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Community protest against police officer using violent force upon young boy Credit Stephen Furner

Anger at violent police conduct

Community responds to young boy being punched by police officer

By Luchia Robinson

A video clip of a police officer punching a young person has raised further concerns of brutal policing in Black communities.

The video circulating on social media shows a young Black boy, aged 16, positioned between two officers, one of whom begins punching the youth in the head before

grappling him to the ground.

The incident happened last month outside Park View Academy School in West Green Road, where a crowd gathered, recording the footage.

According to the Metropolitan Police, officers from the North Area Basic Command Unit were on a 'proactive patrol' following recent reports of robberies. The officers stopped a group of boys outside the school, detaining one for a search.

Police say four boys aged 16 were arrested on suspicion of assaulting an emergency worker, they were bailed to return to a north London police station at a date this month.

The boy in the clip sustained facial injuries and was taken to hospital, and three officers were said to have also been injured during the altercation.

The police referred themselves to the Independent Office for

Police Conduct (IOPC) following a complaint from a member of the public – an independent investigation into what happened is being conducted.

Detective Chief Superintendent Treena Fleming, Commander of the North Area Basic Command Unit, said: "I am aware of videos circulating on social media showing part of the incident and we are working to establish the full

circumstances of what occurred.

"A criminal investigation is underway to ascertain how the officers received their injuries and welfare support is being provided to them.

"There is absolutely no justification for such brutality against a child"

"A public complaint has been received and we recognise the community concern around this incident so we have made a voluntary referral to the Independent Office for Police Conduct. The IOPC has taken the investigation as independent.

"It is important to remember that videos show a snapshot in time and the wider context is not immediately obvious. I would ask that our communities allow us the time for the incident to be reviewed in full so that all the circumstances can be established."

What is clear from the video footage is the officer punching the young boy whilst he is restrained.

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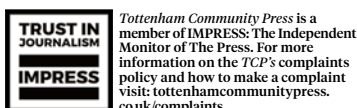
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399 High Road by Stephen Furner

An introduction from the editor

Hello, welcome to issue 42. With this new year comes a sense of newness – new projects, developments and plans for Tottenham.

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan has announced housing developer Catalyst as his partner to build more than 900 new homes at the St Ann's Hospital site (p.8), and a new befriending service has been launched for LGBTIQ+ communities within the borough who may be in need of support (p.15).

Sacha Jarrett, founder of community initiative Mettle, is looking to talk to residents old and new from Broadwater Farm, as she is collecting stories to inspire the local youth (P.15). Tottenham Hotspur has committed to supporting the community long-term (p.6) and Sony Music UK will be providing ongoing financial donations, as

well as mentorship, to support Bruce Grove Youth Space (p.6).

Food sustainability organisation, Edible London has set a new Crowdfunder goal called the One Million Meal Plan (p.14); Matthew Bowmer, manager of Sense in Bruce Grove lets us know why sustainable retail is the most viable option in these challenging times (p.16), whilst recent site work at 194 Philip Lane provides a glimpse into Tottenham's past (p.12).

As we head into 2021, TCP will continue to provide new insights into the community; you can get involved this year by contributing your experiences as story ideas, photographs, illustrations and poems to: tcp@socialspider.com. I look forward to receiving them.

Luchia Robinson

NEWS IN BRIEF

Supported this winter

Families to be given help with food through the winter

Haringey Council is to receive just under £1m from the government's £170m, national Covid Winter Grant Scheme. This has been made available to local authorities in response to increasing levels of hardship caused by the pandemic.

The funds must be spent by the end of March 2021. 80% of the funding must be spent on households with children, and the remaining 20% on households without children.

Of the 80%, four-fifths (80% again) of that must be ringfenced for supporting families with food, fuel or water.

This will mean that a significant proportion of the funding will support families with food over the school holiday periods.

Haringey Council is working to agree plans for how the remaining funds can be used to support those who are in greatest need over the winter months.

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said: "The police statement accepted no responsibility for repeatedly punching a child on his head. There is absolutely no justification for such brutality against a child.

"There was no apology for the excessive use of force especially against a child and certainly no information about whether the officers were being suspended to facilitate an investigation into their conduct."

Ken Hinds, chair of Haringey Independent Stop and Search Monitoring Group said: "The police harassed four Black schoolchildren as they went to collect their GCSE certificates from Park View School. They had not seen each other for quite some time so they were just catching up and hanging out. They were not being threatening or anything. The police attempted to stop and search one of the children without any reasonable suspicion."

A march from Park View Academy to Tottenham Police Station was promptly organised, with many young people, campaigners, residents and local councillors in attendance.

Haringey Councillors, Cllr Mark Blake, cabinet member for communities and Cllr Kaushika Amin, Deputy Leader and cabinet member for children, education and families, said: "The footage that has been circulated on social media is incredibly concerning, particularly as it appears to involve a child, and we simply cannot ignore this issue. There are genuine concerns about the disproportionate use of force by police against Black people and right on our doorstep in Haringey.

"People rightly want their views to be heard. In Haringey we are proud of our communities and local concerns must be heard – and they must be addressed. The police must operate within the law and their own policy and procedural framework and be seen to do so. If incidents like this

happen, it is right that they are properly investigated and as a local authority we will support this in any way we can.

"The Met Police have to take the issue of disproportionality seriously and we urge the Met Commissioner to demonstrate that they do so. We recognise trust levels in the police are not as high as they should be. Changing this must be a priority, and this is recognised in our Borough Plan. Policing must be by consent."

Governmental stop and search statistics show that police in England and Wales made 79% of all searches of Black people in the year ending March 2019. There were 38 stop and searches for every 1,000 Black people compared with four for every 1,000 white people. Black ethnic groups had the highest rates of searches out of all of the ethnic groups recorded in the data.

