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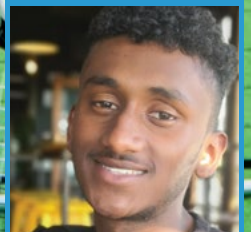
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August Bank Holiday Waste and Recycling

To minimise disruption to waste and recycling collections over the August Bank Holiday, we will be working on Saturday 2 September.



Please leave your rubbish out for collection by 6am.

Please leave your rubbish near your front gate, but not on the pavement.

Separate arrangements are in place for flats and business premises.

If you have any queries, or would like to report a missed collection, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/recycling or call 01895 556000.



Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 28 August <small>(Bank Holiday)</small>	Tuesday 29 August
Tuesday 29 August	Wednesday 30 August
Wednesday 30 August	Thursday 31 August
Thursday 31 August	Friday 1 September
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We've aligned stories in this magazine to our Council Strategy to keep you updated on our progress. Below is a key to explain the graphics.



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Welcome



Welcome to the August edition of *Hillingdon People*. You would have heard by now the very disappointing news from the High Court that our Judicial Review of the Mayor's decision to expand ULEZ to outer London has been lost with the judge ruling that there was no basis in law to intervene in the Mayor's decision. The strength of public opposition in outer London to ULEZ was made very clear with the recent surprise by-election result in Uxbridge.

Even the Mayor's own supporters are saying it is the wrong time to be expanding this scheme and that it will hurt many thousands of low-income earners, vulnerable people, ordinary workers and small businesses who are the beating heart of our borough.

I am proud that we had the courage and conviction to stand up for you, our residents and I would like to thank everyone who sent messages of support for our stand.

On a more positive note, I am delighted that a new Hillingdon Hospital is a step closer now that the government has confirmed funding for the rebuild as part of the £20 billion New Hospitals Programme. With planning permission already having been granted the project remains on track to be delivered by 2030.

That leads me on to another major investment project, this time our very own flagship regeneration scheme in Hayes. Work is now under way to deliver hundreds of new homes for residents at Avondale Drive and Hayes Town Centre estates. You can read more about this on pages 18 and 19.

As a council we are also committed to helping residents live healthy and active lives and we have recently invested in some of our outdoor leisure facilities. As you can see on pages 16 and 17, this has included renovating some of our tennis courts and creating two brand new cricket pitches.

Finally, with the new academic year just around the corner our Learn Hillingdon adult education courses for 2023/24 are now live and there are hundreds of subjects for you to choose from. Find out more on pages 24 to 25.

Cllr Ian Edwards
Leader of the Council

Green flags fly high across borough



Cllr Lavery and staff from the council's green spaces team

The council has retained its status as one of the greenest boroughs in the country after receiving 67 Green Flag Awards – the most held by any local authority.

It is the eleventh year running the council has achieved the top spot for its green spaces through the national – and international – awards scheme which recognises and celebrates most beautiful and well-managed parks in the UK and beyond.

To be awarded a Green Flag, the council's parks and green spaces must meet stringent criteria that show they meet the highest standards for facilities, cleanliness and environmental friendliness, as well as being welcoming and community-orientated.

The annual Green Flag Award scheme, judged by a group of environmental charities including Keep Britain Tidy, recognises accessible green spaces and is the national standard for public parks.

Last year, four new parks achieved the prestigious status bringing the council's total to a chart-topping 67, and for 2023 all of those green spaces have retained their awards.

Cllr Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services

said: "We're committed to making Hillingdon a green and sustainable borough, with green spaces that are welcoming to residents, visitors and wildlife.

"We're proud to have held the top title for number of green flags for more than a decade, but it's not a position we take lightly. Our success is the result of all the hard work and great management of our green spaces team and the many community and volunteer groups they work closely with to keep our borough parks and green spaces to the highest standards."

For more information on the awards and a full list of sites in Hillingdon, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/greenspaces.

Help shape local policing

Do you want to help the Metropolitan Police Service set their priorities by joining your local ward panel?

Designed to give communities a voice, ward panels are meetings run by local policing Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) where residents are encouraged to have their say on local crime and disorder concerns.

They also play a key part in shaping policing priorities in their area as well as supporting the work of Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch (HNW).

There are 21 ward panels in Hillingdon and if you live, work or study in the borough, visit www.met.police.uk for details of your local SNT and to find out how you can represent your community.

HNW is a community-based initiative where residents, police and the council work in partnership to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

Members receive messages from both the police and Neighbourhood Watch on local crimes, crime prevention and community events. Find out more and sign up at www.owl.co.uk.

Uxbridge and South Ruislip by-election

On Thursday 20 July, Cllr Steve Tuckwell (pictured below) was elected MP for Uxbridge and South Ruislip with 13,965 votes.

Cllr Tuckwell was elected ward councillor for South Ruislip in May 2018 and also serves on several council committees.

For further details on the by-election results, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/by-election-results.



Lyn Summers (second from left) and former Mayor at Fassnidge Park's Coronation event

Double commendation for Hillingdon

In June, two Hillingdon public servants were recognised for their work in Boris Johnson's Prime Minister's Resignation Honours.

Eastcote ward councillor and former Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr

Becky Haggar, was awarded an OBE for political and public service and Lyn Summers, the council's former Project and Events Manager, was awarded an MBE for public service.

New plants restore Eastcote flood alleviation scheme

The council's award-winning rain gardens in Eastcote, which help prevent localised flooding, were given a £12,000 makeover with hundreds of new plants this spring.

During the past few winters, the plants have been affected by the cold, with some dying off. Almost 1,000 new plants have now been restored to the

15 rain gardens following the work in May, with species including hebe (a favourite of bees), miscanthus, panicum, stipa, pennisetum and various grasses.

The gardens were installed along Field End Road in summer 2019 using carefully chosen plants and shrubs that help to slow the natural flow of rainwater and prevent localised flooding.



Following heavy rain, water is retained in the gardens, minimising the risk of flash flooding on highways and reducing the flow of water into the local sewerage system. Historically, surface water from heavy rain in this area would flood the road and flow into local shops.

Cllr Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services

said: "These urban drainage schemes enable us to protect the borough against extreme rainfall and are part of our commitment to creating a green and sustainable borough.

"Of course, as well as serving a practical purpose, they help keep the area looking pleasant with plants and shrubs that both people and wildlife can enjoy."

Commemorative banner giveaway

The lamppost banners which adorned Hillingdon's town centres to mark the King's Coronation have been gifted to local people as a memento of the historic occasion.

In June, the council offered residents the chance to enter a draw to win one, and 617 people submitted requests online.

The lucky winners selected at random collected their own pieces of history from the Civic Centre, Uxbridge in early July.

Zara Curtis, from Uxbridge, collected her banner with 10-month-old daughter Keira, and Keira's grandparents John and Jacci Curtis (pictured below).

She said: "It's going to go in our garden. We're right under the flight path so I hope that some people flying over will see it."



Cllrs Eddie Lavery, Ian Edwards and Jonathan Bianco

Refurbishment for Uxbridge Mortuary

Uxbridge Mortuary has been given a high-tech overhaul by the council following a two-year, £2.5 million refurbishment and extension scheme.

It follows a review which found the Kingston Lane site needed vital roof repairs and significantly more space. Works included expanding the post-mortem area, which now includes a 'negative-pressure' room which helps contain or stop the spread of infection.

Capacity on site has been doubled and variable temperature fridges give flexibility in the operation of the service.

A new training area is also being developed for anatomical pathology technicians, who will be able to watch post-mortems via a live camera feed. This will also be a

useful resource for the police when performing forensic post-mortems.

Further improvements were also made to the personal protective equipment (PPE) area and site office, including an improved CCTV security system and intruder alarms.

Cllr Jonathan Bianco, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport

said: "This was a much-needed refurbishment to a vital facility, bringing it up to the very latest standards and futureproofing it for years to come.

"My thanks go to the team who continued their vital work throughout the construction and now get to perform their duties in a much-improved environment."



An Uxbridge mum has been ordered to pay almost £3,000 after fraudulently using a Blue Badge to get a parking space during the school run.

Following an investigation by the council's counter fraud team, Carly Kent, 43, of Chancel Close, was convicted of misusing a disabled person's badge during a hearing at Uxbridge Magistrates' Court on 20 June.

The court was told the defendant had indicated her guilty plea by submitting a form in the post.

The counter fraud team had been deployed to Uxbridge on 14 November 2022, after being alerted to suspected Blue Badge misuse during pick-up times at a local school by colleagues in the council's parking services team.

The team later discovered Kent using the Blue Badge to park on double-yellow lines, without the badge holder present, the court was told. The counter fraud team's investigation revealed the badge belonged to Kent's late mother, but it wasn't until she was interviewed under caution that Kent admitted displaying the badge.

Cllr Martin Goddard, Cabinet Member for Finance, said: "We're committed to ensuring vulnerable adults in Hillingdon can live active and independent lives.

"This is an appalling case. The misuse of Blue Badges is just not acceptable. It prevents our most vulnerable residents and visitors who have genuine needs from parking within easy access to the local businesses and services they rely on.

"We'll always do everything in our power to clampdown on fraudsters, take action and stamp out this selfish behaviour in our borough."

Kent was ordered to pay a fine of £440, a victim surcharge of £176 and the council's prosecution costs of £2,342.

If you suspect someone is misusing a Blue Badge, you can report it on 0800 389 8313, or by emailing fraud@hillingdon.gov.uk.



