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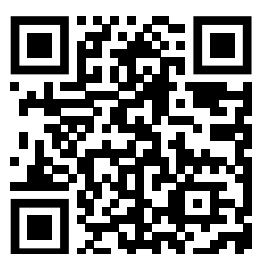
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# WELCOME

Dear residents,

I'm always inspired by the strength and power of our community here in Lambeth.

This has been on full show over recent weeks, first in response to Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica. Ever since the storm hit, our community has stepped up with fundraisers and donations for those in need.

This is deeply personal to many in our borough, with families, friends and loved ones directly impacted.

And then at Lambeth's Community Cohesion Event, where residents, faith, community leaders, local groups and partners came together to celebrate our wonderful community.



Lambeth's great strength lies in the diversity of our communities, and in these difficult times, this togetherness and unity shine through.

**Councillor Claire Holland,  
Leader of Lambeth Council**

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# NEWS

A round up of the biggest news and events in your borough



## Iconic Old Vic 'Backstage' building opens in Waterloo

Lambeth Council has welcomed the opening of the Old Vic's new 'Backstage' building – the theatre's first expansion in 200 years – made possible in part by innovative council seed funding, including a loan and a £585,000 grant from Lambeth's Future Workspace Fund. The support helped unlock more than £17m in philanthropic donations.

Backstage is a new creative hub providing over 9,000 sq ft of affordable workspace, a daytime café, bar and restaurant, free script library, studios, writers' room and events spaces. It will enable the Old Vic to expand its award-winning community

programmes, offering paid placements, employability training, mentoring and work experience to more than 1,000 young people a year, particularly those underrepresented in the arts.

As part of the funding agreement, the Old Vic will deliver £1.9m of in-kind community benefits over the next decade, including discounted tickets, outreach, free and reduced-cost use of spaces for schools and community groups, and creative workshops with partners such as Streetwise Opera. Backstage directly supports Lambeth's Growth Plan vision for inclusive, community-led and sustainable growth.

## Committed to Equity and Justice

Faith leaders, Lambeth Council's leadership and local residents gathered at Lambeth Town Hall during Inter Faith Week 2025 for a community cohesion event reaffirming the borough's commitment to equity and justice amid growing concerns about social division. Taking place in the wake of a far-right march from Lambeth into central London in August, the event highlighted ongoing work to tackle under-reporting of hate crime and promote inclusion. Council Leader Cllr Claire Holland opened the evening, followed by contributions from Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders, community organisers, the Met police and Lambeth Youth Council, alongside performances from Brixton Chamber Orchestra and spoken word artist Binta Yade. The event concluded with a shared pledge to continue collaborative action to strengthen unity, challenge hate and ensure all communities in Lambeth feel safe, represented and heard.



(L-R) Ian Davis, Lambeth Council Chief Executive, Vicar of Stockwell Rev Erica Wooff, Umar Mahmoud from Stockwell Green Mosque, Rev Les Isaac from The Ascension Trust, Cllr Claire Holland, the Leader of Lambeth Council and Rabbi Nathan Godleman from South London Liberal Synagogue.

## Lambeth leads the way on Active Travel in schools

Lambeth schools have posted record results in Transport for London's Travel for Life programme, achieving the biggest year-on-year increase in accredited schools in London. Over the last academic year, Gold schools doubled from eight to 16, while Bronze schools rose from four to 14 – an overall increase of more than 150%.

Travel for Life supports schools to promote walking, cycling, public transport and road safety. To reach Gold, schools must significantly cut car use or ensure

90% of journeys are made by sustainable transport. Lambeth's Active Travel team has worked closely with schools and Travel Champions to deliver activities that reduce emissions, improve air quality and build healthy habits. This aligns with the council's vision for a cleaner, greener and safer borough where children's health, happiness and learning are supported by active travel.

**We encourage parents and carers to find more about how to Solve the School run, see page 9 on the campaign.**



## Lambeth triumphs at London in Bloom 2025

Lambeth secured more awards than any other borough at London in Bloom 2025, reflecting the strength of its partnerships with local volunteers, friends groups and community organisations. Accolades

included Gold for Large City of the Year; multiple Golds for parks including Clapham Common, Brockwell Park, Vauxhall Park and Archbishop's Park; category wins for The Rookery, St John's Churchyard and West Norwood

## Inside the Control Room: CCTV keeping Lambeth safe

Lambeth's upgraded CCTV network and new state-of-the-art control room are playing a vital role in making the borough safer and supporting the ambitions of the Borough Plan. Operating 24/7, the team works with police, fire and other partners to monitor town centres and public spaces, provide live intelligence and support investigations.