The IOPC has begun gathering evidence into this case of force used by the police and they are asking witnesses to the incident to get in touch. Regional Director Sal Naseem said: "We are aware of the significant community concerns raised as a result of this incident and have decided to independently investigate the complaint about the boy's interactions with the police.

"It is our job to oversee and investigate any complaints made about the police independently and impartially.

"We will be investigating the police force's use of stop and search tactics during this incident and whether the actions of those officers were appropriate, proportionate and followed approved police policies.

"We will also investigate if racial profiling or discrimination played a part in the incident."

At the time of the incident, Haringey Council said it would be making representations to the Metropolitan Police to address community concerns regarding "aggressive policing and fears around children and engagement with the police, particularly around stop and search."



Ken Hinds, chair of Haringey Independent Stop and Search Monitoring Group Credit: Stephen Furner

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Haringey Libraries wins green spaces grant

A community garden will be constructed at St Ann's Library



The team behind the garden transformation Credit Edible London

Haringey Libraries has been awarded £40,000 from the Mayor of London's Grow Back Greener Fund, to transform an underused area of St Ann's Library into a regenerative growing and educational space.

The project will be delivered in partnership with Volunteer it Yourself (VIY), a national organisation that combines DIY and volunteering by challenging young people aged 14-24 to help repair and refurbish facilities within their own communities, and local food sustainability organisation, Edible London.

The new garden will be known as the CookBook Edible Library and will be delivered by a network of dedicated volunteers and community groups who will plant at least 30 new trees and convert more than 200m² of grey space into green.

The project aims to provide positive nutrition messages and support young people in Tottenham in accessing green space and engaging with food and nature. It will also give young people opportunities to learn new skills whilst participating in a wide range of outdoor activities including bench building,

gardening, nurturing vegetables and trees, and building bug houses, bird houses and a wormery.

The young people involved in the project will be able to work towards City & Guilds trade accreditations, helping them to bolster their CVs or enrol in further education.

Aimee Thomson, VIY Project Manager said: "Encouraging more young people to enter the trades and building sector helps address the trade skills shortage that the UK is currently experiencing.

"The St. Ann's area in general will also benefit from having a sustain-

able food growing space, that helps address issues around healthy eating, food poverty and environmentalism.

"Working with Edible London, the project aims to bring good food and healthy lifestyles to support young people and families at risk in Tottenham who are experiencing disadvantage and isolation. The recent campaign on free school meals during summer holidays has really shone a light on this issue, and there is an urgent need to deliver positive nutrition messages and cooking skills to young people in need of essential nutritious food whilst the Covid-19 crisis continues and after-

wards as our community copes with the long-term effects.

"We believe this project will contribute a crucial role to help make Tottenham feel healthy, happy, and safe."

Work on the garden is expected to be completed by September.

Assembly Member for Enfield and Haringey, Joanne McCartney AM, said: "[The project] will provide an opportunity to spruce up a pocket of Haringey which doesn't have the best access to green spaces. Greenery can help improve people's wellbeing and the air quality in the local area, so schemes like this are vital to our health, both mental and physical."



Work in progress at St Ann's Library Credit VIY

A new budget in difficult times

Residents to have their say on new budget proposals

Haringey Council is seeking the views of residents and businesses for its new annual budget.

The budget proposes to invest in young people, support the most vulnerable and seeks to build the local economy.

Following a decade of central government austerity, the Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the budgets of local authorities across the country, including in Haringey.

In the current year, the gross financial impact of the pandemic on the council is around £40million compared to what Haringey had planned to spend.

The council is proposing to invest a further £8.6million, primarily to meet care needs in Adult and Children's services, and Haringey's capital programme will see more than £90million of

additional long-term investment to address community needs.

This includes continuing with school building improvement works, increasing investment in roads and pavements, expanding the strategy to tackle empty homes, and completing the refurbishment of Pendarren House in Wales, to ensure children continue to have access to residential outdoor education courses.

The Adult Social Care IT system will be replaced, and the Good Economy Plan delivered. The budget also includes implementing the Alternative (school) Provision Strategy, completing the refurbishment of the Civic Centre, and creating a Wood Green Youth Hub.

The Council says these plans are only possible through an increase in council tax income. This draft budget proposes a general council tax increase of 1.99% and a

further Adult Social Care Precept of 3%, which gives a total council tax charge increase of 4.99%. The increase for a Band D property (excluding the GLA element) is £1.32 per household per week.

The Council Tax Reduction Scheme continues, meaning Haringey's least well-off residents and care leavers up to the age of 25, pay no council tax at all.

Cllr Joseph Ejiofor, Leader of Haringey Council, said: "The impact of the global pandemic has been felt in every home, business and community in our borough. What began as a public health crisis swiftly became a food crisis, a housing crisis, an education crisis and an economic crisis. With our partners and communities, the council stepped up – from delivering urgent food parcels to finding emergency accommodation – unsure if we'd ever get the money back from government.

"Despite these challenges, I am proud that we have developed a draft budget in line with our values. We will support the vulnerable, build the houses we need, create opportunities for our young people, build our economy, and ensure a cleaner, greener Haringey. To do this, we also need to raise Council Tax. Once again, following a decade of austerity, we call on the government to properly fund local councils. Throughout the pandemic, as always, our communities have done Haringey proud. As a council we are committed to delivering for our communities too,

and to building a fairer and more equal borough for all."

Haringey Council's Cabinet will meet next month to recommend a budget to Full Council. Once the budget is agreed, more detailed delivery plans will be drawn up. Where these plans might have an impact on individuals who use those services, they will be subject to appropriate consultation before any final implementation decisions are made.

For more information and to take part in the consultation:
Visit haringey.gov.uk/budgetconsultation

The 2021/22 budget proposal also includes additional resources for:

- Free Schools Meals – £300,000
- A Welfare Assistance Scheme – £300,000
- Haringey's local Voluntary & Community Sector – £250,000
- Youth Services – £250,000
- Haringey University Bursary Scheme – £120,000 over the next three years
- Recruitment of local people – £100,000 over the next two years

NEWS

Ready to deliver
Credit Orla Falls



Providing emergency food assistance

300% increase in demand since March 2020

By Orla Falls, Tottenham Foodbank Volunteer and Head of Campaigns

When the Tottenham Foodbank opened in November 2019, little did anyone know that a global pandemic was around the corner.