A step closer for new Hillingdon Hospital

Plans for the new Hillingdon Hospital have reached another vital milestone after the government confirmed the project would continue to be funded as part of its £20 billion New Hospitals Programme.

This news comes after the council granted planning permission for the scheme in January. **Leader of the Council, Cllr Ian Edwards**, said: "I am delighted that the new Hillingdon Hospital has been approved and will be fully funded.

"This is another significant milestone for the project, following on from securing planning permission earlier this year. Progress will now ramp up.

"This is further evidence of continued infrastructure and quality of life improvements throughout Hillingdon, ensuring it continues to be a borough residents are proud to be part of."

The new hospital will be constructed in the grounds of the current one, with many elements built off-site and transported into place to minimise disruption. The existing building will continue to operate as normal until the replacement is complete.

It will have an improved layout and capacity, with 40 per cent more floor space and a significant increase in the number of single rooms.

There will also be more CT and MRI scanners to aid both the diagnosing and monitoring of conditions.

The building's energy-efficient design will help minimise energy bills and carbon emissions, and patients and visitors will benefit from a designated drop-off area, improved disabled parking and bus routes stopping within the hospital grounds.

To keep up to date with the latest on the project, visit thh.nhs.uk/redevelopment.



A CGI showing the new hospital's main entrance

PayByPhone parking launches boroughwide this summer

The convenient and flexible parking payment system, PayByPhone, was introduced across Hillingdon in July.

PayByPhone gives residents and visitors the convenience of being able to pay for their parking on the go using their phone or tablet device, rather than having to buy a ticket from a machine.

To make use of it, just download the PayByPhone app and register, making sure you link your HillingdonFirst card to ensure you still get your residents' discount.

If your preference is still to use your bank card or coins, don't worry, our ticket machines still take traditional payment methods.

Cllr Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services (pictured right), said: "We're committed to being a digital-enabled, modern council, and PayByPhone reflects how many people today prefer to



pay for goods and services via their mobile devices.

"If you need help in downloading the app, registering and linking

your HillingdonFirst card, you can view step-by-step videos and guidance on our website at www.hillingdon.gov.uk/paybyphone."

Delivering more special educational needs school places

Work is under way at two schools as part of a multi-million pound investment to create more dedicated Special Educational Needs (SEND) facilities.

At Ruislip Gardens Primary School, the council is providing a specialist 16-place assessment unit for nursery-aged children who may need access to SEND provision, as well as a specialist resource provision with 12 places for primary-aged pupils with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Last month, work began at Charville Academy on another specialist resource provision to provide spaces for a further 16 pupils with ASD.

Cllr Susan O'Brien, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education, said: "The adaptations at the two schools are part of a wider programme to meet demand in specialist provision within Hillingdon by adapting existing provision, expanding some sites and creating new builds, while reducing the need for residents to access out-of-borough provision.

"Providing these dedicated places gives pupils the opportunity to learn alongside others in mainstream schools, while reducing

the reliance on independent provision, creating equality in social and educational opportunities which will enable them to thrive."

Funding for the works comes from a capital release of £2.26 million, of which £1.55 million will be funded from the council's SEND needs provision budget for 2023/24 and £709,000 from

the Schools Conditions Building Programme budget for this year.

To help meet future demand, schools and other areas designated for education are under continual review by the council to enable it to earmark any underused spaces that would have the potential to be re-purposed to meet the education needs of local children.



Modernising and adapting homes for older residents

A sheltered housing scheme in Cowley has undergone major renovation as part of a £230,000 council investment.

Improvements to 29 properties at Mandela Court and Biko Close include new kitchens, complete with anti-slip flooring, and fully upgraded wet rooms featuring new wall panels, shower units, grab handles and shower seats.

Where possible, energy-efficient heat recovery fans have been installed to control humidity and condensation. This helps to reduce heating bills and the risk of mould developing.

On Friday 28 April, the former Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr Becky Haggar; Cllr Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services; and Cllr Jonathan Bianco, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport visited the facility to view the refurbishments and meet with residents.

Mandela Court resident **Hazel Farran** said: "There isn't a word



Residents, staff, contractors and councillors outside Mandela Court

in the dictionary to describe how good it is. My new kitchen and bathroom are simply stunning – it's like walking into a showroom."

Cllr Bianco said: "These refurbishments are part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that our older residents can live healthy, active and independent lives in high-quality housing."

Further works in the pipeline for the scheme include internal decoration and carpet replacement, as well as improvements to communal areas.



Marios Kaikitis, Hazel Farran and Cllr Haggar

Protecting the borough's natural habitats and wildlife

Seven nature reserves and country parks across Hillingdon are set to benefit from a new conservation partnership between the council, British Airways, Heathrow and London Wildlife Trust.

Designed to protect local wildlife, the 'Connecting with Nature in Hillingdon' initiative will help protect and enhance Minet Country Park, Cranford Country Park, Huckerby's Meadows, Yeading Brook Meadows, Ten Acre Wood, Gutteridge Woods and Ickenham Marsh.

The project will also create volunteering opportunities and build on the great work the council and

the trust are doing to ensure local communities can access and enjoy the green spaces in their local area.

Conservation work will be delivered with the expertise of London Wildlife Trust, and include cattle grazing, path and fence maintenance, habitat restoration and new planting, as well as wildlife surveying. To monitor progress, a ranger will be recruited to work closely with volunteers to look after the sites, and recruitment for these opportunities will open shortly.

Regular events, such as guided walks, will also be organised to help reconnect residents with nature.

Cllr Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services, said: "We're delighted to see the London Wildlife Trust working with Heathrow and British Airways to bring some welcome improvements to key wildlife sites in the south of our borough.

"We're committed to creating a green and sustainable borough for residents, so we're grateful two of Hillingdon's biggest organisations are helping us to protect the greener pockets of our borough to safeguard them for current and future generations."

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Crane Meadows

CREDIT: MATHEW FRITH



Gutteridge Wood

CREDIT: PENNY DIXIE



Yeading Brook Meadows

CREDIT: VAN BORNRELL

More council services are going digital – register today

As part of the council's commitment to being a digital-enabled, modern and well-run organisation, even more digital options are now available across a range of services.

More than 130,000 residents have registered for our MyAccount, a digital customer portal on our website, and are getting in touch online.

While you don't need a MyAccount to report things like fly-tipping, having one allows you to view real-time updates on the status of your reports or queries at any time. In the past six months we have handled 54,000 requests digitally, up from 37,000 in the same period last year.

Recently added services include managing your HillingdonFirst card, Blue and Brown badge enquiries, adult social care support, registrar appointments, school admissions queries and electoral services.

In December 2022, we also introduced a new voice-automated system in our call centre, which supports the caller by providing a digital link to make a report or to request information quickly without having to queue on the phone for an agent. This also frees up staff to support residents who need additional help. Since its introduction, self-service digital transactions have

increased by 29 per cent. Hillingdon is the first council in the UK to have used this voice-automation technology across so many services.

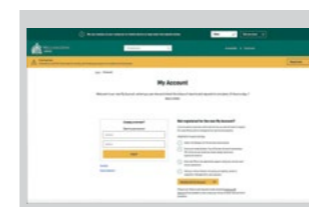
Cllr Douglas Mills, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services,

said: "We're continually enhancing our digital options to give residents and businesses easier and more efficient ways to communicate with us."

"The numbers speak for themselves, illustrating that more and more people are transacting with us digitally, which is fantastic."

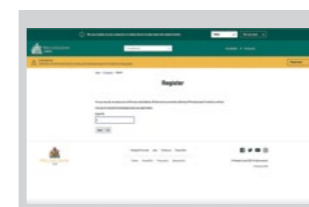
"In the coming months we will also be adding further functionality to MyAccount, so watch this space."

Registering for a MyAccount is quick and easy



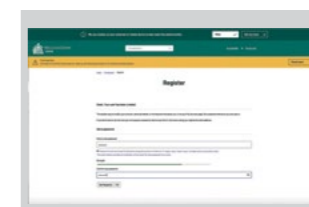
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Open your web browser and go to www.hillingdon.gov.uk/myaccount Select the 'Register for a MyAccount' button.



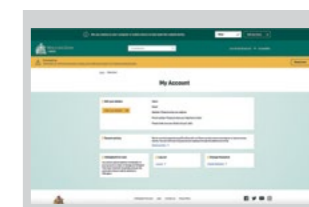
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Enter your email address. You will then be sent an email containing a PIN. Please check your spam/junk folders if the email doesn't immediately appear in your inbox.



3

Enter the PIN on the registration page to verify your account and set up a password.



4

Sign in and add your contact details, including your address. Your registration is now complete.

Uxbridge mechanic faces fine for ignoring planning notice

An Uxbridge mechanic has been ordered to pay more than £5,800 after failing to demolish a single-storey extension that had been built without planning permission.

Ijaz Khan, who runs Jaz Auto Electrician, in Redford Way, appeared at Uxbridge Magistrates' Court for sentencing on Monday 19 June, having admitted one charge of failing to comply with an enforcement notice issued by the council at a previous hearing.

The court was told the council had issued the enforcement notice in April 2022, after planning inspectors found the single-storey unit was being used for car repairs/maintenance and residential purposes.

The notice required compliance by 26 August 2022, but a follow-up inspection by the council on 31 August showed no works had been done and the building remained.

The council felt the unauthorised building caused harm by damaging the street scene and having an adverse effect on the character and appearance of the residential area.

Khan was fined £2,000 and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £800, as well as the council's prosecution costs of £3,073, at a rate of £200 per month.

