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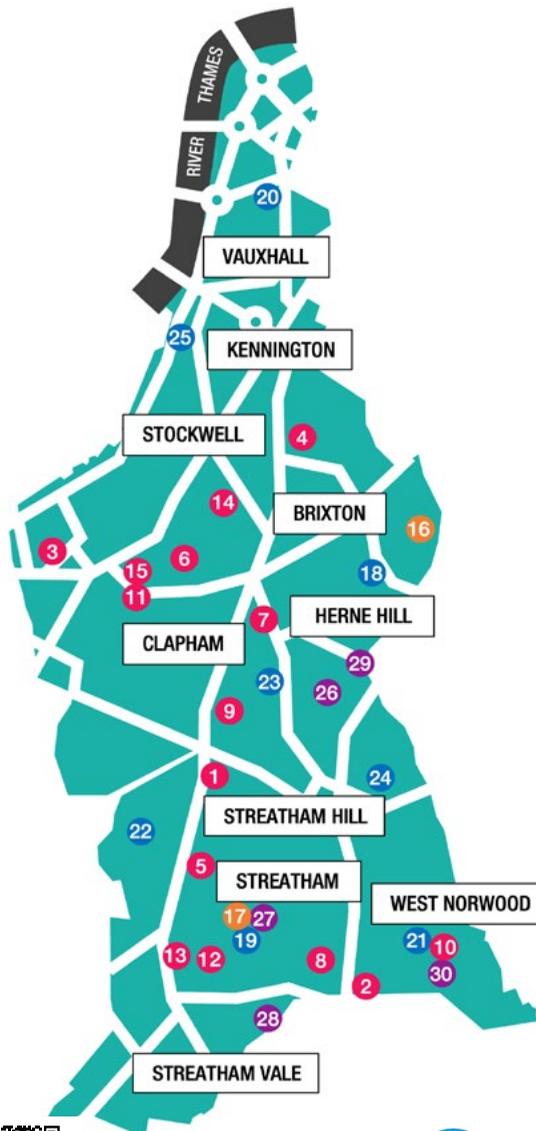
Lambeth Council in partnership with Thames Water Utilities have initiated an innovative £6 million sustainable drainage programme that will make Lambeth greener and more resilient to climate change.

What will the Sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) look like? Depending on what residents want and what suits each location, the SuDS will be made up of a range of solutions from trees to wetlands, built to restore more natural drainage patterns – similar to how water would have drained into the ground before roads and houses were built in cities like London.

As a result, we will see more green spaces on Lambeth's streets, parks, estates and schools supporting continued efforts to reduce flood risk for our residents and businesses. These green spaces will also help cool areas during heatwaves, store CO2 (a greenhouse gas), improve mental wellbeing and support nature areas during heat waves, storing carbon and supporting mental health and nature.

Check out the map on the right to see the locations of 30 SuDS schemes to be implemented across Lambeth. For more information on sustainable urban drainage and how to make your neighbourhood more flood proof visit here:

[living-with-rainwater_0.pdf](https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/living-with-rainwater_0.pdf)
(wildlondon.org.uk)



Estates

- 1. Claremont East
- 2. Holderness Estate
- 3. Macaulay Estate
- 4. Roupell Park Estate (RMO)
- 5. Sackville Estate
- 6. Solon Estate
- 7. St Matthew's Estate
- 8. Portobello Estate
- 9. Myatt's Field Estate
- 10. Benton's Lane Estate
- 11. St Alphonsus Estate
- 12. St Anselms Court Estate
- 13. Stanthorpe Close Estate
- 14. Teignmouth Close Flats
- 15. William Bonney Estate

Schools

- 16. Jessop
- 17. Sunnyhill

Highways

- 18. Lowden Road
- 19. Sunnyhill Road
- 20. Wincott Street
- 21. West Norwood
- 22. Effra Road
- 23. Tulse Hill
- 24. Knight's Hill
- 25. Crimsworth Road

Parks

- 26. Norwood Park
- 27. Valley road playing field
- 28. Hilly four Acres
- 29. Brockwell Park
- 30. Long Meadow



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Welcome

Dear residents,

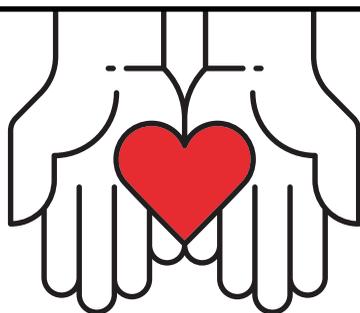
The cost of living crisis is worsening. Inflation is at its highest in forty years, the Bank of England are raising interest rates and with the energy price cap expected to rise again in October and January – the pressures households are facing are only set to increase.

While the council continues to campaign for much needed intervention from central government, we are determined to do all we can locally to alleviate the pressures you are facing. In this copy of Lambeth Talk, we have outlined support you can access from the council, as well as information and advice which will help you through these difficult times.

