



# QUEENSTOWN

## SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

### n e w s l e t t e r

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## **QUEENSTOWN OUR TEAM**

**Acting Sgt Leah Arbuckle**

**PC Connor Landymore**

**PCSO Anthony Ioannou**

**PC Andrew Duffy**

**<https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/wandsworth/queenstown/>**

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### **Top Reported Crimes for May 2021**

**Violence 20      Miscellaneous theft 21**

**Harassment 21**

**\*Theft other than from a person, motor vehicle, residential or non-residential property**

### **How to provide information – on-line reporting**

**[fearless.org](https://fearless.org)**

### **ANONYMITY PROMISE**

**Fearless is a service that allows you to pass on information about crime 100% anonymously. This means you don't have to give us any personal details**

**Just Click on the box marked [CONTACT US ANONYMOUSLY](#)**

### **REPORTING A CRIME**

**Call 101 or visit [www.met.police.uk](https://www.met.police.uk)**

**In an EMERGENCY ALWAYS dial 999**

# **THEFT**

## **CRIME DOES NOT STOP WHEN THE VIRUS IS ACTIVE**

### **EMPTY YOUR CAR OR A THIEF WILL DO IT FOR YOU**



Although it is tempting to leave items in your car because the car is locked, as we know, that hardly ever deters a thief. Don't make it easy for them – empty your car. Recent reports indicate that a few people still think their boot is a safe place to leave things. Sadly, this is not true.

**CAR INSURANCE.** It seems that many people are being caught out when they find out that their car is not insured for commuting. They discover this when they decide to drive to work rather than walk or use public transport. (Or cycle). It may be as well to check your policies.

### **Doorstep delivery thefts**

**Please do not leave any items on display and remove all items or valuables, such as backpacks, from your vehicles; even if you are just popping into the shops quickly.**

This is an opportunist type of crime and by just taking these few steps will reduce your risk in becoming a victim. Every day we see more and more reports, UK wide.

### **Thefts in Battersea Park**

Remember the guidelines. Walk with other people at night. Do not use your 'phone, not even to keep it to hand. At the April SNP Meeting it was reported that there is now a Protection Agreement in place with Battersea Park, so that information and CCTV footage could be shared.

# Catalytic Converters

**METROPOLITAN  
POLICE**

## Catalytic Converter Theft

What makes your catalytic converter valuable?

- Precious metals - Platinum, palladium and rhodium - are coated onto this ceramic structure as catalysts (a catalyst modifies and increases the rate of a chemical reaction without being consumed itself) for the reactions that "clean" the exhaust.
- Did you know that RHODIUM is worth more than GOLD?!

To prevent theft of this precious part you can:

- Park in well lit busy areas.
- Look out for people working under cars for no apparent reason.
- If the vehicle has easy access to underneath i.e vans and 4x4's consider investing in a catalytic converter marking kit, this makes it easier to trace back if it is ever stolen.
- Garage your vehicle whenever possible.



## PROTECT YOUR BIKES

**Pedal bike thefts** – don't forget to register your bikes with photo and serial number on **Immobilise.com** If it turns up, the Police can reunite it with its owner.

So, help the police – and yourselves.

[www.Immobilise.com](http://www.Immobilise.com)

**First tell the police, then alert others**

[www.bikersunited.co.uk](http://www.bikersunited.co.uk)



## **e-SCOOTERS**

**There continue to be quite a few arguments on this subject. These are still illegal on public roads, including pavements, whatever some people may choose to believe.**

## **UPDATE**

**Two more London boroughs (not Wandsworth) have joined the trials**

### **Recent news items**

Ministers have been urged to ban e-scooters until manufacturers and retailers make them safe and the public understands the law.

Matthew Scott, Kent's police and crime commissioner (PCC), has written to Grant Shapps, the transport secretary, warning him that the government risks "losing control" of e-scooter usage in the UK unless all trials are halted.

He said "inconsiderate riders" were becoming an increasing danger on roads and pavements across the country since trials were launched in more than 50 cities last summer.

Scott, who was re-elected as the Conservative PCC earlier this month, said that e-scooters were placing extra burdens on policing and there was evidence that accidents had increased.

Only e-scooters that are rented as part of the government-backed trials are legal, with the devices limited to 15.5mph and permitted only on roads or cycle lanes, not pavements.

# **Man caught drink-driving on e-scooter handed 19-month ban**

1 June 2021 LBC News

By Patrick Grafton-Green

**A man who was caught drink-driving while riding an e-scooter has been given a 19-month driving ban.**

Unal Gokbulut failed a roadside breath test near his home in Ipswich in the early hours of 5 April, police said.

The 42-year-old admitted at an earlier hearing at Ipswich Magistrates' Court to drink-driving while using the electric scooter.

Speaking through a Turkish interpreter, he said: "It's correct. I've taken alcohol. I accept."

Suffolk Police said Gokbulut provided a breath test sample of 70 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath - twice the legal limit.

He was given an interim driving ban and bailed, having denied a second charge of driving without insurance.

But at a second hearing on Tuesday, he admitted the charge of driving without insurance, a court official said.

The official said the defendant, of Hilton Road, was sentenced to a £250 fine and a 19-month driving ban for the drink-driving offence.

No separate penalty was given for the insurance matter.

E-scooters are treated as motor vehicles by the Department for Transport and are subject to the same legal requirement as other vehicles.

It is illegal to use a privately owned e-scooter on a public road, cycle lane or pavement in the UK.

The only place they should be used is on private land.

## **Police remove 500 e-scooters from London roads**

BBC News 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Police say they removed more than 500 e-scooters from the streets of London last week.**

Officers confiscated 507 of the contraptions during "proactive patrols" across all boroughs.

The "week of action" was triggered by the increased usage of uninsured e-scooters in London, police said.

Because e-scooters do not always have visible rear red lights, number plates or signalling ability, they cannot be used legally on roads.

Ch Supt Simon Ovens said: "Riders using e-scooters on the road risk fines, points on their licence, and e-scooter seizures if they continue to use them on public road networks."

## **RIVERSIDE RADIO**

### **THE RIPPLE EFFECT – BEHIND THE BADGE**

Stephen Menon writes:

We're currently doing a partnership with the Metropolitan Police for our podcast - The Ripple Effect: #BehindtheBadge.

Here's the SoundCloud link to the first episode

<https://soundcloud.com/thisisriverside/the-ripple-effect-presents-behind-the-badge-episode-1>

## **Hundreds arrested, guns, drugs and millions in cash seized after joint operation targets organised crime gangs**

Australian and US investigators also seized 104 firearms and almost \$35m (£24.7m) in cash.

**Tuesday 8 June 2021**

**More than 200 people suspected of being involved in organised crime have been arrested after police infiltrated an app to access millions of messages about "industrial scale" drug imports and murder plots.**

A joint operation between Australia and the FBI, which began in 2018, led to arrests in Asia, South America and the Middle East.

Australian officials said the investigation had "struck a heavy blow against organised crime - not just in this country, but one that will echo around organised crime around the world".

Among those arrested are suspects with links to Australian-based Italian mafia, outlaw motorcycle gangs, Asian crime syndicates and Albanian organised crime.

"This is a watershed moment in Australian law enforcement history," prime minister Scott Morrison said on Monday.

The plan saw officials in the US take control of a messaging app called ANOM, which authorities said was popular with organised criminals.

When an Australian underworld figure began distributing the app to his associates as a secure means to communicate, law enforcement authorities could monitor all their messages.

"We have been in the back pockets of organised crime," Australian Federal Police Commissioner Reece Kershaw said.

"All they talk about is drugs, violence, hits on each other, innocent people who are going to be murdered."



Mr Kershaw said one murder plot involved plans to target a cafe with a machine gun, while a family of five was also targeted.

He added: "Today, Australia is a much safer country because of the extraordinary outcome under Operation Ironside.