Cllr Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services,

said: "This is another great result for our planning enforcement team and shows that we refuse to do nothing when people ignore the rules that everyone else has to follow."

"Planning rules help us maintain pleasant communities and prevent over-development, so this hefty fine should serve as a warning that those rules must be followed, or we will take action."

To report a planning breach, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/planning-enforcement.



A new chapter for Hillingdon's libraries

In May, we agreed our new five-year Library Strategy which sets out our commitment to continuing to provide a first-class service for local people, while also ensuring it's efficient and sustainable for the future.

The strategy focuses on five ambitions that retain and enhance initiatives around: reading, literacy and culture; health and wellbeing; digital services and inclusion; information and learning; and sustainable service delivery. Traditional library offerings, books, computers and information will continue to be provided, as well as the much-loved Home Library Service, mobile library, and a wide programme of free or low-cost events and activities, including early years sessions, dementia support, science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) related initiatives and work-experience placements that help young people develop their employment skills.

Ambitious for the future
We want to be more ambitious by looking for new ways to promote the service and attract new visitors. This will include developing initiatives to respond to residents' needs and investing in buildings and facilities (including digital systems) to improve customer experience and provide more opportunities for residents to engage with arts, culture, learning and wellbeing in a flexible community space.

To help deliver the service in a more efficient and sustainable way, we are introducing tiered opening hours. These changes have been designed to increase access at the most popular borough branches with longer opening hours after 5pm, and all libraries will be open a minimum of five days per week.

We continue to offer more branches and longer opening hours than neighbouring London boroughs, and the second highest number of branches in London.



Did you know...?

Since 2019, the council has invested more than **£250,000** enhancing its digital library collection so that residents can access a wealth of online resources for free and from the comfort of their own homes.

The Home Library Service visits more than **100** people a month who are housebound and unable to get to a library.



Adults who read for just **30 minutes a week** are **20% more likely to report greater life satisfaction.**
The Reading Agency

In 2022, **31** weekly early years sessions ran in Hillingdon libraries, attended by more than **11,000** children and their grown-ups.

On average, the mobile library makes **28** roadside stops a week.

In 2022, more than **5,500** children joined the Summer Reading Challenge in our libraries.



To view the strategy, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/library-strategy

Thriving, healthy households



The council coalition of the London boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Harrow, Hillingdon, and Surrey County Council.

Court denies our ULEZ expansion challenge

Last month, our legal challenge was dismissed by the High Court, and it is now likely that the expansion of ULEZ will go ahead as planned on Tuesday 29 August.

The council is hugely disappointed that the High Court has determined that there is no legal impediment to the Mayor's expansion of ULEZ to outer London but accepts its decision.

Although the Mayor of London and TfL may have the legal right to implement the scheme, the question remains whether the public would agree he has the moral right to do so, given it was only the week before the judgement that the court of public opinion delivered a different verdict with the surprise by-election win in Uxbridge, an election that was seen as a referendum on the expansion of ULEZ.

It is evident that the Mayor of London and TfL do not realise the damage the extension will have to the lives of residents and businesses in outer London as well as those outside of its borders.

Leader of the Council, Cllr Ian Edwards, said: "I am hugely disappointed for our residents and businesses and I call on the Mayor of London to further reflect on his plans.

"Even the Mayor's own supporters are now saying that it is the wrong time to be expanding this scheme. Many thousands of low-income earners, vulnerable people ordinary workers and small businesses who are the beating heart of our borough will have to shoulder further costs which they cannot afford. It will cause even greater financial hardship and for some it will cause the loss of business or employment.

"We will continue our fight on behalf of our residents and businesses through Parliament and at next year's Mayoral election.

"I am proud that we had the courage and conviction to stand up

for our residents and businesses and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in or who has sent messages of support for our fight which, as I have said, will go on."

A two-day hearing was heard at the High Court on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 July, with the judge, Lord Justice Swift, delivering his judgement on Friday 28 July.

The judicial review was brought on three grounds, all of which were dismissed:

- Failure to follow statutory procedure – Schedule 23 Greater London Authority Act 1999
- Unlawful and unfair consultation regarding expected compliance rates in outer London
- Unlawfulness regarding scrappage scheme, including failing to consider a buffer zone, irrationality and inadequate consultation.

How may you be affected?

The ULEZ scheme is expected to be implemented across outer London boroughs, including Hillingdon, from Tuesday 29 August 2023.

This will mean that if you have a vehicle that does not comply with the ULEZ emission standards and isn't exempt, you will need to pay a £12.50 daily charge to TfL to drive inside the zone.

To check if your car is compliant and view details of the scrappage scheme, visit tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone.



Rolling out our food waste recycling service to council flats

Following a successful trial last year, we're pleased to be expanding our free food waste recycling service to council-owned blocks of flats this summer.

The pilot scheme took place at six developments: Cochrane House, Uxbridge; Southcote Rise, Ruislip; Wordsworth Way, West Drayton; Victoria Road flats, South Ruislip; The Glebe, West Drayton; and Cowley House, Cowley; and involved 162 households.

More than 10,000kg of food waste has been collected since the start of the trial, making a valuable contribution to the borough's recycling targets. And now we're starting to install new food waste recycling units in communal bin areas at all council-owned blocks of flats. We're planning to deliver 25 new units per month in the next two years, offering the service to approximately 520 blocks of flats.



Residents living at the developments will be automatically signed up to the service, so there's no need to register. We'll contact households by letter to let people know when food waste collections are coming and share a leaflet explaining how to use the service. After that, our recycling officers will deliver a food waste recycling kit to each household, this will contain one indoor kitchen caddy and a roll of caddy liners.

Once the service is up and running on an estate and flats receive their kits, residents will be able to put their food waste into the special pedal-operated food bins, which will be installed in their communal bin areas.

We're also working with developers and managing agents on private developments to advise them about our food waste recycling service and encourage them to adopt it across their schemes.



NEW BINS
Recycling officer Maria Beuca at Cowley House, Uxbridge

Food waste recycling collections for houses

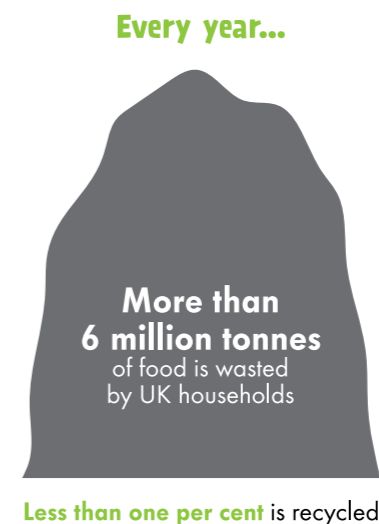
If you live in a house and haven't yet signed up for our free food waste recycling service, you can easily register via our website at www.hillingdon.gov.uk/food-waste.

Once you've signed up you will receive a kitchen caddy, a roll of caddy liners and a 23-litre lockable outdoor caddy to put your full bags into until collection day.



Eat well and waste less food

While food waste recycling is a positive step in protecting the environment, we can go one step further by wasting less food.



The climate action charity WRAP estimates that currently, **one in every five** UK shopping bags of food is fully wasted.

Residents reduce their waste and save money

April saw another well-received Zero Waste Challenge. More than 80 residents completed our month-long initiative, which provides advice on reducing household waste, living more sustainably and saving money.

Every week of the challenge, those taking part received an email from us which highlighted free services, tools and ideas to help them waste less.

Nikki, from Hillingdon (pictured right), completed the challenge and won the prize draw.

She received a reusable water bottle, hot drink cup, lunch box and sustainable soap bar. She said: "I'm passionate about recycling and keen on recycling food waste. I would encourage more people to recycle their food waste. It's free, easy and good for the environment."

If you've not yet had a go, we'll be holding another challenge in September, as part of Recycle Week. You can sign up at www.hillingdon.gov.uk/zero-waste.



Meet our friendly recycling team

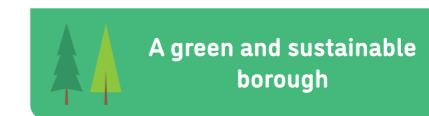


We run regular recycling roadshows across the borough, giving you an opportunity to hear about the waste and recycling services we offer and ask any questions. For details, visit discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/recycling-roadshow.

The next roadshows take place at:
• The Great Barn, Ruislip, Thursday 17 August, 10am to 4pm
• Mulberry Parade, West Drayton, Wednesday 6 September, 10am to 4pm.

Cllr Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services, said: "We're delighted that more homes will be able to access this vital recycling service. "Recycling your food waste is better for the environment as it's turned into renewable energy and fertiliser. It also improves our recycling rate and goes towards our target of being a greener, more sustainable and carbon neutral borough."

For more information about waste and recycling, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/rubbishandrecycling



Supporting our young stars of the future

Since 2020, the Tashan Daniel Award has supported talented Hillingdon youngsters as they reach for the stars in sport, culture and education. With applications for this year's bursaries now open, we caught up with some of last year's award winners to find out how they're getting on.



Tashan Daniel never had the chance to realise his dream of becoming an Olympic sprinter. The talented athlete was fatally stabbed in an unprovoked attack at Hillingdon Tube station in September 2019, at the age of just 20.

His family wanted to ensure that Tashan, who was a keen photographer and footballer, would be an inspiration to other local young people, and in 2020 they worked with the council to launch the Tashan Daniel Award to help others pursue their ambitions.

