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The flotilla protest Credit Stephen Furner



We won't be barged out

Resident boaters say new water safety zones threaten their ability to live on the River Lea

By Luchia Robinson

Boaters who live and travel along the River Lea are protesting against the proposed introduction of safety zones along the navigation.

The Canal and River Trust (CRT) which manages the waterway wants to pilot two water safety zones (one between Tottenham Lock and Old Fort Lock,

and another in Broxbourne, Hertfordshire), over a 12-month period. It says this is because the waterways have become busier and more unsafe as boaters, rowers and paddle sports clubs compete for space.

Private boat owners say their ability to live on their boats is threatened because the water safety zones restrict their ability to moor in the designated areas. They are concerned about changes to the

existing terms and conditions for private boat licences (fees paid annually to the CRT) which currently require them to travel at least 20 miles a year, partaking in 'continuous cruising' from one mooring to another, every fortnight. The boaters say the safety zones displace them and their families, potentially putting their licences at risk of seizure or termination.

Last month members of the boating community held a flotilla protest

on the Hackney stretch of the Lea, challenging the CRT and defending their right to live on the waterway.

The National Bargee Travellers Association (NBTA) argue that the policy is 'profoundly ill conceived, particularly in the context of a housing crisis and a pandemic.' They also state that 'evacuated canals will turn the towpaths into the danger zones they once were, prior to the growth in the boating population.'

The CRT claim that the combined water safety zones (10km) amount to less than a quarter of the overall length of the Lee navigation. They say 3324 metres (10,905 ft) of the Lower Lea will be designated no mooring, but there will still be enough space for all river users.

Mychelle Colleary, a project manager who has lived on her boat for two years, refutes this, she said: "The CRT are saying that it's only a quarter of the Lee navigation – well, it's only that quarter that most people want to be in. I'd say the other two thirds of the navigation are too shallow, or too dangerous, or too far away from services. For instance, Springfield Marina is one of the only places where there is a working pump out toilet. Once I leave Springfield Marina, its 15 miles and 15 locks before the next working pump out – that takes more than two days travel.

"I like hanging out at Markfield Park when I come into town. I tend to head out from Tottenham, down the whole stretch through Hackney Marshes, Bow, and the Limehouse Cut mile. I like hanging out in the communities – we are a community even though we're not there all the time."

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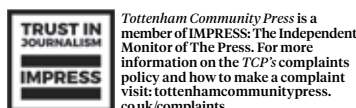
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Faded pink roses in Downhills Park by Diane Dall

Editor's letter

Haringey Council leader Cllr Peray Ahmet speaks to reporter Simon Allin about how collaboration is a big part of her plan for Haringey (p.5).

New proposals launched by the Boundary Commission for England could reshape the borough's constituency boundaries. Your views are sought to inform any forthcoming changes (p.6). Meanwhile changes proposed by the Canal and River Trust could see many local boat dwellers displaced from key mooring spots on the River Lea (Front page).

The council has announced plans to protect vulnerable residents from the dangers of gambling (p.8) and it is also committing £6million to improvement works across four local primary schools (p.4).

Community members got the chance to see the Euro 2020 trophy, ahead of this month's delayed finals, when it made its way to Tottenham (p.14). Just as the Euros have brought people together, so too did a concert performed by the New Tottenham Singers, who, having not being able to perform together for an audience, over the past year, drew a virtual crowd from near and far to hear their performance of Fauré Requiem (p.15).

This month, the Institute of Contemporary Arts is reopening with the Tottenham focused exhibition: *War Inna Babylon: The Community's Struggle for Truths and Rights* (p.13). On p.18 Barnaby Fournier highlights the role of youth activism in leading change.

As always, I'd like to hear from you about the initiatives and projects taking place in Tottenham, Wood Green and the wider borough. Get in touch with your story ideas, poems, illustrations and photographs (email: tcp@socialspider.com).

Luchia Robinson

Council's first zero carbon housing scheme gets go ahead

Haringey Council's cabinet has approved its first eco-friendly development.

The zero-carbon council home scheme in Park Road, Bounds Green will use super-efficient thermal insulation solar panels to generate electricity, and air source heat pumps as part of the design.

The social rent homes will be made up of two three-bedroom houses, five two-bedroom flats and one four-bedroom duplex apartment. The roof will be lined with wildflower plants, and the building surrounded by lots of outside space to increase the area's biodiversity.

One of the two-bedroom flats will be fully accessible for wheelchair users and another adaptable to meet residents' changing needs.

The zero-carbon homes respond to the climate emergency declared by the council in 2019, and is part of its mission to decarbonise Haringey by 2041.

Cllr Ruth Gordon, cabinet member for house building, placemaking and development, said: "This council

housing development in Bounds Green is exactly the sort of ambitious scheme we need in Haringey.

"I'm proud that eight families will benefit from a new start and the opportunity for a secure future in warm, safe, high-quality council homes built to the very best green standards."

The new homes will be built on a brownfield site (currently occupied by garages). Planning permission for the scheme was granted in July 2020.

Cllr Mike Hakata, cabinet member for environment, transport and the climate emergency and Deputy Leader of the council, said: "I'm of the firm belief that everything we do as a council should be under the umbrella of the climate and environmental emergencies."

"Our essential house-building programme will play a critical role in achieving our pledge to become a zero-carbon council by 2027 and borough by 2041. These new homes will provide the council with a blueprint for future sustainable council housing projects."

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All photographs courtesy of Stephen Furner



Charity director awarded BEM for service to the community

Gloria Saffrey-Powell, director of CARIS Haringey, has been awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours, for her service to the local community.

CARIS Haringey is a charity based in Tottenham, that works to support homeless families by providing food, clothes and other essential items. CARIS also works with clients to help address their long-term needs, through the provision of training, advice and advocacy. Services are provided to families living in temporary accommodation and unsecured accommodation across the borough.

Gloria has worked on behalf of those in need, providing care and assistance to colleagues as well as clients. Under her leadership the charity has been recognised for its work in the local community, receiving local and national awards, including The Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2020.

For the past 30 years, Gloria has worked on various homeless projects in both a paid and voluntary capacity and has contributed to the fields of immigration, education, training, and community development at local, regional, and national level. She has worked with community organisations and various consortia both as a chair and as a management committee member.

Gloria is currently a board member of Haringey Citizens Advice Bureau, a member of Haringey Welcome Advisory Board, and the Haringey Voluntary Community Sector Leaders group, set up by the Bridge Renewal Trust as a response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Gloria was also a school governor and chair of St John and St James C.of.E Primary school in Enfield until last year.