"It highlights how devastatingly effective the AFP is when it works with local and global partners, and takes its fight against trans-national organised crime offshore.

"This world-first operation will give the AFP, state and territory police years of intelligence and evidence.

"There is also the potential for a number of cold cases to be solved because of Operation Ironside."

A total of 224 people were arrested and 3.7 tonnes of drugs, 104 firearms as well as almost \$35m (£24.7m) in cash were seized.

## **SPEEDING. Updates.**

**Speeding continues to be a problem in the Ward (and elsewhere). It was raised again in the June Ward SN Panel Meeting. If you spot anything, please report it immediately. It is interesting to see so many complaints on Social Media. What is never clear is whether these menaces are reported to the police. The police do not check our social media accounts. Putting it on NextDoor or Twitter will not achieve the required result. It needs to be logged by the Police.**

**Cllr. Paula Walker reported at the recent SNP Meeting that there had been a couple of speed test sessions. The Petition had been handed in to the Council, with a request for traffic calming measures on Prince of Wales Drive. However, she was told that unless 51% of residents signed, the Council was not obliged to do anything, even though there had been some damage – for example, a traffic island. Our Acting Sergeant advised that the damage could be reported as criminal**

damage, and logged as evidence to back up the petition. She would be liaising with Cllr. Walker on this issue. Cllr. Walker will be asking the Council how many times they had had to make repairs?

The advice given by Michael Blair, Community Safety Officer, is reprinted below. It will continue to be posted in this newsletter

Reporting mechanisms are not being utilised; these need to be highlighted to the public. They are:

Report anti-social behaviour to the police either by calling:

- 101 in a non-emergency
- <https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>
- 999 In an emergency, a crime happening right now, is the suspect still at the scene, or is anyone seriously injured or in immediate danger or danger to life.

## **SCAMS**

Vaccinations and tests are all free. You will be rung or texted by your GP. Ignore all other calls and visits.

The Tax Office will not ring you. Ignore such calls. They are not going to arrest you if you do not press button 1.

Neither will your NI numbers have been compromised.

## Little Book of Big Scams

To be shared with everyone you know. [www.ourwatch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/the-little-book-of-big-scams.pdf](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/the-little-book-of-big-scams.pdf)



<http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

## Dates of Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meetings

These take place every two months, on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. They are always held in the same place. Due to Covid our last four meetings were held through TEAMS.

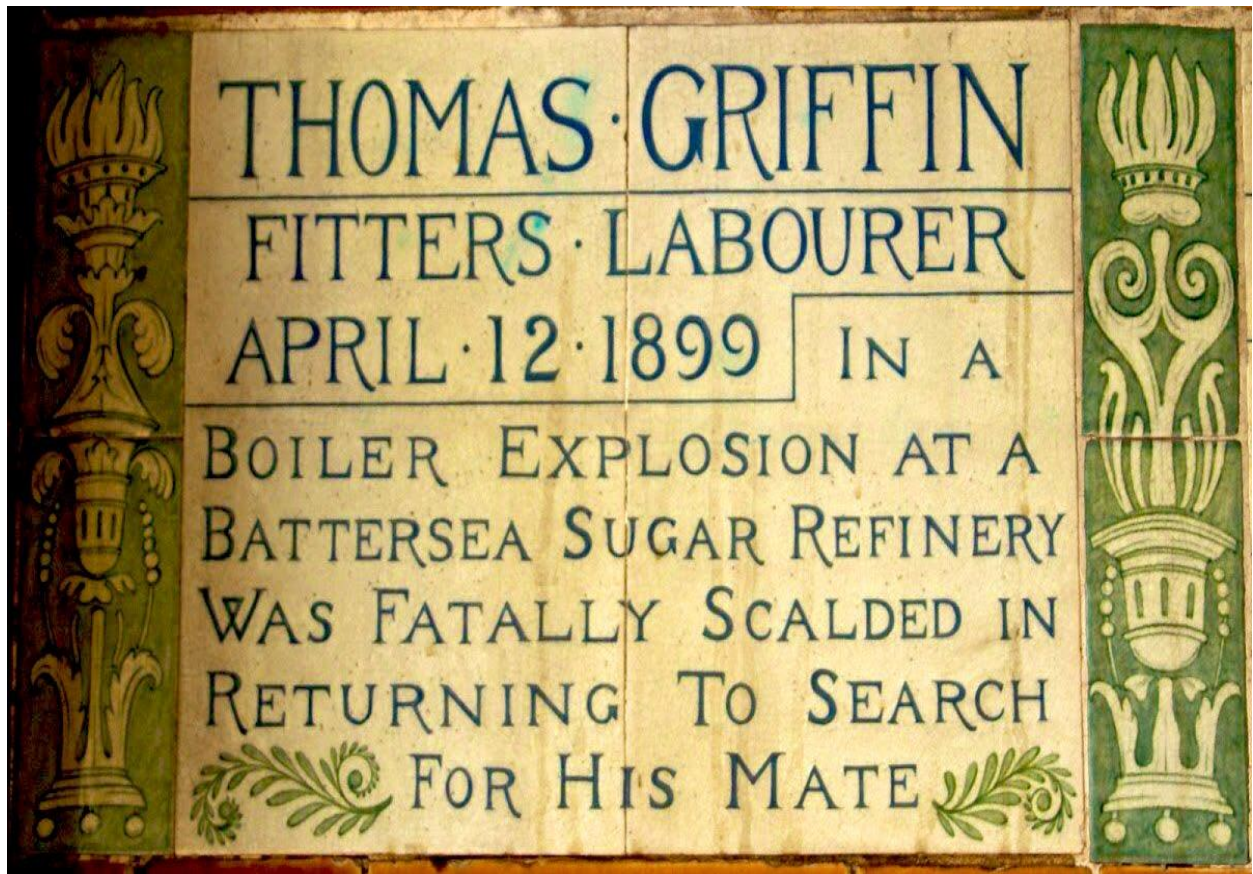
**August 11<sup>th</sup> TEAMS**

**October 13<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> December February 9<sup>th</sup> 2022**

(Normally Senior Citizens' Common Room, 234 Carey Gardens, SW8 4HW but not during the pandemic)

**Please put these dates in your diaries, so that you are not caught out and have to find a deputy. Please note, these meetings are for panel members only**

## Memorial Plaque to a courageous man



The death of Thomas Griffin (1877 - 1899) was, according to the Deputy Coroner at the inquest into it, "a peculiarly sad case", as Griffin was due to be married on the 11th of the following month.

His Postman's Park Plaque briefly summarizes the tragedy that befell him. It reads, "Thomas Griffin Fitters Labourer, April 12 1899. In a Boiler Explosion At A Battersea Refinery Was Fatally Scalded In Returning To Search For His Mate."

*Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper* published the following report into what befell the poor man, shortly after he arrived for work on the morning of that fateful day:-

"The Battersea coroner held an inquiry on Monday, on the body of Tom Griffin, aged 21, a fitter's labourer, employed at Messrs. Garton, Hill, and company's sugar refinery, York-place, Battersea.

Frederick Biggs, engineer at the sugar refinery, said that the deceased was his "labourer."

On Wednesday, April 12, when work was about to commence, Griffin was in the hydraulic room, and the witness went to let some water out of a pipe.

The main pipe gave a slight jar, and something hit him in the ribs and knocked him into the corner of the landing.

He got out of the room.

He saw nothing of Griffin. If Griffin had remained in the hydraulic room, he would have been safe. There was nothing to take him into the room where he was scalded.

It was the main steam pipe from the engine that burst, an eight-inch cast iron pipe, and there was no sign of a crack or a flaw where the fracture occurred.

Samuel Tipler, a fellow labourer of Griffin's, said that the report was followed by a rushing of steam.

