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Over the years this focus on delivering value for money has served Wandsworth residents well. Our services are consistently rated as excellent by the Government and council tax bills are the lowest in the country.

Unlike many councils there is very little slack in the organisation. So when the main grants we receive from Government are cut, there are no easy ways to find the money.

It is vital that this funding at least keeps pace with inflation. In some high demand areas like social and residential care our costs are rising by six and seven per cent a year. Yet our Government grant this year will go up by just 2.7 per cent - the lowest amount possible.

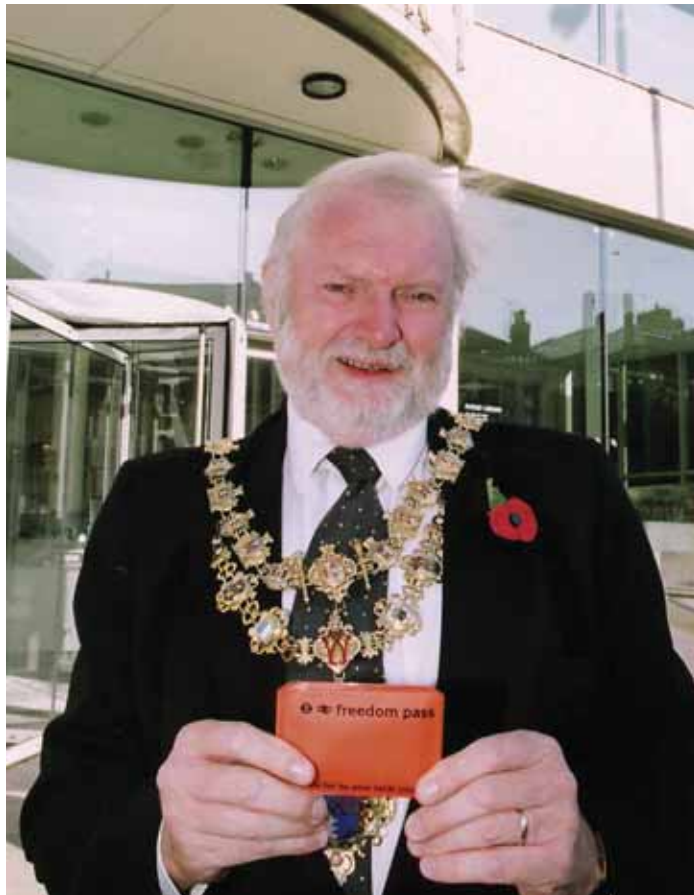
It means the council must find an extra £5m this year - with the prospect of even larger sums in subsequent years - just to keep services going at their existing level.

None of this is easy. Even if we raised the council tax by the full amount allowed by the Government it would come nowhere near to bridging this gap.

Our main priority must be to protect those essential services on which the most vulnerable members of our community depend. It will mean some hard choices in the weeks and months ahead.

Edward Lister

Leader of Wandsworth Council
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Wandsworth's Mayor Cllr Jim Maddan celebrated the milestone of reaching 60 by picking up his Freedom Pass. The pass entitles holders to free travel on buses, trams and underground services across London after 9am on weekdays and all day at weekends and public holidays. Holders are also entitled to free travel on most rail services in the Greater London region from 9.30am onwards. People are entitled to a pass on their 60th birthday and can collect theirs from any of the borough's libraries. The council currently spends around £7m a year on providing concessionary or free travel for elderly people and the disabled. For further information telephone (020) 8871 7709 email concessionarytravel@wandsworth.gov.uk or visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/freedompass.

New service aims to recruit 5,000 volunteers

The council will invest more than £500,000 over the next three years in a new borough-wide volunteering service.

As part of a new contract with the council the Wandsworth Voluntary Sector Development Agency (WVSDA) will aim to recruit more than 5,000 residents to support the work of local groups and charities.

The agency will provide information services to 850 voluntary groups in the borough and provide practical advice to help them grow.

The funding will include a £40,000 performance-related grant from the Government Office for London which will be paid if WVSDA can increase the number of volunteers placed from 1,500 a year to 1,850.

For more information and guidance of how to volunteer in Wandsworth visit www.wvsda.org.uk.

The council is currently the biggest local funder of voluntary sector activity with an annual programme worth almost £24 million.

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Trust plan for Northcote Road



A new community trust could be set up to protect the character of Battersea's Northcote Road shopping street under far-reaching proposals announced by the council.

Traders, customers and residents will get the chance to shape the future of the street as part of a £58,000 survey of local shopping habits.

The study is likely to prompt a series of street design improvements that could create a more pedestrian-friendly environment and enhance the setting for independent shopkeepers and market stallholders.

The Northcote model, which will be designed to match local priorities, is likely to form the basis for sustainable

development in other local centres threatened by encroachment from major retail chains.

In Battersea the council will continue to steer major developers and retail groups to the central area of Clapham Junction - allowing adjoining areas like Northcote Road to retain their independent character.

Executive member for regeneration and community safety James Cousins said: "We are aiming to come up with an approach that can protect the character of the street while creating room for innovation and investment."

Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/northcote

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Petition to counter post office threat

Deputy council leader Maurice Heaster is backing a borough-wide petition calling on ministers to block further post office closures in the borough.

Copies of the petition have been forwarded to the borough's remaining sub-post offices, libraries, leisure centres and other public buildings so that local people can register their views on the latest threat to neighbourhood post offices.

Since March 2003, a total of 13 post offices have been closed across Wandsworth. Now there are significant fears that more could go as part of a "restructuring" of the nationwide network which could shrink from today's number of 14,000 to just 4,000 by 2010.

This could mean that of the 28 post offices in Wandsworth that are currently open - as many as 20 could be shut over the next three years.

To find out more about the decline in local postal services and see how you can get involved - visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/postoffices.

Olympics fear for council tax

Wandsworth has called for guarantees that council tax bills will not be forced up to pay for cost overruns on the 2012 Olympics.

Culture secretary Tessa Jowell has already confirmed that in just 15 months the cost of building the main venues had soared by £900 million to hit £3.3 billion.