Their impact was demonstrated during a major fire off Electric Avenue in Brixton, where CCTV operators first raised the alarm, guided the emergency response and quickly identified a suspect, leading to an arrest on suspicion of arson. In 2024, following upgrades to HD-quality cameras, reported incidents rose by 62%, reflecting improved detection and evidence-gathering. The network now includes cameras in locations where women and girls are more likely to experience harassment, backed by initiatives such as 'Good Night Out' training and a network of safe havens.

Cemetery; and high scores for conservation areas and walled gardens across the borough.

These achievements support the Lambeth Borough Plan 2030 ambition for neighbourhoods that are greener, healthier and more resilient to the climate crisis. They also demonstrate how investment in parks and nature supports wellbeing, inclusion and pride in place.

## Sustainable Brockwell Hall

Brockwell Hall's new café is now open, allowing you to explore the new sustainability features included in the restoration completed earlier this year.

Lambeth Council, the National Heritage Lottery Fund, the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero funded the restoration, transforming the historic building into a modern, sustainable community hub.

Key energy efficiency features include a ground source heat pump providing all heating and hot

water, intelligent LED lighting, improved insulation, and double glazing where possible. These upgrades have cut energy use by 75%, saving £4,200 annually and reducing emissions equivalent to those of 22 London flats.

The restoration also created a new events space in the former Stable Yard, designed to the highest sustainability standards, hosting weddings, conferences, and community gatherings.

Visitors can now enjoy The Glassmaker's Café, open daily from 9 am to 5 pm, offering refreshments in a beautifully restored setting.



## Celebrating community

London's hottest summer on record reminded us how important it is to keep our communities cool and safe. Throughout the summer, we've been running the 'Cooling Fiveways' research project, exploring the impact of new extreme summer temperatures on Lambeth residents.

'Cooling Fiveways' was a community-led exploration of how extreme heat affected the daily lives of our residents in

Loughborough Junction and Angel Town, who are in the 10% highest heat inequality bracket borough-wide. The project ran community events, surveys and focus groups to learn about real-life experiences, and test cool packs designed to support vulnerable residents in their homes.

Lambeth hosted a project close celebration event on Wednesday 22 October, bringing together partners from across the borough to champion their invaluable



contributions to the project and highlight their continued work. A huge thank you to our core delivery partner, North Brixton Big Local, and funder, Impact on Urban Health, and everyone who shared their experiences, time, and ideas throughout the summer.

# Have Your Say: Changes to Lambeth's Council Tax Support Scheme

**We are asking residents to share their views on proposed changes to Lambeth's Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme.**

We're proposing a new banded scheme with the aim of:

- Making the system simpler to understand and use.
- Minimising the impact of small income changes.
- Delivering a cost saving for Lambeth's under pressure budget. We must save £183million over the next four years, due to massive demand for front-line services, particularly temporary accommodation, and over a decade of underfunding for local government.

The scheme currently helps almost 23,000 residents, and that number would remain broadly the same if the new approach is adopted.

The consultation is open until 11 January 2026, and your feedback will inform the final decision on the scheme.



Scan the QR code



## Apply online and apply on time

Was your child born between 01/09/21 and 31/08/22?

If yes, your child should be starting primary school in September 2026. If you are a Lambeth resident, you should apply for a school place using the safe, free and easy to use portal via our website, [lambeth.gov.uk/admissions](https://lambeth.gov.uk/admissions)

It's available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, up until the admissions closing date, which is midnight **15 January 2026**. **If you apply after this date the likelihood of gaining a place at your preferred school may be significantly reduced.**

**For more information see the Lambeth starting primary school 2026/27 webpage via [lambeth.gov.uk/admissions](https://lambeth.gov.uk/admissions)**

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**CARGO COLLECTIVE**

"My kids love being in our cargo bike when it's cold. I tuck them in with blankets and a hot water bottle. They like the feeling of being outside"

Hannah

**ENJOY A  
WONDERFUL  
WINTER OF  
CARGO BIKES!**



**Come and join the Cargo Collective**

- we're parents like you who have ditched the stress of the school run, jumped on a cargo bike and haven't looked back! Rain, shine or snow, find out more about cargo bikes this winter, from our friendly & supportive parent community.



**KEEP KIDS COSY  
WHATEVER THE WEATHER**

**TOP TIPS FOR CARGO KIT!**

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# Businesses: Give Old Tech New Purpose

In October 2025, Millennium community solutions (MCS) joined forces with Lambeth to advance borough-wide climate action. The partnership aims to accelerate environmental efforts and support Lambeth's bold target of reaching zero emissions. Together, they're building a coordinated strategy to tackle the climate crisis and deliver real, measurable change across the community. Imagine your old laptop helping someone reconnect with loved ones, attend online appointments, or simply learn something new. That is the kind of real impact your unused tech can make, right here in Lambeth.