Griffin stood for a second, and then exclaimed, "My mate, my mate." and rushed through the steam.

Then somebody ran against the wall and staggered into the yard.

They rushed after him and found it was Griffin, who had been dreadfully scalded."

## **WORKMAN'S HEROISM**

Under the above headline *The Morning Post* gave a little more detail of the inquest at which it was universally agreed that Thomas Griffin had, indeed, acted heroically:-

"Yesterday. at the Battersea Coroner's Court, Mr. W. Schroeder, the Deputy-Coroner, held an inquest on Thomas Griffin, 21, fitter's labourer, lately residing in Usk-road, Battersea, who died in the Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth-common, on Wednesday from scalds.

The inquiry was attended by Mr. Arbuckle, Factory Inspector. Mr. Harper, Barrister, appeared for Messrs. Garton, Hill and Co., sugar refiners, Southampton Wharf, Battersea



Frederick Biggs, engineer at Messrs. Garton, Hill. and Co.'s works, said that Griffin worked under him as a fitter.

Shortly after six o'clock on Wednesday morning last Griffin and others were preparing for work in the boiler-room when a main steam pipe in an adjoining room, in which Witness was, burst with a loud explosion.

Witness was injured, but making his way to the door of the room he rolled down the steps, and getting on his feet went to have the steam shut off.

Samuel Tipler, a labourer at the works, said that Griffin was with him and others in the boiler-room at the time of the explosion in the next room.

The engine-driver shut the door communicating the two rooms, and told them all not to leave the room.

Griffin, however, rushed out of the room crying "My mate," alluding evidently to the Witness Biggs.

Soon afterwards Griffin returned, scalded all over his head and hands.

The skin was hanging from his hands.

He was taken to the office, his wounds were dressed, and he was sent to the hospital.

The manager said this was the first accident of the kind that had occurred at the works. The pipe, a cast-iron one five-eighths of an inch thick, had had steam in it three days before bursting. It burst when the pressure was only 50lb. to the inch, and was completely severed, the parts being blown nine inches apart.

Dr. Lister, of the Bolingbroke Hospital\*, said that Griffin was severely scalded over the whole of the body. He died from shock the same day as admitted.

Mr. Harper said it was a peculiarly sad case, as Griffin was to have been married on the 11th inst.

The case was practically the same as that of Stoker Lynch, who went to look after his mate.

<http://kinsalebeg.com/chapters/stokerlynch/stokerlynch.html>

The Jury returned a verdict of death by misadventure, adding that Griffin died like a hero.

The Deputy-Coroner: We all recognise that he acted heroically on this occasion, and we appreciate the act."

### **HIS CONDUCT DESERVES TO BE RECORDED**

Mr Harper, the barrister who attended the inquest on behalf of Thomas Griffin's employers, Messrs. Garton, Hill, and Co told the inquest, reported the *Evening Standard* on 18th April 1899 that, "His clients fully realised the splendid conduct and the high motive which prompted the deceased which prompted the deceased to act as he did."

The Deputy Coroner was, so the newspaper reported, in full agreement and he closed the inquest by telling the court:-

"The conduct of a man like him deserves to be recorded.

No doubt there are heroes in everyday life, but they do not come to the front, so we do not hear of them."

**Many thanks to Cllr. Simon Hogg who posted the photograph on Twitter, encouraging me to investigate further.**

### **\*Bolingbroke Hospital 1880 –2008**



The Bolingbroke Self-Supporting Hospital and House in Sickness opened in 1880 and became a small general hospital with 30 beds and an Accident and Emergency Department. It was one of the first to cater for both the artisan and middle classes. (While the rich could afford private treatment in their own homes and the poor received medical care in workhouse infirmaries, the middle classes could not afford private nursing care but did not want to be admitted to infirmaries. By the late 19th century hospitals for those who could afford to pay a moderate fee began to be established). As with other voluntary hospitals, patients with infectious or contagious diseases, the mentally ill, the incurable, epileptics and maternity cases were not eligible for admission. In 1893 award specifically for accident cases was opened, with casualties receiving free treatment.

## **Cats, Chats & 88 Keys. On-line Concerts from a house near you.**



Queenstown resident, professional pianist John Paul Ekins continues with his on-line concerts from the Autumn on Fridays at 7.30 pm. If you are lucky, you may even spot one of his cats. If you miss the live transmissions, they will remain on YouTube for you to catch up on later. A useful tool, since the broad band in this area is sometimes very creaky.

**The next concert will be in the Autumn. Date to be announced. But in the meantime, there are dozens of concerts available on YouTube.**

The broadcast links will not change from week to week.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMMxbvC9KmdO5slhy\\_pDhka](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMMxbvC9KmdO5slhy_pDhka)

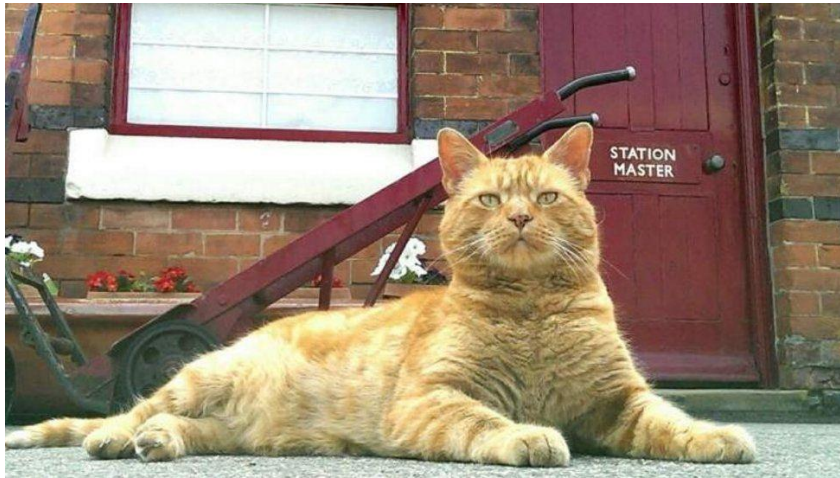
Click on SUBSCRIBE to receive notifications of forthcoming concerts

**Tba Sonata for Piano and Violin I Eb, Op 12/3 & Sonata in A minor, Op.23**

**Tba Sonata for Piano and Violin in G, Op. 96**



## MORE CATS (and a RAT)



Alfie

### **A new cat is welcoming visitors to a heritage railway three years after its much-loved Alfie died**

Rescue cat Thomas is hoping to fill the puss's boots at Rushden Station in Northamptonshire after ginger tom Alfie passed away in June 2017.

Thomas is now living at the station bar - as his predecessor did - after being put forward by a cat charity

The "owners" of both Alfie and Thomas said the new "station cat" already had "the run of the place"

Alfie mysteriously turned up at volunteer-run Rushden Station in about 2007, shortly after the previous station cat had died

He made it his home and became a favourite with visitors and cat fans from all over the world who followed his adventures on Facebook.

When he died, people kept asking, 'When are you going to get another station cat?'," said Fiona York, who looked after him in the station bar with her partner

"But we always said Alfie came here because he wanted to, and if we get another cat it has to be because he wants to be here too."

However, a cat charity thought Thomas would fit in perfectly

"They said he was feisty, but not vicious and gets on with everyone," Ms. York said.

Two weeks ago, Thomas came to stay and within a day of posting photos of the new station cat in situ, the Facebook page was inundated with comments from as far away as the US and New Zealand

"The photos reached about 45,000 people - everyone loved Alfie - but they seem to love Thomas just as much," Ms. York said



"He's settled in to his new home in the bar and already has the run of the place

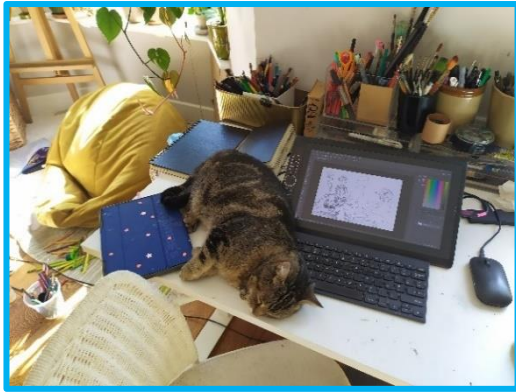
*BBC News March 15 2020*

Alfie mysteriously turned up at volunteer-run Rushden Station about 10 years ago shortly after the previous station cat had died.

