

Inside Lambeth





Lambeth is richly varied in what it has to offer – from the international business centre and arts venues near Waterloo in the north, through to the buzzing streets and markets of Brixton in the centre and the leafy, suburban areas of Clapham, Norwood and Streatham.

Welcome to Lambeth!

Lambeth is home to dynamic and diverse communities from all over the world. At its heart, Brixton is a centre of African-Caribbean culture, Stockwell is home to a large Portuguese community and Streatham has attracted people from Somalia and eastern Europe.

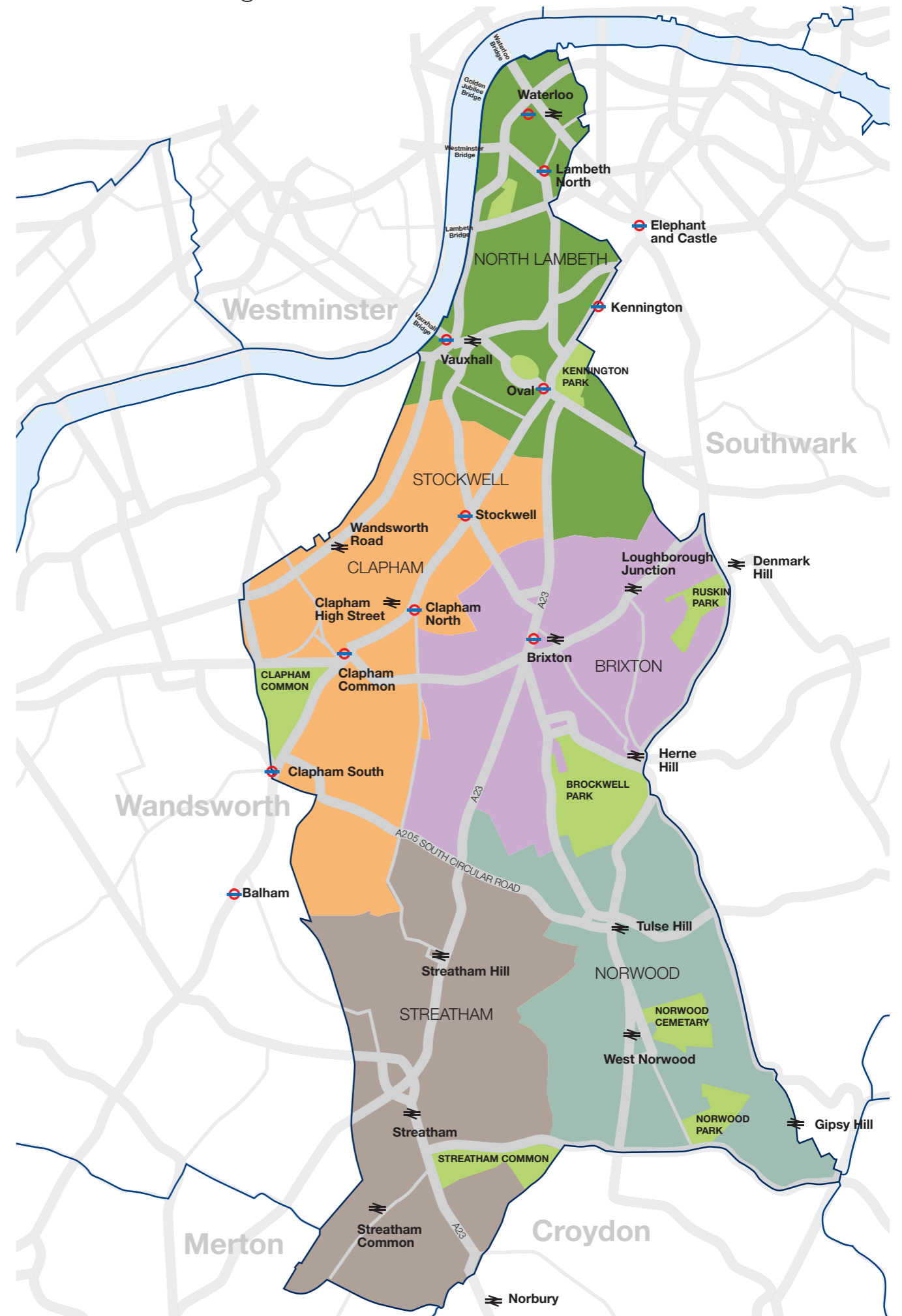
The north of the borough hosts the South Bank Centre – the most popular and innovative performing arts facility in the UK and one of Europe's busiest tourist destinations.