The bursary scheme, open to borough residents up to age 21,

can be used to pay for sports equipment and competitions, gain qualifications in art and culture and enrol on vocational courses. To date, grants of up to £2,000 have been awarded to 22 people.

Online applications for this year's round of awards are open now and close on Monday 4 September. A panel, including Tashan's dad, Chandy; sister, Oceanna; and Cllr Jane Palmer, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, will then select the successful applicants.

Tashan's family are proud that last year's six bursary winners have made huge strides in their chosen fields.

Chandy said: "We're really proud that Tashan's name is on the bursary and really grateful to the council for giving other young people in the borough the chance to pursue their dreams with this funding."

"It means that Tashan is not forgotten and that from something so tragic, some good things are coming out of it."

"It's also really pleasing to hear how the funding has helped others move forward in what they're doing and gives us a lot of pride that it's going to really worthwhile causes."

"As a family we're involved in choosing the applicants, so knowing we're making the right decisions means a lot."

Former awardees Sophie Harper, Abdirahim Hamud and Ryan Carstairs at a commemoration event in July 2020 at Hillingdon Athletics Stadium, Uxbridge



How last year's winners are going from strength to strength

Grace Dowling, who turned 16 on 22 May, has had a great year, including her first professional performance in the Opera *Verdi Aida* and performing at the London Coliseum for the All England Centenary Gala.

The Tashan Daniel Award allowed her to buy new pointe ballet shoes, clothes for classes and costumes for competitions, and pay for a modern dance exam where she gained a distinction.

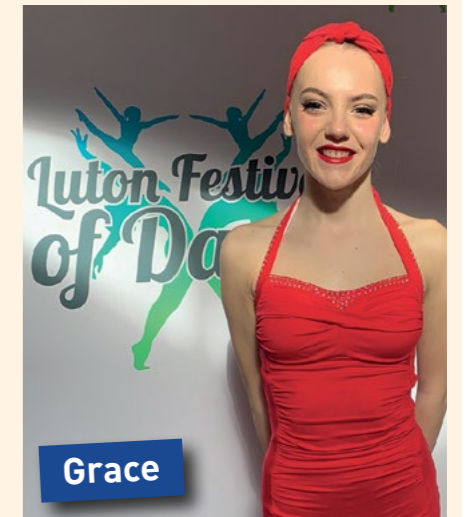
Grace, from Ruislip, also used the bursary to pay for dance college auditions, and in March she found out that one of those try-outs had

landed her a life-changing scholarship to study for a three-year diploma in dance, musical theatre and acting at Sharpe Academy in Hatch End.

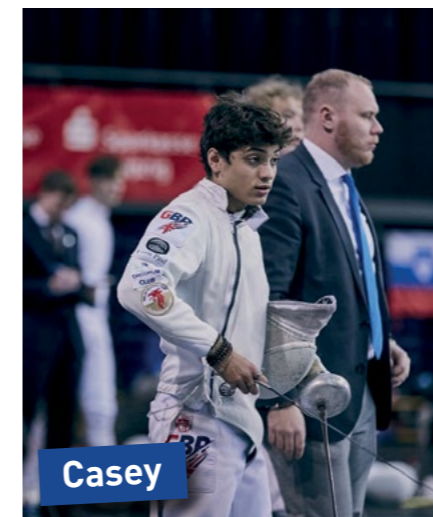
Grace, who wants to perform on cruise ships or in touring theatre productions, completed her GCSEs this summer and is now looking forward to heading off to the academy.

She said: "It has been a great honour to use the money to help with my future in dance. Thanks again to the Tashan Daniel Award for this unbelievable opportunity."

"I just wanted the family to know that what they've done is really amazing."



Grace



Casey

Casey Jones, aged 16, from Northwood Hills, is a rising star in the world of fencing and he dreams of competing at the Olympics one day.

Since being awarded the bursary, he has been busy competing up and down the country as well as in international events across Europe with the Great Britain squad. The money helped him pay for qualifying rounds, including the cost of trains, hotels, entry fees and kit.

His success has led to him being accepted on to the Athlete Development Programme which

forms part of the Olympic Pathway Programme.

Casey said: "I am very honoured and humbled to have received the Tashan Daniel Award. This award has made it possible for me to keep following my dreams without the need for worrying about how I would pay for the extras in terms of my competitions and qualifying events."

"I would like to thank Tashan's family for making all of this possible. I hope that with each achievement and goal I have reached, I have been able to make both our families proud."

Billy Stubbings, aged 17, from Harefield, has a passion for theatre and performing arts. Since the age of 12, he has been heavily involved in school theatre productions.

Last year's award was used to pay for singing, acting and dance classes.

Billy said: "Since receiving the funding I have been enrolled in



Billy

my performing arts, theatre and photography classes. I have gained a wide range of new skills and developed my own further.

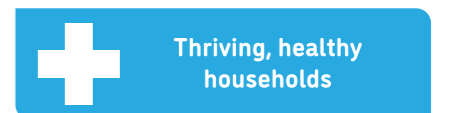
"Receiving the funding has taken a huge financial burden off my family and I have been able to participate in performing arts workshops and classes outside of sixth form. I have also been able to extend my theatrical knowledge by attending the theatre, which will be used for my end of course theatre exam."

Cllr Palmer said: "Tashan continues to be an inspiration to so many people and these awards in his honour give some of our most talented youngsters a huge helping hand on their journeys to success. "We are so grateful to his family for their continued support and involvement and delighted to back another group of outstanding individuals this year."

The Tashan Daniel Award in numbers...



For full details on the application process and to apply, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/tashan-daniel-award



Enjoy a summer of leisure

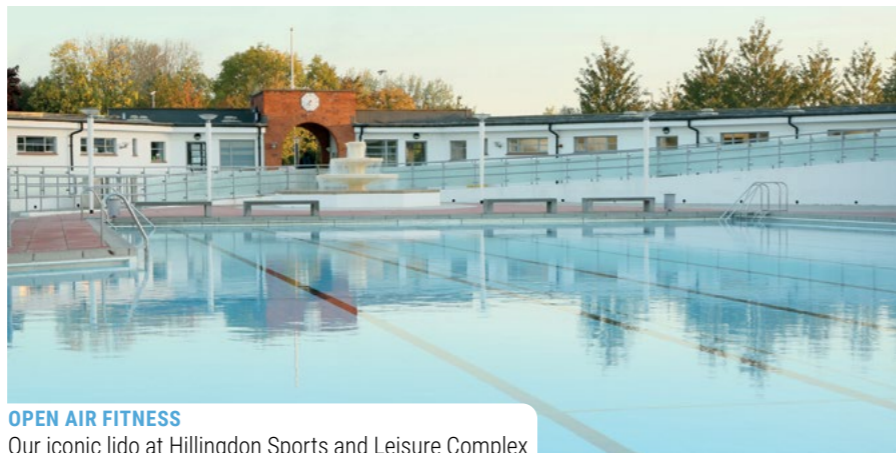
Residents wanting to keep fit and active can take their pick from tennis on newly refurbished courts, cricket on freshly installed pitches, football at multiple sites and swimming at our fabulous Hillingdon Lido.

Summer is the perfect time to get outdoors and active at our brilliant green spaces and outdoor leisure facilities. Whether it's tennis, cricket, football or swimming, there is plenty to choose from.

Keeping the sites in top condition encourages more people to take part, keep fit and have fun; and year-round dedicated council staff are busy mowing, painting, cleaning and repairing dozens of pitches and courts to ensure they're in the best state for residents and visitors alike.

The council's sport and physical activity team also works hard to attract additional funding from national sporting bodies to upgrade existing sites and create new ones.

This spring and summer that has resulted in two new cricket



OPEN AIR FITNESS

Our iconic lido at Hillingdon Sports and Leisure Complex

pitches being installed and several tennis courts being upgraded.

So, if you're a Ben Stokes, Serena Williams or Adam Peaty in the making, or just love playing for fun or fitness, grab your kit and get involved.

COACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

Session at the newly refurbished courts at Rosedale Park, Hayes



Cllr Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services,

said: "We're committed to investing in high-quality leisure facilities for all ages to help our residents live healthy, active lives.

"We want to encourage as many people as possible to enjoy our outdoor public amenities and keep active, and I hope everyone who uses these this summer and beyond has a great experience."

Serving up new courts

Tennis lovers are already taking advantage of newly renovated tennis courts complete with new surfacing/line painting, nets, fencing and gate access technology and booking system at Northwood Recreation Ground and Rosedale Park, Hayes.

The new courts at each site opened in mid-May with family fun days, with the National Tennis Association coaching team on hand to offer free training.

Courts at Swakeleys Park, Ickenham and Harmondsworth Recreation Ground have also been upgraded this summer.

We invested £60,000 and secured a £181,175 grant from the Lawn Tennis Association and the government to improve these tennis facilities and encourage more people to play.

Find out more about coaching sessions and book a court at www.hillingdon.gov.uk/tennis.

New cricket pitches unveiled

In June and July the Ashes saw cricket take centre stage in sports news. And here in Hillingdon, we have installed two new pitches this summer for the local community to practise their batting and bowling skills.

The new pitches at Grassy Meadows Field, Hayes and Cowley Recreation Ground, delivered in partnership with Hayes and Uxbridge cricket clubs, have given previously unused green spaces a new lease of life thanks to a £52,000 grant from the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) to expand facilities and raise the sport's profile across Hillingdon.

Hayes Cricket Club held a free, family fun day on Sunday 4 June to mark the opening of Grassy Meadows, featuring coach-led taster sessions (pictured right).