He made the station his home for a decade but when he contracted a virus in June, fans of the ginger tom rallied round to donate to a JustGiving page, raising more than £900.

After his death, fundraising events raised more money from "the best friends a cat could have", and volunteers have now confirmed they are arranging for a headstone to be made for Alfie.

They are also planning to install a bench and memorial plaque in a prominent position at the station. *BBC News 2017*



Of course, not all cats can have station supervisor jobs. However, there are plenty of other posts they can fill. Such as Computer Warden or Mouse.

## GEORGE the Stourbridge Junction Station Cat



***Please excuse me sharing this photo of one of the mutual visitors to my Twitter site. George is famous world-wide. I particularly liked this recent post. (\*FC = Fat Controller)***

This is my sorry (not sorry) face When receiving a lecture from the FC \* paragraph 4 on page eleventy-billion, subsection 1: Mice catching must be undertaken away from public domain & at no point should trophies be paraded around the booking hall

## NINE LIVES FRANKIE

### **‘We cremated someone else’s cat,’ says owner Rachel Fitzsimon**

A family were shocked when the cat they believed they had cremated returned home as if nothing had happened. Frankie, a 16-year-old tabby, failed to return home on 19<sup>th</sup> May. Rachel, along with husband, John, and their children, Thea, 10, and Remy, seven, launched a search involving the local community in Stretton, Warrington, Cheshire. But after driving home on the motorway a few days later, they spotted a dead cat on the hard shoulder - and believed it might be Frankie, 16.

Rachel, 40, who also has a dog, Wilf, says: "We drove past a few times, obviously at speed, but the cat looked like Frankie. My husband managed to get a photo too, but the cat was very badly injured and hard to identify.

"We called the Highways agency who were very helpful and went out several times to look for the body. I gave them a description of Frankie; a fluffy tabby with a white tummy, and the dead cat matched that.

"They couldn't chip it because it had been decapitated. We live very close to the motorway, so it seemed likely that it was our cat.

"We went to collect the body, and of course didn't look at it because it was too distressing." Rachel paid for a cremation, believing it would help to give her children a chance to grieve.



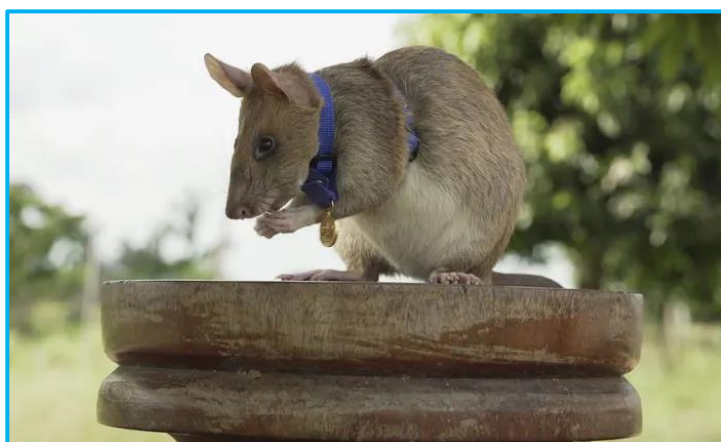
But 22 days after Frankie went missing, he miraculously strolled back from the dead as if nothing had happened. "My husband heard a meow outside, and then I heard him shouting. We all ran out, and there was Frankie. Remy was crying and asking; "Is he real?"

"He was bedraggled and very thin, but we got him checked over at the vet's and he's fine. We've no idea where he's been but just feel so lucky to have him back." (*Manchester Evening News*)

## **Magawa the mine-sniffing rat ends career in Cambodia on a high**

**After five years at the top, it's retirement for one of the most successful rodents ever trained in finding landmines**

After five years of sniffing out landmines and unexploded ordnance in Cambodia, Magawa is retiring. The African giant pouched rat has been the most successful rodent trained and overseen by a Belgian non-profit, APOPO, to find land mines and alert its human handlers so the explosives can be safely removed.



Magawa has cleared more than 141,000 square metres of land, the equivalent of some 20 football pitches, sniffing out 71 land mines and 38 items of unexploded ordnance, according to APOPO. And for the first time, it won a British charity's top civilian award for animal bravery last year, an honour so far exclusively reserved for dogs.

"Although still in good health, he has reached a retirement age and is clearly starting to slow down," APOPO said. "It is time."

While many rodents can be trained to detect scents and will work at repetitive tasks for food rewards, APOPO decided that African giant pouched rats were best suited to landmine clearance because their size allows them to walk across minefields without triggering the explosives and do it much more quickly than people. They also live up to eight years.

Magawa is part of a cohort of rats bred for this purpose. He was born in Tanzania in 2014, and in 2016, moved to Cambodia's north-western city of Siem Reap, home of the famed Angkor temples, to begin his bomb-sniffing career



APOPO also works with programs in Angola, Zimbabwe and Mozambique to clear millions of mines left behind from wars and conflicts

More than 60 million people in 59 countries continue to be threatened by landmines and unexploded ordnance. In 2018, landmines and other remnants of war killed or injured 6,897 people, the group says.

## TO MAKE YOU SMILE

**(Seen on my twitter page and elsewhere)**

**Appeal after suspect fleas attempted burglary in Colchester.**

**Remember: “*Should have gone to Specsavers*”? This will now take on a whole new meaning, since ear-wax syringing is no longer available at your surgery. We are now advised to go to Specsavers – at £55 a kick.**

**And now that the 19<sup>th</sup> is approaching, and many of us are still not quite clear of rules after that date**



Angry at public money being wasted? Could be worse.



**A coastal town in Japan is facing criticism after it spent emergency funds intended for coronavirus measures on a giant statue of a squid to promote the local tourism industry**

Noto, located in Ishikawa prefecture on the Japan Sea coast, spent ¥25m (£164,000) on the 13-metre-long marine creature, according to the Chunichi Shimbun

The local newspaper quoted officials as saying that the flying squid was part of a tourism drive to help the area's virus-hit economy. The pink-and-white creature features flared tentacles and an opening below its beak where people can pose for photographs. Japan's regions have seen tourist numbers plummet since a controversial government-funded travel scheme was suspended at the end of last year over concerns that it was helping spread Covid-19 infections.

Noto, where squid is a delicacy, reportedly received ¥800m in grants from the national government to help see it through the pandemic, according to the Fuji News Network

While town officials were not required to allocate the relief money directly to coronavirus measures, they have drawn criticism for spending such a large sum on the cephalopod attraction

A local woman in her 60s told the Chunichi she could see how the statue could boost tourism in the long run, but thought the money would have been better spent on medical workers and nursing care.

## **ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICE**

### **Report 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

Since our last meeting, Animal Welfare Service has:

- : Received and investigated 2 complaints of dog nuisance
- : Received and investigated 2 complaints of animal welfare
- : Received and referred to Park Police 1 complaint re dangerous dogs in a park
- : Issued 4 verbal warnings in the ward for Housing Byelaws.
- : Investigated 10 addresses for dog registration breaches
- : Reported for prosecution 1 person for breach of housing byelaws
- : Issued 10 microchipping letters regarding compulsory dog microchipping
- : Registered 17 dogs in accordance with the housing tenancy conditions
- : Made 6 investigations with regard to dog registration updates
- : Received 1 stray dog report
- : Microchipped 2 cats

These came from the following places in the ward.

