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News for the Brixton, Loughborough & Herne Hill areas



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## No Room for Smack and Crack in Brixton

Traders and residents speak out on drugs and crime

Businesses across Brixton have been taking part in "No Room for Smack and Crack...", a full-on media campaign led by the Brixton Area Forum Crime Group and Business Forum and backed by police and council action to get the dealers out of town.

The campaign is part of the joint community, police and council CrackOUT programme tackling crack cocaine in Lambeth, which has seen arrests, environmental improvements and two-thirds of known crack houses shut down.

Rachel Heywood, Brixton Area Forum chair, said: "No Room is all about giving our communities the right to speak out against drug crime while celebrating and promoting the things that make Brixton such an amazing place."

Watch out for information about "Think, Talk, Action", the local community safety action plan which sets out a three-year strategy to keep Brixton safer and deter crime. Contact James Priestman, community safety officer, on 020 7926 1033 email [jpriestman@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:jpriestman@lambeth.gov.uk)

## Get Creative

Everyone knows that Brixton is a melting pot of creativity - the Fridge, the Academy, 198 Gallery, Black Cultural Archives, and any number of DJs, singers, musicians, artists and poets doing their stuff.

Now the Brixton Area Forum is planning to make the most of that creativity through the Brixton Cultural and Creative Industries initiative. Around 80 groups attended the launch of the initiative at the Brixton Academy, backed by Mayor Ken Livingstone's London Development Agency.

There is huge scope to develop an even bigger cultural industry sector, boost economic growth, encourage tourism and provide many new jobs. This potential for renewal through creativity and culture is now recognised by many London-wide agencies including the Mayor.

The first step in turning this potential into reality is the Brixton Plan, an overall vision and framework for economic, social and environmental well-being in Brixton over a ten year period. There are also plans for a Brixton Festival.

The Cultural and Creative Industries Working Group is now getting down to business, bringing groups together, searching out funding and drawing up plans. Its agenda includes tourism, Brixton Central Square, economic growth, new jobs and training, festival and cultural celebrations, enterprise clusters, transport improvements, railway arch redevelopment and regeneration of key sites.

Meetings are open to anyone involved or with an interest in cultural and creative industry in Brixton. More information from Paul Rodgers, town centre regeneration manager, on 020 7926 1097 or email [PRodges@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:PRodges@lambeth.gov.uk)

### There's a better way...

**Giving money or food to people who beg may not be the best way to help them, says St Mungo's. In Brixton the charity provides housing, healthcare, advice, support, training and more. To donate or find out more call 020 8600 3000 or visit [www.mungos.org](http://www.mungos.org)**



## Brixton trio win prize for good works

Three local residents picked up prizes in the borough's civic awards.

Heart problems cut short John Osborne-Harrison's career – so he works as a volunteer with elderly people. The award was for his work on the "talking newspaper" Newstalk Lambeth.

Irena Kowolewska, a teacher at Sudbourne School for 39 years, has worked for more than 20 years for the Arlington Lodge Residents' Association and carried out voluntary work particularly with elderly people.

Maria-Luisa Guerrero came to Lambeth in 1963 from Italy. As well as prison visiting and helping disabled people, Maria-Luisa gives invaluable help to Italian patients at King's College hospital, including administering communion as a Minister of the Eucharist when no priest is available.

## Impressions of Brixton

It's Brixton's biggest art competition – open to entrants from Lambeth schools, classes and individuals in education, with categories for young people up to 12, 13 to 16-year-olds, and adults. Entries can be photography, written word, drawing or painting. The work should have some Brixton connection, but there are no limits beyond that. Schools are particularly encouraged to enter.

Closing date October 31 2003. Entry forms from libraries, and watch out for promotions in Brixton Library, at the Lambeth Country Show and the Lambeth Archives Open Day in September, or visit [www.brixtonsociety.org](http://www.brixtonsociety.org)

# Make Friends with the

It's one of Brixton's hidden treasures – and it needs friends!

Brixton Windmill in Blenheim Gardens was constructed in 1816 and ground wheat into flour by wind power on what was then the edge of the city.

Today, in the words of Steve Double who lives next door, "it's in a pretty sorry state". And the park and playground around it is not much better.

Now Steve (right) and other local people have come together as the Friends of Windmill Park, set up by the Brixton Area Forum, to work in partnership with the council, which owns the listed building, to realize a community-led regeneration of the windmill and park.

Richard Santhiri grew up in the shadow of the windmill and has been campaigning to bring it back to life since 1998. "It can bring everyone in the community together," he said.