Earlier this year, the council announced a £4.3 million cost of living package which is supporting a range of targeted measures for those who need it most – from free school meals during school holidays for families on low incomes to providing direct payments to households struggling to pay their bills to working with Lambeth's food banks.

We will continue to work hard, including with local community groups, to support you through the cost of living crisis and make sure nobody is left behind.

Cllr Claire Holland, Leader of Lambeth Council



Here for you.

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“ I am pleased that Stockwell Skatepark has reopened after this extensive refurbishment. It is an incredibly special place in Lambeth that draws people from across the borough and beyond. ”

Cllr Donatus Anyanwu, Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Leisure and Sports

Stockwell Skatepark reopens after £500k facelift

Stockwell Skatepark has re-opened to the public after a Lambeth Council led £500,000 makeover that could help nurture the next generation of Olympic talents.

A re-opening on July 29 saw all types of wheeled riders enjoying improved flow around the park, the more inviting space for beginners and refreshed seating. The Friends of Stockwell Skatepark were crucial in pushing through the project and the work was undertaken by Betongpark, one of Europe’s leading skatepark design and construction firms.

Following the extensive redesign, the iconic skatepark also boasts a state-of-the-art surface, while retaining many of the original features. The refurbished park will cater for everyone with a series of instructor-led sessions to encourage children and young people to skate, bike or rollerblade.

There will also be sessions for adults, including those with disabilities and opportunities for local residents to train to become local skateboarding instructors.

Norwood School gardening for health and growth

Students and teachers have worked together to create a new school garden for fresh air and wellbeing. Norwood School bid successfully for a Gipsy Hill Health and Wellbeing Small Grants funding to develop a space for nurturing healthy plants – and relationships.

Language Teacher David F. planted the seed of the idea and watched interest grow from students, teachers, and parents. He said: “I think everybody in education now realises children need the outdoors, need to be in society. Nature got me and many others through lockdown so, I wanted to create a healthy and safe space for students to garden.”

Youth Games success

Lambeth young people excelled at the recent London Youth Games’ Jubilee Trophy by achieving seventh place overall in Europe’s largest youth sports event. The Lambeth team competed in 32 sporting disciplines during the nine-month season and were pitted against teams from every London borough. The event gives young people aged 11 to 17 the chance to develop their skills across a range of disciplines from archery to weightlifting.

For more information or to take part contact lyg@lambeth.gov.uk

Three more Lambeth parks awarded Green Flag status

Lambeth can now raise the prestigious Green Flag in 22 of our parks and green spaces – making 2022 our best-ever year.

Green Flag is the international quality mark for parks and green spaces – and today Lambeth celebrates first-time awards for three more green spaces. Larkhall Park, Ufford Street Gardens and Wyck Gardens bring our total of officially recognised great open spaces up from last year's 19 to 22.

Starting with just one Green Flag in 2007, we've raised winner's flags in more sites for each of the last 15 years – with Milkwood Community Park successful every time.

Cllr Claire Holland, Leader of Lambeth Council, said:

“Lambeth’s parks and green spaces are some of the things that Lambeth residents love most about our borough – and I’m very proud that the work we do to keep them great has been recognised with a record number of Green Flags. From the first Green Flag in 2007 to the 22 we now have today, each year we have raised more flags in more sites which is testament to the amazing work of Lambeth staff, volunteers, friends of park groups and residents for their care and stewardship of our parks and green spaces.”



Lambeth Community Influencers: support cycling in your local community Become an influencer in your community to help promote cycling and get a FREE bike. We have partnered with Peddle My Wheels to supply up to 30 influencers with a free bike with accessories, cycle training to build their confidence, and cover them for maintenance and insurance so that they can get on with enjoying their bike. For more visit <https://www.peddlemywheels.com>



Open City 2022

Lambeth takes part in the annual festival that makes architecture and neighbourhoods more open and accessible.

Every year the Open House Festival allows hundreds of thousands of visitors to explore buildings, landscapes and neighbourhoods that are normally closed to the public. The festival will celebrate the best of London's architecture and neighbourhoods by opening the doors of buildings to be explored as part of the programme. It also stages hundreds of free events throughout the festival fortnight. The 2022 Open House Festival will run from Thursday 8 September until Wednesday 21 September. For more information visit www.openhouselondon.org.uk

Meet Cllr Rezina Chowdhury

Cabinet Member for Sustainable
Lambeth and Clean Air



How do you feel as a new cabinet member?

It's a strange feeling really. On the one hand I am incredibly excited about my new role and what I will get to deliver for the people of Lambeth. And yet at the same time I am aware of the enormity of the task ahead of me. The Climate Crisis is an era defining issue which permeates every aspect of our lives, so I don't take my brief's responsibility lightly. It's a huge honour and privilege over and above everything else I feel.