Gloria said: "It is a great honour to receive the BEM award, this award is not just for me, it is for all the staff, volunteers and everyone who works within the voluntary sector, who sees working in the voluntary sector as their mission. It is a recognition of the value placed on being someone's hands and feet enabling them to stand – a voice for those who believe they have no voice."

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Mychelle believes that the CRT have unfairly prioritised the river's rowing clubs above liveaboard boaters, who were not included in any of the consultations leading up to the safety zone proposals.

NBTA representative Colin Legge says that all meetings regarding the proposals (between 2018-2020) were conducted with rowing clubs only. He states that boaters were not made aware of increased safety issues, and that engagement has only now come about because of recent protests that have "forced [the CRT] into a position where they actually have to do the consultation they should have done in the first place."

He added: "We want to be consulted properly and for the CRT to come up with proper justification for these safety zones, and we want for them to talk to us

about solutions. There are much softer solutions that could be implemented, which just haven't been explored.

"I think the whole thing is a very biased proposal. [...] It's very difficult to understand it as a safety issue when the data is lacking."

"There are much softer solutions that could be implemented, which just haven't been explored"

The CRT say that between 2014 and 2019 there were more than 240 safety incidents within the proposed water safety zones.

It states there were 29 incidents between unpowered and powered craft in the Lower Lea section over the five-year period.

NBTA argue that the number of incidents per year on average are very small, and the limited safety data the CRT has provided doesn't justify displacing the boating community.

Lea Rowing Club is calling for the immediate implementation of the water safety zones, stating that canal boat moorings have 'halved the usable width of the river'. It says that the proposals will ensure that mooring is 'more organised and structured', and claims that without this action from the CRT, the Lee navigation could 'become unviable as a recreational sports asset.'

The CRT says the timescale for the water safety zones will be confirmed following further engagement. It did not provide *Tottenham Community Press* with a direct quote when approached.

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Improvement works for four Haringey primary schools approved

Schools condition works aim to improve educational environments for children

Haringey Council has committed to spending more than £6million on improvement works to four primary school buildings and premises after cabinet approved the project plans last month.

A major review identified areas across the school's estates that needed addressing in the short, medium and long term.

These findings have informed the Children's Services Asset Management Plan (CSAMP), with the works at Bruce Grove, Seven Sisters, Campsbourne, and Stroud Green primary schools considered as high priorities and placed in the first, initial wave of essential condition works.

Cllr Zena Brabazon, Haringey Council's cabinet member for early years,

children and families, said: "These four community schools are the first group of our Haringey primary schools to have these vital capital works.

"This funding for specific works will reduce the carbon footprint of our schools – an additional and welcome contribution to tackling the climate emergency."

"The funding for these works will ensure the physical environment for all the children and staff is greatly improved.

"Alongside the council's own Capital Programme funding, some £1.248m has been secured from the government

towards these projects. This funding for specific works will reduce the carbon footprint of our schools – an additional and welcome contribution to tackling the climate emergency."

The works across the four schools overall include installing new heating and hot water systems, new windows and vital health and safety improvements to the buildings. The improvements seek to help the schools reduce their energy demands, reducing carbon emissions through technologies and insulation, including double glazing, in line with the council's Borough Plan.

All remaining improvement works (Phase 2) for three of these condition projects (Campsbourne, Seven Sisters and Stroud Green) are expected to go before cabinet for a further decision in September.

Residents and business owners to have say over improved housing conditions

Consultation for Additional Licensing Scheme launched

Haringey Council has launched a public consultation for a new property licensing scheme that will cover properties that are privately rented to single households, or two unrelated individuals in parts of Haringey.

The council is proposing a scheme that will cover 14 wards within the borough and run for a period of five years. All properties in the area that are privately rented to single households (or two sharers) will need to have a licence to be legally let.

The demand for housing in Haringey has seen a growth in the private sector. However, there are many homes that are in a bad condition, and/or being mismanaged by landlords and agents; various housing issues have arisen as a result.

Haringey Council says it is aware of some housing conditions that do not meet the required standards and have led to an increase in anti-social behaviour. The Haringey community are now being given the chance to address these issues and improve the standards across the borough.

"Haringey has always worked closely in partnership with landlords and this proposed licensing scheme will provide a much-needed framework"

Cllr John Bevan, cabinet member for planning, licensing and housing services said: "We are an inclusive council and continually strive to put community first and work for the best possible outcomes and this is why we are proposing change that will make a difference to people's everyday lives.

"Haringey has always worked closely in partnership with landlords and this proposed licensing scheme will provide a much-needed framework to enable us to ensure our high standards of accommodation requirements are applied and met across the privately rented sector in the borough."

Residents, landlords and business owners are encouraged to find out more about the proposed Additional Licensing Scheme, sharing their views on how housing conditions can be improved, and anti-social behaviour reduced in the borough, at one of the workshops being held this month.

The Additional Licensing Scheme will need to be agreed locally by the council's cabinet and then by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). If approved, the scheme could be introduced in 2022.

To have your say and sign up for the workshops:
Visit haringey.gov.uk/propertylicensingconsultation

INTERVIEW

New leader outlines plan for the borough

Cllr Peray Ahmet hopes to unite Labour group and build more collaborative council

By Simon Allin, Local Democracy Reporter

The new leader of Haringey Council says she hopes fellow Labour councillors will unite behind her as she outlines her vision for a more collaborative council.

Cllr Peray Ahmet revealed she stood to be leader to try to bring unity to the Labour group and stressed her commitment to the policies set out in the manifesto on which she and her colleagues were elected three years ago.

While she pointed out there would be continuities between her leadership and that of her predecessor, Cllr Joseph Ejiofor, one of her key aims is to ensure residents become more involved in decision-making.

Divisions within the Labour group came to the fore the day after Cllr Ahmet was elected council leader, when former chairman Cllr Dr James Chiriyankandath quit the party claiming a group of rival Labour councillors had opposed all that Cllr Ejiofor's administration had sought to achieve.

Speaking to the Local Democracy Reporting Service, Cllr Ahmet said: "My reason for standing to be leader was to try and bring some unity to the (Labour) group."

"Essentially, we are the local Labour Party, and we will work as one when we need to."

She added: "Me and the previous leader are part of same party and group. We had a manifesto and have commitments, and I fully intend to continue to fulfil those commitments."

