



# BATTERSEA PARK

## SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

### newsletter

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# ST MICHAEL

September 29<sup>th</sup> is the Feast Day of Saint Michael and all Angels.

In late medieval Christianity, Michael, together with Saint George, became the patron saint of chivalry and is now also considered the patron saint of police officers, paramedics and the military, but he is also to be found in the Bible, in Judaism and Islam.



# **BATTERSEA PARK OUR TEAM**

**PS Claire Moloney**

**PCSO Anthony Ioannou**

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**PC Teresa Licari**

**PC Jayne Lambourne**

**Team currently officers short, but two will be arriving soon.**

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## **Current SN Team Priorities.**

### **1. ROBBERIES**

**- Persistent patrolling in hot spot areas; Leafleting; Funding from council for permanent signs; Robbery operations - high visibility/plain clothes patrolling; Support from specialist teams - Violence Suppression Unit/Neighbourhood Tasking Team; Target offenders**

### **2. DRUG RELATED ACTIVITY AND GANG VIOLENCE**

**- Execution of warrants; Patrolling hotspots, including stairwells; Proactive stop and search; Notify Housing for breach of tenancy**

### **3. THEFT FROM MOTORVEHICLES**

**- High visibility patrolling; Leafleting; Support from Violence; Suppression unit and Neighbourhood Tasking Teams**

## How to provide information – on-line reporting

**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](http://www.met.police.uk)

**In an EMERGENCY ALWAYS dial 999**

Some people are nervous because they think the troublemakers will see police coming to their door. Be reassured, the police will not just turn up without your permission. They will usually contact you by 'phone.

## **THEFT**

### **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 are still continuing**

This is an opportunist type of crime and taking just a few steps will reduce your risk in becoming a victim. Every day we see more and more reports, UK wide. Tell your supplier they must never just leave a parcel on your doorstep. Doorbell video can be useful.

## **BATTERSEA PARK**

Unfortunately, robbers continue to be opportunistic, and usually operate in small groups, and not just in the Park.

Remember the guidelines. Walk with other people at night. Do not use your 'phone, not even to keep it to hand.

## **FIRE SAFETY**

**Barbecues, including the smaller disposal types, are not allowed in the Park. This rule is even more important following the number of wildfires in the UK.**

**We understand that Marks and Spencer have stopped selling them.**

**Please ensure cigarette butts are safely disposed of. Even the smallest spark can start a nasty fire. There was a recent interesting exchange on NextDoor. Man objected to being “harassed” at Clapham Junction by environment officers. He believed he had the right to drop cigarette butts if he wished.**





## 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.



**Reminder: The latest car part prized by thieves is . . . your airbag**

## PROTECT YOUR BIKES

**Judging from reports, pedal bike thefts are on the increase. They often, but not always, take place very late at night.** 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)**

## SCAMS



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.

**01652 numbers are still working hard to part you from your money.** Recorded message, educated voice, saying they are from your bank, there is an unexplained charge on Amazon, Visa, for £1100, £800 or whatever; to find out more, talk to an advisor, press 1, and so on. In 2017 £190 billion was lost to scams in the UK. **It is a SCAM. Put the 'phone down.**

There are more reports of text, email and phone calls from **scammers impersonating Ofgem**, and claiming you can obtain your energy discount if you supply bank details. **No, no, no. The discount is applied automatically to your bill.** If you want to know more about these scams, click on this link [ow.ly/4sQb50K1Arl](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/energy-discount-for-low-income-households)





**Little Book of Big Scams**  
**Now in its Fourth Edition**

[https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/  
media/downloads/central/advice/thames-  
valley/fraud/little-book-big-scams.pdf](https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/central/advice/thames-valley/fraud/little-book-big-scams.pdf)



## **DRUGS**

**Another subject that not infrequently pops up in meetings.**

**Cannabis is a class B drug, and whoever possesses it can incur a maximum sentence of up to 5 years in prison, an unlimited fine, or both.**

**Due to its unique odour, cannabis also attracts an anti-social element that has an effect on other residents and members of the community's health and well-being.**

### **Section 8 Misuse of Drugs Act**

**A person commits an offence if, being the occupier or concerned in the management of any premises, they knowingly permit or suffer any of the following activities to take place on those premises, that is to say-**