Since March 2020, demand has increased by over 300%. Poverty and unemployment have long been above the national and London averages in Tottenham, 45% of our working age population are now either out of work or furloughed – the highest in the country right now.

The crisis around how this pandemic is being addressed by our government is exposing inequalities in our neighbourhood and causing an explosion in demand for food aid. Austerity has created a 'cycling' between low paid work and welfare, trapping people in poverty, and delays to Universal Credit payments of up to six weeks are driving people into debt as they struggle to feed

themselves and continue paying their bills.

In stark contrast, many of us in Tottenham have been lucky enough to continue working from home and are spending less on discretionary purchases, choosing to give generously to causes close to our hearts.

“No one remains unaffected by this pandemic”

So, what does 2021 look like for hunger in Tottenham? We expect demand for food aid to increase further, which is why we're thrilled to be partnering with North Enfield Foodbank in a fundraiser with Tottenham Hotspur.

In terms of our service, we're working hard to professionalise our service, to enable us to reach many more than the 3,000 locals we helped during our first twelve months.

No one remains unaffected by

this pandemic, and if you've been unable to afford two or more of these items: shelter, food, heating, lighting, weather appropriate clothing and basic toiletries, during the past month, Tottenham Foodbank's friendly volunteers can deliver a three-day food parcel to your door, through our confidential service (see details below).

Foodbanks are filling gaps in a failing welfare system – but we shouldn't really exist. We survived 'hand to mouth' during our first year, however, this year we aim to challenge the authorities to step up and take their responsibilities seriously so we can put ourselves out of business.

If you're in need of assistance, call Haringey Citizens' Advice on 0300 330 1187 (Monday–Friday between 9am and 5pm). A volunteer will take your requirements through a short assessment and quickly issue your voucher.

We're looking for volunteers with digital skills, so if you've got access to a laptop and can work with minimal supervision to create and share communications get in touch by emailing campaigns@tottenham.foodbank.org.uk

Council secures funding for new low traffic areas

Haringey Council has secured over £860,000 funding through Transport for London's (TfL) Streetspace Fund, to start work on three new Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) in the borough.

The council submitted 19 funding bids to access funding from TfL's Streetspace Fund last year, to support plans for cycle routes, the design and implementation of LTNs, and the delivery of School Streets. The bids were in line with plans to increase active travel, improve air quality and support a green recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

To date, TfL has granted the council around £2m funding to deliver a range of streetspace projects, £866,562 of which will be allocated for LTN works in the borough.

LTNs are a traffic management tool that usually involves the installation of filters such as bollards, planters and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras positioned at key entry points to streets. They allow access and servicing for local residents and businesses, removing 'rat running' traffic and improving the environment for local people.

“We are committed to ensuring that our residents are able to travel around the borough safely”

An LTN reduces or removes non-residential motor traffic from residential areas and cuts down the number of short trips made by vehicles which could be walked or cycled.

An initial allocation of £145,000 has been made available by TfL to begin engaging with the community and developing designs for LTNs in St Ann's, Bruce Grove and West Green wards as well as in Bounds Green.

The council will be engaging with residents and businesses throughout the process, before works start later in the year.

In addition to the funding from TfL, the council is also bringing forward £5.1m of its own funds to support the rollout of active travel measures as part of its Streetspace Plan and emerging Walking and Cycling Action Plan which will be published in draft for public consultation this spring.

CLr Matthew White, cabinet member for planning and strategic transport, said: “I'm extremely pleased to see this funding confirmed, particularly as the need for councils to enable residents to use more active, less polluting and safer modes of travel becomes ever more urgent.

“We are committed to ensuring that our residents are able to travel around the borough safely and have access to active travel measures, such as low traffic neighbourhoods, that they can have confidence in.

“Our plans for walking and cycling measures will not only help to keep our residents active, but they will also help to reduce pressure on public transport, giving people another option for travelling around the borough. This will also help us to reduce traffic on our roads, which will ultimately mean less pollution and a cleaner, greener and safer Haringey.”

NEWS

Spurs' commitment to supporting the community

Tottenham Hotspur Football Club has announced its commitment to supporting those most vulnerable across the local community.

This support includes food donations to local foodbanks, delivery of Nike kit to youth organisations and fundraising for mental health provisions.

The club will be working with the Tottenham Hotspur Official Supporters' Trust to establish a fundraising page for fans to make donations to foodbanks in Tottenham and north Enfield throughout the year.

To date, food donations from the stadium have been provided to the Community Kitchen run by the Antwerp Arms pub for vulnerable people in Tottenham, with food remaining at The M café at the end of every day also being distributed to local families in need.

Midfielder, Moussa Sissoko has also given out free hot meals, courtesy of The Felix Project to children and their families at Somerford Grove Adventure Playground, in support of the

Evening Standard's 'Food for London Now' campaign.

The club will support children and young people in the community in partnership with Nike, delivering youth football kit and footwear to local organisations, including Street Soccer – a personal development programme for homeless teenagers, Somerford Grove, the Selby Trust and the Next Generation programme on Broadwater Farm.

“The club has always been clear on its commitment to our community – never more so than during the current pandemic”

Tottenham Hotspur Foundation will continue its delivery of a range of virtual, family activities, aimed at maintaining health and wellbeing and tackling isolation. The exercise sessions will be delivered through its 'Shape Up With Spurs' programme, as well as virtual quizzes and games.

In addition, an online auction will be held to raise funds to provide mental health support to students at the London Academy of Excellence (LAE) Tottenham.