"I think we need to build on the manifesto commitments, if anything, and as a party we will obviously be embarking on the next round of manifesto conversations."

A lifelong Haringey resident, Cllr Ahmet said that as a council officer and frontline youth worker she had always worked with groups that were traditionally termed "hard-to-reach" or "disadvantaged".

She said she was keen to draw in people who had not traditionally been heard or involved in decision-making as part of what she termed a "co-production process".

"My aim for the rest of this year is to embed that in everything we do, from building homes to engaging with young people," Cllr Ahmet explained.

"Whatever we do has to be for people who



Haringey Council leader, Cllr Peray Ahmet Credit: Haringey Council

"Whatever we do has to be for people who live and work in the borough"

live and work in the borough."

The new leader said the council had previously focused on "bricks and mortar", and she wanted to switch to a "people-first" approach to development, which emphasised "placemaking" and "building communities".

This will inform her administration's approach to the 2,600-home High Road West scheme in Tottenham and the Wards Corner development in Seven Sisters, as well as the council's existing housing stock, she said.

Cllr Ahmet is ward councillor for Noel Park, where leaseholders on a council estate were hit with huge bills for repair work – some initially totalling more than £100,000.

The council recently faced criticism over its handling of leaseholders' freedom of information requests and its failure to send asbestos reports to them for more than a year.

"I have committed to bring my fresh eyes to this situation to see if I can improve the offer and communicate a lot more," Cllr Ahmet said.

"I think one of the issues there was people not feeling listened to, and there does seem to be a theme throughout that people do not feel listened to – and that has to change."

As the borough recovers from the Covid-19 pandemic and multiple lockdowns, Cllr Ahmet's administration will focus on early years childcare and tackling youth crime.

The mother of a child who was born during the pandemic, she said her interactions with her local children's centre had highlighted some of the issues that families were facing.

"It has to be about support for those children's centres and for the sector – really putting early years at the core of everything we are doing," Cllr Ahmet explained.

"There is not a lot actually designed for under-fives. There are some good projects out there, and we have some fantastic children's centres, but we really do need to show our commitment to them and, where possible, how we can expand and strengthen that offer. Post-pandemic, I think there is going to be even more of a need to do so."

She added: "I have taken serious youth violence under my portfolio. This is an area I think really needs a lot of focus. I think it is an ongoing issue and one we need to get to grips with."

"We do have strategies in place, and we have to build on those and make sure the conversations with the community are built upon and we are talking to the right people. Part of that is talking to young people themselves and making sure we are not losing a whole generation."

NEWS

Boundary proposals could see significant changes

Public encouraged to share thoughts on newly proposed boundary lines

By Luchia Robinson

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) has launched initial proposals for new constituency boundaries across the country.

The 2023 Boundary Review was launched in January; but the initial proposals were published last month.

Residents are now being asked to view the maps outlining the proposed boundary lines, and to share their feedback and suggestions as part of the independent review.

Colin Byrne, commissioner of the BCE, has said that population changes since the last review in 2018 have resulted in the number of electors in some constituencies being now ‘much higher, or lower, than in other constituencies.’

He added that the review will “rebalance the number of electors in each constituency to make them roughly equal and bring them within the range set down by parliament. This will implement parliament’s wish to ensure that individual votes in parliamentary elections are of broadly equal weight.”

These required changes will see the number of constituencies in England increase from 533 to 543, meaning changes will be made to the boundaries of most existing constituencies, although the scale of the changes will vary from place to place.

The initial proposals suggest including electoral wards Brownswood and Woodberry Down (currently within the Hackney North and Stoke Newington constituency) in the Tottenham constituency. Bruce Castle, Hermitage and Gardens, South Tottenham, and Tottenham Central have been defined as new ward areas, taking the current nine wards of Tottenham to a potential eleven in total.

It’s also proposed that current Tottenham wards: White Hart Lane and West Green become part of the Hornsey and Wood Green constituency; while current Hornsey and Wood Green wards: Fortis Green, Highgate, and Muswell Hill are proposed to become part of the intended new electoral seat, Finchley and Muswell Hill constituency.

There will be two more rounds of consultation next year, then the review will conclude with a formal report and recommendations to parliament in June 2023.

Tim Bowden, secretary to the BCE, said: “We consider all feedback received during the consultation process, and it is your local knowledge that

helps us to shape constituencies that best reflect your local area.

“During the last review, we changed over half of our proposals to reflect the local knowledge submitted by the public during the consultation process. It is now over to you to tell us whether your area is best represented in the boundaries and constituency names we have proposed; and if not, how these can be improved.

“We will need the help of residents in all regions to ensure that our proposals take account of local ties and best reflect the geography on the ground. Everyone’s views will help us recommend a well considered and practical set of new constituency boundaries in England.”

Proposed ward areas:

- Tottenham Borough Constituency**
- Brownswood
 - Bruce Castle
 - Harringay
 - Hermitage and Gardens
 - Northumberland Park
 - Seven Sisters
 - South Tottenham
 - St Ann’s
 - Tottenham Central
 - Tottenham Hale
 - Woodberry Down

- Hornsey and Wood Green Borough Constituency**
- Alexandra Park
 - Bounds Green
 - Crouch End
 - Hornsey
 - Noel Park
 - Stroud Green
 - West Green
 - White Hart Lane
 - Woodside

The consultation is open until Monday, 2nd August 2021. To view the maps, find more information and submit your feedback: Visit bcereviews.org.uk



The under-11s celebrate winning the Watford Friendly League title in the under-12s category

Grassroots football team announces youth scholarships

Global Football Academy offers scholarship worth £20,000

A Tottenham-based youth football club has announced a £20,000 youth scholarship scheme, offering coaching and playing opportunities to keen footballers who may not have the chance to play club football.

Global Football Academy (GFA), based in Coles Park, White Hart Lane, have a reputation for developing elite youth players, having sent more than 40 children to Premier League academy schemes over the last three years.

The GFA scholarship, which includes the funding of club training and matches, a full kit and entry to all tournaments and tours, is worth over £3,000 per child over the season. The club is aiming to offer seven scholarships over the coming season – a total investment of more than £20,000.

The club, which was formed in 2018, currently has 300 children enrolled, playing in age groups from under 7s up to under 16s. The teams are represented in the Junior Premier League, Regent’s Park Youth League, Watford Friendly League (WFL) and Camden Youth League.

Last month, the under 12s team

took the title in the WFL by completing the season undefeated, while playing an entire age group up.