The second new pitch in Cowley opened on Monday 29 June, with local children invited along.

Both clubs will offer weekly sessions at the sites and we will also continue working with them to promote the sport.



We're also offering two cricket programmes – All Stars Cricket for children aged 5 to 8, and Dynamos for 8 to 11-year-olds, in partnership with the ECB.

Find out more at www.hillingdon.gov.uk/cricket-facilities.

Get fit and active on our sports pitches

Across the borough, we have 24 senior football pitches, as well as 14 five-a-side, 27 seven-a-side, 18 nine-a-side and two junior pitches.

During the season and when there are summer tournaments, the pitches are marked out weekly by our green spaces team and the grass is cut.

For those who prefer the ball in hand, we also have three rugby and two Gaelic pitches and maintain further cricket pitches at Little Harlington Playing Fields, Hayes and Cavendish Recreation Ground, Eastcote.



Pool's out for the summer

When the sun is shining there's no better place to chill out than the iconic Hillingdon Lido, which is open throughout the summer until October.

Located at Hillingdon Sports and Leisure Complex, Uxbridge, the 50-metre Grade II listed pool hosts leisure and fitness swim sessions with prices starting at £5.20 for adults and £3.15 for children.

The outdoor children's splash pool hosts Swim for All sessions, a perfect way to have fun with family or friends.

Last summer, 39,152 people attended the lido. If you want to take

the plunge this year, you need to book your session either via the Better UK app or at www.better.org.uk.

The site also has a café, an indoor pool and teaching pool, a fully equipped gym, an athletics track and an 11-a-side 3G football pitch.

Major playground refurbishment programme under way

Work has begun to replace ageing play equipment with modern, accessible and inclusive facilities at 23 playgrounds on housing estates and in parks across the borough.

First to start to receive an overhaul as part of the four-year £1.6 million refurbishment programme was the play area in Fassnidge Park, Uxbridge, where work started in June to install equipment including a climbing unit for older children and a toddler swing.

Next in line this summer are Albion Road playground, Hayes, where new

equipment will include a three-way see-saw, fireman's pole, an extra-wide slide, double tower multi-play unit and a wheelchair-accessible roundabout, and St Peter's Road playground, Cowley, where equipment will include a new climbing agility unit, cradle seat swing, springer, inclusive see-saw and a junior multi-unit specifically for younger children.

A new play area at Cranford Park, included as part of the major restoration of the historic site, is also being included from the same pool of funding.



For more information on sport, leisure and parks, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/leisure





Transforming communities: Hayes regeneration under way

Work has begun on our flagship redevelopment scheme in Hayes which will deliver hundreds of new homes. *Hillingdon People* toured the sites to meet with residents and find out more.

The landmark project is being delivered in conjunction with developer Higgins Partnerships and will bring a welcome revitalisation of the housing estates at Avondale Drive and Hayes Town Centre.

At Hayes Town Centre, hoarding has been erected around part of the site and the gas and electrical supply has been disconnected and diverted to facilitate demolition works to phase one. Once the site has been cleared, construction on the first phase of 80 new homes is expected to commence in early autumn.

Excavations have taken place at Avondale Drive to map out the location of the water, drainage, gas and electrical supplies. Works will soon commence to demolish the car park between Glenister House and Fitzgerald House, to create a new long-term temporary car park and access road for residents.

Work on the first phase of 30 new homes is expected to commence on completion of the temporary car park.

Avondale Drive and Hayes Town Centre will provide a total of 740 new homes, with a combination of mixed-tenure homes, including

those for council rent, returning leaseholders, shared ownership and private sale. The developments will also include improvements to the public open spaces at each site.

The affordable housing will be delivered earlier in the overall



programme and within four to five years. The first phase will create 110 new homes, 30 at Avondale and 80 at Hayes Town Centre, with residents expected to move in around spring/summer 2025.

Design of the two developments followed extensive consultation on the plans with residents of both estates to ensure they had a say in how the regeneration would look and what it should include. Furthermore, through its social values programme Higgins is also creating apprenticeship and employment opportunities for locals throughout the development's construction. Gemma Harling, who lives on the estate, is already on board as the new resident liaison officer for the scheme – read more about her above right.

The development will also include improved pedestrian and cycle routes, secure car parking, landscaping and children's play areas. At Hayes Town Centre estate a new community centre will replace the existing one.

Cllr Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services, said:

"We're committed to creating strong, thriving communities with more high-quality, affordable homes.

"We're delighted to be working with Higgins Partnerships on this project. Not only do they have an excellent track record in delivering such schemes, they also reflect our social values, by involving residents throughout, from getting their feedback via consultation to offering on-site employment and learning opportunities."

Meet Gemma Harling, mum-of-three and the new development's resident liaison officer

A key element of Higgins' delivery of the scheme is the inclusion of their social values programme, which aims to deliver new employment and training opportunities for borough residents.



This ensures residents have an opportunity to remain directly involved with the regeneration and can be invested in the process.

Among the first recruits to the programme is mum-of-three **Gemma Harling**, who will be helping the developer maintain good communications with residents during the build, where she'll also witness the construction of her future home.

Gemma said: "I was contacted by my housing decant officer Beverley Coleman as she believed that I was a suitable candidate for the position and encouraged me to apply.

"I am forever grateful for her recognition and for encouraging me to apply. I have a better quality of life and so do my children. Living close to where I work gives me more time at home with my family, or time to meet up with friends rather than commuting.

"I also think it is important to be involved and have valuable input to the redevelopment."

Gemma's role will be to help keep residents on the two estates fully informed about what's going on throughout the construction, tapping into her keen communication and interpersonal skills, and ability to empathise with residents.

Gemma adds: "I love the fact that every day is different, and I get to work with diverse groups of people within my own community, understanding their needs and performing dedicated tasks each day that will help them throughout the construction process and eventually moving into their new homes."

Gemma sees her role as key to helping the growth and success of her local community and would not hesitate to encourage other residents interested in taking part, to sign up.

She said: "Go for it and don't hold back. There are so many diverse opportunities and varied roles. I had never worked within construction or thought about doing so, but now that I have, I won't look back."

Declan Higgins, Partnerships Director at Higgins, said:

"In addition to the new homes and public realm, we will also continue to work closely with the local community through our community charters and social value commitments, which already includes working with Austin Road Sewing Club, who provide support for women in the local community."

Plans for the regeneration were approved by our Planning Committee in March. The redevelopment is expected to take seven to nine years and will be delivered in a phased manner to allow as many residents as possible to stay on site during construction.

Meet longstanding council tenant Sadiya Jama

Sadiya Jama has been a council tenant of Hayes Town estate for more than 12 years.



She was decanted from a one-bedroom home in Silverdale Road to a three-bedroom home in Austin Road which addressed overcrowding in her original home and helped facilitate the construction of the first phase of new homes.

Sadiya said: "Our quality of life has improved. Everyone now has their own room, the home is no longer

cramped and we are no longer fighting each other to use the toilet.

"We can enjoy the outside. The last place was very small and now the children have space to run around we are not on top of each other – there is plenty of room for everyone."

Speaking of her communication with the council's decant team, she added: "They are helpful, attentive and always listen to the resident's concerns. The process seems to be running smoothly and we are kept up to date with what is happening."

Sadiya will move into a new three-bedroom home on completion of the first phase. She says the regeneration will be a good thing for Hayes, tackling overcrowded conditions for some families and improving homes that were old and needed refurbishment.

"It is going to benefit all of the residents."

A CGI of the Hayes Town Centre Estate from Austin Road



If you're interested in learning more about employment or training opportunities as part of the Hayes regeneration scheme, email CSR@higginspartnerships.co.uk or visit hi-higgins.co.uk



Supporting businesses by putting our town centres on the map

Revitalising the borough's town centres is a key part of our Council Strategy. We find out how a series of colourful posters at South Ruislip bridge are marking the area's vibrant history to help increase footfall.

In May, a set of six retro-style posters highlighting the local history of South Ruislip were unveiled at South Ruislip railway bridge. 'South Ruislip Stories', a series of posters inspired by old London Underground and Metroland posters, features three colourful prints on each side of the bridge, which detail key landmarks of local history.

It is a permanent installation and can be found at South Ruislip bridge, near the Tube station.

On Wednesday 17 May, the Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana, was joined by Cllr Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services, former Leader of the Council Sir Ray Puddifoot MBE, local ward councillor Cllr Heena Makwana (pictured below), and others involved in the project,

to unveil a commemorative plaque outlining the work. The vibrant pieces of work are already turning heads and have been warmly received by residents after helping transform this stretch of busy road.

The South Ruislip Stories project was fully funded by contributions from developers towards improvements in the town centre and HS2 amenity funding, with the content of the six prints overseen by Sir Ray, in conjunction with South Ruislip ward councillors.

The project was created in partnership with Transport for London, which owns this section of the bridge. The council is hopeful that Network Rail, which owns the other section, will also join the project in the future and support more posters.



Did you know?

- Northolt became the busiest airport in Europe following World War Two until Heathrow was built in 1954.
- The first jet to fly from Northolt was the De Havilland Comet – the world's first passenger carrying jet aircraft that changed world travel forever.
- RAF Northolt played a very important role in the Battle of Britain (1940) with pilots from Britain, Poland, Canada and Czechoslovakia (now Czech Republic and Slovakia).
- South Ruislip became part of Metroland, which was the fastest growing area in the country between 1930 and 1939.
- South Ruislip station was originally called Northolt Junction – it was designed in 1948 but not completed until 1960.
- St Mary's South Ruislip was built in 1959 by Lawrence King in the 'festival style' with the help of Ove Arup, who worked on the Sydney Opera House.



