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FROM THE LEADER



I know these are tough times with people continuing to struggle with the cost of living crisis and finding it hard to make ends meet.

These are also some of most challenging circumstances I can remember for local authorities, with nearly one in five saying they are likely to declare bankruptcy next year due to underfunding. Thankfully, Haringey is not one of these and we have managed to set a balanced budget for 2024/25.

After 14 years of austerity, every round of funding cuts makes each budget setting more demanding than the last.

Our core government funding is an estimated £143m less in real terms than it was in 2010/11. Haringey is among the boroughs with the highest levels of deprivation in London, bringing greater need for social care and other services. These pressures, along with persistent high inflation, are driving up what we spend on our core services and putting significant strain on council finances.

If the government is unwilling to properly fund local services, then we will step up for the people of Haringey. We have had to make a number of tough decisions to help balance the budget, but despite all the challenges we will proudly continue to resource our fantastic libraries, children's centres, parks, leisure facilities, affordable house building programme, and youth services.

There has been a lot of discussion around our libraries, but I want to stress that we have no plans to close any of them. We value libraries just as much as our residents do, which is why we have invested over £4.9m over the last four years into them so they can thrive and are safeguarded for future generations. We will continue to work with our residents, library staff and Friends groups to ensure we have high quality, successful libraries here in Haringey.

We are ambitious for our borough's future. Our council house building programme remains on track to deliver our key commitment of 3000 new

council homes by 2031. This investment will make a real difference to local people with affordable, high-quality, modern, eco-friendly homes supporting families out of temporary accommodation and homelessness.

Our leisure centres provide vital access to fitness and wellbeing facilities for residents across the borough. We will be bringing the provision of facilities at Tottenham Green, Broadwater Farm and Park Road in-house from early October onwards and working closely with the community to explore ways we can improve the services provided in the future.

We will continue to pursue our climate and air quality goals by creating more school streets and increasing tree planting as well as making our council homes energy efficient and cheaper to run through a pioneering retrofit programme and smart design. We will continue to encourage active travel by installing more cycle lanes and bike hangars.

Local authorities across the political spectrum have campaigned for government to provide fairer funding, in response the government has called on councils with budget shortfalls to use their reserves to fill the gap. Reserves can only be spent once, so as a responsible local authority we have sought to minimise their use as much as possible. We have done this through a focused drive on efficiency and delivering maximum value for money.

I would like to thank all the residents who participated in the budget consultation, whose feedback shaped our thinking and approach. Our budget invests in the local services that our communities value and invests in Haringey's future as a fairer, greener borough.

Peray Ahmet

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NEWS

KEEPING OUR LIBRARIES OPEN

We have made it a priority to ensure that all of our libraries will remain open despite the financial challenges that are affecting every council across the country.

We have invested over £4.9m over the last four years to improve libraries and ensure they are fully accessible and fit for the future.

As part of this investment, residents will benefit from improved and more accessible library facilities in the west of the borough after Highgate Library re-opened in January.

Following a major refurbishment, the on-site improvements library users will undoubtedly notice as they take in this newly-refurbished and renovated community asset and hub include a new lift and accessible



toilet, bespoke lighting and new furniture, interior redecoration and a reconfigured floorplan.

Highgate Library's re-opening follows similar recent projects at Alexandra Park Library, Coombes Croft Library, Hornsey Library and Stroud Green & Harringay Library.

Muswell Hill Library remains closed while refurbishments take place there and is scheduled to reopen later in the year.

We will continue to collaborate with residents, library staff and Friends groups to ensure we have high quality, successful libraries.

TRANSFORMATION PLANS FOR DOWN LANE PARK APPROVED

Community-led plans for the wide-scale transformation of Down Lane Park for the benefit of the Tottenham Hale community have taken a huge step forward.

Haringey Council's Planning Sub-Committee gave approval for the scheme following 19 months of collaboration between the Down Lane Park Community Design Group and Haringey Council.

The £9m plus project will see the park revamped with a new energy efficient community hub, café and community garden alongside improved children's play spaces, new basketball and netball courts and extensive landscaping features.

Accessibility will be improved with new entrances and wider, more inclusive footpaths and biodiversity boosted with meadow planting and fruit trees.

Down Lane Park will see up to £9.1million invested with funding from a combination of s106, land receipts from the Strategic Development Partnership and funding from the Mayor of London.

For more information on the improvements at the park, visit <https://downlaneparkimprovement.commonplace.is>

HARINGEY REMEMBERS FORMER MAYOR



We paid a fond farewell to our former Mayor Stephen Mann as his family, friends and former colleagues gathered in their numbers at an emotional and poignant funeral service.

