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We're proud of you, Waltham Forest

Annual awards celebrate those who go above and beyond to better our borough

On Tuesday 5 December we celebrated your community stars at the Pride of Waltham Forest Awards.

Residents, community groups and businesses who go above and beyond to make Waltham Forest a special place were honoured at the awards ceremony at Big Penny Social on Blackhorse Lane.

This event was kindly supported by our sponsors and partners, including Cubiquity, Marston Holdings (NSL), Service Store, Urbaser, Morgan Sindall and Soho Theatre.

Hosted by comedian Mark Watson, there were 11 awards up for grabs including Local Business of the Year, Volunteer(s) of the Year and the Mayor's Public Service Hero.

Over 600 nominations were made by residents, showcasing the great work being done by the people who make up this borough.

Leader of the Council Cllr Grace Williams handed out the 'Leader's Special Recognition Award' to ELOP, an LGBT+ Mental Health and Wellbeing Charity.

ELOP offers support, advice, information, and counselling in Waltham Forest for the LGBT+ community.



Chingford streetsweeper Tommy Kartal is the Mayor's Public Service Hero 2023

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Council Leader, Cllr Grace Williams



Making the hard choices needed to safeguard essential services

Across the country councils are facing a perfect storm caused by prolonged increase in demand for services, high interest rates, and the effects of the previous Government's austerity measures. Waltham Forest is not immune to these challenges.

We have always tried to make sound financial decisions in the interests of residents. We have a legal duty to balance the budget

and a moral duty to protect the most vulnerable. Over the next few months, we will be putting measures in place to meet both these demands.

To give you an idea of the challenges we face, we are looking after 1,000 more elderly and disabled adults than we were four years ago. The number of local people presenting as homeless has gone up 50 per cent in the past year alone, while the number of children needing special

Education, Health and Care plans has risen from 1,800 to 3,000 over the past three years.

Since 2010, we have made savings of £120million. But even so, after 13 years of austerity, we are facing a significant budget deficit. Tough choices will have to be made about everything we do.

What is not a choice is doing nothing. That would leave us unable to protect the services

residents need. You have my personal commitment that every decision we take will prioritise and protect residents. In this issue of Waltham Forest News, you can find details of the cost-of-living support we have put in place this winter to help residents.

This includes information about free events taking place to celebrate Christmas with the family. You can also find coverage of the winners of our annual Pride of the Borough

awards that took place in early December.

I hope that you enjoy a fantastic Christmas and New Year. I'd like to thank all those emergency service staff who will be working over the holidays to keep us all safe. And please remember to keep an eye out for anyone who may be sleeping rough – you can help connect rough sleepers with local support services by visiting thestreetlink.org.uk

• MAYOR'S UPDATE •

More support for our local armed forces community

After marking Remembrance Sunday on 12 November with a ceremony at Fellowship Square, Mayor Roy Berg joined Cllr Vicky Ashworth, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Social Inclusion, and Communities, alongside former and serving armed forces personnel to renew the borough's commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant.

The covenant, established in 2011, aims to ensure that forces personnel and

their families are treated fairly and their sacrifices are recognised. Waltham Forest originally signed in 2013 and used the ten-year anniversary as an opportunity to renew the commitment and launch the Armed Forces Action Plan that outlines how the council will support the armed forces community.

The Mayor is raising funds to support veterans, ex-service people, and their families. You can donate by visiting justgiving.com/wfmbf



Mayor Roy Berg joined the Leader, cllrs Dr Vicky Ashworth and Louise Mitchell, and representatives of the armed forces to sign the Armed Forces Covenant

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Drum roll please... Introducing your Pride of Waltham Forest winners



Winner of the Leader's Special Recognition Award is ELOP, an organisation dedicated to supporting the local LGBTQIA+ community through counselling

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Martine Foley took home the Safe Streets Champion Award in recognition of the time she dedicates to chairing Safer Neighbourhood meetings – Martine has even been allowed to accompany officers on patrols

The Waltham Forest Parent Forum scooped the Volunteers of the Year gong – all are parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities who together have created a unique community to help parents on their SEND journey.

Gotta have faith (awards)

Waltham Forest hosted a celebration of organisations and projects who do inspiring work in the borough

The Waltham Forest Faith and Belief Forum awards took place in the council chamber on Thursday 28 September in front of Cllr Vicky Ashworth, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Social Inclusion and Equalities. People from all faiths and none came together to honour local groups and individuals who are helping to make the lives of people in Waltham Forest better.

Congratulations to our winners...

- Cornerstone Baby Bank
- Love North Chingford Gardening Group
- Forest Churches Emergency Night Shelter
- Salaam Peace
- Eden Girls Waltham Forest
- Forest Women's Interfaith Network
- Soul Food Community Meal
- Kiran Support Services

Special recognition was also given to...

- All Saints Church
- Islamic Hands
- Shield of Faith Ministries
- Community Food Share
- Inconvenient Store
- Waltham Forest Freebies
- Educate Not Mutilate
- Avengers Cricket Club
- Genesis Education Trust
- Fatima Qasmi
- St Barnabas and St James the Greater
- Togetherness Cafe
- Geek Cafe
- Refuge
- Julie Pell

THE PRIDE OF WALTHAM FOREST Awards 2023

2023 Awards Winners

Leader's Special Recognition Award
ELOP

Mayor's Public Service Hero
Tommy Kartal

Environment Champion of the Year
St Mary's Walthamstow Gardeners

Local Business of the Year
MKB Care Ltd

Health and Wellbeing Champion of the Year
Zaid Mahmood

Volunteer/s of the Year
Waltham Forest Parent Forum

Community Culture Award
Women Over Fifty Film Festival Moving Pictures

No Space for Hate Award or Safe Streets
Champion Award
Martine Foley

Young Person of the Year
Ruby-Tuesday O'Brien

Carer of the Year
Eileen Best

'My Neighbourhood' Champion of the Year
Tom Moreland Junior

Love Local Heritage?

Nominate a building for our Local Heritage List

We are updating our Local Heritage List, which celebrates characterful and historic buildings and structures in Waltham Forest.

The list is a way to learn more about our shared heritage and spaces that makes Waltham Forest a special place to live, work and visit.

Unique to Waltham Forest, the list includes buildings

identified by you, local community groups, and the Council.

To help improve the Local Heritage list, we need your help. Tell us which buildings in your area have historical, cultural, and architectural interest that represent our diverse borough.

The existing Local Heritage List already includes a range of structures from private

houses to public libraries, mosques to monuments, schools to shopfronts, factories to fountains but we want to broaden this out even further.

And it's not just old buildings we want to celebrate, we also want to add modern buildings of high-quality design too.

Being on the list does not limit how buildings are used or prevent changes to them, but

where planning applications are submitted, any impact on a locally listed building would be considered as part of the planning assessment.

The Waltham Forest Civic Society commented: "We are pleased to see the Local Heritage List is being updated.

The list is an important means to raise awareness of our built heritage which gives our

townscapes and streets their unique character - whether public buildings, individual houses or interesting historic features - that can so easily be lost, demolished or damaged beyond repair if we don't recognise their value in time.

We encourage residents to get involved and send in their suggestions for additions to the list."

Check out local landmarks on the list for inspiration...

A tall drink of water next to the Butler's Retreat in Chingford

Unveiled in 1899, the drinking fountain was used by visitors to the forest at a time when the area was a major tourist destination. It was the gift of the MP Sir Edwin Durning-Lawrence Bt, as a memorial to his two older brothers.



The Rose & Crown, Hoe Street, Walthamstow

The Rose & Crown was built in around 1891 by the Truman Hanbury & Buxton Brewery, and designed by Fred Ashton, a local architect based in Stratford. It is a good example of a distinctive and largely original late Victorian corner pub, with attractive decorative detailing.



Don't delay - nominate a local building today!

Find out more and nominate a place or structure by visiting talk.walthamforest.gov.uk/local-heritage-list or scanning the QR code. Nominations are open between **Sunday 10 December 2023 and Wednesday 24 January 2024**. New additions for the Local Heritage List will be announced next summer at a special launch event.



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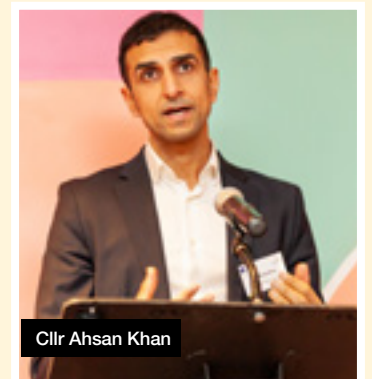
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We're investing in Waltham Forest

Cllr Ahsan Khan explains how new developments fund improvements that benefit everyone



Cllr Ahsan Khan

“Some of the things that residents and visitors most enjoy about the borough are only here because of development. The funding and direct investment we receive is used to pay for essential infrastructure improvements and attractions that we would otherwise not be able to afford.