The borough is also home to major international businesses, the important transport gateways of Waterloo and Vauxhall stations and the teaching hospitals at St Thomas' Hospital and King's College Hospital.

Major developments and improvements are underway for Waterloo and Vauxhall which will drive the transformation of these areas as well as our town centres. Over the next decade, investments in schools, social housing and health facilities will bring major changes in neighbourhoods across Lambeth.

London Borough of Lambeth



Lambeth Council's ambitions for the community



Our vision:

Lambeth is a diverse, dynamic and enterprising borough at the heart of London.

The council has been through a period of change to become a flexible organisation able to deliver services to the community. This sustained progress culminated in Lambeth moving to three stars in February 2008, the most improved council in London and one of the two fastest improvers in the country.

Our ambitions focus on delivering better services for Lambeth's citizens, diverse communities and neighbourhoods.

Our promises:

- Deliver high quality services that focus on individual needs and represent value for money
- Tackle inequality and social exclusion
- Engage more closely with Lambeth's citizens so that people's needs are listened to and acted upon.

Our priorities for 2009 build on our previous successes, outcomes and achievements:

- A safer Lambeth with strong communities
- More opportunities for children and young people
- Better housing and flourishing local economies
- Respect for the environment
- Developing personalised care services
- Serving our customers well.

The following pages focus on each of Lambeth's five key areas – North Lambeth, Brixton, Clapham & Stockwell, Streatham and Norwood. They detail the characteristics of the borough as it is today and set out the vision of Lambeth Council and our partners' for the future of each area.

Facts about Lambeth

- Lambeth's population is 272,000 based on 2007 figures
- more residents than any other inner London borough
- 120,000 households
- Lambeth's population density of 99 people per hectare is the fifth highest in the country
- about a third of all people were born outside the UK
- 38% of people come from black and minority ethnic (BME) communities
- over 150 languages are spoken
- nearly half Lambeth's residents are aged between 20 and 39



North Lambeth today

North Lambeth is an area of contrasts. It is a global cultural quarter containing Lambeth Palace, the Royal Festival Hall, the National Theatre, the Old and Young Vic theatres, the British Film Institute and the London Eye. The South Bank is one of central London's leading business districts, home to international companies such as Shell and IBM. The area has recently benefited from major private development and improved transport infrastructure. North Lambeth is a collection of distinct neighbourhood centres, such as Vauxhall and Waterloo, and contains deprived residential areas separated from the riverside by infrastructure such as stations, viaducts and busy roads.



A point of interest is Phoenix House in Vauxhall; completed in 2006 it is part of the St George Wharf development. The building provides state-of-the-art accommodation for around 650 of the council's staff, and the construction continues with the development of a hotel on site.

1 South Bank

The South Bank, in ancient times known as Lambeth Marsh, stretches two square miles along the shores of the River Thames. The South Bank complex is the most visible element of the thriving and expanding arts and leisure industry in Lambeth. As well as internationally known theatres such as the Old Vic, the Young Vic, the National Theatre, Royal Festival Hall and the National Film theatre, you can also find attractions such as the London Eye and the Dali Universe as well as the only second hand and antique book market in Southern England.

2 Waterloo Regeneration area

Waterloo was identified by the Major of London as a 'designated opportunity area'. The aim is to create a radically improved accessible public space with a sense of place whilst maintaining its key features, such as the iconic Waterloo station and the British Film Institute IMAX cinema.

What makes North Lambeth different?

	North Lambeth	Lambeth	Inner London
Born outside UK	38.5%	29.9%	33.3%
Single parent	43.2%	37.9%	40.1%
Social tenants living in deprived areas	41.0%	25.8%	NA

Explore North Lambeth

3 Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre

The proposed Coin Street area development was vigorously opposed by the community's Coin Street Action Group. They wanted to see the area regenerated with more parks, family housing and social facilities and took a positive lead in making this happen. There are now a number of projects being managed by community and business groups in the area through Coin Street Community Builders.