What are your priorities for Lambeth?

I want Lambeth to be a place where all our residents can lead

fun and fulfilling lives, where people feel safe and healthy and connected to where they live, where there are opportunities for people to discover new things about their borough, where people feel proud of where they're from.

Specifically, I want to see a reduction in the danger posed by road traffic, more green and open spaces on streets for people to enjoy, sit and chat with neighbours without worrying about speeding cars, more trees to provide an urban canopy to keep us cool during extreme heat, more school streets and much more cycling, walking and scooting.

We've achieved so much these last two years and I would like to carry on the excellent work of those before me. Bins and recycling are within my portfolio too so I'm really excited that we're rolling out food waste collection on estates and the kerbside collection of small electricals and batteries. That will make it a lot easier for our residents to help protect the environment.

What do you consider as the biggest challenge?

Time and money are the biggest challenges, because the will and ambition are already there. We need to work much more closely with TfL to achieve our ambitions



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and we know that TfL has been struggling with finance as a result of the pandemic and the drastic reduction in fares, because we all did what we were told and stayed at home. It would be great if central government would be a bit more supportive, although I imagine they're being driven to prioritising other matters right now.

How many years do you live in Lambeth?

I've lived in Lambeth for 29 years (10 years in Streatham Common and Vale and the latter 19 years in Streatham Hill East) and before that I used to attend school in Streatham.

What do you enjoy?

I love reading and I've been a member of my local book club in Streatham Hill for over a decade. It's given me the opportunity to read books that I wouldn't otherwise have picked off the shelf. We have our next

book group meeting coming up soon and I'll be joining in the discussions on Last Days in Cleaver Square by Patrick McGrath (Hutchinson, 2021) which is very aptly based in Lambeth.

What is your favourite place in the borough?

Too many places to name. I love our parks and commons and during the lockdowns my daughter and I regularly walked to Clapham Common, Streatham Common, Brockwell Park, Kennington Park and we spent a fair amount of time in Hillside Gardens and The Rookery.

When I used to work at Public Health England I used to be based in Wellington House on Waterloo Road which was a stones throw from Lower Marsh so I spent every lunch time wandering along that stretch deciding what to have for lunch and it was usually the Pad Thai

or the Jollof rice. I love the theatre, so I have to give a shout out to the Young Vic, National Theatre and the Streatham Space project.

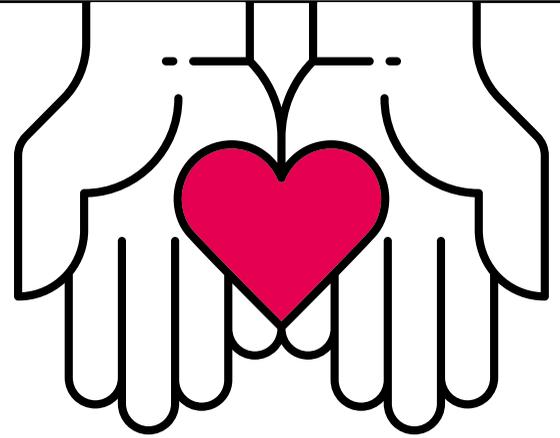
How do you get involved in your community?

I get involved in a number of ways, through the local parks friends' groups, volunteering at my local community garden, helping out at street parties. At our street party we have a very competitive bake-off competition which is of a very high standard (we take baking very seriously in Streatham Hill East). I'd been entering my baked goods for over a decade and never got anywhere.

So, imagine my utter delight when I entered this year with a Bakewell tart and won in the category of best tasting bake. I don't think I'll ever top that.

 @rezinachowdhury

Here for you.



“ The cost of living crisis is gripping families across the entire country and many local people are struggling with the impact. It is only going to get worse, particularly with energy bills set to rise again in the autumn.

The council has decided to target funding on those who need it most in the borough at a time when many people are struggling with rising household bills. A recent survey suggested more than one in five Lambeth residents expected that they would struggle to pay for food over the next 12-months. ”

Cllr David Amos, Lambeth’s Cabinet Member for Finance and Cost of Living.

Visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/cost-living-crisis-support

How we are helping

The council is distributing a range of additional local welfare support to those most in need. In early August the council sent payments via Post Office Payout Voucher to all recipients of all recipients of Council Tax Support: £100 for pensioner and £50 for non-pensioner households.

For families in receipt of Free School Meals, schools have distributed additional vouchers worth £20 per child, per week of the school holidays.

Residents in receipt of Council Tax Support in band E-H properties will have received a £150 Post Office payout.