Brusk Simsek, director of Global Football Academy said: “We believe all children deserve the right to be able to achieve their potential. The scholarship scheme is open to those who wouldn’t be able to access the coaching and opportunities that we offer. It’s a chance for us to support passionate young footballers and help them develop skills both on and off the pitch.”

To be eligible for consideration, boys and girls must be aged 6-16 and qualify for free school meals. Players will be selected via a trial, with no other conditions other than a full commitment to achieve training attendance of approximately 90%.

GFA, which is affiliated to the Football Association’s Charter Standard Development Scheme, will be fundraising over the coming year to fund the scholarships, which the club hopes to expand in future years.

For more information on the scheme, or to get involved in the fundraising: Email info@globalfootball.academy

Applications must be received by 30th August 2021

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HEALTH

Council calls for greater protection against gambling harm

Residents to have say on changes to gambling protection policy



Haringey Council is proposing to launch a public consultation on the new Statement of Gambling Policy.

The policy sets out the council's approach to gambling and aims to provide a greater protection against harm or exploitation for children and vulnerable people within the borough.

Gambling has the potential to cause harm

to both individuals and wider society, resulting in unemployment, debt, crime, relationship problems and physical or mental health conditions. Problem gambling is estimated to cost the UK economy up to £1.2 billion.

The council informs licence applicants within the demographic of the area, to carry out a risk assessment that incorporates the needs and concerns of the local

community. Certain groups, including ethnic minorities, young people and homeless people, are more at risk from the perils of gambling.

The council is asking for a change in policy that is more representative of the concerns of Haringey residents. This includes concerns about the rise in the number of Adult Gaming Centres within the borough, which feature gaming machines only available to over 18s within a high-street outlet.

“By putting forward a more comprehensive policy, we can help prevent gambling harm that will see less residents fall victim to the damaging effects that it brings”

The policy changes aim to regulate gambling, the statement sets out expectations from betting operators in providing adequate mitigation to protect vulnerable residents.

Cllr John Bevan, cabinet member for planning, licensing and housing services said: “In order to protect and support our residents, it is important that we take careful consideration of factors that may be of risk to the vulnerable members of our communities.

“By putting forward a more comprehensive policy, we can help prevent gambling harm that will see less residents fall victim to the damaging effects that it brings. This will enable us to better serve our local communities, by reflecting the area and the risks within it.

“We are therefore keen for residents to have their say and express their views on the new policy and the council's approach to gambling.”

The forthcoming ten-week consultation will be followed by a report presented at full council in November.

New chief executive joins North Mid

Dr Nnenna Osuji takes the helm at North Mid Hospital

Dr Nnenna Osuji takes up the role of Chief Executive at North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust this month.

Nnenna joins North Mid from her previous role as Deputy Chief Executive and Medical Director at Croydon Health Services NHS Trust in south London. An experienced haematologist, she will continue as a clinician when she takes up her new role.

Dr Andy Heeps, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer of North Mid became the interim chief executive, providing transitional leadership following the departure of previous CEO Maria Kane, who left the role in March. Dr Heeps will now be taking on the role of Managing Director at University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust in Autumn, as Nnenna takes the lead at North Mid.

Nnenna said: “I am thrilled to have accepted the role of Chief Executive at North Mid. Although it [was] hard to leave Croydon and South West London, and the phenomenal people I [had] come to know, lead and serve over the past 16 years, I am delighted to join my soon-to-be new family at team North Mid as part of the North Central London system. I am thankful for all that Croydon has given me over the years, forging strength and unity and a strong sense of civic leadership. These memories will stay with me always.

“It is an incredible privilege to join the local North Mid community, amazing staff, patients and partners to take forward the ambitious plans for the Trust, building on the foundations laid by Maria Kane and continued by Andy Heeps towards providing outstanding care to local people.

“I look forward to jointly leading the charge in cementing North Mid as a pivotal partner in the local and wider health and care system and to championing meaningful improvements for our people of Enfield and Haringey.”

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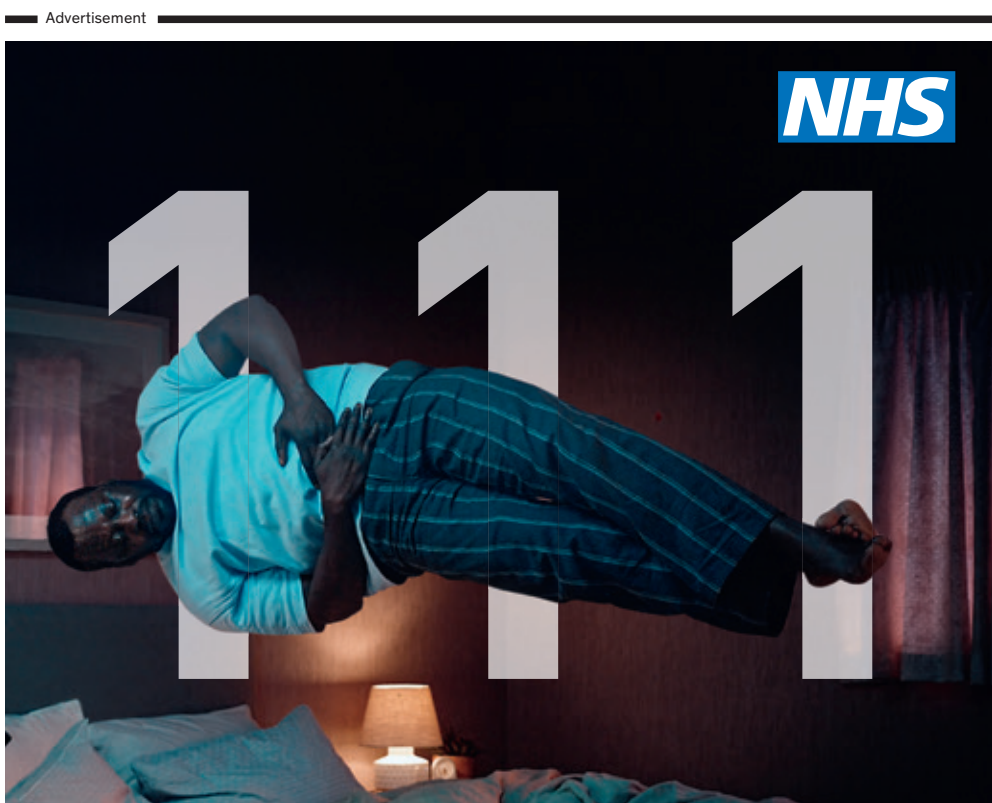
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ENVIRONMENT

Haringey eco activists urge council to step up climate crisis response



Haringey's Extinction Rebellion is asking the council to take immediate action on the climate emergency.

