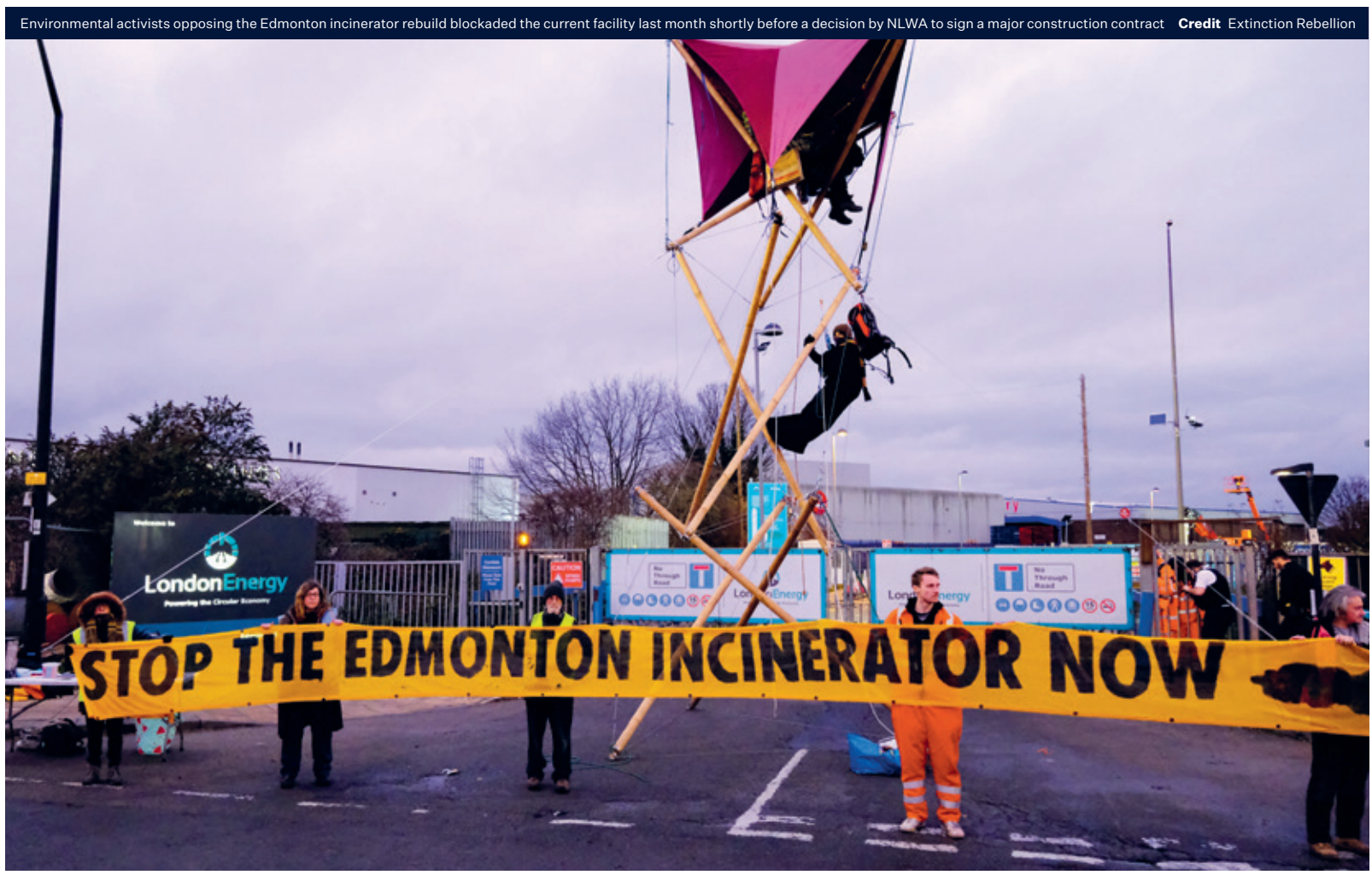


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Contract to build new North London incinerator agreed

Councillors defy protests and demands from local MPs to pause incinerator project

BY SIMON ALLIN & LUCHIA ROBINSON

North London Waste Authority (NLWA) has voted to approve a construction deal for a new, larger waste incinerator in Edmonton.

The contract for the facility – set to be around a third bigger than the current incinerator at Edmonton Eco Park in Advent Way, beside the River Lea – will be handed to Spanish conglomerate Acciona as a result of last month's vote.

The key vote to sign the construction deal took place during a meeting of the NLWA board, which is formed of 14 councillors from Haringey, Enfield, Barnet, Camden, Hackney, Islington and Waltham Forest borough councils.

Construction work is now due to begin by mid-year, with work to prepare the site having been finished early last year.

The decision comes despite a recent call from MPs to halt the expansion of new waste incineration plants to protect people's health and guard against climate change.

Environmental campaigners have also piled pressure on NLWA to pause and review the project and to consider more environmentally-friendly alternatives, with multiple demonstrations held across North London in recent months.

Opponents warn the plant will pump out hundreds of thousands of tonnes of carbon dioxide and other air pollutants.

Sarah Eastwood, a spokesperson for a group of campaigners (including activists from Extinction Rebellion, Black Lives Matter, and Stop the Edmonton Incinerator), who blocked access to the current waste plant last month, said: "We are here to tell our councils and the NLWA that we will not accept this incinerator. It is bad for the planet and bad for our communities – local people deserve better.

"We won't stop campaigning until our elected representatives pause to get an independent review of the plans, and conduct a genuine, inclusive and democratic local consultation."

The new incinerator, which won planning approval in 2017, is designed to replace an existing plant built in 1969. The larger facility will be capable of burning 700,000 tonnes of North London's waste every year.

Two NLWA board members from Haringey were the only ones to not vote in favour of the £1.2 billion deal. It comes after council leader Peray Ahmet wrote a letter asking NLWA to consider a pause and review of the scheme, to see "whether more can be done to reduce its environmental impact."

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AN INTRODUCTION FROM THE EDITOR

HELLO, WELCOME TO ISSUE 3. In this new year, Wood Green residents can expect to see incoming changes to the High Road as the result of a recent funding win (p.6).

An increased police presence will also be more visible along the High Road and surrounding areas, following the launch of a new town centre police team aimed at tackling crime and antisocial behaviour in the area (p.5).

Team work has also been prevalent in the community, as a group of volunteers pulled together to keep their local bookshop open whilst the manager was ill with Covid-19 (p.14).

A new diagnostics centre will be opening in the Mall shopping centre, this summer. It will offer accessible services to patients from across north central London, with the hopes of identifying conditions sooner (p.9).

Haringey Council has reassured Broadwater Farm residents that those who have had to move out because of structural problems affecting their homes, will be able to have their say in a ballot to determine the future of the estate (p.4).