Doddington, Patmore, Battersea Park, Savona, Rollo, Franklin Building (Ponton St), Carey Gardens and Albert Palace Mansions.

## **BATTERSEA PARK**

### **Dog abuse**

There was a distressing report of a dog being kicked in Battersea Park earlier this week. The dog was later taken to the vet's. The abuser had no link with the owner, and the attack came out of the blue. Remember, if you see this sort of thing, please report it to the Parks Police and to Animal Welfare. Try to obtain a picture and a description.

**Animal Welfare Services**

**020 8871 7606. If urgent: 07860 534733**

**Parks Police**

**Emergencies - 999/Non-emergency incidents 101**

**Parks Police patrolling -**

**07500 959442**



## Pear Tree Café

It was reported at the Ward meeting, and also elsewhere, that there had been issues with the Café. This was mainly to do with private, ticketed events, sometimes with DJ, and music that was excessively loud and intrusive. There had also been problems with uncollected rubbish, and detritus left on the grass areas. And in times of crowded events, bushes were being used as latrines.

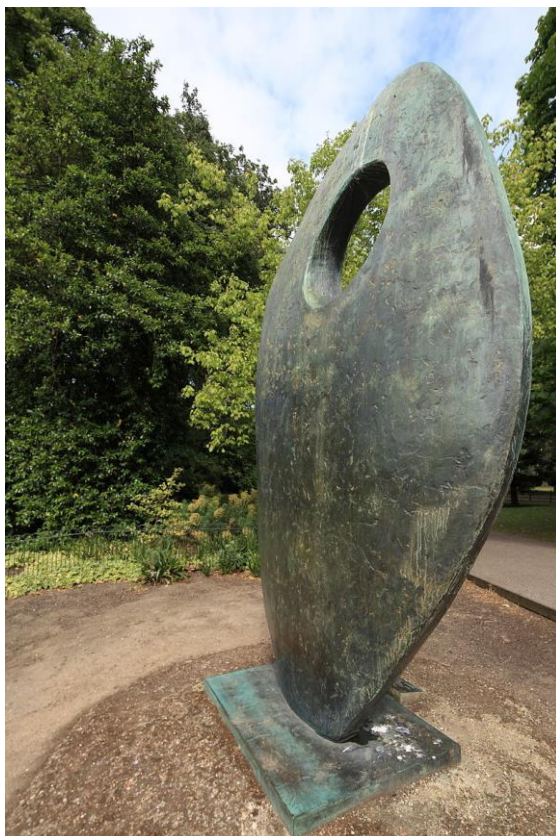
The Parks Police and Enable have been investigating.

Maybe we should also add that the area by the lake is public land, open to all. It is not part of the Café, which has been asked to remove its sandwich boards, which have led people to believe that the area is exclusive to the Café. Not that this visitor is paying much attention.



## Hepworth Sculpture

As you will probably all have heard by now, the sculpture, 'Single Form', is going on short-term loan to the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. Cllr. Walker has asked that another sculpture be put in its place for the time being. (*As long as it isn't a Giant Squid. Ed*) All costs, including insurance, are being covered by the Museum.



*Photo@ QuentinUK*

Many thanks to all of you who sent feedback to Cllr. Walker. She writes:

Thanks for your feedback on Hepworth loan. Committee agreed the sculpture could be loaned. Thanks to your comments, I was able to put in two amendments; 1. To formally document & record its return dates; 2. To put another sculpture in its place. Arts officers are working on it.

## HEALTHY STREETS

### The third annual Scorecard results – July 2021

*The 2021 Healthy Streets Scorecard shows huge divergence in action among London boroughs on measures to improve streets during Covid crisis*

The year up to March 2021 was a year of huge change on London's streets, despite and because of the Covid crisis with many – but not all – boroughs urgently seeking to change streets to dramatically improve air quality, reduce road danger, boost active lifestyles, cut carbon emissions and enable social distancing.

But the latest Healthy Streets Scorecard results show that while some boroughs have implemented healthy streets measures at pace, others have failed to respond to London's health, air pollution and climate crises.

Hackney and Camden follow closely behind Islington as the top-scoring London boroughs in the 2021 results with Waltham Forest the top Outer London borough.

This year we've published a new London Low Traffic Neighbourhoods by borough map showing all London's LTNs by borough. We've compared the area covered by LTNs with the area which would be suitable for an LTN. In Hackney, 55% of suitable streets have an LTN. At the other end of the scale, this figure is under 5% in Croydon, Barking & Dagenham and Bexley. To see these and other scores visit the Results page. Additionally, cycle tracks have been mapped by London Cycling Campaign volunteer @SafeCycleLDN and can now be seen on the Safe Cycling in London map.

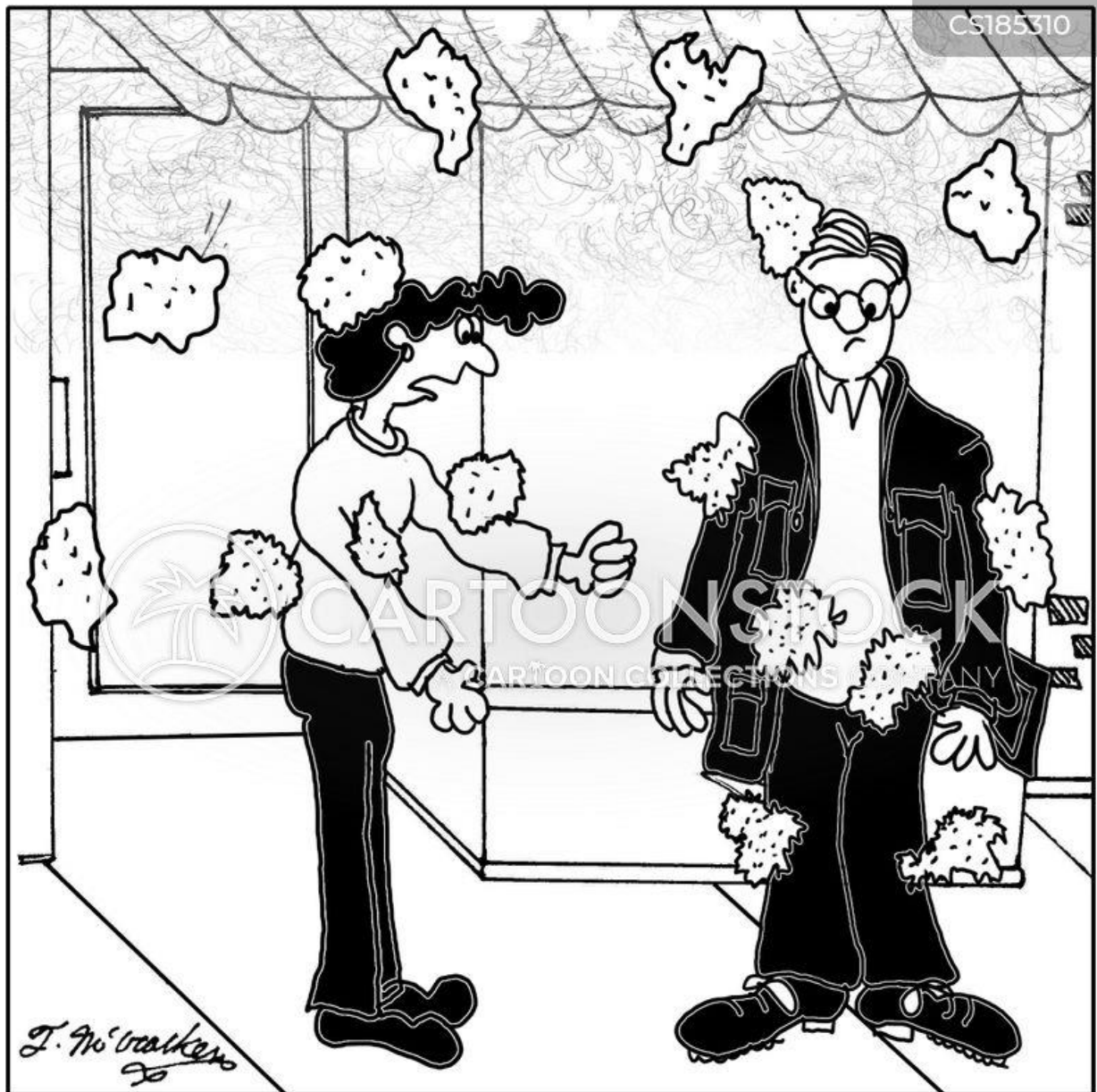
The Healthy Streets Scorecard 2021 also shows that overall progress for London is too slow if the Mayor is to hit his targets of Londoners being more active, London being carbon neutral by 2030, and serious and fatal road casualties in the capital being reduced to zero by 2041.