Millennium Community Solutions (MCS) is reaching out to local businesses with a heartfelt request: donate your unused laptops, tablets, or phones. These devices may no longer serve your company, but for someone in the community, they could mean everything. Beyond the human benefit, there is a big environmental win too. Manufacturing new electronics uses up natural resources and creates significant carbon emissions. Just one smartphone can produce around 55 kilograms of carbon dioxide. By donating and choosing

refurbished tech, we cut waste, reduce pollution, and extend the life of valuable materials. Each year, MCS refurbishes and gives out more than 2500 devices that might otherwise end up in landfill. With every donation, businesses help shrink our collective carbon footprint while bringing someone closer to vital digital access.

MCS also hosts a free Tech Drop-In Centre every Tuesday, 1 to 3 PM, offering support to older and disabled Lambeth residents. Those receiving benefits (with proof dated within the last three months)

may also qualify for a free device. This is not just about electronics. It is about people, connection, and care. Your old tech still has purpose. Let it serve someone who truly needs it.



If your business is ready to help, or if you want to attend the drop-in session, MCS would love to hear from you.

Contact Rev Gail Thompson – Mobile: 07951087923. Available: 11am to 6pm.  
Email: [gail@millenniumcommunnitysolutions.com](mailto:gail@millenniumcommunnitysolutions.com).

## Adult and Community Learning Courses starting in Nov 2025

Join our vibrant adult learning community in the heart of Lambeth.

If you are returning to education, want to gain new skills, develop your knowledge or find a pathway to employment, we can support you, even if it has been many years since you last studied.

Below is a list of some of the many courses that are available to start soon. For more information, including similar courses on different times and dates please email [adultlearning@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:adultlearning@lambeth.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.



### Baytree Centre

Phone: 07399 297141

Email: [women@baytreecentre.org.uk](mailto:women@baytreecentre.org.uk)

Visit <https://baytreecentre.org/>

The Baytree Centre is a social inclusion charity for women and girls located in the heart of Brixton. It offers ESOL classes from beginners to Entry Level 3 in a safe, supporting and welcoming all-female space. Courses are delivered at The Baytree Centre, 300 Brixton Road, London, SW9 6AE.

### High Trees

Phone: 020 8671 3132 / 07305 080995

Email: [courses@high-trees.org](mailto:courses@high-trees.org)

Visit <https://www.high-trees.org/>

High Trees runs an exciting variety of free courses, including ICT/digital skills, Functional Skills English and Maths, ESOL classes, Family Learning, Art and Wellbeing and Community Organising courses. To book an initial assessment please text, WhatsApp or call 07305 080995 or email the team at [courses@high-trees.org](mailto:courses@high-trees.org). Staff speak English, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese.

Course	Start Date	End Date	Day	Provider & Location	Phone
Welcome to English (ESOL)	25 November 2025	3 December 2025	Tue, Wed	MISDC Brixton, 47A Bellefields Road, Brixton, SW9 9UH	020 7501 6450
Stress Management	4 December 2025	18 December 2025	Tue, Thur	Baytree Centre, 300 - 302 Brixton Road, SW9 6AE	0207 733 5283
English for All - Entry 1	8 January 2026	26 March 2026	Thu	IRMO, Unit 9, Warwick House, Overton Road, London, SW9 7JP	07862 457 012
Maths (Entry 3)	8 January 2026	26 March 2026	Thu	High Trees, 220 Upper Tulse Hill, SW2 2NS	020 8671 3132
English for All - Pre-Entry	10 January 2026	28 March 2026	Sat	IRMO, Unit 9, Warwick House, Overton Road, London, SW9 7JP	07862 457 012
ESOL - Entry 1	14 January 2026	25 March 2026	Wed	High Trees, 220 Upper Tulse Hill, SW2 2NS	020 8671 3132
Family cooking	21 January 2026	1 April 2026	Wed	High Trees, Jubilee Childrens Centre	020 8671 3132
Film & Video	27 January 2026	31 March 2026	Tue	198 CAL, 198 Railton Rd, London, SE24 0JT	020 7978 8309
Step Up Photography	27 January 2026	11 March 2026	Tue, Wed	Photofusion, Unit 2, 2 Beehive Place, Brixton, SW9 7QR	020 7738 5774



# Share the Magic This Winter

This winter all of us have heartwarming opportunity to make a difference. For the fourth year running, the Lambeth Sanctuary Services team is hosting its much-loved Winter Celebration, bringing joy and festive cheer to sanctuary-seeking children across the borough.



