the owner continued to play amplified music almost every night. In May, Brent's nuisance control team seized the noise-making equipment with assistance from police.



**MET
ENGAGE**
Community crime-fighting

Met Engage is a new way for you to tell police what issues matter to you the most. Sign up today for updates about your area. metengage.co.uk

Pod-ern medicine

For some people it's not as easy to get a GP appointment or to physically get to the surgery. Hannah Atherley, 75, from Wembley, tells it like it is.

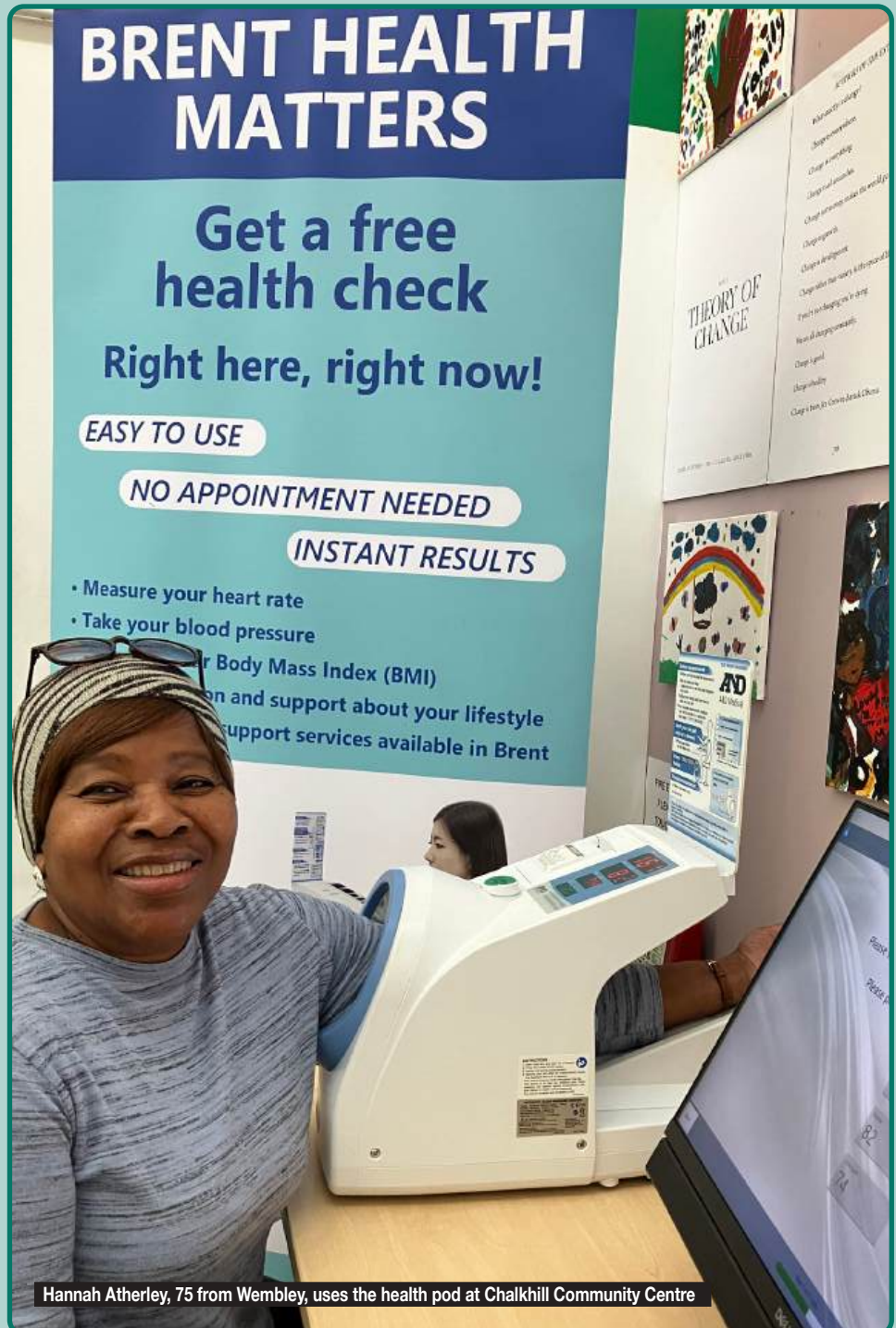
Enter Brent's Community Health Pods! And boy these clever machines can multi-task – measuring your heart rate, taking your blood pressure, calculating your BMI and helping you complete stress and anxiety questionnaires.

They're multilingual too, speaking Gujarati, Urdu, Somali, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Arabic, Farsi and Kurdish.

Hannah uses the pod at Chalkhill Community Centre – she says, “It's a good idea to have the pod here because there are people who come here who have different medical problems.”

Once the pod is done measuring, you get your results on the screen in front of you, along with advice about what to do next.

Councillor Neil Nerva, Brent's Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Leisure, explained, “It's really great Brent is leading this groundbreaking initiative. Preventative action that helps catch health issues earlier, meaning better outcomes for patients and a more accessible NHS”. With two more pods at Harlesden Library and The Library at Willesden Green, they're all part of Brent Health Matters' mission to bring health services closer to local people. What's more, for the very first time in the UK, Brent has figured out a way to share the information that these pods collect with your local GP Practice (with your consent). This is done via a secure NHS data system, to make sure your GP can get in touch with you if they need to arrange further tests or discuss the results.



Hannah Atherley, 75 from Wembley, uses the health pod at Chalkhill Community Centre

Keeping well over winter

Flu and COVID-19 can be serious

Over recent years, hospital admissions and fatalities linked to these viruses have increased - especially among certain groups.

Because these viruses change annually, natural immunity does not build up. The free flu and COVID-19 vaccinations offer the best protection.

Book your vaccines as soon as you receive your invitation.