**(a) producing or attempting to produce a controlled drug in contravention of section 4(1) of this Act:**

**(b) supplying or attempting to supply a controlled drug in contravention of section 4(1) of this Act, or offering to supply a controlled drug to another in contravention of section 4(1):**

**(c) preparing opium for smoking.**

**(d) smoking cannabis, cannabis resin or prepared opium.**

**The above offence can carry a punishment of up to 14 years imprisonment and/or an unlimited fine.**

**Upon delivery of this letter, it will be considered that you are now aware of the legislation and the behaviour that has been occurring in your buildings. Illegal drug use is likely to be a breach of both private and housing association tenancy agreements which may lead to residents being evicted.**

**There is also the business of Nitrous Oxide – you know, those pretty little silver canisters found dumped in stairwells and on green areas. However, sad to say, users are now turning to commercial-sized containers of the gas, with often lethal results, since using such a large dispenser makes it difficult to assess how much has been inhaled. And even the small dispensers are hardly safe. Read on.**

From *The Guardian* 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022

## **Doctors warn of rise in nerve damage linked to nitrous oxide**

In recent years, nitrous oxide – commonly known as “nos” – has become a hugely popular recreational drug. It has reportedly been widely used at festivals this summer.

In the 2019-20 Crime Survey for England and Wales, almost 9% of 16- to 24-year-olds said they had taken nitrous oxide in the last year, up from 6.1% in 2012-13.

Experts say that as use of the drug has risen, so too have cases of spinal cord and nerve damage, including paralysis.

“There is no doubt that we have seen an increase of cases, as this was almost unknown last year and now [we] see cases weekly,” said Dr Nikos Evangelou, an academic neurologist at the University of Nottingham.

Writing on Twitter, Evangelou described the situation as an epidemic, adding:

“Terrifying to see paralysed young people from laughing gas canisters.”

Dr David Nicholl, a neurologist at Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS trust, also called the problem an epidemic in a recent TikTok video.

“We’re seeing dozens of young people coming into hospital because they’re off their legs; some of them have life-changing neurological injuries,” he said.

Discovered by the chemist Joseph Priestley in 1772 – and subsequently the subject of myriad experiments and cartoons – nitrous oxide became a useful tool in medical settings to treat severe pain.

While it can induce laughter and hallucinations, it can also cause neurological problems by inactivating the vitamin B12.

“B12 is crucial in the production of myelin, which is the fatty sheath around nerves in your body,” said Dr Trevor Pickersgill, a consultant neurologist at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. When B12 is inactivated by nitrous oxide, myelin is no longer kept in good repair. “That causes spinal cord damage, which can be irreversible if untreated,” said Pickersgill.

Dr Mark Ellul, a specialist registrar in neurology based in Liverpool, said cases of nerve damage from nitrous oxide use were frequent. “I’d say as a unit we

probably see a case every few weeks,” he said. “Most are young people, and many were previously unaware that the substance could be harmful. In some cases, the effects can be quite severe and long-lasting.”

One study carried out by researchers in Strasbourg reported that five patients were admitted to a tertiary care centre between April 2020 and February 2021 with rapidly progressive neurological symptoms after using nitrous oxide.

“When I did a retrospective analysis of all patients admitted in 10 years prior to April 2020, not a single patient had been diagnosed with neurological complications due to nitrous oxide abuse at our hospital,” said the lead author, Maximilian Einsiedler.

While it is illegal in the UK to supply nitrous oxide for human consumption or to sell it to children, it is not illegal to possess the drug. Users often buy small silver canisters of the gas – known as whippits because of their original purpose as whipped cream chargers – and inhale it from a balloon.

However, there are concerns that large canisters of the gas are becoming more common, with **giant containers 80 times the size of whippits** found in the streets of London after the Notting Hill carnival this weekend.

Harry Sumnall, a professor in substance use at Liverpool John Moores University, said there was a lack of hard data on the prevalence of serious problems resulting from nitrous oxide use in the UK.

While Sumnall said that even a relatively small rise in cases from a low baseline was of concern to neurologists, he said the people most at risk of significant complications were those exposed to high quantities of the gas.