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Inquest into Lamont Roper's death concludes

Coroner rules no causation between police and man who died in their contact

BY LUCHIA ROBINSON

A coroner has ruled that there was no causative link between police actions and the death of a man in Tottenham.

Lamont Roper was found dead in the River Lea, after a stop and search interaction with the Metropolitan Police in October 2020.

Lamont was one of a group of males pursued by three plain clothed MPS Hackney officers patrolling the River Lea towpath, near Markfield Park, in the evening.

The inquest into Lamont's death was opened by HM Senior Coroner for North London in 2020, and it concluded in December 2021.

The coroner concluded that Lamont was "non-compliant with the police officer's stop and search request," and found "no evidence that the actions or inactions of the officers contributed to Mr Roper's death".

Lamont's body was recovered from the water the morning after he entered the canal, as efforts to find him on the night were called off at about midnight.

Suspicions had been raised

as to how Lamont ended up in the lock in the first place. His family refute that he would have entered the water voluntarily as he "could not swim and was terrified of water."

The inquest jury found that there were "inadequate resources for water rescue alongside the canal and at the specific location of the incident, that there was a lack of sufficient police resources – such as throw lines and torches – for officers on patrols, and that there was a lack of specialised on call

misconduct meeting on 9th September 2021. However, the police state that "the misconduct was not proven" and no further action was taken against the officer.

The IOPC's report recommended organisational learning in three areas: pursuit training for cycle patrols; equipping officers who patrol near water with throw lines; and refreshing officer training about entering water.

The police say that these learnings have been introduced, or are in the process of being introduced.

Detective Chief Superintendent Marcus Barnett, in charge of policing for Hackney and Tower Hamlets, said: "This tragic incident saw a young man lose his life and our sympathies remain with

Mr Roper's family and friends.

"We know that this incident has also been difficult for the local community and we have been reaching out to leaders and partners from the outset to keep them updated with developments and hear their views.

"We are a learning organisation and we will now take some time to carefully consider the observations made by the jury and the coroner."

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rescue team divers".

The Independent Office for Police Investigations (IOPC) concluded its own investigation into Lamont's death in April 2021. One of the officers involved in the incident was served a notice of investigation at the level of misconduct, for "potential breaches of professional standards" regarding their use of body worn video during the incident.

The officer was subject to a

"We won't stop campaigning until our elected representatives pause to get an independent review of the plans"

However, a full council debate on whether or not to officially withdraw support for the project was not due to take place until a week after the contract was awarded – and was later postponed until the new year.

In a report published last month, the All Party Parliamentary Group on Air Pollution called for a moratorium on new incinerators, warning capacity was expanding "too quickly" and raising concerns over the release of carbon dioxide emissions, which contribute to climate change, and the release of ultrafine particles, which it deems a "significant health hazard".

North London parliamentarians, including Hornsey and Wood Green MP Catherine West, Edmonton MP Kate Osamor, North Islington MP Jeremy Corbyn, and Chingford and Woodford MP Iain Duncan Smith, have called for the incinerator rebuild to be paused.

Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan is also opposed to new incineration capacity in London, stating that it is "not needed to manage the city's non-recyclable waste," and that focus should remain on increasing recycling services and rates across the capital.

Khan has said that he is focused on ensuring the NLWA "manage only truly non-recyclable waste, maximise electricity generation, capture and use the waste heat created during the process, and operate with the best available techniques to reduce air pollution emissions."

NLWA has repeatedly resisted the demands to pause the expansion scheme, with chair, and Waltham Forest councillor, Clyde Loakes claiming the new plant – officially called the North London Heat and Power Project – will be the safest and cleanest in the UK thanks to emissions controls designed to cut pollution.

Speaking during deputations to the meeting last month, a range of opponents criticised the incinerator rebuild and urged NLWA members to rethink their plans.

Warning over the scheme's impact on climate change, Dr Edward Tranah, who works at North Middlesex University Hospital, called on NLWA to boost recycling rates to avoid burning waste.

Dr Rembrandt Koppelaar, a researcher who writes about the future of energy and the circular economy, called on NLWA to invest in alternative technology that can

increase plastic recycling, and claimed the incinerator contract would "waste at least £150m of taxpayers' money."

Eleven resident campaigners from across five of the north London boroughs are currently protesting against the incinerator plans by withholding part of their monthly Council Tax payments. The two strikers from Haringey are withholding £10 each.

Professor Vyvyan Howard, a specialist in toxicology, warned waste incineration releases particulate matter that can be damaging to health.

Addressing the concerns over emissions, NLWA managing director Martin Capstick said the plant would be the first in the UK to use "selective catalytic reduction" to control nitrous oxides and a "combined wet-dry scrubber system" to reduce particulates, acid gases and other emissions.



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Cllr Loakes pointed out that the authority also plans to build a household waste recycling facility at Edmonton Eco Park to help boost recycling. He argued against exporting waste outside London, telling councillors "the rest of the country did not want our waste being exported to them".

A letter signed by officers in both Hornsey and Wood Green and Tottenham Constituency Labour Party ahead of the contract award vote, urged Cllr Ahmet and Haringey's NLWA board members, Isidoros Diakides and Mike Hakata to take an "unequivocal," and "clear public stance" by calling for a pause and review on the planned incinerator.

Cllr Diakides voted against, citing concerns over value for money. Cllr Hakata also abstained, after expressing similar concerns over procurement.

The remaining twelve councillors sitting on the board of NLWA – two from each of the six other boroughs – voted in favour of the deal with Acciona.

Broadwater Farm Estate ballot to include forced-out residents

Haringey Council plans to allow residents who were moved out of a Tottenham estate because of safety fears to vote on its regeneration.

Ruth Gordon, the cabinet member in charge of housing, said the council had always intended that tenants and leaseholders who were moved out of blocks on the Broadwater Farm Estate and have a right to return, would be able to take part in the ballot.

The Tangmere and Northolt blocks on the estate had to be vacated following the discovery in 2018 of structural faults that could put the buildings at risk of collapse. The council plans to knock down the unsafe blocks, which date back to the 1970s, and build up to 295 new homes as part of a regeneration scheme.

Last month, cabinet members agreed to ballot residents on the plans. But Broadwater Farm Residents' Association and campaign group Haringey Defend Council Housing warned those who had been moved off the estate and have the right to return may be unable to vote under Mayor of London policies on estate regeneration ballots.

In response, Cllr Gordon, who is cabinet member for housebuilding, place-making and development, denied that councillors had voted to ballot current Broadwater Farm Estate residents only.

She said: "I have been clear that we will adopt a collaborative approach to redevelopment, and it has always been our intention that eligible former

Pledge comes after residents were forced to move out of estate because of structural issues



Tangmere and Northolt residents, as well as tenants and leaseholders currently living on the estate, will be able to vote in the ballot."