Council Tax Energy Rebate

108,832 households in council tax Band A-D properties are eligible to receive a one-off Energy Rebate payment of £150. Those who pay their council tax by Direct Debit will have received payments direct to their bank account automatically. Lambeth residents a one-off Energy Rebate payment of

£150. Those who pay their council tax by Direct Debit received payments to their bank account automatically. Lambeth residents who do not pay their council tax via Direct Debit can collect their rebate through the Post Office Payout system. The Council has identified those who are eligible and sent them letters via the post. To claim your rebate, simply take a copy of the letter you have been sent with a form of ID to any Post Office branch within 3 months of the date of the letter. You will receive your rebate in cash or bank transfer, depending on your preference.

If you need help claiming your Post Office rebate, or require a translation of the Post Office payout letter, please email CouncilTaxEnergyRebate@lambeth.gov.uk or call us on **0345 302 2312**

Band A-D households who do not have a Direct Debit set up for their Council Tax and have not yet had contact from the Council about their rebate, can apply on Lambeth Council’s website.

Energy Bill discount

This winter, all households will also receive discounts on their



energy bills. The £400 discount, administered by energy suppliers, will be paid to consumers over six months with payments starting from October 2022. This will be paid via an automatic deduction to bills over the six-month period if you pay via standard credit, payment card or direct debit.

Traditional pre-payment meter customers will be provided with Energy Bill discount vouchers from the first week of each month, issued via SMS text, email or post, using the customer's registered contact details. If you're one of those customers, you'll need to take action to redeem these at their usual top-up point, such as their nearest local PayPoint or Post Office branch.

If you have not claimed your rebate or energy bill discounts, please do so as soon as possible as this does expire.

Additional support

There is also additional support available for the following residents:

Are you on a low income? If you are in receipt of means-tested benefits, you should have received £326 on 14th July and will receive a further payment of £324 in the autumn. You will receive these payments the same way you received your benefits.

Are you disabled? In September you should receive a disability top up payment of £150. You will receive this directly through your disability benefit.

Are you a pensioner? If you receive Winter Fuel Payment you will receive £300 in November/December, via direct payment.

Emergency/Household support scheme

The Emergency/Household support scheme helps Lambeth residents that are facing hardship, a crisis, emergency, or disaster. This includes struggling to pay bills or afford food. We can help with vouchers for food or high street shops, fuel payments, handyman services, removals, storage and as refurbished kitchen appliances and second-hand furniture.

For more information and guidance on help and support available you can visit the council's dedicated webpage:
www.lambeth.gov.uk/cost-living-crisis-support

Other ways to get help

Citizens Advice Merton and Lambeth (CAML)

Telephone: Lambeth Adviceline
03444 889 625

Brixton Advice Centre

Telephone: **020 7095 5908**
Monday to Thursday 10am–3pm.

Centre 70 Advice and Counselling

Telephone: **020 8670 0070**
Monday to Friday 10am–4pm.
Email: enquiries@centre70.org.uk

Groundwork

Groundwork's Green Doctors help you save energy, reduce your bills, and live in a warmer, more comfortable home. Telephone
03003 653 005

The Lambeth Larder

website with information where to find local help and support, including emergency support. Visit www.lambethlarder.org
Email: info@lambethlarder.org

Trussell Trust foodbanks

provide a minimum of three days' nutritional, non-perishable food.
www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/



Look out for your annual electoral canvass form!

Lambeth Council electoral services have sent a canvass form to all residential properties in Lambeth to check voter details are correct.

Must I respond to the canvass notification?

You must respond if:

- Any information is incorrect on the form, or there are people eligible to register to vote at your address who are not included on the form

OR

- The notification you receive states that you must respond

How can I respond?

The quickest and easiest way to respond is online at householdresponse.com/lambeth



Scan the QR code on the left using a smartphone camera to go to the response website.

You will need to enter the two-part security code which is printed on your form. Anyone in your household can respond.

If you do not provide the requested information we may need to make a personal visit to your property to confirm voter details. Please help us save time

and Council funds by responding as quickly as possible.

Why is being registered to vote important?

- You can only vote at elections if you are registered.
- The electoral register is used for other important functions, including by credit reference agencies to help calculate your credit score.
- If your name is not on the register, you may not be able to get credit, a mortgage or a mobile phone contract.

For further details visit lambeth.gov.uk/vote

Residents' Survey

Lambeth Council regularly surveys residents in the borough about their attitudes to their local area, satisfaction with the council and various aspects of council services as part of the annual Residents' Survey programme.

As multiple issues such as coronavirus, the cost of living, and digital exclusion continue to impact our residents, we have commissioned several additional surveys to better understand life in the borough. We care about how residents are coping – and our surveys enable us to identify ways in which we can effectively support residents as the impacts of the pandemic continue to be felt.

865 adults were interviewed as part of the quarterly survey in March 2022. The survey gathered feedback from a representative mix of residents and showed that:



Most residents (90%) have internet access that meets their needs and can use the internet to communicate with others, access public services and find help-related information.



88% of residents say that they have 'already had' or 'definitely will have' the Covid-19 vaccine.



Most residents (86%) continue to feel safe walking around in their local area during the day.



