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**“Pride in Harrow
is thanks in
no small part
to the work of
our amazing
volunteers.”**

I know contacting the council can sometimes be challenging – especially if you don't have access to the internet or have a complex issue. Many of you have told me that you'd like easier access which includes speaking to a person. That's why I've made this a key priority this year. After listening to your feedback, I'm very proud to say we've now reopened a dedicated phone line meaning you get the help you need faster.

It's just one of the Flagship Actions we're delivering that are Putting Residents First. And there's more to come, with a resident access centre for face-to-face support coming soon. You can read about it, as well as more ways we're improving access, on page 8.

We are also committed to making Harrow clean and safe. We've held more days of action around the borough, increased the number of Safe Havens and our new Grimebusters team is out tackling things like graffiti and paan stains. Read about it on pages 22 and 23, where you'll also find an introduction to our new Borough Commander

Luke Williams. I wish Detective Chief Inspector Williams well in his new role as we work together to make Harrow safer. One of the things that makes me proud to call Harrow home is the number of amazing volunteers who go above and beyond to make Harrow a better place. Last month we celebrated them at our 19th Harrow's Heroes Awards, where I presented the Pride in Harrow Award.

It's truly inspiring to hear their stories and I'm glad we can give them the celebration they deserve thanks to our awards sponsors. You can read about the winners on pages 16 and 17.

There were more celebrations over the summer as we marked the borough's 60th anniversary. You'll find coverage of some of the events inside.

Finally, I'd like to wish a happy Diwali to all those celebrating.

Paul S. Osborn

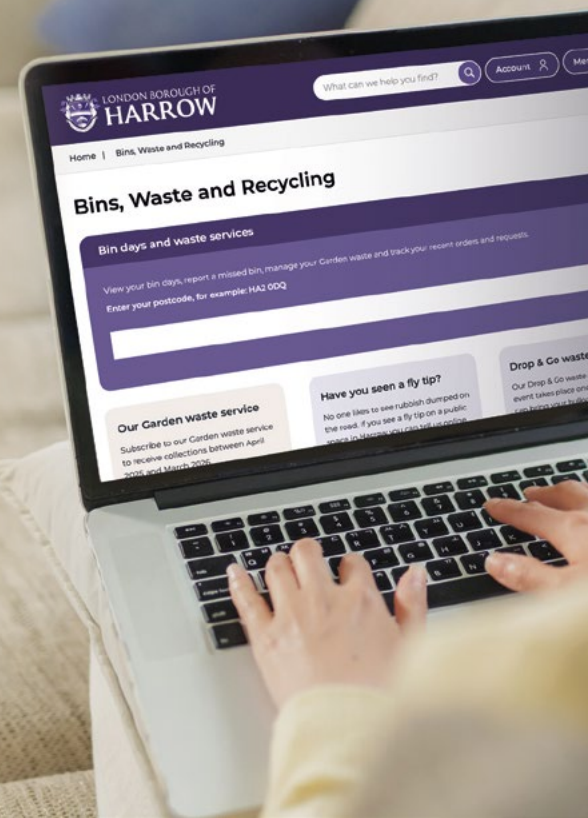
**Cllr Paul Osborn
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Feeling the financial strain? Help is still available

If you've been affected by changes to Council Tax Support made in April, there is still £70,000 available to help residents facing exceptional financial hardship.

This fund is part of a £250,000 support scheme launched in April to provide financial support to those residents most affected.

If you're struggling and think you might qualify, don't wait. Support is limited and awarded on a case-by-case basis, so act fast to find out if you're eligible.

Apply **online** at harrow.gov.uk/counciltaxhardship or scan the QR code to get started.



Books & bins: Harrow Libraries go electric

Harrow Libraries are turning the page on waste - literally! Thanks to £30k from Material Focus, you can now recycle your small electricals while returning your books. Look out for the bright pink bins ready to take your old hairdryers, headphones, and anything smaller than a four-slice toaster.