“The projects that have benefitted include work to upgrade the Blackhorse Road area, and the creation of new health facilities like the doctor’s surgery at the Jazz Yard. We have been able to make changes for

cyclists and pedestrians including improved lighting and better surfaces. It also means we can create places like the Walthamstow Wetlands, the Feel Good centres, and Lea Bridge Library for people to relax and enjoy leisure time as they support local businesses.

“We wanted to take this opportunity to look at some of the great things right across the borough that have been made possible through this funding. Of course, there are some areas where there has been more development, which in turn results in more funding

in these places to create even better neighbourhoods and town centres.

“It’s because of our track record of success in delivering the changes that benefit residents and visitors that we have been awarded one of the highest amounts of Levelling Up funding by the Government in London. In total, we have received around £39m to spend on projects in Leyton, Higham Park and Chingford Mount, and Walthamstow.”

Cllr Ahsan Khan

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration



Lea Bridge Library



Walthamstow Wetlands

The north



The Everyone on Boards crew



Residents learn about local improvements at Chase Lane Park

Due to the lack of development in Chingford and Highams Park, there are fewer funds to spend on new facilities. That’s not stopped us from working hard to achieve the best for residents.

Following lots of engagement with residents including the Highams Park Planning Group over the past two

years around the Chingford Mount Area Framework, we made a successful bid for £8.4m of Levelling Up Funds working in partnership with councillors and the local MP.

On top of this, we were able to contribute an extra £1.9m bringing the total to £10.3m that will be invested

to improve Chingford Mount and Highams Park town centres as well as parks including Memorial Park, Chase Lane Park, and Rolls Park.

We’ve been speaking to residents about how to refine the improvements even further, more recently in Chase Lane Park with Everyone on Boards in October.

The south

Coronation Square, near the Leyton Orient stadium, will provide 750 new homes alongside new leisure, sports, and cultural spaces, providing a place for people to relax and shop in Leyton town centre.

The work also aims to make people feel safer through new street lighting and better visibility.

The development is centred around water fountains and a public square that will become the heart of the new community.

It also includes plans for a new health hub, a pre-school nursery, an enhanced indoor sports and leisure centre with community facilities, and new commercial space for shops and businesses. Work is expected to fully complete by the end of 2026.

Environmental upgrades in Leytonstone include a new Sustainable Urban Drainage System outside Leytonstone School, the introduction of the Business Low Emissions Neighbourhood, and improvements to Jubilee Gardens.

We've recently completed 47 new homes at Leyton Green Road that have funded Lester House, which stands opposite on Leyton Green Road and provides state-of-the-art facilities for young disabled people since opening in 2020.

Improvements to Leyton Tube Station such as step-free access are vital as the borough grows. We were able to fulfil a longstanding commitment of £9m towards the upgrades using funding from developments, and received another £13.7m from our joint Levelling Up Fund bid with TfL. Work will begin in 2024.



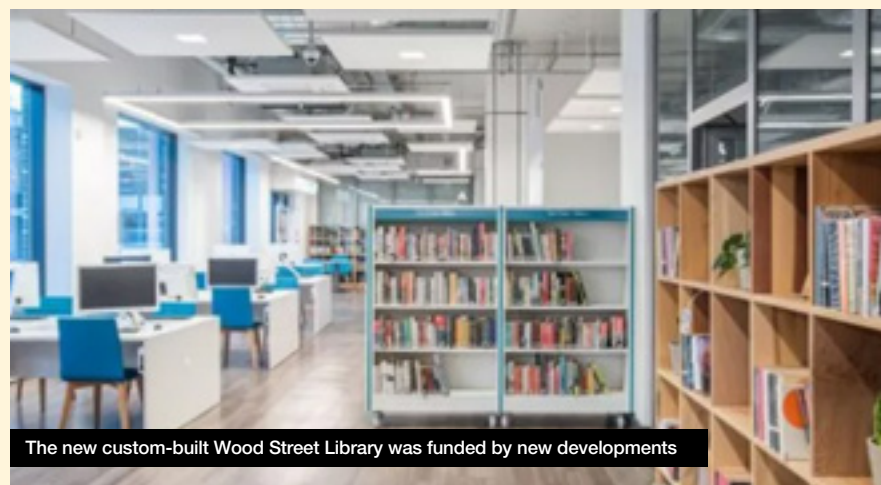
An artist's impression of Coronation Square



A birds-eye view of Leyton Tube Station



The gateway to the Blackhorse Road Creative Enterprise Zone



The new custom-built Wood Street Library was funded by new developments

The middle

Thanks to new homes and developments in Walthamstow and Blackhorse Lane, we can invest and apply for more funds to improve facilities that make your life easier.

We've set aside funds to pay for a potential new entrance to Walthamstow Central underground station from the redeveloped 17&Central mall, and we continue to work with government and the Mayor of London to look for the rest of the funding. There are improvements being made to public spaces in the town centre along Hoe Street, High Street and St James Street to make Walthamstow a safer and welcoming cultural destination with the £17.2m of Levelling Up Funding awarded to Waltham Forest by the government.

Funds from developments have allowed us to invest in the Soho Theatre Walthamstow building and create a touchdown space for the University of Portsmouth – these

two projects alone are predicted to generate over £500m for the local economy over the next 20 years. We are improving Chestnuts House, Hatherley Mews, and Vestry House Museum to create a cultural quarter in the heart of Walthamstow for everyone to enjoy. We've also been able to open a new custom-built library on Wood Street and the much-loved Fellowship Square.

Over at Blackhorse Lane, we're continuing to make improvements. Without developer funding, we wouldn't have been able to build the Sinnott Medical Centre for residents which opened in May 2022, allowing it to expand from 6,500 to 10,000 patients over the next 15 years. We're also making huge improvements to public spaces along Sutherland Road including more CCTV. We also completed the Lockwood Way project in summer 2022, a part of the Creative Enterprise Zone where local businesses receive support to help create new jobs.



This winter, we know that the cost-of-living crisis has not gone away. Included with this issue of Waltham Forest News is a booklet full of guidance for how you can get help if you need it, whether it's financial support, help lowering your energy bills, or resources for looking after your health and wellbeing.

Community Living Rooms: a space for everyone



Cllr Vicky Ashworth meets the Highams Park Food Aid team

Last year, community spaces across the borough opened their doors to welcome anyone who needed somewhere warm to go.

The Winter Spaces Network included places of worship, cafes, local businesses, libraries and charities.

Together, they helped people who might have been struggling with energy bills in their homes, or who wanted a warm space to socialise, have a cup of tea, or work.

Many of these spaces have stayed open throughout the

year, and we now have 27 Community Living Rooms (as these spaces are now known) open across Waltham Forest.

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“People can get out of the house, talk to our befriending team, and be greeted with a friendly face.”

As with last year, these are spaces open for anyone to drop in, and many now offer a range of activities, information, support and guidance.

Highams Park Food Aid is one of the Community Living

Rooms who give immediate support to residents experiencing food poverty. As well as food and household essentials, they are offering free haircuts throughout December.

Lily, Hub Manager at Highams Park Food Aid, said: “We have a community café, where we have hot drinks and a hot meal for lunch every day.

“That means people can get out of the house, talk to our befriending team, and be greeted with a friendly face and a listening ear.”

A day with the Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Hub provide a Community Living Room on Forest Road in Walthamstow, open every Friday from 10am to 1pm.

Their Living Room has newspapers, crafts, board games, internet access and computers, a play space, and light snacks.

Julie Pell, who helps to run the Salvation Army Hub living room, shared a snapshot of one day in November:

- 65 people attended – 42 adults and 23 children.
- We shared cups of tea, cake and a chat with the people who came and invited them to bring friends or neighbours

- We gave items to people in need, including clothing, bedding, and emergency food parcels
- We signposted people towards information and advice, including:
 - o How to access to pre-school groups that are free or low cost
 - o Information about the Warmer Homes initiative, where we can provide advice to keep energy bills down.
 - o Support for victims of domestic abuse

Each Community Living Room has different activities and support on offer.

