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WELCOME

Dear residents,

It is an absolute privilege to have been elected leader of Lambeth Council – and the first Green Party leader of this borough – at the start of June.

We have very big plans for our borough, and we are determined that this is going to be the most open and transparent council that Lambeth has ever seen. We're going to start by being open to all of you, our residents: that means we're always going to listen first and foremost to the views of the people living here.

We have big plans for housing in Lambeth, at a time when our borough has a housing emergency, with tens of thousands of people on the waiting lists whilst council houses are boarded up and vacant. We're going to open those empty homes up for the people of Lambeth, and we're going to make sure that everyone has dignity in where they live.

In terms of transparency, we are committed to making sure that every single penny of taxpayers' money in Lambeth is accounted for. So we're going to open the council's books and carry out a



forensic audit of the borough's finances, to make sure that we get the best value for money from every single penny that we spend.

Tackling the climate emergency runs through every single thing that we want to do. We want to retrofit homes so that they are warm, dry, and damp-free for all our residents. But, as we see the climate crisis escalate throughout our city, we also want to make sure that people have cool homes in the summer.

I'm so excited to be your leader here in Lambeth, and I'm looking forward to sharing all of these massive plans – and more – with you in the coming weeks and months.

Councillor Martin Abrams,
Leader of Lambeth Council



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NEWS

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



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Celebrating Windrush

Windrush celebrations provide an opportunity to reflect on the rich cultural heritage, resilience and achievements of Caribbean communities, while also acknowledging the challenges many have faced.

Hundreds of residents gathered in Windrush Square, Brixton, for the Big Caribbean Lunch, a vibrant celebration of the Windrush Generation and Caribbean culture.

The event featured storytelling, guest speakers, live music and a bustling Caribbean marketplace, creating an opportunity for

people of all ages to come together, share experiences and celebrate the lasting contribution of Caribbean communities to Lambeth and beyond.

A special highlight was the free lunch provided for Windrush Elders aged 75 and over, recognising their invaluable role in shaping local communities and preserving cultural heritage.

Held from midday until 7pm, the event transformed Windrush Square into a lively community hub filled with music, conversation and celebration.



Good CQC Inspection for Adult Social Care

Lambeth Council's adult social care services have been rated as 'Good' following an inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). Inspectors praised the service, highlighting fairness as a particular strength and recognising the council's commitment to supporting residents with care and support needs. The positive outcome reflects the dedication of staff and partners who work to help people live independently and access the support they need.

Refugee Week Brings Communities Together

Refugee Week offers an opportunity for Lambeth residents to celebrate the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. Through community events, cultural activities and opportunities for learning and dialogue, the week promotes understanding and welcomes those who have made Lambeth their home. The celebrations reinforce the borough's commitment to inclusion, compassion and supporting diverse communities.

Discover Brockwell Hall

Brockwell Hall, the Grade II* listed mansion at the heart of Brockwell Park, reopened in 2025 following a major restoration supported by Lambeth Council, Brockwell Park Community Partners and the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Today, alongside the popular Glassmaker's Café and private event spaces, the hall hosts a wide range of free and low-cost community activities. Regular sessions include Tai Chi, chair exercise and accessible yoga for over-50s, weekly activities for babies and toddlers, creative workshops, mindful art classes and eco-textiles sessions.



Visitors can also join the volunteer gardening group, explore exhibitions celebrating local history and community life, or simply enjoy one of Lambeth's most distinctive heritage buildings in its beautiful park setting.

Follow **@brockwellhallcommunity** on Instagram and Facebook.



Entries Open for Blooming Lambeth Awards 2026

Residents, schools, community groups and local organisations are being encouraged to enter the Blooming Lambeth Awards 2026 before applications close on 18 July.

To enter, complete the online application form on the Incredible Edible Lambeth website at **www.incredibleediblelambeth.org/bla2026**. Applicants can nominate their own projects

or submit entries on behalf of community groups, schools and organisations. Photographs and supporting information can also be included to showcase the impact of the project.