Reshaping and revitalising Uxbridge town centre

We're developing a new masterplan to help revitalise Uxbridge High Street and the surrounding areas as well as creating new jobs, homes and investment.

In June, we appointed consultants, Allies and Morrison, to help us create the plan which will guide future development and identify the short, medium and long-term issues the area faces.

Working alongside Brunel University London, during the summer we carried out a series of focus groups and vox pops to gather suggestions for the future of the town centre.

During the autumn and winter, we'll be holding more engagement sessions. To find out more, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/uxbridge-masterplan.



Cllr Lavery said: "This brilliant series of posters really adds some much-needed vibrance to the walk under South Ruislip bridge and I'm sure will brighten the journeys of the countless commuters who walk past each day."

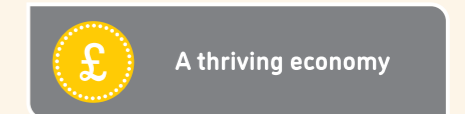
"I'd like to thank Sir Ray who was integral in bringing this project to fruition, as well as former ward councillor Allan Kauffman and current ward councillor Cllr Heena Makwana for their input."



Merchandise available

We've partnered with Designed by Good People to launch a 'print on demand' service which allows residents to buy posters, greetings cards, mugs and tote bags depicting the colourful artwork.

Find out more at www.redbubble.com/people/Hillingdon.

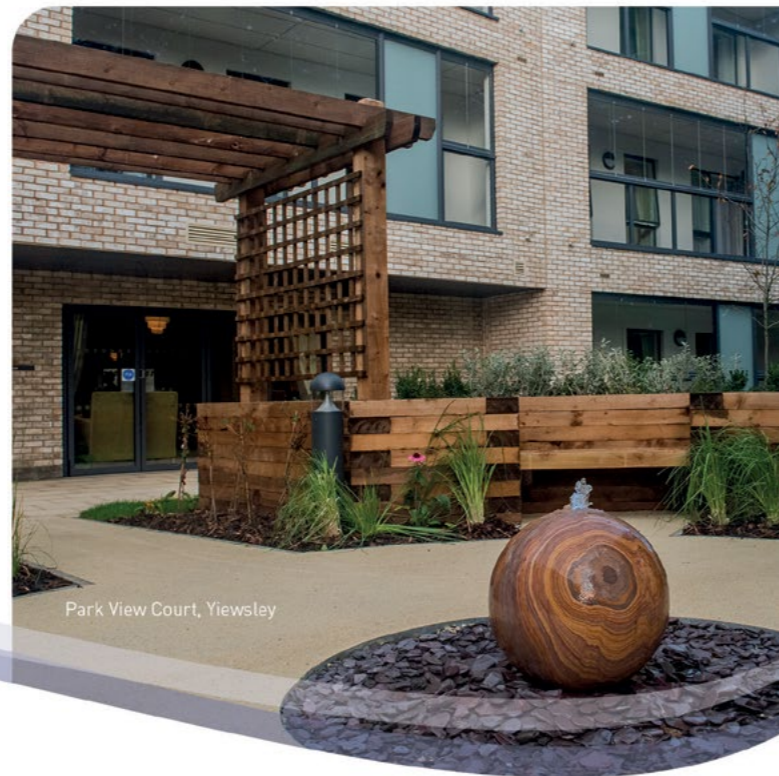


Homes with care on hand when you need it

Our extra care flats offer all the comfort and privacy of your own home, with the added security and peace of mind of professional care.

If you're a Hillingdon resident that wants to live independently but have care and support needs that need meeting, extra care housing could be for you.

To find out more and see a video tour of each scheme, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/extracarehousing.



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Could you be there for a child or young person in an emergency?

We're seeking compassionate individuals who are able to provide emergency short-term foster care to a child of any age or unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC). If you can offer a safe and nurturing environment, please get in touch with our dedicated fostering team today.

As the name suggests, emergency foster carers need to be available at very short notice, at unpredictable times of the day or night, to look after children of any age for up to seven days.

Due to the unpredictability of the role and the types of children and young people needing their care, emergency foster carers must be easily contactable around the clock and be just as comfortable looking after a baby as they are supporting a teenager.

Typically aged 12 years and above, UASCs may also arrive at very short notice but unlike other children they will be completely alone, without the protection of their birth parents or family. They are also likely to have very few or no personal belongings, speak little or no English and they won't be in education.

UASCs may have escaped from conflict or turmoil in their home country and will need to feel

loved and cared for in a safe and secure home environment.

Support available

Emergency foster carers receive a weekly allowance. This has recently been increased by 3.5 per cent and rates range from £377.24 to £447.74 per week, depending on the age of the child. In return for the unplanned nature of the role, carers also receive a generous weekly retainer when they do not have a child placed with them.

Additional funding is also provided to emergency foster carers to purchase clothing, small items of furniture or any other reasonable set up costs for the child.

Similar support is provided to households who look after asylum-seeking children or UASCs because of the special nature of the placements.

Our fostering team also provides practical and emotional



support, and all the necessary training, to both emergency foster carers and carers for UASCs.

Join a supportive network

If you're interested in providing emergency foster care or a safe haven to a lone asylum-seeking young person, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/fostering to register your interest. A member of our fostering team will get in touch within two days to provide more information.

Alternatively, you can meet the team and one of our foster carers at a drop-in event at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge High Street, on Tuesday 12 September, from 2pm to 3pm and 5pm to 6pm.

Find out about this and other fostering events both in person and online, at discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/fostering-events.

Fostering in action: Loving homes help to change lives

Diós Huynh

(pictured right) arrived in the UK aged 15 as a lone refugee escaping imprisonment by Vietnamese authorities.

Diós arrived at Heathrow Airport and was taken in by a Hillingdon Council foster carer.

He said: "At first I was really confused, it felt strange, and it was hard to trust anyone. But when I arrived the family introduced themselves and welcomed me. They gave me space to get comfortable but invited me to eat with them, and one of their children asked if I wanted to play FIFA, so we played. I was made part of the family."

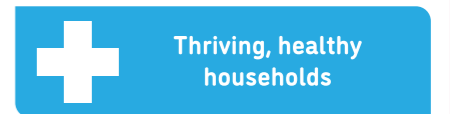
Diós spoke no English when he arrived, but quickly picked the



language up from his foster family, classes, and school friends. He shared that learning English opened the door to better accessing the help and support he needed.

Diós, now 21, talked about other refugee children, and the importance of his foster carers, he said: "These children are young, they are lost and need someone to guide and help them to start their future and develop their career. A foster carer needs to build relationships, you need to be able to get close, and sharing experiences is important too. My foster mum helped and supported me, I listen to her and have a special connection with her now."

Diós is working and studying hard, he hopes one day to realise his dream of becoming an accountant.





Get the skills you need to create the life you want

Our Learn Hillingdon adult education courses for 2023/24 are now live – find a course to help you prepare for work or get promoted, gain a qualification or learn new skills. Find out how we can help you start your self-development journey today.

With the new academic year just around the corner, our Learn Hillingdon adult education centres are now taking bookings for classes which start in September.

We offer hundreds of part-time day, evening and weekend courses for people aged over 19. Delivered at our centres, in the community and virtually, many of our courses are fully funded by the government. Speak to one of our advisors to find out more.

Highlights of this year's programme include courses to help you work and progress in the care sector, which cover areas such as social care, healthcare and mental health.

If you'd like to support children with their early development,

we offer courses to help you qualify as a teaching assistant, early years manager or special educational needs co-ordinator.

For those who'd prefer to work in an office environment, we offer courses in computing and cyber security.

And business owners can take their organisation to the next level with our digital marketing qualification, which covers the steps needed to develop a comprehensive digital strategy.

Alternatively, spark your creativity and master the art of floristry with our award-winning tutors who offer courses from introductory to advanced-level that will kick-start your career.

Cllr Susan O'Brien, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education,

said: "We're determined to ensure that residents of all ages have access to high-quality learning opportunities.

"Our flexible and varied programme ensures local people can fit in studying around other commitments such as work and raising a family.

"All of the courses have been designed to offer great value for money – so start your learning journey with us today!"

Meet Jahanzeb

Cab driver Jahanzeb Darwish, aged 37, from Hayes, is considering a career change. Keen to improve his digital skills, he enrolled on the Essential Digital Skills and Level 1 Cyber Security courses with Learn Hillingdon.



Jahanzeb said: "My computer courses here have had a big impact on my life. It made me confident in using technology and is now a way of life for me."

He added: "Whether you like it or not, the world is changing. We are living in the digital era, and it is essential to learn and improve your digital skills to use them in a safe manner. Do not hesitate to get on this course, it could also be an opportunity to change your career path."

To achieve his career goals, Jahanzeb is keen to progress to a Level 2 Cyber Security course and then look for a job in this sector.

Meet Rachael

Rachael Newnham, aged 39, from Uxbridge, had always been interested in pursuing a career in the care sector but had no idea how to get started. She started her Learn Hillingdon journey by signing up for the Understanding Working in the Health Sector course.



Rachael said: "I have a real joy in learning now, I know the career path I'm going to follow, and I've also started the Awareness of Dementia course. I'll continue with my learning next year and I'm feeling confident about going into work when my youngest starts school!"