The eco activists are calling on the council to generate 'more ambitious plans' for cleaner air, stronger tree protections, healthier streets for walking and cycling, less waste and improved recycling, as well as ethical pension investments in the green economy.

In a recent letter to Haringey's cabinet, campaigners said: 'Despite declaring a Climate Emergency in 2019, and ambitions to become one of the UK's greenest boroughs, Haringey is falling behind other London councils such as Waltham Forest, Camden, Islington and Hackney.

'60% of Haringey residents don't own a car, yet we have traffic gridlocked on our streets, the borough is in the lowest

11% in the country for recycling waste from households, less than 30% of domestic waste is recycled, our air is dirty and our trees are threatened by insurers and developers.'

The activists are hoping for Haringey Council to make commitments on these demands before the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in November, and ahead of the next council elections in May 2022.

Campaigner Jane Leggett said: "We are asking that Haringey read our wishes carefully. The clock is ticking. We have nine years to reduce emissions by 50%.

"The council declared a climate emergency two years ago now, but in 2021 what has been achieved? We have a Climate Action Plan, but little to no progress. We the people of Haringey are standing up and asking our council to act – before it's too late."

London boroughs have reduced consumption-based emissions, but not fast enough to meet targets

"This is the clearest picture we have ever had of London's impact on the environment"



Credit Jacek Dylag/Unsplash

A new report carried out by the University of Leeds reveals that consumption-based emissions by London boroughs have declined on average over the last two decades, but much more work needs to be done to reach emission targets.

Consumption-based emissions are the amount of carbon emissions attributed to a place based on the goods and services used in that area by residents and businesses.

The report commissioned by London Councils and ReLondon shows that consumption-based emissions at a borough-level across London decreased from 101 Mtonnes CO₂e in 2001 to 74 Mtonnes CO₂e in 2018 - a reduction of 27%.

Every London borough saw a reduction in their consumption-based emissions even though London's population has increased significantly. The data also reveals that the difference between the highest

and lowest consuming borough has reduced markedly.

However, this pace of reduction is not fast enough to meet the target of reducing emissions by two thirds by 2030. This target, (focusing on food, clothing, electronics and aviation) was established in 2019. It is set by the One World Living – Reducing Consumption-based Emissions programme and is led by the London Borough of Harrow on behalf of London Councils.

In every borough, the largest impact is transport – a combination of petrol and diesel cars, non-renewably powered public transport and aviation emissions.

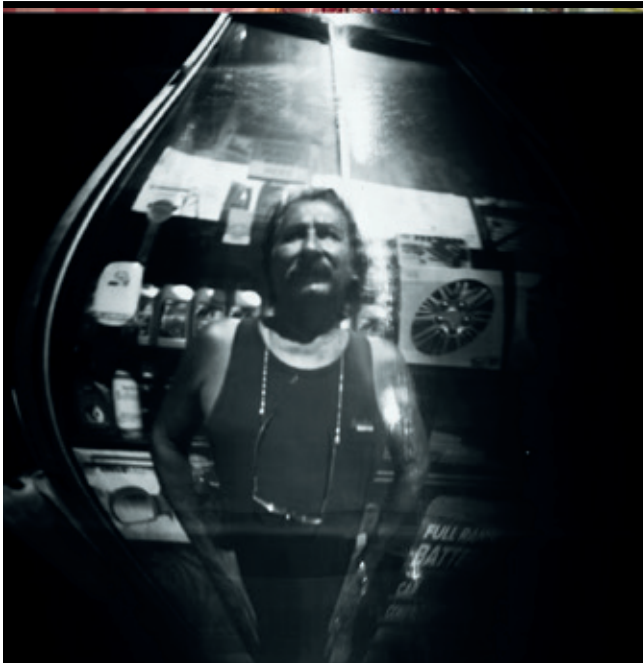
The second largest impact is buildings and their associated power usage. Food and drink are the third largest impacts, with other categories being much lower. Overall, higher consumption emissions are emitted by wealthier boroughs.

Mayor Philip Glanville, Chair of

London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee, said: "As a leading global city, London has a huge responsibility for the impact of emissions we produce directly, but we must go further than this and consider the environmental impacts of the goods and services that we consume which are produced outside of the city.

"This is the clearest picture we have ever had of London's impact on the environment. While it is positive that consumption emissions have reduced, we need to work quickly to fully understand consumption within London and how local leaders can work with Londoners to transition to a more sustainable way of life.

"It is essential we build a sustainable London for every Londoner, making sure that our diverse communities are all included in finding solutions to reduce consumption-based emissions across the capital's varied boroughs."



These pinhole photographs were captured in and around Wood Green by local residents.

The pinhole camera is a simple lens-less camera that produces negative images, that can be inverted into positive images – a process that can be enjoyed by all.

The photographs were taken during workshops run by Pinhole London – a diverse community art project that programmes events and exhibitions focused on championing analogue photography.

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ARTS & CULTURE

ICA reopens with Tottenham focused exhibition

The Institute of Contemporary Arts (ICA) reopens this month with an exhibition curated by racial advocacy and community organisation, Tottenham Rights, Kamara Scott and Rianna Jade Parker.

The exhibition *War Inna Babylon: The Community's Struggle for Truths and Rights* is part of an ICA programme dedicated to racial justice, social justice and liveable futures for all.

Ten years on from the UK-wide riots sparked by the police killing of Tottenham resident Mark Duggan, *War Inna Babylon* focuses on the vast range of collective actions, resistance and grassroots activism undertaken by Black communities across the UK, in response to more than seven decades of societal and institutional racism.

Using the 'symbolic location' of Tottenham, a neighbourhood that has received much attention in recent years, in part, because of its history of racial conflicts and heavy-handed policing; the exhibition combines



An image featuring in *War Inna Babylon*
Credit Robert Croma

archival material, documentary photography, film and state-of-the-art 3D technology to 'act as a window to the past and as a mirror for our present-day social climate'.

Stafford Scott, co-founder of Tottenham Rights said: "In light of events over the past year, that have shown how little value is placed on Black lives – the Covid-19 Public Health England Review, BLM demonstrations, the Sewell washout, the increased use of police violence, and stop and

search procedures against members of the Black community – we view this as the perfect time to focus on grassroots activism in Black frontline communities across the UK; which have been at the forefront of resisting state oppression and creating unfounded change for racial justice since the 1970s."