To help make this celebration extra special, everyone in the community is invited to **buy a gift from the children's wish list by Friday, 12 December 2025**. Each present will be lovingly wrapped and delivered by **Father Christmas himself** during a joyful event for the children and their families.

The wish list includes a range of gifts for different ages, making it easy to choose something meaningful. Gifts purchased through Amazon can be sent directly to **Lambeth Town Hall**, or, if not prompted automatically, please address them to:

**Sanctuary Services, Lambeth Town Hall, 1 Brixton Hill, London SW2 1RW**

This cherished tradition is more than just a celebration. It is a symbol of kindness, inclusion, and community spirit. Every contribution, no matter how small, helps ensure that every child seeking sanctuary in Lambeth feels welcome and valued during the festive season.

Let's come together once again to share warmth, generosity, and hope. With your support, we can make this year's Winter Celebration shine brighter than ever.

To visit our Wishlist, scan the QR code



## Putt & Play



Putt & Play turns mini golf into a storybook. Set at Ferndale Community Sports Centre, the beautifully landscaped, 15-hole course celebrates Lambeth's iconic landmarks with clever obstacles, bridges, twists and turns that challenge every putt.

Each hole reveals a slice of local heritage—like "Lamb's Harbour," inspired by the area's early name, Lambhitha ("landing place for lambs," recorded in 1062), reminding players that today's vibrant borough grew from riverside roots. Families, friends and

first-timers can wander the borough in miniature, testing their skills while discovering the sites and stories that shaped the neighbourhood. Whether you're threading a shot through a tribute to a famous structure or negotiating a playful waterway, the course blends fun with discovery, making it as educational as it is entertaining.

**Ferndale Community Centre, Nursery Rd, Brixton SW9 8BP**

**Book now by scanning the QR Code.**



**FREE sessions to help families achieve a healthier diet and a more active lifestyle.**

**New courses will be starting in January 2026.**

To register or make a referral please use our online link at [lambeth.gov.uk/ready-steady-go](https://lambeth.gov.uk/ready-steady-go)

Contact the team on **020 7926 0619** or email [readysteadygo@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:readysteadygo@lambeth.gov.uk)

All staff are really friendly and knowledgeable. We will miss the sessions!





## Hábitos Saludables

### Para la comunidad de habla hispana y portuguesa en Lambeth

Si te preocupa tu peso y eres residente o estás registrado en un centro médico/médico de familia en el municipio de Lambeth, apúntate a nuestro programa gratuito de peso saludable de 12 semanas.

Disfruta aprendiendo hábitos saludables y duraderos. Un programa impartido por profesionales de habla hispana, respetuosos con tu cultura.

- Programa de cambio de hábitos
- Actividad física divertida
- Basado en evidencia científica
- Planificación de comidas
- Alimentación consciente
- Cómo leer etiquetado comercial

① Para más información llama al teléfono 07394866548 (Maria Urquijo)

🕒 Comienza en enero de 2026

📍 Ferndale Community Sports Centre, Nursery Road, London SW9 8BP

## Hábitos Saudáveis

### Para a comunidade de língua espanhola e portuguesa em Lambeth

Se você está preocupado com seu peso e é residente ou está registrado com um centro médico/clínico geral no bairro de Lambeth, participe do nosso programa gratuito de 12 semanas para ter um peso saudável.

Voce aprenderá hábitos saudáveis e duradouros, ministrados por profissionais que falam espanhol e respeitam a diversidade cultural.

- Programa de mudança de hábitos
- Atividade física divertida
- Baseado em evidências científicas
- Planejamento de refeições
- Alimentação consciente
- Leitura de rótulos

① Para obter mais informações, entre em contato com 07394866548 (Maria Urquijo)

🕒 Começa em janeiro de 2026

📍 Ferndale Community Sports Centre, Nursery Road, London SW9 8BP

# ARE YOU AFFECTED BY SOMEONE ELSE'S DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE?

Adfam is here to help you cope. We provide FREE one-to-one sessions, to explore your experiences and get support around your needs to find a positive way forward. Sessions are by Zoom or by phone.

Our support may include:

- ✔ A chance to express your feelings.
- ✔ Understanding addiction and why it causes people to make choices that are hard to understand.
- ✔ How to provide support and look after yourself and your family.
- ✔ What to expect from treatment services.
- ✔ Coping with stress and feeling overwhelmed.
- ✔ Communicating positively and reducing conflict.
- ✔ How to support and explain things to children.