Winners will be announced at a celebration event later this year.



2026 Local Election Results

The Green Party emerged as the winner, winning **29 seats** with **37%** of the vote. **Labour (including Labour and Co-operative candidates)** secured **26 seats** in total, with a combined **35%** of the vote. The Liberal Democrats won **8 seats** with **15%** of the vote. Overall voter turnout was **39%**. Two councillors have since resigned and two by-elections are being held in Clapham Park and Streatham St Leonard's ward on 9 July.

For election results in all wards scan:



Pride Month Celebrations

Residents across Lambeth came together throughout June to celebrate Pride Month, taking part in a wide range of events held in libraries, leisure centres, cultural venues and community spaces across the borough.

As one of London's most diverse boroughs and home to a significant LGBTQI+ population, Lambeth has a proud history of supporting equality, inclusion and LGBTQI+ rights.

Cllr Natalie Kane, Lambeth's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Inclusion, Democracy and Culture, said: "Our Pride Month activities build on our commitment to celebrate our LGBTQI+ communities throughout the year, including our month-long celebration every February and the range of inclusive events we host."

A celebration of cycling comes to Brockwell Park

This summer, Brockwell Hall will host a vibrant celebration of London’s cycling community through a free exhibition of striking portrait photography.

Running from 8 July to 31 August, **Everyday Cyclists** is the passion project of local photographer and cyclist **Becky Mursell**, who spent more than three years travelling across London to photograph people and the cycles they ride.

From commuters and families to adapted-cycle users and enthusiasts of unusual bikes, the exhibition showcases the diversity of cycling in the capital. Alongside the portraits, Becky shares personal stories about how people discovered cycling and what it means to them.

Becky hopes the project will challenge perceptions about who cycling is for and inspire more people to see themselves on a bike.

Everyday Cyclists

When: 8 July – 31 August 2026
Outdoor exhibition near Brockwell Lido; indoor exhibition in Brockwell Hall.
Admission free.



A new chapter for Brockwell Lido

This summer marks an exciting new chapter for Brockwell Lido, as it joins Active Lambeth (the council’s in-house leisure service) from 1 July, bringing fresh investment and improvements to one of the borough’s most loved leisure spaces.

For generations, the Lido has been a cherished place for residents to swim, relax and connect and this next phase is about building on that legacy while making sure it continues to thrive for years to come.

As part of the move, over £250,000 is being invested to improve the Lido, including

upgrades to the gym, new equipment, improved flooring and enhancements to the pool. These improvements will help create a more modern, welcoming environment for everyone whether you’re a regular swimmer, a gym user or visiting for the first time.

The transition also means Brockwell Lido will become part of Active Lambeth, the council’s in-house leisure service, giving members access to a wider range of facilities and activities across the borough.

While work takes place, there will be some short-term disruption to the gym, including a temporary closure while

equipment is upgraded. The Lido will remain open for swimming, and members will be able to use other Active Lambeth centres during this time.

Alongside the physical improvements, new features such as the Active Lambeth app will make it easier to book activities and stay up to date, with additional offers available across the service.

Above all, this is about protecting everything that makes Brockwell Lido special, while investing in its future so it can continue to be enjoyed by the community for years to come.



Meet the Mayor Interview: Cllr Paul Valentine



Lambeth’s Mayor for 2026-27 – and the borough’s first Green Mayor - is Cllr Paul Valentine. Paul, who is Councillor for Loughborough Junction and Herne Hill, works at the Southbank Centre alongside being an actor, tour guide and holding trade union roles.

Where do you live and for how long have you lived there?
I live on Denmark Hill, just down the road from Herne Hill, on the Lambeth side! I’ve been here since 2015, and I’m originally from Bromley so not far away, I’ve just moved in a bit!