Campaigners also raised concerns over the wording of the

proposed ballot question, which asks if residents "agree with the design proposal(s) for new council homes on the Broadwater Farm Estate". They want the question to be widened to include the

proposed rent levels for the new homes, which could be up to 10% higher than average rents on the current estate.

Jacob Secker, secretary of Broadwater Farm Residents' Association, has said the new homes would be unaffordable to some local residents, and claimed the proposed increases would "disproportionately affect Black people and people from ethnic minorities".

Cllr Gordon said the ballot question in the cabinet report was "indicative", and a final wording would be published in the landlord offer – a document designed to allow residents to make an informed decision about the future of their estate.

She added: "The preamble to the question will make it clear that residents should refer to the landlord offer before voting in the ballot. This comprehensive document sets out all the information residents will need on rents, the rehousing strategy and benefits of the scheme before casting their vote."

Cllr Gordon said Broadwater Farm would benefit from £100million of investment to refurbish existing homes, improve the public realm and environment, and provide new community facilities and employment space.

She added: "Our plans to transform the estate have also been developed through extensive engagement both with the local community and those former residents from Tangmere and Northolt, who will have priority to return to a new home once they are built."

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Homes for Haringey coming back under council control

Move comes as a major council home-building programme moves forward

Haringey Council will bring its housing arm in-house after the move received "overwhelming support" from residents.

During a meeting in December 2021, cabinet members agreed to insource arms-length management organisation Homes for Haringey at a cost of £1.1million.

A consultation with tenants, leaseholders and residents in temporary accommodation revealed 81% of those who responded backed the proposals and only 5% disagreed.

Homes for Haringey, which manages more than 20,000 homes, was set up in 2006 to access government funding. Its responsibilities include repairs, major

works, asset management and community engagement.

According to the cabinet report, bringing the service back under direct council control will "streamline and strengthen governance and accountability structures" and save money that can be reinvested in services for residents.

Julie Davies, cabinet member for employment, skills and corporate services, said: "We have completed our consultation with local residents, and there is overwhelming support for moving forward to bring both organisations together. We believe it will enable us to take advantage of

opportunities to improve our delivery of housing."

The cabinet report reveals the move comes against a changing regulatory backdrop for social housing. Under regulations progressing through parliament following the Grenfell Tower fire, the council will be held accountable for building safety. In addition, the Social Housing White Paper published in 2020 seeks a stronger local voice for residents in building safety and housing management and maintenance services.

According to the report, council officers have started to develop proposals for future "resident

participation arrangements" following discussions with existing stakeholder groups and "a review of good practice arrangements in other local authorities".

With Haringey Council aiming to build at least 3,000 new council homes by 2032, the report adds that the insourcing will align housing management and maintenance services more closely with the direct delivery of new homes.

Under questioning from Liberal Democrat opposition leader Luke Cawley-Harrison, a council officer said the civic centre had not "quantified in detail" what the efficiency savings mentioned in the report would be.

But the officer added: "Clearly, there are costs involved in this transfer going ahead, and we would expect over time we would achieve savings that would offset those costs and enable further investment in front line service delivery."

Cabinet members agreed unanimously to go ahead with the insourcing.

There is overwhelming support for moving forward to bring both organisations together

New police team launched in Wood Green

A Wood Green police team has been launched in Wood Green. The new unit consists of one inspector, three sergeants and 21 police constables, who will work exclusively in Wood Green town centre, including the area around Turnpike Lane Station and Duckett's Common. The team will have the capacity to grow further if deemed necessary by local police leaders.

The unit is one of the first to be rolled out under a new Metropolitan Police initiative to increase police presence and visibility, and is part of a wider strategy to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour in the Wood Green area. The Wood Green police team was launched last month by Haringey Council leader, Peray

Ahmet, and the new cabinet member for stronger and safer communities, Erdal Dogan.

The councillors met with residents and police officers last month to officially introduce the police team to the local community, at the London Islamic Cultural Society in Harringay.

In total 500 officers will make up town centre teams across the capital. A further 150 officers will join teams already established in their communities.

According to the Met, decisions about where the teams would

be allocated were discussed with local authorities, and were made according to data and intelligence that highlights areas where there is the most policing demand, higher levels of crime, or where confidence in police is low.

North Area BCU (Basic Command Unit) Commander, Chief Superintendent Simon Crick said: "We are increasing our police presence, putting officers where we know the public want to see them most. The new Wood Green team will focus on making this area safer, tackling

violet crime, including violence against women and girls and dealing with anti-social behaviour.

"We want communities to regularly see and get to know their local officers, so that they have trust and confidence in them, knowing they are there to help keep them safe."

Community members at the Wood Green Town Centre police team launch



Interim chief executive of Haringey Council appointed

Andy Donald will be appointed as interim chief executive of Haringey Council, taking over from Zina Etheridge, who will be leaving the position next month.

Andy was chief executive of Redbridge Council for five-and-a-half years until early last year.

He led Redbridge's 'Child Friendly Borough', 'Growth Commission' and 'Community Hubs' work, and was also the lead chief executive for housing and regeneration across the capital and the pandemic response in north-east London.

Andy will take up the new position at Haringey subject to approval at full council.

Andy, who lives with his family in Hackney, has spent the vast majority of his 30-year career working for London local authorities, including a long spell as the director with responsibilities for housing, regeneration and major projects at Brent Council.

He said: "It is a privilege to be offered the opportunity to take on the chief executive

role at Haringey.

"I'm delighted to have the chance to build on Zina's excellent work and I am really looking forward to working alongside the leader, politicians, the staff, partners and local communities to both support Haringey through the coming months and make further progress on the borough's aspirations and priorities."

Andy replaces Haringey Council's current chief executive, Zina Etheridge, who is leaving to become chief executive officer designate of north-east London's health and care partnership.

Leader of Haringey Council, Peray Ahmet, said: "Our key priority for Haringey is to put co-production at the heart of everything we do.

"Andy Donald is a highly-experienced chief executive, with a background in collaborative change, housing and social care.

"He's very well-placed to take on the interim role as we begin a full competitive recruitment for the permanent position of chief executive."

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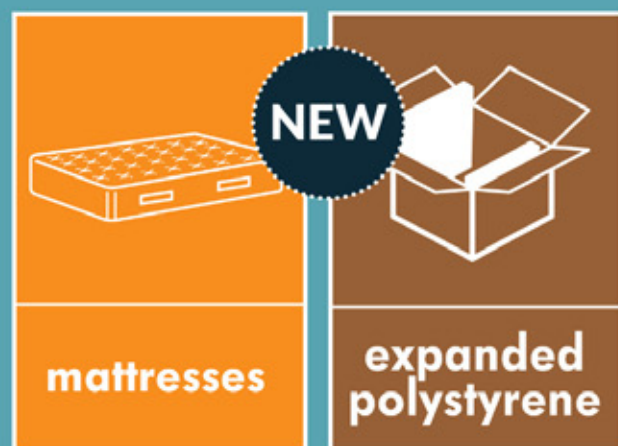
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£200,000 funding set to secure the future of Wood Green High Road

BY LUCHIA ROBINSON

Wood Green High Road is set to receive £200,000 funding aimed at revitalising the high street as the capital emerges from the pandemic.