These can include:

- Hot food, tea, coffee and snacks
- Digital inclusion support – help using devices and getting access to the internet
- Free WiFi and access to computers
- Citizens’ Advice Waltham Forest – providing free advice on money, debt and benefits
- Energy support from HEET – helping to lower your energy bills
- Exercise classes at Better Leisure Centres
- Craft activities and materials
- Free hygiene products



A donation box at the Forest Road Salvation Army

More info

To find a full list of opening hours and what's available at each Living Room, go to bit.ly/WFLivingRooms or scan the QR code.



Free period products in a library near you

Council partners with Hey Girls

Our libraries in Waltham Forest are welcoming places for anyone to visit. As well as checking out books, you can get help with internet access, support from Citizens Advice Waltham Forest, free activities for parents and children – and now, free period products too.

Hey Girls is a social enterprise whose mission is to eradicate period poverty in the UK

We have partnered with Hey Girls to provide these free products in all libraries

More info

You can find out more about Hey Girls by visiting heygirls.co.uk

across Waltham Forest. They include day and night sanitary pads, and applicator and non-applicator tampons, all made from sustainable materials.

They are available for anyone who needs them to take. Hey Girls is a social enterprise whose mission is to eradicate period poverty in the UK, improve access to quality period products, and increase education around period health to eliminate shame and stigma.

By providing products in libraries, we are helping to create period dignity and equality for all in Waltham Forest.












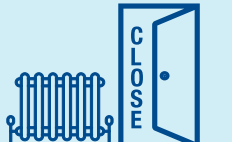
Handy tips to heat your home

Save money with these simple ideas from our friends at the HEET Project



For many people winter is a really challenging time. We have made it a top priority to ensure that everyone has access to support, advice and services to help them in the cold weather.

The council partners with The HEET Project, a local not-for-profit organisation that helps households stay warm and save money. **There are plenty of small, simple steps you can take today - here are some of HEET's top tips:**

-  • Use your microwave more - it's cheaper than an electric oven
-  • Keep lids on pans when cooking
-  • Wash clothes in full loads at 30 degrees where possible
-  • Only boil the amount of water you need in the kettle
-  • Switch off appliances at the wall when not in use
-  • Take short showers – this uses less energy and water
-  • Try turning the thermostat down and make yourself comfortable with warm clothes
-  • Keep furniture away from the front of radiators
-  • Use thick curtains, preferably lined - close them at sunset to keep the heat in
-  • Turn radiators off and close the door in rooms you do not use often



HEET can help anyone in receipt of benefits or who is aged 60 or over. Call **020 8520 1900** or visit theheetproject.org.uk/eligibility

Don't forget our online Lower Bills Calculator that offers tailored advice for all, no matter your circumstances. It takes just two minutes to find the best scheme to apply for and all the information you need is in one handy place.

Visit bit.ly/WFLowerBills or ask at your local library to use the Lower Bills Calculator.

We are your friends

Helping ensure no-one feels alone again

The 'We Are Friends' intergenerational sessions have been a hit in libraries across Waltham Forest, including at Higham Hill Library where Ivy Grove Care Home residents have been visiting every week. We met with Winie, one of the residents, who has been reading stories about animal adventures to the children every Monday morning.



Winie

"My name is Winifred, but everyone calls me Winie – with one 'n'! I get a lot of joy from being here. I like to think I'm entertaining children, and they're enjoying what I'm telling them. They love all the stories, and they're very enthusiastic. I'm making them happy, and I give them insights into the animal life.

"I just make the stories up as I go along! I haven't a clue what I am going to say when I enter the door. Haven't a clue! It just pops into my head when I start.

"As long as they want me, I will continue telling my stories."

More info

If you are over 65 and would like to join one of the sessions, please your place online at thetogetherproject.org.uk



Michael and his son, Gus

"I really like this session. There's obviously lots of these sessions in different libraries. I like this one particularly, as it's our local library and it's a convenient walk from our house.

"It's just lovely, the fact that it's a mixture of adults and senior adults getting involved – and there's a nice age range of children, with the nursery toddlers coming and lots of young babies.

"And obviously for the socialisation aspect, he doesn't have his grandparents close to hand, as they're couple of hours away, so it's good for him to be able to mix with older generations and have these sorts of experiences."



Diane and her grandson

"It's nice for me as a grandma to have a routine in bringing the little out during the day and for him to meet other babies and other mums and other grandmas, and to see the people from the care home, who so thoroughly enjoy it. It's a joy to see the pleasure it gives to the different generations.

"It's good to learn the nursery rhymes, and to be surrounded by all the books as well. It really is worthwhile to come along and give it a try."

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"It's a joy to see the pleasure it gives to the different generations"
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We Are Friends sessions are a collaboration between The Together Project, Waltham Forest Libraries, and the Early Years Service. They are offered as part of our Best Start in Life programme, providing free activities for families of under-5s to help give Waltham Forest children the best possible start in life.

Watch Winie enjoy a We Are Friends sessions by visiting bit.ly/WinieVideo

Day in the life of a social worker

The most surprising thing about the job is how welcome I feel in people's homes. I really didn't expect that from being a children's social worker, but so many people are really happy to see me.

I was born in Whipps Cross and raised in Walthamstow, and I love working in my own community – it helps me feel familiarity with the people I meet.

Some people say it's unusual to see a man in the job. I think that's based on some outdated stereotypes about women being more caring. For me, it's been a plus. If there are children without a father figure, for example, I might be able to relate to them in a different way.

One time I was sat playing PlayStation with a teenager, and thought to myself – how is this a job? But it was a great way to make him feel comfortable and start to open up.

There are ups and downs, it's true – it can be challenging. But managers prioritise your needs and your self-care. And there is a very good vibe in the office, more than you might expect from a job that can be difficult.

The families don't always say 'thank you', but when they do, and when you see the change you've helped them through, and had your work recognised – nothing beats that moment.



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Patrick, 22, is in his first year as a newly qualified children's social worker.
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More info

Find out more at bit.ly/WFSocialWork

All the parklets

So many parklets...

What do you see when you look out of your front window? For Toby, who used the space in front of his house to create the first community parklet in Waltham Forest, the answer was: an opportunity.

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"In the spring and summer the parklet has been brimming with butterflies, bees, and insects"
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His thriving parklet has become a mini community space, where people can take a break where children can get creative with chalk, where you can check out the book and seed libraries, or even stop to play a game of chess.

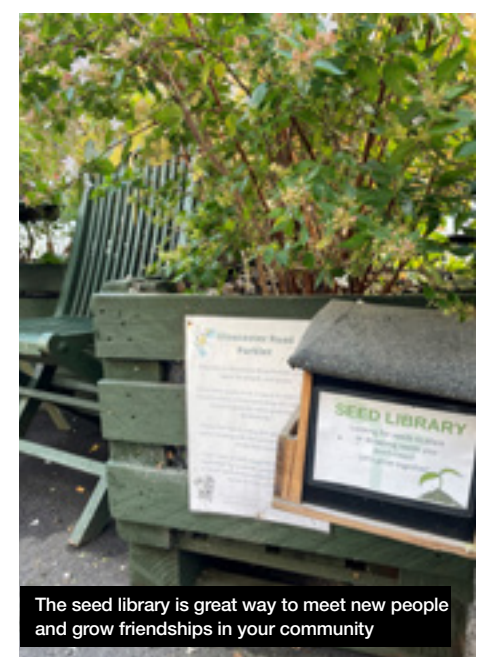
The parklet doesn't just benefit people – it's added greenery to the road. Toby says, "I think we need more of these little green stepping stones in urban areas, increasing biodiversity in our streets."

Applications have now opened for anyone to propose a new community parklet in front of their home. You will need to come up with a plan for the parklet and talk to your neighbours to get their agreement, and you will be responsible for looking after the space.

As Toby says: "It's a 10 minute commitment each day to look after, but we think it's well worth it. We have met so many people on our street who we wouldn't have done otherwise. I'd highly recommend it."



Books and seats welcome guests to the parklet



The seed library is great way to meet new people and grow friendships in your community

Find out more

Get all the information about the application process and register your interest at bit.ly/WFParklets before Monday 15 January 2024.

You can also receive help with your parklet from climate charity Possible – visit their website wearepossible.org to find out more.

Enjoy images of Toby's parklet at [@e17parklet](https://www.instagram.com/e17parklet) on Instagram.

ARE YOU A PRIVATE LANDLORD WITH PROPERTIES TO LET?

Waltham Forest Housing has a new Private Rental Scheme for Landlords offering long-term secure tenants, tenancy support, and cash incentives. We are looking for properties of all sizes and for landlords who are interested in providing long-term accommodation solutions to local people in housing need.