When did you get involved in politics?
Most of my politics came from being involved in trade unions. When I trained as an actor back in 2012, I joined Equity – the trade union for performers and creatives. I had no idea what a trade union was and I’m not from an acting background so I thought it’d be a good chance to meet people and learn from others who had already been in the industry.



I learnt about the difficulties people have in accessing the Arts (I had a grant myself to go to drama school) and about the wider trade union movement. One of my early memories was joining fellow Equity members



"My motto is borrowed from Equity – To All Artists : Good Work, To All Workers : Good Art, To All People : Equity."

on a big anti-austerity march through Central London and from that point I was sold! Fast forward to 2015 and it was general election time. I took the time to decide which party I thought best aligned with my values and that happened to be the Greens. As well as voting for them I decided to join the party and very quickly got elected onto the Young Greens Executive as the Trade Union Liaison Officer. I’m now the Trade Union Liaison on the National Executive for the entire party, so I’ve managed to keep my union activity and politics linked together!

What changes would you like to see in Lambeth?
I’d really like every citizen in our borough to not have to worry about the cost of living.

I rent with two other people to afford to live in Lambeth and even through splitting the bills and sharing rent, it can be a lot. I know families are really struggling out there right now so as a Cllr and indeed Mayor

I want to help in any way I can. Over my year as Mayor I’ll be championing arts and culture which I really do think is so important. In tough times we all need arts and entertainment as a pick me up, and well as being integral to our reflection, learning and wellbeing.

What is your favourite spot in Lambeth and why?
Southbank Centre. I have worked there since 2011, ushering in audiences, checking tickets,



selling ice creams, selling tickets and tour guiding around the side. I love it as a space. When it’s bustling with people outside on the terrace dancing, through to a sleepy wet day in the middle of February, there’s something magical about the space and the stories that have been shaped there. The history of the site stems from the Festival of Britain – a Tonic for the Nation as a pick me up post-war and it still feels like that tonic today. I get recognised sometimes as a Lambeth Cllr when I’m working there, so I suspect that

may happen even more now as Mayor. If you’re around at an event at Southbank Centre and you see me – come say hi!

What do you like to do on a free evening?
A free evening, what’s that? I really need to get better at self care! A lot of my work being in Theatre/Culture etc is evenings and weekends. However I’ve always enjoyed living in London that way. If I’m at work outside of the traditional 9-5, when I am free, everyone else is at work, so I feel like I’ve got London to myself!



This is me with my friend’s dog Ruby!

Which charities will you support?
Sticking with the theme of Arts and Culture I have chosen:
Bureau of Silly Ideas, Brixton
<https://www.bureauofsillyideas.com/about>

Based in Brixton and working across the UK, the Bureau of Silly Ideas creates street theatre, public art, and participatory projects rooted in place and people.

198 Contemporary Arts and Learning, Herne Hill
<https://www.198.org.uk>

A public art gallery and hub for social engagement, education, and creative enterprise. Deeply rooted in our local communities and is influenced by the radical history of Railton Road and the Brixton uprisings.



Meet the Cabinet

Members of the full Lambeth Council Cabinet, along with their Number One priorities, are as follows:

 **Cllr Martin Abrams** was elected as the new leader of Lambeth Council in June 2026 following the local elections. He is a councillor in Streatham Hill East ward and has been on the council since 2022.

"I am privileged to be the new Leader of the Council. I love this borough and we have very big plans for it. We want to be open to all residents, to listen to your views and tackle the housing crisis so people have dignity in where they live."

 **Cllr Ciara Alleyne**, Deputy Leader (Environment, Climate Crisis and Transport), is an activist for young people and equality, and co-chairs the national Young Greens of England and Wales – the largest youth and student wing of a political party in the UK.

"My overwhelming priority is making sure climate justice runs through everything we do. That means taking ambitious



climate action to tackle the climate emergency and reduce the impacts of inequality and pollution on our residents."