The Future Wood Green BID's strategy was one of 35 projects across London to initially receive £20,000 seed funding from Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to test the potential for neighbourhood kitchens to support local food start-ups.

The additional £200,000 announced in December 2021 will now ensure that the Future Wood Green Business Improvement District gets off the ground.

The project focuses on creating a food growing space and garden on an underused car park roof in the

Mayor of London funds emerging food district

town centre, that will support the emergence of a food-based identity for the area and address local issues including public health and air quality.

London Assembly member for Enfield and Haringey, Joanne McCartney, said: "Improving access to green space in our capital is a social justice issue and the pandemic has taught us that this is vital not just for environmental reasons, but in terms of boosting the mental health and wellbeing of our communities."

"When it comes to greening and food growing projects, roofs are an underused resource. So, I am delighted that Future Wood Green BID has won significant

financial support from the mayor to deliver one on the top of an underused car park on the High Road.

"This is a perfect example of how we can reclaim and rejuvenate old spaces to increase biodiversity and make our communities more resilient in the face of the climate emergency". The British Retail Consortium

estimate there are around 5,000 fewer shops since the start of the pandemic, with one in seven shops across the UK now lying empty.

Khan, said: "The shops, cafes and other businesses on London's local high streets have been the heartbeat of our economy, but they've been hit incredibly hard by the Covid pandemic. As we start to recover, we need to be bold and innovative to ensure our high streets can survive as diverse, bustling centres of our capital's economy."

"I'm doing all I can to encourage Londoners to safely return to our high streets, but these ongoing partnerships with councils and businesses across the capital will be vital for guaranteeing their future growth and prosperity."

Overall £4million of funding will be provided to support local councils, businesses and other organisations respond to the huge challenges faced by London's high streets and town centres.



Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan



London Assembly member for Enfield & Haringey, Joanne McCartney

Council leaves family without vital housing adaptations for disabled son

BY LUCHIA ROBINSON

Haringey Council has apologised to a family who were left for years without vital housing adaptations being made for their disabled son.

A Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman investigation heard that Haringey Council took so long to complete the adaptations to the disabled boy's home that he had outgrown the proposals.

The boy, who has severe disabilities, was initially assessed as needing the adaptations in 2015, which included a through floor lift, a ceiling track hoist system, and changing benches in the bathroom and downstairs toilet.

Delays because of the council and the family's circumstances meant no progress was made until the start of 2019. But when a contractor attempted to carry out the work, they found it not feasible because of structural issues.

By this time, the family said they wanted a revised plan because so much time had passed, and their son had grown since the original assessment.

The family say they felt bullied into accepting recommendations from an occupational therapist (OT), who recommended installing a shower trolley, despite them saying a deep bath was an 'essential requirement' for their son because of

Haringey Council apologises for delayed adaptation works

his involuntary movements.

The family state that the OT's recommendation was in conflict with a previous assessment.

They have been shielding since March 2020 and no progress has been made. The family now just want the ceiling tracks for the hoists to be installed and no longer want the adaptations made to the downstairs toilet.

The ombudsman's investigation criticised the council for its part in the delays between October 2016 and February 2019. There were further delays between February 2019 and September 2019.

The ombudsman also criticised the council for not fully involving the family and considering their concerns, leading them to feel they could not

challenge the decision or seek an alternative option.

Michael King, from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, said: "This case highlights the importance of carrying out adaptations to properties in a timely fashion, particularly where growing children are concerned."

"For much of the time the council did not keep in contact with the family to let them know about progress – so they were left not knowing what was going to happen and when. At the very least, the council should have put in place interim solutions while the major work was being sorted out."

"This has led to a breakdown in communication and trust between the family and the council, particularly when new

recommendations contradicted previous assessments."

The ombudsman recommend that Haringey Council apologise to the family, pay them £2,000 to recognise the delay, and carry out a review to identify where it could improve its service in this area.

Lucia das Neves, cabinet member for health, social care and wellbeing, said: "Meeting our residents needs is hugely important to me and when we get things wrong, I believe we should say so, and take action to make things right. I offer my sincere apologies to the family over the significant delays to the adaptations needed."

"We have been actively working with the Local Government Ombudsman to make amends for the distress and inconvenience caused to the family and improve the overall service and its delivery to help make sure similar issues don't occur again."

The council says it has made contact with the family and that it is making the recommendations that the ombudsman has listed, including payment.

Cllr das Neves, said: "We have taken steps to improve the process, and this includes issuing a report that highlights how we could do things differently to ensure that our residents in Haringey are receiving the best possible service."

"We have taken steps to improve the process"

MADE BY TOTTENHAM

This month we chat to a selection of unique designers and makers from the Made By Tottenham directory – from creatives who work with wood and stained glass, to designers creating wallpaper and furniture

Donny Christodoulides runs **The Blue House Framer**, making bespoke picture frames from his studio in Blue House Yard in Wood Green.

"I've been picture framing for about eight years and I wanted to have somewhere that clients could come and see what I do. The opportunity came up to have a shed at Blue House Yard so I took it. I'm very happy I did!"

"A highlight is the overwhelming support I've received from my customers and the creative community here. We've held workshops and events in the yard and there's always such a great turn out of people interested in what happens on site."

"We'll be holding an art fair with Citizens Art Market, this year. It's going to be a big event with lots of workshops, artists and makers on show."



The Blue House Framer

Ben Graham runs **Bennys Got Wood**. He creates bespoke wooden eco-sculptures made from waste-wood, offcuts and other by-products of construction.

"Moving to Haringey, I met some really creative people. That gave me the push to say, 'okay Benny, you're going to give it a real go and see how it all turns out.' I had a lot of positive feedback and I ended up quitting my day job to keep up with demand."

"In May 2021, I had an exhibition in Stockholm, showing all the sculptures I had made during lockdown. That was when my work started to sell."

Since then, Ben's work has appeared in the 'how to spend it' section of the 'Financial Times'.

"Soon I'm going to be running carving classes – a beginners class whittling animals with knives, as well as an intermediate class making wavy candlestick holders with power tools."



