

# A new look for Streatham Green



Streatham Green, between Streatham High Road and Mitcham Lane, near St Leonard's junction, is getting a £250,000 facelift - a range of environmental improvements designed to make it a safer and more pleasant place.



The redesign covers improved lighting, including feature lighting to existing trees. The removal of dilapidated air raid shelters will open out views towards the High Road and Mitcham Lane.

New trees and shrubs will be planted and essential surgery will be undertaken on the existing mature trees.

The project is part of the overall plan to improve Streatham High Road. Work began in mid December and is scheduled to end shortly.



That's the message from the St Leonard's Street Crime Wardens. The wardens have launched a new civic pride programme to help build a cleaner and more united community.

## Love Streatham!



Lambeth Mayor Tim Sargeant launches Love Streatham! With residents and street wardens

In January the wardens' Unity in Diversity programme kicked off at Streatham Methodist Church Hall, with information stalls, leaflets and badges, promoting community awareness and tolerance.

And on St Valentine's Day the Love Streatham - Keep Tidy day brought the wardens together with local people on a clean up drive across the area, picking up litter and rubbish and giving out leaflets promoting care for the environment.

The eight Street Crime Wardens have been patrolling in St Leonards since September, providing a visible presence to deter crime and nuisance along Streatham High Road, nearby residential streets and the three Streatham railway stations. They also work with local groups to improve the area.

**To contact the street crime wardens please call Lambeth Street Care on 020 7926 9000.**

# Tackling anti-social behaviour

Crime is down across Lambeth, and in Streatham new plans are combatting anti-social behaviour. Area community safety officer Susan Doran gives a snapshot.

## Essential Numbers

### National Domestic Violence Helpline:

0808 2000 247

### Victim Support Lambeth: 020 7820 0007

### National Child Protection helpline

(NSPCC): 0808 800 5000

### Women's Aid Lambeth: 020 8678 6233

### Careline: Confidential telephone counselling

for children and young people:

020 8514 1177

### Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

### Streatham Police: 020 8649 1212

### Safe Space: Supporting young women in

Lambeth: 020 7677 9682

### Susan Doran, Streatham Community

Safety Officer: 020 7926 5901

## Tackling bogus callers

Elderly people in Streatham are staying ahead of bogus callers thanks to high tech memo minders. Up to 100 elderly residents will soon be benefiting from the devices, distributed by Lambeth's Streatham Town Centre Office, Age Concern and Lambeth Victim Support.

The battery-operated minders are about the size of a smoke alarm. They are activated when someone comes to the door, and play a recorded message reminding residents to check who's there and put their door chain on before opening the door.

Burglaries by people posing as official callers are very distressing, especially for elderly people. Genuine callers will carry ID and won't mind being checked. Always use your door chain, and check who's at the door.

## Tackling prostitution

There are now more officers in the local vice squad, and a number of projects working with street sex workers, including TRUST, Streatham Streetlink, Safe Space and Mainliners.

TRUST provides three weekly street outreaches as well as support and advice on a number of issues including housing, sexual health, benefits and drugs help. Mainliners operate a sexual health clinic once a week and a further weekly session for needle exchange and condoms.

To report any problems contact Vice Sergeant Jim Carter on 020 8649 2608. To report sex and drugs rubbish in the street call the rapid response clean team on 020 7926 8888.

## Tackling anti-social behaviour.

Anti social behaviour blights people's lives, affecting individuals, local businesses, estates and even whole neighbourhoods. It costs the council money, encourages other crime and gives the impression that no one cares.



## Streatham Festival 04

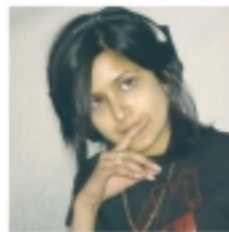
## A nine day Arts extravaganza right on your door step!

3 - 11 July 2004

Summer 2003 saw the second **Streatham Festival**. Over 300 musicians, artists, singers, DJs, poets, actors, acrobats, authors, film-makers and pyrotechnic wizards entertained local people at nine different venues over 5 days.

**Summer 2004** will be even bigger! The festival will grow to 9 days, putting the Festival - and Streatham - well and truly on the London summer calendar. Watch out for announcements and **make sure that you are part of it!**

For further details or to offer your services as a performer or volunteer contact: Streatham Town Centre 020 7926 5905 or email [meljen@easynet.co.uk](mailto:meljen@easynet.co.uk)



Images from streatham Festival 03 - Photography, Nick MacRae

A new anti-social behaviour case review panel is now bringing all relevant Streatham agencies together to find the best solutions to individual cases, from parenting support to Anti-Social Behaviour orders. Contact Susan Doran for more information (details opposite).