Very popular and well regarded within our community, avid Arsenal fan Stephen was elected to serve as a ward councillor for Noel Park on 17 September 2015.

He also served as Mayor between May 2017 and May 2018.

As a mark of respect to Stephen, the flag was lowered at George Meehan House in Wood Green in acknowledgement of his contribution to Haringey and community life here.

The thoughts of everyone here at Haringey Council are with Stephen's family and friends at this sad and difficult time.

SHAPING WOOD CLEAN

Together with Veolia, we are leading the way to keep the streets of Wood Green clean and green with three new electric sweeper barrows as well as an electric caged tipper.

Following resident engagement, which highlighted the importance of cleaner streets, this new street cleansing equipment will play a vital role in delivering a cleaner borough for the local community as part of a vision for the future called 'Shaping Wood Green'.

The electric barrows will support staff by helping them to move around our streets and carry waste



more efficiently. The built-in cold pressure washers will help remove any dirt or spillages on pavements.

Whilst the tipper's primary use will be to collect sweeper bags, remove any dumped items, and support the team in emptying the new dual litter and recycling bins, the new vehicle will also clean litter bins, wash down sections of pavement and provide a rapid response to clear any larger spillages that occur.

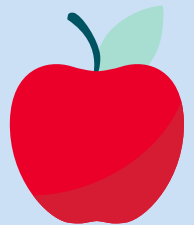
MARKING LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH

Many activities and events took place throughout February after our community joined together at George Meehan House in Wood Green to officially launch LGBT+ History Month and raise the Progress Pride flag at the N22 landmark.

The theme this year was *medicine*, with residents and others invited to consider the progress made in LGBTQ+ diversity across healthcare, medicine and science.

Taking place each February LGBT+ History Month provides an opportunity to celebrate and learn about the heritage of our LGBTQ+ communities.

HELP SHAPE LEISURE CENTRE PROVISION IN HARINGEY



We are urging our residents to help shape future provision at our leisure centres after we announced that we will be taking back control of these facilities.

In February we launched an engagement exercise giving residents the opportunity to feedback about facilities, gyms and pools at Broadwater Farm Community Centre, Park Road Pools & Fitness and Tottenham Green Pools & Fitness ahead of the end of Fusion Lifestyle's contract, expected by the beginning of October 2024.

As part of the Haringey Deal and our commitment to working with residents to co-design and co-produce projects and outcomes that benefit everybody and help build a fairer, greener borough, it is fundamentally important residents have their say on services intended for their physical benefit and mental wellbeing.

The engagement survey will close on 20 March 2024. To have your say visit

<https://haringeyleisurecentres.commonplace.is>



CELEBRATING HARINGEY'S INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN

An exciting programme of activities and events is underway as Haringey celebrates Women's History Month.

Taking place each year throughout March, Women's History Month is an opportunity to focus on and learn about the fascinating stories of women past and present, as well as shine a light on the important issues facing women today

and the ongoing struggle for gender equality.

Highlights of this year's programme include:

- An afternoon of feminist craft, storytelling and Afro-Latin music by renowned group Las Witchas! at Bruce Castle Museum.
- A walking tour of Muswell Hill, taking in the hidden history of the area, from suffragettes to the feminist punk band The Slits.
- A day-long event to promote women's health, with workshops, talks and stalls at Tottenham Town Hall.
- A seed festival at Wolves Lane, celebrating women's historic role as the protector of seeds and agricultural heritage.
- The opening of the new "Land of Laundries" exhibition at Bruce Castle Museum, in which sculptor Al Johnson explores the symbolism of laundry and the often overlooked stories and voices of women and their work.

Find the full list of events and explore a wide range of women's history resources on our website at www.haringey.gov.uk/whm



RESIDENTS SET TO BENEFIT FROM OUR ACQUISITION OF UP TO 154 COUNCIL HOMES

We have announced plans to purchase up to 154 genuinely affordable homes as part of our delivery of a new generation of 3,000 high-quality council homes by 2031.

We gave the green light to acquire an initial 38 homes at the St Ann's Hospital site in Tottenham following a cabinet meeting that took place at the start of February.

Councillors also agreed the option to buy 116 additional properties, ranging from 1-bed flats to 4-bed houses, in future phases of the development, subject to further Cabinet approval.

The St Ann's Hospital site will be a highly sustainable and low carbon neighbourhood. Tenants will benefit from a raft of energy efficiency measures in their new homes, extensive urban greening, solar panels and communal air source heat pumps and almost 2000 cycle spaces and safe pedestrian and cycle routes.