4 Old Vic

The Old Vic theatre started life as the Royal Coburg in 1818 until it was renamed as the Royal Victoria in honour of the then Queen. Lilian Baylis, niece of the social reformer Emma Cons, took the helm in 1898 promoting productions of Shakespeare and opera, moving away from the 'social coffee shop' created by her aunt. The performances of a young John Gielgud cemented the history of the Old Vic as a place of artistic development and experimentation. Today, under the artistic direction of Kevin Spacey, it remains at the heart of London's theatrical community.

5 Lilian Baylis Sport Action Zone

The decision to relocate the Lilian Baylis school to Kennington Lane meant the old site became surplus to requirements. Lambeth Council has worked with the North Lambeth and North Southwark Sport Action Zone to transform the site, into a vibrant hub for sport, physical activity and healthy living.

6 The Oval

Originally a market garden, the Oval was established as the home of Surrey County Cricket Club in 1845. The first ever test match in England was played between England and Australia at the Oval in 1880.

And for the future...

We are working with the local community to bring the Beaufoy Building and the old Lilian Baylis school back into public use which will add to the leisure, education and health facilities available.



Brixton today

Brixton is at the heart of Lambeth and is one of the borough's major town centres. Home to the Town Hall, it is famous for its entertainment venues and its markets. It is at the centre of the African-Caribbean community in London, with an international reputation as a diverse cultural and creative hub. It is a major transport interchange and administrative centre. However, it also contains the highest levels of deprivation in the borough and suffers from high levels of drug-related crime.



Regeneration will focus on reducing crime and the fear of crime, smartening up the market and local streets through better signage, lighting and paving, improving transport links, and encouraging and supporting businesses. It will also involve redeveloping vacant and under-used buildings. Nearby areas such as Herne Hill and Tulse Hill are also thriving neighbourhoods.

1 Myatts Fields

The Myatts Field North Estate was constructed in 1974 by the council. It comprises 477 properties in total including disabled access bungalows and two sheltered housing schemes. Following successful consultation with residents, the council has been able to successfully secure over £100 million in PFI credits for the redevelopment of the estate and has recently submitted an outline planning application.

2 Angell Town

The redevelopment of the award-winning Angell Town is the antithesis of most people's idea of a social housing estate. The 29 refurbished and 18 new homes built alongside the refreshed estate incorporate a highly energy-efficient design, providing clean electricity to the building.

3 Loughborough Estate and children's centre

Loughborough Estate is a key area for the borough. The area has suffered from deprivation with high incidence of drug use and high

What makes Brixton different?

	Brixton	Lambeth	Inner London
Black Caribbean	15.3%	10.5%	6.3%
Single housesharers	26.8%	21.1%	NA
% of Super Output Areas in 10% most deprived	25.0%	15.0%	17.0%

Explore Brixton

levels of unemployment. The very successful estate-based school was a 'fresh start' school with excellent community facilities for children, parents and carers. GCSE results are improving and the sense of community is returning.

4 Brixton Customer Centre

The new customer centre in Brixton provides a single point of contact for residents which not only makes accessing services easier, but helps to reduce processing times. Every

month more than 13,000 people visit the centre and it has proved to be highly popular with residents.