“Just to put it into perspective, [there are] more than 600,000 users in the UK, and most people if they are using it are going to be using it a few times a year, at really low levels of risk,” he said

The **Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD)** is expected to provide a recommendation in 2023 on whether nitrous oxide should be criminalised.

The 2019-20 Crime Survey for England and Wales indicated it was the second most-used illegal drug among 16-24-year-olds, with more than 500,000 taking it.

## **CHANGES TO THE HIGHWAY CODE**

A full list of the changes to the Highway Code can be found via this link

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1037306/table-of-change-to-the-highway-code.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1037306/table-of-change-to-the-highway-code.pdf)

## **E-SCOOTERS**

**e-scooters are still with us. They are still illegal on pavements and in parks. They may be used in certain areas only if hired from an approved company.**

## **SN PANEL MEETINGS**

**These will now take place every three months, instead of every two. The next meeting will be on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. probably live, although at the last count, the Team were looking for a venue.**

**If you are a Rep. but did not receive an invitation to the last meeting, please let the PC Beckley know. And always remember to check your Spam Boxes over the week before the expected meeting.**

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Most people will be aware that there have recently been elections in Italy. Some worry that the new government leans rather too far to the “right”. You may be interested in this article printed in the Observer, before Benito Mussolini had really got going, with people being beaten up, racial laws, internal exile, prison camps....

## **Mussolini: the master of Italy – archive, 1922**

The Observer examines the fascist advance across Italy and Mussolini’s ability to dominate an audience ‘by sheer force of volcanic personality’



Benito Mussolini among the Quadrumvirs on 24 October 1922. Photograph: Mondadori Portfolio/Getty Images

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***From our own correspondent***

***The Observer, 24 September 1922***

*Rome*

The Fascisti are continuing their activities all over Italy, and if they use despotic methods it must be admitted that their despotism is sometimes attended with good results. How far and how long an extra-state despotism can continue to exist side by side with the legal constitution is the problem that will have to be faced in the near future by both Italy and the Fascisti.



They are now preparing a campaign in the south of Italy where, so far, fascismo has penetrated very little. The National Congress of Fascisti takes place at Naples in October, and will be the signal for the “black shirts” to start their propaganda. They have already established National Syndicates to take the place of Communist Labour Chambers in the provinces of Bari and Foggia, formerly strongholds of socialism. These syndicates aim at federating workers of all classes, instead of separating the social strata and producing the harmful class strife which has hitherto been the hallmark of Italian socialism.

In Sicily fascismo has better ground to work on than in the Neapolitan provinces. As an article in the *Popolo d'Italia* truly observes, there is no real socialism in Sicily; there are only discontented people, who will gladly join any association that promises to ameliorate their lot. In Messina, fascism is already thriving. In Sicily, generally, memories still linger of Garibaldi and his band of heroes, and the tradition of the “red shirts” will pave the way for the new expedition of the “*camicie nere*.”



*The fascist movement that has brought Mussolini back to the mainstream*

In central Italy the Fascisti are championing ex-soldiers in the country districts by occupying the villas or these landowners who refuse to give them work. A few days ago 300 of them swarmed over the Villa Borghese in the Mugello, near Florence, and continued the pressure of their presence until the owner, the Duca di Bomarzo, consented to employ a reasonable number of ex-servicemen on his estate.

The village of Bacchereto, also in Tuscany, has just been occupied by Fascisti, who announce their intention of remaining on the spot until the parish priest has been removed. The obnoxious cleric is accused of uttering libels against fascismo from the pulpit, and of being generally guilty of anti-national feeling. His parishioners are, it seems, thoroughly in agreement with the Fascisti, and are grateful to them for their help. The priest declares that he is innocent of the sentiments attributed to him, but it is rumoured that he intends to resign the living of Bacchereto sooner than fight it out with the Fascisti.

## **The master of Italy: Mussolini and his programme**

***From our own correspondent  
The Observer, 1 October 1922***

*Florence*

Last week both the nominal and the virtual leader of Italy made speeches and were honoured in different ways and in very different measure. The banquet given at Pinerolo, in Piedmont, to celebrate the completion of 30 years of the prime minister's political life, was attended by numerous ministers, innumerable deputies and three Italian ambassadors, besides a crowd of other distinguished guests, who had come, not only because Facta is personally liked and much respected, but because an important speech was expected, given the gravity of the political situation. Delusion wits bitter. "*Verba non Facta*," exclaimed one wag, and the phrase will serve as cenotaph for this amiably dignified and ineffectually upright minister who has failed to impress his countrymen, and is only used as a hyphen between one ministry and the other. He has purred about peace and order at home, and respect for Italy abroad, but has not known which card to play.