War Inna Babylon chronicles the impact of various forms of state violence and institutional racism targeted at

"We view this as the perfect time to focus on grassroots activism in Black frontline communities across the UK"

Britain's Black communities since the mass arrival-upon-invitation of West Indian migrants in the late 1940s.

It will be accompanied by an extensive public programme presented in Tottenham and at the ICA that will include film screenings, community educational groups, talks, cultural events, performances, and a digital presentation focusing on the interrelation between artificial intelligence (AI) and racism.

The exhibition will include original tributes from victims' families, case studies of the controversial 'sus' (suspected person) laws and the Gangs' Matrix, and it will highlight legal developments that have resulted from Black justice campaigns. It will also present a virtual reality investigation into the killing of Mark Duggan by research agency, Forensic Architecture.

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COMMUNITY

The Euro 2020 trophy stops off at the Selby Centre

The UEFA cup comes to Tottenham as part of its European tour



Authority (GLA) and Heart Production, with support from Haringey Council and Sport England.

Gary Beckford, head of VolleyFirst and chair of the London Volleyball Association said: "It was fantastic to have the Euro trophy on view at the Selby Centre. It was a great opportunity for so many young people to be inspired to play, follow and support sport."



Last month, members of the community had the chance to see the Euro 2020 trophy as it embarked on its journey to visit eleven host cities.

The Selby Centre in Selby Road was one of the stops on the European tour, which includes the Colosseum in Rome.

As a result of Covid-19 restrictions, the opportunity of seeing the prestigious Henri Delaunay Cup up close, was by invitation only. Attendees on the day also had the chance to meet the Euro 2020 mascot, and watch football freestylers demonstrate their skills.

The Selby Centre has many sport programmes aimed at inspiring young people in the community to get into sport; many of these regular attendees were able to see the tournament prize.

Selby Trust CEO, Paul Butler said: "It was great to see so many local young people both being part of and celebrating such an important sports event, bringing hope and excitement at a time when young people have been disengaged from active sports."

The trophy tour at the Selby Centre was facilitated by the Greater London



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Enes, a member of Selby Active, was invited to the tour, she said: "I can't believe we could see the trophy Cristiano Ronaldo and the other players got to lift at the last games. It was so cool. I think France will win this time."



The Tottenham Food Hub volunteer team

Church food hub receives the Queen's award

Gospel Temple Apostolic Church receives The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

A group of volunteers based at the Tottenham Food Hub, have been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

The Tottenham Food Hub is a project run by Gospel Temple Apostolic Church that feeds the local community by redistributing surplus food from local supermarkets and charity suppliers.

It is situated in Northumberland Park – the ward with the highest unemployment rate in London and the second highest rate in the country. Work at the hub includes tackling food poverty by supporting those at risk of hunger such as the unemployed, the homeless, single parents and the elderly.

Gospel Temple Apostolic Church is a Caribbean led charity that champions diversity and inclusion of race and belief. It is one of 241 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the Queen's award this year.

Representatives of the Church will receive a crystal award and certificate later this summer. Two volunteers will then attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in May 2022 (depending on Covid-19 restrictions at the time), along with other recipients of this year's award.

Reverend Jason Young said: "I am delighted that our volunteers have been recognised for the work that they do at the Tottenham Food Hub each week.

"Originally our work was targeted at a Jamaican audience, but once we opened up our facilities and started sharing with the local community, we became embedded in the local community. I am truly happy for our volunteers who put in a lot of hard work to make this happen."

If you are in need of assistance: Tottenham Food Hub, TLR, 639 High Road, N17 8AA

COMMUNITY

A safe space

Why early mental health crisis intervention is crucial

By Raheem Mu Khepera,
founder, Brothers Safe Space

At age 11, African Caribbean boys are no more likely to present with a diagnosable mental health condition than their white peers, yet by the time they become adults they are many times more likely to be identified with severe diagnosable mental health conditions – leading to costly and restrictive mental health crisis treatment.

Stigmatisation around mental health challenges is high; trust in the medical profession can be low yet there remains a dearth of early intervention and peer support services.

There are few spaces in Haringey where Black African and Caribbean men feel they can discuss their experiences and concerns about their mental health and well-being in environments that safeguard confidentiality free from stigmatisation, and that are culturally centered.

We will be formally launching Brothers Safe Space this month, although we've been meeting informally for the last two years. We provide a safe space for Black African and Caribbean men (aged 16 years and above) to talk, creating a true intergenerational dialogue where we can learn from each other's experiences, providing, interconnectedness and advocacy where needed.



Raheem Mu Khepera
Credit: Raheem Mu Khepera

Principally we will be running our fortnightly peer support group from our base at Mind in Haringey. Mind will also be supporting our facilitators to become mental health first aiders, which ensures that the brothers can be appropriately supported and guided.

The last 15 months have been a very difficult time for the brothers, as a result of Covid-19 and ill health. Many of the group members expressed frustration and mental fatigue. Calling each other and regularly checking in, passing words of encouragement and sharing information of supportive health services, as well as job and training opportunities, helped to alleviate some of the isolation and prevented several brothers from experiencing crisis.

“There are few spaces in Haringey where Black African and Caribbean men feel they can discuss their experiences and concerns about their mental health and well-being”

Unfortunately, several wards of Tottenham and Wood Green have many challenges of socio-economic deprivation which increase the risk factors and likelihood of experiencing mental health crises. The restrictions on movement and social interaction throughout the pandemic have further increased these factors; as such there has never been a more pressing need for peer support and early intervention.

Meet the brothers at the first session at Mind in Haringey, Station House, 73c Stapleton Hall Road, N4 3QF, on Thursday 8th July 2021 at 7pm.

For further information:
Email raheem@brotherssafespace.com

United voices

The joy of singing together

By The New Tottenham Singers

‘Life will continue’ – this was the feeling of hope expressed by radical composer Charles Koechlin when hearing the Fauré Requiem. That’s very much how we felt, and why we wanted to share the Fauré Requiem with the community at this time.

The last year has been full of trials and tribulations, but the choir has worked throughout the pandemic to keep the spark of singing burning bright in north London. We were delighted to be able to share this socially distanced concert, live-streamed direct into everyone’s homes last month via YouTube; we also made it available on demand for a short while afterwards.