Bennys Got Wood



Xavier Segers

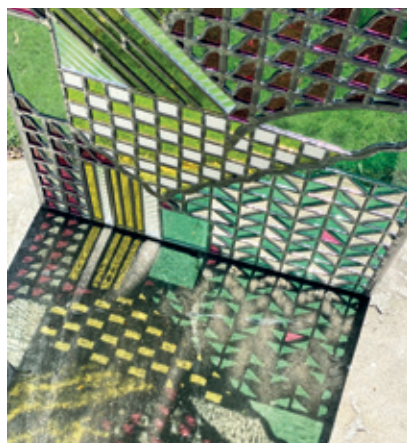
Award-winning illustrator and graphic designer, **Xavier Segers** says: "Compared to working full-time as a designer in an agency, I felt that starting my own business would give me more creative freedom. I love being able to work on different types of projects."

"Designing the 2020 BAFTA invitations and creating a big, interactive installation for Welsh National Opera based on the story of 'The Cunning Little Vixen,' are key highlights for me. For the latter, I received a World Illustration Award."

Cut Glass Studio Ltd specialises in stained glass, and is run by Annahita Hessa. "I was freelancing for a few studios in London but no one had a solid position for me, meaning I couldn't quite earn enough, so I decided to start my own studio."

"I moved the business to Tottenham three years ago, after merging with one of my subcontractors – Philip Bradbury Glass – who had been based in Finsbury Park for more than 30 years."

"We are just about to get started on a big project for the BAFTA building in Piccadilly. We are reproducing a competition winner's design, and it will hang in the new entrance hall."



Cut Glass Studio Ltd



The Iris Edit

The Iris Edit, run by India Usher, sells vintage furniture, and also offers made to order furniture design. "I have had a love of interiors since I was really young, and have always been told I had a good eye."

"My studio is based in Markfield Road, and that area is such a creative hub of talent, from artists to fashion designers and so much more – I love it, and I feel inspired every day."

India recently gave up her full-time job to focus solely on The Iris Edit. She said: "It was a huge leap for me but in order to grow the business I needed to take it."

"Next, I'm going to be working on my own signature range."

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BOUNDS GREEN

LTNs to be implemented in the borough

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

THREE TRAFFIC-REDUCTION schemes will be rolled out in Haringey in an attempt to curb air pollution and boost walking and cycling in the borough.

The first of these schemes, which are designed to stop through-traffic from using residential streets, will be introduced in Bounds Green this month.

The two others, in St Anns and Bruce Grove will follow later on in the year.

The schemes are the first of a possible 25 LTNs outlined in the council's draft walking and cycling action plan. They will see residential streets closed to through-traffic using physical barriers and enforcement cameras. Residents will still be able to access their streets using their cars.

The LTNs were approved by Haringey cabinet in December 2021.

The decision came despite opposition to some of the proposed changes from local residents. These concerns included increased traffic and air pollution on main roads, including those on the boundaries of the LTNs.

The council admits that it's not possible to predict exactly what the impact of the LTNs will be, but has recommended implementing them based on "significant benefits" such as reduced traffic and air pollution and increases in "active travel".

The council will allow exemptions for disabled blue badge holders, special educational needs and disabilities transport, and essential council catering services, enabling them to access the LTNs via the road closures that are likely to be enforced by cameras.

Mike Hakata, deputy leader and cabinet member for environment, transport and the climate emergency, said the council was "putting the pedestrian before the car," also adding that the LTNs would "reduce danger [and] increase road safety."

Cabinet members unanimously agreed to implement the LTNs on an experimental basis, which will allow the schemes to be changed in response to feedback from residents before they are made permanent.

The full implementation of the remaining two LTNs is expected in spring and summer.



NOEL PARK

Man charged with Wood Green double murder

A 52-YEAR-OLD MAN HAS BEEN charged with the murder of a father and daughter in Wood Green.

Achilleas Costa, 52, of no fixed address, was charged on Tuesday, 30th November 2021 with two counts of murder.

He appeared in custody at Willesden Magistrates' Court on Wednesday, 1st December 2021. He appeared at the Central Criminal Court, two days later on Friday, 3rd December.

On the morning of Sunday, 28th November, police were called to a property in Mayes Road, N22 after concerns were raised for the welfare of the occupants.

Earlier the same morning, Cambridgeshire Police had been called to reports of a man acting suspiciously in Huntingdon. While engaging with officers, the man, 52, made comments which

prompted the request for Met officers to visit the property in Mayes Road.

On arrival, the police found two people – a 61-year-old man and a 31-year-old woman – with stab wounds. The London Ambulance Service was called and both victims were pronounced dead at the scene.

Detective Chief Inspector Claire Hine, who is leading the investigation into the crime, said: "This incident has taken the lives of a father and daughter. Our thoughts are with their loved ones as they come to terms with such an unimaginable loss. We are providing, and will continue to provide them with whatever support we can.

"We believe that the victims and the man in custody were known to each other and while the investigation is still in its early stages, I am confident that we are not looking for additional

suspects and that there is no continuing risk to members of the public in the area."

Leader of Haringey Council, Peray Ahmet, says she is working with the police to prevent such a crime from happening again.

Cllr Ahmet said: "I am devastated by this double stabbing on our doorstep. Every life lost in this borough is one too many and it is shocking that a woman and her father have tragically lost their lives in their own home.

"I have spoken with the Borough Commander and we will continue to take every action possible to prevent this kind of crime happening again."

Anyone with information can call 101 or tweet @MetCC with the reference 2183/28NOV.

Information can also be provided to the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

ALEXANDRA

Man who exposed himself jailed

Man jailed for 15 months for exposure in park



A MAN HAS BEEN JAILED FOR 15 months for exposing himself to a group of young girls in a park.

David Munday, 77, of Palace Gates Road, appeared before Wood Green Crown Court on Monday, 29th November where he was sentenced. He had pleaded guilty to one count of exposure at an earlier hearing on Wednesday, 6th October.

On Monday, 10th May at roughly 7:15pm a group of five girls, aged between eleven and twelve, were in O.R Tambo Recreation Ground, in Albert Road, N22, when they became aware that someone was watching them.

This man, later identified as Munday, then proceeded to follow them around the park area before he exposed himself to the group of girls. He then fled the scene.

One of the girls told a parent what had happened who then contacted police.

An investigation was launched by officers from Haringey Criminal Investigation Department. CCTV that captured Munday in the park was circulated to patrol officers and he was stopped near to the park several days later wearing the same clothing.

He was arrested on Friday, 14th May and charged the following day.

Detective Constable Annette Corry, who led the investigation, said: "Munday's actions are deeply concerning, he intentionally targeted young children for his own obscene gratification. This brazen offence took place in daylight as well as nearby to a school.

"I would like to pay tribute to the bravery of these young girls who not only told their parents about what had happened, but for their support of the investigation throughout. These girls can be incredibly proud of themselves for helping to bring Munday to justice."

Anyone who is the victim of a sexual offence can report the incident anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

NHS diagnostic services to open in Wood Green

A new community diagnostics centre, hosted by Whittington Health NHS Trust, will be opening in the Mall, Wood Green, this summer.