 **Cllr Natalie Kane**, Deputy Leader (Inclusion, Democracy and Culture), is a trade unionist, access specialist and heritage worker, who has lived in Brixton for almost a decade.

"My main priority is to open up

the town hall to make it more accessible and easier for residents to participate in and shape the work of the council."

 **Cllr Pete Elliott**, Cabinet Member for Housing, a Green Party councillor from 2018 to 2022 in Gipsy Hill, is an engineer and project manager who spent 22 years in the military.

"Prior to my family's eviction in 2023, I lived for 7 years on the Central Hill Estate, supporting residents who have now been living in limbo for 12 years. My number one priority is to stop the demolition of Lambeth's homes and allow our communities to thrive once more."

 **Cllr Scott Ainslie**, Cabinet Member for Planning and Development, is originally from Edinburgh, studied Business Studies at Edinburgh Napier University and Acting at Mountview Theatre School, before becoming a professional

actor in 1994. He has lived in Streatham since 1997.

"I'd like to place the care for people, community and the planet at the heart of planning and create a fairer, more sustainable and more liveable London for all its citizens."

 **Cllr Zvikomborero Chihoro**, Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Wealth Building, has spent his career in social value and social impact, helping businesses create opportunities for young people and those facing barriers to work.

"My number one priority is to keep wealth in Lambeth by building the most transformative public procurement and social value system in the country."

 **Cllr Michael Chessum**, Cabinet Member for Economy, Cost of Living and Empowered Communities, is a writer and organiser, who has played a prominent role in anti-austerity and anti-Brexit movements, and in grassroots campaigns, and has written widely on social movements, trade unionism and migrants' rights.

"My number one priority is empowering Lambeth residents, and ensuring they have what they need to live happy, fulfilled lives. That means tackling the cost-of-living

crisis, taking the fight to central government to demand an end to cuts, and running a campaign to get workers, tenants and the wider community organised to demand change."

 **Cllr Jeremy Isaacs**, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care (job share), is a consultant neurologist at St George's and Kingston Hospitals, and National Clinical Director for Dementia and Older People's Mental Health at NHS England. He has lived in St Martin's for the last 12 years and has two children at The Elmgreen School.

"I'm excited about the brilliant public health work that we do in Lambeth, including on HIV prevention and refugee and asylum seeker health, and I'm looking forward to seeing our fantastic teams in action. I want to go further in linking public health to the fight against economic inequality and social injustice, which are central drivers of differential health and life outcomes."

 **Cllr Sam Dorney-Smith**, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care (job share), has been a nurse for 30 years – 22 of them as a Homeless Health Nurse – and has lived with her family on two Lambeth council estates over the last 18 years. She has been involved in community gardening projects and does

community cooking at Oasis Nature Garden on Saturdays.

"I hope to be able to use my extensive experience working with substance misuse and mental health to help deliver excellent public health services within Lambeth. I have also taken on the role of Animal Welfare champion for the borough."

 **Cllr Dr Alice Weavers**, Children and Young People, is a qualified youth worker and youth policy researcher. She supports a range of youth groups, including a local youth council and participation groups for care experienced young people.

"My priorities include youth work and youth participation, so that our young people have more opportunities to get involved in decisions which affect them."

 **Cllr Jonathan Bartley**, Cabinet Member for Safer, Thriving Neighbourhoods, is a former leader of the opposition in Lambeth and the longest-serving leader of the national Green Party. Cllr Bartley is also a Lambeth foster carer.

"I want to make Lambeth the safest borough in London by preventing harm before it happens and building neighbourhoods where everyone feels that they belong and participate fully."



A Safe, Fun, and Nourishing Summer in Lambeth

Looking for ways to keep your children active, and engaged this summer?

Lambeth’s Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is back, offering free activities for 4–16 year olds who live or go to school in Lambeth and receive benefits-related free school meals. The programme runs from 20 July to 28 August.

Children can enjoy a range of activities including sports, arts, music, drama and outdoor play, with a free healthy meal provided at every session.