Let's work together to support those in housing need.

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*Cash incentive up to £6,000 paid on agreement of the tenancy.

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Supporting young people in Waltham Forest

How to access mental health services and youth spaces

Young people in Waltham Forest can get the support they need when they need it, close to home. We met Zaid, a young resident who is helping raise awareness of young people's mental health, and Lee, a youth worker who supports young people with a safe space to learn, play and grow.

Please note, this article contains mentions of self-harm.



Zaid's story

"I was diagnosed with epilepsy at a young age, and because of that I had many mental health problems, such as depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

I wasn't socialising with my friends anymore. I was hiding in my bedroom not knowing what was happening to me. I kept on digging myself into a bigger hole. I started to self-harm to find some relief, but that only made things worse.

"I remember when I cried out to my doctors, and they helped me. It was such a relief.

"If you're struggling with mental health, please do reach out for help and remember that support is available and you're not alone.

"When I sought help, I had an amazing support team around me, with my friends and family all there for me. It's important to remember that not everyone's support system is the same – you can find what works for you. If you're finding it hard, Kooth can also help, with support and tools to help young people navigate their mental health."



Lee Benjamin introduces Youth Spaces

"Calling all parents! Waltham Forest Youth Spaces are for young people aged 11 to 25. We offer workshops, life skills, cooking lessons and we play games like table tennis.

"We've got a digital directory where you can find information all about Youth Hubs. Young people can also turn up to any Youth Space: just walk in, sign up and you are here for life.

"We use the power of mentoring and youth work to engage the community and push a narrative of change and positive innovation.

"The whole initiative of the Youth Spaces is to engage more young people, and trying to give more young people a voice and a safe space, which will allow them to grow, and meet new young people who look like them and sound like them, in every sense. And, also, give them positive role models in each space as well, which is really important."

More information

If you or a young person you know is struggling with their mental health, the Council's commissioned service Kooth offers free, confidential, expert advice for young people between the ages of 11 and 25 years old. Find it at [kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

Our youth space project Space4All sits within our Family Hubs programme, bringing local services to residents in their neighbourhood. Learn more about Space4All at: [walthamforest.gov.uk/Space4All](https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/Space4All)

CARD AND
CARDBOARD BOXES

CHRISTMAS
CARDS



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CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DATE CHANGES

NORMAL COLLECTION DATE

Monday 25 December 2023
Tuesday 26 December 2023
Wednesday 27 December 2023
Thursday 28 December 2023
Friday 29 December 2023

REVISED SCHEDULED COLLECTION DATE

→ Wednesday 27 December 2023
→ Thursday 28 December 2023
→ Friday 29 December 2023
→ Saturday 30 December 2023
→ Tuesday 2 January 2024

NORMAL COLLECTION DATE

Monday 1 January 2024 →
Tuesday 2 January 2024 →
Wednesday 3 January 2024 →
Thursday 4 January 2024 →
Friday 5 January 2024 →

REVISED SCHEDULED COLLECTION DATE

Wednesday 3 January 2024
Thursday 4 January 2024
Friday 5 January 2024
Saturday 6 January 2024
Monday 8 January 2024



NEW YEAR COLLECTION DATE CHANGES

NEW YEAR COLLECTION DATE CHANGES

NORMAL COLLECTION DATE

Monday 8 January 2024
Tuesday 9 January 2024
Wednesday 10 January 2024
Thursday 11 January 2024
Friday 12 January 2024

REVISED SCHEDULED COLLECTION DATE

→ Tuesday 9 January 2024
→ Wednesday 10 January 2024
→ Thursday 11 January 2024
→ Friday 12 January 2024
→ Saturday 13 January 2024

REAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

- NOT BE LARGER THAN 6 FOOT TALL
- NOT HAVE ANY DECORATIONS OR POT/STAND INCLUDED
- NOT HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS MIXED IN WITH THE TREE



STREET LEVEL PROPERTIES

Present your tree next to your brown bin on collection day.

COMMUNAL BLOCK

Fill out this form to arrange a tree pick-up





Helping new arrivals settle in

In December 2022, Waltham Forest Council committed to work towards becoming a Borough of Sanctuary

Waltham Forest has a proud history of welcoming refugees, sanctuary seekers and migrants. Becoming a Borough of Sanctuary will see the council working with people with lived experience of seeking refuge, community and voluntary organisations, and local businesses, to follow the principles of the City of Sanctuary movement.

These include:

- welcoming new arrivals and fostering a culture of hospitality to all
- creating opportunities for new friendships between local people and those seeking sanctuary
- celebrating the contributions made by refugees to our community

Our Welcome Hub in Lea Bridge Library is a one-stop shop for people who have been placed in the borough while they wait to learn if they have been granted leave to remain in the UK. It's a place to meet others and connect with volunteers who can share their experience and offer support.



More info

Do you have lived experience of seeking sanctuary yourself or helping other people seeking asylum? Can you spare time to sit alongside others to welcome them and help navigate the often complicated systems involved?

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please scan the QR code or email connectingcommunities@walthamforest.gov.uk

Talal's story

Talal came to the UK last year with his wife and young family. Originally from Syria, they had been living in Dubai and Bahrain for many years when his application to renew his visa was refused.

With his home country still caught up in a devastating civil war, he says he had two choices: "Go back to Syria, where my children had never lived, or come to Europe. And Syria is not safe for my kids, or for me."

Talal is a popular volunteer at the Welcome Hub, using his own experience to help others settle in the area. "It is a friendly place – a good place," he says.

People seeking asylum aren't allowed to work while their case is heard but Talal has just received notice of leave to remain, which means he can get a job to support his family. "Before coming here, I had 23 years of working, but I have been in the UK more than a year and not been able to. So, I kept myself busy volunteering," he explains. Talal has now been granted leave to remain in the UK.

"Now, I can work!" he says with a smile.



Rafia's story

Rafia arrived in the UK after escaping from Afghanistan. Before coming to Waltham Forest, she and her young son lived in shared accommodation with strangers.

Rafia said: "We became homeless in the middle of the night when there was a fire. My son saw everything. Then we were put in emergency accommodation with 10 people – no furniture, nothing. My son was already at school in Waltham Forest, and I was volunteering here, and people we knew eventually helped us to get a place in Walthamstow."

Rafia began helping as a volunteer at the Welcome Hub while her son, who is now seven, attends a local school. Fluent in Pashtu and Persian as well as English, Rafia now has a job as a translator at the Hub, helping others as she was helped herself.



HEALTHWISE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAMME

Ask your GP today about Healthwise Waltham Forest; a programme that offers physical activity support for Waltham Forest residents whose condition may benefit from the programme. If eligible, your GP can refer you onto a 12 week programme at a local Better leisure centre which also includes a discounted membership for 2 years.



Scan the QR code to find out more or ask your GP for more information today.

Email: healthwisewalthamforest@gll.org
or call: 0208 509 9196



WALKING AND CYCLING IN WALTHAM FOREST



COMMUNITY PARKLETS

New green space on your doorstep for Spring!

Transform part of your local neighbourhood into a vibrant and engaging space with our resident-led Community Parklet programme! Parklets, whilst small in size, can have a big impact on the local environment, transforming kerbside road space into green spaces and rest areas that include features such as seating, planting, games, and information boards.



If creating a space for the local community to gather, connect, and enjoy the outdoors right in the heart of the neighbourhood is something you'd be interested in, you can find out more or register your interest by scanning the QR code or emailing parklets@walthamforest.gov.uk



CYCLE HUBS

Visit our Cycle Hubs and unlock the full potential of cycling in Waltham Forest! Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or just starting, our Hubs are here to support your journey to a healthier and sustainable lifestyle. New Hubs opened earlier this year at Chingford Station, Highams Park Station and two at Blackhorse Road Station. Each Hub offers secure cycle parking with CCTV, a help point and fob entry. Membership costs just £35 per year and includes access to all 11 Cycle Hubs.

If you're looking to become a member you can register by scanning the QR code



WALTHAM FOREST WANDERS

Explore your local neighbourhood with Waltham Forest Wanders! We have developed nine walking and cycling trails packed into a pocket-sized booklet to support you to walk and cycle more for health and leisure whilst showcasing the borough's green spaces, local attractions, rich history, and famous faces.