The original estimates put Londoners' share of the costs at around £625m. This works out at an average £20 extra in council tax each year for a Band D household spread over an 11 year period.

Council deputy leader Maurice Heaster warned that costs could rise still further and called on the Government to cap Londoners' council tax surcharge.

He said: "Councils are already facing huge budget pressures which are making it difficult to maintain current service levels.

"The scenario for Wandsworth and many other London councils is one of rising costs and rising tax bills. We do not need an extra open-ended Olympic tax on top of all this."

For its main services Wandsworth will only receive a grant increase of 2.7 per cent in the coming year. This compares with 3.8 per cent for the rest of the country and an inflation rate of 3.9 per cent.

Health chief confirms 'no new hospital'

The council has received written confirmation from the head of the local NHS that there are no plans for a new community hospital in Battersea to replace the under-threat Bolingbroke.

The council asked for clarification from the chief executive of the Wandsworth Primary Care Trust (PCT) after claims surfaced that the PCT was committed to replacing the Bolingbroke with "a new hospital".

The council's health scrutiny chairman Ian Hart said: "Unfortunately some people have been throwing up the smokescreen of a new hospital to try and deflect local anger away from the closure plans for the Bolingbroke.

"I'm afraid nothing could be further from the truth. People should not be fooled by empty promises that there are any proposals or any commitment for a new community hospital in Battersea, because they simply don't exist."

The warning comes amid the growing furore over plans to close the Bolingbroke. The closure is being proposed jointly by the NHS Trust which runs St George's Hospital and the PCT, which funds community health care services in the borough.

Both organisations favour shifting services to other sites, including St George's in Tooting, Queen Mary's in Roehampton and the St John's clinic in St John's Hill.

Hundreds of people have voiced their opposition to the plans on the council's website, while a petition launched by the Friends of Bolingbroke Hospital has collected more than 4,000 signatures.

The council has formally voted to oppose the closure, and instead called on health chiefs to deliver a new modernised hospital with a full range of services on the Bolingbroke site.

Members of the public can have their say and sign the council's online petition by visiting www.wandsworth.gov.uk/bolingbroke.



Award for tree scheme

The council has been given a prestigious national award for its work with the local community protecting the borough's trees.

Wandsworth was one of 14 local authorities and housing associations to be honoured by the Tree Council for its work in setting up and supporting local tree wardens.

The town hall was among the first in the country to establish a network of wardens - ordinary members of the public who keep a close watch on the health and well-being of trees in their neighbourhood.

There are more than 14,000 street trees in the borough and a further 60,000 in local parks and open spaces.

For more information about becoming a tree warden call (020) 8871 6372

Councils unite against Heathrow expansion

Local authorities representing two million people affected by Heathrow expansion have agreed to form a new environmental lobby group.

The cross-party alliance will campaign for a halt to the Government's policy of uncontrolled expansion at Heathrow.

The new 2M Group will challenge the Government's plans to allow dual use of the existing runways. This will mean more flights at the airport even before a third runway is built.

Wandsworth leader Edward Lister said: "2007 will be an unprecedented year of challenge for those of us concerned about the environmental impact of expansion at Heathrow.

"The aviation industry and the Government will press the economic case for expansion at every opportunity. By joining together as local authorities we will be able to highlight the environmental consequences for up to two million residents."

Richmond-upon-Thames leader Serge Lourie added: "It is right that local government should take the lead in making the environmental case on behalf of residents. If ministers think they can force through plans for more flights which will bring more noise and air pollution for such a large area of London and the South East they are seriously out of touch."

Passenger numbers at Heathrow are currently around 68 million a year. These could rise to 116 million with both Terminal Five and a third runway. The eventual total could reach 151 million if the new runway was used to its full capacity and mixed mode landings and take-offs introduced on the two existing runways.

2M
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expansion

For more information visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/aviation and www.2mgroup.org.uk



Mayor blocks C-Charge discount

London Mayor Ken Livingstone says north Battersea residents have 'no need' to take their cars into the newly-extended congestion charge zone.

In a letter to council leader Edward Lister the Mayor confirmed he had ordered Transport for London not to grant north Battersea 'buffer zone' status.

The council had wanted residents living close to the boundary to qualify for the same 90 per cent discount as households in the Earls Court area, which also adjoins the western extension to the zone. The discount would have reduced the cost of a weekly ticket from £40 to £4.

In his letter the Mayor said: 'Residents (of north Battersea) should have no particular need to drive

regularly into the extended charging zone and should not experience the local parking issues which influenced the selection of other residents' discount areas.'

Cllr Lister said: "I don't think the Mayor can have spoken to many people in north Battersea. There are all sorts of reasons why people need to make car journeys.

"If you live close to Battersea Bridge and need to cross the river you have little choice but to enter the zone and pay the £8 tax. The alternative is a long detour which only adds to the congestion on local roads."

The enlarged zone comes into effect on February 19. Its southern borders include the Earls Court one-way system, Cheyne Walk and Chelsea Embankment. It will operate from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

How will the extended zone affect your daily journeys? Have your say at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/congestion



Litten Tree flats on way

A new town centre development on the site of the former Litten Tree pub in Buckhold Road will provide a new public space to link the Hardwicks Square quarter and the Southside Centre.

The scheme, which is now under construction, includes 138 apartments in four buildings varying in height from four to ten storeys. Ground floor uses include a mix of shops, restaurants and offices.

Thirty-five of the new homes will be offered for shared ownership to local people by a housing association.

There are currently more than 2,000 new affordable homes planned or under construction throughout the borough. For more information visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership or call (020) 8871 6016.

Financial adviser used stolen permit

A financial advisor who used a stolen disabled parking badge to illegally park near his office in Balham has been taken to court and ordered to pay nearly £4,000 in fines and court costs.

Fazlur Chowdhury bought a disabled person's Blue Badge for £50 - knowing it had been stolen.