Most residents remain satisfied with Lambeth as a place to live.



4 in 5 residents (84%) agree that their local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together.

However, the surveys also show that:

- A least 16% of residents are concerned about their ability to pay for their internet over the next year; this rises to 21% when considering food bills, 27% when considering rent/mortgage payments and 34% when considering electricity bills
- Almost a half of residents (49%) are exercising for at least 30 minutes, at least four days a week; this is four percentage points lower

compared to this time last year

- Just over half (54%) of residents feel safe walking around their area during the evening - female residents and those with a disability feel significantly less safe.
- Clean streets, affordable, decent housing and the level of crime continue to be some of the areas in most need of improvement in the borough
- Feelings of worry remain relatively high in Lambeth, with

over a quarter of residents (29%) reporting high levels of anxiety – residents with a disability, female and economically inactive residents are more likely to report higher levels of anxiety.

- Residents feel that children/young people, residents with a disability and older residents are the three groups in greater need of support from the council and other services.



Apply online and apply on time

Was your child born between 01/09/11 and 31/08/12?

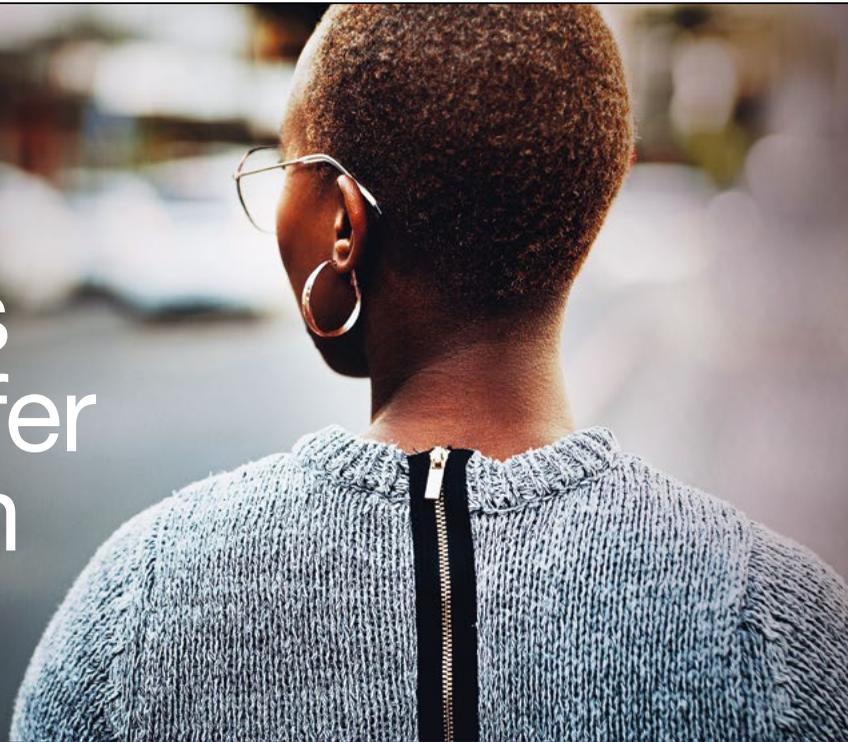
If yes, your child should be starting secondary school in September 2023. If you are a Lambeth resident, you should apply for a school place using the safe, free and easy to use portal via our website, lambeth.gov.uk/admissions

It's available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, up until the admissions closing date, which is midnight **Monday 31 October 2022**. **If you apply after this date the likelihood of gaining a place at your preferred school may be significantly reduced.**

For more information see the Lambeth secondary transfer 2023/24 webpage via lambeth.gov.uk/admissions



Making Lambeth's streets safer for women and girls



Lambeth Council, in partnership with Southwark Council, has been awarded over £300,000 from The Home Office's Safer Streets fund. The council will use the money awarded to pay for Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) awareness training for staff and businesses in the borough and nearby Southwark, fund a new team including four Public Protection VAWG wardens, and appoint a dedicated VAWG operative within Lambeth's CCTV control room.

The fund, launched in 2020, offered councils and police & crime commissioners the chance to apply for funding for crime prevention plans. The latest round targeted neighbourhood crime, Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), and anti-social behaviour, in areas disproportionately and persistently impacted by these types of crime.

Lambeth and Southwark drew up their joint bid after crime data mapping showed a clear need to improve safety and partnership working along the borders between the two boroughs, particularly in relation to VAWG offending.

The work funded by the Safer Streets grant includes:

- £262,741 for a high-visibility, mobile Public Protection Specialist Services Team
- £69,174 for a dedicated VAWG operative within Lambeth CCTV control room
- £50,000 for specialist VAWG training to street wardens/private security in identified hotspots in Lambeth and Southwark.
- £85,245 for late-night businesses to create 'Safe Havens' where women can access safety and support.