Got a tired laptop? There's a special bin just for that - giving tech a second chance at life. It's smart, sustainable, and seriously convenient.

Next time you visit, bring your broken bits and be part of the spark behind a greener Harrow!



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the
video



Half-term fun starts at Harrow's Family Hubs!

Looking for free, fabulous fun this half-term? Swing by your local Family Hub for a jam-packed programme of sensory play, storytelling, and hands-on learning adventures!

It's not just playtime - our Family Hubs bring together health, care, and support all under one roof. Whether you're chasing giggles or guidance, we've got the right help, right when you need it.

Find your nearest hub and join the fun at harrow.gov.uk/familyhubs.

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Find out more
from the hubs



Klute Apartments sets new standard for supported living

Klute Apartments is more than just a housing development - it's a hub of compassionate, person-centred support for older adults and people with disabilities.

In collaboration with Creative Support and Octavia, we've designed a community where tailored care meets modern living. Every resident benefits from a personalised support plan that promotes independence while ensuring safety, dignity, and wellbeing.

Families can rest easy knowing their loved ones are not only cared for - but truly supported to live life to the fullest. At Klute Apartments, we don't just provide housing - we offer a foundation for thriving.

Don't lose your right to vote by post - act now

New rules mean postal voters must reapply every three years to keep their vote active. Anyone who registered before 31 October 2023 has until 31 January 2026 to renew - after that, your right to vote by post could be lost.

Reapplying is quick and easy. Just head to www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote and have your date of birth, National Insurance number, and signature ready.



Landlines are going digital - and Kenton is first up

The UK's big digital switchover is under way. By the end of January 2027, all old public telephone networks will be replaced with digital services. But for homes and businesses served by the Kenton Road exchange, the change is happening much sooner - before the end of November this year.

If you're unsure whether you need to upgrade, please contact your provider and they'll be able to advise you through the process.

Please be careful of any scams during this time. If you are unsure about any messages from your phone company, contact them using the number on your bill.

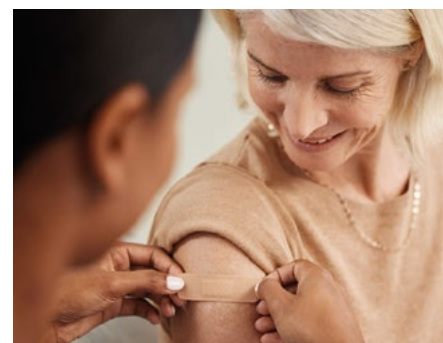
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Stay well this winter - get the app and vaccines

You can now manage your health from your phone - order repeat prescriptions, view records, and get trusted NHS advice in just a few taps. You can even request online consultations, saving time and avoiding unnecessary trips.

With flu season here and Covid still around, free vaccines are available for over-65s, pregnant women, and those with certain health conditions. They help reduce serious illness and hospital stays.

Check eligibility and find your nearest provider at nhs.co.uk.



Need help using the app? Ask your GP surgery.

Always rely on trusted sources like the NHS or World Health Organisation for accurate vaccine information.



Apply for your child's school place

If your child is due to start secondary school next year and you haven't already applied for a place, it's time to hurry.

If your child is in Year 6 you have until 31 October to submit your application for the September 2026 term.

With half-term coming up this month, it's a good idea to get your application in as soon as possible.

Don't know where or how to apply? Visit harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions where you will find all the information you need to choose a school.

Clear the clutter: Drop and Go makes it easy

Our hugely popular monthly Drop and Go events bring the recycling centre to your neighbourhood - making it easier to dispose of bulky items like old furniture and appliances.

You can bring up to five items that won't fit in your household bins, and we'll take care of the rest.

We've collected more than 20 tonnes of waste at events so far and there's more to come. Our next Drop and Go is at **Pinner Wood School on Saturday 18 October**, from 9am to 1pm. Remember to bring proof you're a Harrow resident, just as you would at the recycling centre.