More action is needed across London, urgently.

**The London Boroughs Healthy Streets Scorecard coalition hopes the Scorecard helps councils and residents compare how well their borough is doing in relation to others and identify areas for action.**

How healthy are your streets? Find out here. It is an eyeopener.

[https://www.healthystreetsscorecard.london/your\\_borough/](https://www.healthystreetsscorecard.london/your_borough/)



“Do the particulates in the air  
seem extra large today?”



## **COMMUNITIES CAN DEFEAT TERRORISM**

**Don't rely on others. If you suspect it, report it.**  
**Confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline**  
**Call 0800 789 321 If you are deaf or have hearing difficulties you can use a**  
**textphone to call 0800 032 4539**

Suspicious activity can include

- Someone noticeably behaving differently for no obvious reason
- Someone with a large number of mobile 'phones for no obvious reason
- Someone with passports or other documents in different names for no obvious reason
- Someone who travels for long periods of time but is vague about where they are going
- Someone buying or storing large amounts of chemicals for no obvious reason
- Someone taking an interest in security, like CCTV cameras, for no obvious reason

Specialist officers will decide if the information is important

## **RUBBISH**



Squirrel Binman aka Oak Botherer

**Updated: Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Please note: From Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, residents who wish to use the Smugglers Way Household Waste and Recycling Centre in a car, or on a motorcycle, must have booked a slot before they arrive at the**

**Centre. It will be possible to book a slot from when the system goes live on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

**The Smugglers Way Household Waste and Recycling Centre remains open, but please check back here before you visit to ensure you have the latest information on any new measures we may introduce to keep you and Centre staff safe.**

Before you visit, please note:

1. If you are unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or in a 10-day household isolation you should stay at home.
2. Track and Trace QR codes will be made available at the HWRC for users of the NHS COVID-19 contact tracing app.
3. You will be required to reverse into a parking bay (to ensure a 2-metre minimum spacing between residents).
4. Only the driver of the vehicle will be permitted to leave the vehicle. If it is essential for a passenger to assist you in carrying a heavy item, please inform a Recycling Advisor before they leave the vehicle.
5. Please maintain social distancing with staff and other residents at all times.
6. You are advised to wear gloves for your own protection.
7. If you are arriving on foot or by bike there will be a pedestrian one-way system in operation.
8. You may wish to view our webcam before you leave home

– <https://www.wrwa.co.uk> – to avoid our busy times.

**Opening Times But check here first: <https://wrwa.gov.uk/centre-opening-times/>**

**Mon – Fri 9am - 4pm**

**Sat 8am - 6pm**

**Sun 8am - 5pm**

**Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day - Closed**

## FLYTIPPING

The subject of fly-tipping continues to rear its head. Although it is an offence to fly tip, it is not really a Police issue. It is something that should be tackled by local communities in conjunction with the Council, who can now impose large fines. Time, Date, photos are all very important. Remember, the cost for cleaning up after these pests will fall on you, through your Council Tax. Cllr. Walker continues to pressure the Council to extend its scheme whereby it searches bags of rubbish for clues. People in the area of St Philip Square (see photo) would certainly welcome that.



## RECYCLING

<http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling>

### YES:

**Paper, card, cardboard. Large boxes should be taken apart or cut into smaller pieces.**

**Clean Glass bottles and jars. Clean Metal tins, cans, aerosols**

**Clean Plastic bottles, pots, tubs, trays. Clean Cartons/Tetrapak**

### NO

**Food waste, nappies, polystyrene, electrical and cables, DIY material, foil.**

**Shredded paper.**

**Decent clothing and textiles can be put in a TRAIID container.**

**Other metal and wood can be recycled at Smugglers Way Household Waste and Recycling Centre. See above.**

## **LIVING STREETS: The UK Charity for Everyday Walking**

**Find out more on**

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/>

**For your Wandsworth Branch, contact**

**Robert Molteno, Secretary, Wandsworth Living Streets**

**on [Robert.Molteno@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.Molteno@gmail.com)**

## **YOUTH GROUPS**

With the shut down/distancing ruling, many of these groups, among them FAST and Elays, are unable to operate at 100% to help our young people. It is likely they will also have funding difficulty. If you find yourself with any extra cash due to not going to the cinema, the theatre, the pub, why not put some of it in a pot for when the lock down lifts.

### **FAST**

Kafui Brese at **FAST** on 07528 065 764; Email: [kafui,fastproject@gmail.com](mailto:kafui,fastproject@gmail.com)



The FAST project was established in 2012 to work with young people aged 9-25. On the Patmore Estate in Battersea, London, and partnered in 2015 with e:merge. The majority of those growing up in the Patmore Estate faced challenges of overcrowding, unemployment and poverty. If you feel you could commit to a regular donation,

[https://localgiving.org/fundraising/kafuis-fast58-challenge/?fbclid=IwAR21sKjr5FTO-HF-YI84QYGfAmT5zZANyzTZF77pHu\\_mkHi3sZWbfNo3PZI](https://localgiving.org/fundraising/kafuis-fast58-challenge/?fbclid=IwAR21sKjr5FTO-HF-YI84QYGfAmT5zZANyzTZF77pHu_mkHi3sZWbfNo3PZI)



Kafui reports: **FAST has been operating throughout this year. We are currently running an Easter Holiday programme with Wandsworth Council and the Department of Education to provide activities and food. It is going well and is oversubscribed due to covid limitations.**

**the easing of lockdown that gives us more flexibility. Timetable below:**

**Monday Boys Football @Powerleague 4pm - 6pm ~**

**Drop-In Session @FAST Space 4:30pm - 6:30pm ~ Learning Hub @Yvonne Carr 6:30pm - 8:15pm**

**Tuesday Boys Football @Powerleague 4pm - 6pm ~ Girls Football @Powerleague 5pm - 6:30pm Wednesday Boys session @Yvonne Carr 4:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Thursday Girls Session @Yvonne Carr 4:30pm -**

## **ELAYS**

<http://www.elaysnetwork.com>

### **OUR GOAL & VALUES: EDUCATE. BRIDGE. NURTURE. EMPOWER. ENGAGE**

To educate young people,  
encouraging them to reach their  
full potential.

To bridge the gap between local  
authorities, institutions, and the  
wider community.

To nurture and create leaders of  
tomorrow by equipping them with the right skill and knowledge.

To Empower young people by actively engaging them in project geared  
towards social change.

To engage at risk young people through our programmes and schemes.



**ELAYS NETWORK IS AN ORGANISATION THAT IS:**

**Inspired by Faith   Education Focused   Diverse   Environmentally friendly**

**OUR VISION IS TO SERVE AS A MODEL ORGANISATION REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY, HELPING TO CREATE ACTIVE CITIZENS.**

**WASTE NOT WANT NOT Project**

**Delighted to be able to reproduce this article from SW Londoner.**

## **Battersea-based initiative leading the way in food waste prevention**

A Battersea-based food waste prevention organisation has emerged from the pandemic with many fresh ideas and a growing network of volunteers.