For only the second time this summer, we were all able to come together in the

same room and perform together at St Ignatius Church. We spent the afternoon rehearsing – for the first time with our soloists – and sorting out the tech, and then sang live to the cameras in the evening. Father Andrew from St Ignatius and our musical director, Tom Fowkes, addressed the virtual crowd.

What happened leading up to the day



Rehearsal in the garden Credit: David Cottridge

was vital too. We had to make sure we could rehearse legally, however we could, including in school playgrounds and even in one chorister’s garden – this was made tricky by the regularly changing Covid-19 safety guidance.

Our performance of the Fauré Requiem was for the local community here in Tottenham and other parts of north London, as well as friends and family of the choir all over the country. We take a huge amount of pride in our community and being able to bring a varied musical repertoire to Tottenham and beyond, including dedicated fans from as far apart as Spain, Canada, Colombia and Australia.

After a year where singing together has been almost impossible and communities across the country have been deprived of the joy of live music, we felt it was particularly important to go ahead with a programme that allowed us to reflect on the past year and renew hope for the future.

The New Tottenham Singers have been dedicated to a mission of bringing high quality, affordable, music to the community for more than a decade now. We had hoped to celebrate our tenth anniversary with the

community last summer, but had to cancel because of the pandemic. We’re really looking forward to celebrating with everyone next year instead, and we’d like to welcome more members of the community to join us.

“The choir has worked throughout the pandemic to keep the spark of singing burning bright in north London”

Our recent concert has helped remind our members and the local community of the joy of singing, and that – for all the travails of the past year – music is unparalleled in its ability to bring people together.

For more information on how you can join the New Tottenham Singers:
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The new term will start on Tuesday, 7th September at 7.30pm. Rehearsals take place every Tuesday, 7.30–9.30pm at Bruce Grove Primary School.

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LITERATURE

Wild world

Karin Lock reviews *The New Wilderness* by Diane Cook

In this age of eco-anxiety, nature is often depicted as something precious and apart, a sacred space to be protected and treated with reverence. The reality is humans are integral to nature, rather than separate from it. Why we pollute our habitats, despite the detrimental effect this has on our own well-being (and the planet's eco-system), is a mystery.

In Britain a new movement promises to 'rewild' the countryside to reduce biodiversity loss and prevent climate change. Diane Cook takes this idea and distorts it in her debut dystopian novel *The New Wilderness*. The book's setting is the Wilderness State, a massive fenced-off area that is off-limits to the public for some unknown reason.

20 volunteers (the Community) are offered the chance to explore this wilderness on foot as part of an experiment. What starts as a camping trip turns into a gruelling endurance test as the Community encounter hunger, wild animals, and flash floods. They have a manual of rules to follow; they cannot camp in the same place twice, must carry all their rubbish and leave no trace of fire.

Bea has joined the experiment because of her daughter Agnes' failing health. Agnes cannot breathe in the city because of the dangerous air pollution levels. They both adapt to the wild and become excellent trackers. By watching the animals, they know the seasons, the whereabouts of safe drinking water, and when to hide from storms or predators.

Bea struggles deeply with her

motherly instinct of putting her daughter's health first. She misses her own mother (a city dweller) desperately. As months turn into years, Bea loses patience with the group, the landscape, and the experiment. When the Community is diverted to a far-off unexplored part of the zone, Bea makes a drastic decision that changes her destiny.

Yet rituals bind the people together, providing a break from the monotony of primitive existence.

Like a spin-off of *The Hunger Games*, this book's world comprises numerous habitation zones wherein movement is severely restricted. There are manufacturing and mining areas where workers live; a city zone for the middle classes; and the fabled but unseen private lands

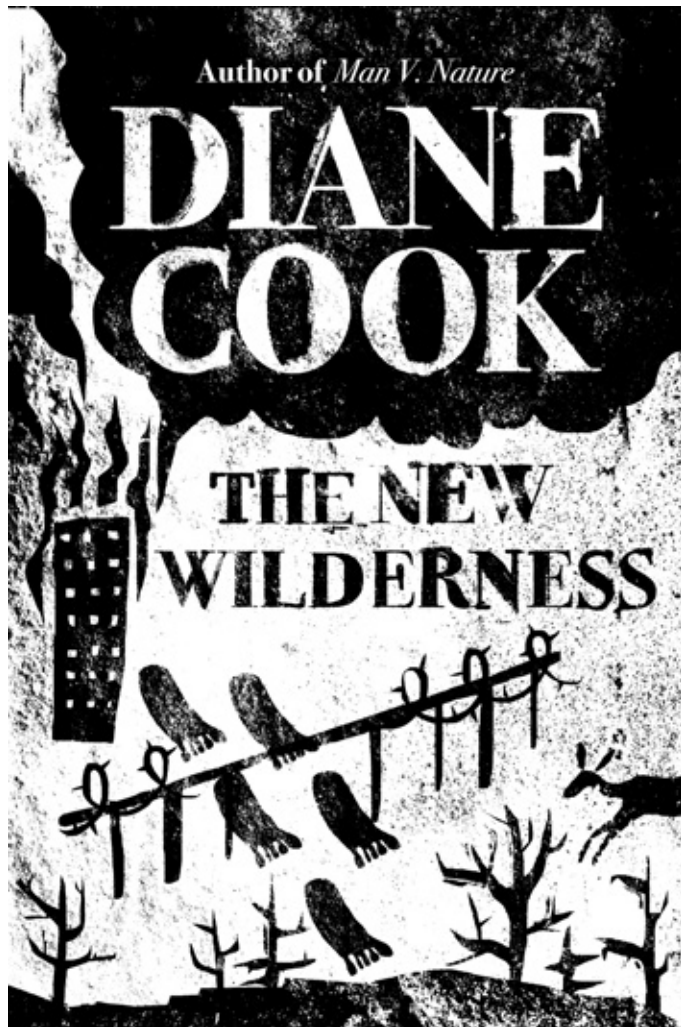
for the super-rich. The novel posits the question: who is most free in this world?

The rangers who patrol the Wilderness State in trucks, policing the Community's activities, seem to have the most liberated status. They access the wildness at will, have good working conditions and are in positions of authority. After four years, the Community starts to rebel against them: "And we wait here. Waiting for what? Our keepers to give us our orders?"

Much of this tale sounds eerily familiar: the scenario of being in an experiment; undergoing tracking and testing; submitting to ever-changing rules (and fines); and wandering in circles aimlessly, is recognisable.