5 Michael Tippett School

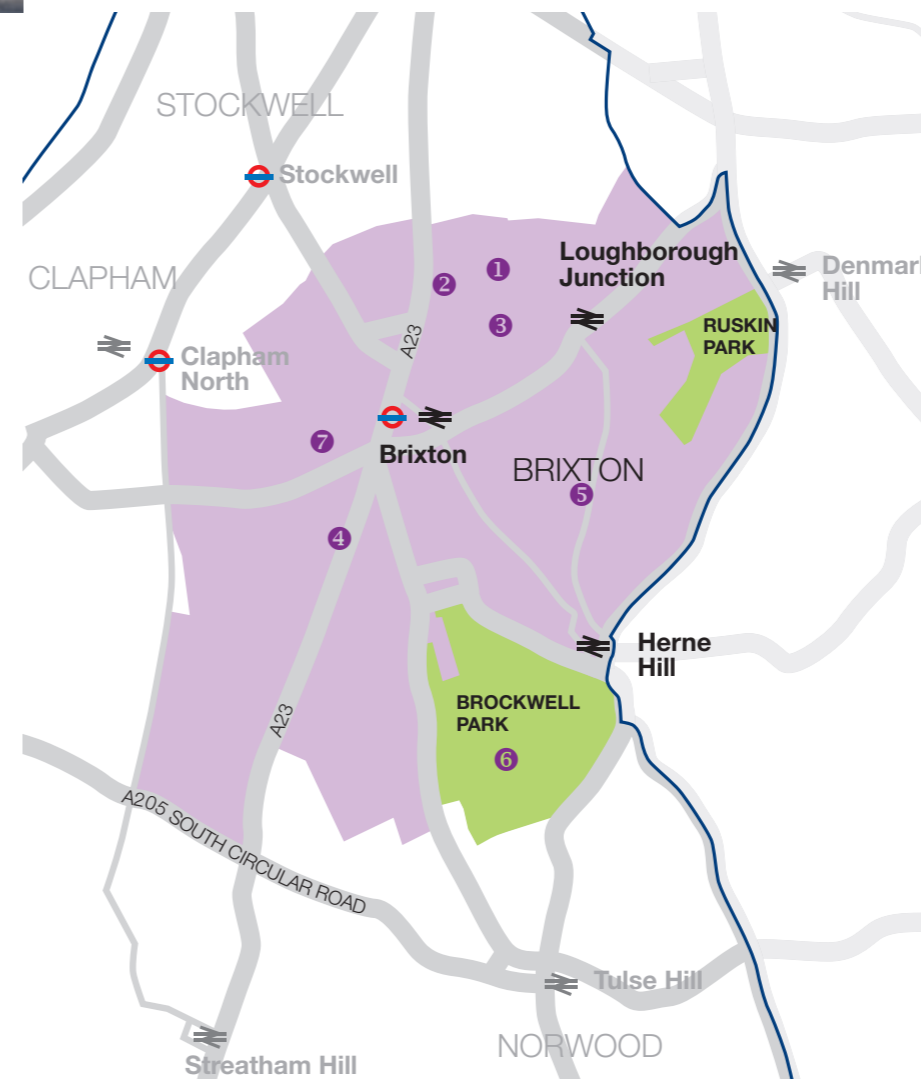
The award winning Michael Tippett School is both the first Building Schools for the Future (BSF) school in London and the first Special Education Needs (SEN) school to be built under the BSF programme. Designed by the London Eye architects, Marks Barfield, the school opened in February 2008. It offers a dynamic environment and hosts modern hydrotherapy facilities, a sensory room and environmental designs which incorporate an eco-friendly green roof.

6 Brockwell Park

Brockwell Park is a large, historic park located between Brixton, Dulwich and Herne Hill. It provides a well-managed public space containing a wide range of facilities for play, sport, exercise and relaxation. The Lido opened in 1937, and has been a much-loved South London landmark ever since. Thanks to an injection of over £3 million the Lido has been painstakingly restored and improved, with brand new amenities that will guarantee its survival as a very special place for generations to come.

7 Time Out accommodation hostel

A groundbreaking initiative piloted by Lambeth Council's housing division is keeping families together when family rows and conflicts threaten to break them up. The 'Time Out' accommodation – a newly refurbished four floor building – is a neutral haven for young people to stay, providing time and space away from the family home.



More to explore in Brixton

1 Brixton Market

Brixton market is at the heart of the local community. It is home to the largest Caribbean food market in Europe, with some 300 stalls, many dedicated to Afro-Caribbean tastes and culture. Trading at the market dates back to the 1870s. The area is home to Electric Avenue, the first street to be lit by electric lighting in the UK. Music is also part of Brixton's heritage and the sounds from the various Reggae music stalls puts a spring in the step of shoppers and browsers.



2 Brixton Recreation Centre

The £2.85 million refurbishment of Lambeth's flagship leisure centre, Brixton 'Rec', is now complete, making it a vibrant and friendly family venue which will benefit the whole community for many years to come. Greenwich Leisure Ltd have been the contractors running Brixton Rec since April 2007. As a social enterprise, they invest any profits into their leisure centres. The revamped facility makes special provision for the different sections of our community, with specific activity areas for children and adults, and programmes aimed at older people in the borough.