Flu vaccine invites will go to:

- all adults aged 65 years and over
- children and people who are pregnant (If you are pregnant, the RSV and whooping cough vaccinations are also recommended. Speak to your GP or midwife about pregnancy vaccinations)
- adults aged 18+ with a health condition for example: people with diabetes, breathing, heart and other health conditions and those who are immunosuppressed
- care home residents close contacts (family and carers) of immunosuppressed individuals
- frontline health and social care workers.

COVID-19 vaccine invites will go to:

- all adults aged 75 years and over
- care home residents
- anyone aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed.



Invites will start going out to eligible people throughout September and October.

Book through the NHS App, ask at your pharmacy or contact your GP practice. Walk-in services will also be available, scan or use the link below for more information. School aged children will be offered the flu nasal spray at school. Information and consent will be provided to parents and carers.

More information visit: www.nwlondonicb.nhs.uk/fluCOVID



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Fighting filth

“I just hate fly-tipping” says Ferenc Furger (right), a Harrow Road resident, whose frustration spurred him to take action, “I’ve had enough!”

Wanting to do something about it, Ferenc shadowed Brent Council's enforcement officers for the day. Together, they meticulously sifted through dumped rubbish in a determined effort to uncover clues about those responsible for blighting the streets. They scoured takeaway orders that have been scattered across the pavements, looking for clues like receipts, as well as rifling through bigger items like sofas and chairs.

Councillor Krupa Sheth, Cabinet Member for Environment and Enforcement, applauded the community's involvement, saying, “Residents coming out with us to hand out fines shows that we are all sick and tired of people messing up our streets!” This hands-on approach by residents is part of a wider push that has seen the council more than double the number of fines issued for fly-tipping since launching its Don't Mess With Brent campaign last year. She continued “Let this be a warning to those thinking of dumping on our streets, not only do we have more enforcement officers, but you have also annoyed members of the community, who are now willing to help us find you.

There are lots of ways to get rid of your bulky waste legally – from Community Skips, to booking a collection, or by visiting the Abbey Road Reuse and Recycling Centre.



Enforcement officers look through fly-tipping

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Councillor Krupa Sheth,
Cabinet Member for
Environment and
Enforcement



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5,700

the number of enforcement notices Brent handed out in the past year. That's double the year before!

FIX MY STREET

If you see a selfish fly-tipper in your neighbourhood please let us know at Fix My Street.



Scan to find out more

New Community Skip dates announced!

To find out when the Community Skip is coming to a road near you scan here:



A little bit of

Repairing and reusing beats buying new at Shree Swaminarayan Mandir in Kingsbury!

They've been pestering me to fix them for ages," said Nitin Patel looking at his children's newly repaired bikes. "They even asked me to buy new ones, but now I don't need to. This event was the perfect opportunity."

Nitin leads a local charity and his children's bikes had become unusable and gathered dust for some time. So when he heard about the Repair Café being hosted at Shree Swaminarayan Mandir in Kingsbury, he jumped at the chance.

At these events, the pros are on hand to help with a whole range of repairs. People can get help with sewing and mending clothes, fixing small electronics, and tuning up their bikes. It's not just about getting things working again – it's about learning how to do it yourself, which is good for your wallet and the planet. Repairing rather than replacing can save hundreds of pounds compared to buying new.

Almost 70 residents came along to the temple in Kingsbury. Another happy customer, Ashok Shah from Preston Hill, arrived with lots of items including a food processor, and a hand blender. "The blender's been fixed," he said with a smile. "When we heard this was happening, we thought we'd try bringing them here rather than throwing them away. It's good to fix things instead of discarding them."

"Reusing is always better than buying something brand new," said Councillor Krupa Sheth, who is Brent Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Enforcement, "so I am delighted that we continue to support these events and that so many residents have fixed items at the temple."

Follow Brent Council on Facebook or subscribe to the Your Brent e-newsletter to hear about upcoming Repair Café events.



Nitin Patel and children with their repaired bikes

elbow grease



Ashok Shah with his repaired blender



Two residents having their device repaired



A resident having an item repaired

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Councillor Krupa Sheth,
Cabinet Member for
Environment and
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All aboard

Imagine a west London that's easier to get around – that's the promise of a proposed new Overground.

What if you could get across west London without sitting in traffic? Cutting your commute, making it easier to get to parks, friends and family down the road?

Well, that's exactly what a new project called the West London Orbital (WLO) is hoping to do. It's an ambitious plan to create a new London Overground line by using old train tracks that are only used for freight trains today.

The proposals would see trains running from Cricklewood all the way down to Acton, Brentford, and Hounslow, finally giving us a direct north-south train connection that's been missing in the west of the capital.

The Dudding Hill line is a railway which is currently used for freight trains. By putting in a new passenger service on this existing line, millions of journeys would be made easier each year without the huge cost and disruption of building completely new tracks! Brent Council recently put up £465,000 to get the next stage of planning off the ground.





Councillor Teo Benea, Brent's Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Property, enthused about the plan on a visit to Dudding Hill line: "This is a genuinely exciting proposal. It's something Brent and our neighbours have been pushing for a while. "We really need better rail connections here, and this project could make West London more connected and accessible for everyone."

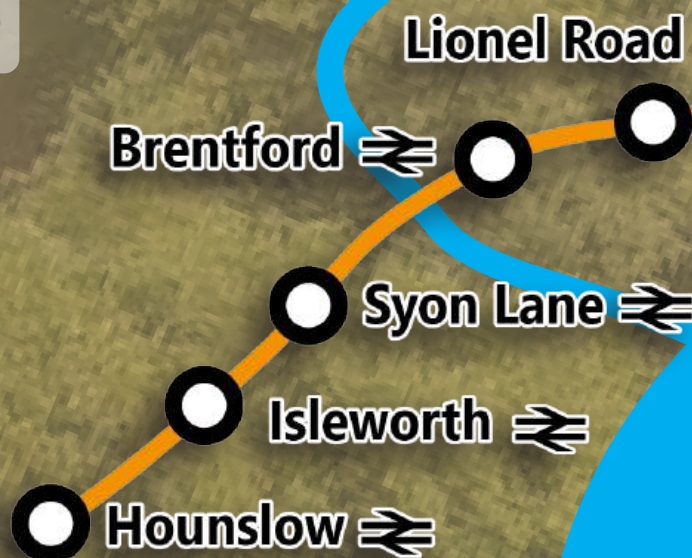
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and Property



So, what does this mean for you? If it gets the green light, this new line could:

-  Cut down your travel time and make getting around a lot easier.
-  Connect you to more jobs and services.
-  Give you a good reason to leave the car at home, which means less traffic and cleaner air for everyone.
-  Support new housing and help regenerate local areas.