The acquisition forms part of our ambitious programme to deliver 3,000 council rent homes by 2031, with almost 200 already completed and 2,000 in progress.

The new homes are part of a Peabody Group scheme of 995 properties, 60 per cent of which will be affordable.



MAJOR INVESTMENT TO TACKLE STREET HOMELESSNESS

We're investing more than £3million to tackle street homelessness.

People sleeping rough in Haringey will be offered new supported accommodation, fostering an environment to rebuild their lives.

This impressive economic injection is funded by the Mayor's Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (SHAP) and will go towards acquiring additional homes as well as revenue funding which will be used to provide wraparound intensive care and to promote health, employment and wellbeing activities.

The funding will be used to purchase an additional 10 homes across the borough and will provide support to 20 people in total.

Following on from our commitment to end street homelessness in Haringey, the people allocated the new homes will be offered secure tenancies, allowing them the stability and permanency needed to recover from street homelessness and rebuild their lives.

The Mayor's Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (SHAP) is a joint programme by the GLA and Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

HARINGEY SUPPORTS IDRIS ELBA'S 'DON'T STOP YOUR FUTURE' CAMPAIGN

Actor Idris Elba launched a new campaign "Don't Stop Your Future", calling for government action to combat knife crime affecting communities across the UK.

We acted quickly to support the initiative and know the importance of raising awareness of knife crime and the devastating impact it can have on families.

To watch the video scan the QR code or go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUSFgjhlIGU



CELEBRATING THE NEW WOOD GREEN POST OFFICE



Residents in Haringey were thrilled to see the official re-opening of the Post Office in Wood Green.

Council Leader Peray Ahmet, Cllr Ruth Gordon, Catherine West MP and representatives of the local business community joined the new postmaster Rizwan Salahuddin, to mark the official opening in February.

The council and community campaigned to make sure that this vital service returned to the town centre after the former branch closed in 2023. By working in partnership, we now have a new, accessible Post Office at the heart of Wood Green.

Located in the Mall, 'Sea Stationers' is open seven days a week and offers a full range of services including three Post Office counters.

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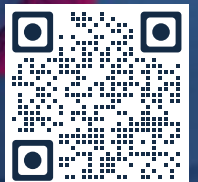
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COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT IN HARINGEY

FIRST WEEK OF ACTION OF 2024 IN HERMITAGE AND GARDENS

Our first Week of Action of 2024 took place in January in Hermitage and Gardens ward, where crime and antisocial behaviour were among the key issues that we addressed.

Activities included joint patrols by the police and our antisocial behaviour and waste enforcement teams.

There were youth engagement sessions from Haringey Community Gold, community engagement work from our hate crime prevention team and inspections by our Parking Enforcement, Planning Enforcement, Trading

Standards, Environmental Health and Private Sector Housing teams too.

A Week of Action takes place on a bi-monthly basis, each one targeting a different area.

FRAUDSTER CONVICTED IN COURT FOR STOLEN BLUE BADGE

A Haringey resident has been convicted of fraud after displaying a Blue Badge that she was not entitled to use in a bid to avoid parking fees.

Having pleaded guilty, the resident was ordered to pay a total of £2,104 and sentenced to 12 months community order, 15 days community activity as well as adhering to a tag

which limits them to a curfew for two months.

Using our award-winning technology to check if a Blue Badge has been stolen, a council officer witnessed a Blue Badge being used multiple times.

In 2023 we seized total of 244 Blue Badges due to fraudulent use.

If you know of anyone misusing a Blue Badge or have been offered one for sale or rent, then you can contact the council anonymously on: 020 8489 2102 or visit our website.



SEE IT. REPORT IT. STOP IT.

We are committed to making Haringey safer for everyone and are working closely with the police to tackle robbery and violence.

Our new robbery signs have started to go up across Haringey to support victims of robbery and discourage criminals.

See it. Report it. Stop it.

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311 FPNs

issued for waste related offences between October and December 2023

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issued for waste and environmental crime offences

The team have worked over

3,500 HOURS

in the last three months



RAISING THE BAR

A young Haringey-based barrister hopes to encourage and inspire others to follow her into the legal profession after a snapshot of her career journey and life story so far went viral on social media.

Daniella Adeluwoye recently reflected on X (formerly known as Twitter) that she'd been Called to the Bar of England and Wales having grown up on Free School Meals in Wood Green, adding: "I'm so excited to share that...I'm a Pupil Barrister!!"

Her post was viewed more than half a million times (585k), received 14,000 'Likes' as well as 200 comments and was retweeted 1,200 times.

"I was utterly astonished at my tweet's positive reception – the Twitter app kept crashing on my phone because of the flurry of notifications," says Daniella, who still lives in Wood Green.