Blue Badges help disabled drivers park close to their destinations. Holders can park for free as long as they like in pay and display bays and also in resident and business permit spaces. They can also stay on most yellow lines for up to three hours.

Mr Chowdhury from South Croydon, was eventually caught by the council's permit fraud team, which has been conducting a long-standing crackdown on blue badge fraud and misuse.

Since September 2004 the council has secured 405 convictions for blue badge fraud. Among those taken to court who now have a criminal record are a solicitor, civil servants, bank staff, restaurant owners and the director of an elderly care home.

People with information about blue badge fraud or any other type of parking fraud can call (020) 8871 8021. All calls will be treated in the strictest confidence. Alternatively, outside office hours, people can call 0800 085 0866.



Motorists warned to heed box junction rules

Drivers are being urged to obey the highway code and not break traffic rules on box junctions.

The council has been given powers to enforce traffic laws at box junctions in the borough.

Box junctions are normally used at large busy intersections and have criss-cross yellow lines painted on the road surface. They are designed to keep traffic moving by banning motorists from entering the box unless the road ahead is clear. Vehicles that get stuck in the middle of a box junction and cannot cross over it completely are committing an offence.

The council will use CCTV cameras to provide film evidence of drivers who flout the law. Anyone blocking a box junction will receive a penalty charge of £100, which is reduced to £50 if paid within two weeks.

Elderly care costs face mounting pressure

Two thirds of all councils have had to restrict eligibility for social care in the last year as a result of increasingly inadequate Government funding.

Councils throughout the country are being forced to review criteria for home care because national grants are failing to keep pace with rising numbers of very elderly people and the complexity of their care needs.

The cash shortfall means that the majority of councils are now only able to afford home care for the most vulnerable who fall into one of two risk categories – ‘critical’ or ‘substantial’. These are people who are very frail or who cannot manage personal care such as washing, dressing and cleaning.

Wandsworth is now reviewing funding for the ‘moderate risk’ group. People in this category are less dependent but still need help with some daily tasks like shopping or paying bills.

Executive member for adult care services Vanessa Graham said: “More and more councils are finding that the money just isn’t there to maintain services at previous levels. In Wandsworth we are looking closely at how existing support can be improved for people receiving daily home care, but we have a duty to ensure that the services provided to our most vulnerable residents are properly funded.”

Save Time and Money Pay council tax by direct debit

The council is launching a new campaign urging everyone to pay council tax by direct debit.

Direct debit is the cheapest and most efficient way for the council to collect council tax, reducing paperwork so more of your money can be spent on improving services.

Direct debit saves you time, money and worry about late payments as it’s all done for you. You can choose from four payment dates to help you plan your finances. If an error is made by the council or your bank or building society you are guaranteed a full and immediate refund.



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ACTION FOR THE COMMUNITY 2006

A look back at the council's performance over the last 12 months and its key role in the local issues affecting the community.

The year 2006 saw Wandsworth ranked as the top performing council in the country for both the quality of local services and its effective use of resources.

Services for children and young people, including social care and youth services, were given top marks by two Government watchdogs for the second successive year. The inspectors' report published in November concluded that 'raising achievement and inclusion (were) central to the shared vision of the council.'

Despite continuing increases in taxes from the Mayor of London - up 29 per cent in three years - the overall council tax in Wandsworth remained the lowest in the country during 2006. Wandsworth's share of the bill is unchanged since 2003.

This review of the council's activities during 2006 follows the three-page summary of the council's 2005/2006 accounts published in the December issue of BrightSide. You can view these in full together with a detailed analysis of the council's performance as measured against Audit Commission indicators at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/performance.

environment

Action to protect the local environment was a recurring theme throughout 2006.

The council itself is setting the standard. Carbon emissions from public buildings have been cut by 22 per cent - and more than half the electricity is now purchased from renewable sources.

New services were introduced this year to make recycling easier for people in flats.

More than 450 extra orange banks were installed on private developments and 15,000 residents received a supply of renewable orange sacks. These are designed for storing recycled waste in the home before carrying it to the local collection point.

Increased take-up for all recycling services led to a 15 per cent increase in the amount of domestic waste recycled over the year.

Reducing dependence on the car was a key feature in some of the new residential developments receiving planning permission this year.

With increasing pressure on road space, developers were encouraged to form car clubs for their new residents. These provide an off-street space for a shared vehicle which can be hired by the hour.

The success of the initial ventures encouraged the council in September to promote a borough-wide service based on ten local areas.

housing

It was a record year for housebuilding activity with more than 4,500 planning applications received in the 12 months to March 2006.

In this period more than 1,300 new homes were completed. The forward programme included more than 2,000 new affordable homes.

Wandsworth's home ownership unit works closely with developers and their marketing teams to ensure that local first time buyers have priority for the many new affordable homes now being completed.



aircraft noise



The council fought a successful battle in the House of Lords in July - overturning controversial legislation that would have removed any upper limit on the number of early morning flights.

Yet by December ministers had announced their intention to build a third runway at Heathrow - thereby increasing the daily noise dose for residents even further.

Wandsworth joined forces with eleven other boroughs to form a new environmental alliance representing two million people affected by air and noise pollution from Heathrow. The new 2M Group will campaign for a proper assessment of the true environmental cost of airport expansion.

In the same month the council launched the first meeting of a new consultative group for Battersea Heliport. The forum will allow residents' representatives to monitor the heliport's activities and seek improvements in the way noise complaints are handled.



leisure

In February the council announced that swimming pools at Putney and Tooting would get a complete refit as part of a £6.2m programme of investment in the borough's leisure centres.

The improvements will be completed as part of a new contract for the management of leisure facilities which will net the council £10m over an eight year period. All centres will profit from the extra cash with Balham getting a new dance studio and enlarged gymnasium while at Battersea the sports hall will be updated.



transport

With so many local people dependent on public transport the council spent much of the year lobbying for investment in the borough's overground rail stations.

Number one on most commuters' shopping lists was Clapham Junction. The council launched a study of traffic conditions in the area around the station.