The subtle Italian mind adores a man of action, a man of elemental force. Mussolini, "the Thunderer," whose words became deeds as they drop from his mouth, has swept most of young Italy off their feet, and for the time being holds them in the hollow of his hand. He at any rate has no difficulty in finding cards to play; he shows them with tempestuous promptitude in answer to the stirred curiosity of his anxious countrymen, and no one can complain that his game lacks variety. His whole life, from a revolutionary socialist to a revolutionary fascist, is made of cinema shifts of stirring interest and significance.

At Udine on 20 September Mussolini made the most important of his speeches, which had for its watchword, "Rome". "The march on Rome," however symbolic as a term (and, given the necessity, Mussolini will turn symbols into deeds), means nothing less than that Italy is to be fascista and governed either by Mussolini or by those who will suit their policy to his. In the very near future we may see a Giolitti-Mussolini ministry – age and exuberance grappling with, perhaps, the most subtly difficult situation an Italian cabinet has ever had to deal with.

### **Discipline**

In the Udine speech Mussolini made a vigorous call for discipline to be the mainspring of his army and of Italy. "We must subject ourselves," he said, "to an iron discipline or else we would have no right to impose it upon the nation. Discipline alone will enable Italy to make her voice heard among other nations. Discipline should be accepted; if not accepted, it must be imposed ... We are an

army, and because we have chosen that special constitution, our life and our actions must be founded upon discipline ... “Italy’s voice to be heard among other nations” – there you have another foundation stone of Mussolini’s programme.

### **“Black Shirts” at Cremona**

The very day that the prime minister’s 3,000 distinguished guests were eating their excellent dinner and exchanging “*bei complimenti*,” Mussolini was taking peaceful possession of enemy country. The beautiful little city of Cremona, lying in the rich Lombard plain close to the gliding waters of the Po, awoke to find her population suddenly doubled by the advent of 30,000 fascists – youths in black shirts and black fezes, skull and crossbones as their emblem, their motto “*Me ne frego*” (“*Je m’en fiche*”); and young girls in short black skirts, white blouses, and jockey caps made of tricolour.



Mussolini in Rome, February 1927. Photograph: Universal History Archive/UIG/Getty Images

The “loggie” flanking the cathedral were soon crowded with people, boys sat astride on the grim medieval lions and heads looked out of the small windows above the giant sundial, while thousands of Black Shirts streamed into the piazza for an hour and half in well-ordered formation. With his habitual quiet rapidity, Mussolini suddenly appeared in the stone pulpit affixed high up against a pier of the Communal Palace whence demagogues of old had swayed the people of Cremona. There was a roar of welcome “*Il nostro Duce*,” and the banners were raised on high and waved above the crowd.

### **Mussolini as orator**

“How like he is to a Roman tribune,” exclaimed one officer, as Mussolini stretched out his arm to the crowd, saluting the people in the Roman manner adopted by the fascists. His powerful head was thrown back, his stern eye fixed

them all as one person. I was more impressed by the religious silence which fell upon the multitude when Mussolini began to speak than by the indescribable enthusiasm when cheering broke loose. He is a great speaker, not an orator. He dominates his audience more by sheer force of his volcanic personality, which is well under control, than by the force of his words. The young men in Italy, full of intense zest for life, and of truculent patriotism, would follow him anywhere at the lift of a finger. In this absorbing love for Italy and pride in her lies their strength, their virtue, and their danger.

*This is an edited extract. [Read the article in full.](#)*

This article was amended on 22 September 2022 to correct a mistranslation; the article of 1 October 1922 referred to “a man of action”, rather than “a man of Teflon” as the translated version had it.

