

Norwood**eye**

£100K Norwood facelift

Investment worth £100,000 is making its mark in Norwood.

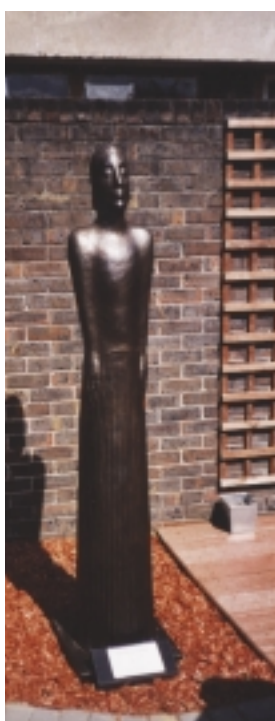
Projects funded under the Norwood Area Committee's neighbourhood renewal funding programme are now well underway, with several already completed.

Waylett Place car park has been improved, with new fencing and better maintenance, rubbish clearance and signage, and there are new bollards, hanging baskets and flower beds around Rosendale Road, Norwood Road and Idmiston Road.

There's new planting in Becondale Road, and the area around Emmanuel Church community centre has had a facelift.

Schemes underway include a new zebra crossing at Knight's Hill and planting at Vale Street.

The council is also calling for a high level meeting with Network Rail to discuss improvements to railway bridges in the area. While rail bridges in Streatham will be upgraded, Network Rail has so far not brought forward plans for the bridge on Norwood High Street.



New life for Old Library

The Old Library in West Norwood is to open soon after £1.2million was raised by the council and its community partner, West Norwood Community Development for a full refurbishment.

Meetings are now underway on a regular basis to agree programmes and facilities that will be available to young people and community groups once the building opens. For more information, please contact Ben Smith from the Interim Management group: tel: 020 7926 9842, email bsmith2@lambeth.gov.uk



Norwood school first to benefit in million-pound playtime boost for Lambeth

Lambeth youngsters are running and jumping for joy after the borough scored £4.3 million of government funds for better sports facilities in the borough.

First off the mark is Elm Wood Primary School in Carnac Street, with £70,000 to build a Multi-Use Games Area. Building the games area will involve a major facelift for the existing playground and a patch of nearby derelict land, with markings for basketball, netball, short tennis, five-a-side football and 'kwik cricket'. The games area will also cater for a range of other physical activities.

Councillor Anthony Bottrall, Executive Member for Education, said: "Sport and physical education is incredibly important. We're delighted we've received this funding as it will help us reach our goal of all children in Lambeth taking part in two hours of quality physical education and sport each week."

Added Councillor Clare Whelan, Executive Member for Environment: "As well as providing facilities for children at schools such as Elm Wood, the new sporting facilities will be available for local communities to use and enjoy."

Lambeth has already submitted another eight project proposals to the government's New Opportunities Fund to make use of the full £4.3 million funding. The projects include building similar multi-use games areas at five other primary schools and a secondary school. Another nine projects will be submitted for consideration by the end of March.

- **Well done Elm Court School! The special school in Elm Court Road was in the top five per cent of special schools in the country in the government's recent "value added" league tables. The tables measure students' improvement at school, whatever their starting point.**



down your way

In business

If you are running a business in Norwood then the Norwood Business Network could be for you.

The network is an opportunity to get together with other local business people, share information and business tips, find out about free business support, grants or marketing. For more details please call Kelly Greene, Norwood Area Projects Officer, on 020 7926 7990 or email kgreene@lambeth.gov.uk

Kelly is the Town Centre's new Project Officer, and started as a permanent member of staff in February. She will be leading work on strengthening business support and other projects for the Norwood Area.

There are also a number of seminar and workshop sessions taking place for business, all at the Nettlefold Hall, 1 Norwood High Street SE27 9JX:

Increased and Sustained Business

Confidence for Women, Tuesday 9 March, 9.30am to 2.30pm. Free of charge.

Legal Structures for the Social Economy, Thursday 1 April, 9.30am to 4.30pm. £40

Contract Law made Simple, Thursday 25 March, 9.30am to 1.30pm. £40

To book a place on any of these sessions please call Donna Lafayette, 020 7501 5612, or Yvonne Witter, 020 7501 5578.

Starting young

More activities for young people will be available in Norwood after the council's youth and play service allocated £30,000 of funding to support two voluntary sector youth groups over the coming two years. Recruitment is now underway for a detached youth worker and youth and play manager for Norwood.

Focus on...Norwood Town Centre Forum

The Norwood Forum is the local people's voice within the Town Centre decision making structure. It meets once a quarter and is organised by the Norwood Town Centre Management Team and the Partnership Board.

The first meeting of the Norwood Forum was held in January 2000, with anyone with an interest in the area invited. The meeting was a huge success and those present elected a Norwood Partnership Board to meet on a monthly basis to move forward the aims of the Forum.

The Forum has an advisory and monitoring role, with powers to make recommendations to the Area Committee and the council's Executive via its elected Partnership Board. It can also call Councillors and members of the Executive to meetings in a public setting.

The forum aims to be both representative of the local community and easily accessible. Its broad objectives are:

- To ensure regular and meaningful public involvement and, in so doing, to extend the opportunity for public consultation on all matters within the Forum's terms of reference;
- To create a broad-based, inclusive organisation incorporating local stakeholders, including business, voluntary and local organisations, individual residents and councillors in discussing issues of interest or relevance to the needs and aspirations of the area, particularly in relation to social, economic and environmental regeneration of the area.