#### Making Streatham retailers safer

The Radio Link scheme is now operating in Streatham, with two-way radio links for shops and other retailers to share information on crimes and suspects and contact local police directly. The scheme costs £6.50 a week plus VAT. For more details contact PC Dave Skinner Crime Prevention Officer on 020 8649 2968.

## 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.**

There are seven categories: Individuals in each of the borough's town centres, Streatham, Norwood, Clapham and Stockwell, Brixton and North Lambeth; a boroughwide award; and an award for a local small or medium-sized business which has contributed to the community.

#### Just tell us:

Your name and full contact details (inc. tel and email);

Who you are nominating and which category, with their contact details;

What they do;

How long have they done it;

Is it voluntary or part of their job?

**Entries to the Mayor's Office, marked Civic Awards 2004, Room 124, Lambeth Town Hall, SW2 1RW, email [mayoroflambeth@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:mayoroflambeth@lambeth.gov.uk), fax: 020 7926 2846**

**Closing date 16 April.**

**More information: 020 7926 2120**

# Have your say

## Town Centre Forum Annual General Meeting

**All are welcome to the Town Centre Forum AGM on 16 March, at 7.30pm in St Leonard's Church. Come along to find out what has been happening in Streatham and to hear more about some of the achievements supported by the Town Centre Manager and her team. Ask questions, have your say, vote for your Board members, enjoy the refreshments and see the launch of Streatham Community Development Trust. The Trust will be working long-term on Streatham's regeneration. See you there!**

More details from the Town Centre Office on 020 7926 5905.

## Town Centre meetings

**Streatham Town Meeting**  
March 16, 7.30pm, St Leonard's Church

**Streatham Partnership Board**  
April 20, 7pm, Streatham Town Centre Office, 85-87 Streatham High Road.

## Streatham Area Committee making decisions locally

This committee is made up of the twelve local councillors representing Streatham Hill, St. Leonard's, Streatham Wells and Streatham South wards.

It meets eight times a year.

The next two meetings are:  
March 10, 7.30pm, South London Synagogue, 45 Leigham Court Road SW16  
April 21, 7.30pm, Streatham Baptist Church, 22 Lewin Road SW16.

For more information please contact the Town Centre Office on 020 8769 9671 or email: [llevane@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:llevane@lambeth.gov.uk)

The first half hour of every meeting is for local deputations or individuals to raise any topic that is of interest or concern to them about Streatham. This is your chance to see democracy in action and have your say. See you there!

For details on all Town Centre Forum, Partnership Board, Crime Working Group and Festival Working group meetings please contact the Town Centre Office on 020 7926 5905.

## Contacting your local councillors

### Streatham Hill

- **Jeremy Clyne** (Lib Dem)  
020 8677 3016, [jclyne@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:jclyne@lambeth.gov.uk)
- **June Fewtrell** (Lib Dem)  
020 8674 8859, [jfewtrell@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:jfewtrell@lambeth.gov.uk)
- **Ashley Lumsden** (Lib Dem)  
020 8674 4371, [alumsden@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:alumsden@lambeth.gov.uk)  
*Surgeries: Third Thursday of the month, 6pm, Streatham Community Rangers Office, 260 Amesbury Avenue, SW2; every Saturday, 11am-12.30pm, Streatham Tate Library, Streatham High Road, SW16.*

### St Leonard's

- **Clive Bennett** (Lib Dem)  
020 8769 8789, [cbennett@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:cbennett@lambeth.gov.uk)
- **Roger Giess** (Lib Dem)  
020 8378 0475, [rgiess@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:rgiess@lambeth.gov.uk)
- **Brian Palmer** (Lib Dem)  
020 8677 2775, [bpalmer@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:bpalmer@lambeth.gov.uk)  
*Surgery: Every Saturday, 11.00am-12.30pm, Streatham Tate Library, Streatham High Road, SW16.*