GRAND UNION CANAL

Hendon

Brent Cross West

Cricklewood

Neasden



West Hampstead



Harlesden



Old Oak Common Lane



Acton Central



South Acton



RIVER THAMES

The West London Orbital in numbers



Up to
15,800
new homes
supported



Serving up to
21 stations
including
4 new
stations



Taking just
37 minutes
to travel from
end to end



Serving a route over
18.5km long



Connecting to
10
new and existing
rail, underground
and overground lines



Carrying up to
11.9 million
passengers a
year



Running through
4 West
London
Boroughs



By your side

As the police work with local communities to build trust and prevent crime, we take a look at what's new.

Police officers are part of the community, says Chief Detective Superintendent Luke Williams, but he recognises “we know there are consistent challenges with public confidence.”

Met Engage, which launched across London this summer, gives residents a new way to share their concerns with local police and to help solve crimes faster.

The platform lets you report problems, get important police information, and even register your doorbell camera to help with investigations if a crime happens on your street.

It's built on a simple idea: the police and the public are a team. “It's that connection to local issues that helps us adapt our approach,” says Williams.

As well as responding to crime, the Met works closely with Brent Council and local groups to try to prevent crime. For example, a newly installed amnesty

bin in Willesden allows individuals to anonymously dispose of dangerous weapons, including ninja swords. Williams explains, “I would much prefer someone anonymously puts that knife in a bin and takes it out of public circulation, instead of arresting someone down the line.” Police stress that community cooperation is essential to tackling these issues.

New online meetings, organised by the Brent Police Independent Advisory Group, are also giving residents a chance to talk about what's going on in their neighbourhood directly with the police. Anyone can join in these meetings, by emailing brentiagroup@gmail.com. All of these efforts are about making Brent a safer place, and you're invited to be part of the team!

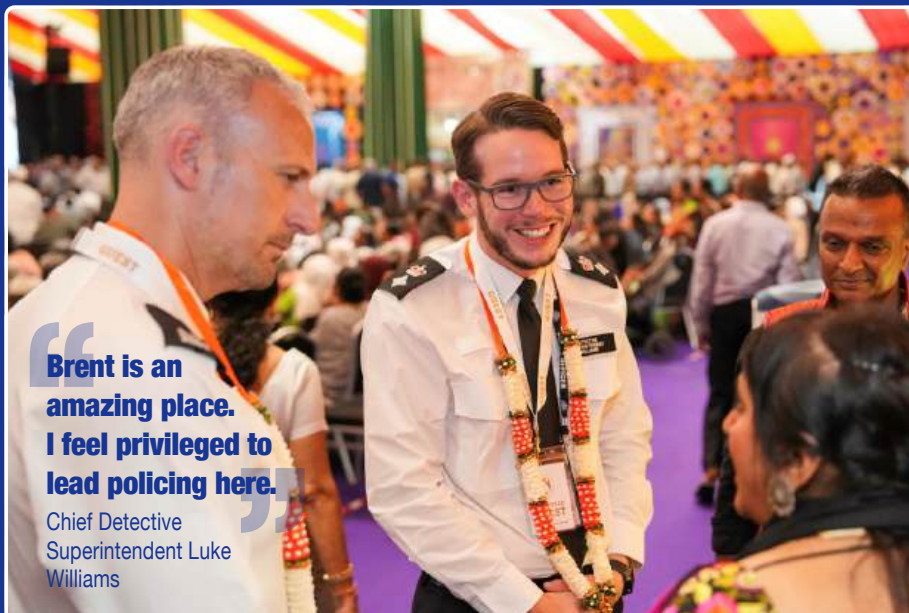
Visit www.metengage.co.uk

You're through to the Police, how can we help?

The Brent Police Independent Advisory Group had its first ever online meeting this summer, giving residents a chance to chat directly with the police.

What's the Group all about? It's local people getting together with police officers to talk about what's going on in local neighbourhoods. The police listen to what you're worried about, what's working, and what's not, all with the goal of building more trust between the Met and the people they serve.

Anyone can join in - if you want to join the next online meeting and see what it's all about, email brentiagroup@gmail.com.



Brent is an amazing place. I feel privileged to lead policing here.

Chief Detective Superintendent Luke Williams



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CARNI- VALE CRAZE

**The South Kilburn
CarniVale, now in
its fourth year, has
become a must-see
event in Brent.**

Founded by Harlesden-based DJ and artist Linett Kamala, the festival celebrates culture through music, performances, plant-based treats and crafts.

Linett, who broke barriers as one of the first women to command a sound system at Notting Hill Carnival in 1985, says, "Brent has always been welcoming. This is a way for us to celebrate and share our culture."

Past highlights include Venezuelan singer Luzmira Zerpa and photo competitions. Linett, who also serves on the Notting Hill Carnival Board, is

passionate about supporting young people in the arts. She organises CarniVale with the Edward Harvist Trust and a team of young aspiring producers, providing hands-on experience and tackling underrepresentation.

Linett says, "Art is hope, it is imagination, it is joy and it can be an outlet to deal with challenging situations and have a way to discuss that with others."

"We want to focus on the creatives, those doing amazing things because I truly believe that art gives purpose and gives people a chance to be known and contribute something to society."

Through Lin Kam Arts Foundation, Linett is excited to continue her work teaching art to international students in Jamaica, as well as workshops with young people in South Kilburn – creating paintings and murals that express the significance of nature and diversity in South Kilburn.