HAF supports children to build confidence, develop skills, make friends, and enjoy their holidays in a safe, inclusive environment.

Dedicated places and specialist provision are available for children with SEND.

Activities take place across Lambeth in local schools, community centres, adventure playgrounds and parks, so there will be something happening near you all summer.

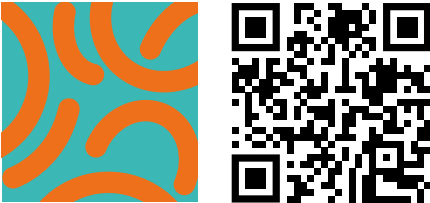
What to expect

- Fun, high-quality activities led by trusted local providers
- Free, nutritious meals
- Safe and inclusive settings
- Specialist provision and support for children with SEND
- Opportunities to build skills, friendships, and confidence

What to do next

- Check activities in your area
- Book early – spaces fill up quickly
- Plan your summer with ease

To find out more and book visit our website or scan the QR code below.
www.lambeth.gov.uk/haf



Let’s make this a happy, healthy summer for children and young people in Lambeth.





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

New courses will be starting in September 2026.

To register or make a referral please use our online link at lambeth.gov.uk/ready-steady-go

Contact the team on **020 7926 0619** or email readysteadygo@lambeth.gov.uk

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

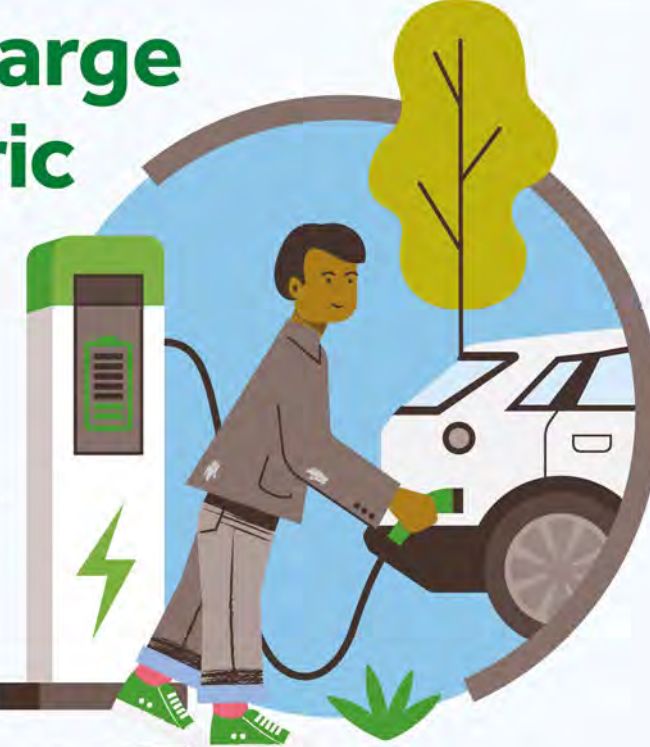


Drive Clean. Charge Local. Go Electric

Lambeth’s growing EV charging network makes it easy to power up where you live, work, and relax.

- Charge overnight near home.
- Plug in close to work or leisure spots.
- Support smarter operations for your business.

Find your nearest charger today on Zap-Map and join the move to cleaner air.



#DriveLambethElectric
#CleanAirLambeth #EVCharging

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



New Repairs Drop-Ins launched following resident feedback

Lambeth Council holds regular Meet the Landlord events across the borough, giving tenants the opportunity to discuss housing issues directly with the teams responsible for delivering services in their neighbourhood.

Many residents who attend these popular events have told us they would welcome more opportunities to discuss repairs and maintenance issues in greater detail with the dedicated repairs teams.

In response to this feedback, Lambeth Council is launching a new programme of quarterly Repairs Drop-In events starting this summer.