The plan is to turn the windmill into an educational facility, with community buildings alongside and new play equipment in the park.

Becoming a Friend costs just £1. For more information please email [fowp@double-whammy.com](mailto:fowp@double-whammy.com) or call Paul Jackson at the Town Centre office on 020 7926 1052. Next meetings are June 24 and July 22, 7pm in St Saviour's Church Hall, 24 Blenheim Gardens SW2.

• Don't miss the Windmill Festival, in Windmill Park next to the Windmill, Blenheim Gardens, SW2, **September 7 2003**. A community organised fun day for all the family, revolving around the Brixton Windmill and local people, schools and organisations.

More details closer to the date



## Just a minute

Lambeth Arts needs your help to make a series of short films for the internet.

And we mean short – they should be no more than 90 seconds long, and be an imaginative take on the communities and spaces that make Lambeth the exciting borough that it is. They will be available on a new website with information about the many film projects in Lambeth as well as new media and digital arts projects.

The film could be a creative documentary about Windrush Square, or hidden history (what was The Academy in its previous incarnation? What is William Blake's link to Lambeth?) A mini-drama in one of

# Windmill



Stockwell's Portuguese cafés perhaps? Or Brixton's skate park?

Targeted at 15 to 25 year-olds, the project starts with film-making workshops run by new media experts Desperate Optimists ([www.desperateoptimists.com](http://www.desperateoptimists.com)) To get involved or for more information contact Paul Green at Lambeth Arts e-mail:[pgreen@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:pgreen@lambeth.gov.uk) or 020 7926 0760.

## Contacting your local councillors

### Coldharbour

● **Donatus Anyanwu** (Lab) 020 8769 7541  
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 Surgery: 1st Tuesday 6pm-7pm, 136 Marston House Angell Town Estate, SW9

● **Sharon Erdman** (Lab) 020 7274 4193  
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● **Sharon Ward** (Lab) 020 8677 4972  
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 Surgery: 10:30am-11:30am, Third Saturday of the month Housing Office, Somerleyton Rd, SW9.

### Ferndale

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Surgeries: 6:30pm-7:30pm every Tuesday, Pulross Health Centre, 47a Pulross Rd, SW9 8AE.

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Surgeries: 2nd Tuesday in the month, Brixton Town

Hall, 3rd Wednesday in the month: Roupell Park Community Flat, 4th Thursday in the month: Blenheim Gardens TMO office.

### Herne Hill

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Surgeries: 3rd Friday of each month with Tessa Jowell MP 11am-12.30pm Brixton Advice Centre 167 Railton Road 3rd Friday of each month 6pm to 7pm St. Matthew's Church Lilford Road Last Saturday of each month 2.30pm to 3.30pm Carnegie Library, Herne Hill Road.

### Tulse Hill

● **Jackie Meldrum** (Lab) 020 8671 5595  
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Surgeries: 1st Friday of the month 7pm-8pm St Matthews Tenants Hall, St Matthews Estate, SW2 2nd Friday of the month 7pm-8pm St Martins Old Library 220 Upper Tulse Hill SW2 3rd Friday of the month 6pm-7pm 13 Purser House, near Jubilee School, Tulse Hill Estate, SW2.

## Brixton Online Ltd

**Brixton Online Training Services** (BOLTS) provides one-off, customised and accredited computer training and support in the heart of Brixton, plus training to community groups and small businesses. And there's a free technical support line covering Lambeth and Southwark (020 7733 7337, 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday), plus contracted maintenance and purchasing support.

There's a 'business club' too for clients, with monthly seminars or workshops for local small businesses and start up/pre-start up organisations. Future topics include Business Technology (13 August), Funding Your Enterprise (10 September), E-Commerce (15 October) and Desktop Publishing (12 November).

Brixton Online has also developed the Lambeth Community Grid for Learning ([www.lambethlearning.com](http://www.lambethlearning.com)) with access to local adult and community learning services and support for local training providers, computer centres and adults, including a monthly Network Club for training providers meeting on the last Wednesday of every month.

More information on 020 7274 2888, [www.bolts.org.uk](http://www.bolts.org.uk)

## Living Waters Youth and Community Project

### Commences June 2003

We work with young people and families in Brixton and Stockwell. The programme includes presentations on 'Parenting, Respect, Career after Education, Saying No to Drugs and Guns.'

