



Residents' Associations DIRECT

Information for Residents' Associations

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Want to find out what's going on in your local area?

It's easy! The Community Cuppa is a monthly e-bulletin from City Living, Local Life that features community news and events in the local area. It takes no longer to read than it does to drink a cuppa!

All you have to do is scan the QR code below on your mobile phone or go to:

www.rbkc.gov.uk/locallife/signup

So grab a cuppa, put your feet up and find out what's going on in local life!



Crowdfunding In Your Area - Spacehive

The Venture Centre kids are going to carnival!

With 5 days to spare, the community said yes to the first ever Spacehive project in Kensington and Chelsea, and actually surpassed their £5,000 target.



Over 80 pledges were made coming from a variety of sources, such as residents, community groups, housing associations, local businesses and the Council via City Living Local Life Golborne and St Helen's wards.

The kids themselves also shook their buckets hard along Portobello Road and raised money at Portobello Live and at a disco organised at The Venture Centre. Now they will get the chance to take part and dance through the streets of Notting Hill at this year's carnival!

With proof of a community backed idea becoming a reality in Kensington and Chelsea, the hive is ready for groups to access, share ideas request support for their projects. Even if your ideas are not fully ironed out, the first step is to share them.

<https://www.spacehive.com/initiatives/rbkc>

Residents' Corner

Residents' Corner is the part of this newsletter that gives you a voice!

You can write to us at communityengagement@rbkc.gov.uk with news about your residents' association at any time and we'll help to turn it into an article that can be published in the next issue. Please note though that the editor's decision is final. Here are the contributions for this month:

An Earl's Court Celebration of Women of The World

City Living, Local Life Earl's Court were pleased to be able to support An-Nisa Women's Empowerment Group to hold a community event on Tuesday 24th May.

This event, which was organised to mark the contribution of women to society, brought together forty local ladies to honour the volunteers who have devoted hundreds of hours to make the supplementary school and coffee mornings held by the group a success.

The women were encouraged to attend in traditional clothing from their country of birth and the event brought together an array of food and costumes from Jamaica to India and Chile. The event included a laughter yoga session to demonstrate the benefits of having laughter in your life and learning more about what we can do in the Borough to minimise food waste through the Earl's Court based charity Plan Zheroes.



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Women's Pioneer Event

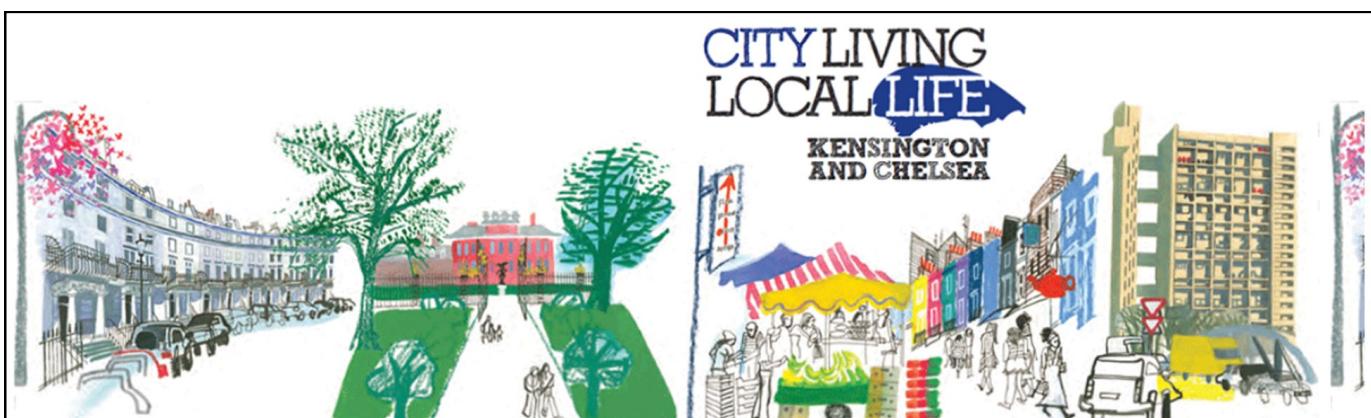
Issue 4 of Residents Association Direct previously welcomed one of Kensington and Chelsea's newest Residents Associations to the borough - Women's Pioneer Resident Association. They are here to support the residents of the small but numerous Women's Pioneer Housing Association properties that are dotted around West London. This Housing Association has been housing single women in the area for over 100 years.