Waste Not Want Not Battersea collect surplus fresh ingredients from local markets, supermarkets, cafes, restaurants, and delicatessens and then either distribute those ingredients to the community or cook meals for people at social gatherings and workshops.

Global food waste totals 900 million tonnes a year, 9.5 million of it by the UK, and whilst the UN aims to halve that by 2030, it remains to be seen how plausible that aim is.

Hadas Hagos, founder of Waste Not Want Not, wants to show people how they can be creative with their food, and inspire them not to waste it.

Hagos said: "There are lots of documentaries and articles about food waste, but when you see whole pallets of blueberries from Argentina, or ready-to-eat avocados, being thrown away before your eyes it's a different matter."

Established in 2017 by a small core team, Waste Not Want Not has grown into an organisation with hundreds of volunteers supporting its day-to-day operations, which include food sharing sessions, healthy eating workshops and engagement with schools.

When the UK entered the first lockdown last March, Hagos and her team had to stop all their catering events, which had been their main source of income over the last three years.

Many people in the community needed food more than ever, so the team started fundraising and ramped up their services to five days a week, providing fresh ingredients and meals for homeless people in temporary accommodation sites, and other vulnerable people.

Hagos looked back at that period as one of real solidarity, as dozens of people with all sorts of skills and backgrounds threw themselves into the work of feeding their community, with food that would otherwise go to waste.

She said: “When I look back it seems like madness, how did I do it? But you’ll be surprised how much you can achieve when human beings come together.”

Prior to Waste Not Want Not, Hagos co-founded the Inside Out School, an initiative set up by and for parents who had chosen to educate their children outside formal educational settings.

Hagos says that the parents critiqued and dissected the schooling system, while imagining creative alternatives, with a mutual desire to provide more learning experiences for their children.

She said: “I have ADHD and dyslexia and also struggled in school, so seeing my daughter’s similar experience was a trigger.”

It was when the young people of the Inside Out School were taken around their community to understand homelessness and dumpster diving that it became apparent to Hagos just how much food was being thrown away.

She said: “The young people asked me if we could do something about it, and I said yes.”

Now that the country is emerging from lockdown once again, Waste Not Want Not has many plans for the months ahead, including setting up a permanent space for a Zero Waste Community Hub, which they are currently negotiating with Wandsworth Council.

Here they will offer daily cooked meals on a pay-as-you-can basis and run workshops to teach children how to grow and cook their own food.

Hagos said: “For me it’s like therapy, you look around at the world and where it’s going and it’s all quite depressing, but then you get reminded every day of human kindness through the work that we do.”

NEW HOME?: Waste Not Want Not Battersea team are looking to create a permanent community hub. Credit: Hadas Hagos

While this permanent space will be a first for Waste Not Want Not, they will continue with their travelling projects – like their Feast & Film events, which will visit new local venues and screen environmental films, accompanied by home-cooked meals.

Plans for the future also include partnering with community gardeners and local schools to create new spaces and opportunities to inspire children.

Hagos said: “There is something quite magical about watching a child making the connection between the broccoli they always see in a plastic bag, and the one growing in the ground.”

Waste Not Want Not is always trying to keep the bigger picture in mind, such as the environmental impacts of food waste dumped into landfills, while also homing in on the local.

They are currently looking to collaborate with like-minded organisations to work on a pilot composting scheme for Wandsworth residents.

Hagos said: “It’s important to teach people how to compost their waste, but this will only be impactful if Wandsworth Council provide adequate food waste services.”

For more information [info@wastenotwantnotproject.com](mailto:info@wastenotwantnotproject.com)  
and on Face Book

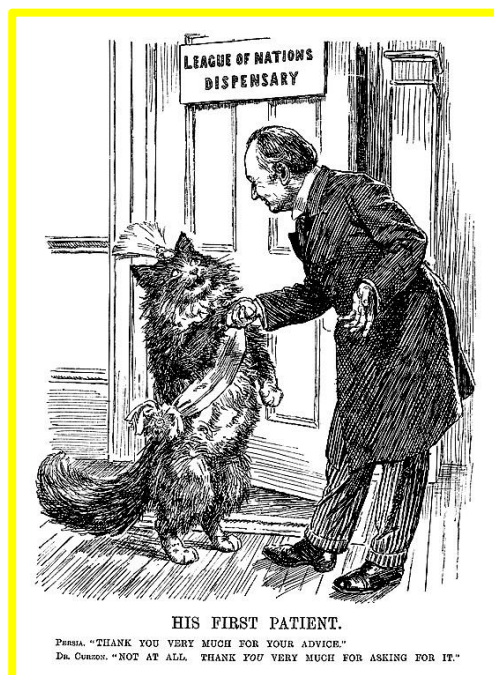
<https://www.facebook.com/WasteNotWantNotProject/about/>

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**COUNCILLORS' AND MP's  
SURGERIES  
CLOSED FOR THE TIME BEING  
BUT PLEASE EMAIL IF YOU HAVE  
PROBLEMS WORK DOES NOT  
STOP BECAUSE OF CV 19**

Marsha de Cordova, MP, holds weekly surgeries across Battersea, which are by appointment only. To book an appointment: 020 7924 1973

**Message from Marsha:** Usually I would be holding weekly surgeries across Battersea which are by appointment only. However, at the time of writing, my face-to-face constituency surgeries are cancelled. All surgery appointments will be conducted via phone or skype for the foreseeable future. Email [marsha.decordova.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:marsha.decordova.mp@parliament.uk) to arrange a call and someone will get back to you shortly.



**COUNCILLORS**

**First Thursday** of the month – **ROSE Community Centre, Ascalon Street, SW8 4DL**  
**10.30 – noon**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of the month – **The Venue, Park Court, Doddington and Rollo Estate, Battersea Park Road, SW11 4ND** 1-2.30 p.m.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday** of the month – **Committee Room, Trevithick House, Deeley Road, SW8 4XW** – 7.30 – 8.30 p.m.

**Surgeries are currently cancelled. Please email casework to:**

[cllr.a.dikerdem@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.a.dikerdem@wandsworth.gov.uk)

[cllr.m.mcleod@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.m.mcleod@wandsworth.gov.uk)

[cllr.P.Walker@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.P.Walker@wandsworth.gov.uk)

## **Latest Updates from MP Marsha De Cordova (Of necessity, this has been shortened)**

### **Covid-19**

I was pleased to receive my first vaccination at Battersea Arts Centre. Whilst there I took the opportunity to thank staff and volunteers. There is still a huge concern with vaccine take up in Battersea. Following my calls for a more targeted approach to delivering the vaccine, I am pleased that two pop-up vaccination clinics opened on the Doddington and Patmore Estates.

In my most recent meeting with the Minister for Vaccines, we discussed the need for improved useability and accessibility of the PCR testing kits and for the Government to step up its efforts to increase take-up of the vaccine.

It is great to see the opening of non-essential retail, hospitality, and leisure across Battersea.

Despite the success of the NHS vaccine effort, increased transmission of the Delta variant requires caution. We must all remain vigilant until there is no chance of the virus taking grip again. We must protect lives and protect the NHS.

### **Walk to School Week**

As part of Walk to School Week, I visited Falconbrook Primary School, supporting the Living Streets' campaign to promote the benefits of walking. Also, air pollution has devastating consequences for children here in Battersea and it was empowering to see young children grasp the need for change and taking their own action. It was great to chat to parents, children, and the Head, Stella.

### **Domestic Abuse Bill**

The Domestic Abuse Bill passed into law. The legislation still falls short as it does not protect migrant women or help solve the huge funding shortages in the women's sector.