Full-time mental health support will help students cope with the pressures of A-Levels, allowing them to continue achieving their dreams in the face of challenging personal circumstances.

Daniel Levy, Chairman, Tottenham Hotspur, said: “The club has always been clear on its commitment to our community – never more so than during the current pandemic.

“We are well aware of how difficult [Christmas has been] for local families in need and the club is committed to showing its support – donations to our local foodbanks, kit donations for children, gifts for NHS heroes and our Foundation extending its fantastic work.

“Support for our community is not just for Christmas – the Club is striving to ensure we can all come through this incredibly tough time together, heading into what will hopefully be a better year ahead.”



Moussa Sissoko gives out food at Somerford Grove Adventure Playground Credit Tottenham Hotspur



Headie One

Music and mentorship Sony back music training

Bruce Grove Youth Space has been named one of the first beneficiaries of the UK Social Justice Fund from Sony Music UK.

Sony Music Group's Social Justice Fund was created in June 2020 to tackle racial injustice in the wake of George Floyd's killing and the global phenomenon of the Black Lives Matter movement. It is part of Sony Music Group's

\$100m global commitment to addressing structural inequality.

The aim of the fund is to support social justice, equal rights and

anti-racist initiatives in communities around the world – with the first phase of UK funding focused on grassroots initiatives.

Bruce Grove Youth Space offers a wide range of informal learning opportunities for young people aged 11-19 (up to 25 where there is a specific additional need or disability).

These opportunities enable young

people to feel safe, to develop as individuals, and to participate as valued members of the community. Key programmes and activities to promote wellbeing and empowerment are delivered alongside partnerships to promote values and skills for young people.

Funding from Sony Music UK will support the existing music programme run by a Sony Music mentor.

The partnerships will launch formally this year, and funding for other initiatives will continue in further rounds.

Sony Music signed rapper from Tottenham, Headie One, said: “The

Bruce Grove Youth Space is a great project, I'm glad to see Sony Music support it. Music helped me from a young age so I think it's really important to help the next generation discover the joy and escape that music can provide.”

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NEWS

Housing developer Catalyst to build more than 900 homes at St Ann's Hospital

By Luchia Robinson

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has selected Catalyst Housing Limited as his development partner for a major redevelopment of the St Ann's Hospital site.

Plans for the site involve building 934 homes: 60% London Affordable Rent, 20% London Shared Ownership and 20% London Living Rent.

There will be key worker housing for NHS staff, with the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust able to make use of 22 London Living Rent homes for ten years.

50 of the affordable homes will be allocated for community-led housing, making St Ann's one of the largest community-led housing schemes in London.

Following his announcement last month, mayor Sadiq Khan said: "I'm pleased to be partnering with Catalyst to develop this exciting project which will bring hundreds of genuinely affordable homes to this important site."

"My team and Catalyst are already working closely with the local community to ensure their needs are put at the heart of our plans for St Ann's. I look forward to following the site's progress and showing what can be done

when the public sector takes a clear lead on redevelopment and builds the high-quality homes Londoners deserve."

The redevelopment scheme includes 10,000m of new and existing tree cover, and a new playground space which will be created. The existing Peace Garden is being tripled in size, and heritage assets, including St Ann's

"My team and Catalyst are already working closely with the local community to ensure their needs are put at the heart of our plans for St Ann's"

Victorian water tower will be preserved.

For several years, Haringey residents and workers group StART (St Ann's Redevelopment Trust), petitioned for the public land not to be sold for private development. Operating as a Community Land Trust, the group calls for 'genuinely affordable' homes (that are managed by the community, and that meet the needs of the community), to be built on the site.

When the Mayor purchased two-thirds (7.1 hectares) of the hospital plot from

the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust in March 2018 using his Land Fund, StART pushed for the GLA to install their community housing vision of 100% affordable homes.

This consisted of a mix of 80% general housing and 20% sheltered, supported and communal homes, as well as community spaces and affordable retail units for local businesses and start-ups.

The Mayor's final proposal of only building 50 affordable, community-led homes on the hospital site, and the inclusion of 25% shared ownership homes has been met with criticism from Green London Assembly Member, Sian Berry, who said: "This announcement is a disappointment – the Mayor said that St Ann's would be an 'exemplar' of community-led housing – but we've been left with just 50 homes out of more than 900.

"The community-led plan for St Ann's, developed by the amazing StART Haringey, originally brought forward plans to make 100% of the homes affordable to the local community.

"However, we have ended up with the merest nod towards community-led housing. I will be watching carefully to make sure no further promises are rolled back by the developers – something we have seen

time and time again in London."

GLA's decision not to implement StART's vision, saw the group leave the formal tender process in 2019.

A search for the community organisation to take on the community-led homes on the St Ann's plot will be launched in the coming months.

StART Director, Tony Wood, said: "The people of Haringey have been calling for a development on St Ann's that meets the needs of the local community. We hope that having a London-focused Housing Association like Catalyst on board will see the developer work with the local community and respect our wishes and desires for the site.

"StART is keen to see the community's vision succeed, for a St Ann's development that is community-led, provides genuinely affordable homes, promotes health and wellbeing, and creates a green neighbourhood. We hope that Catalyst are planning a mixed-tenure development with housing of all sizes that will benefit local people while respecting the environment and protecting the historic Peace Garden on the site."

StART hopes that a large number of the affordable homes will be social housing and they are looking at ways that the 60% allocation can be expanded.

Catalyst will offer Haringey Council the opportunity of purchasing half of the homes at London Affordable Rent for their housing portfolio.

Councillor Emine Ibrahim, Haringey Council's cabinet member for housing and estate renewal, said: "One of the council's top priorities is to address the crippling housing crisis and we always wanted a significant number of council homes at council rent on the site.

"I am pleased the GLA have secured a development partner and we look forward to working with them and the community to ensure the scheme delivers for Haringey and our residents."