"Reading all the kind messages of congratulations was incredibly heartening."

Daniella has many fond and happy memories of growing up in Haringey, where her father would take her to Wood Green Library – her 'second home' as an avid bookworm – on Saturdays and sunnier summer Sundays would invariably be spent picnicking at Alexandra Palace.

Unfortunately in her late teens, Daniella's dad was involved in a car accident that resulted in the death of the other driver. That challenging and emotional time understandably had a profound and lasting effect on Daniella.

"From then on, my life became enmeshed with the legal system, culminating in the proceedings reaching the Court of Appeal," Daniella recounts.

"It was a difficult experience to endure, but I had a better understanding of how distressed and hopeless clients and their families may feel when navigating legal procedures.

"I wanted to return to the other side of the courtroom and allow my lived experience to inform my approach to client care and representation."

That's not the only thing Daniella wants to see improve in the future either.

"While the profession has made leaps and bounds to become more accessible in recent years, there is still some way to go. My socio-economic background is the antithesis of what one would traditionally associate with a barrister, which is likely why my tweet received the reception it did.

"I don't think I will be a 'pioneering trailblazer' because – while I'm very flattered – I believe I got to where I am today through the kindness of others holding my hand and leaving the ladder down, so I intend to do the same for future

generations. I am only a message away on LinkedIn or Twitter, so don't be afraid to ask for help and guidance!"

Upon completion of her 'pupillage' (a 12-month training period) at a mixed-common law chambers in the capital, Daniella hopes to build a practice in crime, immigration and public law.



Having witnessed many injustices in my local community, I want to help change our society to become more just and fairer.



OPENING DOORS

The Mayor of Haringey, Councillor Lester Buxton, writes about his chosen charity, Open Door, which treats young people from ages 12 to 24 living with mental health issues.

Mental health has quite rightly jumped to the forefront of people's minds in recent years, but it is not a new issue. People have been suffering from depression, anxiety and other afflictions for millennia. Local groups have long been working to help people improve their mental health. Open Door opened in Crouch End almost 50 years ago and in the Trampery on Tottenham High Road a decade ago.

Open Door offers talking therapies to young people between 12-24, an age group which has been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, the cost-of-living crisis and the climate crisis. Evidence shows that if we can address a person's mental health problems earlier, then they can go on to lead a healthier and more fulfilling life.

Open Door's work over the past 50 years has changed the lives of young people and their families for the better. However, due to increasing demand and inflating costs they have had to make some tough decisions. This is why I've chosen Open Door as my Mayoral charity this year.

Throughout the pandemic we saw support within our communities skyrocket. Neighbours reached out to each other and strangers supported each other through a difficult time. That spirit is still strong in Haringey and if you are looking to support a cause to improve the lives of our young people, please consider donating via the link below. Just a few pounds can help change a young person's life.



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TALKING TOTTENHAM

Tottenham Voices is shaping Tottenham's future through conversations with young people and the community.

More than 750 residents, including young people, businesses, creators, council partners and local heroes have been involved in Tottenham Voices, a six-week in-depth participation programme that brought people from across Tottenham together to help shape its future.

Reflecting on his involvement in Tottenham Voices, Shocka, an author, speaker, mental health advocate and rapper who grew up on Broadwater Farm, said, "Tottenham is a place with so much history, and now I'm on the verge of making history myself. It's all because of the experiences I have gained from living in Tottenham. Many inspirational people have come from here, and I know Tottenham will produce many more."



Rise Projects @rise.projects on Instagram

"Tottenham Voices has been an important programme to be involved in, and we need to do more. I want Tottenham to be safer and cleaner, and for younger people to have easier access to opportunities. I also want Tottenham Carnival to come back! I hope that Haringey Council and partners can get it right and make change happen."



Shocka @shocka_artist on Instagram



The catering students at Haringey Sixth Form College

Tottenham Voices is an innovative way for the council to connect with the community. Alongside drop-ins and pop-ups, Tottenham Voices mixed it up with the schools' workshops, where over 190 young people told us what they would do if they were mayor for a day, conversations around how Tottenham can become 'Destination Tottenham' for Euro 2028, DJ sessions, and even a football tournament.

RISE Projects, a Somali-based community organisation empowering young people, took part in the football tournament at the Tottenham Community Sports Centre. "We fielded two teams and got to the final! Unfortunately, we lost to the better team, but one of our players won the tournament. We want to win next year!"

We will use the community's feedback to create priorities and actions for Tottenham, which we will share in the summer. This is a continuing conversation.

To find out more about the programme and how you can get involved, visit www.haringey.gov.uk/tottenhamvoices.