The centre will be located on the ground floor of the Mall, initially offering x-ray, ultrasound, ophthalmology and phlebotomy services to local people.

There are plans to increase the number of services offered on the site in the future.

The Wood Green centre is one of the first of 40 community diagnostic centres opening across England, making it easier for people to access local services, in addition to increasing the diagnostic capacity across north central London.

It is hoped the centre will speed up diagnosis, as well as any necessary treatments by providing additional services to those already offered locally by the NHS.

The trust also hopes to provide a further boost to local businesses by encouraging people to visit Wood Green High Road as part of the trust's ambition to be an anchor institution within the community.

Chief executive of Whittington Health NHS Trust, Siobhan Harrington, said:

"The centre at the Mall in Wood Green brings diagnostic services right to the heart of the Haringey community.

"We are delighted to be working with NHS partners, Capital & Regional, and the council to bring these new services to North Central London residents and we look forward to developing the centre in the next year."

People do not have to be under the care of Whittington Health to access the new facility; patients can be referred by their GP or from any other local hospital.

Haringey cabinet member for health, social care and wellbeing, Lucia das Neves, said: "We are pleased to hear that Whittington Health has been successful in its bid for funding to open a new diagnostics facility in Wood Green.

"We hope the centre will bring easier access to healthcare to more residents, helping earlier identification of conditions and therefore reduce the amount of time residents live with undiagnosed health issues.

"We fully support our health partners engaging with the community and listening to their thoughts in how the new centre will be delivered and develop in the future."



Major investment programme underway to transform mental health services

A three-year mental health community service programme is underway in Haringey.

The £25million Community Mental Health Transformation Programme will see people with mental health difficulties treated more holistically in the community.

Everyone who uses mental health services is being allocated a named key worker who will work with them to draw up a plan for their care and treatment, using a new system that explores a service-user's perception of their quality of life.

They are being given help to resolve issues related to their condition such as problems with benefits, physical health and accommodation. They will also be offered help to improve their physical health – including annual health checks, tests and follow-up care.

The funding is creating hundreds of new jobs across north London boroughs Haringey, Enfield, Islington, Camden, and Barnet, to help identify people with mental health conditions earlier, so that they can be treated sooner. This aims to ensure people lead fuller and happier lives, connected with their communities, and so reduce the chance that their condition becomes so acute they require hospital care.



The programme involves closer working with GPs and with voluntary sector organisations and community groups, providing support to address the social factors that affect mental health and ensure that people are much better connected within their local community.

Dr Thomas Spary, is a GP partner at Lawrence House Surgery, in Tottenham, where a mental health specialist is now working at the practice. He said: "By having the mental health practitioners working more closely with primary care in the community, we are hoping that this provides better referral pathways, shorter waiting times and faster assessments closer

to home for our patients who are struggling from the effects of mental health problems, which we know have increased over the last 18 months with the pressures of lockdown."

Peer coaches, who have received mental health support in the past, have been recruited to help connect with seldom-heard groups. Some will be working with child and adolescent mental health services to ease the difficult transition from being in the care of social services, to independent living.

Deputy chief executive of Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust, and the programme lead, Darren Summers, said: "The new neighbourhood teams are reaching out to communities to develop new services which will be tailored to meet the unique needs of those living in that area. We expect to see big improvements in people's mental health within a few years.

"This is an exciting time for mental health care; we are seeing major investment which is enabling us to offer expanded and enhanced services to really help people."

The new teams and services will be fully operational across all five boroughs by November 2024.

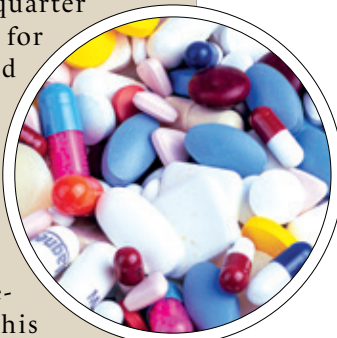
NHS releases latest mental health medicines statistics

Latest data from the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) reveals that from July to September 2021, 20.8million antidepressant drugs were prescribed – a 1.28% increase from 20.5m items in the previous quarter, and a 6.15% increase from 19.6m items for the same quarter in 2020/21.

There were 1.54m more antidepressant prescription items issued than expected based on historical trends, during the 19-month period since lockdown measures were implemented (between March 2020 and September 2021). However, this was not a statistically significant increase for the period.

During this same period, there were 606,000 fewer drugs for dementia prescription items issued than expected based on historical trends. This was a statistically significant decrease for the period.

In the second quarter of 2021/22 drugs for dementia showed an upward trend. There were 1.02m drugs for dementia prescribed – a 2.53% increase from 997,000 items in the previous quarter. This is also a 1.84% increase from one million items in the same quarter in 2020/21.



In the second quarter of 2021/22 drugs for dementia showed an upward trend

The report covers five main groups of medicines: Hypnotics and anxiolytics (used to treat insomnia and anxiety); antidepressants; drugs for dementia; drugs used in psychoses and related disorders; and central nervous system (CNS) stimulants and drugs used for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

The data is based on community prescribing and excludes hospitals and prisons.

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By Karin Lock





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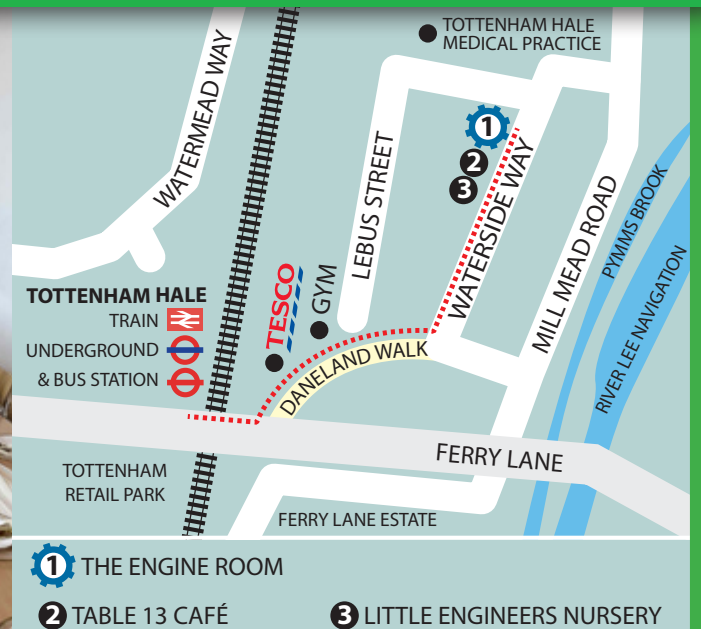


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BY ALASTAIR BALL

Team work makes the dream work

Local volunteers pull together to keep bookshop open

The Haringey community stepped up to keep the All Good Bookshop in Turnpike Lane open when the manager, Tim West, was ill with Covid-19.