We'd like to hear from women and girls who use our public spaces in Lambeth. Tell us where you feel unsafe so we can install CCTV, lighting and take other action. You can feedback to us and learn more about how we are tackling VAWG in Lambeth by scanning the QR code.

Support services are available for Lambeth residents who are impacted by any form of gender-based violence. More information can be found via the QR code.





Encouraging young people to look out for each other

Lambeth is committed to making the borough a safer place for young people, and we are encouraging parents and carers to help young people look out for each other throughout the winter months.

Staying safe while travelling

Young people are often distracted while travelling. Being aware of surroundings, not having valuable items on display, can help to stop criminals on bikes/mopeds and scooters from targeting them. Turning on the GPS tracker on the phone when out and about can help locate stolen phones.

If a young person has witnessed a crime and does not want to speak with or report it to the police, they can use the 100% anonymous online form at **Fearless.org**

Anyone in **immediate danger** or sees someone else in danger, should immediately call emergency services on **999**.

Staying safe online

The internet can be a great place to keep in touch with friends and make new ones. However, social media and online gaming have made it easier to accidentally stumble upon inappropriate or harmful content.

Talking about the risks that may appear online can help young people stay safe and make better decisions. Here are our top tips for staying safe online:

- Think before you post – don't upload anything you wouldn't want your family/teachers/future employers seeing. Once something is posted it is out there forever
- Don't share personal details – even something as small as a school logo can be used to find

out personal information

- Think about who you're talking to – there are many ways people can be tricked into trusting strangers online, sharing personal information and or intimate pictures
- Don't repost harmful content – posting a film or photo of someone being hurt or abused can cause more trauma to the victims and their families and lead to prosecution

The best way to protect a young person is to establish a positive relationship with them around their life online. Talking little and often about their online life and reminding them about where they can go if something makes them feel uncomfortable online can help.

There are specialist support services available

Kooth is Lambeth's free, safe, online anonymous place for young people to access online support and counselling via www.kooth.com

Lambeth Talking Therapies Service is available to anyone who is over the age of 18 and registered with a Lambeth GP.

You can access the service on

a self-referral basis
<https://lambethalkingtherapies.nhs.uk/>

Victim Support is an independent charity dedicated to supporting people who have experienced or witness crime.

You can access support 24/7 via the free online live chat service <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/get-help/support-near-you/live-chat/> or free support telephone line 0808 168 9291.

The Gaia Centre provide support to Lambeth based survivors of all gender-based violence - including sexual violence and domestic abuse. Support available by telephone, email, and text, whatever's safest.

You can contact the Gaia Centre on 0207 7733 8724 between 9am-5pm. Outside of office hours and on the Bank Holidays, you can contact them on 07725 245 779.

Looking out for a friend

Friends are an important part of young people's lives and teaching young people what they should do if they are worried about a friend can help them avoid potentially dangerous situations.

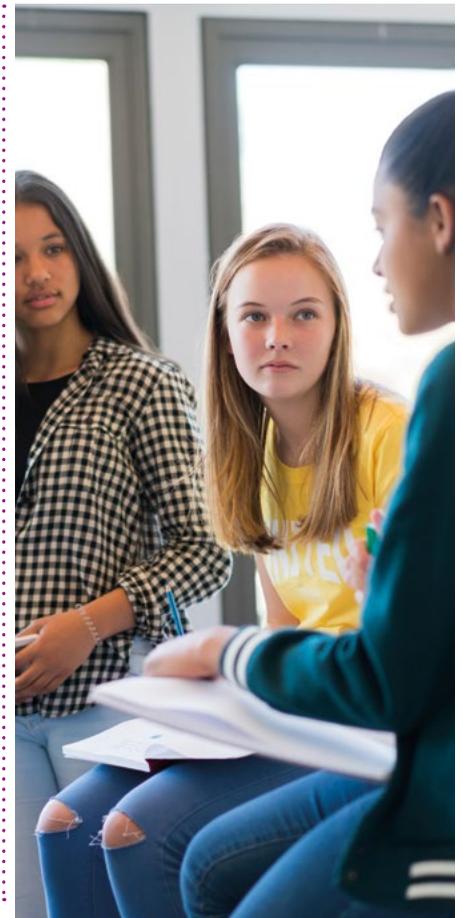
Some of the subtle signs of distress that may be displayed are:

- Being distant or not themselves
- Spending more time on their own
- Using substances when they didn't before
- Changes in weight
- Looking tired
- Having new expensive items, gifts, or money
- Regularly missing school

- Being found in areas far away from home
- Being secretive about who they are talking to and where they are going.

Knowing how to start a conversation can be difficult for a young person, here are some tips on how to start a conversation with a friend of theirs to help them get the right support:

- Tell them why you are worried about them
- Don't judge their friend
- Pick a place where you both feel comfortable to talk to each other
- Listen carefully to what is being said
- Make enough time to talk and listen to their friend.



Be the difference.