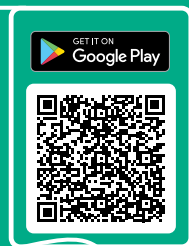
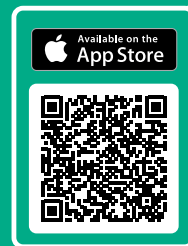
Booklets are available in all Waltham Forest libraries or upon request by emailing cycling@walthamforest.gov.uk



GO JAUNTLY

The Go Jauntly mobile app is designed to encourage exploration and outdoor enjoyment. The FREE app provides a platform for users to discover and share walking routes in their local areas. Take short and long local walks, find hidden trails in familiar haunts, new adventures away from home and discover the nature on your doorstep.

Download on the App Store or get it on Google Play



MAKE 2024 YOUR YEAR OF CYCLING

As you embark on a journey of self-discovery in the new year, why not make cycling part of it?

Try Before You Bike – Hire a new cycle from £30 per month (electric, folding, cargo and adaptive cycles are available too). You can hire for up to six months AND you get your hire fees back if you buy your cycle with no hidden costs or tie-ins.

Find your next bike at www.peddlemywheels.com/try-before-you-bike

Community Cycle Loan Scheme - Our community fleet is available for loan to anybody who lives, works, or studies in Waltham Forest. For a small refundable deposit, you can loan a bike for up to one month (depending on availability). A range of standard bikes are available to loan and the scheme also features cargo bikes with more than eight models available.



To book your FREE loan scan the QR code or email cyclehire@walthamforest.gov.uk



FEEL GOOD WALKS

Come along and join a free, weekly Feel-Good Walk! They are suitable for anyone to join and provide a great way for people to get out and about, meet new people and explore some of the beautiful green spaces Waltham Forest has to offer. Just turn up on the day, there's no need to book in advance.

For more information about walks in Waltham Forest, please contact feel.good@walthamforest.gov.uk

For more information about walking and cycling in Waltham Forest, please contact: cycling@walthamforest.gov.uk
020 8496 3000



Celebrating a century in east London



Louise Evans is a resident at Mapleton Road care home in Chingford

A resident at Mapleton Road care home celebrated her 100th birthday in October.

Louise Evans, born in 1923, was joined by her family, care home residents and staff to mark the milestone occasion.

Gill Evans, Louise's daughter, said: "Mum always had a zest for life, enjoying her whiskey, dancing and singing. She started working in a factory aged 12. Her best times were when she worked at the Hackney Hospital where she

had many friends and many a good night out!"

"The carers at Mapleton Road are truly so caring and lovely"

Mapleton Road, situated in Chingford, is one of three Council-owned care homes in the borough. All are rated 'good' by the Care Quality Commission.

Gill added: "I'm very thankful to Christina [Adamu, care home manager] and the team for taking such good care of mum. It was very difficult to be separated as we have always lived together, but the carers at Mapleton are truly so caring and lovely, they love mum and she loves them, and Christina runs the home with high standards. I feel very fortunate that my mum is there."

Cllr Louise Mitchell, Cabinet

Member for Adult Services, said: "Lou has so much character - you can see why she's loved by her family and friends. She told me about the old days, going dancing in Bethnal Green during the war. She's a very proud east ender.

"We want to make Waltham Forest the best place to age well, continuing to offer high quality support for our older residents through our services."

More info

Find out more about our care homes by visiting bit.ly/wfasccarehomes or scanning the QR code.



Louise Evans meets Cllr Louise Mitchell



Gill and Louise celebrate this important milestone with Cllr Mitchell and staff from Mapleton Road

Culture club

Events and activities to enjoy across the borough

Transforming Vestry House Museum

A much-loved hidden gem situated in Walthamstow Village is about to embark upon a transformation to realise its full potential.

As part of the Levelling Up funded 'Culture for All' programme, the work will make the museum more accessible and inclusive with a culture offer that reflects the borough's diversity. Architects Studio Weave will be working on improvements that will increase the environmental sustainability of the building.

Constructed in 1730, Vestry House is home to a collection of over 100,000 historical objects, including 65,000 photos, as well as the borough's Archives and Local Studies Library.

When the project is complete, Vestry House Museum will provide flexible spaces for creatives and for private hire with options for community curation and programming. It will also offer an enhanced education and skills training programme for young people.

As part of the work, the Archives and Local Studies Library Search Room will move to a larger space in Walthamstow Library, which will reopen for appointments in February 2024.

Vestry House Museum will close to the public on Saturday 23 December 2023 and reopen in late 2025.



Artists Impression of Revitalization Museum, Studio Weave



Credit: Vestry House Museum

Keep informed

follow Vestry House on Instagram at [@vestryhousemuseum](https://www.instagram.com/vestryhousemuseum)

What's on at Fellowship Square, E17



The Ruckus: Everyone's Invited: Thursday 14 December to Monday 1 January

Revel Puck Circus will be bringing a brand-new family friendly variety show to the square, inspired by folklore, the myths, and mysteries of London.

Marvel at human-sized balloons, breath-taking acrobatics, and powerful aerial skills, all within their signature spirited and mischievous atmosphere.

Shows take place at various times from midday.

Exclusive offer for Waltham Forest Residents:

- 15 per cent off **Wednesday & Thursday evening** performances, use code WEEKNIGHT

Keep informed

Book your tickets at www.revelpuckcircus.com
For updates follow [@revelpucks](https://www.instagram.com/revelpucks) on Instagram

VIVA! Vegan – all new café, now open every day from 8am to 6pm

VIVA! Vegan is bringing delicious plant-based food, pastries, hot drinks, and refreshments to our beautiful art deco inspired café space! Featuring an ever-changing menu from katsu curry to French onion soup – make sure you stop by and visit soon.

Keep informed

Follow us Instagram [@fsqe17](https://www.instagram.com/fsqe17) or Facebook [@FSQ E17](https://www.facebook.com/FSQ_E17)



Stow Film Lounge Residency: January – April 2024

After an exciting weekend launch in November, this local enterprise will bring together more people in the new year to experience movie magic at Fellowship Square.

The team will curate a range of exciting and entertaining films for all tastes and ages. Including Screen Classics, Saturday Morning Pictures, Cult Movies and Modern Masterpieces. All will be shown in the foyer or Council Chambers of the Grade II listed Town Hall, with refreshments provided.

Keep informed

For updates and details please follow [@stowfilmlounge](https://www.instagram.com/stowfilmlounge) on Instagram or visit stowfilmlounge.com

William Morris Gallery, Radical Landscapes

Explore Radical Landscapes, a major new exhibition at William Morris Gallery

Radical Landscapes explores the natural world as a space for artistic inspiration and social connection through the lens of William Morris, one of Britain's earliest and most influential environmental thinkers.

It features more than 60 works by artists including JMW Turner and Veronica Ryan. The exhibition is already breaking attendance records after opening in October.

In October and November, residents participated in activity sessions including a family day about weaving - an historically significant craft in Waltham Forest due to locally available materials.

From now until 31 March 2024, you can also see 'Radical Landscapes: London's Epping Forest' at the Epping Forest Visitor Centre in Chingford.

Through 200 years of popular prints and images, this exhibition explores the shifting balance of power and control over the land now known as Epping Forest.

More exciting events are lined up for the New Year:

18 January:
'In Conversation' with Turner Prize Winner Veronica Ryan

20 January & 17 February:
Graeme Miller's LINKED sonic installation

17 February:
'Nightwalk' with William Morris Gallery from Chingford Station to The Hive in Epping Forest.

SCAN ME



Credit: Radical Landscapes, William Morris Gallery



Credit: Radical Landscapes, William Morris Gallery

Keep informed

follow us on Instagram at @morriscallery or visit wmgallery.org.uk



Credit: Queer Quilters



Visit www.storiesandsupper.co.uk to find out more.

Make It Happen Grants

Making it happen in Waltham Forest

The Make it Happen grants programme provides £85,000 to help and support local creatives and community groups, removing barriers to participation in arts and culture.

In April we announced 14 successful recipients from across the borough. Since that time, several projects have been brought to life.

Queer Quilters, Leytonstone

Simon Olimetti used the funding to bring together a network of local people from the LGBTQI+ community to share stories and create a supportive group. This autumn the group created a Queer Quilt together at Stone Mini Market. They continue to meet to oster their newfound interests and friendship.

Migrant Stories, Walthamstow

Stories and Supper is a refugee and migrant-focused supper club. It aims to break down barriers and challenge the myths about migration and provide a welcoming space for refugees living in Waltham Forest. The Make it Happen grant funded a series of short films sharing recipes from different migrant cultures, encouraging people across Waltham Forest to celebrate commonalities and differences.

Don Sinclair Reggae Vibes, Leyton

Don successfully exhibited and produced a live music event celebrating sound system culture in Waltham Forest earlier this year. As a result, he has been invited to host another event at Jamdown Festival in Leyton Jubilee Park in 2024.