Look out for CarniVale 2026 dates, and to get involved visit <https://linkamart.com/>



THE SOUL OF BRENT

In her latest book, *Dead and Alive*, acclaimed local author Zadie Smith takes readers on a walk down Kilburn High Road as she reflects on the loss and legacy of writers like Toni Morrison.

"One of the meanings of the title is me trying to think about what in life makes me feel dead and what makes me feel alive," Smith says. "The work of those dead writers has given me life. And the Kilburn High Road is an endless life source."

Places like Kilburn and Willesden are deeply rooted in her own personal and literary identity.

"I was born and bred here. I live one street away from the cold-water flat I was brought back to after being born in the Royal Free. I went to school here. I've walked these streets for decades. So many layers of my life have happened here."

Dead and Alive is an essay collection, and it explores a wide range of subjects – from the movies, to Stormzy at Glastonbury. But the pulse of her beloved home borough is ever-present.

We asked Smith to describe a

perfect day in Brent. She said, "I'd go to the library and do a bit of writing. Then I'd find a Jamaican patty shop without a queue and with fast service.

I'd buy a patty and some ackee and saltfish, take them to Queen's Park, and eat quietly on a blanket while reading. Then I'd realise it was carnival and walk down to join the crowds."

In 2018, Smith remarked "a lot of things that happened in England can be found in north-west London in miniature." We asked her to expand on that idea.

"I meant it literally. Brent was mostly fields until the 1880s, and even by 1900 it was still largely countryside. Then came industrialisation and suburbanisation—whole neighbourhoods sprang up within a year. 1899 was especially busy.

"Then the railways arrived, followed by waves of immigration: Eastern Europeans, Jews, the Irish, Caribbeans, and later others—often shaped by wars (Rwanda, Bosnia, Sudan,

Iraq), revolutions like Iran, or colonial histories like India.

"Structural changes followed: comprehensive schools replaced grammars, public hospitals and surgeries were established, private land became public parks. All these national shifts happened in miniature—and often intensely—in Brent."

"I wouldn't be a writer without Brent. It gave me both a local and a global world simultaneously."

Dead and Alive is released 30 October 2025 and available everywhere you buy your books. Try a local independent bookseller!



WHAT'S ON: ARTS AND CULTURE

LIBRARIES



Art, Poetry & Bad Behaviour The Library at Willesden Green Until 21 September

Free

PEARLS Meeting Centre provides creative support for individuals with dementia and their families. The team promotes participation and well-being through weekly workshops and a monthly event, Dementia in Dub. This exhibition showcases artwork created by participants of PEARLS' weekly social club, which features activities designed to address dementia challenges, encourage social connections, and stimulate creativity.



Celebrating 60 years of Brent Kingsbury Library Until December 2025

Free

This display brings together objects and images from 1960-69 and reflects the diversity of the Borough with themes of activism, everyday life and people coming together in joyful ways.



From the Ruins: British Empire Re-Examined

2 October – 9 October
Wembley Library

2 October – 18 January 2026
Exhibition Space, The Library at Willesden Green

Free

This exhibition will showcase a substantial artist moving image work by local artists, Other Cinemas. The work will explore the material and immaterial legacies of the British Empire Exhibition of 1924-25 by tracing its history through the British Empire Exhibition collection held at Brent Archives, and question what the collection reveals and conceals.

Free Low Impact Exercise Classes Across Brent Libraries: Sessions Run During the Term Time Only

Willessden Green Library

Yoga and Stretch
Mondays

2.30- 3.30pm
3.30-4.30pm

Kingsbury Library

Stretch Exercise
Tuesdays

2 – 3pm (2 x 30 min sessions)

Harlesden Library

Strength Exercise
Fridays

2 – 3pm

Ealing Road Library

Stretch Exercise
Saturdays

11 am - 12 noon

Wembley Library

Stretch Exercise
Thursdays

10.30 – 11.30am
(2 x 30 min sessions)

These sessions promote health and well-being in a supportive environment. Book at Ourparks.org.uk/brent

Under 5s BookTrust Story and Rhyme Times

Kingsbury Library
Wednesdays, 10.45 – 11.15am

The Library at Willesden Green
Wednesdays, 11 – 11.30am

Ealing Road Library,
Thursdays, 11 – 11.30am

Harlesden Library
Thursdays, 11 – 11.30am

Wembley Library
Fridays, 11 – 11.30am

Booktrust Storytime Prize 2025 Sessions in week beginning Monday 6 October

This prize, which is in its sixth year, celebrates and promotes the best books for sharing with young children and is part of the BookTrust Storytime pilot. Join Brent Libraries for special activities and freebies, plus vote for your favourite book for the 2025 prize.

Black History Month Sessions in week beginning

Monday 13 October

Dive into some wonderful stories and rhymes that celebrate BHM and enjoy a craft activity that salutes UK award-winning space scientist, broadcaster and author Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE.

National Rhyme Week

Sessions in week beginning

Monday 10 November

Celebrate with your favourite nursery rhyme character!

Come and Meet Father Christmas!

Kingsbury Library
Wednesday 17 December,
10.45 – 11.15am

The Library at Willesden Green

Thursday 18 December,
11 – 11.30am

Harlesden Library
Wednesday 17 December
11 – 11.30am

Ealing Road Library
Thursday 18 December
11 – 11.30am

Wembley Library
Friday 19 December
11 – 11.30am

Decode Your Dish: learn to read food labels

Monday 27 October
Ealing Road Library: 12noon - 1pm
Harlesden Library: 2.30 - 3.30pm

Tuesday 28 October
Wembley Library: 12noon – 1pm

Wednesday 29 October
The Library at Willesden Green: 2.30 - 3.30pm

Friday 31 October
Kingsbury Library: 2.30 - 3.30pm
Join Beezee Families for a fun, family-friendly session exploring the Eat Well Guide with snacks, food label tips, and wicked dance moves! Ages 5–11, come dressed ready to move! Drop in.