Refer to the service via our website:

🌐 [adfam.org.uk/lambeth](https://adfam.org.uk/lambeth)



A place we can  
all call home



  
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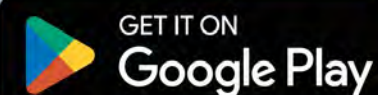


South East London

With over 1 million NHS App logins every month in South East London, more and more people are managing their health online.



**Download the NHS App** and enable notifications to stay informed about your health.



**Flu causes serious illness for people with long-term health conditions**

**Protect yourself by getting the flu vaccine this winter**

Book an appointment through the NHS App, [nhs.uk/bookflu](https://nhs.uk/bookflu), 119, or your pharmacy or GP. Find participating pharmacies at [nhs.uk/flu-pharmacy](https://nhs.uk/flu-pharmacy)



# Are you affected by a family member or friend's drinking or drug use?

You may benefit from our Service for Carers of those with Alcohol and Substance Misuse Issues



Scan the QR code to visit our website, or get in touch on 020 7501 8970, or via [connect@carershub.org.uk](mailto:connect@carershub.org.uk).

Registered charity number 1182120. Company number 11403363

# WHAT'S ON WINTER 2025



Discover what's happening across our borough this winter season.



## HIRE THE GARDEN MUSEUM

WEDDINGS – CORPORATE EVENTS – MEETINGS – PRIVATE EVENTS

A unique riverside venue opposite the Houses of Parliament, the Garden Museum provides a distinctive setting in the heart of Lambeth.

Featuring two beautiful gardens within the grounds of the Garden Museum, our deconsecrated church is perfect for weddings, drinks receptions, and dinners.

For more intimate events, the Garden Restaurant, Orangery, and Garden seats up to 40 guests or 120 standing, within a historic yet contemporary setting.

With a dedicated events team to help plan your occasion, get in touch at [events@gardenmuseum.org.uk](mailto:events@gardenmuseum.org.uk) or call us on 020 7401 8865 ext. 3.

[@gardenmuseumevents](https://gardenmuseum.org.uk/hire/)  
<https://gardenmuseum.org.uk/hire/>

# The Ice Skating Christmas Show

Streatham's beloved rink transforms into a glittering time machine for its annual Christmas Show. This year, we're rewinding to the unforgettable beats of the 2000s.

The show will feature performances by emerging talent

from our ice rink community. Highlights include group routines from our Dance and Figure Skating Club, as well as a special number from our Learn to Skate programme. In addition, individual and pair skaters will showcase their skills. We're also welcoming guest skaters from other rinks to join the performance lineup.

It's a joyful showcase of talent and community spirit – perfect for the whole family to enjoy!

We're offering readers the chance to **WIN a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children - value £46.25)** to this magical festive event.

To enter the draw, email [ActiveLambeth@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:ActiveLambeth@lambeth.gov.uk) with your name, contact details and 'Christmas Gala Family Ticket' in the subject line by **3 December**. All entries will be placed into our lottery box, and one winner will be selected at random.



**Christmas Rewind:  
2000's Edition**  
Saturday 13 December  
6pm-8pm  
Streatham Ice and Leisure Centre



*Ice Show*  
**CHRISTMAS REWIND**  
**2000's edition**

Saturday 13th December  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Streatham Ice and Leisure Centre

More Than Just A Gym | [active.lambeth.gov.uk](http://active.lambeth.gov.uk)

Celebrate the season and explore all that Active Lambeth has to offer!

DISCOVER OUR EVENTS AND BOOK

# WHAT'S ON

## Carols By The River

Sat 6 December | 12.30 – 5.30pm

Our much-loved festive event is back for 2025! Join us on the South Bank to celebrate the season together.

Enjoy live music featuring Christmas favourites, a special art activity for children, and warm up with mulled wine, hot chocolate and delicious seasonal bites. While the DJ spins feel-good holiday tunes, browse our independent shops and get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

The Wharf will be transformed with festive lights and decorations so everyone can soak up the sparkle and seasonal atmosphere.



No tickets are needed, just drop in.

## Marie-Claire Messouma Manlanbien, Mémoires des corps

155 Vauxhall Street, SE11 5RH

2 October - 14 December 2025

(Weds-Sun 12-6pm)

Gasworks presents Mémoires des corps [embodied memories], the first UK solo exhibition by Paris-based artist Marie-Claire Messouma Manlanbien. Through textile, drawing, sculpture, video-performance and installation, Marie-Claire's work explores how ideas of femininity and the cosmos intersect across cultures, generations and materials.