Much was riding on the rail authorities' own plans for upgrading the station - in particular the congested station entrance. The council contributed to a joint study which showed how Brighton Yard - further up St John's Hill - could be opened up to provide a new entrance opening directly onto the footbridge over the platforms.

A south London-wide campaign led by Wandsworth Council and supported by the local Guardian series of newspapers resulted in a promise of simplified ticketing using Oyster pre-pay for people using local rail stations.



With the award of the new South Western franchise in September, a £40m programme of investment was heralded which would include new Smartcard equipment.

The news was immediately welcomed by local rail travellers who had become frustrated by long queues at station ticket machines.

population

The Wandsworth population this year topped 280,000 for the first time and will reach 300,000 in the next decade.

Many of the new arrivals are also new citizens - around 2,500 took part in citizenship ceremonies at the Town Hall in 2006 - all of them receiving a warm welcome from the Mayor of Wandsworth.

The civic buildings were also a popular choice for couples seeking to formalise their civil partnerships with more than 200 registering in the first full year of the new legislation.

Much of the population growth is driven by young people with those aged 25-39 making up more than 40 per cent of the population.

ACTION FOR THE COMMUNITY 2006



education

Students at the borough's schools made their mark with a record set of results in the summer GCSE examinations. The proportion achieving five or more A-C grades rose to 60 per cent for the first time.

The top-performers were Graveney (76 per cent) and Burntwood (70 per cent) while there was evidence of remarkable progress at Battersea Technology College and Southfields Community College where the higher grade pass rate improved by 20 and 17 points respectively.

In the primary schools' tests every pupil at Putney's Our Lady of Victories achieved the required level four. The proportion scoring at the higher level five averaged 91 per cent - the fourth highest in the country.

Tooting's Franciscan School was among the top 20 in the country for the progress its pupils had recorded between the ages of seven and eleven.

Making the headlines in September was Battersea's Wix School which launched the country's first bilingual reception class. The venture was supported by the council and the French Government.

Pupils will progress through the school in the usual way so that eventually there is a bilingual stream in each year.

The education department won praise from the National Autistic Society in July for its work in helping teachers improve their understanding of autism.

With more children being diagnosed with an autistic spectrum disorder, every teacher today can expect to have a child with autism in their class at some time.

investment

The borough proved a magnet for investment in the year - most notably with the acquisition of the historic Youngs Brewery site in Wandsworth town centre by the Minerva Group. The new owners plan a high quality development including residential, leisure and retail uses.

In Battersea's Northcote Road there were fears that the street's many independent traders could be swept away by a new wave of high street chain stores.

The council worked closely with shopkeepers and residents on a new action plan designed to protect the distinctive character of the street.

In Roehampton the year closed with an unprecedented response from local residents to a series of options for revitalising the Danebury Avenue area. The council is targeting investment of up to £45 million which will help to create a safer, more welcoming environment for residents, businesses and shoppers.

social care

The announcement by the local NHS in October of plans to close Bolingbroke Hospital in Battersea sparked an outcry from people concerned at the loss of local health services.

A petition launched by the Friends of Bolingbroke Hospital condemning the closure quickly gathered more than 4,000 signatures.

The council now has the power to block the closure and force the decision to be taken by the Health Secretary.

In November, as the Government announced another below-inflation increase in council grants, Wandsworth warned that it too would now have to review criteria for home care if it was to go on meeting its responsibilities for the most vulnerable groups.

Older residents were among the worst affected by changes in national funding priorities for adult education.

BrightSide reported in December that the Government had cut more than £300,000 from the money available for adult and community learning in the borough.

The council said it would keep as many evening classes going as possible.

local elections

Wandsworth Conservatives retained control of the council in the May 2006 local elections. The party claimed 51 seats to Labour's nine - a net gain of one on the 2002 result.



Joshua is best young performer

Graveney School pupil Joshua Osho has been named Wandsworth's Young Performer of the Year 2006.

Joshua, 15, beat a host of other young performers aged from 11 to 19 to win the title and a £250 cash prize. He picked up his award from the Mayor of Wandsworth Cllr Jim Maddan.



Carry on shredding

People who shred unwanted documents to protect themselves against identity theft are being reminded that they can put shredded paper into their orange recycling sacks.

Many local people have been left confused after reports on television and in some national newspapers suggested some local councils would not allow residents to recycle shredded paper.

This is not the case in Wandsworth. There is absolutely no problem adding shredded documents to recycling sacks.

Indeed the town hall has been urging residents to shred important documents like bank statements, utility bills and credit card bills for at least a year - to reduce the risk of identity theft.

For a free guide on protecting your identity call freephone number – 00800 1810 1810.

Planning Update

Magdalen Road, Earlsfield

Plans have been submitted for a new five storey building on the site of a builder's yard in Magdalen Road close to the junction with Garratt Lane and Earlsfield Station. There are now two sets of proposals for this site - each with shops on the ground floor and up to 44 flats above. For further information contact Toby Feltham on (020) 8871 6632.

South Thames College, Putney Hill

The college has applied to demolish all the existing buildings and replace them with a series of buildings ranging from four to seven storeys high. These would provide 216 flats with 165 car-parking spaces. A quarter of the flats would be affordable units. For more information call Neil Shaw on (020) 8871 6632.

Wessex House, St John's Hill SW11

Revised plans for this site opposite Clapham Junction station have been received. They seek to replace the existing building with a new one providing a nightclub in the basement, a restaurant and bar at ground level, health spa on the first floor and 12 flats on floors two to five. For more information contact Chris Grace on (020) 8871 6639.



An artist's impression of the proposed new development at The Plough, St John's Hill

The Plough, St John's Hill, SW11

Fresh proposals have been submitted for the redevelopment of this pub on the corner of St John's Hill and Strath Terrace. The existing buildings would be demolished and replaced with a four storey building providing a replacement pub, restaurant, 13 flats and one house. For more information contact Sue Moran on (020) 8871 8410.

Wandsworth wins in green awards final

Local entrants picked up a series of honours at the regional Green Guardian Awards in November.