Kumon Maths and English workshops

Ealing Road Library: Tuesday 28 October, 11am – 12noon
Wembley Library: Wednesday 29 October, 11am – 12noon

Open to all primary school aged children aged 3 yrs - 11yrs
Booking: wembleycentral@kumoncentre.co.uk

Green Libraries Week - Seeds of change: Green Leafy trees!

Ealing Road Library

Kingsbury Library

The Library at Willesden Green

Wembley Library
Tuesday 28 October, 2.30 - 3.30pm

Harlesden Library
Thursday 30 October, 2.30 - 3.30pm

The theme this year encourages all ages to adapt a more sustainable lifestyle, support climate change initiatives and embrace nature and wildlife, so come and learn more and get crafty at this fun workshop. For children aged 5 – 11. Drop in.

Black History Month Creative art workshops

Wembley Library:
Saturday 25 October, 11am –



12noon and 2 – 3pm

The Library at Willesden Green:
Monday 27 October, 11am – 12noon
and 2 – 3pm

Harlesden Library:
Tuesday 28 October, 11am – 12noon
and 2 – 3pm

Kingsbury Library:
Wednesday 29 October, 11am – 12noon
and 2 – 3pm

Ealing Road Library:
Friday 31 October, 11am – 12noon
and 2 – 3pm
Get crafty with San beadwork and creative headdress workshops. Delivered by Learning Through the Arts. For ages 5 – 11. Drop in.

The Shaw Trust Employment Support

Harlesden Library: 3rd Tuesday
of the month 16 September,
21 October, 18 November, 16
December, 3-5pm

Wembley Library: 2nd Monday
of the month 8 September, 13
October, 10 November, 8 December,
11am-1pm



CRICKLEWOOD CROSSROADS

WHERE MUSIC MEETS COMMUNITY

Cricklewood is turning up the volume this September with the launch of Crossroads Music Festival, a vibrant celebration of cultural diversity and grassroots music.

Running over two weekends—19–21 and 26–28 September 2025—the festival will transform streets, restaurants, and green spaces

into live music venues.

Expect everything from acoustic sets and spoken word to DJs and small bands as venues along Cricklewood Broadway and Cricklewood Lane—including restaurants and cafés representing countries like Iran, Nigeria, Brazil, Syria, Ireland, and Ethiopia—will host musicians from their respective cultures.

Dele Sosimi's Afrobeat Orchestra headlines, led by the legendary Afrobeat pioneer

who began his career with Fela Kuti's Egypt 80.

Organised by Cricklewood Town Team in partnership with Crossroads Productions and made possible thanks to funding by Arts Council England, the festival is the first of its kind in London, blending global sounds with local flavours.

**[www.cricklewood.net/
crossroadsmusicfestival](http://www.cricklewood.net/crossroadsmusicfestival)**

The Library at Willesden Green:
1st Thursday of the month - 4
September, 2 October, 6 November,
4 December, 3-5pm

Connect to Work is a government funded programme to help people find and keep a job.

Build and Code: Robotics Workshops

Saturdays: 1, 8, 15 November

Wembley Library: 11am - 1pm

Harlesden Library: 2.30 - 4.30pm

Join us for a fun and creative workshop where you can build your own LEGO robots completely from scratch, using motors, sensors, and simple coding. Explore STEM skills in a fun, creative way. For children aged 8-11. Advanced booking required <https://tinyurl.com/jjhjrzs>

The Great Big Bug Show

Thursday 30 October

Wembley Library: 12noon - 1pm

The Library at Willesden Green:

2.30 - 3.30pm

Join poet Simon Mole and musician Gecko for a fun, interactive family show with poems, raps, and songs about amazing minibeasts—big, small, and surprising! Shrink to ant size and discover the secret world beneath our feet in this 50-minute show for ages 4–11, inspired by A First Book of Bugs. Advanced booking required <https://tinyurl.com/jjhjrzs>

Ealing Road Library STEM Club

Wednesdays 4 - 5.30pm

22 October, 26 November,
17 December

Science, Technology, engineering and mathematics workshops for children aged 8–11. Advanced booking required at <https://tinyurl.com/jjhjrzs>

Ealing Road Film Club

Bee Movie

Thursday: 30 October

2.30 - 4.30pm

Fun animated family film, for children aged 5–11

Family Learning Festival / Green

Libraries Week: Gardening workshop

Saturday 1 November

Ealing Road Library

11.30am - 1pm

For Green Libraries Week learn fun garden techniques and help develop Ealing Road Library's garden into a green space for the local community. For children aged 5 - 11 and carers. Drop in.

Talk Health Thursdays by Brent

Health Matters

Thursdays 9, 16, 23, 30 October

Harlesden Library

(family session, 6, 13 November

All sessions 3.30–4.30pm except 30

October which will run 3.45–4.45pm)

Join a friendly, fun six-week programme all about healthy eating, diabetes, mental health, and more! Enjoy gentle, easy exercises you can do in your everyday clothes, sip a cuppa, and leave each session with simple tips to feel your best. Perfect for adults and families—drop in anytime and let's get healthier together!

Black History Month health and wellbeing Community Fun Day

Saturday 25 October

Harlesden Library

11am–4pm

Join us to celebrate a day of arts and culture and get important free health checks. Featuring storytelling, craft workshops and facepainting. Plus Breathe Clean air pollution family creative poster making workshop, dental health, diabetes and blood pressure checks and more, with raffle prizes to be won! For children, families and adults.

WHAT'S ON: ARTS AND CULTURE

Coffee morning: Wembley's 1948 Olympic Games

Tuesday 7 October
Kingsbury Library

11am- 12 noon

Join Philip Grant from Wembley History Society for an illustrated talk on the 1948 "Austerity Games" at Wembley, exploring the sports, local residents, and Wembley Council's role in hosting the first post-WWII Olympics. Part of Our Freedom Then and Now: Road to Freedom project: "Our Freedom Then and Now: Road to Freedom," is a dynamic community programme by Brent Libraries, Culture and Heritage and the Jason Roberts Foundation. Join inspiring events reflecting on freedom today, marking 80 years since VE/VJ Day as part of Future Arts Centres' national campaign.