Its terms of reference are:

- To contribute to the social, economic and environmental regeneration of the three Norwood wards (Gipsy Hill, Knights Hill and Thurlow Park);
- To act as an important voice of the local community;
- To scrutinise Council policy and operations in the Norwood town centre area;
- To influence and shape the Council's activities.

Have your say at the Norwood Area Committee

The Norwood Area Committee is chaired by Councillor Russell A'Court, vice-chair Councillor Geraldine Evans. Meetings are open to the public, and part of the meeting is for local people to put questions or present petitions on anything of concern in the area. It's your chance to see democracy in action. See you there!

Meeting dates:

March 18, 7pm. April 29, 7pm

For full details including venues please call the Norwood town centre office on 020 7926 7996 or call/email committee officer Richard Buck 020 7926 2185 rbuck@lambeth.gov.uk

January saw the Forum's Annual General Meeting, when a revised constitution was approved which effectively replaces the previous Partnership Board with a team of seven Forum officers. The officers' remit is to manage the business of the Forum.

The seven elected officers are: John Lamont (Chair), Jean Monaghan (Vice Chair), Jeffery Avis, Cathy Butler, Heidi Nicholson, Graham Pycock and Pauline Thomas.

Forum meetings are usually held at the Nettlefold Hall, 1 Norwood High Street, SE27, between 7pm and 9pm. Residents can book a three-minute slot in advance, by contacting the Town Centre Office, to speak on anything related to Norwood - such as traffic, security, street maintenance, council services, parks and transport.

Issues raised by the Forum are referred to the Area Committee and Town Centre Management for action, with results fed back to the next meeting. If you live or work in Norwood, with an interest in its development, then come along.

Forthcoming meetings:

**Thursday 22 April, Thursday 22 July
Thursday 21 October.**

For more information about the Norwood Forum, or to register on the Forum database to receive information about future Forum meetings please contact Hanna Fesshazion at the Town Centre Management Team on 020 7926 7996, or visit the Forum's official website: www.norwood.towntalk.co.uk



Saturday Classes at the Nettlefold

**West Norwood Library Centre
1 Norwood High street
West Norwood, SE27 9JX**

Saturday courses run for 10 weeks each term. Activities include drama, games and exercises, character work, improvisation, text work, devising, mime, singing, rhythm work and dance. Age groups 7-11 and 12-16.

Costs £95 (2 hrs)

**10-11 am; Drama (7-11) and singing (12-16)
11-12pm: Dance/singing (7-11) and drama (12-16)**

Discounts available.

For details contact Bigfoot Theatre Company, Suite 200, Weaver House, 19-21 Chapel Rd, London SE27 0TP. Telephone: 020 8761 5447. Fax: 020 8761 2220

Contact the Town Centre Management Team

The Town Centre Management Team contact details are:

Khadiru Mahdi, Town Centre Manager: **Tel. 020 7926 8096; kmahdi@lambeth.gov.uk**
Christine Dixon, Community Development Officer: **Tel. 020 7926 7997; cdixon@lambeth.gov.uk**
Hanna Fesshazion, Area Information Officer: **Tel. 020 7926 7996; hfesshazion@lambeth.gov.uk**
Kelly Greene, Projects Officer: **Tel. 020 7926 7990; kgreene@lambeth.gov.uk**

Contacting your local councillors

Gipsy Hill

- **Russell A'Court** (Con)
020 8761 6691, ra'court@lambeth.gov.uk
- **Gareth Compton** (Con)
020 8761 0605, gcompton@lambeth.gov.uk
- **Janet Grigg** (Con)
020 8265 3303, jgrigg@lambeth.gov.uk
Surgeries: Every Saturday, 10.30am-12noon, Dulwich and West Norwood Conservative Association, 495 Norwood Road, SE27; first Saturday of the month, 9.30-10.30am, Emmanuel Church/Hall, Clive Road, SE21; third Saturday of the month 9.30-10.30am, Upper Norwood Neighbourhood Housing Office, Lunham Road SE19.

Knight's Hill

- **Jeremy Baker** (Lib Dem)
020 8670 7030, jrbaker@lambeth.gov.uk
- **Geraldine Evans** (Lib Dem)
020 8769 0716, gevans@lambeth.gov.uk
- **Robert McConnell** (Lib Dem)
020 7274 6052, rmcconnell@lambeth.gov.uk
Surgeries: Every Thursday 5.30-6.30pm, Nettlefold Hall, 1-5 Norwood High Street; every Saturday (coverage by Streatham Lib Dem Cllr colleagues), 11am-12.30pm, Streatham Tate Library, 63 Streatham High Road, SW16.

Thurlow Park

- **Irene Kimm** (Con)
07950 982 012, ikimm@lambeth.gov.uk
- **Clare Whelan** (Con)
020 8244 9265, cwhelan@lambeth.gov.uk
- **John Whelan** (Con)
020 8244 9265, jwhelan@lambeth.gov.uk
Surgeries: Every Saturday, 10.30am-12.00 noon, Dulwich and West Norwood Conservative Association, 495 Norwood Road, SE27 (020 8670 0677); last Friday of every month, 4.30-5pm, Rosendale Road Peabody Estate Office meeting room (SE24 end of Rosendale Road).

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

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

Owners, Landlords and Tenants Fair

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

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?

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

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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