Keep informed

Follow our Waltham Forest culture channels: Instagram @lbwfculture, Facebook @wfculture19, and Twitter @lbwfculture

WANT TO REDUCE YOUR ENERGY BILLS BUT FIND HOME IMPROVEMENTS TOO EXPENSIVE?



Residents told us they want lower energy bills but upgrading their home is expensive. So, we've launched our 0% interest Energy Upgrade Loan of up to £20,000 to help add insulation, solar panels and much more.

Find out more about the loan at bit.ly/energyupgradeloan



I'm looking for...

Safety, Love, Respect, Stability, Home, You.

We offer:

Take the first step to becoming a Foster Carer and fill out our short form at:

fosteringwalthamforest.co.uk



A competitive fostering package including pay of up to £485 per week, per child



Up to 66% taken off your Council Tax bill if you live in Waltham Forest



A free parking permit for your zone if you live in a CPZ in Waltham Forest

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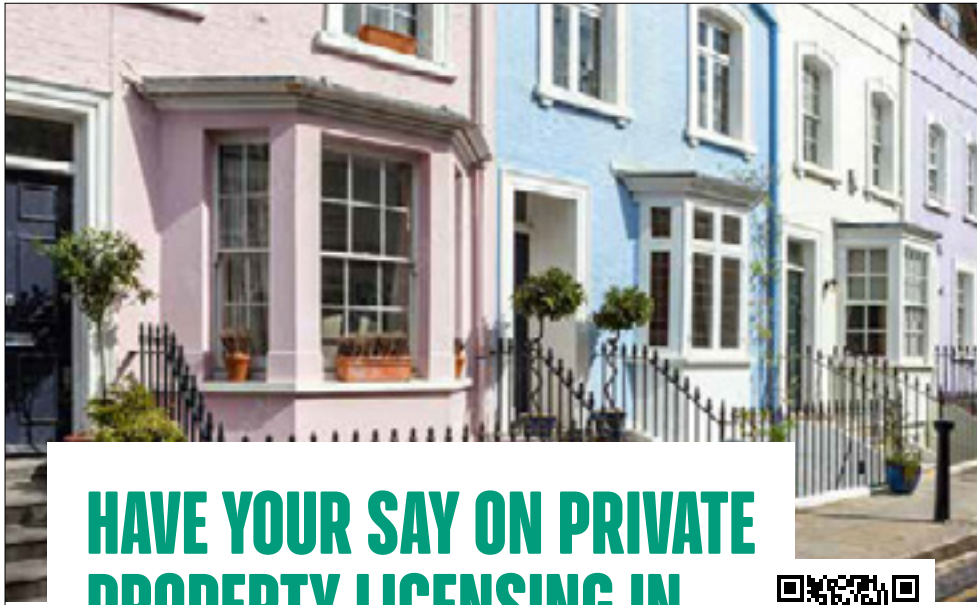


Scan the QR code to find out more or call the team 020 8496 3437



#BeTheOne





HAVE YOUR SAY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY LICENSING IN WALTHAM FOREST



Waltham Forest Council is exploring the case for further property licensing schemes from 2025 and is launching a public consultation. We are seeking views from the public, particularly private renters and landlords, and encourage you to participate.

TO HAVE YOUR SAY:

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/property-licensing-consultation

ALTERNATIVELY, CALL: 020 8496 4949



WALTHAM FOREST TAMILS PROUDLY PRESENT



A CELEBRATION OF TAMIL CULTURE, TRADITION AND LANGUAGE IN WALTHAM FOREST

CONTACT US:
07432614765 | 07949693740 | 07480670486

CELEBRATIONS ON SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 2024

PONGAL (HARVEST FESTIVAL)
11AM - 1PM
Bedford Road Car Park (E17 4PX)

EXHIBITION: TAMIL AND ITS ANTIQUITY
2PM TO 5PM
Fredrick Bremer School, Sidley Road E17 4EY

TAMIL CULTURAL EVENING FROM 5PM
Fredrick Bremer School, Sidley Road E17 4EY

FEDERATION TAMIL ORGANIZATION



WALTHAM FOREST TAMIL SANGAM



WALTHAM FOREST HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

2-5 JANUARY 2024

Are you aged between 5-16 and in receipt of benefit related free school meals?

Funded by the Department for Education, this winter we have the opportunity for you to try a wide range of free activities, have fun, make friends and enjoy a free meal every day across the borough.



BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
on all activities so book early to avoid disappointment



To book your place and find out more scan here or visit WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK/HOLIDAYS





Sounding a new beat in Waltham Forest's policing

Residents invited to share views on the future of local law enforcement



OUR POLICE, OUR COMMUNITY

OUR SAY

Preparations are well underway for the country's first ever Citizens' Assembly on the Future of Neighbourhood Policing due to take place early next year.

The Assembly, which is being organised by Waltham Forest Council with the backing of the Metropolitan Police, will set out residents' ideas for how they want to see their local areas policed. The initiative is also being supported by The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.

Around 10,000 invitations were sent out to people across the borough last month asking them if they would be interested in being one of the 50 people selected to be part of the Assembly.

Those chosen will reflect the diverse make-up of the entire borough. They will meet over three weekends in February and March 2024.

With experts on hand to advise them, they will discuss how they believe policing can be improved in their neighbourhoods.

They will then put forward a series of recommendations – for the short, medium and long term - that both the Met Police and the Council have said they will respond to.

Cllr Khevyn Limbajee, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, said: "As a borough we are proud to introduce this innovation in public safety.

"One of the key findings in Baroness Casey's report into the Met Police was that the voice of ordinary Londoners was missing in the way that they are policed.

.....
"We are proud to introduce this innovation in public safety"

"This Citizens' Assembly will be a forerunner in providing that voice. We sincerely hope the ideas that come out of this will make them feel safer in the local areas."

The Assembly will hear

testimony from residents, community leaders and national experts. The Assembly will also hear the views of the wider community, including the findings of a survey on safety and policing that over 1,000 residents responded to this autumn.

The idea for the Assembly follows Baroness Casey's report that highlighted a series of failings into the way the capital was policed.

Chief Superintendent Simon Crick, the North East London Basic Command Unit's borough commander, said: "Our officers in Waltham Forest are hard-working and dedicated to keeping the public safe.

"We want to do everything we can to reassure the communities in which we work of that commitment.

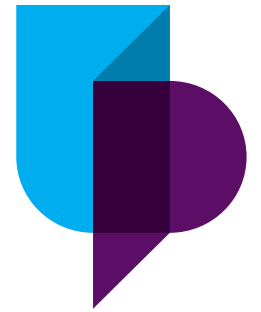
"That is why we are backing the Citizens' Assembly and have a genuine desire to implement changes based on its recommendations."

Deputy Mayor of London for Policing and Crime Sophie Linden visited to find out more about the work happening in Waltham Forest



We're working with the local police to keep residents and visitors safe

Waltham Forest's new university is for EVERYONE



Apply for a University of Portsmouth London scholarship

It's a big step applying for university, particularly if you're the first in your family or friendship group to move into higher education.

Having a campus on your doorstep, allowing you to live at home and keep in contact with the people you care about will help – and you could also be eligible for financial assistance to help you study.

The following bursaries are available to qualifying residents who receive an offer of a place at University of London Portsmouth's Waltham Forest campus:

Care Leavers' Bursary

Amount: £1,700 for every year of your course

Who qualifies? full-time undergraduate or taught postgraduate UK students, for whom one of the following applies:

- you've spent at least 13 weeks in care, some of which was during your teens, and you're leaving the care system in the 12 months before you start university
- you're a 'former relevant child pursuing education.' This usually means you've spent at least 13 weeks in care, some of which was during your teens, but may depend on your local authority

This bursary isn't based on your income.

How to apply: if you're unsure of your eligibility or want to apply email at careleavers@port.ac.uk or phone **023 9284 3044**.

If you're eligible, you may also be entitled to additional help and support for care leavers. Visit bit.ly/3sRsQKj to find out more.

Young Carers' Bursary

Amount: £500 a year

Who qualifies? All of the following must apply:

- you're a full-time undergraduate UK student aged under 25
- you have caring responsibilities for a parent or family member (but not a dependent child)
- your family income is less than £25,000 a year

How to apply: email studentfinance@port.ac.uk

Other bursaries

University of Portsmouth Bursary

Amount: £750 a year

Who qualifies? full-time undergraduate students from England, who would be charged full fees of £9,250, and your household income is £25,000 a year or less.