The sessions will provide time for residents to meet repairs staff, raise concerns, receive updates on outstanding jobs and learn more about the services available to support them. Representatives will also be on hand to answer questions about gas servicing, disrepair and other property maintenance matters.

This is another way we are responding to resident feedback and creating more opportunities for tenants to shape and improve the services they receive.

**Wednesday
29 July**

10am – 4pm

Lambeth Assembly Hall,
Brixton Hill, SW2 1RW

Meet the Teams

Community Works

Responsible for repairs and improvements to communal areas, including:

- Entrances and hallways
- Communal lighting

Repairs Team and Wates Contractor

Providing repairs and maintenance to your home, including:

- Plumbing and heating
- Doors and windows
- Electrical repairs

Disrepair Team

Managing residents with disrepair issues

Gas Servicing Team

Ensuring homes stay safe and compliant with regular safety inspections

No appointment needed – just drop in!

Advertorial Content

Use your voice to improve health in Lambeth



Live in Lambeth or use health and care services in the borough? Interested in improving health for all Lambeth people?

You could be a Patient and Public Voice Board Member for Lambeth Together, ensuring the voices of local people are heard at the highest level.

As a Board Member, you'll strengthen our connection with Lambeth's diverse communities. Actively connected to local networks, you'll bring your own experience and perspectives

to discussions and decisions to influence health and care priorities.

Applications are welcome from all sections of the community. Lambeth Together is especially keen to attract younger adults, disabled people, people from LGBTQ+ and Black and multi ethnic communities to these roles, to help ensure the Board reflects Lambeth's population.



What you'll do

- Champion the views and experiences of local people in Board discussions
- Help us focus on the issues that matter most to local people about their health
- Work alongside NHS, Council and community partners

What you'll gain

- The opportunity to improve health in Lambeth
- A deeper understanding of how health and care services work
- New skills, knowledge, and networks



Lambeth Together Co-Chair, Dr Di Aitken:

"Community members bring an essential perspective to partnership discussions, ensuring that what matters most to our residents is always at the heart of our work to improve health and care."



Andrew Eyres, Corporate Director for Integrated Health and Adult Social Care, Lambeth Council and NHS South East London: "Our Patient and Public Voice members participate as equals. They perform a vital role, connecting decision-making with real-life experiences of our residents."

Think this might be for you?

We have two roles available, starting September. These are voluntary roles, with agreed expenses covered.

Apply by 26 July:
www.lambethtogether.net/news/ppv



South East London

Thinking about having a baby?

By Oluwaseun Labisi, Development Consultant
Midwife for Public Health



If you're thinking about having a baby, there are simple things you can do now to support a healthy pregnancy.

Vitamins and supplements

Firstly, have you started taking supplements? Supplements like folic acid and vitamin D can help you have a healthy pregnancy and baby. Try to take folic acid daily 3 months before you get pregnant and vitamin D as soon as you start actively trying for a baby.

A healthy diet

Food matters as well. A healthy, balanced diet helps you stay well and supports your baby. Aim for whole grains, healthy fats and protein. Also try to keep your caffeine intake to below 200mg a day. That is about two mugs of instant coffee.

Cutting out alcohol

Did you know, there is no safe level of alcohol to drink during pregnancy? Stopping alcohol can help you get pregnant and lowers the risk of pregnancy complications.

Managing your mental health and wellbeing

If you are planning a pregnancy and managing your mental health, support is available. If you take medication, speak to a health professional before making any changes. You are not alone.

Scan the QR code for more advice



Be the difference. Could you foster?

Lambeth urgently needs more foster carers to provide stable, loving homes for children and young people in the community.

Fostering means caring for someone else's child when their birth family cannot. This can be short-term, long-term, respite care for children with disabilities, sibling-group care, or support for older, more independent children.

Foster carers provide a safe, sensitive and loving home, recognising that children may have experienced separation, abuse, neglect or other trauma. Lambeth welcomes carers from diverse backgrounds and does not assess suitability based on sexuality, marital status, religion, disability, age, or whether you own your home.