### Streatham South

- **John Kazantzis** (Lab)  
020 8677 9199, [jkazantzis@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:jkazantzis@lambeth.gov.uk)
- **David Malley** (Lab)  
020 8677 4972, [dmalley@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:dmalley@lambeth.gov.uk)
- **Tim Sargeant** (Lab)  
020 7733 2475, [tsargeant@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:tsargeant@lambeth.gov.uk)  
*Surgeries: First Saturday of the month (with Keith Hill MP), 10-11am, Streatham Pool, Streatham High Road, SW16; second Friday, 7-8pm, Holy Redeemer Church, corner Streatham Vale and Churchmore Rd, SW16; third Saturday, 7pm, Shree Swaminaryan Centre, corner Colmer Rd and Ellison Rd; last Saturday, 10.30-11.30am, Immanuel and St. Andrew's Church Hall, 452 Streatham High Road.*

### Streatham Wells

- **Sheila Clarke** (Lib Dem)  
020 8766 8874, [sbclarke@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:sbclarke@lambeth.gov.uk)
- **Julian Heather** (Lib Dem)  
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- **Daphne Marchant** (Lib Dem)  
020 8679 4919, [dmarchant@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:dmarchant@lambeth.gov.uk)  
*Surgery: Every Saturday, 11am-12.30pm, Streatham Tate Library, Streatham High Road, SW16.*

# On your bike!



Borough residents Rita Foster and Annaliese Garratt give the thumbs up to a new cycling course designed to encourage women in Lambeth onto their bikes.

The pair took their first lesson on Valentine's day, as part of a free training package offered by the women's Design Service environmental charity, supported by local bike shops Brixton Cycles and Evans Cycles and funded by the council, Transport for London and the national lottery.

"I cycled a long time ago, and now I would like to get back my confidence," said Rita. "The training will help me overcome my fear of traffic, and cycling to work instead of driving will help me get fit and save money."

More free cycling and bike maintenance sessions are taking place through March and April. For details contact Alix Stredwick on 020 7490 5210, email [astredwick@wds.org.uk](mailto:astredwick@wds.org.uk)

## Paris in the Spring

Landlords in Lambeth could win a free weekend in Paris if they sign up with the borough's Lettings First scheme.

The scheme works with property agents and property owners who have housing to let, offering guaranteed rent in advance and income for up to five years. Lettings First, a partnership between Lambeth Council and Avenue Lettings, keeps an eye on your property and delivers vacant possession at the end of the lease.

Register by 31 March and you will be entered in the free prize draw for the Paris trip. Call 0845 064 0000 or visit [www.lettingsfirst.com](http://www.lettingsfirst.com)

### Empty properties

What strategies are in place for bringing empty properties back into use?  
What grants are available and what are the conditions for these grants?  
What can the Council do if a property continues to be vacant?

### Houses in multiple occupation

Tenants - wondered about whose responsibility it is to ensure your safe exit in case of a fire?  
Landlords - want to know more about Lambeth's approach to dealing with HMOs?  
What is going to be the effect of incoming Government Legislation?

### Private sector landlords

Are you a good landlord, and would like to see the Local Authority do more to reflect this?  
Do you want better business opportunities?  
Should the Council do more to address the issue of bad landlords?

### Grants and loans

Do you need your home adapted or repaired because of your age or due to a disability?  
What assistance is available to keep your home warm, and to reduce energy bills?

### Private sector tenants

Would you like to know more about your own rights and responsibilities as a tenant?  
What does your landlord have to do if s/he wants you to move?  
How do you best ensure that your deposit is returned when you leave?

## Owners, Landlords and Tenants Fair

What has the London Borough of Lambeth got to offer you?

**Do you want to know how you could find out more about the issues affecting private sector housing today?**

**Yes?** The London Borough of Lambeth is holding two half-day Private Sector Housing Fairs on Friday 19th March and Saturday 20th March. We will be consulting on our strategies on all the above topics. There will be a series of speakers, as well as workshops and stalls. Refreshments will be provided.

**Interested?**

For more information about the fairs, or to register an interest in attending, please phone 020 7926 4444, or e-mail [privatesectorhousing@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:privatesectorhousing@lambeth.gov.uk)

### Private Sector Housing – What is it, and what's it got to do with me?

9.30am - 1.00pm  
Friday 19th March  
Assembly Hall  
Lambeth Town Hall  
Brixton Hill  
SW2 1RW

OR

9.30am - 1.00pm  
Saturday 20th March  
Franklin Wilkins Building  
King's College London  
Stamford Street  
SE1 9NN

  
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