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**“I’m proud to
look back on the
progress we’ve
made to put
residents first”**

As the year draws to a close,
while I know there is still
much more to do, I’m proud
to look back on the progress we’ve
made to put residents first.

We’re investing £42 million over
three years to improve roads. We’ve
fixed more than 7,000 potholes this
year – up from 1,800 in the whole of
last year – and resurfaced 66 roads.
The latest of these is in Rayners
Lane, where we’ve also implemented
our first Red Route to tackle the
longstanding problem of double
parking and gridlock, while keeping
the existing parking and dealing
with mopeds taking up many of the
spaces.

We asked for your views to help
shape these plans and, thanks to
overwhelmingly positive feedback,
the Red Route is now in place
alongside easier parking, loading,
drop off and motorcycle bays. Read
more about it on pages 12 and 13.

Community safety has been another
priority this year. We’ve held more
days and nights of action. I’ve joined
our officers, partners and volunteers
on some of these events, speaking
to residents and listening to their
concerns. We’ll be holding more in
the coming months. Read about the
latest on pages 20 and 21.

We’re also making it easier for you
to get rid of rubbish and to recycle.
This year we added 200 daily slots

at the Recycling Centre and doubled
the number of slots for our free bulky
waste collection. We also launched
our hugely successful Drop and
Go events, bringing bulky waste
collections into the community.
Finally, we introduced electrical
appliance recycling in our libraries.

Our £6 million investment in parks
has seen revamped playgrounds
opening in time for summer and two
new Green Flags awarded for the
first time in a generation, with two
more planned for accreditation next
year.

We also reopened a dedicated
phone line for general enquiries,
meaning you can get the help you
need faster.

While there’s always more to do,
I’m pleased with the direction we’re
going.

I’d like to wish you and your
family a merry Christmas, and a
happy Chanukah to all our Jewish
residents. I hope that however you
celebrate, you have an enjoyable
and peaceful time.

Paul S. Osborn

**Cllr Paul Osborn
Leader of the Council,
London Borough of Harrow**

Bye-bye boredom – HAF is back

Looking for ways to keep the kids smiling, active and fed over the school break? Harrow's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is back. Local organisations, supported by London Borough of Harrow and the Young Harrow Foundation, have teamed up to deliver free activities and meals for children aged 5 to 16, including those with special educational needs and disabilities.

The programme is designed for families receiving means-tested free school meals, helping to keep children busy, happy and fuelled throughout the holidays. And just as before, Harrow's Household Support Fund will continue to provide free school meal vouchers during the breaks.

See the full programme at: youngharrowfoundation.org/haf-programme



Green light for Poets' Corner

Our plans for a vibrant new neighbourhood in Harrow have been approved. Poets' Corner, at the site of the former Civic Centre, will include 1,000 new high quality, genuinely affordable homes, including more than 100 council properties. Residents will enjoy a park, play areas, a buzzing community square, and better walking and cycling routes, with potential for a new medical centre. It's a major step in transforming the area into a greener, better connected place to live and thrive.



New mental health service launches

Residents struggling with mental health can now get quick, easy support through Harrow RISE – a new community service offering emotional, social and practical help. Run in partnership with charity Hestia, it's open to all adults with no need for a GP or specialist referral.

Harrow RISE offers a safe space to talk, tools to manage anxiety, support groups to reduce isolation, and guidance to build resilience. Available Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm, residents can access it via the council's online referral form and start receiving personalised support immediately.

Visit hestia.org/harrow-rise for details



Check your Christmas and New Year bin day

Your bin day may change over the Christmas and New Year period due to the bank holidays. To keep everything running smoothly, changes take place over three weeks from Christmas Day to 10 January.

With many of us having extra waste at this time, it's really important to check – your collection could be a day or two later. See the back page and check your bin calendar.

You can also take excess waste to the Recycling Centre, open all year except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Book your slot at harrow.gov.uk/recycling

If you're signed up for garden waste collections, your service is paused for two weeks – you have not been charged.

Not subscribed to garden waste collections? You'll soon be able to sign up for collections starting in April. Existing Direct Debit customers can relax – your service will automatically renew in the New Year.