<https://www.gasworks.org.uk/exhibitions/marie-claire-messouma-manlanbien-memoires-des-corps/>

## A Coldharbour Christmas

Brixton House, 385 Coldharbour Lane, London SW9 8GL.

Sun 21 Dec 2025, 2:00pm – 6:00pm.

Free, all ages (registration recommended).

Family festive takeover with crafts, music and community fun.

<https://www.brixtonhouse.co.uk>

## Comedy at the Brixton House

385 Coldharbour Lane, London SW9 8GL.

One night only: Sun 14 Dec 2025, 7pm.

Festive stand-up hosted by Brixton legend Slim, with Babatunde Aléshé, Michael Odewale and Annette Fagon.

<https://www.brixtonhouse.co.uk>

## The Colour of Oil

The Bread & Roses Theatre, 68 Clapham Manor Street, SW4 6DZ

25 – 29 November 2025

In a run-down pub in London, a series of chance encounters sends one woman on a journey of discovery, through traumas, addiction and secrets from the past, which lead her to question everything she thought she wanted.

For any further info, buy tickets, accessibility, etc: <https://app.lineupnow.com/event/the-colour-of-oil>

Tickets £15

## Art4Space

Art4Space Community Arts Centre, 31 Jeffreys Road, Stockwell, SW4 6QU

Art4Space offers a variety of art and creative activities for everyone, including training, workshops, classes, and events.

## The Cocoa Butter Club

Brixton House, 385 Coldharbour Lane, London SW9 8GL.

Sat 13, Fri 19 & Sat 20 Dec 2025, 8pm. From £16, 16+, 2 hrs.

Joy-soaked cabaret burlesque, drag, live music, spoken word and more. A Festive Feast.

<https://www.brixtonhouse.co.uk>

## Lost the plot: An improvised musical

Onnibus Clapham, 1 Clapham Common Northside, London, SW4 0QW

29 November, 20 December 2025

You are invited to the premiere of the World's Newest Musical!

Lost The Plot: An Improvised Musical is a brand new all-singing, all-dancing production every night. Warning: this show is entirely made up on the spot. Every line of dialogue, note on the piano and catchy chorus is fully improvised.

<https://www.omnibus-clapham.org/lost-the-plot-an-improvised-musical/>

## Engine room

Onnibus Clapham, 1 Clapham Common Northside, London, SW4 0QW

1 December 2025

Our regular scratch programme, where dynamic and talented theatre makers present daring, new work in the first stages of development.

Engine Room puts you, the audience, at the heart of the creative process. Following the sharing you will be asked to complete a feedback form, with your comments directly influencing the next development of the pieces. Give feedback, offer ideas and discover the next generation of theatre before anyone else.

<https://www.omnibus-clapham.org/engine-room-autumn-2025/>

## Community Choir Sharing

Brixton House, 385 Coldharbour Lane, London SW9 8GL.

Mon 8 Dec 2025, 7:00pm.

A joyful end-of-term sharing celebrating community through song, led by choir leaders Rachel Huggins and Abdul Shyllon. Pay What You Feel (options from £0–£10).

<https://www.tickets.brixtonhouse.co.uk>

## So this is what happened

Onnibus Clapham, 1 Clapham Common Northside, London, SW4 0QW

5 December 2025

So, This Is What Happened is back! Our popular storytelling night returns.

Connection is more important than ever, so we invite you to laugh, cry and celebrate stories from the lives of real people.

<https://www.omnibus-clapham.org/oto-so-this-is-what-happened/>

## Winter Open Studios

155 Vauxhall Street, SE11 5RH

13 December 12-6pm

Join us for our Winter Open Studios event to discover what our international resident artists have worked on during their time at Gasworks.

Artist presentations at 2pm and 4pm.

## Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

South London Theatre, The Old Fire Station, 2A Norwood High Street, London SE27 9NS.

11 – 20 December 2025 – evening shows 7:30pm (11–13 & 17–20 Dec); matinees 2:30pm (13, 14 & 20 Dec).

A timeless musical with magical transformations, unforgettable songs, and a heartwarming fairytale brought to life at SLT.

<https://www.southlondontheatre.co.uk/event/rodgers-hammersteins-cinderella/>

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Lambeth Music Service

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## Brixton Hill Music Centre



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Instrument  
All skill levels  
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## Photofusion

Photofusion is Brixton's photography resource hub, generating opportunities for the community, and photographers, to develop their skills, expand their practice, and enjoy high quality and engaging photography exhibitions.