She added: "I now have a CV with qualifications, and I have so much more understanding with my homework and tasks. Learning has made me such a better person and has given me direction in life."

With her new-found confidence, Rachael is feeling positive for the future and will keep pushing herself to succeed.



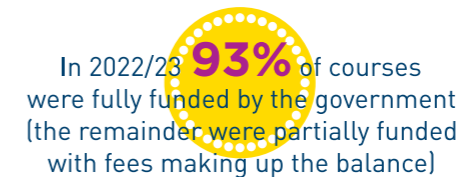
Courses for adults with additional needs

We also offer 68 courses for adults with learning difficulties and disabilities with experienced staff on hand to provide a nurturing and supportive environment.

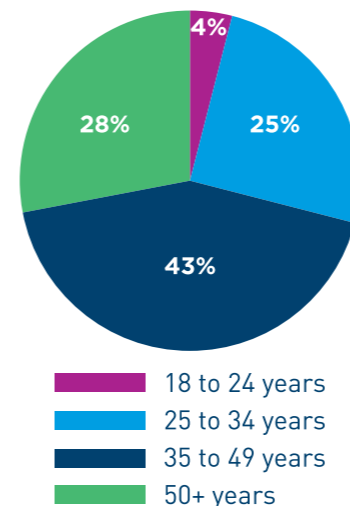
All courses are designed to help learners develop their English, maths and digital skills and examples include budgeting, shopping and preparing healthy meals.

For creative individuals, we also offer courses in arts and crafts, working with textiles, drama, music, and gardening skills. Find out more at www.hillingdon.gov.uk/aldd-courses.

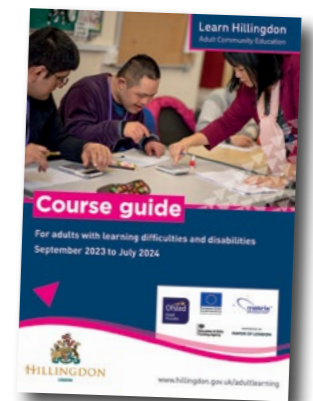
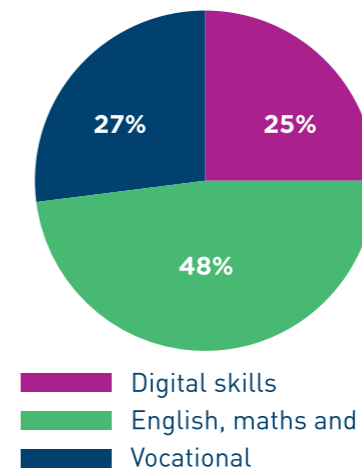
Learn Hillingdon in numbers



Enrolments by age range



Percentage of qualification enrolments that were English, maths and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), digital skills or vocational



For more information about the courses on offer and to enrol, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/adultlearning



Update from the Neighbourhoods Superintendent

I'm pleased to say that the investment in ensuring the strongest ever neighbourhood policing for London has begun with myself now becoming the dedicated Neighbourhoods Superintendent for Hillingdon. Previously, I also had responsibility for Ealing and Hounslow's neighbourhood policing.

I'm very much looking forward to working hard for the community together with our local authority partners to ensure that Hillingdon is as safe a place as possible to live, work, socialise and study in. This will be supported by the introduction of more police constables and police community support offers into ward-based policing, who will be supported by better training and equipment so they can serve communities to the highest standards.

Neighbourhood crime is often wrongly characterised as low-level anti-social behaviour and 'petty' volume crime. This viewpoint fails to understand the strong relationships between relatively minor offences and other more serious crime that it feeds. Drug gangs are funded and supported through shoplifting and acquisitive crime, while serious violence and sexual exploitation are

often linked to gangs who use these as methods of enforcement. It's for these reasons that we need to build on our current neighbourhood offering for Hillingdon.

Our refreshed approach to local policing will include a greater focus on the local issues that affect residents, including the protection of vulnerable people, the management of known offenders in the local area and an effective presence in known trouble hotspots. Whilst the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) will always take the lead in fighting crime, we can only deliver public safety through the co-operation of our partners and the consent of our local communities, and how we do this in a better and more collaborative way will be the cornerstone of my work in Hillingdon.

Dedicated LGBT+ Community Liaison Officer

In the last few months, the MPS has announced that it's restoring full-time LGBT+ community liaison officers (CLOs) for each police borough command unit. This means that Hillingdon will share with Ealing and Hounslow a dedicated officer who will focus on working with LGBT+

people and organisations across the three boroughs.

The move is part of Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley's commitment to rebuilding the trust of London's LGBT+ communities, following a series of investigatory failings by the MPS where the victims were from the LGBT+ community. CLOs are also part of the commitment to deliver the strongest ever neighbourhood policing for London, and a crucial part of the mission to deliver more trust, less crime and higher standards.

The MPS worked closely with community members and the LGBT+ Independent Advisory Group to create the roles, listening to feedback in conjunction with a review of the current model that showed the expectations and requirements of LGBT+ community liaison had changed. By introducing the dedicated full-time LGBT+ Community Liaison Officer, LGBT+ people will have a single point of contact in Hillingdon who will work to rebuild those bonds of trust, which we recognise have been damaged over recent years.

**Superintendent
Anthony Bennett**

Vaccinations – is your child up to date?

In the past few weeks there's been an increase in the number of measles cases locally. Measles spreads easily and can cause serious illnesses including pneumonia and meningitis.

The best way to help protect your child against severe illness from polio, flu, measles, mumps, rubella and other childhood

diseases is to get them up to date with their routine vaccinations.

In recent years, fewer children have been getting the vaccines they need to help prevent illness now and in the future.

The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine consistently has one of the lowest take-up rates of all childhood immunisations. Uptake in London consistently lags behind the national average, and no areas in London currently meet the 95 per cent uptake target for childhood immunisations, as recommended by the World Health Organisation.

As measles is currently circulating in Hillingdon, it's important to make sure your child is protected and up to date with their immunisations.

All vaccines are thoroughly tested to make sure they will not harm you or your child. Once a vaccine is being used

in the UK, it is then monitored for any rare side effects by the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency.

You can contact your GP surgery to check if your child is up to date with their vaccinations. You can also check their personal child health record (the 'Red Book').

A full list of all the vaccinations that children in the UK are entitled to and should have is available at www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations.



'A great honour and a privilege'

New Mayor Cllr Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana tells *Hillingdon People* of his pride at being elected to the role and his hopes for his year in office.

At our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 11 May, Cllr Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana was elected Mayor of Hillingdon.

Having only moved to the UK from Pakistan in 2003, Cllr Ahmad-Wallana is delighted to have the opportunity to give something back to the borough which he says "has given me so much."

He said: "Being elected Mayor makes me feel such pride, it's just amazing to be First Citizen. It's a great honour and privilege, I'm grateful to everyone for this opportunity."

"I moved to this country from Pakistan in 2003, was naturalised in the Civic Centre in 2009 and now I'm Mayor. That is a great example of equal opportunities and equality."

"We have a very diverse borough and I believe that is one of the great things about Hillingdon."

Cllr Ahmad-Wallana was first elected as a councillor in Yiewsley in 2014 and now represents the new Colham and Cowley ward following boundary changes.

He says being Deputy Mayor for the past year was the ideal apprenticeship for moving to 'the big chair.'

"It has given me great insight into the diverse communities in the borough, especially when deputising at events in former Mayor, Cllr Becky Hagggar's absence," he said.

Mayoress duties will be shared by Cllr Ahmad-Wallana's wife, Amtul Woud Wallana, and their daughter, Tooba Khulat Wallana. Cllr Colleen Sullivan was appointed as Deputy Mayor.

As for his approach to the role, Cllr Ahmad-Wallana says he will continue the tradition of putting residents first and doing his utmost to represent everyone who lives in Hillingdon.

He said: "Every mayor brings new things to the role, but the fundamental thing we all share is we want to represent the borough and the community as a whole in the best way."

"So, whatever I may achieve as mayor will be for local people. It's not about me, it's about the people of the borough."

"Politics is not a profession to me, it's a passion. I love helping the community and I believe we have a great community."

Cllr Ahmad-Wallana's chosen charities are the Halo Children's Foundation, which supports



youngsters dealing with bereavement, and the Al-Falah Institute, an educational and support centre for women, young children and refugees.

He said: "What Alia Jones, who set up Halo after the loss of her children's father, has done is amazing."

"The Al-Falah Institute is all about empowering women through education, serving the broader community by supporting refugees, providing food banks and teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)."

Cllr Ahmad-Wallana speaks three languages – English, Urdu and Punjabi, an ability he puts to professional use in his translation agency business.

In his spare time, he enjoys cooking as well as broadening his horizons through travel and a lifelong dedication to learning.

He said: "I love travelling, I travel to Pakistan to see my dad and siblings, and visit my mum's grave. I've been to Greece, Turkey, Saudi Arabia with the family."

"But reading and writing is my passion. I believe in progression through education."

If you'd like the Mayor to attend your activity, please email mayor@hillingdon.gov.uk. To find out more about the Mayor's Charity Appeal and to donate, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/mayorcharity



HILLINGDON WHAT'S ON?



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2023

Take a peek at some of Hillingdon's most iconic sites and buildings and the people who have lived, loved and worked in them.

Visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/heritage-open-days for details of more events.

MANOR FARM

DISCOVER MANOR FARM

Saturday 9 September, midday to 3pm

Join one of three walks: The Importance of the Buildings (midday); A Day in the Life of a Monk (1pm) and Tourism Comes to Ruislip (2pm).