If we haven't come to your neighbourhood yet, don't worry, we'll be at a new ward every month. Keep an eye out on the website for future dates and find out more:

harrow.gov.uk/dropandgo



Help is just a call away

We're making it easier for you to access the services you need – quickly, simply, and in a way that works for you

To support this, we've reopened a dedicated phone line for residents who need help with issues that can't be resolved online. It's part of our commitment to improving customer service and Putting Residents First.

Our website remains the fastest way to access most services and should be your first stop if you are able. But if your enquiry

is more complex or can't be resolved online, you can now call 020 8863 5611 for support.

This is one of our key priorities to restore pride in Harrow. And there's more to come - including a new one-stop shop on Gayton Road for in-person support, and a self-service kiosk at Wealdstone Library to help with enquiries, payments, and uploading documents.



Find out the best way to contact us for your enquiry: harrow.gov.uk/contactus

The quickest way to get in touch is often by completing one of our online forms on the website.

Online
Report fly-tipping; benefits and council tax enquiries; bins, waste and recycling queries; planning and permits; school admissions; MyHarrow account; or submitting a report



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Library
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Conversation Café
These drop-in events help people who are disabled, unpaid carers, pensioners or people with long term health problems to access support navigating adult social care, carer support and benefits. [Harrow.gov.uk/conversationcafe](https://harrow.gov.uk/conversationcafe)



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Dedicated phone lines are one of the ways you can contact the council

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Leader of London Borough of Harrow Cllr Paul Osborn, Cllr Janet Mote, Cllr Simon Brown and Cllr Sasi Suresh join staff and park user groups to celebrate

Pinner Memorial Park has retained its green flag

Record-breaking summer for Harrow's Parks

It's been a standout summer for Harrow's green spaces, with two parks receiving Green Flag awards for the first time in a generation - taking the borough's total to a record eight.

Hatch End Riverside Park and Chandos Recreation Ground are the newest additions to the list. Riverside Park, tucked away next to Harrow Arts Centre, underwent a major upgrade in 2023 and is now a local favourite thanks to its playground, woodland area, wildflowers, and outdoor performance stage.

Chandos Rec in Edgware has also seen big improvements. As part of the £2million Silk Stream

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Memorial Park, Canons Park, Harrow Recreation Ground, Headstone Manor Park and Roxeth Recreation Ground - have successfully retained their Green Flag status.

These awards confirm what locals already know: our parks are among the best in the country.

This achievement is the result of hard work from volunteers, park user groups, and council staff. Their efforts have helped deliver a flagship success for the borough. A huge thank you to everyone who played a part in this win.

Project, the park now features a new wetland designed to help reduce flood risk. It's become a go-to spot for walks, with a children's playground and thriving natural habitats.

Six other parks - Kenton Recreation Ground, Pinner

Bin there, fixed that!

We heard you loud and clear: overflowing bins were spoiling the view. So we rolled up our sleeves and got to work.

Extra-large bins have now been installed across 12 parks, making it easier than ever to keep our green spaces clean. We're also emptying them more often - so you can enjoy your strolls without the mess.

We're investing £6m in our parks over 3 years

Scan the QR code or search LBH on YouTube to see how we're keeping Harrow tidy.



Swings, slides and smiles: parks get a makeover

After exciting makeovers at Canons Park and Kenton Rec, the fun continues. Two more parks are now levelling up their play areas.

Meanwhile, Roxeth Recreation Ground is getting a full glow-up, with brand-new equipment, improved accessibility, and a fresh focus on safety.

Pinner Memorial Park will have safer, more imaginative space where kids of all ages can climb, swing, and explore to their hearts' content.

West Harrow Park is next in line for an upgrade - so watch this space!

Roxeth Rec playground is getting a full makeover





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Diamond Days: Celebrating 60 Years

The London Borough of Harrow turned 60 this year – and we partied like it was 1965, when The Who rocked Churchill Hall and Kodak kept the community buzzing. Fast forward to today, and Harrow's still thriving. From heritage trails to community fun, our Diamond Jubilee celebrated everything that makes Harrow feel like home. Here are some of the highlights...