Hotham Primary School and Easi-pac took the top prize in the Green School and Green Business categories. Carol Hayton and Recycle Western Riverside's What Not To Waste project were highly commended in Green Champion and Best New Green Project. Niru Amin was commended in the Green Household category

Hotham Primary's prize was collected by pupils Louise Corney Dazeley and Tasharna Parkes, winners of Wandsworth's Young Environmentalist award.

The prizes were awarded at a gala ceremony at Sandown Racecourse, which was hosted by celebrity environmentalist, Penney Poyzer.



Louise Corney Dazeley and Tasharna Parkes collect the Hotham School award

Telecare brings peace of mind

A fully operational telecare system has been installed in a demonstration flat to improve understanding by potential users and the staff who provide support services.

Telecare alerts the council when a sensor located in a vulnerable resident's home detects the presence of flood, fire, excessive heat or carbon monoxide so that a follow-up can be made.

Anyone who has dementia and is supported by Wandsworth Social Services may qualify for a telecare system. Contact the Access Team on 0800 389 8257 or email socialservices@wandsworth.gov.uk for more information.

Don't forget -

Applications for your child's nursery school place in September 2007 have to be with the maintained school you want your child to attend by Friday, February 9.

Part-time nursery education is available for all children in Wandsworth at the start of the school term after their 3rd birthday.

The place may be in the private, voluntary or maintained sector.

Application forms for maintained schools are available from your local school.



For a list of schools and further information contact the
Children's Information Service
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New pledge for a safer, healthier community

The council and other public sector agencies have signed up to a new approach aimed at making the borough a safer and healthier place.



The borough's first 'local area agreement' involves tough new performance targets over the next three years including measures to reduce smoking, cut child obesity and bring down domestic violence.

If the targets are met the borough could win up to £7 million extra funding for local services.

Council leader Edward Lister says the different groups, including the police, local NHS and schools, will work together to bring benefits for the whole community:

"Whether it's recruiting volunteers for local groups or bearing down on crime we will be more successful if we involve all the relevant agencies.

"Apart from the new headline targets there are a host of other areas where we will work together to make a difference. We all share a common aim – to make Wandsworth a better place for everyone."

The new agreement reflects the priorities expressed by local people. Top of the list were measures to tackle crime and community safety followed by action to improve the environment. It also encourages more local people to give up some of their time to help others.

The programme will be overseen by the Wandsworth Local Strategic Partnership which includes public sector partners and business and voluntary sector representatives.

The full plan is at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wlsp.



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or email postbag@wandsworth.gov.uk.

Please note, your letters may be edited
due to space restrictions.

Dear Postbag

Thank you for the information about recycling in the last issue.

Has the council got any plans to collect garden waste? This could be used as mulch in local parks. Also, are there any plans for points where used batteries can be left?

L Brockett

Editor's response

The council will be introducing a chargeable collection service for garden waste in April this year. Composting waste will be collected in biodegradable sacks available from the council. Full details will be advertised shortly.

Batteries can be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Smugglers Way, Wandsworth (behind B&Q). Look out in your local supermarket for battery collection schemes which are gradually being introduced.

Dear Postbag,

Despite using earplugs and closed windows, I am usually wakened before 5am by the noise of aircraft.

They fly directly overhead every 30 seconds – sometimes for 19 hours a day. At the age of 84 I am loathe to move having lived here for 35 years. But my health and nerves have been badly affected by noise and stress. Instead of harassing the overtaxed motorist, the Government should address the growth of cheaper and cheaper air travel encouraging more people to fly. They could have a system of rationing for air travel, and tax anyone who overreaches their allocation.

A Hewett

Editor's response

For the latest news on the council's campaign against aircraft noise and Heathrow expansion see page 5.



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Volunteers wanted for school appeals panels

Volunteers are being sought by the council's Education Appeals Service to sit on the panels that consider schools admissions and permanent exclusion cases that have gone to appeal.

Independent Appeals Panels review appeals from parents when their child has been permanently excluded or has not been offered a place at their preferred primary or secondary school.

No experience is necessary and training will be provided. There is no minimum service commitment and how often you serve is up to you.

For more information, please contact Rachel Williamson or Ozu Okere on (020) 8871 7857 or (020) 8871 7858, or email educationappeals@wandsworth.gov.uk.



LOST DOGS & CATS LINE

0901 477 8477

From Battersea Dogs & Cats Home

Calls charged at 60p per minute



We're the first port of call for anyone who's lost or found a dog or cat in London. Lines are open 8am to 8pm seven days a week. Lines may not be accessible by certain mobile phone networks.

Putney's new riverside sculpture trail

Putney is to get a one-mile sculpture trail of various works by nationally recognised sculptor Alan Thornhill.

Mr Thornhill now 84, has lived in the area for many years and still retains studios locally. He has offered the community eight nearly life-size figurative pieces of sculpture. Putney is already home to one of his sculptures 'Load' which has stood on Putney Embankment for 19 years. Alan Thornhill's sculptures are robust and designed for display in public places. Council leader Edward Lister said: "Putney is the perfect setting for these works. I am sure they will become popular talking points for local people and visitors alike.

"This is a unique project which will demonstrate the importance of public art in an urban environment."

Locations include Leader's Gardens, Putney High Street, Putney Wharf, Wandsworth Park and Prospect Quay.

The proposals have been developed by the Putney Town Centre Partnership in co-operation with the council. The Partnership Board has received £25,000 funding from the Western Riverside Environmental Fund to complete the scheme.

The balance of the costs of erecting the eight sculptures will come from the council's town centre improvements programme. Installation is due to take place from February next year following receipt of tenders from specialist contractors and planning approvals.



Sue keeps her community safe

As Community Safety Manager, Sue Yoxall (right) is responsible for one of the country's most innovative and best-performing Community Safety Teams.

In association with the police and other organisations, the division runs a number of schemes to keep crime levels amongst the lowest in London.

Sue, who was awarded an MBE in her previous role as Chief Executive of the National Neighbourhood Watch Association, talks about her job and the challenges she faces.