3 Brixton Road highway

Pavement overcrowding and general congestion in Brixton is set to become a thing of the past as work begins on an ambitious redevelopment programme for Brixton Road. Starting in April 2008, the Transport for London (TfL) scheme is expected to take about nine months to complete. Residents, businesses and visitors to Brixton will be able to enjoy huge improvements to the section of road between Stockwell Road and Coldharbour Lane, making it a safer and more pleasant environment for local shoppers and tourists.

4 Fanon Resource Centre – Railton Road

Fanon Resource Centre provides a range of services and activities to support people to recover their health and wellbeing. Outreach services are provided to people with mental health needs, particularly from African and Caribbean backgrounds. Through a culturally-specific approach Fanon and the Southside Partnership Group aims to empower service users, maximise their independence and enable them to gain a better understanding of their mental health needs.

5 Effra Day Centre

The Effra Day Centre is a clear example of how joined up partnership working can benefit the community. The centre offers structured individual and group-work activities in order to promote independence and social inclusion. There is a café offering hot drinks and a subsidised lunch. Close working relations exist between the community mental health teams and voluntary organisations, as well as Lambeth Education.

6 Evelyn Grace Academy

The Evelyn Grace Academy is a brand new, non-selective, non-denominational school, situated between Loughborough Park and Shakespeare Road. The Academy opened on 1 September 2008 in temporary accommodation on Somerleyton Road with 180 Year 7 students, and will move to brand new buildings, designed by internationally renowned Zaha Hadid Architects in 2009.



And for the future...

National Black Heritage Centre

The Black Cultural Archives are working to develop a disused site (Raleigh Hall) in the centre of Brixton into a National Black Heritage Centre to house their collection of artefacts, provide educational, exhibition and meeting space and a permanent base for the local charity. The project has just been awarded a £4 million grant by The Heritage Lottery Fund.

Brixton Central Square

Work commences this spring on a new central square for Brixton. Architects have developed a design which unites Tate Gardens and Windrush Square encouraging better interaction with St. Matthew's Peace Gardens and the town centre. The square will provide a modern, improved space for residents and visitors and safer, more direct routes for pedestrians. It is due for completion in the autumn.



Clapham & Stockwell

Clapham & Stockwell today

Clapham is one of Lambeth's most diverse areas, combining some of the borough's most affluent parts with some deprived areas. Clapham has long been popular with young professionals, drawn by its good transport connections to central London and its vibrant night-time economy. Clapham High Street's restaurants, pubs and clubs attract visitors from across London, as do sport and live music events on Clapham Common. Some of Lambeth's most expensive housing is found in Clapham Town and Clapham Common wards. In Clapham Common ward, more than one in five residents earns over £60,000 a year. However, Clapham also contains large areas of social housing and pockets of deprivation.



Stockwell is an ethnically diverse area, home to people from many different cultures including one of Britain's largest Portuguese communities (many of whom originally come from Madeira). It is known locally as 'Little Portugal'. Many Caribbean and West African people also live in the area and Stockwell's housing styles are as mixed as its population.

One point of interest is Lambeth Academy. Opened in September 2004 on the site of the old Henry Thornton School on Elms Road, the school is part of the government's Academies programme, and is sponsored by the charity United Learning Trust. When fully open, the academy will have capacity for 1,200 students, with an annual intake of 180. The Academy specialises in business, enterprise and modern foreign languages.

What makes Clapham & Stockwell different?

	Clapham & Stockwell	Lambeth	Inner London
Born outside UK	36.8%	29.9%	33.3%
Population density (PPH)	119.8	99.2	45.6
Social tenants living in deprived areas	34.3%	25.8%	NA
Successful singles	18.7%	15.8%	15.8%