People may wonder why Italy has voted for Fratelli d'Italia and the others. Giorgia Meloni, likely to be the next PM denies hers is a fascist organisation, although there are certainly hints. But as an Italian friend pointed out, in some parts of Italy there is still a soft spot for Mussolini, and that love is passed on through the generations. A few years ago, one 14-year-old girl



wrote a love letter to him in the book at his tomb in Predappio which has become a site of pilgrimage for today's fascists. However, it may also be a sign of desperation. Italy's future will be interesting.

But parties have a habit of losing popularity.

Modern-day wine label reads: **Let's toast eia eia alala!** (*Fascist war cry*)

## Animal Crackers

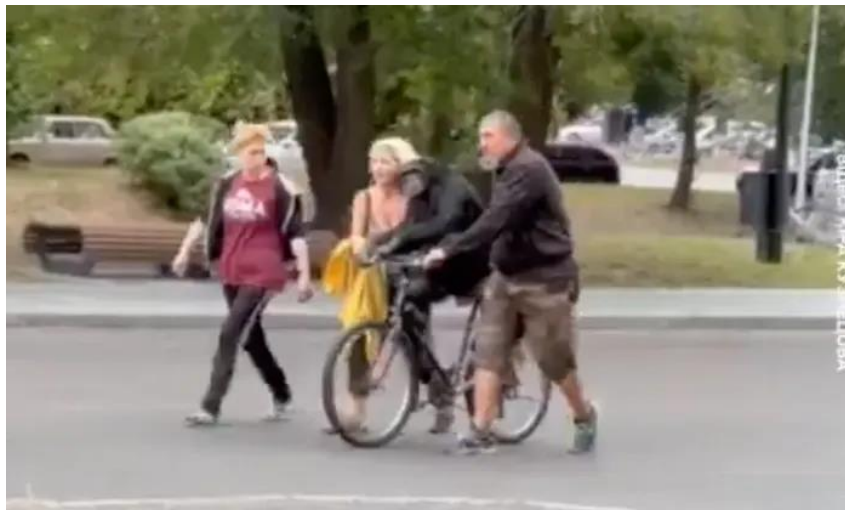


## Escaped chimpanzee returns to Kharkiv zoo on keeper's bicycle

Rare moment of joy in under-fire Ukrainian city as video shows Chichi being wheeled back on bicycle

[Isobel Koshiw](#) in Kyiv

Guardian 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022



A chimpanzee that escaped Kharkiv city zoo on Monday was persuaded to return by a zoo employee who wheeled it back on a bicycle.

Staff at the zoo in Ukraine's second-biggest city were struggling to persuade Chichi, who had wandered around streets and a nearby park, to return to the zoo with them.



But when it started to rain she ran to a keeper, who put a yellow jacket on her. The pair embraced before Chichi was put on the seat of a bike.

Footage of the incident brought a rare moment of joy to a frontline city under daily bombardment by Russian forces.

The zoo's director, Oleksiy Hryhoriev, confirmed to Ukraine's public broadcaster Suspilne that the animal was safely back in the zoo.

Earlier in the war, Chichi had been evacuated from the Feldman Ecopark, an outdoor zoo on frontlines in the Kharkiv region.

Kharkiv city has also faced daily shelling, with buildings across the northern and eastern parts of the city left blackened by bombs. Hundreds of civilians have been killed and injured.

The city centre, where the zoo is located, has been hit less frequently since its main administrative buildings were destroyed in March. But last week at least four civilians were killed when a rocket hit the centre.



A chimpanzee in its enclosure at Kharkiv city zoo, where waterfall sounds are used to relieve animals' stress under bombardment. Photograph: Anadolu Agency/Getty

Though Chichi still lives in relative danger, she was lucky to leave her former home at Feldman's Ecopark alive. More than 100 animals died before they were able to be evacuated, according to the zoo's owner, the Kharkiv businessman Oleksandr Feldman.

Feldman added that six people who volunteered to help with the evacuation of the animals were killed.

## Downing Street Re-shuffle

As well as Truss and Sunak, a third contender threw his collar into the ring – Larry the Cat. Mr Johnson might have left, but the main boss stayed at his post.

Billboards appeared all over London one weekend, announcing the Chief Mouser to the Cabinet Office had what it takes.



But who is Larry the Downing Street Cat and who is behind his billboards? Here's everything you need to know.