Friends and members of the bookshop volunteered their time selling books, taking online orders, and keeping track of the shop's finances, so that it could stay open during the last week of November 2021.

Keeping the shop open prevented a loss of income and meant that it could continue its role as a community space.

Stephen Fitzsimons, a local teacher and writer, was amongst the volunteers. He said: "The shop is a vital focal point of the local community. It serves as a bookshop first but is also a place where people can come for a quiet moment of escape, feel acknowledged, accepted, and welcomed."

The plan began when a small group of bookshop members offered to manage the shop for one or two days, whilst Tim was bedridden from the virus. A call for help was soon sent out via the bookshop's newsletter, and a team of seven volunteers kept the shop running for the week.

The bookshop had several temporary closures, last year as a result of the Covid lockdowns. During that time the All Good Bookshop sold books online

which Tim delivered locally.

In September 2020, Tim was named as a 'Haringey Hero' by the council for his book deliveries.

Local resident, Christopher Brosnahan, runs the All Good Bookshop Writers' Group; he helped volunteer whilst Tim was ill. He said: "People were very forgiving as we all figured out how to use things for the first time, and many were asking after Tim."

"Everyone was shocked and concerned to hear the news, and many asked how they could help – it's a local hub that means a lot to people in the area."

The All Good Bookshop is a community owned, co-operative bookshop that opened in June 2020. In addition to selling books, the shop serves as a meeting space for community groups, hosting toddler story-time sessions, yoga classes, book clubs, and a writers' group.

Tim, who is now feeling much better, said: "It was brilliant how the members of the co-op rallied round to keep the shop running. It has proved there is a definite love for the shop even after so short an existence."

Stephen said: "I was amazed it all ran so smoothly. Everyone was so generous with their time and patience. It just shows that people often are great and willing to help others no matter what."



Volunteers Christopher Brosnahan (left), and Stephen Fitzsimons (right)
Credit Alastair Ball

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COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

Worthwhile improvements

BY HARRINGAY WARD
COUNCILLOR ZENA BRABAZON

Working with residents and diverse groups is one of the most positive aspects of being a councillor. It isn't always easy – people have strong views and ideas – but the process of discussion, debate and joint commitment to improving things makes it worthwhile. There are many examples of this in Haringey.

Green Lanes is famous for its Turkish restaurants and lively atmosphere. It wasn't always like that. Over many years my fellow ward councillors and I have worked with residents, the Green Lanes Traders' Association, council services and other agencies to revive and transform Green Lanes into the great place it is today. Running the length of Haringey ward, although at the ward boundary, Green Lanes is at its heart.

Many readers might remember the Green Lanes Food Festivals where we celebrated all the street has to offer; the Christmas Lantern Parades and other community events. This was possible because we worked together; this successful approach must be



Cllr Zena Brabazon, Labour councillor, Haringey ward
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sustained as issues like traffic come to the fore.

Many of the issues faced in Green Lanes, are in Turnpike Lane, where we are working to bring much needed improvements. The council is investing several hundred thousands of

pounds in Turnpike Lane – working in a broad partnership to improve the environment and promote businesses. Improving Ducketts Common is part of this too, with a refurbished café and facilities reopening this year.

Last month Stroud Green and

Haringey Library reopened, following a fantastic refurbishment. The Friends' Group has been central partners – poring over designs, looking after the flower beds, planning the opening and recent local festival. Situated just across the railway bridge in Wightman Road, the library has provided access to books and learning for the last 120 years. Long abandoned rooms are now renovated for community use – spaces for people to meet and enjoy activities. The library can now play its part as a local hub. I hope many people, especially children, will be regular visitors.

Nearby is Finsbury Park – a Victorian design masterpiece. Over the last two years, the park has demonstrated its enormous value to the community, confirming the vital importance of our green spaces. The children's play areas are brilliant; the cafes, the sports provision and other activities demonstrating the value of a local park. Of course, that doesn't mean there aren't problems. There are – community safety, lighting, and crime for example. The Friends of Finsbury Park are there to ensure we work to tackle these issues but also to support the dedicated staff team who have made such a difference.

BY SHAKIRA DYER

Kickstarted into employment

To what extent has the Kickstart scheme helped young people find work?



Alex Rose, trainee mentor at Streetz Ahead

There are approximately 39,000 people in Haringey in receipt of Universal Credit.

Of these, government statistics reveal that there were 16,900 Universal Credit claimants across the borough actively seeking a job, as of August 2021.

There are employment gaps for disabled people and Black and minority ethnic communities in Haringey. Even before Covid-19, the local economy contained structural labour market challenges.

In September 2020 the government launched its £2billion Kickstart scheme to help jobseekers on Universal Credit aged 16–24-years-old gain skills, and find lasting work in a job market disrupted by Covid-19.

A joint investigation published last year by the *Evening Standard* and *The*

Independent revealed that 21% of youths in London are without a job.

According to the investigation, youth unemployment in the capital rose by 55% to 105,000 since the start of the pandemic. This figure is five times the national job rate of 4.3% for all ages.

As of November 2021, there were just 96,700 young people on the Kickstart scheme in the targeted 250,000 roles, which were meant to be totally filled by December 2021.

These statistics suggest that the Kickstart scheme has failed in its attempt to curb the spike in youth unemployment.

Tottenham MP David Lammy said: “The repercussions for a society of sustained unemployment among young people is horrific — they lack a stake in society and in their communities.

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“We can’t have another generation that is routinely unemployed for longer than a year. We have to guarantee these young people work, otherwise we will all pay the price dearly.”



Jayda Calloo, videographer

Elizabeth Lahav and Olivia Wakeford, co-managers of Tottenham-based dance company Streetz Ahead, have seen the benefits of the Kickstart scheme. So too, have the four young people they’ve been able to employ as a dance assistant, videographer, mentor, and an arts administrator.

Elizabeth said: “[The young recruits] have made a difference in so many ways.

“We were adamant from the start that the Kickstarters we took on would have the potential to join our company at the end, so we have worked hard to ensure that they had training programmes set up, with constant support and guidance.”

The trainees have been offered training courses specialising in mental health, first aid, and safeguarding.

Alex Rose, 23, has been providing mentoring sessions to the children at Streetz Ahead, as well as covering dance classes when-ever needed.

He said: “I felt welcomed from the start.

“A lot of support was given; I’d never be left alone to do something I didn’t understand yet.”

Jayda Calloo, 18, another young person on the scheme, who is working as a videographer, reported stark differences before and after Kickstart.

She said: “It’s given me something to do every day so that my life never gets boring or repetitive, especially because I’m doing work that I actually enjoy.”

The Department for Work and Pensions has said it “acted quickly and decisively to support young people impacted by the pandemic”, and that it is “supporting more than 21,000 young people into Kickstart jobs in the capital.”