Mr Khan states that local residents will be prioritised for all the homes on the site, and that Catalyst will be working with local people, community groups and other stakeholders to develop their plans.

A dedicated St Ann's Social Investment Fund, which will be overseen by residents and people living locally, is to be established, and a long-term community space will be made available on the site. Initiatives to help local people get on the housing ladder, such as a deposit match scheme, are also to be provided.

Subject to Secretary of State and planning approval, it is hoped the first homes will be started next year.



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Street art

Stoneleigh Court

Originality and creativity are features of life and the way we do things in Tottenham. This can be seen in the cultural life of the area and on the walls of the streets and in the alleyways.

Thoughtful and well executed street art can bring colour, social commentary and an accessible and entertaining visual imagery to enhance walls and buildings. It is consumable with a limited life existing only as long as it holds an audience. It is not an archival art for museums but a short lived visual statement that once consumed, is soon overwritten or enhanced by the voice of the next artist to make use of the display space.





Photographs and words
by Stephen Furner



HISTORY

What was before at 194

Site work at 194 Philip Lane recently revealed an old, pristine shop frontage sign dating back to the Victorian era.

The shop is now the noodle restaurant, Hochima (formerly the Big Bowl Noodle), but in 1922 it was called W. Andrews.

According to Kelly's Directories kept at Bruce Castle Museum, William Andrews is listed as a pork butcher, who was working from 194 Philip Lane from 1922 (possibly earlier as the museum doesn't have a complete set of directories), until at least 1926. However, the names Walter John Andrews and Rose Andrews are listed in the electoral register for that address in 1925.

It is not known whether the name William is a mistake or whether William was another member of the family.



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COMMUNITY

Social interaction for challenging times

LGBTQI+ befriending service launched



“Many people in Tottenham are cut off from their usual support groups, friends and chosen family”

This year has proved challenging for all of us, and our service users at Wise Thoughts have been no exception, especially as many are also from Black, Asian and other diverse ethnic backgrounds.

Covid-19 has meant many people in Tottenham are being cut off from their usual support groups, friends and chosen family. Many are in living conditions, which are deeply impacting their mental and physical wellbeing. To help combat this we launched our WISEfriends befriending service.

Wise Thoughts has been working with the LGBTQI+ community in Haringey since 1999, running arts and engagement programmes. We want to create fun, new opportunities for social interaction to help build self-confidence through meeting new people and feeling more part of the community.

To do this we started by offering telephone befriending, and we hope to be able to organise in-person events this year. The service, which started in November 2020, is run

by our in-house Befriending Service Coordinator, Cesar Teixeira, and is supported through funding from the National Lottery Communities Fund via the London Community Response Fund.

We are unique among befriending services because we match those who sign up, with LGBTQI+ volunteers. We believe it is important to create a safe space, and all our volunteers receive training from us to be able to support those who use the service. Our volunteers find that befriending also helps them, allowing them to give back to the community, meet new people and gain new skills.

This service is open to LGBTQI+ people aged 16+ living, working, studying or socialising in the borough, who have found themselves feeling lonely or socially isolated. If this sounds like something you might enjoy, we are currently recruiting volunteers too.

For more information, referral forms and the volunteer application pack: Visit wisethoughts.org/wisefriends

Doing the incredible at Edible London

Edible London is crowdfunding to reach their next one million meals' target

Edible London has launched its One Million Meal Plan crowdfunding campaign to create a sense of urgency around food poverty.

Since the beginning of the first lockdown, Edible London has gone from a small grassroots organisation providing 200 meals worth of ingredients each week, to an award-winning food provider, hitting an incredible one million meals distributed.

This achievement was made possible because of the solidarity and support of over 60 partner organisations in north London and beyond, a core team of eleven leaders, and 345 volunteers who have rescued over 300 tonnes of surplus produce to date.

The One Million Meal Plan encourages everyone to partake in creating the next one million free meals, even quicker this time.

According to statistics from the Mayor of London's office, two million Londoners struggle to access quality nutrition, while

rough sleeping in younger groups has increased by 48% compared to the same time period last year. The coronavirus pandemic and its devastating impact on the economy and social services is plunging vulnerable groups below the breadline, building on what was already a record level of need that food banks saw last year (use of food banks increased by 180%).

“Together, we can eradicate food poverty from the root up, beginning in London”

Edible London donates large quantities of fresh fruit and vegetables and ambient goods to these food banks, currently providing ingredients for 30,000 meals a week.

Even pre Covid-19, 34% of residents and 40% of children were living below the poverty line in Haringey. In total, over two million Londoners and 14 million people across the UK struggle to access enough food.

To address this rapidly increas-

ing need for food, Edible London needs to maintain its crucial food services and expand as quickly as possible in order to provide a lifeline for more people. As little as 50p helps Edible London create a free, nutritious meal for someone in our communities.



Edible London volunteers ready for action Credit Edible London

Soner Karagozlu, Edible London's founder and CEO, said: “With the crew in Edible London and the solidarity of our community, we have been able to reach a million meals worth of ingredients distributed in eight months.

There aren't many words that can explain what this service means for the receiving end. But it's people that made this happen. This is an opportunity to do it again.

We are raising £200,000 to not only support the work we're doing but to get to the next milestone. The secret ingredient in our meals is utmost solidarity. Together, we can eradicate food poverty from the root up, beginning in London.

Get behind us, let's do this. Let's make magic happen! Big love.”

To support: Visit crowdfunder.co.uk/millionmealplan

To donate, share Edible London's campaign, and help fundraise; campaign-related assets are publicly available for use:

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COMMUNITY

Lockdown Monologues

Crafting conversations about life in lockdown

By Duncan Sones, Leads on communications and development at Collage Arts

The Covid-19 virus hit the Black community hard. Collage Arts, the Haringey based arts development agency wanted to find a way to offer support and create a unique record of how Black women, in particular, were coping.