You must be over 21, have a spare bedroom, live full-time in the UK or have indefinite leave to remain, and have good spoken and written English. Applicants can work, but need flexibility to meet a child's needs.

Essential information from Lambeth fostering

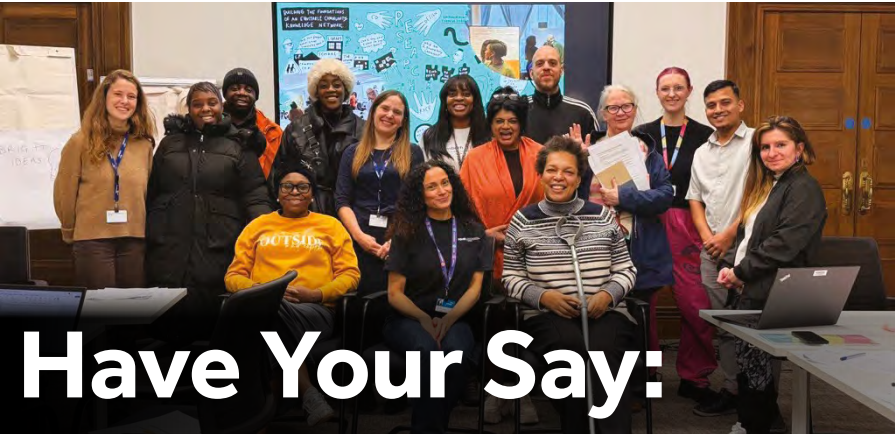


Lambeth foster carers receive a thorough induction, a dedicated supervising social worker, ongoing training, peer mentoring, 24/7 support every day of the year, social events, Fostering Network membership, and access to a local support group. Financial support includes a council tax rebate for active carers, a £350 annual retention reward, £300

per child for holidays, and a £500 referral payment when a recommended applicant becomes approved.

The fostering journey usually begins with an enquiry, followed by a home visit, Skills to Foster training, formal checks and assessment, a fostering panel, and induction once approved.

Contact Lambeth fostering: 020 7926 8710
fosteringduty@lambeth.gov.uk | www.lambeth.gov.uk/foster



Have Your Say: Help Shape Research and Services in Lambeth

What if research in Lambeth started with the people who know it best?
The Community Knowledge Network (CKN) is a growing group of local residents, community organisations, faith groups, and charities working together to shape research and the decisions that affect our borough. You don't need any research experience to get involved, just your lived experience of Lambeth and a willingness to share your ideas.

Through the CKN, local people work alongside researchers, council staff, and community organisations on projects that matter, from housing and climate change to support for young people and families.

A key part of this work is through Community Advisory Partnerships (CAPs), where residents and professionals work

side by side on specific projects.

Recently, a CKN member worked with researchers and healthcare staff to explore why some Black mothers and mothers from diverse backgrounds are less likely to access infant feeding support. They helped design the project, bring other mums together, and

"Working in the CKN with the great members of the Lambeth team allowed me to use my voice and experience to impact change in a community I love and have grown up in my whole life."
Community Knowledge Network member

lead open conversations about their experiences.

The impact was clear: "I don't think you could have had a better person leading those sessions. For me, there was a bigger value to what was being discussed." Representative from Evelina London Children's Hospital



These conversations highlighted real barriers facing families and are helping ensure local support services better meet their needs. Most importantly, they showed what's possible when community knowledge and professional expertise come together.

Why it matters
For too long, research has often been something done to

communities rather than with communities. The CKN is helping change that by making sure local voices are heard, valued, and acted on.

Get involved
We'd love to hear from you.
Email: hdrc@lambeth.gov.uk

Nominations Open for Lambeth Carers Awards 2026

Lambeth residents are being encouraged to nominate outstanding carers for the 2026 Lambeth Carers Awards, which recognise the vital contribution that both unpaid and professional carers make to the borough's communities. Nominations are open until 20 July.