Every day in Lambeth a new child comes into our care, and we urgently need more foster carers to give them the love and support they deserve. Fostering means looking after someone else's child because their birth family are unable to. That can vary from short-term foster care to having a child or young people with you for a long time.

As single parent carer Tom says:

“

I recommend you find out what they're interested in and do those things as a team. We've spent a huge amount of time just going to the park together. We're building a go-kart during half term.”



As a foster carer, you'll look after children as if they were your own – in a loving home environment. You'll need to be sensitive to the challenges they'll face after separation from their families and any additional trauma they may have been through, such as abuse or neglect.

Fostering for your local council helps the young person and helps

our community. There are many different types of foster care, and we're sure there's one that works for you. For example, you could provide short-term respite care to children with disabilities to allow their parents a break. Or, if you have the space, you could help us keep a family together by caring for siblings. If you work 9 to 5, you may find it easier to

foster older children who are more independent.

After a while, some carers specialise in areas of care: Joan cares for young people on remand from prison, helping them get their lives back on track. Solomon looks after unaccompanied children seeking asylum from war-torn countries.

When you foster for Lambeth, you get:

- **24-7 out-of-hours support** from a dedicated social worker and our team, 365 days per year
- **two weeks paid respite** each year (14 days)
- a **£500 referral bonus** if you refer a friend who becomes an approved, active foster carer for Lambeth
- a **rebate of your council tax** if you are actively fostering for us
- among the **most competitive fees and allowances in London**
- Fostering Network membership and the opportunity to join our active fostering support group
- **priority** (before a private fostering agency) when a child is looking for a placement
- a thorough induction programme
- your own dedicated supervising social worker (SSW)
- ongoing training and development opportunities throughout the year
- peer mentorship to newly approved carers run by our most experienced foster carers

Be the difference.

Could you foster? Children in our community are in need of stable, loving homes to achieve their best future and fulfil their potential.



www.lambeth.gov.uk/foster


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Being a foster carer isn't always easy, but our team will help every step of the way. You can also choose to meet regularly with our foster carer support group helping each other improve the way we work. The journey to becoming a foster carer for Lambeth takes around six months. Although this may seem a long time, most

people tell us the process allows them to think more closely and prepare themselves for making the commitment.

We believe our children deserve the best, and should be given the best chance to thrive, no matter what their circumstances. We hope that you do too - and choose to join the Lambeth family.

Please contact us today for an informal chat and more information:

Call:
020 7926 8710

Email:
fosteringduty@lambeth.gov.uk

Find out more:
www.lambeth.gov.uk/foster

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We care about your
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Meet **#YourPrimaryCare** team

Michaela, your social prescribing link worker.

Meet Michaela, one of Lambeth's social prescribing link workers. Michaela has been with The Exchange Surgery in Streatham since 2019, and she has made it her mission to improve the health and wellbeing of patients by connecting them with local, non-medical services and support.

Social prescribing link workers are allied health professionals, one of the newest roles to be added to the NHS's wide range of professions. They work closely with GPs and other members of the primary care team to provide non-medical support for patients. They do this by connecting you with a range of available services such as walking groups, employment or housing support, and debt management. A social prescribing link worker recognises the wider impact life issues have on your health and wellbeing, and by connecting you with the best available services, they aim to support your overall wellbeing.

Michaela said: "Being part of the NHS makes me proud - we are like a family, a home from home. In this role, I assist my patients in gaining access to community resources such as unemployment, debt management, housing, and mental health support."

"The opportunity to help patients with complex health and social needs access community services, build trustworthy connections with patients, and observe their progress from the moment they first came to see you, are the most fulfilling aspects of this profession."

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Lambeth Heritage Festival

The 2022 Lambeth Heritage Festival organised by Lambeth Archives and the Lambeth Local History Forum is happening all through September. In the Festival's tenth year, there is another rich line-up of over 40 in-person events, each representing a different aspect of Lambeth's fantastically diverse communities.

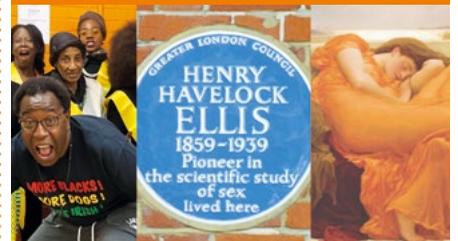
Don't miss the Lambeth Local History Fair at St John's Waterloo church on Saturday 3 September. But if that is too old-school for you, then instead sample Story Trails, augmented and virtual reality versions of untold stories from our local histories at Brixton Library.

For the rest of the month enjoy talks, music, film screenings, exhibitions. There are walks aplenty – historical walks, wildlife walks, botanical walks, walks through Lambeth's Muslim history, around its parks and commons and along its underground watercourses and Thames' waterfronts. There are tours of unusual places such as the new Lambeth Palace Library, the Brixton Windmill, West Norwood cemetery, Park Hill gardens in Streatham. Learn more about the histories of our local Black, Muslim and Polish communities and celebrate the diversity that makes our borough such a great place.