Destination workshop

WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT PARENTS AND CARERS IN HARINGEY



The ABC Parents is a collective of local parents and carers who are working hard with the council and partners to ensure that parents are empowered when it comes to knowledge about the health of their little ones.

Having a baby is a wonderful gift, however for many parents, it is incredibly challenging, lonely and can be a very anxious time. Social or financial circumstances and a lack of support can make being a new parent even harder. That's where ABC Parents come in – they share resources, practical knowledge, and learning to keep children healthy and safe. They do this by providing courses for parents to learn about child health and lifesaving skills.

The learning sessions that the ABC Parents run are free, babies and children are welcome, and they provide a certificate at the end.

In January 2024, the group of local heroes helped support our Great Mental Health Day by delivering a Parents Wellness Expo at Tottenham Sports Centre. It was an amazing day filled with fun, laughter,

and support. Great Mental Health Day is all about supporting one another, building connections, and learning more about community support. Over 60 parents came together to learn about what support is available to them in the borough.

Brenda, one of the ABC Parent champion networks told us "It takes a village to raise a child. Let's support and empower one another to live happier and healthier lives."

As a council, here at Haringey we want to support our amazing parents and carers, ensuring that they have all tools at their disposal that they need.

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YOUTH LEADING THE WAY: TAKEOVER DAY AT HARINGEY COUNCIL

We recently celebrated a significant milestone with our first-ever Youth Takeover Day. Young people from Elevated Youth Haringey (with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)) and Rising Green Youth Hub came into our offices for the day and assumed leadership roles including Leader of the Council, Chief Executive, Mayor, Director of Children’s Services and Head of SEND.

They also collaborated in producing and designing this very article!

Sofia and Macy spent the day with the Communications team, gaining insights into various roles and shaping the design and format of this article.

“
My favourite part of the day was meeting the councillors and senior staff members. I was able to gain insight into how they work, the difficulties, and the achievements.
”
Danielle

MY ROLE AS LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Danielle assumed the role of the Leader of Haringey Council, Cllr Peray Ahmet, while Andrew took on the responsibilities of Chief Executive Andy Donald. Their day kicked off with a

leadership meeting alongside heads of service and directors. They also met with Cllr Zena Brabazon, our Cabinet Member for Children, Schools, and Families. This firsthand experience allowed them to gain valuable insights into the workings of the council and interact with key figures.

“I had a fantastic day! Everyone was so kind to me, and I was supported very well. I would love to do it again,” said Andrew.

Cllr Peray Ahmet said: “It was an absolute pleasure to meet Andrew and Danielle. This Takeover Day concept is definitely something we’d like to do again next year – and build upon in the future – as we continue to put children and young people at the heart of this administration.”





MY ROLE AS HEAD OF SEND

Lois joined forces with Mary Jarrett, Head of Integrated SEND, to visit the Rising Green Youth Hub. They engaged with interns in the Supported Internship Programme, with Lois conducting interviews and posing questions.

In her 'content designer' role, Lois took a close look at the Local Offer, the SEND Service's website providing information and resources for children, young people with SEND, and their parents/carers. Lois offered valuable feedback, insights, and advice during the review.

MY ROLE AS MAYOR FOR A DAY

Zakariya, the youngest member of Elevated Youth Haringey at 11, took on the role of Mayor of Haringey from Cllr Lester Buxton.

He spent the day visiting special schools and attended a citizenship ceremony at George Meehan House in Wood Green, delivering a speech to new UK citizens.

"One of my favourite activities as Mayor was going to the different schools and seeing the special education that Haringey provides. I also enjoyed the amazing hospitality of the Mayor and his chauffeur, André.

Being the Mayor was a unique, wonderful opportunity, and I was lucky to have experienced it.

I really enjoyed taking part in the citizenship ceremonies and welcoming new people into the borough," said Zak.

Cllr Lester Buxton, Mayor of Haringey, expressed his enjoyment, stating: "I greatly enjoyed participating in Youth Takeover Day, handing my chains over to Zakariya as 'Mayor of the Day'. He performed exceptionally, giving speeches at citizenship services and meeting and greeting at the schools we visited.

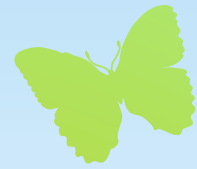
Takeover Day is incredibly important, allowing our young people to see what goes on in the council and within the offices at our schools. Everyone who we met was outstanding in their roles."

Launched in 2007 by the Office of the Children's Commissioner, Youth Takeover Day has engaged over 40,000 children and young people. It celebrates young voices, champions their perspectives, and fosters learning opportunities and networking.