Larry the Downing Street Cat has been a permanent resident at Number 10 after former prime minister David Cameron adopted him from Battersea Dogs and Cats home in 2011.

The trusted feline has watched over three prime ministers including David Cameron, Theresa May and the outgoing PM, Boris Johnson.

Larry the cat is 15-years-old, which is the equivalent of 76-years-old in human age.

Downing Street's number one feline, he moved into the prestigious address on 15 February 2011 at just four-years-old.

He is the first cat at Downing Street to be bestowed with the official title of Chief Mouser.

Larry was adopted from Battersea Dogs and Cats and is honoured there with a blue plaque.

Billboards calling for Larry to be the next PM have appeared in Hackney, Peckham and on Shepherd's Bush roundabout. They show Larry in an election poster alongside Truss and Sunak, as well as solo posters of Larry wearing a Union Jack dickie bow.

In one billboard poster shared on Larry's social media account, the Chief Mouser to the Cabinet Office is captioned alongside the words "Larry for Leader".

The picture was shared on Larry's Twitter account with the words "Dreams can come true..." alongside the hashtags #Larry4Leader and #YesWeCat.

### **Who is behind Larry the Cat's billboards?**

The group in charge of Larry's campaign are Don't Panic.

They have also set up a website, [Larry4Leader](#), to raise awareness of the Downing Street feline.

The tongue-in-cheek website, includes all of Larry's demands including "treats (when you dangle a feather)" and asks why "160,000 Tories get to choose for 67 million people? (And 34 million pets!)"

Larry's full "Meow-festo" includes policies such as:

- Treats (when you dangle a feather).
- Responsible Hiss-cal Policy.
- Meals for every child, wet food for every kitten.
- Cats to decide when boxes are ready for recycling.
- No more Downing Street parties without Larry.
- He's the only candidate with clean paws.
- No more political cat fights. Calm and civil discourse only please.
- Decriminalisation and regulation of catnip markets.
- No lying in No. 10 unless it's on a comfy cushion.

# WANDSWORTH ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICES



## WANDSWORTH COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICE

The Animal Welfare Service (AWS) (previously known as the Dog Control Service) comprises 4 staff, who operate a shift system covering the borough from 7.00am to 9pm Monday to Friday.

Outside these hours there is a call out service to attend to captive stray dogs only.

The service also covers the borough of Richmond, (but contact information below).

All general or routine enquiries and complaints should initially be directed to the general

**AWS contacts below.**

The manager is Mark Callis

Tel :020 8871 7132

E. mail: [mark.callis@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:mark.callis@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)

### **Useful contacts:**

AWS email: [animalwelfare@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:animalwelfare@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)

AWS tel: 020 8871 7606. Or for urgent calls 07860 534733

Web Page: [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/dogs](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/dogs)

Out of hours for captive stray dogs call 020 8871 7490

EPT e mail: [parkspolice@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:parkspolice@wandsworth.gov.uk)

EPT Tel :020 8871 7532



John Paul Ekins, Pianist, lives in Battersea Park Ward. Now with well over 4200 subscribers. Warsaw Concerto at RAH over 14200 views.

JP's recording sessions with Henry Chandler, of the Beethoven Violin Sonatas, are now completed. They will be published in the autumn.

**16<sup>th</sup> October** in celebration o Chopin, there will be a concert in the Polish cultural Centre.

[For his on-line concerts, link below:](#)

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMMxbvC9KmdO5slhy\\_pDhkA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMMxbvC9KmdO5slhy_pDhkA)





# LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

## **WASTE NOT WANT NOT Project**

### **ABOUT US**

Waste Not Want Not Battersea has been in operation since 2017 and is the first project in Battersea to collect surplus food from nearby markets and distribute it through local community and youth centres.

We have built relationships with traders in New Covent Garden Market and other local retailers and save around 1000kg+ of food every week from ending up in the bin.

We love food and respect the whole process that goes into growing it and getting it from the source to our plates. We are dedicated to ensuring that perfectly edible and nutritious food does not become waste and instead is channelled for the benefit of local community.

Our sessions are open to anyone who would benefit from nutritious food and a chance to meet others in their local community. We work to promote an inclusive community environment, where nobody has to prove their need.

