

life

welcome

Welcome to the fourth issue of Lambeth Life, the residents' newsletter from Lambeth Council, delivered door to door, with news and information about services for you and updates from your local area.

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Green and orange!

From the first week of April an improved recycling service will start in Lambeth.

You will be able to recycle all your cardboard and plastic bottles along with your paper, glass bottles and jars, cans, tins and aerosols.

"This will dramatically reduce the amount of rubbish we bury in landfill sites and improve the environment for all of us," said Executive Member for Environment Councillor Clare Whelan.

In March you will receive a roll of orange recycling sacks on your door step. You can use these alongside the green box or on their own – it's entirely up to you. So please use our improved service to recycle from home. Look out for more information coming through your door soon, or call 020 7926 9000, email recycling@lambeth.gov.uk or visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/recycling

Council tenants can use the recycling facilities on their estates.

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Civic Awards 2004

Now's the time to get your nominations in for the Lambeth Civic Awards, for people who care about their community and make a positive contribution to the lives of others. Closing date 16 April. See town centre pages for details.



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Schools making a difference

Lambeth schools are in the top four boroughs nationally for 'value-added' from ages 14 to 16, according to latest government figures.

The "valued-added" league looks at the progress a student makes while at the school, whatever level they start from. And they show Lambeth is leading the nation, with four schools - Stockwell Park, Bishop Thomas Grant, Charles Edward Brooke and Lilian Baylis - in the top five per cent of

schools in the country in terms of value-added, along with special school Elm Court.

"This shows that Lambeth education is improving incredibly quickly and in leaps and bounds," said Councillor Anthony Bottrall, executive member for education. "Our dedicated and committed teachers, staff,

parents and children work hard and fully deserve to have their achievements reflected in these statistics."

The league tables also show overall GCSE exam pass rates going up to 41.6 per cent passes at grade C or above, better than the national improvement rate.

in brief

What do you think about parking? Lambeth has set up a Parking Commission to investigate the state of parking services in the borough, and specifically consultation and implementation of Controlled Parking Zones, and parking enforcement. The aim is to improve services, and the Commission wants to hear from you. You can telephone, write or email your comments to Bill Basra, Lead Scrutiny Officer, Room 113, Town Hall, Brixton Hill, Brixton. SW2 1RW, tel 020 7926 2510, email:bbasra@Lambeth.gov.uk, or attend one of two public hearing sessions: Saturday 20 March, 11am to 2pm, and Thursday 25 March, 7pm to 10pm, both in the Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill.

Lambeth is improving. That's the message from the Council's recent survey of Lambeth residents. Over half of residents believe the council is making the area a better place to live - and 41 per cent agree the council is doing a better job than last year compared to the London average of 36 per cent.

Make your voice heard on June 10. To vote on June 10 for the London Mayor, London Assembly and European Parliament you must be registered on the 2004 Register of Electors before 13 April. For details please call Lambeth Electoral Services on 020 7926 2144.

Don't dump that car!

Lambeth will now remove unwanted vehicles free of charge. Simply call at the council offices at Blue Star House, 2nd Floor, 234-244 Stockwell Road, SW9 9SP with your logbook, or post us the logbook along with the location of the vehicle and your phone number and we will dispose of it. For more information please call 020 7926 9000 or email streetcarecallcentre@lambeth.gov.uk



Alderman Lockyer and his wife inspecting bomb damage after a V2 rocket fell on Lambeth Walk, 1945

Lest we forget

Representatives of many faiths came together in January at Lambeth Town Hall to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. Events organised by Lambeth council included a candlelit peace procession, multi-faith ceremony and exhibitions in libraries.



Lambeth's past is now on line through Lambeth Landmark, a digital archive of 6,000 historic pictures, prints and maps of the borough, from Guy Fawkes house to Nelson Mandela's 1996 Brixton visit. Prints can be bought on line. See www.lambethlandmark.com

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Lambeth - getting safer

Lambeth is getting safer – with crime coming down, more police, and the council working closely with local people to improve the environment. Lambeth Life takes a community safety snapshot.