Headstone Manor Village Show



Cllr Janet Mote, Cabinet Member for Community and Culture, right, visits Headstone Manor Village Show

Harrow Town Centre



Mayor of Harrow Cllr Anjana Patel at Harrow Town Centre's Summer Fun Day



Harrow Heritage Walks



60 Years Stained Glass



Celebrating the best of Harrow

More than 150 guests gathered at Headstone Manor's historic Great Barn last month for the glittering Harrow's Heroes awards, celebrating the borough's outstanding volunteers and community champions.

Healthy Harrow Community Champions took centre stage, winning both Team of the Year and Volunteer of the Year for their work promoting cancer screening and healthcare awareness across thousands of residents.

Neelam Patel, representing the group, said: "This award is a testament to our volunteers' hard work and dedication, which we are all so proud of."

The evening, opened by the Mayor of Harrow, also honoured two beloved figures: John Williams, remembered for his lifetime contribution to Stanmore, and Bipin Dattani, last year's Volunteer of the Year.

Cllr Janet Mote, Cabinet Member for Community and Culture,

reflected: "I'm proud to live amongst some amazing local heroes.

"They embody the spirit of our borough – this is especially meaningful as we mark our 60th anniversary."

Watch the video



Cllr Janet Mote honours previous winner Bipin Dattani



Healthy Harrow Community Champions are presented with their Volunteers of the Year Award by The Mayor of Harrow, Cllr Anjana Patel



Pride in Harrow
Keith Hewat

Presented by
Cllr Paul Osborn,
Leader of the Council



Contribution to the Community
Yusuf Yusuf

Presented by
Paul Nicholls,
Wates Residential



Bringing People Together
Claire Allen

Presented by Cllr Janet Mote,
Cabinet Member for
Community and Culture



Extraordinary Achievement
Majid Chowdhury

Presented by Marcus Neal,
R Benson, and Detective Chief
Superintendent Luke Williams



Supporting Vulnerable People
Jeremy Child

Presented by Cllr Janet Mote and
Cllr Krishna Suresh, Shadow Cabinet
Member for Community and Culture



High Commended Team of the Year
Roxeth Show Committee

Presented by James Mayo,
Version 1 and LFB Borough
Commander Simon Horn



Good Neighbour
Shila Vyas

Presented by
Khaled Ramjaun,
Imperium Resourcing



Health and Wellbeing
Harrow Trampoline Club

Presented by
Cllr David Perry,
Leader of Harrow Labour Group



Outstanding Young Person
Zahir Walsh

Presented by Okay Lee Morris,
Voluntary Action Harrow and
Christopher Gilmore, Liberty Group



Lifetime Achievement
John Williams

Presented by Cllr Janet Mote and
Cllr Marilyn Ashton, Deputy Leader
of the council



Lifetime Achievement
Marilyn Lillian Dedridge

Presented by Alex Dewsnap,
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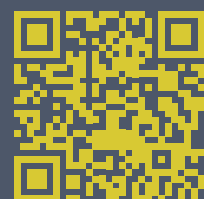
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Keeping Harrow safe

FLAGSHIP ACTION

You've told us that feeling safe and tackling crime are top priorities. Across Harrow, we're stepping up efforts to make our borough cleaner, safer, and better connected.

Our Days and Nights of Action are one of the ways we're making a real difference. Since April, we've held four of these focused events, bringing together teams to tackle local issues head-on - from street safety to illegal waste dumping.

So far, our action days have made an impact in Rayners Lane, Wealdstone, Edgware, Harrow on the Hill and Stanmore, with more to come.

These events aren't just about enforcement, they're about connection. We've teamed up with local partners to share vital information on Violence Against Women and Girls, employment support, Conversation Cafés, social work services, and more.