We devised a project called *Creative Futures: Picking up the threads*, using funding from

Arts Council England. This enabled us to work with 75 women from across the borough.

Collage Arts collaborated with Tottenham based organisation, KORI to produce a series of crafted conversations with young Black women.

These conversations show how Covid's impact was felt by anyone who was already vulnerable. But many of the conversations were also optimistic and forward looking.

"Not surprisingly we found some great talent in Tottenham which can now be seen online," said Preeti Dasgupta, deputy director of Collage Arts.

"We wanted to know what the participating women were thinking. The Black Lives Matter movement impacted on the work the women were creating in a very positive way. It seemed to us that Black women seemed to be on the front line of tackling Covid-19."

Eight women created videos we called 'Lockdown monologues', where the writers had a choice of working with a director and reading their own work, or working with an actor to bring their writing to the screen.

Runway of life by Maxine Griffiths is a video love letter to Tottenham that is based on true events, and is brought to life by actor Donna Berlin.

Rosanna Machado opted to tell her own story, titled *Corona Busting Choons*. She worked with actor, director and activist Martina Laird (best known for playing Comfort Jones in *Holby City*), to talk about the importance of music to her and her friends during lockdown.

Martina said: "Working with Rosanna was

a really positive experience. She had great ideas about what she wanted to say. As we worked together her confidence grew. Her video reminds us how important music and friends are."

The final element of the project were 20 diaries which have been produced as an e-book. Preeti said: "As we held the workshops for writers online, we were able to work with women who were shielding. The writing programme happened over six months, therefore each of the women

record their ups and downs. I am in no doubt that keeping their journals and attending the programme had a big impact on the mental health of the women taking part.

"Everyone involved in this creative process were Black women. This means that the stories selected and how they are presented creates an authentic and unmistakable voice – which is rarely heard in mainstream media.

"We knew that there was a lot of talent in Tottenham and we are now seeking funds for more projects."



Actor, Martina Laird
Credit: Steve Medlin,
Collage Arts

"The stories selected and how they are presented creates an authentic and unmistakable voice"

To see 'Lockdown Monologues':
Visit collage-arts.org/collage-on-line



Sacha Jarrett, founder, Mettle
Credit: Sacha Jarrett

Show your mettle

Gathering stories of resilience from Broadwater Farm

By Sacha Jarrett, Founder of Mettle

I grew up on Broadwater Farm Estate. I am a first-class psychology graduate and completed a post graduate diploma at University College London. I currently work as a mental health practitioner and champion work being done with marginalised groups within my work.

I have created wellness and mental health content on social media under the name 'Mettle', on and off for the last few years; but it was the whirlwind that was 2020 that gave me the push I needed to really define the space I had been imagining.

Mettle has been an idea in the making since I was at university. It is an organisation dedicated

to young people, who grew up like me and those closest to me. It is for the kids with a free-school-meals pass, the ones who live on blocks where you can't get a delivery because the Uber Eats man is too scared to leave his bike downstairs. It's for the ones who are told they can't but most definitely can.

Mettle's first project is dedicated to the people of the Broadwater Farm Estate, and I am running it with the help of friends and family who have selflessly lent me their skills and advice along the way.

The aim of the project is to challenge and change the stereotypes associated with estates like Broadwater Farm by capturing stories from people who live, have lived, work,

or grew up on the estate. These stories will provide young people with relative representation and I hope this will inspire many possibilities for their futures, highlighting that they too can go on to achieve great things.

The finished project will form a book archiving stories, interviews and photographs celebrating Broadwater Farm, and dedicated to its young people.

I am currently connecting with estate residents, past and present, in search of interesting life experiences, great careers, and

breakthrough moments where barriers were overcome. I have already been able to connect with some incredible people living on the estate and cannot wait to hear and share more stories reclaiming the narrative of Broadwater Farm.

I believe the future of Mettle to be very bright, and I have many ideas for further projects that I would like to see happening in the community.

Looking to the future, the aim would be to gift the finished book to local schools, libraries and young people living on the estate. I have begun planning resilience workshops for the community facilitated by some of the residents involved in the making of the book – these plans are a bit of a way off but the endless possibilities are exciting. Being able to inspire and support young people growing up on the Farm or estates like it, is the main priority.

If you'd like to find out more:
Email talktomettle@outlook.com

"These stories will provide young people with relative representation"

COMMUNITY

Reducing waste in the local area

Why sustainable retail is the sensible option

By Matthew Bowmer,
Manager, Sense, Bruce Grove

With 2020 behind us it's fair to say most of us are hoping this year ushers in some positive changes. Not only has the pandemic affected our health, both physically and mentally, but it has also had a significant impact on our wallets – something which is likely to endure long into the future.

Similar to the effects of the 2008 financial crisis, the current situation has emphasised the importance of charity retail for a significant proportion of people.

The Sense charity shop in Bruce Grove has been a community hub ever since it opened, but plays a key role now more than ever. In addition to reducing waste in the local area by processing over 10,000 bags of donations per year, the shop also provides an affordable and sustainable retail option.

This is especially important in a world increasingly dominated by fast fashion as the January sales so clearly demonstrate.

Through its shops, Sense raises millions of pounds each year which go towards a number of services for disabled people, from housing and individual support to education and day services to holidays and activity groups. As well as fundraising, our charity shops do invaluable work to promote the rights of disabled people. Our vision is a world where no one, no matter how complex their disabilities, is left out, isolated, or unable to fulfil their potential.

The Bruce Grove store acts as a

focal point for many local residents who may face challenges or discrimination in their everyday lives. We advocate a message of equality for all people and our team consists of volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds.

Unfortunately, the impact of two lockdowns and subsequent restrictions have reduced our fundraising totals this financial year, but we have done everything possible to ensure our store is safe to welcome customers back. We would love to see some new faces in the store this year as well as our wonderful regular customers.