#### **We are all about:**

- Creating a respectful approach to food and a greater understanding of our throw-away culture
- Promoting sharing and supportive practices in local community
- Building community cohesion and a sense of belonging through meaningful and rewarding dedication to healthy food and human relationships

For more information on all the wonderful work they do, visit their website:

<https://www.wastenotwantnot-battersea.org/>

# LIVING STREETS: The UK Charity for Everyday Walking

Find out more on

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

## Want to #ReclaimOurPavements in 2022? Join us!

Living Streets is the champion of clear, clutter free pavements.

Next year, we plan to work harder than ever to put an end to dangerous pavement parking, so everyone can walk or wheel safely in their neighbourhood.

Why join us?

**1. We have the history.** We have led the campaign to end pavement parking for decades. Five of them. And we have never stopped. [Read more on our blog.](#)

**2. The time is now.** We know what momentum looks like - and right now, we have it like never before.

Scotland has introduced a law against it. Wales has committed to regulate it. And England have consulted on banning it.

These are all huge wins in themselves, wins Living Streets and our members have helped achieve.

**3. We listen.** We build our campaigning around real stories, like the 2,000 supporters who sent us their story last summer.

**4. We build consensus.** We work in coalition with active travel, transport and disability organisations focused on tackling all obstructions that make our pavements dangerous, especially for disabled people and older adults.

**5. And all of this means we know what do next**

We will continue to put pressure on the Scottish Government to properly implement its law on pavement parking as early as possible.

We will hold the Welsh Government to its promise to give councils powers to crack down on pavement parking.

We will continue to press the Department for Transport to publish its consultation results.

And we will continue to support our Local Groups to speak up for pavements and streets where they live.

This is how we win. Please support our campaign to end pavement parking for good. [Join us.](#)

If you want to protect pavements for people, there has never been a more important time to join the UK charity for everyday walking.

**BECOME A MEMBER TODAY**

## COUNCILLORS AND MP.

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**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 me to arrange a call and someone will get back to you shortly. Or ring **020 7924 1973**

## OCTOBER UPDATE

This has been edited, because, as you can see, as usual, Marsha has been very busy, and without editing, it would have been too long for this newsletter.

We were all saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September, which brought to an end 70 years of peerless service, steadfast leadership and strong faith.

I was honoured to pay tribute on behalf of Battersea to Her Majesty in Parliament. The Queen visited Battersea multiple times, including the former children's home on the Winstanley Estate, and she was a patron of Battersea Dogs and Cats Home for 60 years.

The next week was full of ceremonies. I signed the Book of Condolence for the Queen at Wandsworth Town Hall, and I was honoured to be one of 140 Members of Parliament invited to attend the reception of the Queen's coffin for her lying in state at Westminster Hall, along with members of the Royal Family and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The accession of King Charles III brought more occasions. I attended the proclamation of the new King at Wandsworth Town Hall and the presentation of addresses by both houses to the new King, where he spoke about the importance of Parliament to our democracy.

### **Economic crisis**

It is clear that trickle-down economics doesn't work. Since the mini-budget last week, the pound has plummeted, investors have lost confidence in our economy with the IMF issuing an outspoken statement and the Bank of England having to step in to avert financial meltdown.

Inflation is around 10%, interest rates are forecast to be around 5% by the end of the year and household energy prices have been capped at a level still double what they were a year ago.

### **Business & Energy**

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced a range of policies. Bringing back fracking will not do anything to help our current energy crisis or the climate crisis. I called for clarity for businesses and voluntary and faith organisations, as they face a cliff edge in April when the Energy Bill Relief Scheme package comes to an end. I also urged the Government to prioritise small businesses for support as they face increased costs, electricity bills, supply chain problems, Brexit and more.

I expressed my concern in Parliament at reports that the Energy Security Bill will be paused or scrapped. This Bill could finally have brought households who pay for their energy through heat networks into regulation by Ofgem. Many residents in Battersea are facing continuing uncertainty after a year of uncapped, skyrocketing prices.

## Healthcare

The new Health Secretary gave a rushed statement with little chance for scrutiny. It was astonishing that, on Youth Mental Health Day, and with Britain's mental health services at crisis point, Ms Coffey did not mention mental health once. Then, last week, it was reported that a long-promised paper on health inequalities will be scrapped. The Government is showing no willingness to fix the dangerous waiting times and chronic underfunding in our NHS.