The day provides valuable experiences for young people while offering important insights and feedback to Cabinet Members and senior council staff, building a connection with the next generation of residents.



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TECHNOLOGY AT THEIR FINGERTIPS

Residents have seen their lives transformed after we won funding for a pioneering project that sees technology help them to live independently in their own homes.

We successfully bid for £75,000 as part of the TAPPI project (Technology for our Ageing Population: Panel for Innovation) which aims to improve the way technology is used in housing and care. TAPPI aims to help people live better and more independent lives by doing things that were previously impossible, such as turning on a light or having a voice to express themselves.

Two residents share their experiences:

Henry is a 38 year old sheltered housing resident. He is wheelchair bound, suffers from seizures and is supported by a 24-hour live-in carer. Henry is non-verbal and has limited use of his hands.



He wanted to have a system in place that would enable text to speech communication with friends and family. Henry was provided with internet access, an Alexa device, a Samsung tablet with text-to-speech installed so he can play games, listen to music, and communicate with friends and family on WhatsApp, along with compatible Bluetooth lightbulbs so he can control his lights from his tablet. TAPPI provided all of these things in close collaboration with Henry, his carer and his family. Kate, Henry's carer is amazed by the new world he's been exposed to. "He always has his tablet with him and really loves it," she says. He even video calls his family and sends emails these days." Henry's friend and neighbour Debra, who has seen first-hand the positive effects on Henry's life, said, "I can't believe the transformation in Henry. He now belongs to a WhatsApp Art Group and is more involved in community activities. It's great to see."

For further details on support to live independently, visit



www.haringey.gov.uk/living-independently



Connor, an 18-year-old student, lives with his parents and has Down Syndrome and kidney failure. Connor needs daily reminders to take his medication, drink water and other tasks. However he leads a busy social life and attends college five days a week with a travel buddy. "We were really excited to be involved when we heard about the TAPPI project as we wanted to support Connor's independence and interests," his mother Julie explains. In addition to a hydration cup that shows how much water he has consumed, Connor also received a GPS tracker (which his mother monitors), an Alexa Show to watch his favourite shows, and a HandiCalendar app to remind him to take his medication. Thanks to the tracker, he can now travel more independently and follow his passion for singing and dancing by using Alexa to access his preferred music and videos online. Connor cannot believe how much technology has transformed his life: "I feel much safer now," he says. "I intend to move out one day and feel much more confident about it."

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SAFEGUARDING OUR ANCIENT WOODLANDS

Our ancient woodlands are irreplaceable and precious places. It's vital that we manage them to ensure they can continue to be enjoyed by future generations. John Dorken, Chair of the Friends of Queen's Wood, tells us about the work of the group and the practical action being taken to ensure the unique ecology of the wood is safeguarded.

Ancient woodland is defined as woodland that has existed continuously since 1600 or before. In most ancient woodland the trees and shrubs have been cut down periodically as part of a management cycle. Since a wood may have been cut many times in the past it does not mean that it contains many old trees. However, its ecology is rich; in particular it can be home to many rare or threatened species. The health benefits of time spent in ancient woodland are also well known.

Haringey Council is responsible for three ancient woodlands. Of these, Queen's Wood is the largest and probably the most frequented. It is a designated nature reserve but also serves as a place for enjoyment, rest and recreation. Striking the right balance between people's freedom to walk where they wish, and the preservation of frail woodland is not always easy.

Friends of Queen's Wood was set up over thirty years ago to help preserve this precious space by taking over some of the basic functions previously carried out by designated wood keepers. Amongst many other activities it has helped manage the wood ever since, mainly through its monthly working party sessions, more recently involving The Conservation Volunteers

(TCV), who contribute not only more hands to the job but skills and expertise in more challenging tasks.

Over time it has become increasingly apparent that managing the Wood is not just about keeping it spic and span. The soil erosion caused by the large increase in footfall during the COVID-19 pandemic and a severe flooding event in 2021 have shown that it needs much more of a helping hand. On top there is the looming spectre of climate change, which will undoubtedly affect the nature of the wood. We cannot predict in what way, but we must do everything possible to help it adapt.

Some practical action to this end has already been taken. TCV have fenced off three areas of the wood, with more to follow, to help restore soil and habitats for wildlife. Reduced trampling will allow plants and young trees to grow back, providing habitat and food for birds, invertebrates and small mammals. Over time further action is needed, including improvements to the paths to reduce trampling, as well as coppicing and canopy thinning to encourage the growth of vegetation on the woodland floor.