Health and Wellbeing Community Fun Day: Bones and Joints!

Saturday 18 October
Kingsbury Library

11am – 4pm

Join NHS staff for expert tips and exercises to support bone and joint health, plus family fun with crafts, face painting, raffle prizes, and a Breathe Clean clean air poster workshop. All ages welcome!

Coffee Morning - Natural Medicines for the Winter

Tuesday 11 November
Kingsbury Library

11am-12.30pm

Join nature educator Michael Holland to discover the fascinating properties of herbs, spices, and other medicinal plants, as we explore ancient remedies passed down through generations.

Poetry in Wembley: The Language of Care

Thursday 16 October
Wembley Library 6:30 - 7:30pm

Poetry Readings by two award winning poets, Caroline Smith & Erica Hesketh. Poetry about the end of life and the beginning. These poets write powerfully and movingly about the challenges of dementia and postnatal depression. Their poetry finds the heartache and joy that will resonate with all those caring for loved ones. 160 + One: 160 languages in Brent + the language of poetry. Advanced booking required tinyurl.com/jjhjrzs

Coffee Morning: Wartime letters from Wembley's Preston Park

Wednesday 22 October
Wembley Library

11am – 12 noon

Join Philip Grant from Wembley History Society for firsthand wartime stories from local housewives "Nancie" and "Doris," based on letters from the 1930s–40s Preston Park estate. Hear about life during air raids, rationing, and family life, plus share your own experiences. Part of Our Freedom Then and Now: Road to Freedom project.

Family craft – Traditional Textiles

Monday 27 October
Wembley Library

2.30-4.30pm

Have you ever wondered what techniques are used to make vibrant Nigerian textiles? Join us as we handle some textile pieces then get inspired to create your own beautiful collage to take home. For ages 3+

Coffee Morning: Healthy eating for people with Diabetes - Cultural Diets and Meal Planning

Friday 7 November
Wembley Library

11am - 12noon

Dietitian Salma Mehar shares updates on culturally tailored nutrition and recipe adaptations that respect traditional flavors, focusing on managing chronic conditions like diabetes and hypertension

Tales of True Crime. From bombs and guns in the East End to shootings in Marbella

Thursday 13 Nov
Wembley Library

6:30 – 7:30pm

Bestselling author Paul Zanon shares true crime stories from his books and offers insight into the prison system, where he helps prisoners improve their lives through reading and writing.

Stepping back in time: WWII Object Handling Session and Coffee Morning

Tuesday 28 October
The Library at Willesden Green

10 – 11am

Discover fascinating wartime artefacts up close, hear their stories and enjoy a friendly chat over coffee. Suitable for families. Part of Our Freedom Then and

Now: Road to Freedom project.

Autism-friendly early opening

Wednesday 29 October
The Library at Willesden Green

9.30-10.30am

Enjoy an autism-friendly early opening of The Library at Willesden Green for children aged 3–15 with their families. Take part in Nigerian textile crafts, borrow books, and explore the museum in a quieter space. Tickets required for all attendees; visual stories provided. Accessible facilities available. Advanced booking required tinyurl.com/jjhjrzs

The Past, Present and Future of People of Colour in British Children's Books

Wednesday 29 October
The Library at Willesden Green

6.30 - 7.30pm

Dr. Darren Chetty explores the representation of Black and racially minoritised characters in British children's literature, drawing on his Books for Keeps column and book. He examines how these stories reflect and shape attitudes and discusses recent changes and future directions in children's publishing. Advanced booking required tinyurl.com/jjhjrzs

Haunted house of horrors!

Friday 31 October
The Library at Willesden Green

2.30 - 3.30pm

Creep into a Halloween craft fun workshop and create your own scary monsters, ghosts, witches, wizards and all things that go boo in the dark! Ages 5 – 11 years

Engage with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Tuesday 11 November
The Library at Willesden Green

12noon – 1pm

Join members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra for an interactive lunchtime concert, where audiences will be introduced to a variety of exciting and engaging classical music

Bluebelle Trio do live music and vocals with jazz classics!

Thursday 11 December
The Library at Willesden Green

6.30-7.30pm

Jazz up your party season! With a combination of vocals, violin, clarinet and

piano the Bluebelle Trio has a stylish and lively approach to the music of the 1920s, '30s and '40s, putting a dash of festive spirit into some of the most universally loved jazz classics!

Festive health and wellbeing

Community Fun Day
Saturday 13 December
The Library at Willesden Green

11am-4pm

Celebrate arts and culture with craft workshops, face painting, a Breathe Clean air pollution poster workshop, and maybe even a Father Christmas visit! Enjoy free NHS health checks for dental health, diabetes and blood pressure, plus healthy eating workshops and raffle prizes. For all ages!

THEATRE



Starlight Express

Various dates until October 2025
Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre,
3 Fulton Rd, Wembley, HA9 0SP

As a child's train set magically comes to life and the engines race to become the fastest in the world, Rusty the steam train has little hope of winning until he is inspired by the legend of the 'Starlight Express'.

All ages | £29.50 and up
www.starlightexpresslondon.com/

Reunion

11 September - 11 October 2025

Kiln Theatre

On an island off the west coast of Ireland, a family is gathering, and a storm is brewing. When an unexpected visitor drops by, tensions begin to surface. Over the next 24 hours, scores will be settled, beliefs challenged, and truths disclosed, ultimately jeopardising their very future together.

Ticket Prices - £15 – £40

Intergen Company Workshops

Every Monday and Thursday from September 2025 – July 2026.