How do you quantify your success?

It's difficult in terms of statistics. We know that school robberies, domestic violence and distraction burglary are three of the most under-reported crimes, so crime figures do not give a true picture.

My dilemma is that we have to show that we're reducing crime. If figures go up it proves more people are reporting crime, which is good, but this creates fear in the public.

Official figures show crime is going down. What makes you think it's going unreported?

We take the calls here on a daily basis. When we ask if the crime has been reported people say no. It's important to report crime so the police know where to focus their resources. Elderly people can do so at Age Concern offices to avoid the inconvenience of going to the police station

Sue with users of Randall Close Day Centre



How much of a problem is fear of crime?

It's a huge problem. Every week there's a horror story on the front pages of the papers and constant exposure creates fear. Some elderly people will not go out after dark.

I think this division is very good at providing reassurance. Our officers can spend a whole afternoon with a first-time burglary victim; the police just don't have the time.

How closely do you work with the police and public?

We're working very closely with the police on Junior Citizen and a number of forums for minority groups. We also work with voluntary bodies such as Victim Support and Age Concern and the Fire Brigade.

What are you most proud of?

Junior Citizen has been extended to people with visual and hearing difficulties. We've also been working with Roehampton University to create a DVD for older children.

We provide somewhere to turn to when people need help, whether they're a victim of crime or afraid of it. If I go home thinking 'I didn't achieve much today' then I'm not happy. I want to know I helped people and made their lives easier.

For information on community safety call (020) 8871 6603 or visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/communitysafety.

Saving energy in the home

With the arrival of colder weather and fuel costs rising there are many ways you can reduce your energy consumption. You'll be helping the environment and saving money too.



For more information contact the council's partners, CEN (Create Environmental Networks) on (020) 8683 6600 or visit www.cen.org.uk CEN can advise on renewable technologies like solar or wind power, grants and discount schemes for insulating your home, installing heating and purchasing new appliances.

Top tips

- ✓ Turning thermostats down 1°C could cut bills by 10 per cent.
- ✓ Set your hot water thermostat no higher than 60°C/140°F.
- ✓ Close curtains at dusk to stop heat escaping through windows.
- ✓ Always turn off lights when you leave a room.
- ✓ Don't leave appliances on standby or on charge unnecessarily.
- ✓ If you're not filling up the washing machine, tumble dryer or dishwasher, use the half-load or economy programme.
- ✓ Only boil as much water as you need
- ✓ Use energy saving light bulbs. Just one can reduce lighting costs by up to £100 over the lifetime of the bulb and they last up to 12 times longer than ordinary bulbs.
- ✓ Insulating your hot water cylinder and water pipes could save £20 a year on fuel bills.
- ✓ Look for the Energy Saving logo when buying appliances. You could save up to £45 a year.
- ✓ Investigate energy from renewable sources like solar power or wind turbines.
- ✓ Loft insulation is not expensive. A standard 270mm layer could save as much as £180 to £220 a year on fuel bills.
- ✓ Insulating walls could save £130 to £160 on your annual heating bills.
- ✓ If your boiler is over 15 years old, it's time to replace it. New boilers are high-efficiency and can save 10-15 per cent off heating bills.

Cameras led police to rapist

The town hall's CCTV operators proved instrumental in helping police solve a vicious rape case in Tooting.

Kavell Lawes from Norwood was jailed for five years for the attempted rape of a woman with learning difficulties, who was dragged into an alleyway and threatened with a broken bottle.

Once the alarm had been raised one of the council's CCTV operators used cameras to locate a man who closely answered the suspect's description.

He tried to evade the police manhunt by hiding in a phone box, but was arrested because the operator had tracked his every step.

Senior police officers in the borough say that the council's camera network provides evidence in around half of the cases they bring to court.



WESTERN RIVERSIDE WASTE AUTHORITY

Changes to public tip opening times

From Thursday, March 1 2007

Smugglers Way Civic Amenity Site, Wandsworth will open:

- ▲ Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm
- ▲ Saturday, 8am to 6pm
- ▲ Sunday, 8am to 5pm
- ▲ Closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day

Cringle Dock Civic Amenity Site, Battersea

will remain open 24 hours a day - 7 days a week.
(Closed from midnight on Christmas Eve to 6am on Boxing Day).

Commercial waste hours will not change.

Visit www.wrwa.gov.uk for more details
or call **(020) 8871 2788**

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Chair-bound exercises

Tuesdays 9.30-10.30am

Manresa Pensioners Club Hall,
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For those less able to do rigorous
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Monday and Wednesday evenings

36 Battersea Square SW11.

Phone Laura 07952 556 280.

Email lauradenham.jones@gmail.com

Visit www.yoga-dj.com

Hatha, Astanga and Vinyasa flow
yoga classes. Get in touch for times,
levels and costs.

Badminton Club

Wednesdays 8-10pm

Upper Tooting Methodist Church hall,
Balham High Road SW12. Phone
8767 5033 Monday-Thursday
10am-2pm; or 8672 8387.

A few racquets available if you do
not have your own. Enter at the rear of
church. 30p per session.

Boys Basketball Club

Mondays 6-8pm

Battersea Youth Centre,
Hope Street SW11.

Phone 8871 6857.

For boys aged 11-17 years.
Costs £2, just turn up.

Hercules Wimbledon Athletic Club

Tues and Thurs 6.30-8.30pm,
Sun 10.30-12noon

Wimbledon Park SW19. Visit
www.herculeswimbledonac.org.uk
or phone 8761 4308.

All ages (from 10 to veterans),
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Martial arts and fitness for all the family

Wilditch Community Centre,
48 Culvert Road SW11.

Phone 7738 9833 or
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Adult programmes too.

Kodokan Aikido Club

Tuesday 8.30-10.30pm

Wandle Recreation Centre,
Mapleton Road SW18.

Phone Arthur 8395 6407.

For adults aged 16+.
Beginners welcome.