Stand Alone Bursary

Amount: £1,000 a year

Who qualifies? full-time undergraduate UK students aged under 25 and estranged from their parents. It isn't based on income.

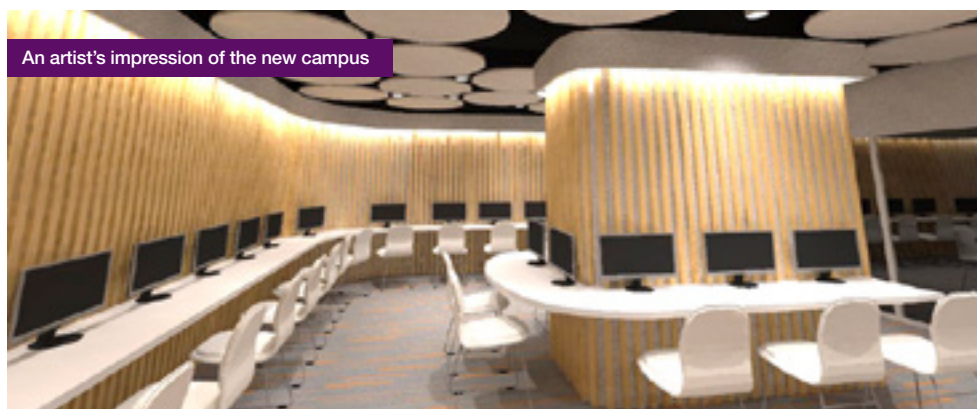
For more information on the criteria of these scholarships and to find out how to apply email studentfinance@port.ac.uk.



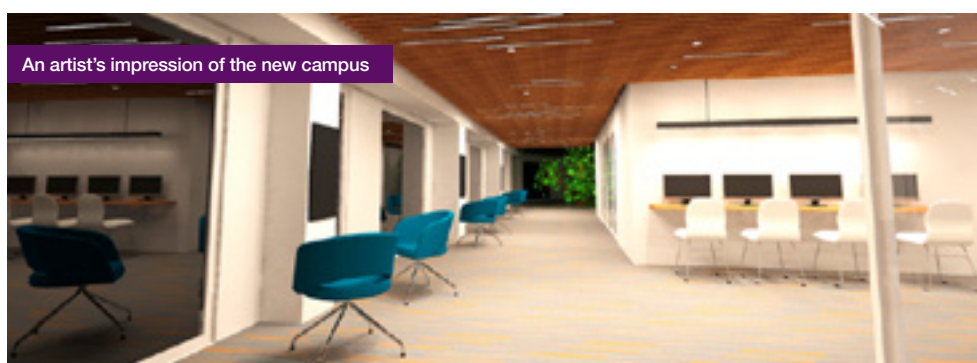
The campus will welcome students from the borough and further afield



Juniper House in Walthamstow will host the university's first courses



An artist's impression of the new campus



An artist's impression of the new campus

Courses for 2024 entry you can apply for now

Undergraduate courses

- BA (Hons) Business and Management
- BA (Hons) Marketing
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science
- BSc (Econ) (Hons) Economics, Finance and Banking

Postgraduate courses

- MA Digital Marketing
- MSc Construction Project Management
- MSc Engineering Management
- MSc Information Systems
- MSc International Business and Management

In time more courses will be added including a range of new subjects, apprenticeships, lifelong learning, and short courses.

Three ways to find out more about applying to UoP London in Waltham Forest

- Visit the Application and Recruitment Centre (ARC) in Walthamstow Library on Wednesday afternoons between 2pm and 6pm
- Go to the UoP London website: london.port.ac.uk
- Scan the QR code below.



Planning

**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**
Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (England) Order 2015
Notice under Article 15
London Borough of Waltham Forest
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990- Section 67
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application affecting a building within a conservation area has been made to the Council.

Application no:	Applicant Name	Location/Location Description:
232656	C/O Agent	72 Mornington Road, Chingford, London, E4 7DT
232107	C/O Agent	2 The Charter Road, Woodford Green, IG8 9QU

The applications are available to view on the following website:

<https://builtenvironment.walthamforest.gov.uk/planning/index.html>

Any views you would like to make for the above proposals, must be submitted in writing to the Council within 14 days of the date of this Notice. Due to the number of correspondences received by the Council relating to planning applications, it will not be possible to acknowledge or respond to your correspondences should you submit any. However, all views/comments received are fully considered during the assessment of the planning application. Please note that the planning file, including correspondence received for the application, are open to the public.

Dated this day 11 December 2023

Justin Carr

Assistant Director – Development Management and Building Control
London Borough of Waltham Forest

Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTIONS 90A AND 90C (LBWF ref: T46b(23))
TRAFFIC CALMING CONVERSION OF SPEED CUSHIONS TO HUMPS
COPPERMILL REGION E17 AND STURGE AVENUE E17**

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest, in accordance with Sections 90A and 90C of the Highways Act 1980, the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999, as amended, proposes to:

(a) convert speed cushions to sinusoidal humps in:

i) **Acacia Road** – between the common boundaries of i) Nos. 99/101 and Nos.105/107; ii) Nos. 59/61 and Nos. 67/69; and iii) Nos. 35/37 and Nos. 43/45; and

ii) **Albany Road** – between the common boundaries of Nos. 18/20 and Nos. 24/26.

(b) provide a new speed table in **Sturge Avenue E17** – between its junction with Spruce Hills Road to a point 8 metres northwestwardly from the said junction (the overall length will include the exit and entry ramps).

NB/ The sinusoidal road humps, also known as 'speed humps', would be elevated sections of carriageway, between 75 and 100 millimetres higher at their highest point than the surrounding carriageway, extending across the full width of the carriageway (less space for drainage) and up to 3.7 metres in length. The proposed location for each speed hump is extended in case of any site constraints.

NB/ The speed table would be an elevated section of the carriageway, between 75 and 100 millimetres higher than the surrounding carriageway, extending across the full width of the carriageway.

2. Plans of the proposed measures can be inspected on request during normal office hours by emailing traffic.scheme@walthamforest.gov.uk during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, or online at: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations.

3. Any person desiring to object to the proposals or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to **Traffic Orders, Highways, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS**, or by emailing: traffic.scheme@walthamforest.gov.uk quoting reference **T46b(23) Cushion to hump conversion Coppermill Region and Sturge Avenue** by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.
For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000 quoting reference **Traffic Orders – T46b(23) Cushion to hump conversion Coppermill Region and Sturge Avenue**

Dated 11th December 2023

Mr. J. Griffin, Director of Neighbourhoods, Traffic Orders, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 35

PROVISION OF HOUSING ESTATE CAR PARK – ATTLEE TERRACE E17 (T68(23))

The Waltham Forest (Housing Estates Car Parks) (No. 1) (Amendment No. 33) Order 2023

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 11th December 2023 made the above-mentioned Order under section 35 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Order will be, in the Attlee Terrace E17 car park (off-street areas), to provide and regulate "at any time" waiting restrictions in the form of a Restricted Zone (no physical yellow line markings on the ground) which will be located on the off-street areas on both sides of Attlee Terrace E17 (outside nos. 11 to 68 and nos. 87 to 134) just off of Vine Street.

3. These measures will prevent parking and waiting where it could cause an obstruction, particularly to emergency services and refuse collection vehicles.

4. Copies of the Order, which will come into operation from 14th December 2023 and all other relevant documents can be inspected until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date on request by either emailing traffic.scheme@walthamforest.gov.uk, or visiting the Highways and Traffic Management office (*by appointment), Low Hall, Argall Avenue, E10 7AS during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, or alternatively documents can be viewed online at: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations.