Breathe new life into buildings

Have you got a community-focused venture that could thrive in a green space? Applications open 5 January for the next round of Harrow's Buildings Back to Life scheme – an exciting chance to revive unused buildings in local parks. Help restore pride and purpose while growing your business in a unique setting. Apply by midnight, 2 March at harrow.gov.uk/buildingsbacktolife



Wood Farm, Stanmore Country Park

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Christmas service

Our brilliant teams have been working hard all year to keep Harrow ticking – and they’ll be on hand over the Christmas break to make sure essential services keep running smoothly.

Please note bin collection days will shift slightly over Christmas, so check the back page to stay on top of your schedule. Planning a trip to the recycling centre? Don’t forget to book ahead – it’s open every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year’s Day.

From everyone here at London Borough of Harrow, here’s to a fantastic season and an amazing start to 2026!

Our street cleaning team clear the way for Santa’s sleigh



Book yourself some holiday reading - our library services are here to help



While Santa visits with his sack, our waste and recycling team will be picking up yours



All the trimmings – our grass cutters keep everything in shape



Love in the air? Say your I dos under the mistletoe at our registrars’ office



Check the calls! Access Harrow respond to resident enquiries all year round



Out with the old - our team at the tip sort out your recycling all year round

There's Christmas fun over at Headstone Manor with their lights trail and a chance to meet Father Christmas

Making history: funding boost for historic museum

Headstone Manor & Museum, one of Harrow's most cherished historic landmarks, has been awarded £419k from Arts Council England's Museum Renewal Fund. Based in one of our Green Flag parks, the funding will help protect the borough's rich heritage and keep the museum free and open to all.

Visitors can also look forward to an expanded programme of

events, including candlelight concerts, outdoor cinema, live theatre, and a magical festive light trail (see opposite page). It's part of our ongoing work to bring more arts and cultural opportunities to residents' doorsteps.

During the funding period the museum will explore new ways to generate income, improve the care of

collections and upgrade digital systems. These improvements will help us better meet the needs of residents and secure the museum's long-term future.

The grant will also support staff and strengthen day-to-day operations, ensuring every visitor continues to enjoy a warm, welcoming and high-quality experience at one of Harrow's most treasured places.

For all events, book online at headstonemanor.org

The light trail at Headstone Manor and Museum grounds



Christmas light trail

Our first-ever Christmas Light Trail will transform Headstone Manor's historic grounds with twinkling lights, glowing installations, and Christmas scenes. Stroll through the illuminated gardens, enjoy food trucks and hot drinks, and soak up the magical atmosphere.

■ Selected dates until 30 December | 4.30 pm to 7.15 pm | Entry is by 15-minute time-slots

An Audience with Father Christmas

Enjoy a heart-warming Christmas story from around the world, followed by a joyful meet-and-greet with Father Christmas filled with fun and laughter. Each child will receive a gift and have the chance to take photos with Father Christmas.

■ 6-23 December | £15 per child | See website for times



Meet Father Christmas



A Christmas Candlelight Concert

Headstone Manor & Museum will glow by candlelight for a concert filled with Christmas charm. Enjoy acoustic performances of beloved Christmas carols by a live string ensemble in the historic Great Barn.

■ Friday 12 December | 7.30pm | £20

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Keeping Rayners Lane moving

New measures to improve parking availability, cut congestion and keep traffic flowing

Our first trial Red Route went live last month, covering key stretches of Alexandra Avenue, Rayners Lane and Village Way East. We've also resurfaced sections of the Rayners Lane area as part of our £42 million Better Roads programme. The fresh tarmac and clearer road markings are already making a difference.

Thanks to community feedback at our lively drop-in sessions outside Rayners Lane Station earlier this autumn, we made some tweaks to our earlier plans including two 5-minute parking bays near the station for quicker drop-offs and pick-ups and the Red Route extended along High Worples to tackle unsafe parking there. We're also improving signage to highlight long-stay parking.