Kick Boxing

Tuesdays 7.30pm

Central London Golf Course,
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Contact 8875 0955 or

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Fun female-only stress busting,
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All levels. Please book.

Foundation Fitness

Mondays 8.15-9.15pm

The Gardens Club,
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Improve your body and health with
qualified instructor. Drop-in £6 per
class, or £30 for six consecutive
classes.

Pilates and exercise

For venues,
phone Erica 07720 680284,
email ericafitnesspilates@yahoo.com

Pilates on Thursdays, abs, legs and
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One to one or group matwork class,
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Beginners courses, drop-in classes
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LOCAL GROUPS

LOCAL MEETING GROUPS ON VARIED SUBJECTS, FROM ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUES TO THE HISTORY OF THE BOROUGH.

Age Concern Wandsworth

Mondays-Saturdays 10am-4pm

4 Armdale Walk,
Southside Shopping Centre SW18.
Phone 8870 2020, visit

www.ageconcernwandsworth.org.uk

Support services and activities for
older people in Wandsworth.

Craft Group

Tuesdays 11am-12noon

Manresa Pensioners Club Hall,
Holybourne Avenue, SW15.

Bring your knitting, crochet, sewing
and mending, make new friends and
share your crafting knowledge with
others.

Wandsworth University of the 3rd Age *

Monday afternoons once a month

Earlsfield Library SW18.

Phone 8874 4159.

For retired people.
Speakers on interesting and relevant
topics. Self-run groups for study
including art, ancient history, writing,
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Subscription £12 per year.

Regenerate.com

Roehampton Methodist Church,
Minstead Gardens SW15.

Phone 8878 8648/8632.

Visit www.regeneratecom.co.uk

A registered charity offering support
and care for the elderly, football
clubs for under 16s and activities for
young people on the Alton estate.

Putney Town Bowling Club

Commondale, behind Putney
Hospital SW15. Phone 8788 9370.

We play friendlies, league games
and county games, for social
pleasure to competitive. All ages
welcome. Low membership rates
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Wandsworth Historical Society

Last Friday of month 8pm

Friends Meeting House,
Wandsworth High Street,
(opp. Town Hall) SW18.

Lectures and discussions on the
history and archaeology of the
borough of Wandsworth and further
afield. New members welcome.

The Wandsworth Society *

Enquiries phone 8870 4567.

Visit www.wandsworthsociety.org.uk

A non-political environmental
group with particular concern for the
quality of the built environment,
open spaces and transport in the
area.

Monthly talks at Alvinger Library with
prominent speakers. Registered with
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Putney Music*

Fortnightly on a Monday 8pm

Dryburgh Hall, Putney Leisure Centre,
SW15. Phone 8788 0827.

Visit www.thefrms.co.uk/putney.htm

Celebrated musicians talk about
their lives and work.

5 Feb Rachel Roberts, principal viola
with the Philharmonia Orchestra

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans History Month

Events throughout February

See our website for ideas on how to
celebrate. Organise an event now
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www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk

Sound Minds

20-22 York Road, SW11.

Phone 7207 1786. Visit

www.soundminds.co.uk

Small independent charity providing
opportunities for people with severe
and enduring mental health
problems to be involved in all
aspects of music and other arts
activities.

Putney Society

Methodist Church, Gwendolen
Avenue SW15. Phone 8789 2956.

Visit www.putneysociety.org.uk

The amenity society for Putney and
Roehampton. We work to improve
the area for those who live and work
here.

The Furzedown Project

Weekdays

91-93 Moyser Road SW16.

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manager@furzedownproject.org

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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Southfields Sequence Dancing

Thursdays 1.45-3.45pm

Open Door Community Centre,
Beaumont Road SW19.
Phone 8871 8174.

Meet friends and keep active with qualified tutors as leaders.

Senior Citizens entertainment subsidy scheme

Phone 8871 8476.

The arts office gives grants of up to £45 to senior citizens organisations in the borough to book entertainers for their clubs. The scheme is run on a first come first served basis.

Pump House Gallery

Wednesday-Sunday
and Bank Holidays 11am-5pm

Battersea Park SW11
(near boating lakes).
Phone 8871 7572.

Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/gallery

17 January-18 February Take Over Artist residencies programme. Five artists will take over and use the Gallery as their studio or working base, perhaps using it as a workshop area or transforming it into an installation. The outcomes remain to be seen!

Tea Dance *

22 February, 1.30-4pm

Civic Suite, Wandsworth High Street SW18. Phone 8871 8711.

An afternoon of dancing with Mr Wonderful. Tickets £3.50, including refreshments.

Wandsworth Museum

3 February, 3.15pm

The Court House, 11 Garratt Lane SW18. Phone 8871 7074.

Interpretive Photography - free talk on how to take landscape photographs in an interpretive style.

Burns Night Supper

3 February, 7.30pm

Balham Baptist Church,
21 Ramsden Road SW12.
Phone 07854 713902.

Email emma@balhambaptist.co.uk

Traditional Scottish supper, dancing, quiz and silent auction, £15 per ticket. Proceeds to youth work and building project.

Urban Decay Exhibition

3-24 February

Southfields Library, Wimbledon Park Road. Phone 07852 920 915.

Black and white photography.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

ACTIVITIES IN THE BOROUGH FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, INCLUDING DRAMA WORKSHOPS, DANCE CLASSES, AND CHILDCARE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Training and Resource Centre,
Alma Road SW18.

Contact Mark Chapman 8875 9905

Offering young people aged 14-25 opportunities to further their potential through personal development programmes. We also need volunteers to help with weekends away or running programmes. Phone or pop in on a Thursday evening.

After-school care

Phone Wandsworth Play Services
Pippa Bruce 8871 7117 or email
pbruce@wandsworth.gov.uk

Affordable after school care for 3-11 years during term time.

Nucleus Youth Club

Tuesdays 7.30-9.30pm

Ramsden Hall, Balham Baptist Church, 21 Ramsden Road SW12.
Phone Emma 8265 6626.

Pool, table tennis, football, cricket, badminton, Playstation 1 and 2, cookery, space to chill, outings and more. 50p per week.