We are also always looking for new volunteers to join our friendly

“The Bruce Grove store acts as a focal point for many local residents who may face challenges or discrimination in their everyday lives”



A warm welcome at Sense, Bruce Grove

team and continue to accept donations as usual. Please come in to have a browse or chat to any of our staff. From everyone at the shop,

have a fabulous year and we hope to see you very soon!

For more information:
Instagram @sense.tottenham

Getting a fairer chance in the job market

Preparing for better job prospects

By Maggie Walsh MBE,
Operations Director,
A Fairer Chance CIC

At Fairer Chance CIC, we know that having a job is absolutely critical to reducing offending and reoffending.

That's why we work with businesses to help people with convictions secure the right job. This ranges from entry level positions in hospitality, retail and construction,

up to skilled roles as florists, butchers, account managers and even civil service jobs.

We focus on people with convictions who are living in or returning to local boroughs. We are exceptionally successful with women and we were awarded the Lady Corbett Award for Reintegrating prisoners in 2019.

We were delighted to be nominated by the Violent Crime Preven-

tion Board (VCPB) last year, for the Special Achievement Award, and indeed to win. We were presented with the award at a socially distanced event, last month, at our building in Millmead Business Centre, by Anthony Peltier, Metropolitan Police Assistant Chief Officer and education lead at VCPB.

We are a small, dynamic team which includes people with lived experience, who make the business case for recruiting people who are not

in education, employment or training (NEETS), and people with convictions. We identify skills and experience, and use this

information to fill work vacancies. Securing a job, especially when you don't have to look over your shoulder all the time, is the best thing a young person can do to try and build a life free from crime.

We are employment specialists

“The young people we meet have never really been dealt a fair hand”



Operations Director, Maggie Walsh (left) receives the Special Achievement Award from Metropolitan Police Assistant Chief Officer, Anthony Peltier (right) Credit: A Fairer Chance

rather than offender specialists and this enables us to be client led rather than to signpost our people to 'offender' jobs.

The mainly young people we meet have never really been dealt a fair hand. We work with people brought up in care, who came to UK as refugees, and who have been excluded from school.

There is a completely disproportionate number of young men in the criminal justice system, of a Black or an Asian background. We regularly receive referrals from street pastors, sports coaches, and gang mentors as they know we do our very best to help these young people through all the stages to get their lives on track. We support them with housing advice, clothes, and styling, as well as helping with actually landing that job.

We don't receive funding from Haringey Council or DWP, but we flex our other funding so we never have to turn a young Tottenham person away.

For more information:
Visit afairerchance.com

FEATURE

Lucky 13 – opening a new cafe during the pandemic



Credit Federico Viciani

As London entered Tier 3 in December, Andrew Johnston met with Federico Viciani, who has set up a café, wine and deli shop as part of The Engine Room Community Centre

With pubs alone set to lose £50million because of Tier 3 Covid-19 restrictions, I wondered how Tottenham Hale resident Federico Viciani has managed to make such a success of a café business, in these times, when others are struggling so much?

Federico is an inspiring Italian entrepreneur who made Tottenham his home five years ago and who has made the most of an opportunity to create a successful new business in the heart of Hale Village.

He came to the UK in 2010 working first as a waiter in Canterbury before making his career in the capital, where he recently worked as the Operations Manager for Vinoteca in Central London. But he had always dreamed of establishing his own business,

and opened Table13 in September 2020.

Federico explains why he chose the name Table 13: “Since working in restaurants I noticed that 95% of them don’t have a table 13 for superstitious reasons. I thought that if one day, I was going to open my own place, I would call it Table 13, as 13 is my lucky number.

“I had always seen the space as a great opportunity for me to develop my career. There is not much catering around the local area and also the village, and the community needs something like Table 13.”

The response of the local community has been fantastic with Federico seeing many followers on Instagram, and more customers than he could have dreamt of in his first four months.

“Now we are starting to see people from Bruce Grove, Seven Sisters, and Blackhorse Road travelling to come and see us here, which is fantastic.”

Table 13 has remained open throughout the pandemic, offering a purely takeaway service during lockdown, and table seating prior to London entering Tier 3. Federico has also developed a Click and Collect service which

has been incredibly popular. In addition, Table 13 has recently added an excellent range of quality food products, including selected Portuguese, Spanish and Italian tinned food, a wide range of pastas and some very tasty ready-made sauces, which has been a success.

Table 13’s concept is based around coffee,

Table 13 owner, Federico Viciani
Credit Federico Viciani

bread and wine; what Federico calls “the three humble elements of life,” and he is always happy to help people with their wine choices.

Community engagement is deeply important to Federico and was part of the reason for him wanting to join the Engine Room mix.

“I always wanted to give something back to my local community,” he said.

“On Hale Village and Ferry Lane I am aware that there are many who are living in very challenging situations. We were therefore delighted to support The Engine Room’s Tottenham Foodbank collections in December, offering free coffees and croissants to all who brought donations.”

Federico is now working on developing a kids’ special, and will be supporting a range of community events and programmes this year.

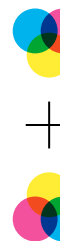
If you are looking for a cosy place with great quality coffee, excellent sandwiches, pizzas and focaccia, where you can always pick up a copy of *Tottenham Community Press* with your latte or cappuccino, do check out Table 13.

For more information:
Instagram @table13_london

Table 13 is on Waterside Way, in Hale Village, London N17 9FU, a short walk from Tottenham Hale Bus and Underground station and is easily accessible from Tottenham Marshes and Walthamstow Wetlands.

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“We’ve been advertising in Enfield Dispatch and Tottenham Community Press for just over a year, and it’s been really helpful to share vital public information about Covid-19 safety measures, as well as useful details about pharmacy services and flu vaccinations in the winter period.