I remain committed to fighting to ensure all women are protected.

### **Fire Safety Bill**

The Bill passed into law *without* protection for leaseholders from remediation costs for the removal of unsafe cladding. This is an abdication of responsibility on the part of the Government. I will continue to fight for leaseholders here in Battersea.

### **Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities**

The long-awaited report from the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities was finally published. Labour has rejected the report along with Trade Unions, academics, historians, the BMA, UN experts and civil society. See my piece in both the national and local media as well as work in parliament.

### Black Maternal Health

I hosted a roundtable with key stakeholders including obstetricians, midwives, campaigners, and Black and Asian women with lived experience of complications during pregnancy. It was a moving and informative meeting, and I was moved by their contributions.

Parliament held its first debate on Black Maternal Health and Mortality. Black women are over four times more likely to die in pregnancy and childbirth than white women. I called on the Government to take action to end this disparity and set a target to do so.

### George Floyd

On the anniversary of his death, Labour reaffirmed its commitment to ending structural and institutional racism by developing a Race Equality Act, shaped by lived experience. I wrote for The Independent about how the Government is failing to capture the national appetite for change and held a roundtable discussion at Carney's Community Centre in Battersea on what still needs to change to achieve racial justice.

### Singh Report

Following the publication of the Singh report into Islamophobia in The Conservative Party, I wrote to the Prime Minister demanding that he issue a full public apology for his comments about Muslim women.

### Women and Equalities questions

This month, I called on the Government to take action on shared parental leave and sexual harassment work. I also raised the disproportionate impact voter ID proposals could have on blind and partially sighted people to vote independently and in secret.

Meetings with stakeholders included: The Ozanne Foundation, AKT LGBT+ youth homelessness charity, TikTok, Single Parents Rights, The Fawcett Society, The Runnymede Trust, The TUC Anti-Racism Taskforce and The Coalition for Race Equality.

Sincerely,

## National Domestic Violence Helpline

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**We have been told, again and again, that domestic violence increases when there is a football match. We have certainly seen some appalling behaviour last weekend. One shudders to think what happened in some homes. Please share this with anyone you think could benefit. Domestic violence is always there – it never goes away.**

This Freephone 24-hour helpline, run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge, is a national service for women experiencing domestic violence. The Helpline can give support, help and information over the telephone. All calls are completely confidential. It offers translation facilities for callers whose first language is not English, and a service for callers who are deaf or hard of hearing is available.

Contact:

- Telephone: 0808 2000 247
- Website: [National Domestic Violence Freephone Helpline](#)

### **MORE VACCINATION CLINICS**

- The Wandsworth Civic Suite next to the town hall in Wandsworth High Street is to be transformed into a mass vaccination centre on Saturday. Anyone 18 or over who has not yet had their vaccination is encouraged to go along.
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- There will also be a pop-up vaccination clinic on Wandsworth Common, near Bellevue Road, on Saturday and Sunday (July 17 and 18) from 8.30am - 4.30pm. Go along for first and second Pfizer jabs.
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- And you will be able to chat to NHS staff about vaccines in Putney High Street and Tooting High Street between 11am and 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.



## **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, IN PARTICULAR, NOISE.**

**WBC Noise Control 0208 871 6127**

**Hours of Operation Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 09.00 - 17.00 hrs**

**Thursday (Day time) 09.00 - 17.00 hrs**

**Thursday (Evening) 19.00 - 02.00 hrs**

**Friday 20.00 - 03.00 hrs**

**Saturday 13.00 - 03.00 hrs**

**Sunday (Day time) 09.00 - 04.00 hrs**

**Sunday (Evening) 19.00 - 02.00 hrs**

**Emergency Control will take the call and pass it on to the Noise Officer who will then telephone the complainant for confirmation, and to arrange a visit to the area of the home, to assess the noise, and make a report.**

**Warning – if the noise takes place between 4 pm. and 7 p.m. on a Sunday, you are on your own. Automated menus drive you mad, and you end up at the beginning. There is an email service, but given that it is for non-emergencies only, there is little point in putting it here. Research on the Council's new website as to hours has proved unhelpful and fruitless. We have been told that now at least one estate has never found anyone at the end of a telephone.**

**Could this be why? Read on.**

**Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we have assessed the service we provide responding to noise complaints to ensure that we do not put you or our officers at risk. We will therefore be using a pragmatic approach responding to complaints. We will not be visiting complainants and individuals alleged to be causing noise problems in all cases, unless an assessment has been made that it is safe for us to do so. We will still continue to operate our service and respond to complaints using alternative measures such as carrying out noise assessments outside properties in some cases. It is hoped that you will appreciate why we have come to this decision.**

**Please do not report a nuisance using the above telephone number or online form if you live on a council housing estate, as there is separate guidance for this. Use 020 8871 7490.**

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Safer Neighbourhood Team <a href="mailto:Queenstown@met.police.uk">Queenstown@met.police.uk</a> Tweet: @MPSQueenstown <a href="https://www.met.police.uk/your-area/wandswortg/Queenstown/">https://www.met.police.uk/your-area/wandswortg/Queenstown/</a>	(020) 8247 8691/07407 492 357
Co-Chairs: Any queries are best addressed to the Secretary who can then contact all three. Secretary (Susan Ekins)	Graham Harris, Ken Jordan <a href="mailto:susan.brightonrock@gmail.com">susan.brightonrock@gmail.com</a> (020) 7228 2781
Animal Welfare Services	020 8871 7606 If urgent: 07860 534733
Parks Police Parks Police patrolling - Parks Police General Enquiries –	Emergencies - 999/Non-emergency incidents 101 07500 959442 (020) 8871 7532
Community Safety, Roger Lyddon  Michael Blair, Community Safety	(020) 8871 6950/07917 542933 <a href="mailto:Roger.Lyddon@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk">Roger.Lyddon@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:Michael.Blair@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk">Michael.Blair@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk</a>
Immobilise: Action Line (for fraud) Anti-Terrorist Hotline Noise Line (24/7)	<a href="http://www.immobilise.com">www.immobilise.com</a> <a href="http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/">http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/</a> 0800 789 321 (020) 8871 6127
Streetlink & rough sleepers	<b>0300 500 0914</b> or visit <b>streetlink.org.uk</b> .
John Thompson, WBC Housing Dept.	(020) 8871 8342
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Citizens Advice Wandsworth Mon – Fri 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Ben Tickle (parking contravention) Graffiti Line 24/7	0300 330 1169  (020) 8871 8002 <a href="mailto:btickle@wandsworthgov.uk">btickle@wandsworthgov.uk</a> (020) 8871 6127
Steve Diamond, Deputy Economic Development Officer, Chair of Community Engagement Group for Nine Elms	<a href="mailto:SDiamond@wandsworth.gov.uk">SDiamond@wandsworth.gov.uk</a> (020) 8871 6205
Potholes and other repairs link	<a href="https://forms.wandsworth.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?formid=REPORT_STREET_DEFECTS&amp;ebz=1_1502354301755&amp;ebd=0&amp;ebz=1_1502354301755">https://forms.wandsworth.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?formid=REPORT_STREET_DEFECTS&amp;ebz=1_1502354301755&amp;ebd=0&amp;ebz=1_1502354301755</a>

## **Water Leaks and Gas Escapes**

Do not assume that someone else has phoned it in. Please do not report these to the Council. The following free phone numbers should be used to report leaks

WATER: 0800 714614

GAS: 0800 111999

All utility companies have to prioritise works across our borough as well as other boroughs in south London. The On-Street Services team actively monitors works on the public highway and works with utility companies to minimise disruption as much as possible.

For instance, via their telephone number, or Mr Don Ogunyemi on Tel No 020 8871 6712, Fax 020 8871 3174, E-mail [dogunyemi@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:dogunyemi@wandsworth.gov.uk).