Cost: Free, but booking is essential via archives@hillingdon.gov.uk or 01895 250702.

EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS

HERITAGE DAY AND CLASSIC CAR RALLY

Sunday 10 September, 11am to 4pm

Enjoy vintage vehicles, live music and sales of plants, crafts and books.

You can also follow the Tree Trail and the Wildlife Images Trail into Long Meadow a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.

Cost: Free, no need to book.

HAYES

CANAL WALK

Wednesday 13 September, 10am

Led by a guide from London Canal Museum, hike from Hayes to Hanwell Lock Flight – which is the biggest in London – and Three Bridges, the only place in the UK where a road, a canal and a railway cross at the same point.

Cost: Free, but booking is essential via archives@hillingdon.gov.uk or call 01895 250702.

CRANFORD PARK

OUT OF TIME – A PUZZLE MAZE

Saturday 16 September, 1pm to 5.30pm (last entry to the maze 4.30pm)

Something has gone wrong with the timeline! There's history in all the wrong places and it looks like things are only going to get worse. Are you smart enough to help fix the park before time, literally, runs out?

This walk challenges body and mind with puzzles, games, and mysteries to solve.

Cost: Free, but booking is essential via www.hillingdontheatres.uk or call 01895 250615.

BOTWELL GREEN LIBRARY

Factories, Bricks and Canal Boats – A Historic Guided Walk

Saturday 16 September, 2pm to 4pm

Join Ben from Botwell Green Library and Paul from the Museums and Archives Service on a two-hour tour of Botwell. From brickmaking to record manufacture, explore the area's historic factories and industrial sites.

To book, email archives@hillingdon.gov.uk or call 01895 250702.

UXBRIDGE HIGH STREET

POST MODERNISM UXBRIDGE WALK

Sunday 17 September, 11am

Stroll along Uxbridge High Street and discover hidden spaces and landmark structures, looking at the architectural qualities of post-modern buildings.

To book, email archives@hillingdon.gov.uk or call 01895 250702.

Find out about more events happening locally at discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/events.



CHILDREN

VARIOUS VENUES

HILLINGDON MUSIC SERVICE

Various days and times

Hillingdon Music Service provides music lessons for children and young people in schools for whole classes, small groups and individuals. They also support schools to deliver their own music activities and offer a range of bands and orchestras at their Saturday Music School.

Find out more and sign up at www.hillingdon.gov.uk/music.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN BUNKER AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

SUMMER FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Various days during the six-week holidays, 10am to 3.30pm

Arts and crafts activities suitable for all ages.

Cost: Included in admission fee to the bunker/visitor centre. Free for under-16s.

For more information, visit battleofbritainbunker.co.uk.

EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS

ANIMALS OF EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS

Tuesday 22 August, 10am to 11.30am

Join a storyteller for animal tales, following them on a wildlife trail and getting ready for the bunnies' party as you go.

Suitable for children aged three to nine.

Cost: Free, but booking is essential via archives@hillingdon.gov.uk or call 01895 250702.

BARRA HALL PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE

OLD MACDONALD AND THE THREE PIGS

Tuesday 22 August, 2.30pm

Outdoor show, for families with children aged four to eight.

The Three Little Pigs are fed up singing "Eee aye eee aye oh!" every day and want to leave the farm. Can the farmer, their animal friends and you help them build homes of their own? And will the Big Bad Wolf blow them all away?

Cost: Free, but booking is essential via www.hillingdontheatres.uk or call 01895 250615.

SPORT AND FITNESS

CAVENDISH PARK

BOWLS

Eastcote Bowling Club is a friendly, well-established lawn bowls club which welcomes new members.

Find out more at eastcotebowling.clubbuzz.co.uk or call John on 07720 467665.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL

AEROBICS CLASS

Every Wednesday, 6.30pm to 7.30pm

An aerobics routine and a muscle toning and strengthening workout, focusing on the whole body.

Cost: £8 or £25 for four classes.

To book, visit gymcatch.com/app/provider/5976/events or call 07788 427173.

HILLINGDON LIBRARIES

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Runs until Saturday 16 September

The theme of this year's Summer Reading Challenge for four to 11-year-olds is 'Ready, Set, Read!' and it's all about games and sports.

Children are tasked with visiting any of our libraries with the target of taking out at least four books overall. On each visit they can collect one of four gifts – while stocks last – including a sticker set and medal.



Cost: Free. Please note that membership is required, but joining is free and easy at any library.

Find out more at discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/summer-reading.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL

KETTLEBELL CLASS

Every Wednesday, 7.45pm to 8.30pm

Strengthen your muscles, and improve bone density and joint mobility through weight bearing exercises.

Cost: £8 or £25 for four classes.

To book, visit gymcatch.com/app/provider/5976/events.

DEANE PARK HALL

FITNESS PILATES

Tuesdays 5.30pm (online only); Thursdays 5.30pm (online and in person)

A low-impact class designed to improve mobility, flexibility, posture and balance plus improve/maintain overall strength.

Cost: First class free, then £8 a session/£27 monthly.

To book, email emma@emmafittness.com.

DEANE PARK HALL

MENOFIT FOR MENOPAUSAL WOMEN

Tuesdays 6.30pm (online only), Thursdays 6.30pm (online and in person)

Interval training and body conditioning sessions aimed at the peri/post or menopausal woman struggling with weight gain, low energy and feeling unfit.

Cost: First class free, then £8 a session/£27 monthly.

To book, email emma@emmafittness.com.



VENUES

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL
Long Lane, Hillingdon, UB10 9PE

BARRA HALL PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE
Freemans Lane, Hayes, UB3 2NH

BATTLE OF BRITAIN BUNKER AND EXHIBITION CENTRE
Wren Avenue, Uxbridge, UB10 0GG

BOTWELL GREEN LIBRARY
East Avenue, Hayes, UB3 2HW

THE PAVILIONS SHOPPING CENTRE

DAY OF THE OLDER PERSON

Tuesday 26 September, 10am to 4pm

Come and access a range of information and support from organisations, including Age UK, Alzheimer's Society, Carers Trust Hillingdon, RNIB, Hillingdon Libraries, Adult Social Care, My Health Hillingdon, H4ALL, Learn Hillingdon and many more.

The day will also include a range of fun taster activities, including walking football, a local heritage walk and song performances.

Find out more at discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/older-person-day.



VARIOUS VENUES

NEW: FALLS PREVENTION/STRENGTH AND BALANCE SESSIONS

Various dates and times

Worried about your balance or falling? The council now runs free falls prevention workshops and strength and balance classes across the borough.

To book, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/fall-prevention.

THEATRE

UXBRIDGE LIBRARY

OPEN MIC NIGHTS

Friday 8 September, 7pm to 9pm

Singers, poets, songwriters, spoken-word artists, comedians and actors – your five-minute performance segment awaits.

If you would like to take part, email libraryevents@hillingdon.gov.uk mentioning the date of the event and details of what you would like to perform.

Cost: Free, but booking is essential via libraryevents@hillingdon.gov.uk.

TALKS, TOURS AND EXHIBITIONS

BATTLE OF BRITAIN BUNKER

SECRETS UNCOVERED TOUR

Saturdays 26 August and 30 September, 10am

Explore hidden rooms, corridors and objects and find out more about the people who worked behind the scenes in the Battle of Britain.

Cost: £15

To book, email bunker@hillingdon.gov.uk or call 01895 238154.

EASTCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRE (OAK HALL)

EASTCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 9 September, 2.30pm to 4pm

A family event where you can see members' exhibits, including flowers, fruit and veg, floral art, baked goods, handicrafts and photography.

Visitors can also browse the plant stall and recharge with some tea with homemade cake.
Cost: Free, no need to book.

WINSTON CHURCHILL THEATRE AND HALL

AN ACTORS LIFE FOR ME

Wednesday 13 September, 2pm

Join Tyler Butterworth for this Arts Society Hillingdon lecture, as he reveals the pains and pleasures of a career in the theatre.

Cost: Free to society members, £7 on the door for non-members. No need to book.

UXBRIDGE LIBRARY

FLIGHT

Friday 15 September to Thursday 12 October, during library opening hours

An exhibition exploring aspects of the history of flight in the borough of Hillingdon, from Concorde to Fairey Aviation, and birds to butterflies.
Cost: Free, no need to book.

CAVENDISH PARK
Field End Road, HA4 9PG

CRANFORD PARK
The Parkway, Hounslow, TW5 9RZ

DEANE PARK HALL
Long Drive, South Ruislip, HA4 0HS

EASTCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRE (OAK HALL)
Southbourne Gardens, Eastcote, HA4 9SQ

EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS
High Road, Eastcote, HA5 2FE

MANOR FARM
Bury Street, Ruislip, HA4 7SU

UXBRIDGE LIBRARY
High Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1HD

THE PAVILIONS SHOPPING CENTRE
18 Chequers Square, Uxbridge, UB8 1LN

WINSTON CHURCHILL THEATRE AND HALL
Manor Farm Heritage Site, Pinn Way, Ruislip, HA4 7QL

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www.hillingdon.gov.uk/council

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Fraud Hotline
www.hillingdon.gov.uk/report-fraud
0800 389 8313

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www.hillingdon.gov.uk/health

Housing Services
www.hillingdon.gov.uk/housing
01895 556666

Hillingdon Social Care Direct (adults) (including TeleCareLine and Meals Service)
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01895 556633

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