This work is part of the council's Ancient Woodland Project, which is also helping to preserve and restore Bluebell Wood and Coldfall Wood. This programme won one of the top honours at the London Tree and Woodland Awards in November 2023. The awards celebrate the work of individuals, communities and professionals to protect, improve and expand the capital's tree and woodland cover.

It is important recognition of the work being done to help ensure that future generations have these precious assets in their midst which they can enjoy and appreciate as much as ours can today.



CELEBRATING HARINGEY IN BLOOM

Haringey In Bloom is our annual gardening competition that celebrates how residents have brightened up their gardens and green spaces.

The competition is open to anyone, from beginners to experienced gardeners. All that matters is a passion for gardening. As well as being good for the environment, you can also benefit your own wellbeing by connecting with nature and with other people through gardening, as entrants from last year told us.

"The garden gives us inspiration and lifts our spirits. Many of us felt low during lockdown. I looked out the window and I said, I've got to do something with my garden. I bought some plants and started planting different flowers. And then also, my mum died, so I did the garden in memory of her, because she loved flowers and gardening," Pauleen Lijertwood said.

"I think it's fascinating just planting something out there and watching it flourish. I just love seeing things grow and I love colour. It's so welcoming, especially when you come into your home and your front garden is looking beautiful," said Cristina Esther Roe.

We received a record-breaking number of entries for last year's competition - over 90. The awards ceremony was held last October with Mayor Cllr Buxton and Cllr



Pauleen's garden



Cristina's garden



Jean's garden

Peacock, ward member for South Tottenham, announcing the winners.

"We really love the Haringey in Bloom competition and awards ceremony. We think it's an opportunity to celebrate the community and everyone's hard

work in different areas," said Jean and Dawn Malcolm.

"We would encourage others to take part, especially older residents or some that have anxiety or stress. It's good to see everyone coming together as a community," said Lina Joao and Riquita Hanson.

Haringey in Bloom was sponsored by the Sunshine Garden Centre. Our thanks to them for their continued support.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF HARINGEY IN BLOOM 2024?

Are you inspired to take part and make Haringey in Bloom 2024 even bigger? Keep an eye out for more information on our website and social media this spring. In the meantime, have a look at last year's competition



www.haringey.gov.uk/haringeybloom

FROM FLAGS TO FASHION: CAMPBELL COURT 'MAKE AND CREATE' CLUB

It's never too late to enjoy art and creativity, as members of the 'make and create club' at Campbell Court – a block of supported housing flats in Tottenham - prove.

Eva Freeman and Jenny Pengilly from art collective El Warcha have been running the club for just over two years, enabling them to build a strong relationship with Campbell Court residents. "It's a real privilege," says Eva.

"El Warcha' is Arabic for 'workshop'," Eva continues. "We are all about making things and shared spaces – we show people they have skills and value and it helps their confidence grow."

"We use creativity as a tool to bring people together – encouraging them to explore different materials and to apply their different skills and abilities in a collaborative way," says Jenny.

Members of the group have turned their hands to a variety of things. Last year they focused on textiles and put on a fashion show where they modelled the clothes they had designed! They also put on a pizza party for other residents in the block, and decorated the shared garden with flags and posters they had created.

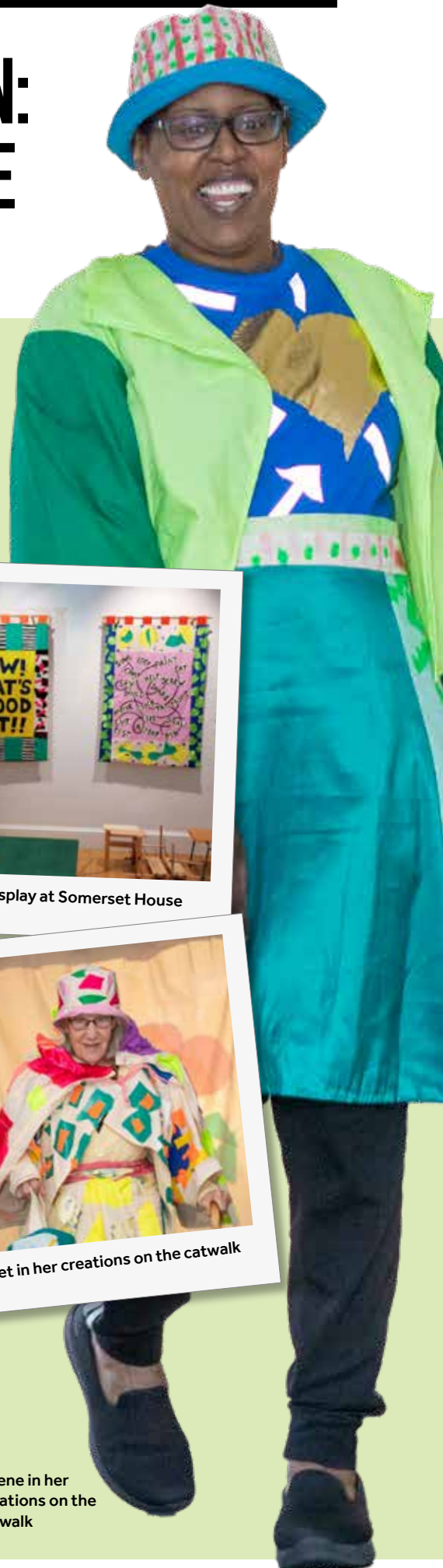
They also inspired and helped to design some brightly coloured banners currently on display as part of the 'Makerversity' show at Somerset House.