It's all about making access easier for visitors and businesses, while making

everyday journeys smoother and safer. We'll monitor the trial closely as part of a consultation and use your feedback to decide the best long-term approach.

Want to follow the trial's progress or share your thoughts? Visit talk.harrow.gov.uk/redroute

A Red Route is now in place in the area



What do the changes mean?

■ No stopping at any time on double red lines – including for drop-offs and deliveries (except in marked bays).

■ Existing parking spaces will stay

■ New loading bays to support local shops.

■ Improved parking for Blue Badge holders and motorcycles.

■ Short-stay bays with updated hours to encourage turnover.

■ 1-hour free parking offer remains in place!



We will remember



The Mayor of Harrow, Cllr Anjana Patel led the borough's Remembrance Sunday service and parade in November, alongside Deputy Lieutenant Simon Ovens.

The moving service brought

together faith and community leaders for a special service and wreath-laying ceremony.

Harrow's streets were filled with pride as the 131 Commando Squadron Royal Engineers, ex- service members, ATC and

ACF Cadets, Pipe & Lazium Band (Shree Swaminarayan Temple Harrow), St John's Ambulance Brigade, Scouts and Guides, Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh marched from Greenhill Way to St Anns Road.



The Mayor of Harrow Cllr Anjana Patel lays a wreath



Leader of London Borough of Harrow Cllr Paul Osborn lays a wreath



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This crackdown targets repeat offenders, illegally parked vehicles, and foreign-registered cars that slip through the cracks. These drivers aren't just breaking the rules, they're clogging up our streets, making them less safe and harder to get around.

If your car gets towed you'll need to pay £280 plus your outstanding PCN to get your vehicle back. After 24 hours, you'll be charged an extra £55 per day. Still ignoring fines? You could lose your parking permit too.

Find out more: **Parking and Permits – London Borough of Harrow**





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You’ve told us safety is important to you, including safety after dark for women and girls.

Since April we’ve carried out 8 days and nights of action across Harrow that are helping tackle local issues that matter to Harrow residents. That includes hotspot areas in Rayners Lane, South Harrow, Wealdstone, Harrow on the Hill, Stanmore, and Edgware. Our most recent one was in South Harrow in October.

From anti-social behaviour (ASB) like street drinking, fly-tipping and illegal parking to reassurance work through patrols and engagement – we’re making sure that you’re not just staying safe, but you feel safe.

The days and nights of action are one of 30 flagship actions set out to restore pride in Harrow.



The team join Conversation Cafe

Throughout these events – with our partners from the Metropolitan Police, Harrow Litter Pickers, London Fire Brigade, and Trading Standards we’ve:

- Cracked down on blue badge fraud
- Issued fines for spitting and littering and breaches of the PSPO
- Tackled illegal and dangerous parking with multiple fines
- Cleared more than 40 bags of rubbish thanks to Harrow Litter Pickers
- Inspected numerous fly-tips

Safer Spaces

You’ve been sharing your views on where you do and don’t feel safe in the borough, and we’ve acted. Since launching our Safer Spaces survey two years ago, we’ve followed your feedback. From brighter street lighting and extra CCTV to more patrols and an expanded network of Safe Havens – we’re making Harrow safer.

This is part of our wider work to tackle violence against women and girls, including Voicebox sessions in schools, domestic abuse support, and our 16 Days of Activism.

Your voice drives change – keep letting us know your views and together we can make Harrow safer for everyone: talk.harrow.gov.uk/harrowsaferspaces



Priorities, challenges and community power

We sat down with the North West Basic Command Unit (BCU) Commander for Barnet, Brent and Harrow, Detective Chief Superintendent Luke Williams, to discuss policing priorities for the year ahead – and why your involvement matters. His message is clear: policing goes beyond making arrests; it’s about building partnerships. The focus? Target harm, protect the vulnerable, and make every interaction count.



Detective Chief Superintendent Luke Williams

“Our number one priority is tackling wanted offenders,” he says. “People who are wanted rarely stop at one crime – they keep offending and creating new victims. Taking them off our streets is the most effective way to keep people safe.”