Day of Action in Rayners Lane

Safe spaces for women and girls

We've launched 7 new Safe Havens in Harrow – taking our total to 21.

Our Safe Havens offer a free, confidential space for anyone feeling scared or threatened. Look for the sticker or check your nearest

venue online. Trained staff are ready to help.

We're also looking for more venues to reach our target of 25 Safe Havens by March.

■ harrow.gov.uk/safehavens

Meet your new Borough Commander

Detective Chief Superintendent Luke Williams has stepped into his new role as Commander of the North West London Basic Command Unit (BCU), overseeing policing in Harrow, Brent, and Barnet.

With a strong background in child protection and a passion for community safety, Detective

Chief Superintendent Williams brings experience, energy, and a commitment to high standards.

He's already launched initiatives tackling crime and promoting trust – you can find out more about the new Police Chief's plans in the next edition of Harrow People, due out in December.



A fresh approach to street cleaning

We've launched a new specialist team focused on tackling the toughest street-level grime like graffiti, fly-posting, pigeon droppings, and paan stains. This is part of a wider £800,000 investment into improving street cleanliness across the borough.

You'll see the team working in neighbourhoods throughout Harrow, helping to maintain cleaner, safer public spaces and restoring a sense of pride in our communities.



Watch the video

Cllr Pritesh Patel, Cabinet Member for Cleaner Streets and Public Safety recently met our new team in action.



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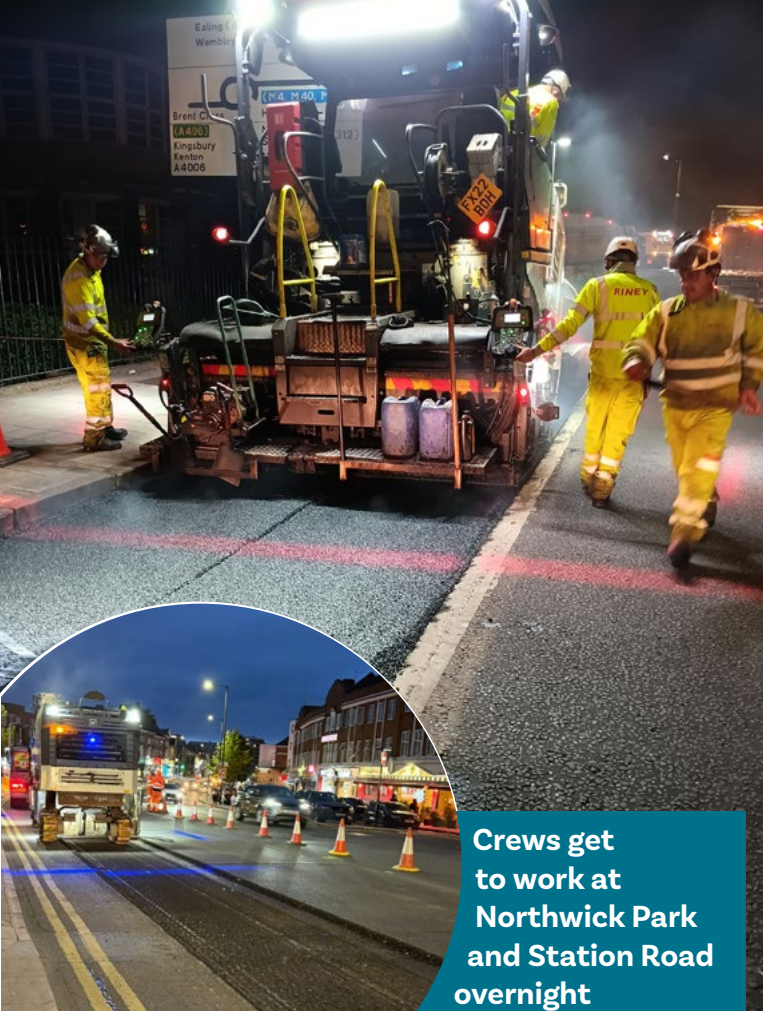
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Road resurfacing



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Crews get to work at Northwick Park and Station Road overnight

Working day and night for better roads

This year we've ramped up our road repair programme – working day and night – to deliver better, long lasting, and smoother roads. That's thanks to a £42 million investment in our 1,615 roads and pavements over the next three years.