**Upcoming for the New Year:** Lambeth Adult Learning, Step Up Photography: 27th January 2026 to 11th March 2026 (with half term break). Tues and Weds. 10am-2.40pm. 19+ Funded Places. **More information:** <https://www.photofusion.org/lalstepupphotography> or contact [Steff@photofusion.org](mailto:Steff@photofusion.org). Enrollment open NOW.

Black and White and Colour printing courses, introductory courses to darkroom printing, as well as a host of other courses from January onwards. See <https://www.photofusion.org/store> for more information.

In Photofusion's free to access gallery in January you can see their Members' Show, Salon. This will open on 22nd January 2026.

[www.photofusion.org](http://www.photofusion.org)  
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## Christmas with Brixton Chamber Orchestra

This December, Brixton Chamber Orchestra brings live music back to one of South London’s most remarkable historic venues: Streatham Hill Theatre. Opened in 1929 and Grade II listed, the theatre was built for spectacle and scale. After decades without performance, its doors reopen for audiences to rediscover the grandeur, atmosphere and sweep that once made it a great suburban playhouse.

From 12 December, BCO also tours Lambeth’s estates—spreading festive cheer with pop-up performances across the borough.

Check the dates for your estate below and join us for uplifting tunes right on your doorstep.

Find out more: scan the QR code or visit <https://brixchamber.com/gigs/christmastour25>

**BRIXTON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**  
**CHRISTMAS ESTATES TOUR**

Loughborough Estate FRI 12 DEC 7.00pm	Wyvil, Mawbey & Victoria Estates FRI 19 DEC 2.30pm
Angell Town Estate SAT 13 DEC 3.00pm	Streatham Hill Theatre FRI 19 DEC 7.00pm
Fenwick Estate SAT 13 DEC 7.00pm	Brandon Estate SAT 20 DEC 3.00pm
St Matthew’s Estate SUN 14 DEC 3.00pm	China Walk Estate SAT 20 DEC 7.00pm
Tulse Hill Estate SUN 14 DEC 7.00pm	Myatt’s Fields Estates SUN 21 DEC 3.00pm
	Stockwell Park Estate SUN 21 DEC 7.00pm

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# When a child is missing



When a child goes missing, every minute feels heavy. You do not have to wait 24 hours. If you don’t know where your child is and you’re worried about their safety, treat them as missing and act.

Start close to home. Search the house and nearby streets. Call or message your child and their friends. Check with relatives, neighbours, school, youth clubs and usual hangouts such as parks, shops, and routes to and from school. Look at recent notes, messages and social media activity. Write down what you’ve done and when – this log will help if you need to call police.

If you think your child is in immediate danger, call 999. Otherwise report them missing straight away via 101 or online. You’re not wasting anyone’s time. Have ready: their name, age, photo, description, what they were wearing, where

they were last seen, health or mental health needs, friends and contacts, phone and social media details, how they might travel or access money, and any worries about bullying, exploitation, gangs, relationships or self-harm.

While your child is missing, keep recording all calls, sightings and messages. Don’t delete anything. Pass every new detail to the police. Draw strength from trusted family, friends, school, your GP or local services – you do not have to manage this alone.

When your child comes home, the priority is safety, care and

connection. Notify police, check for injuries, offer food, warmth and rest. Try to stay calm and avoid blame; anger can shut down communication. Gently find out where they’ve been, how they felt and who they were with. Watch for unexplained gifts, cash, new clothes or phones, older “friends” or signs of fear or control. If you’re worried they’ve been harmed or exploited, speak to police or children’s services.

Lambeth Return Home Interview Team can help your child talk about what happened, identify risks and plan to keep them safer.

For local guidance and support, visit [lambethsaferchildren.org.uk](https://lambethsaferchildren.org.uk)




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## Implementing Awaab's Law in Lambeth

Awaab's Law, introduced on 27 October 2025 in memory of two-year-old Awaab Ishak, sets strict timeframes for tackling serious hazards such as damp and mould in social housing. Lambeth has spent six months preparing, building on existing 10-day targets for damp and mould cases. The council has adopted a new Damp and Mould Policy and Damp Charter, recruited

specialist officers, strengthened contractor partnerships, expanded staff training, and introduced a public-health led risk assessment system so the most vulnerable residents are prioritised. From now on, emergency hazards must be investigated and acted on within 24 hours, significant hazards within 10 working days with follow-up works in five days, and tenants kept fully informed with written updates.



## Delivering More Affordable Homes

Despite a challenging environment, Lambeth highlights its strong track record and ambition: over 360 homes with 56% social and affordable housing at **Somerleyton Road**. At **Clapham Park**, one of London's largest estate regenerations, over 4,000 homes are currently being delivered – over

half of which will be affordable – and where every existing resident will soon be living in a new or refurbished home. **Hundreds of new affordable homes will be delivered at 49 Brixton Station Road**, as part of the council's programme to deliver over 2,000 homes in the borough by 2030.