## Wilhelmina Sterling

Battersea's history is full of inspiring women, but too few of them are given the commemoration they deserve. Wilhelmina Stirling (1865–1965) was an art collector, founder of the De Morgan Foundation, a supporter of the suffragettes, and one of Battersea's most accomplished – and eccentric – women.

I was delighted to attend the unveiling of a blue plaque in her honour at Old Battersea House with the Battersea Society.







Apple will open their new European headquarters in Battersea Power Station next year. I visited St Mary's Primary School with Apple's Vice President of Environment, Policy and Social Initiatives, Lisa Jackson, to meet students taking part in a pilot of Apple's Everyone Can Code programme.

I'm looking forward to working with Apple to expand their community and education programme across Battersea.



## 322 cases

Main topics:

- **Housing and planning**
- Asylum and immigration
- Cost of living
- Transport
- Environment and climate

**COUNCILLORS are also not holding surgeries, partly because of security incidents in the past. Please ring or email for help.**

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### **Your Councillors and their Council Committees**

MAURICE MCLEOD is Chair of the Licensing Committee, its Sub Committee, and the Regulatory Licensing Committee.

He is also on the Housing Committee and the Corporate Parenting Panel.

He is on 2 outside bodies: The Borough Residents Forum and the Eastern Area Housing Panel.

JULIANA ANNAN is Chair of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

Other Committees: Children's Committee, Grants Sub-Committee, Licensing Committee and Sub-Committee, the Health Committee

TONY BELTON is Chair of the Planning Applications Committee, and also sits on the Transport Committee. He is the Deputy Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committees.

He is on two outside bodies: Battersea United Charities and the Wandsworth (Conservation Area) Advisory Committee.

He also produces an interesting monthly newsletter. If you would like to go on his mailing list, please email him.

## **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.**

**020 8871 6127**

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.** (Joint Control Centre) Editor has been told it is super-fast!

## **RUBBISH**



Squirrel Binman aka Oak Botherer

**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

## **LITTER AND FLYTIPPING**

### **RECYCLING**

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

Unsure? See below.

#### **YES:**

Paper, card, cardboard. **Please note:** Large boxes should be taken apart or cut into smaller pieces. It is surprising how many people ignore this instruction, then wonder why their large boxes are not taken away.

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

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

#### **NO:**

Food waste(well wrapped up, please) 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.**

## **USEFUL CONTACTS**

**Safer Neighbourhood Team** (020) 8247 8691/07407 492 357

batterseapark@met.police.uk

**Co-Chairs:** Not yet elected

**Secretary:** Not yet elected

In the interim, contact Susan Ekins for help and advice

[susan.brightonrock@gmail.com](mailto:susan.brightonrock@gmail.com) (020) 7228 2781

**Animal Welfare Services** 020 8871 7606. If urgent: 07860 534733

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

Parks Police patrolling - 07500 959442

Parks Police General Enquiries – (020) 8871 7532

**Community Safety**, Roger Lyddon (020) 8871 6950/07917 542933

[Roger.Lyddon@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:Roger.Lyddon@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)

**Michael Blair** [Michael.Blair@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:Michael.Blair@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)

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

**Action Line** (for fraud) <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

**Anti-Terrorist Hotline** 0800 789 321

**Noise Line (24/7)** (020) 8871 6127

**Streetlink & rough sleepers** **0300 500 0914** or visit **streetlink.org.uk**.

**Housing**, John Thompson, WBC Housing Dept. (020) 8871 8342

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Mon – Fri 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Ben Tickle (parking contravention)

(020) 8871 8002

[btickle@wandsworthgov.uk](mailto:btickle@wandsworthgov.uk)

Graffiti Line24/7

(020) 8871 6127

Steve Diamond, Deputy Economic Development Officer,

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Potholes and other repairs link

[https://forms.wandsworth.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?formid=REPORT\\_STREET\\_DEFECTS&ebz=1\\_1502354301755&ebd=0&ebz=1\\_1502354301755](https://forms.wandsworth.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?formid=REPORT_STREET_DEFECTS&ebz=1_1502354301755&ebd=0&ebz=1_1502354301755)

## 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).