This year we're resurfacing 66 roads and 38 pavements and we're making great progress. As you travel across the borough, you'll notice the difference.

We're also filling more potholes than ever before – more than 7,000 so far in 2025, up from 1,800 last year.

There's still a lot to do to restore pride back into our roads and we thank you for your patience while we work through the historic backlog of road repairs.

You can have a look at our programme of works via www.harrow.gov.uk/betterroads

Since April we have:

Repaired more than **1,000** defects on our roads 

Filled more than **2,000** potholes 

Fully resurfaced more than **50** roads and pavements 

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Watch our video to see how the JCB Pothole Pro and the thermal repair machine are fixing roads




Genuinely affordable high quality homes for Harrow

Exciting news for South Harrow! The next phase of the Grange Farm regeneration has been approved, bringing 45 new genuinely affordable homes, including council homes for current tenants.

Demolition began this summer, clearing the way for high-quality homes with private gardens, shared spaces, and play areas. It's all part of a wider plan for 500 new homes and better local connections.

Construction starts in spring 2026, with residents moving in by summer 2027.

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Coming soon: 36 homes at Milton Road

A major milestone has been reached at Milton Road, with the first affordable homes almost ready and set to welcome new residents soon.

The development will bring 36 much-needed homes to Harrow, 12 for council rent and 24 shared ownership properties, with priority for key workers and people with local connections.

Future residents can look forward to private gardens, balconies, landscaped green spaces, and a new commercial unit on Station Road.

This is just the start of the redevelopment at Poets Corner, set to transform the old civic centre site into a vibrant neighbourhood and provide much-needed housing for people across Harrow.



**New homes are
almost ready**

Kings Close

Five new energy-efficient family homes have been completed at Kings Close, West Harrow, part of

our drive to build more affordable housing.

Formerly garage space, the site now offers quality homes with solar panels, air source heat pumps, triple glazing, gardens, and EV charging.

The £1.9m project, part-funded by the Mayor's Homes for Londoners Programme, also delivers parking improvements, and supports lower energy bills for tenants.



**New homes at
Kings Close**



Grange primary school children regularly walk, cycle and scoot to school

Harrow schools lead the way in active travel

Come rain or shine, Harrow's schoolchildren are setting the pace for active travel. Nearly half of the borough's schools have earned top recognition from Transport for London's Travel for Life scheme, which celebrates schools making active travel part of everyday life.

Of the 36 accredited schools, 27 have achieved Gold status - placing Harrow among London's frontrunners for greener, healthier journeys.

Grange Primary is one of the standout schools, where pupils regularly walk, cycle, and scoot to class. With scooter training, bike lessons, and a popular "walking bus," the school is

helping children build healthy habits and enjoy the journey as much as the destination, as well as reducing traffic and parking issues outside schools.

Headteacher Daniel Kerbel said: "It's wonderful to see children moving in a healthy way. The Gold award has really energised us - we're inspired to keep promoting active travel!"

Behind the scenes, Harrow's School Travel Planning Team has been driving change with creative initiatives like Walk to School Week, the Wheely Great Treasure Trail, and visits from Hip Hoppy the Hare, the borough's eco mascot.



Keeping well over winter

Flu and COVID-19 can be serious

Over recent years, hospital admissions and fatalities linked to these viruses have increased—especially among certain groups.

Because these viruses change annually, natural immunity does not build up. The free flu and COVID-19 vaccinations offer the best protection.

Book your vaccines as soon as you receive your invitation.