The Association held a consultation event and community festival in May which brought the community of residents together, to discuss needs and help shape the future of the Association's work. The event was supported by a grant from the Royal Borough's Corporate Services Small Grant programme.



Chelsea Manor Court Tenants Association

Chelsea Manor Court Tenants Association is seeking the views of fellow Chelsea residents on a proposed mobile telecommunications base system on the roof of Chelsea Manor Court. Chelsea Manor Court is a small, low-rise estate consisting of 94 flats spread over 3 blocks along Chelsea Manor Road, SW3. The Association are opposed to the installation and further information on its views, and how you can register yours can be found on the association's [website](#).





Ask Nick

A conversation and question time with Council Leader, Cllr Nick Paget-Brown

The tenth in a series of public meetings for residents, community groups and local businesses.

- > What is the Council doing well and what can it improve?
- > Do you have any ideas for the future of the Royal Borough?

Monday 11 July 2016 - 6.30pm to 8pm

(Information stands and light refreshments at 6pm)

Holy Trinity Sloane Square,
Sloane Street, SW1X 9BZ

Places are limited and booking is essential.

Register at www.rbkc.gov.uk/asknick or call 020 7598 4633.

For more information about the venue and for directions,
please visit www.holytrinitysloanesquare.co.uk



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News for you

'News for you' is where we share what we know that is happening around Kensington and Chelsea. Let us know your news - If there is something of interest happening in your area please let us know. News items may be edited, the editor's decision is final.

Have you been a victim of hate crime or antisocial behaviour?

Hate crime and antisocial behaviour can have a devastating impact upon people's lives. Whatever you are going through, Victim Support can help you find the strength. We give information and support. Our support is independent, free, confidential and non-judgemental.

Victim Support stall with information and help is available:

Every Thursday, 2.30 to 4.30pm, Customer Service Centre, Kensington Town Hall, W8 7NX.

If you live in Kensington and Chelsea and are experiencing hate crime or antisocial behaviour, please contact Charlotte or Sian - your local Victim Support champions:

020 7244 2550

va@victimsupport.org.uk

Victim Supportline on **08453 030900**



The Big Local

Worlds End Big Local have just finished the first Green and Open Spaces project, which falls into one of The Big Locals priorities. As part of their greening project, there are now planters on the Worlds End Piazza.

The Council supported efforts to raise funding for the planters which offer a welcoming atmosphere on the piazza.



The Planters will be maintained by SMART and should remain well kept all year round.

This first project of the Big Local initiative being a visual one, offers an opportunity for local residents to see something happening. Feedback to date has been very positive.

Holland Park Ecology Centre



Conservation Volunteering

The Ecology Service offers the opportunity to help us carry out practical conservation work in Holland Park through conservation workdays every third Saturday of the month. Tasks range from meadow cutting, building dead-hedges, pond maintenance, building stag beetle loggeries, and more.

If you are looking to try something new, gain new skills, meet new people or just get your hands dirty then why not join Holland Park Conservation Volunteers? For more information please contact the Ecology Team on **020 7938 8186** or email ecology.centre@rbkc.gov.uk

Upcoming Events

Holland Park Ecology Centre offer an ongoing programme of informative talks and walks on environment and wildlife topics, open days in the wildlife area, training events and workshops.

Summer Tree Walk: The Basics - Thursday 7 July. This walk, led by a member of the Ecology Education Team, gives a basic introduction to native tree species. You will learn how to hone your identification skills of trees in leaf using examples found in Holland Park.

Meet: 6.30pm-8pm, Holland Park Ecology Centre Cost: FREE - Booking essential

Bumblebee Talk - Thursday 21 July

Our bumblebees are under threat. Join us for an informative and eye opening talk about the diversity and importance of bumblebees both for gardens and natural habitats.

Meet: 6.30pm-8pm, Holland Park Ecology Centre Cost: FREE - Booking essential

For regular updates and reminders about our events and activities you can [register your details](#) and be added to our mailing list.



News for you

The Earls Court Tardis

Giving a new lease of life to the portal of space and time

In a drive to improve the local built environment of Earl's Court, the ward's Councillors awarded Spear Mews Residents Association a grant through the City Living, Local Life programme to give the well-known and much photographed blue police box 'Tardis' at the entrance of Earl's Court underground station a facelift.