There are more than 18,000 unpaid carers in Lambeth, many of whom provide essential day-to-day care that enables loved ones to live independently and remain connected to their communities.

Councillor Jeremy Isaacs, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, highlighted the importance of recognising carers' contributions and helping more people identify themselves as carers so they can access advice and support. The awards form part of Lambeth's wider commitment to improving visibility, recognition and support for carers.

The council's work with carers was recently recognised by the



Care Quality Commission, which rated Lambeth's Adult Social Care Services as 'Good' and praised the support available to unpaid carers.

Residents are encouraged to put forward individuals whose compassion, commitment and hard work make a real difference to the lives of others.

Get support
If you or someone you know provides care to someone and you need support, get support from Carers Hub Lambeth at connect@carershub.org.uk or 020 7501 8970.
To nominate, scan the QR code.



Volunteer in Lambeth Make a Difference in Your Community

Looking for a way to give something back, meet new people or develop new skills? Volunteering is a rewarding way to support your local community while gaining valuable experience and making meaningful connections.

Across Lambeth, hundreds of local charities, community groups and voluntary organisations rely on volunteers to help deliver services, support residents and bring communities together. Whether you're interested in helping at community events, supporting older people, working with young people, protecting the environment

or sharing a professional skill, there's a volunteering opportunity to suit you. Volunteering can boost confidence, improve wellbeing, strengthen your CV and help you feel more connected to your neighbourhood. Whether you can spare a few hours occasionally or make a regular commitment, every contribution makes a difference.

Team Lambeth is the borough's volunteer matching

service, helping residents find opportunities that match their interests, skills and availability. You can browse a wide range of local volunteering roles and register your interest online.



To find out more and explore current opportunities, visit volunteer.lambeth.gov.uk and discover how you can make a positive difference in Lambeth.



Lambeth Libraries Summer Reading Adventure

Get ready to travel through time with Lambeth Libraries this summer!



From 18 July to 13 September, children aged 5–12 are invited to join our exciting **Time Travel Summer Reading Adventure**. Sign up at your local library, collect your special Time Travel Logbook, and set off on a reading journey through the past, present, and future.

Your mission is simple: read 6 books or more to complete the challenge. Along the way, you'll collect stickers, earn rewards, and unlock prizes as you progress through your adventure.

This year, Lambeth children will also have the chance to make history by helping create a Time

Capsule filled with treasures from today's young people. The Time capsule will be buried in Lambeth and will be opened by children in 50 years! One treasure will be a book chosen by you, so don't forget to vote for your favourite book of all time.

Children aged 4 and under can join the fun too with our Summer Explorer Nature Trail. Little adventurers can collect stickers and prizes as they share books and stories with their families.

And there's more! Libraries across Lambeth will be hosting free weekly activities, crafts, workshops, and special events throughout the summer. Check out what's happening at your local library and join the adventure.

Summer with Active Lambeth

More than just a gym

- ✓ **Holiday Club for Kids Aged 8-12 Year**
Brixton Rec, Streatham Ice and Leisure Centre
- ✓ **Swimming, Ice skating and Gymnastics Crash Courses**
- ✓ **Family Leisure Zone: Soft Play, Climbing Wall, Karaoke Room Multi-Sports Simulator and more**
- ✓ **Active Bowling**
- ✓ **Active Putt & Play Mini Golf**
- ✓ **Family, Fun and Float Sessions**

You don't have to be a member to **enjoy our activities** active.lambeth.gov.uk

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Lambeth

Greater London Pet Crematorium

Forever in your heart

Book the cremation now

Streatham Cemetery, Garrett Lane, Tooting, London SW17 0LT



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 medico/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

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

📅 Comienza en Septiembre 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 medico/clínico geral no bairro de Lambeth, participe do nosso programa gratuito de 12 semanas para ter um peso saudável.

Voce aprendera 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

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

📅 Começa em Setembro de 2026

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