5. Any person desiring to question the

validity of either of the Order or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks of the making of the Order, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

*For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000, quoting reference **Traffic Orders and ref T68(23) – Attlee Terrace E17**

Dated 11th December 2023

Mr. J. Griffin, Director of Neighbourhoods, Traffic Orders, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

PERMANENT MAKING OF CERTAIN EXPERIMENTAL ORDERS

(T71(23) – exp. scheme ref: T22(22))

WINDSOR ROAD E10 MODAL FILTER AND LEYTON ORIENT EVENT DAY PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE (E10 STREETS)

CLOSURE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT CYCLES (MODAL FILTER) AND EVENT DAY PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE IN WINDSOR ROAD, BRISBANE ROAD, BALMORAL ROAD, OSBORNE ROAD, BUCKINGHAM ROAD KENSINGTON PATH

The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (Windsor Road E10) (No. 1) Traffic Order 2023,

The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (Pedestrian and Cycle Zones) (Event Days) (No. 1) Traffic Order 2023

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest (the Council) on 11th December 2023 made the above-mentioned Traffic Orders under sections 6, 45 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be to continue indefinitely the provisions of: **The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (Windsor Road E10) (No. 1) Experimental Traffic Order 2022**, and **The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (Pedestrian and Cycle Zones) (Event Days) (No. 1) Experimental Traffic Order 2022** which by way of an experiment:

(i) introduced a new 'pedestrian and cycle zone' in streets in the vicinity of **Leyton Orient Football Club** comprising **Windsor Road, Balmoral Road, Osborne Road, Buckingham Road and Kensington Path** operating during Leyton Orient 'event days' only Mondays to Fridays 6.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. when traffic signs are showing;

motor vehicles except permit holders, are prohibited from entering the pedestrian and cycle zone comprising

the street in paragraph 2(i) preceding during the hours of operation. Existing Controlled Parking Zone Permit holders with the permit identifier LNE will continue to be allowed to enter the pedestrian and cycle zone during times of operation also disabled person's badge holders who have a bona fide reason to enter or leave a vehicle in the pedestrian and cycle zone. Any vehicle that is already within the pedestrian and cycle zone prior to its commencement of operation are permitted to leave. Further exemptions apply to those to permitted access by event day organisers and to emergency service vehicles and other key Council services (e.g., Social Services); Mobility Services vehicles; and public service vehicles (e.g. Community Transport, Dial-a-Ride).

(ii) in **Windsor Road** closed to vehicular traffic (including motorcycles) (except pedal cycles) the full width of the highway from its junction with Oliver Road north-eastwards for a distance of 3.5 metres 'at all times'; and

(iii) introduced a new 'pedestrian and cycle zone' in **Brisbane Road** operating during Leyton Orient 'event days' only Mondays to Fridays 6.30 pm to 10.00 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays 12 pm to 6 pm when the traffic signs are showing;

The Orders were intended to create a pleasant environment that feels safer in the immediate vicinity of an event at or around the Leyton Orient F.C stadium, discourage travelling to the event by car in cases where alternative means of travel are available, and encourage walking, scooting and cycling to the said event thereby achieving positive health outcomes for the local community.

More specific details of the above-mentioned provisions are contained in the notice of making of the original experimental traffic orders advertised in the East London and West Essex Guardian dated 9th June 2022.

3. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation from 11th December 2023 and all other relevant documents can be inspected until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date on request by either emailing traffic.scheme@walthamforest.gov.uk or visiting (*by appointment) the Highways and Traffic Management office, Low Hall, Argall Avenue E10 7AS during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive; or alternatively documents can be viewed online at: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations.

4. Any person desiring to question the validity of either of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not

been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within six weeks of the making of the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

*For more information, please telephone 020 8496 3000, quoting reference

Traffic Orders T71(23) – Windsor Road E10 - Modal Filter and Leyton Orient Event Day Pedestrian and Cycle Zone

Dated 11th December 2023

Mr. J. Griffin, Director of Neighbourhoods, Traffic Orders, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

HOE STREET E17 AREA (PHASE IV) – GROSVENOR PARK ROAD TO LEA BRIDGE ROAD

BUS PRIORITY, CYCLING AND WALKING IMPROVEMENTS (E17 ROADS) [T37(23)]

The Waltham Forest (Charged-For Parking Places) (Amendment No. 199) Order 2023

The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. 194) Order 2023

The Waltham Forest (Bus Lane) (Amendment No. 12) Traffic Order 2023

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest ('the Council') on **11th December 2023** made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders - to complement the provision of new or extended cycle tracks in Hoe Street and the construction of Copenhagen style 'blended' carriageway/footway

crossings in side roads off Hoe Street between Daventry Avenue and Lea Bridge Road (previously proposed) - will be, in:-

(a) **BAKERS AVENUE, south-east side**, from a point 11 metres south-west of its junction with Hoe Street in a south-westerly direction - convert 6.6 metres of single yellow line no waiting restriction to a loading place operating Mondays to Saturdays "at all times" with a maximum stay of 30 minutes and no return within 1 hour;

(b) **BOUNDARY ROAD, north-west side**, outside the flank wall of No. 436 Hoe Street and 2a Boundary Road - convert 6 metres of no waiting "at any time" restriction and 0.6 metres of Pay by Phone parking space to a loading place 6.6 metres in length operating Mondays to Saturdays "at all times" with a maximum stay of 30 minutes and no return within 1 hour;

(c) **CLARENDON ROAD,**
(i) **north-west side**,
a. convert the "at any time" no waiting restrictions and 7 metres of Pay by Phone parking space situated outside the flank wall of No. 349 Hoe Street to a 12-metre loading place operating Mondays to Saturdays "at all times" with a maximum stay of 30 minutes and no return within 1 hour; and
b. maintain 5 metres of the reduce Pay by Phone parking place situated outside the flank wall of No. 349 Hoe Street (operational times, days, period of stay and no return period remain unchanged).

(ii) **south-east side**, provide a double yellow line no waiting "at any time" restriction commencing from a point 11 metres north-east of its junction with Hoe Street, north-eastwards for 5.5 metres;

(d) **GRANVILLE ROAD, north-west side**, outside the south facing flank wall of No. 331 Hoe Street, to convert

a section of "at any time" no waiting restriction and a whole Pay by Phone parking place to a loading place 11.5 metres in length operating Mondays to Saturdays "at all times" with a maximum stay of 30 minutes and no return within 1 hour.

(e) **HOE STREET**

(i) **both sides** – between Grove Road and Lea Bridge Road – to convert all single yellow line waiting and loading restrictions to double yellow line "at any time" waiting and loading restrictions;

(ii) **west side** – amend the northbound carriageway bus lane (situated between Pendlestone Road and Orford Road) so that it commences at its southern-end entry point 1.9 metres south of the common boundary of Nos. 380 and 382 Hoe Street (this corrects the initial proposals which stated the bus lane extending to a point outside Nos. 392) (its northernmost exit point will be substituted from the Waltham Forest (Bus Lanes) (Amendment No. 11) Order 2022 into the new order mentioned above);

(iii) **south-west side** – to remove all regulated footway Pay by Phone parking and loading places between Nos. 402 and 434 Hoe Street (to make way for new cycle track provision);

(f) **POPLARS ROAD, north-west side**, outside the south-east facing flank wall of No. 399 Hoe Street - convert 6.6 metres of Pay by Phone parking space to a loading place operating Mondays to Saturdays "at all times" with a maximum stay of 30 minutes and no return within 1 hour.

3. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation from **13th December 2023**, and all other relevant documents can be inspected until the expiration period of 6 weeks from that date on request by either emailing traffic.scheme@walthamforest.gov.

or visiting (*by appointment) the Highways and Traffic Management office, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, E10 7AS during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive; or alternatively documents can be viewed online at: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/road-traffic-schemes-and-consultations.

4. Any person desiring to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within six weeks of the making of the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

*For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000 quoting reference **Traffic Orders – T38(23) - Hoe Street Phase IV**

Dated 11th December 2023

Mr. J. Griffin, Director of Neighbourhoods, Traffic Orders, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

THE WALTHAM FOREST (OPENREACH TELEGRAPH POLE REPLACEMENT) (BATEMAN ROAD E4) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) (NO. 1) ORDER 2023 (TT62(23))

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that it intends on making an Order to allow for pole replacement works by Openreach in **Bateman Road E4**, in a safe and efficient manner.

2. The general effect of the Order would be, only at such times and to

such extent as regulatory signs are displayed to restrict vehicles (except works vehicles) from entering, proceeding, waiting or loading, for any purpose, "at any time" in **Bateman Road E4** – between the common boundary of Nos. 1/3 to a point 15 metres northeastward.

3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, advance warning signage and alternative routes for traffic and pedestrians shall be in place.

4. Any one way working in the road or any road adjoining the road mentioned in paragraph 2 above will also be suspended.

5. Uncontrolled parking space situated in the part of the road affected by the measures set out in paragraph 2 above will be suspended.

6. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

7. The prohibitions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used, or as the case may be, any pedestrian involved:

(a) in connection with the said works; or

(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes (if the works allow)

8. The Order would come into operation on **22nd January 2024** and will be valid for 6 months, or until the said works are completed, whichever is the sooner. On the day of the works, the Order will be valid from 8am-6pm. NOTE: The work is anticipated to be completed within 1 day, however, the Order has been extended to allow for any aborted works due to bad weather or other unforeseen constraints.

Dated 11th December 2023

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