We also provide mentoring, supplementary schooling in English, maths and piano. More information from Michael Maddix 01767 683101/0771 8144163 or email [michaelmaddix@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelmaddix@hotmail.com)

## Brixton Area Committee - making decisions locally.

**This new committee** is made up of the twelve local councillors representing Coldharbour, Ferndale, Brixton Hill, Herne Hill and Tulse Hill wards, and is chaired by Councillor Donatus Anyanwu. A work programme has been agreed and one of the committee's highest priorities is developing a local area plan.

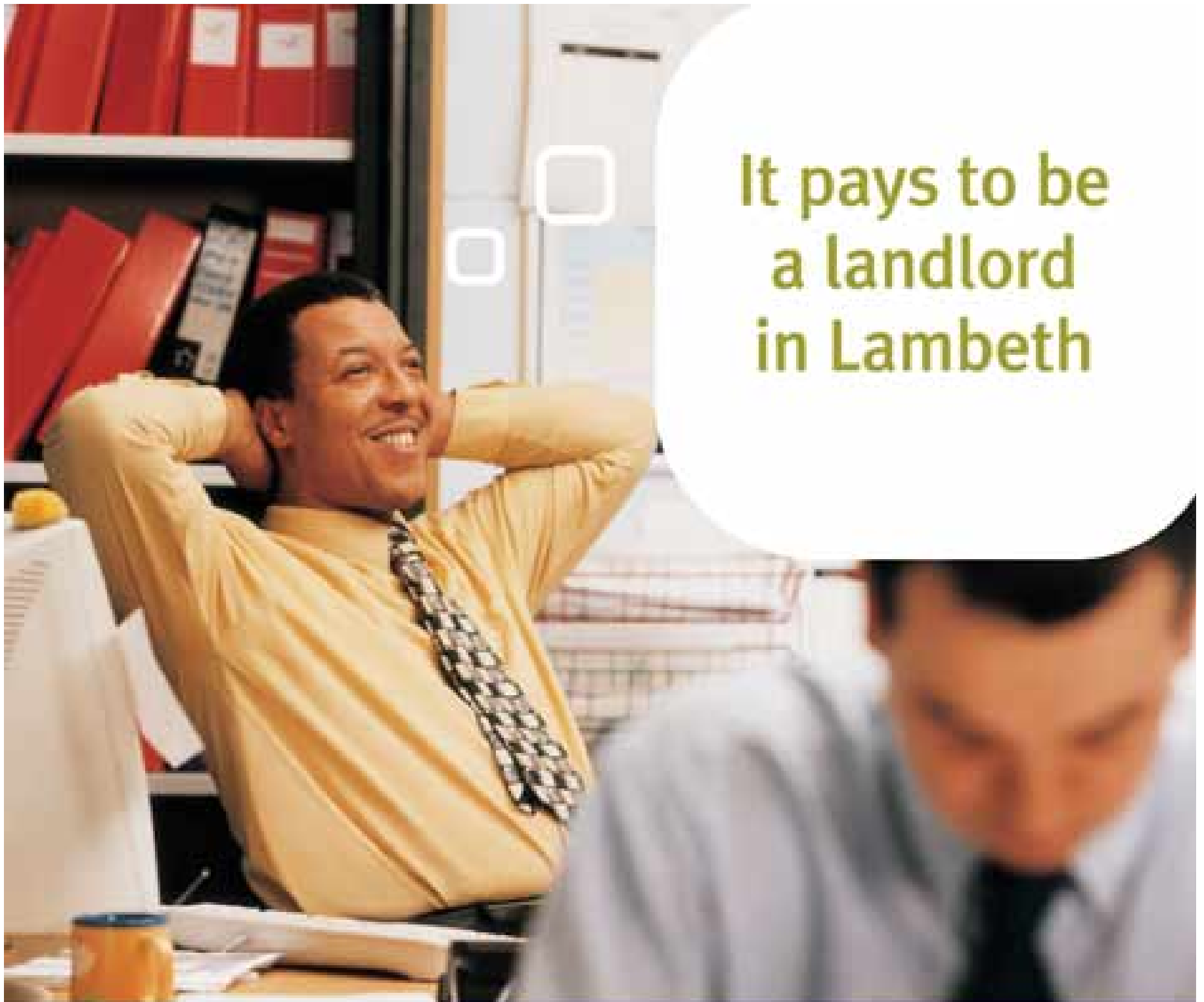
The committee will also be responsible for community safety, deciding on some environmental improvements for the area and much more.

It will meet eight times a year. The next three meetings are:

- Tuesday 22 July
- Wednesday 3 September
- Thursday 16 October

More information from Antoinette Duhaney, 020 7926 2046 or email [aduhaney@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:aduhaney@lambeth.gov.uk)

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



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