Explore Clapham & Stockwell

1 Clapham Common

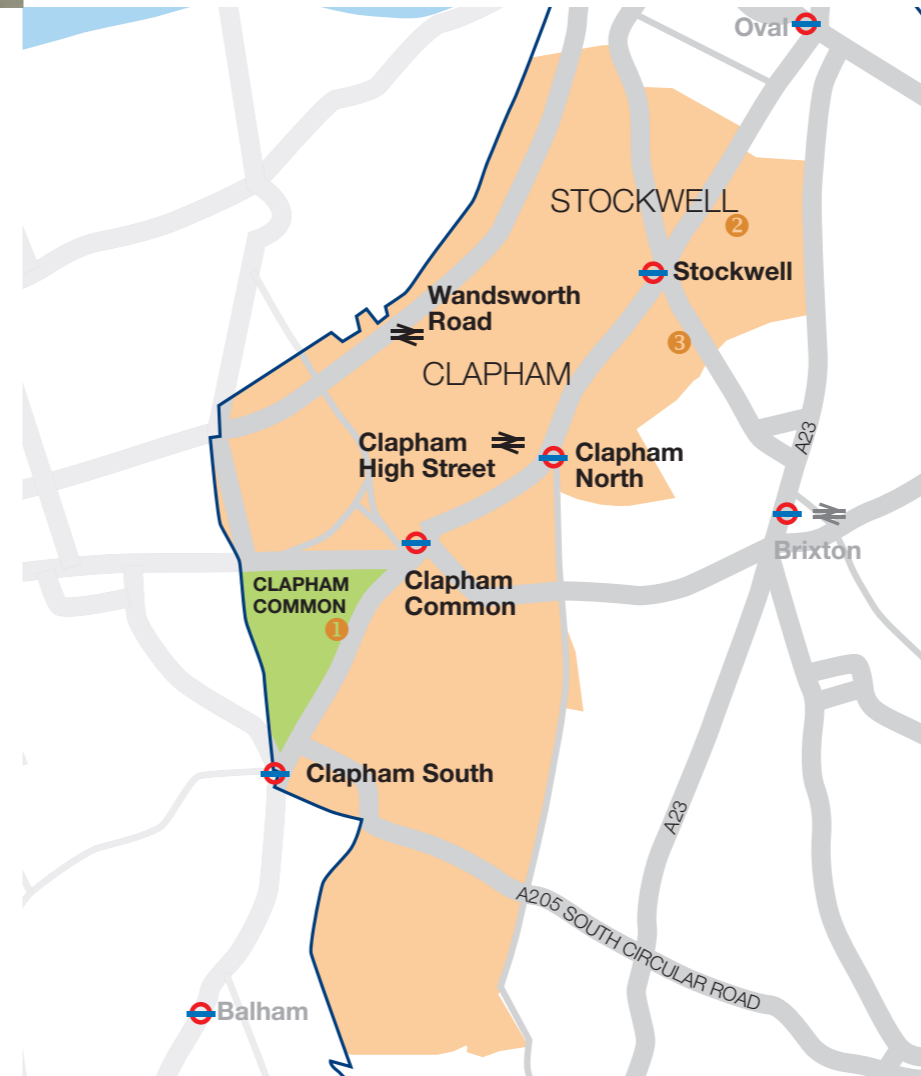
One of the most well known parks in London, Clapham Common is a vast green space which attracts visitors from across the world. Concerts, theatre, film shows and competitive sports are among its year-round events. The common has an all-weather games area, a parent and toddler area, an historic bandstand, three cafés and a paddling pool.

2 Stockwell Park High School

Having decided that the current buildings at Stockwell Park High School were too difficult to repair, the council decided to rebuild the school as part of the Government's Building Schools for the Future programme. The school will provide 1,200 places for 11 to 16 year olds, a 15-place Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) unit and accommodate 100 sixth-form students.

3 Lingham Court

Lingham Court is a sheltered housing scheme for elderly people based in Stockwell. Lingham Court is a mixed use scheme and the first of its kind locally, providing homes for up to 30 older Lambeth residents with support needs. The entire building is accessible by wheelchair, including the rooftop garden terrace and apartment balconies. Each apartment features award-winning design and can incorporate any further adaptations required to enable residents to live as independently as possible.



And for the future...

Our Future Clapham programme aims to add to the area's many attractions. Well designed, eco-friendly buildings, providing state-of-the-art services including a new leisure centre, health centre, library, arts facilities, customer centre and housing.



Streatham

Streatham today

Streatham has had the fastest population growth of any of Lambeth's town centre areas over the past decade. At the same time Streatham has become more and more diverse, with a large Somali community in Streatham South and a Polish community in Streatham Vale. Streatham is best known for its residential areas and its High Road. For some, the nearly two and a half kilometres of unbroken shopping and leisure attractions on the High Road is Streatham's defining feature. However, the High Road has suffered as traffic congestion has increased and modern shopping developments have opened in Croydon and Kingston.