However, the award was not simply about revitalising street furniture. The project also gave the blue box a new purpose. It will now have a part time resident, an Earl's Court PC using the box as a base a few times a week to ensure a visible presence within the local community and to host residents who would like to take up the offer of 'Cuppa with a Copper'.



Other projects supported by City Living, Local Life Earl's Court in the last year include the community event held by An-Nisa Women's Empowerment Group to celebrate International Women's Day; equipment for Solidarity Sports, a local charity that offers local children the opportunity to take part in sports that they would not otherwise be able to afford; and the refurbishment of St Cuthberts Church's community space.



A Message From The Community Safety Team: Burglary in the borough is up

More homes are being burgled in the borough, with a greater variety of properties being targeted by criminals. Figures from the Metropolitan Police Service show that residential burglary in the Royal Borough rose to 971 in the 12 months to December 2015.

The wards that suffered most over the past year were Pembridge, Colville, Royal Hospital, Courtfield, Golborne and Redcliffe. The borough as a whole is ranked the fifth worst in inner London and tenth across the whole of the capital for residential burglaries.

The Council's Community Safety Team is committed to reducing this crime in the borough and has worked with the police on tactics known as target hardening and cocooning to drive down the numbers. Target hardening means using physical and/or electronic security devices to protect vulnerable premises that have either been burgled or repeatedly burgled or fall within a current residential burglary hotspot. Cocooning, involves police officers visiting people living near the victims of burglaries within 24 hours to offer crime prevention advice designed to prevent them becoming the next target.

Burglaries can be prevented by taking simple precautions. Landlords, homeowners and tenants are encouraged to get the recommended security works carried out within three to six weeks to ensure a repeat incident does not occur, while the Community Safety Team funds or part funds the recommended security works through a discretionary security grant.

For more information contact Kensington and Chelsea's Community Safety Team by emailing commsafe@rbkc.gov.uk

Antisocial Drivers Face Fines

As the noisy, antisocial supercar season approaches the Royal Borough is reminding visitors and residents of the powers it now has to combat antisocial motoring in Knightsbridge. Since the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) last December drivers of any vehicles in the Knightsbridge area can be fined for:

- Revving engines;
- Repeated sudden or rapid acceleration;
- Racing;
- Leaving the engine running while parked;
- Performing stunts;
- Sounding horns;
- Playing Music;
- Using offensive language and/or intimidating behaviour towards others;
- Causing obstruction on a public highway, including driving in convoy;

Anyone found breaching the PSPO will face a fine of between £100 and £1,000 for each offence.

The PSPO is enforced between noon and 6am and fines can be issued by Council officers or the police. If residents in the Knightsbridge area notice a vehicle breaching the order they can call the Council on **020 7361 3002** or email pspo@rbkc.gov.uk with the following information:

- Where did the breach occur?;
- What time did the breach occur?;
- Which of the criteria from the PSPO were breached?;
- What was the make, model and colour of the vehicle?;
- What is the vehicle registration number?;
- If possible can you provide a description of the driver or passengers?;
- Are you prepared to provide a witness statement? (We cannot pursue a case unless this is provided);

To find out the area the PSPO is enforced in and more information go to www.rbkc.gov.uk/pspo

Worlds End Grant Scheme

The World's End and Lots Road Big Local (WELR) has opened a community grants scheme for residents, charities and community groups to make use of.

The Big Local empowers local people to make their communities and areas even better places to live. The resident partners of the WELR Big Local have made grants of £100-£500 available for projects that benefit World's End and Lots Road residents in the following priority areas:

- Jobs, training and enterprise opportunities;
- Young people;
- Green areas and open spaces;
- Community events and activities;



For more information, including the criteria please visit the [WELR Big Local website](#). Application forms can be obtained by contacting Vanessa, WELR Big Local Coordinator at vanessa@welr.org

Community Connections

Community Connections is the Imperial College Union's programme where we link students with the local community. We are looking for opportunities for them to volunteer in the community, this can be a variety of roles, either one off, where you need lots of pair of hands on the day or if you need a volunteer more regularly. We promote these through a variety of ways, [through our website](#), e-bulletins and social media. Please email Gemma at volunteering@imperial.ac.uk if you need volunteers or if you have a desire to get a project off the ground and need some support.



Please let us know your news and it could feature in the next edition. Please note that the editor may edit your story, and the editors decision is final.

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<http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/community/communityengagement/residentsassociations.aspx>

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