Get the full details on all the month's events from the website and book your places online. We look forward to seeing you throughout September.
<https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/lambeth-heritage-festival-2022>



Revisiting Brixton Rec is a community heritage project that is documenting the neglected history of Brixton's iconic 'Rec'. Bring your photographs, trophies or medals, memories and stories to the Rec on Thursday 15 September from 6.30 pm to help tell its story.
hello@revisitingbrixtonrec.org.uk



Lambeth Local History Fair on Saturday 3 September coincides with the official re-opening of St John's Waterloo after its recent restoration. Enjoy talks, bookstalls, tours of the church, local society stands and history walks.



The Cinema Museum presents an illustrated talk at the Durning Library on Monday 19 September about Charlie

Chaplin in Kennington, looking at his many homes in South London and screening home movie footage of Chaplin revisiting Kennington in the 1950's.

With 26 fresh performances dotted all around Herne Hill from Brockwell Park to the Half Moon Pub, and music ranging from Klezmer, Classical to Country Soul, you will love taking part in this year's Herne Hill Music Festival from **7-16 October 2022.**

Herne Hill Music Festival

Some of our anticipated sell-out events include **Freddie Benedict and Friends**, who will be bringing you the traditional festival opening night line-up of **Jazz at the Junction** at the Half Moon Pub with breezy Brazilian tunes, jazz standards, some modern classics on Friday 7 October at 8pm. The next day on the 8 at 3pm, Herne Hill will be singing on at St Faith's Church with 4 local performing hits from Classic Pop, Musical, and Medieval to Millennial, including **Vocollective**, the **Note-Orious Dulwich Choir**, **Raise the Roof** and **Sing4All** where the atmosphere will be buzzing and tremendously fun.

That evening at St Faith's Church at 7.30pm, the first classical concert of the festival will be brought to you by another local South East London gem, **enSEmble26**. Eleanor Meynell on piano and Ellie Fagg on violin will no doubt bring some outstanding performances of the Beethoven Violin Sonatas, raising funds directly for 'Practical Action'.

Sunday 9 events take place outdoors in the local parks, with **All Saint Concert Band** bringing you a free concert at 2pm outside Brockwell Hall and **King Groovy and the Hornstars** will be performing bandstand music at 3pm in nearby Ruskin Park.

The festival will conclude on Sunday 16 October with the popular **Junior Mic Open Concert** where we will be showcasing the musical talent of our local young musicians at Off The Cuff at 12pm. We are also thrilled to be welcoming back the **Southwark Sinfonietta** to close off the 2022 festival at 7pm with their programme of Beethoven's Symphony no. 6 in F ('Pastoral'), Walter Leigh's Concertino for Harpsichord and Strings and Two Preludes from Elgar's symphonic poem 'Fastaff' at St Faith's Church. For more information and to book tickets please visit hernehillfestival.org

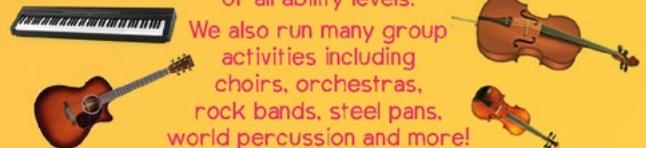


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Do you enjoy making music? Then why not join Lambeth's vibrant musical learning community at **BRIXTON HILL MUSIC CENTRE** PART OF LAMBETH MUSIC SERVICE Saturdays and weekdays after school



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Registration for the Autumn Term is NOW OPEN

Visit www.lambethmusic.co.uk or call 0207 926 9031



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Find times and booking details of all the events in our packed Black History Month programme in our website or collect a printed copy from your local library.



“ Please join us as we celebrate African and Caribbean history and heritage – including 60 years of Jamaican independence, underlining our ongoing support for the Windrush generation. The whole month is a wonderful opportunity to discover and celebrate the wide variety of vital contributions to Lambeth’s culture. ”

Cllr Donatus Anyanwu,
Cabinet Member for
Stronger Communities,
Leisure and Sport

Lambeth celebrates culture for Black History Month

Lambeth Libraries celebrate Black History Month 2022 with events throughout October

featuring not just a cast of expert historians, but food writers, stars of sports, writers and visual storytellers for adults, children and young people, and more.

We'll host Q&A sessions, authors reading from their latest books, book groups, reading challenges for young people and more.

We'll feature:

- historians talking about Africa's history from the Middle Ages to today, about the continent country by country, and telling stories of resistance and freedom.
- writers who challenge race and gender stereotypes in stories for young people; see the culture of young Black Britain through music and dance; or create stories of London and Africa.
- We'll also share the stories of food writers and chefs, artists and footballers in their own words.

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