Tackling violence against women and girls is a close second. “Everyone should feel safe going about their lives. That’s non-negotiable. And third, putting victims first. We need to get it right the first time.”

But Detective Chief Superintendent Williams knows there are challenges. “We have to be smart, data-driven, so every action has maximum impact,” he says. “For example, rather than knocking on doors repeatedly, we use intelligence to pinpoint where wanted offenders really are.”

He stresses the role the community has to play in

achieving this. “This isn’t something we can do alone – partnership is key. Sign up to Met Engage. It lets you talk directly to local officers, influence priorities, even help investigations. If you’ve got a Ring doorbell, register it – it saves detectives hours reviewing CCTV after serious incidents.”

DCS Williams is clear on what success looks like: “Fewer wanted offenders, more positive outcomes – like charging prolific shoplifters with multiple offences – and improved trust and confidence. Perception of crime in Harrow is much higher than the reality.”

The message is clear: policing works best when the community is part of the solution.

Want to make a difference? Join Met Engage today: www.metengage.co.uk



Mastering the moves

At just ten years old, Bodhana Sivanandan has already conquered international tournaments and made headlines by defeating not one, but two Grandmasters - including a former World Chess Champion - at the European Club Cup in Greece.

Her journey began during the 2020 lockdown, when a simple chess set sparked a passion that would soon take her around the globe. In just 15 months, she mastered the game and earned praise from English Chess Master Leonard Barden, who called her "exceptional".

This summer, Bodhana clinched her final Woman International Master norm at the British Chess Championships, becoming the youngest ever to defeat a Grandmaster - smashing records previously held by top players from the U.S. and China.

Back home, she was honoured by the Mayor of Harrow, who even took her on in a friendly match. Bodhana said: "I love chess because it improves pattern recognition, creativity, and also boosts your intelligence in some ways. I enjoy travelling around the world to play chess, and the places I've visited the most are Rhodes in Greece and Batumi in Georgia."

**The Mayor
Cllr Anjana
Patel takes on
Bodhana at
chess**



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Keeping well in winter

Tips to support you this winter

Get vaccinated

As flu cases rise, getting vaccinated is one of the best ways to stay well this winter. The NHS offers free flu vaccines for at-risk groups. Children who missed their vaccine at school can also now receive one at community pharmacy catch-up clinics. If you're aged 75 or over, live in a care home, or have a weakened immune system, you're also eligible for a Covid-19 vaccine. Find a pharmacy at [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) or scan the QR code



Time to shine

We've partnered with SHINE, a free energy advice and support network helping residents reduce bills, manage energy debt, and stay warm. If you're over 60, on a low income, have a disability, long-term illness, or children, you may qualify for free help. Call 0300 555 0195 or visit shine-london.org.uk for a quick assessment.



Seek financial support

If you are having difficulties in keeping your home warm, you may qualify for help. There are cost of living support measures, especially for those on low incomes. For example, if you receive certain benefits or tax credits, you might qualify for additional government payments to help with household expenses. Visit harrow.gov.uk/winterwellness to find out more.



Community hubs

Community Hubs across Harrow offer warm, welcoming spaces with hot drinks, social activities, health checks, and advice to help residents stay healthy, connected, and supported through winter. You'll also find wellbeing and social activities such as yoga, tai chi and crafts. Visit www.harrowgiving.org.uk/hubs to find a hub near you.



Harrow Health Walks

Stay fit and healthy this winter with this free, friendly programme of guided walks for all ages and fitness levels. Led by qualified leaders, the walks are a great way to keep active and discover Harrow's parks and hidden gems. No booking needed. Visit harrow.gov.uk/walk for details.



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HEADSTONE MANOR & MUSEUM

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Christmas Light Trail

4 - 30 December | From £12

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An Audience with Father Christmas

6 - 30 December | £15 per child

■ Join Father Christmas in his magical grotto at Headstone Manor & Museum. Enjoy the story and spirit of Christmas from around the world, told by the man himself.



Christmas Glass Decorations Workshop

7 December | 10am and 1.30pm | From £24

■ Make small glass decorations to hang on your tree or give as gifts.