That's quite an achievement for the group, many of whom have discovered art later in life. As regular Arlene Lewis describes, "I enjoy creating. I've done and learnt so much more than I ever did at school! It's bizarre ... Maybe it's because I'm a bit older? I've grown."

Margaret Bedford agrees, "I enjoy being creative ... I'm doing things I've never done before. When I was school I did spelling and arithmetic ... I can't remember doing art!"

For more information

If you are over 50 and would like to book to come along, email shactivities@haringey.gov.uk or call/text Jessica: **07815 653 631**.



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Margaret in her creations on the catwalk

Arlene in her creations on the catwalk



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AL JOHNSON'S 'LAND OF LAUNDRIES' EXHIBITION

Haringey artist Al Johnson's 'Land of Laundries' exhibition at Bruce Castle Museum considers the symbolism of laundry.

Developed through the reminiscences and stories of older women, the sculptural installation is circular, pointing to the repetitive nature of laundry. Seven pairs of bronzed arms, trapped in pillories, are each engaged in a laundry task: soaping, pegging, folding and ironing.

In the past when few working-class women were able to work outside the home, cleanliness of their laundry was evidence of proficiency as a wife and mother. Laundry is rarely mentioned in literature. Al Johnson's sculpture therefore includes those overlooked stories and voices of women and their laundry work, collected during reminiscence workshops with older women at the Museum of the Home in London, and at Maerdy Women's Guild in the Rhondda Valley, South Wales. They include theories and superstitions, generated over the centuries, about washday. Al's pillories of arms are linked by textiles embroidered with the stories that judge the skill and personality of the laundress. The advent of the washing machine made the task less onerous, yet according to a recent YouGov poll only 7% of men do all the household laundry. 'Land of Laundries' suggests that, despite a century of feminism, washing continues to be women's work.

About the artist: Al Johnson is a sculptor and lecturer based in Haringey. Her sculpture references recent history and the interplay between politics, power and the collective memory. Al believes in the development of creativity as a founding principle of education, and in the empowerment that results from democratic participation in the arts.

Al has exhibited widely, with work in both private and public collections including: Bruce Castle Museum, Tottenham; Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Coventry and Sea City Museum, Southampton. For images and more information:

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WHAT'S ON

Spring is finally here, and with warmer days ahead, there are so many fun things to do across the borough over the next couple of months.



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16 - 17 Mar 2024
Doors open 09:30
The Great Hall

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NITIN SAWHNEY

11 Apr 2024
Doors open 18:30

Alexandra Palace Theatre

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TOMMY TIERNAN: TOMMEDIAN

16 - 17 Apr 2024
Doors open 18:30
Alexandra Palace Theatre

Tommy Tiernan is bringing his brand new

show Tommedian to Ally Pally Theatre in April 2024.

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SAMPHA

26 Apr 2024
Doors open 18:30
The Great Hall

Join us in April 2024 for an unforgettable evening with acclaimed British singer, songwriter, and producer Sampha as he performs a very special show at Alexandra Palace.

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ALEXANDRA PALACE, IVO GRAHAM

IVO GRAHAM: ORGANISED FUN

16 May 2024
Doors open 19:00
Alexandra Palace
Theatre

Comedian Ivo Graham is bringing his show Organised Fun to Alexandra Palace Theatre in May 2024. Expect quizzes, tangents, and fluster. Best Show/Joke nominee 2019.

RELAX, RESTORE, RESET: BREATHWORK AND SOUND HEALING

20 Mar 2024
Starts 19:00
Meeting point: outside
Phoenix Bar

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NORTH LONDON BOOK FESTIVAL

21- 24 March

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Tickets: £12

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TURK(ISH)

Poppy Plowman
Sat 6 Apr at 7:30 PM
Tickets: £11-£15

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Sun 24 Mar at 11:00 AM
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