Kiln Theatre

Celebrating Our Stories is an intergenerational project for participants of all ages, who will collaborate with a professional creative team to stage a full-length community play at Kiln Theatre. Participants will work with a playwright to tell local heritage stories

that have been gathered over the course of the project, passing knowledge between generations to help promote connection and collaboration between residents of all ages. To sign up to hear more about the project email Stella Taljaard (Participation Producer) on stellataljaard@kilntheatre.com, or call 07375532006

THT Migrant Festival **15 October, 3pm** **Kiln Theatre**

The Migrant's Arts Festival is a day long series of performances and workshops championing local migrant artists. A vibrant celebration of creativity, identity and resilience; this free event is open to everyone. From films to live performances, youth workshops to visual art – migrant voices take centre stage at Kiln Theatre. Free
All ages

Coven

31 October – 13 December, 7.30pm
Kiln Theatre

1612. Pendle, Lancashire. A witch hunt is raging and a 9-year-old Jenet accuses her own family of witchcraft. 21 years later, she finds herself imprisoned, surrounded by the most feared women in town. Tickets £15 - £40
(Discounts available for Brent & Camden residents)

kilntheatre.com/whats-on/

Passages Story Submission Deadline **1 November** **Kiln Theatre**

Kiln Theatre are looking for stories from all corners of Kilburn, from people of all ages and experiences. Stories should be yours, located in a time or a place, and speak to the breadth of Kilburn's people and histories. Submit stories by email to stellataljaard@kilntheatre.com

Bones, stones, and calling the four elements

26 September – 24 October 2025

Bones, stones, and calling the four elements seeks to invoke a communal spirit of gathering and imagining. Between June to October 2025 four 'rituals', WATER, EARTH, FIRE and AIR will unfold at four Brent sites – a public reservoir, a park, an old medical facility and a university campus. Located in

the north and south of the borough – Harrow, Wembley and Kilburn – the 'rituals' will feature 27 artists presenting workshops, talks, performance and exhibition. <https://metrolandcultures.com>

Actor's Studio

Tuesdays of Autumn Term,
5 - 6.15 pm

Park Lane Primary School, Park Ln,
Wembley, HA9 7RY

Inclusive performing arts sessions including; acting, music and movement leading to the development of an original musical, sessions for 7 - 11 years old and 11 - 14 years old. FREE

Dance & Movement

Thursdays of Autumn Term, 5 - 6 pm,
113 Chalkhill Rd, Wembley Park,
Wembley HA9 9FX

Inclusive dance, fitness & movement classes led by professional dance facilitators. Sessions for 7 - 11 years old and 11 - 14 years old. FREE

<https://www.uniquecommunity.org/>



An Evening with Nikita Gill

16 September 2025, 7pm
Kiln Cinema

Nikita Gill will present her spellbinding verse novel Hekate, a reimagining of the forgotten origins of the goddess of witchcraft. This in conversation event will include a Q&A session and book signing opportunity, allowing you to connect personally with one of today's most poignant poetic voices. Tickets: £15 - £26

NT LIVE: INTER ALIA

18 -25 September

Kiln Cinema

Jessica Parks is a smart Crown Court Judge at the top of her career. Behind the robe, she is a karaoke fiend, a loving wife and a supportive parent. When an event threatens to throw her life completely off balance, can she hold her family upright? Tickets: £14

Tosca

1 October 6.45pm

Kiln Cinema

In war-torn Rome, Floria Tosca and Mario Cavaradossi live for each other

and for their art. But when Cavaradossi helps an escaped prisoner, the lovers make a deadly enemy in the form of Baron Scarpia, Chief of Police. At the mercy of Scarpia's twisted desires, Tosca is forced to make a horrific bargain: sleeping with the man she hates to save the man she loves. Can she find a way out? Tickets: £14

The Revolutionists: The Remarkable True Story of the Extremists Who Hijacked the 1970s

7 October, 7pm

Kiln Cinema

Now on October 7, one of the foremost writers on terrorism and International Security Correspondent for the Guardian Jason Burke comes to the Intelligence Squared stage to uncover the insider stories from the terror attacks which shaped this tumultuous decade.

Tickets: £14 - £32

La Sonnambula

21 October, 6.45pm

Kiln Cinema

La Sonnambula is a poignant tale of love lost and found, set in the Swiss Alps, which explores the emotional and psychological valleys of the mind through its sleepwalking plot. Tickets: £14

NT Live: Mrs Warren's Profession

23 – 25 October

Five-time Olivier Award winner Imelda Staunton (The Crown) joins forces with her real-life daughter Bessie Carter (Bridgerton) for the very first time, playing mother and daughter in Bernard Shaw's incendiary moral classic.

Tickets: £14

Give it a Grow

4 November, 7pm

Kiln Cinema

Discover the joys of growing your own slice of nature with 'Marj's Kitchen Garden' Martha Swales, the urban gardening sensation bringing fresh ideas and fearless enthusiasm to growing your own food, flowers and wildlife havens. Tickets: £15 - £40

Exhibition on Screen: Caravaggio

11 November, 8pm

Kiln Cinema

Five years in production, this is the most extensive film ever made about one of the greatest artists of all time –

Caravaggio. Featuring masterpiece after masterpiece and with first-hand testimony from the artist himself on the eve of his mysterious disappearance, this beautiful new film reveals Caravaggio as never before. Tickets: £14

RB&O: Cinderella

25 November, 7.15pm

Kiln Cinema

This enchanting ballet by The Royal Ballet's Founding Choreographer Frederick Ashton is a theatrical experience for all the family and will transport you into an ethereal world where a sprinkling of fairy dust makes dreams come true. Tickets: £14

NT Live: The Fifth Step

27 - 29 November

Kiln Cinema

Olivier Award-winner Jack Lowden (Slow Horses, Dunkirk) is joined by Emmy and BAFTA-winner Martin Freeman (The Hobbit, The Responder) in the critically acclaimed and subversively funny new play by David Ireland. Tickets: £14

<https://kilntheatre.com/whats-on/>

Talk Health Thursdays by Brent Health Matters

Thursdays 9, 16, 23, 30 October

(family session, 6, 13 November
All sessions 3.30-4.30pm except 30 October which will run 3.45-4.45pm)
Join a friendly, fun six-week programme all about healthy eating, diabetes, mental health, and more! Enjoy gentle, easy exercises you can do in your everyday clothes, sip a cuppa, and leave each session with simple tips to feel your best. Perfect for adults and families—drop in anytime and let's get healthier together!