Through its Growth Plan, the council aims to enable 10,000 new homes in the next decade while continuing to push for higher levels of genuinely affordable housing than national thresholds require.

## New Homes in Herne Hill

Councillors have approved plans by L&G for 278 homes on the former waste transfer site east of Shakespeare Road in Herne Hill, up from 218 previously consented. Eighty-five homes (35%) will be affordable, including 52 for social rent and 33 for shared ownership, each with an energy-efficient air-source heat pump, supporting Lambeth's drive to tackle both the housing and climate crises. The council will continue working with local residents as the scheme progresses.

# Your recycling & rubbish collection days this Christmas

## Usual Collection Day

Tuesday 23 December  
 Wednesday 24 December  
 Thursday 25 December  
 Friday 26 December  
 Monday 29 December  
 Tuesday 30 December  
 Wednesday 31 December  
 Thursday 1 January  
 Friday 2 January

## Christmas Collection Day

Tuesday 23 December  
 Wednesday 24 December  
 Friday 26 December  
 Saturday 27 December  
 Monday 29 December  
 Tuesday 30 December  
 Wednesday 31 December  
 Friday 2 January  
 Saturday 3 January

Collections go back to normal on Monday 5 January



# Free Christmas Tree Recycling

We'll be collecting real Christmas trees throughout January and turning them into compost - **Trees only, no decorations or pots!**

- If you have a wheelie bin, simply leave your tree **next to your bins** on collection day
- If you live on an **estate and share communal bins**, leave your tree by the bin area / bulky waste area
- Alternatively, bring your trees to one of our **recycling centres at Smugglers Way** (open seven days) or **Vale Street** (closed Tuesday and Wednesday)

**OR visit our Christmas tree recycling point**  
**Windmill Drive, Clapham Common (From 5 - 16 January)**

Here's the What Three Words location: <https://w3w.co/jobs.admiral.burst>



# The dangers of incorrect battery disposal

Serious fires are happening throughout Lambeth due to incorrect disposal of batteries and electronic items. This puts both our frontline staff and members of the public at risk.

## If you live in a kerbside property


Place batteries and small electronics (such as phones, electric toothbrushes, laptops or vapes) in a **plastic bag on top of your recycling bin** – not inside it. You can also recycle household batteries in many **local shops and supermarkets**.

## If you have larger items or live in an estate

Dispose of batteries at one of our recycling facilities:

- **Vale Street Reuse and Recycling Centre**, West Norwood
- **Smugglers Way Household Waste and Recycling Centre**, Wandsworth

To find a drop-off point near you for old electricals, please visit:

 <http://www.recycleyourelectricals.org/uk/electrical-recycling-near-me/>

**Dispose Your Batteries Safely**





# Remember to check if your **POSTAL VOTE** is due to expire!

The Elections Act 2022 changed the law covering voting by post at elections so it's no longer possible to have a permanent postal vote. The maximum period a postal voting arrangement can last is now 3 years. After this, postal votes must be renewed, or they will automatically expire. All Lambeth postal voters who made their current application before **31 October 2023** must reapply by **31 January 2026** to continue voting by post.

## How can I renew my postal vote?

The quickest and easiest way to renew is at [gov.uk/apply-postal-vote](https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote)

As part of your application, you'll need to upload a photo of your handwritten signature in black ink on plain white paper. If you can't provide a signature, or one that always looks the same, you may be able to apply for a postal vote signature waiver. For more information get in touch with the Electoral Services team via our Contact Us page at [lambeth.gov.uk/vote](https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/vote)

## What happens if I don't reapply?

If you don't reapply by 31 January 2026 your postal vote will be automatically cancelled. This means you won't have a postal vote in place for the Lambeth Council elections in May 2026.

## Don't have an Existing Postal Vote? Apply now!

The quickest and easiest way to apply is online at: [gov.uk/apply-postal-vote](https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote)



### You will need:

- Your national insurance number
- To upload a photo of your handwritten signature, using black ink on plain white paper. If you can't provide a consistent signature, you may be able to apply for a signature waiver. Get in touch using our contact details below

**You can apply for a new postal vote up to 5pm, 11 working days before an election.** If you can't apply online, you can request a paper form by phoning us on **020 7926 2254**

Find out more or contact us at [lambeth.gov.uk/vote](https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/vote) or by phoning our Helpline on **020 7926 2254**