Flu vaccine invites will go to:

- all adults aged 65 years and over
- children and people who are pregnant (If you are pregnant, the RSV and whooping cough vaccinations are also recommended. Speak to your GP or midwife about pregnancy vaccinations)
- adults aged 18+ with a health condition for example: people with diabetes, breathing, heart and other health conditions and those who are immunosuppressed
- care home residents close contacts (family and carers) of immunosuppressed individuals
- frontline health and social care workers.

COVID-19 vaccine invites will go to:

- all adults aged 75 years and over
- care home residents
- anyone aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed.



Invites will start going out to eligible people throughout September and October. Book through the NHS App, ask at your pharmacy or contact your GP practice. Walk-in services will also be available, scan or use the link below for more information. School aged children will be offered the flu nasal spray at school. Information and consent will be provided to parents and carers.

More information visit: www.nwlondonicb.nhs.uk/fluCOVID



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Harrow's £3million investment delivers results

Pinner resident Faisal couldn't be happier with his newly refurbished kitchen and bathroom, part of our ambitious £3 million home improvement programme.

“I love my new kitchen and bathroom. The builders have done a really great job,” he said.

“Being given the option to choose the flooring, units and wall colours meant I could add my personal touch – this is what makes it feel like home.

“I can't wait to have people over again and cook in my brand-new kitchen!”

Faisal is one of hundreds of council tenants already benefitting from the programme, which is transforming homes across the borough. So far, 262 kitchens, 114 bathrooms, and 82 separate WCs have been installed - surpassing the original target of 200 upgrades.

We know there is still more to do and our housing teams are working hard every day to make homes better.

The works are part of the council's 30 Flagship Actions to restore pride in Harrow, and they're not just improving homes - they're boosting the local

economy too. Harrow-based Buildtrust Ltd was awarded the contract, ensuring the investment supports local jobs and businesses.

Each makeover is designed by experts and approved by tenants, giving residents a say in how their homes look and feel. The result? Modern, comfortable spaces that reflect the people who live in them.

Watch the video

Scan the QR code or search LBH on YouTube



HARROW ARTS CENTRE

www.harrowarts.com

The Rocket Man

18 October | 7.30pm | £29

■ The Rocket Man and his band head down the Yellow Brick Road for a two-hour celebration of Elton John's life and career.

The Zoo That Comes To You

27 October | 2pm | £14 / £12 concessions (ages 5+)

■ Meet charming and cheeky animals in this live show featuring puppetry and music.

SEN Clay Creatures Workshop

30 October | 9.30am | £10.50 / £5.25 receiving benefits (SEN Families, ages 7+)

■ Create clay creatures in a calm, supportive setting, in this workshop designed for families with children who have special educational needs.



The Best In Comedy

1 November | 7.30pm | £23.50 (ages 18+)

■ The Best in Comedy show returns with Kerry Godliman, Marcus Brigstocke, Fatiha El-Ghorri and Russell Hicks.



The Rocket Man at Harrow Arts Centre

HEADSTONE MANOR & MUSEUM

www.headstonemanor.org

Black Heritage in Harrow: A Local Story

Until 4 January | Community Cupboard, Manor House
■ Exhibition exploring black history in Harrow through the lens of home, heritage, and identity. Drawing on local voices and collections.

Tuesday Tour

21 October | 2pm | £4

■ One-hour tour of Headstone Manor taking visitors from the Stone Age to the 21st century, introducing the people who lived there and the changes they made to the site.

Pumpkin Trail

25 October – 2 November | Free
■ Find all the hidden pumpkins on this fun trail for all ages, solve the puzzle and win a prize.

Funny Felt Monsters Workshop

29 October | 11am & 1.15pm, Ages 5+ | £7 / £4 receiving benefits

■ Taking inspiration from Maurice Sendak's Where the Wild Things Are, decorate a drawstring

bag with your own felt monster.