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0909. Visit www.itsakidsthing.co.uk

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Phone 8767 4551.

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8am-6pm, 51 weeks per year, or term time only.

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Holiday Playcentres

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Phone 8871 6348 between
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Alton Community Playschool

Weekdays 8am-5.45pm

Alton Road, SW15.
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AROUND AND ABOUT

FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON NEAR YOU

Wedding and party planning

Phone Joanna at Silver Fern Events 8788 9229 or email Joanna@silverfernevents.com. Write to PO Box 53942, SW15 2UB. Visit www.silverfernevents.com

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National Childbirth Trust nearly new sale

Saturday 24 February 11am-1pm

Broomwood Methodist Church Hall,
Kyrle Road SW11.

Phone Nicola 07976 646807.

Nearly new baby and children's items. Entry fee £1.50, free after 12noon.

Baby Massage

Tuesday mornings

Neal's Yard Remedies, 6 Northcote Road SW11. Phone 7223 7171 or 07950 338668.

Learn how to massage your baby at relaxed and informal classes. Suitable from aged 6 weeks to pre-crawling. New courses in February. Concessions available.

Colour of Spirit Choir

Thursday evenings

St. Mary's Church, Putney Bridge SW15. Phone 07830 320066 or email constantinoua@btconnect.com

A multicultural group performing original material inspired by pop, jazz, soul and gospel music. Tenors, Altos and Sopranos needed. Previous choir experience not essential.

Stress Management Workshop

Phone/fax 7801 0026 or 0795 124 5582. Email stressfree@lovelydaysolutions.co.uk

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Piano tuition

Phone Helen Duke Bmus (Hons) 07771 920298 or 8677 9932.

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Counselling and Therapy

Phone Ania 8877 0629.

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Phone Jayne 07958 296647.

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Phone Diana 8767 0791 or Marcia 07841 260322. Email diana@dianapenny.co.uk or marcia@marciapeople.com

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Drum tuition

Phone Andy 8677 9932 or 07779 780881.

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Phone (020) 8871 6832
E-mail whatson@wandsworth.gov.uk

Please let us know if you would like to change your entry.

A large print version of "hey what's on" is available. Phone (020) 8871 6832 for details.

Because of the increasing demand for inclusion, we cannot guarantee that your entry will be inserted. Entries may have to be edited.

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Talk to a councillor

Weekly surgeries are held every Saturday from 10-11am with councillors attending on a rota basis at the following libraries:

Battersea Library,
Lavender Hill, SW11

Putney Library,
Disraeli Road, SW15

Tooting Library,
Mitcham Road, SW17

No appointment needed.

Residents are reminded that they can raise any issues of local concern directly with their ward councillors at weekly surgeries.

Councillors will also make home visits to elderly and disabled people who are unable to travel to surgeries or the town hall.

Other surgeries are **monthly**, unless specified:

Roehampton

Roehampton Library,
2 Danebury Ave, SW15
2nd Saturday, 10am-12 noon.

Lennox Community Clubroom,
42-59 Ludovick Walk, SW15
4th Saturday in alternate months
(January, March, May, etc),
10am-12 noon.

Putney Vale Community Clubroom,
Stroud Crescent, SW15
4th Saturday in alternate months
(February, April, June, etc),
10am-12 noon.

Furzedown

Furzedown Project, 93 Moyser Road, SW16
1st Saturday, 11.30am-12.30pm.

St. Alban's Church Hall, Pretoria Road, SW16
3rd Monday, 7pm-8pm.

Latchmere

York Gardens Library & Community Centre,
York Gardens, SW11. 2nd Monday, 6pm-7pm.

Wilditch Centre, 48 Culvert Road, SW11
3rd and 4th Mondays, 6pm-7pm.

Tooting

Fairlight Centre, 52 Fairlight Road, SW17
4th Wednesday, 7pm-7.30pm.

Tooting/Graveney

Derinton Road Community Centre, SW17
1st Saturday, 10am-11am.

For more information or to check which ward you live in visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/councillors.



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Tooting Leisure Centre
Greaves Place, SW17, 020 8333 7555

Wandle Recreation Centre
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counciltaxandbenefits@
wandsworth.gov.uk

Childcare Information
(020) 8871 7899
edcis@wandsworth.gov.uk

Children and Families Services
(020) 8871 6622
ssdchildren&families@
wandsworth.gov.uk

Consumer Protection
(020) 8871 7720
esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Community Care Services
(020) 8871 7707
accessteam@wandsworth.gov.uk

Council Tax
(020) 8871 8081
counciltaxandbenefits@
wandsworth.gov.uk

Cycle Training
(020) 8871 6670
cycletraining@wandsworth.gov.uk

**Drugs Hotline -
to report drug abuse/debris**
(020) 8871 7373
drugsreporting@wandsworth.gov.uk

Education
(020) 8871 8013
edadmin@wandsworth.gov.uk

Environmental Services
(020) 8871 6127
esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Fly Tipping
(020) 8871 8558
flytipping@wandsworth.gov.uk

Food Hygiene
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esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Graffiti Removal
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graffiti@wandsworth.gov.uk

Home Ownership
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housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk

**Leisure Centres
and sports facilities**
(020) 8871 8787
sportsservices@wandsworth.gov.uk

Libraries
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Neighbourhood Watch
(020) 8871 7696
watchlinkmanager@
wandsworth.gov.uk

**Noise Complaints -
council properties**
(020) 8871 7490
hms@wandsworth.gov.uk

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private properties**
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Nurseries
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edearlyyears@wandsworth.gov.uk

Parking Helpline
(020) 8871 8871
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Parks
(020) 8871 6347
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Parks Police
(020) 8871 7532/6789
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Pavement and road defects
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(020) 8871 8558
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**Social Services information -
CareLine**
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Cleaning
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wasteservices@wandsworth.gov.uk

**Births, Deaths, Weddings
and Civil Partnerships**
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What's On in Wandsworth
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Youth Clubs
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