Planning to tackle crime together

Last year street crime in Lambeth was down by 36 per cent, burglary down by over 18 per cent and car crime down by over 12 per cent. And nearly three-quarters of known crack houses in the borough were closed.

Latest figures, for December 2003, show further reductions: street crime down another 9.9 per cent, burglary down 12.6 per cent and car crime down 20 per cent.

Tackling crime is the responsibility of the “Safer Lambeth” Community Safety Partnership, set up under the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act, bringing the council, the police and other agencies together with a simple aim: “Making Lambeth a safer place to live, work and visit”.

The partnership and the council’s Community Safety Team, which includes

serving police officers, oversee a three year strategy to tackle crime. The current strategy runs until March 2005 – and work is now beginning to plan for the next three years.

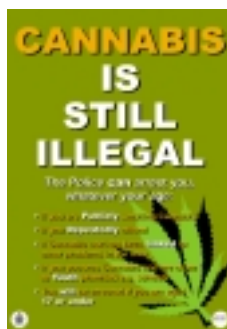
“Working together with the police and local people we are beginning to make a real difference,” said Executive Member for Community Safety Councillor Charles Anglin. “Over the coming months we will be out talking to residents about their concerns, and what we need to do to make more improvements over the next three years.”



Phone Safe!

A new campaign by Lambeth Council and the police is getting the safety message out to mobile users, through leaflets around the borough and posters on the street.

To report your phone stolen and get the sim card barred you can call one hotline number, whatever network you are on. Just call 08710 123 123. You’ll need to give your phone’s unique IMEI number. Get it by keying *#06#.



Lambeth tough on drugs

The law on cannabis changed at the end of January – and the Council and the police made their position clear in a joint statement:

Cannabis is still illegal, and our approach is straightforward. If you are under 17, are smoking in public, in possession near schools, or repeatedly offending, you will be arrested, and dealing or cultivating cannabis remains punishable by up to 14 years’ in prison.

Anyone with information about drugs in Lambeth should contact the police, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. For advice about drugs, the law and drugs help call FRANK, the national drugs helpline, on 0800 776 600, or visit www.talktofrank.com

Lambeth residents can also contact the Community Drugs Education Project (CDEP) for help and advice on 020 8691 0550, info@cdep.demon.co.uk or www.drugsinfo.org.uk

No Credits

Councillor Charles Anglin, with young people at the launch of the anti-robbery video *No Credits* at the Brixton academy just before Christmas.

They were joined by Home Office Minister Hazel Blears, who praised the video.

A joint initiative between the police, the council and the Brixton Area Forum, the video project was supported by the BBC and managed entirely by local young people. In the film young people talk about street crime and how it affects them. It will now be used in Lambeth schools, alongside a comprehensive teaching pack.

Useful numbers

Lambeth Council Community Safety Team 020 7926 2733,
Communitysafety@lambeth.gov.uk

Noise Nuisance
020 7926 6111 (day time/office hours)
020 7926 5999 (night time)

Sex/Drugs Rubbish rapid response clean up 020 7926 8888

Abandoned cars, street cleaning, lighting, 020 7926 9000

Social Services Substance Misuse Team, 020 7926 5178 or 020 7926 4776

in brief

You don’t have to go to a police station now to report hate crime against the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. Four “third party” reporting sites have now been opened where incidents can be reported: UK Coalition, 020 7793 0046, Streatham Town Centre office, 020 7926 5901, Victim Support Lambeth, 020 7820 0007, NRG, 020 7816 4754.

Watch out for Lambeth Harbour – the borough’s new crack treatment service which is opening in Coldharbour Lane, Brixton, with a wide range of services for crack users. For details call the project on 020 7095 1980 .



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with our improved service

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Thank you for recycling

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