The area benefits from large areas of characterful Victorian family homes and the open space of Streatham Common – home to the much-loved Streatham Festival.

Two points of interest are the Streatham Memorial Gardens and Streatham Ice Arena. Erected as a place of peace and tranquillity away from the bustling Streatham High Road, Streatham Memorial Gardens is an attractive area on the edge of Streatham Common. The gardens are home to the Streatham War Memorial which was designed by Albert Toft in 1921. One of London's most well-known sporting venues, Streatham Ice Arena has been welcoming visitors for over 75 years and is the only one in south London.

What makes Streatham different?

	Streatham	Lambeth	Inner London
Asian population	8.9%	4.3%	9.6%
Population density (PPH)	88.2	99.2	45.6
Young professionals and their families	16.0%	10.9%	NA
Multicultural second generation households	17.0%	9.8%	NA
% of Super Output Areas in 30% most deprived	29.0%	51.0%	45%

Explore Streatham



1 Gracefield Gardens

Our new customer centre is part of a site developed by Lambeth Primary Care Trust (PCT) and is the result of a partnership between Lambeth Council and the PCT. Local people can access benefits, housing and council tax as well as GP, nursing, foot health, midwifery and therapy services all at the one location. Around 20,000 people have visited the centre since it opened in January this year.

2 Streatham Darby and Joan Club

Woodlawns, home of Streatham Darby and Joan Club, is a Victorian villa set amid peaceful surroundings. It aims to provide older people of all cultures with support, companionship and a range of activities that promote independence, health, wellbeing and the value of diversity. Last year the club was awarded £80,000 to create their Sensory Garden Annexe Project that added a garden room and all-weather walkways to their developing Older Persons' Resource Centre.

And for the future...

Plans to bring a new state-of-the-art ice rink, swimming pool and leisure centre to Streatham have reached a major milestone with the signing of an important agreement between Lambeth Council and Tesco, our partner in the project.



Norwood today



Norwood is a mainly residential area with three electoral wards. It is the smallest of Lambeth's town centre areas and has the lowest population, although there is more industrial activity and employment than in many other parts of Lambeth. Although Norwood doesn't have the wide ranges of income and deprivation found elsewhere in Lambeth, it does have some areas where poverty is an issue. For instance, the proportion of people in Gipsy Hill ward living in council housing is more than twice the national average at 33.6%, and above the overall Lambeth figure of 25%.

Two points of interest are Norwood Grove and the Old Library Centre. Originally part of Streatham Common, Norwood Grove is a large park with formal gardens, rolling parkland and wooded areas, including Norwood Grove Mansion. Norwood Grove Mansion was originally built for John Ambler, a hop merchant, in 1760–1761. The house was enlarged in the 1830s, and the grounds were opened to the public in November 1929.

Norwood Old Library has been transformed into a fitness and activity base for young and old people living in the area. There is a wide range of dance classes on offer as well as contact sports.

What makes Norwood different?

	Norwood	Lambeth	Inner London
White British	58.4%	52.3%	51.1%
Population density (PPH)	84.1	99.2	45.6
Multicultural second generation households	23.0%	9.8%	NA

Explore Norwood



1 Elmcourt Road and Elm Green School

This is the first Parent Promoted school in the country and the first local authority school to be built in the borough for over forty years. Parents work closely with the governing body, sharing ideas about the development of the school. The new school, with 900 places for 11–16 year olds (including a 30-place Hearing Impaired Unit and a 200-place sixth form) is operating on an interim site until 2009 when it will move into a permanent building.

2 West Norwood Cemetery and Library

West Norwood library is situated next to the heritage site that is West Norwood cemetery. It offers the usual local library services but also holds a collection of books in community languages. The library is piloting a new reading experience in partnership with the BBC. Broadcasts from BBC Radio's archive of book-related programming are being made available to library users at the touch of a button via new in-branch listening posts. The cemetery has a fascinating history for those with an interest in genealogy and architecture. It was opened in 1837.

And for the future...

A master-planning process is currently underway in Norwood. This will examine how the area can develop in the future and will be looking at opportunities to improve the range of cultural and leisure facilities in the area.