HEATH ROBINSON MUSEUM

www.heathrobinsonmuseum.org

Diwali celebration

11 October | 11am -1pm or 2pm - 4pm | Ages 3 to 11 | £7 per child

■ Family session celebrating all things Diwali, with traditional and modern crafts along with storytelling about the background of this festival.

Half term children's workshops:

■ Witch or warlock hat workshop

30 October | 10am-11.30am | Ages 5-8 | £10

■ Gargoyle sculpture workshop

31 October | 1pm-3pm | Ages 8-16 | £15



The Zoo That Comes To You

HARROW LIBRARIES

www.harrow.gov.uk/libraryevents

Black History Month: Standing Firm in Power and Pride

■ Find recommended reads and poster displays featuring inspirational figures including Bristol Bus Boycott organiser Roy Hackett, and Claudia Jones – instrumental in the creation of Notting Hill Carnival. Free copies of BHM Magazine will also be available at all libraries (while stocks last).

Rhyme Time

■ Fun and free 30-minute activity for families with under-5s. Join in at your local branch, meet other parents and learn new

songs and rhymes.

Greenhill:

Wednesdays and Fridays | 11am-11.30am

Kenton: Tuesdays and Thursdays | 11am-11.30am

Pinner: Tuesdays and Thursdays | 10.30am-11am

Roxeth: Thursday 11am-11.30am

Stanmore: Tuesdays and Thursdays | 11am-11.30am

Wealdstone: Thursday | 11am-11.30am

HARROW LEISURE CENTRE

www.everyoneactive.com

Tennis: Half-Term Camps

27 to 31 October at Headstone



Manor Park | 10am-1pm, ages 5 to 12 | 2pm-4pm, ages 12 to 16

■ Camps led by Tennis in Harrow's LTA Accredited Coaching Team offer a fun, supportive environment to improve skills, make new friends, and enjoy the outdoors this half-term. For all tennis abilities. Book at clubspark.lta.org.uk/TennisHarrow

Community events

Heritage Stories of Harrow – Our Journey Ex-Nurses Project

25 October | 6pm – 10.30pm | Wealdstone Methodist Church, HA3 7ND | Tickets from £5

■ Harrow African-Caribbean Association hosts this free exhibition showcasing nurses' artefacts and mini play and entertainment.

Book: 07350 473 715 / email hacas01@gmail.com. More at www.hacas.org

Conversation Café Drop-in sessions:

Every Tuesday | 10am – 2pm | St Peter's Church, HA1 4BX

Every Wednesday | 10.30 – 12.45pm | Wealdstone Centre, HA3 7AE

Every Wednesday | 2 – 5pm | North Harrow Community Library, HA1 4HN

Every Thursday | 10.30 – 1.30pm | Kenmore Park

Community Centre, HA3 9HY

■ Opportunity for our community's unpaid carers and the people they care for to meet Harrow's Adult Social Care team and partner organisations for a chat and to get advice about the support on offer.

Find out more at www.harrow.gov.uk/ConversationCafe

Autumn Concert: A Season to Sing

11 October | 5.30pm – 6.30pm | St Albans Church, HA2 7PF | £15 (£2 under-18s)

■ Harrow Choral Society's Autumn Concert features the premiere of A Season to Sing, a choral reimagining of Vivaldi's Four Seasons by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange.

Book tickets at boxoffice@harrowchoral.org.uk or call 07794 253463

Harrow's Christmas Party

29 November | 11am – 7pm | Station Road, Harrow HA1

■ A day of family fun including live music, dance performances, rides, Santa's grotto, stalls, and a chance to meet and greet cartoon characters. At 5.45pm, join the Mayor of Harrow for the Christmas lights switch-on, followed by a spectacular laser show. More at www.harrowtowncentre.co.uk/whats-on

Studio performance: The Armed Man

10 November | 7pm | St William of York Church Hall, HA7 4TJ | Free

■ A studio performance of Karl Jenkins Mass for peace alongside poetry on the eve of Remembrance Day. Visit www.stanmore-choral.org.uk for further information.



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