It's not only about sharing important health messages with our local community, but also that we're helping support the very same community that we're proud to be part of, with a newspaper that gives a platform to community and voluntary groups and partners, and covers important local issues"



LITERATURE

The (in)convenience of being single

Karin Lock reviews 'Convenience Store Woman' by Sayaka Murata

The little signs are everywhere – in the shop, on the street, around the park, at the station – people must keep two metres apart. Yet in this time of anti-social distancing, how can romance blossom? Has internet dating become the only way to meet someone new?

For those who actively 'choose' singledom, this new situation may come as some relief. Peer and societal pressure often define relationships as the ultimate life goal (and being single as a bit abnormal). This is one of many issues explored in Sayaka Murata's quirky but entertaining Japanese bestseller *Convenience Store Woman*.

The narrator Keiko Furukura is 36, and is as a "single, virgin, convenience store worker." Being neuro-diverse, she loves the routine of her part-time job and obtains comfort from being useful to her employers. She is content alone, despite the concerns of her family.

This easy-to-read novella is sharp, blunt and funny. Keiko takes no prisoners – she does not do gossip and abhors laziness at work. She has learned however, about the importance of

fitting in. She achieves this by copying her colleagues' speech and dress-sense, and by attending coffee mornings where brands and babies are the main conversation topics.

One day a new employee Shiraha comes

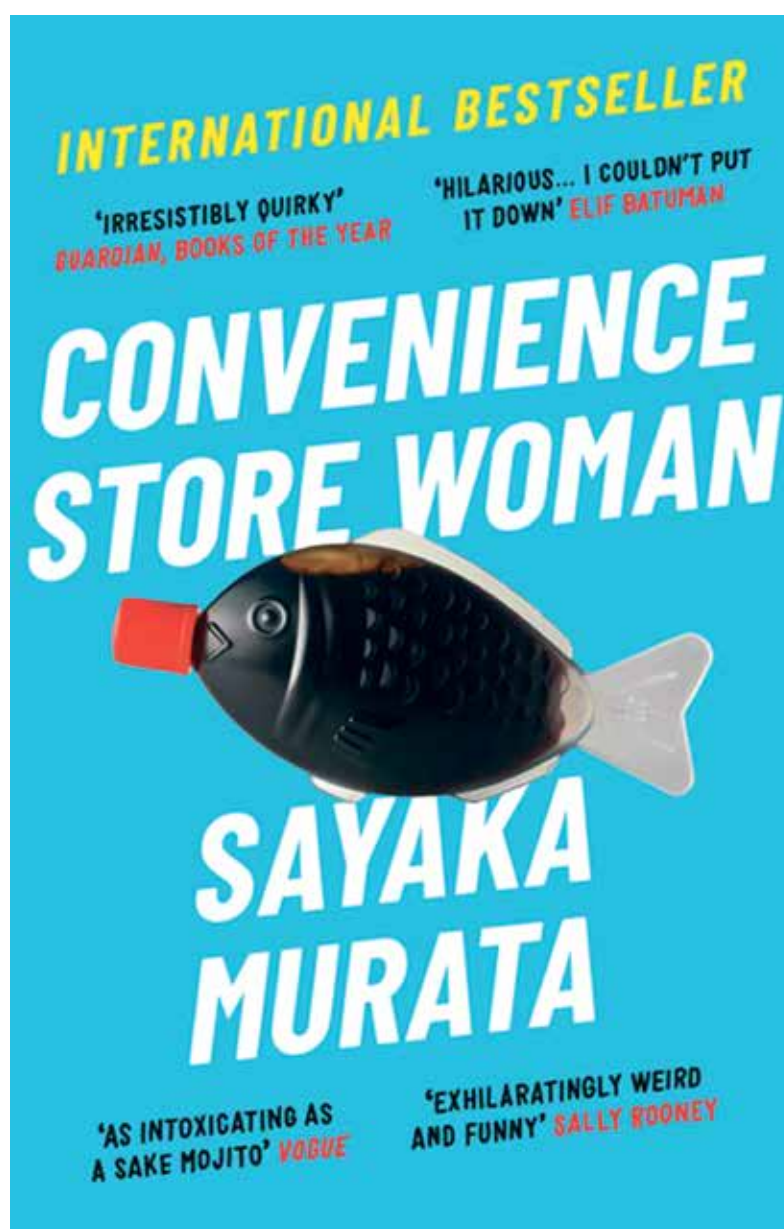
to work at the store and Keiko's world turns upside down. Shiraha is a loner too but is desperate to find a wife so that people will get off his case. Together they agree on a pact...

Convenience Store Woman explores

the hypocrisy of modern life that, in the author's view, still hinges on traditional, unequal gender roles. For Keiko, it is dysfunctional, pointless and vacuous: "I was beginning to lose track of what 'society' actually was. I even had a feeling it was all an illusion."

This book highlights the difficulties of being on the autistic spectrum. Sound is a dominant theme and recurring dialogue mimics the repetitive thought patterns of the two main characters.

What is fascinating about *Convenience Store Woman* is not the oddness but rather the universality of Keiko's experiences. With city life becoming increasingly expensive, unconventional living arrangements are much more common. This wistful book resonates with a harsh warning for co-habitors: always trust your intuition and never compromise your happiness.



POETRY CORNER

City, Forgotten Seasons

Street, forgetting the windy season
sun still keeps walking far away
rivers flow pointlessly forward to a landing place
storks never stop their wings

Fields spreading largely along a silence
a loneliness hidden in a dreamy life
where my sweetie, my memory is
of a child, a young, pearl age

Voice of Eventide sounds, a lullaby
a lingering sunlight behind sunset
twilight walking on hurrying steps
hold a quiet fiction in hand

I walk through my sick love
a rain fulfilling my hope
soaking the flow of memory
an endless sorrow dances in mind

An appearance of fog cover my eye light
a little bit pain on my smile
words were disturbed
fancy in thought night by night

You, my love went away the past
I regret a love of us
a dream can't last
forever, forgotten seasons,
city lies down a deep quiescent.

By Angelynn Quen

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