Christmas Candlelight Concert

12 December | 7.30pm | £20

■ Gather friends, family, or someone special for festive melodies, historic surroundings, and an unforgettable heartwarming evening.

Family Workshop: Beautiful Bright Christmas Stars

20 December | 11am and 1.15pm | £7

■ Make decorations from cardboard and paper scraps. For ages 5+ and their grown-ups only.

HEATH ROBINSON MUSEUM

www.heathrobinsonmuseum.org

Sublime Space – transforming landscapes exhibition

1 November – 22 February 2026 | From £2

■ Sublime Space brings together works by William Heath Robinson and 10 contemporary artists to explore how nature continues to shape artistic vision, reflection, and resistance.

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Christmas Craft Highlights

■ Families can enjoy festive sessions for ages 4-10 throughout December, including Christmas paper chains, reindeer and sleigh crafts, gift tag and wreath-making, and Christmas tree decoration craft activities. All events are free.

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Santa's Grotto

22 December | 10 – 11.30am, 12- 1.30pm & 2-3.30pm | £8.50

■ Little one's can meet Santa and have their photo taken with him. Christmas activities include

a bouncy castle, games and face painting. Refreshments available to purchase. Call 020 8901 5980 to book.

Community Tennis in Harrow

■ A relaxed, social way to play tennis and meet others in your community. No racket? No problem - equipment is provided. Book at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TennisHarrow>

■ **Play & Connect** – Women's Only Sessions
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■ **Barclays Free Park Tennis**

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Community events

The Hillplayers' Christmas panto

13 December, 3pm and 7pm

14 December, 11am and 3pm

■ Amateur dramatics group The Hill Players are back for panto season with Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs'. Visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/hillplayers or call 0333 666 3366 for tickets.

Camp Flip: Adventure Holiday Camps

20, 22 & 23 December

| 9am - 1pm |

Pinner Village Hall | Ages 3-11

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Stanmore Choral Society Christmas concert

13 December | 3.30pm | St Mary the Virgin church, HA3 8EJ | £10, children free

■ Packed programme including Bob Chilcott's On Christmas Night.

Harrow Choral Society's Christmas Celebration

13 December | 5.30pm | Harrow School Speech Room, HA1 3HP | £25, under 18s £2

■ Christmas concert of carols,



readings and orchestral ensemble performances with guest soprano soloist Jessica Cale. www.harrowchoral.org

Nature Kicks Community Social

10 January

■ Outdoor activities and retreats to enjoy the fresh air, connect with nature and feel grounded. Visit www.shameershah.com to find out more.

Walk for Women

10 December | 2 - 4pm |

Starts at Art Park, Greenhill Way

■ Walk through Harrow Town Centre to Lowlands raising awareness of women and girls' safety. There will be stops en route to hear from local organisations providing vital support to residents. Go to harrow.gov.uk/16days to find out more.

Children's Christmas Lantern Parade

12 December | 2pm | Harrow Town Centre

■ Join local schools as they parade along St Anns Road. Bring your own lantern - free battery-operated tealights will be available. Register at www.harrowtowncentre.co.uk

Your Christmas and New Year bins

Put your bin out by 6.30am on your collection day

Normal collection day

Monday 22 December

Tuesday 23 December

Wednesday 24 December

Thursday 25 December (BH)

Friday 26 December (BH)

Monday 29 December

Tuesday 30 December

Wednesday 31 December

Thursday 1 January (BH)

Friday 2 January

Monday 5 January

Tuesday 6 January

Wednesday 7 January

Thursday 8 January

Friday 9 January

Revised collection day

Monday 22 December

Tuesday 23 December

Wednesday 24 December

Saturday 27 December

Monday 29 December

Tuesday 30 December

Wednesday 31 December

Friday 2 January

Saturday 3 January

Monday 5 January

Tuesday 6 January

Wednesday 7 January

Thursday 8 January

Friday 9 January

Saturday 10 January

***Garden waste collections will pause for two weeks**



Harrow Recycling Centre in Forward Drive is open every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day



harrow.gov.uk/bins



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