Mayor's Community Weekend **London**

Saturday 13 September,
12pm – 5pm

King Edward VII Park

"What Makes You Feel at Home"
Picnic, a creative community gathering to celebrate diversity, belonging, and cultural pride through storytelling, art, food, and dialogue. Free
Further details email - contact@werest.art

WHAT'S ON: ARTS AND CULTURE

Cuban Vibes Dance School

Mondays

7.30pm - 11.30pm

Railway Club - Cricklewood NW2

Wednesdays

7.30pm - 11.00pm

Royal Oak - Harlesden NW10

Thursdays

7.30pm - 8.30pm

Patidar House - Wembley HA9

Join the Cuban Vibes Dance School for your Cuban Salsa, Son Cubano & Rueda classes and social dancing.

Adults. Tickets for social dancing £5

Tickets for dance classes £10

Cuban Salsa In London | Cuban Vibes Dance School | England

Animal Blessing

Saturday 4 October at 2:30pm

St. Martin's Anglican Church, Mortimer Road, Kensal Green, London NW10 5SN

An enjoyable, relaxed event for animal lovers from across Brent to celebrate the special relationship we have with the animals who share our lives. All well-behaved creatures great and small are welcome, or bring along a photo.

Further details, please email:

animalblessinguk@gmail.com or

telephone: 07778-453578

Big Record Fair

Sunday 5 October

9-4pm

VIP RECORD FAIRS! The biggest and most established event for music fans in the area. Loads of sellers with bargains galore. From Prog Rock, Punk Rock and doo wop to Hip Hop, soul and reggae – it's all here! £3.76 – £6.91

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-record-fairs-for-wembley-box-park-fast-track-tickets-tickets-1299303915989?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

Let's Walk - Brent - Grand Union Canal

September 17

Grand Union Community Hub (HAO 1DY)

10:30 AM

Looking for a refreshing way to boost your wellbeing? Join us for a relaxed, social walk through nature! Free.

www.tinyurl.com/LetsWalkBrent

WORKSHOPS

Portraits of Brent

December 2025 – January 2026

Are you from a Southwest Asian or North African background? Join our Portraits of Brent workshops to explore your identity and culture through creative storytelling, writing, photography and meaningful objects. Apply now through the Brent People's Museum & Archives website or email museum.archives@brent.gov.uk for more details.

EXERCISE



Boxercise, stretch and movement

Wednesdays 11.30am

Tollgate Gardens Community Centre in Kilburn

Come along for a beginner's boxercise session immediately followed by a relaxing stretch class. Walk-ins welcome.

Beginner's Bootcamp with Our Parks

Saturdays 11am

King Edward VII Park Wembley, Outdoor gym area

Let a professional coach guide you

through low intensity exercises in the fresh air, to build strength and endurance.

Book at Ourparks.org.uk/brent

Mum and baby strengthen and stretch

Wednesdays (Term-time) 10am

Three Trees family Wellbeing Centre

A gentle and social approach to exercise for new mums whilst bonding with their babies, especially if you are struggling with your mental health.

Women's Only Couch to 5K

Mondays 1pm

Willesden Sports Centre

Looking into get into running? Practice building stamina and endurance in a safe space with other ladies and meet your goals to reaching a distance of 5K.

USEFUL CONTACTS

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

www.brent.gov.uk/costofliving

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Call 999 for the police, fire brigade or ambulance services

Call 101 to report a crime that is not an emergency

Call 111 if you have a medical problem that is not an emergency

OTHER LOCAL SERVICES

Find your local GP using the NHS search tool www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/GP/LocationSearch/4

If you want to help someone sleeping rough go to www.streetlink.org.uk

If you are worried about domestic abuse call Advance Brent on 07398 454 898. Monday to Friday 10am to 6pm or email admin@advancecharity.org.uk

If you are concerned about a child, call Brent Family Front Door on 020 8937 4300



COMMUNITY GRANTS AND FUNDING

www.brent.gov.uk/funding

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

September 2025

15 Full Council

17 Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny

25 Audit and Standards Advisory Committee & Audit & Standards Committee

October 2025

8 Pension Fund Sub Committee

9 SACRE (online)

13 Cabinet

23 Planning Committee

November 2025

4 Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny

5 Trading Standards Joint Advisory Board - Harrow (online)

6 Pension Board (online)

10 Full Council

11 Schools Forum (online)

12 Planning Committee

13 Health & Wellbeing Board

17 Cabinet

19 Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny

24 Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee (online)

25 Joint Boroughs IT Committee Brent, Lewisham and Southwark - Southwark to host (online)

ACCESS SERVICES ONLINE

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At North Brent School pupils can excel not only academically but are also enriched through our comprehensive personal development programme.

Our school vision of 'Achievement for All' is the corner stone of all we do, and we fundamentally believe that every child has the right to an exceptional education.

Our curriculum is delivered by subject specialist teachers who have innovated and curated an exceptional learning environment in every lesson.

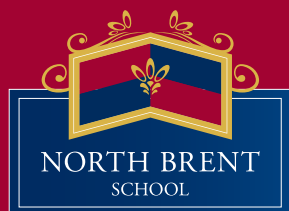
Despite the school's short history, we have been able to forge an exceptional climate for learning instilling high expectations of our pupils. We work closely with our sister school, Wembley High Technology College and work tirelessly to ensure our pupils achievement is in line with the successes of WHTC.



At NBS our ambition for our pupils to excel academically is matched by our desire for their personal development including spiritual, moral, social and cultural education. We offer an ever-expanding range of extra-curricular activities, including the Duke of Edinburgh programme, to enhance our pupils' learning, prepare them for success at university and in their careers, and ensure they become a credit to their local community.



www.wmat.co.uk



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