The New Wilderness is a contribution to the 'cli-fi' literary genre – a glance at future biospheres that feel raw and bleak but believable. The UK government's refusal to lower legal air pol-

lution levels despite a recent court ruling is worrying. Plans for the Great Reset are in the offing and trees are being felled to prevent interference with new technologies. *The New Wilderness* may already be here.



“This vivid, imaginative story examines the challenges of living in a nomadic community and giving up everyday luxuries”

This vivid, imaginative story examines the challenges of living in a nomadic community and giving up everyday luxuries. The harshness of survival makes attachment and sentimentality difficult: death might be round the next corner.

POETRY CORNER

Masked Ball

faces half brown half bluish
faces half white half scarlet
eyes half compassion half suspicion
eyes half hope half fear

muffled by makeshift masks
we pass each other in haste
in the high road in the car park
at the chemist's in the churchyard

we step left we step right
or we turn our backs
in a staccato dance
a bizarre masked ball

two layers of paper
between us and a fog of fatigue
two layers of cotton
between us and a grip round the throat

half-masked half-hidden at last
from the hidden bulging eyes
from the sleepless blinking brains
of total control

we scurry off or stride off
into the maze of lanes
where even the action men
on the walls wear masks

faces half brown half bluish
faces half white half scarlet
we are mutating towards
a stronger strain of humankind

By Christina Egan

Music of the Spheres

His rocket hurtled into space -
it's not for nought the astronaut in it went out:
so far the stars are that to place
how their ecstatic twinklings should come about
heaven he had to hoist himself into (no doubt)...
it's why sky-ward his eye, his face
were turned, his fuel was burned and he learned not to shout,
or even hope to pick up pace...
But O! this floating to a mote
he can't account for, countenance nor take on board.
That sallow glow's no help; his throat
is tight, he's taken fright, night's light has cut the cord:
it's singing not a single note...

By Terry Egan

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YOUTH

Campaigning for change

The power of youth activism in shaping the future we all deserve

By Barnaby Fournier

Warning: This article deals with suicide

I've always been fascinated by politics because I grew up living and breathing it. My French grandad and his ancestors were all socialist mayors of their village and my dad holds elected office today for the French Green party, as a councillor for French citizens living in England.

The coronavirus pandemic has catalysed my transition from a mere political enthusiast to an activist campaigning for actual change.

There's been a massive rise in youth activism over the past few years. Greta Thunberg's Fridays For Future, a global climate strike movement, started in August 2018. Aged only 15 she began a school strike with children as young as primary school age participating. Students around the world soon began following her lead, staging regular large protests in aid of climate activism.

Youth activists have grown up with social media. Organising protests and building support with just the click of a button makes it easier than ever to campaign for change.

The pandemic has highlighted the morally reprehensible way students across the world have been treated.

Like millions of others, I was told before moving into university halls that I would have a blended-learning experience, including both in-person and online teaching. However, nine months on, I've still not been on campus once for a real life teaching experience.

My first time in a lecture hall was actually spent campaigning and sleeping in it, when, not long ago, we occupied the Samuel Alexander building on the University of Manchester (UoM) campus calling for rent rebates.

With the rent strike, we had to adapt to a fast-moving situation; we were paying more than last year's rent for fewer facilities, closed because of coronavirus.

We held Zoom meetings to inform and organise our next



Credit: Lewis Parsons/Unsplash

steps and used social media to raise awareness.

Our ability to use social media as a campaign tool was a massive contributor to our victory of securing a 30% reduction in rent for first-year students in halls. We put £12 million back into students' pockets.

During the past year, it has become very clear to students throughout the UK, that we've been treated as cash cows, both by the likes of Nancy Rothwell, Vice-Chancellor of the UoM and in general by Boris Johnson's

Conservative government.

We've been lied to so that universities maintain ever-increasing profits. This makes my blood boil,

“Activism is hard work but rewarding and leads to change”

and makes me ever more determined to continue campaigning for change.

Students are angry this year. There was a massive drive amongst my friends to register for the recent

local elections, something which I don't think would have happened on such a large scale in previous years. We've been badly let down during the pandemic.

We're still paying £9,250 for a degree education over Zoom, a reduced university social life experience and, worst of all, pitiful support for our well-being, let alone our futures.

We've also seen a worrying trend in the mental health of students. Student suicide rates have increased over the past

years. Most universities, disgracefully, do not keep records of student deaths. But even before the pandemic, according to a report by Office For Students in November 2019, more students than ever are reporting mental health conditions.

We've had a suicide on the campus where I live. Finn Kitson was found dead on 8th October 2020. The period of trauma that Finn's family and friends experienced is unimaginable. I feel strongly that, with robust mental health support services and better communication, Finn's and other student deaths could have been avoided.

Activism is nothing new. Social crises have always highlighted the mass inequalities that already exist in society. 100 years ago, in the United States, the race riots of the Red Summer of 1919 came to a head. They were caused by the murder of young African-American, Eugene Williams by a white man, George Stauber. Parallels can be drawn between this and the murder of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter protests that spread across the globe.

Back in 1963, the March on Washington for jobs and freedom was a key factor in achieving equal rights. Gay liberation activist Marsha P. Johnson, one of the prominent figures in the Stonewall riots, help to secure LGBTQ+ liberation throughout the U.S. and other parts of the world.

In September 2020, the charity Stonewall drove the campaign that succeeded in making LGBTQ+ inclusive relationships and sex education compulsory in secondary schools in England.

More recently, international footballer, Marcus Rashford led a campaign with the charity FareShare, (which diverts surplus food to those in need), to ensure that no child goes hungry during school holidays.

Activism is hard work but rewarding and leads to change. It works.

I encourage you to get involved and campaign for anything you feel concerned about and want to change.

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Member Spotlight

Julie and I have lived in the Tottenham area for more than 20 years – Julie originally being from Orpington and I'm from Exeter.

As with others, I suspect we occasionally saw *TCP* and read it, but then I received the May mid-month newsletter and saw the request for volunteers; I discussed it with Julie and put our names forward as a way of supporting the paper. I also became a member.

There was a little bit of self-interest as we'd get some exercise delivering the newspaper during lockdown and get out from home, but mostly we felt it was something worth doing as we feel it's important that local news is available to everyone, including people who aren't able to access the internet. In addition, with people not getting out and with lots of regular stockists shut, this was a way to ensure *TCP* continued to be seen by existing readers and hopefully by new people too.

We've now been distributing papers door-to-door almost every month for a year and are looking forward to continuing for some time yet – hopefully in the sun for the next few months.

Neil and Julie Le Milliere

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