It added: “We’re committed to helping young people get their foot on the ladder.”



Anna Moore, dance assistant

Local paraclimber awarded Baton Award

Sportswoman and disability rights activist, Anoushé Husain has been awarded the ‘Sportswoman of the Year’ award at the Baton Awards.

Anoushé is a civil servant, and paraclimber who lives in Haringay. Being born missing her right arm below the elbow, surviving cancer, and living with multiple health conditions; she is an avid campaigner for disabled people.

She is an ambassador for both Ehlers-Danlos Support UK, and Limbpower, the leading charity for amputees and those with limb difference.

In 2018, Anoushé, alongside Anna Knight, co-founded Paraclimbing London, a dedicated safe space that makes multi-level climbing more accessible for disabled people. This includes visible disabilities and invisible ones, as well as long term health conditions.

Anoushé received the Baton Award in November 2021 in recognition of her commitment to making a difference. Now in its fourth year, the awards celebrate women from diverse racial groups by supporting, encouraging, and promoting their talent.

Winning against the odds



Anoushé Husain

Driven by teaching others to learn to shed their self-limiting beliefs and helping empower them to reach their potential, Anoushé talks candidly about her life. She actively shares how she has remained resilient in the face of huge obstacles, and highlights the plight of those often stigmatised by society, in order to change the misconceptions around these groups.

Anoushé said: “I am very humbled to have won the Sportswoman of the Year Awards at this year’s Baton Awards. I was so shocked I struggled with words when saying thank you on the night. Even though it was virtual, the evening was full of power, joy for life, self-belief, and love. The speeches, music and poetry were exquisite and spoke to my heart and soul.

“In a year which has been dark, in a year full of self-doubt as I’ve been rebuilding my body, in a year where I’ve had to learn to accept things might never go back to what they were; in a year where I and so many others have strived to keep on going, – keep showing up, keep being present in the face of adversity.

“Through the poor emotional and mental health days, through the great days, it’s been about showing up, learning to believe that I can, no matter what.”

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From the outside in



Tice Cin
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Karin Lock reviews *Keeping the House* by Tice Cin

“It’s funny how we’re watching things change, but from the outside”. Tice Cin’s lush debut *Keeping the House* suggests that being ‘outside’ is a vantage position. Being ‘out’ is to be detached, a place from where you can observe, analyse, reflect. But being ‘in’ is where the action is: you belong, you have a role, a part to play in the unfolding drama.

Keeping the House is a family saga, a tale of lost innocence, a plot about growing cabbages. It is a sensual trip through the Tottenham landscape from NPK (Northumberland Park) to Green Lanes, with detours to Turkey and Northern Cyprus. It is a journey of female empowerment inside a funny tense crime thriller (where names have been changed to protect the innocent).

Damla is our first guide. From a young age, she babysits her siblings and grandma, ‘keeping the house’ whilst her glamorous mother Ayla works. Her father is absent; his name and whereabouts not revealed. Cooking is Damla’s responsibility, and she hungrily collects recipes from family and friends. She also hangs out with her bestie, the confident Cemile, who flirts dangerously with the Broadwater Farm boys.

Tottenham is a place where kids grow up fast, and discretion is advised: “Careful, when you turn your eyes towards someone, you allow them the chance to turn theirs on you”. Damla is beautiful, smart and discreet. She has been taught that, for young women from her community, only “the ones who stay pure pave a jewelled path to marriage”.

Damla’s mother Ayla has strayed from the path. Her skinny, sleepy-

eyed lover may have shaky hands and sallow skin, but he was “a sophisticated chip and milkshake buyer who really knew London”. Newly arrived in the city in 1986, naïve and lonely Ayla falls for a guy she hardly sees. Away from her work and caring/domestic duties, she parties hard at the Mud Club, or a local blues dance; the music is her sanctuary.

Frequently switching narrators, the author follows this matrilineal line across three generations. She maps poetry-loving Ayla’s teenage years in Cyprus where “the procession of

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tanks...inhabited the daily rhythm of school life”. The 1974 war, loss, displacement, and agricultural labour have all impacted on the health of Ayla’s mother Makbule. Moving to Tottenham is a new start, a chance to plant and “block out the world”.

Once the book’s central dilemma has been established, the writer begins to explore the characters’ strengths and vulnerabilities. One central motif is forgiveness; another is how protection can often mean control. Exploring these behaviours invites the possibility for change: “You have to do the right thing even if you upset people sometimes”.

It may be fiction (with the odd urban myth) but *Keeping the House* showcases actual local history. Infamous bygone venues like the Swan, Ritzy and Eros nightclub are name-checked; and legendary incidents retold. This is the novel’s magic: the ability to retell the past with its sounds, smells and tastes. For some, the book’s multi-narrator format (and multilingual notes) might feel like hard work, but for this reader it feels like a walk down Tottenham High Road in all its polyglot magnificence.

Tice Cin is a local artist whose expertise covers film, art, poetry, DJ-ing and music. A graduate of Barbican Young Poets and London Writers Awards programmes, her interdisciplinary approach is refreshing (there is an EP and photographs to complement the book). As one character insists: “making art is a place of safety – where the artist has the possibility of ‘home’”. With *Keeping the House*, Cin adds to that debate by putting one of north London’s key communities centre stage in a sensitive and intimate way.

POETRY

Sparkler Dims On The Prairie

By Terry Egan

The stars are ours to marvel at,
sights lighting on white fires
in the heights of night.
We wonder on a world where that
enchants our glances –
asking if our past’s as bright.
What big bang have we blasted from
to be so right –
able to be appreciative,
glimpsing the sprinkled twinkles
blinking out their light,
as though it’s through some
thoughtful sieve?
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those trickled speckles we pick from
the pock-marked dark;
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hawking his haunts and hang-outs;
got to be that spark
giving this void the verve to live.

Black Lives

By C. Edwards

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Predictions for Tottenham Hotspur's transfer window

BY HARAN NARESH

This January transfer window will be the first opportunity for Antonio Conte to make changes to his Tottenham Hotspur squad.

Which positions will Conte want to strengthen and which players will he want to offload?

Goalkeeper

An area where Tottenham are strong. Captain Hugo Lloris is one of the best goalkeepers in the Premier League and Pierluigi Gollini is a more than able deputy.

Right wing-back

Is likely to be a position where Conte will look to strengthen. Emerson Royal struggled under Nuno Espirito Santo but has flourished under Conte as a wing-back. However, Matt Doherty has been poor since joining the club and could be on the way out.

Centre-back

One of the most important positions in a Conte side, considering he almost exclusively plays three at the back. Spurs have improved in this area under the 52-year-old but still lack the quality needed to compete at the highest level. It will be difficult for the club to make a top addition

this month therefore a move in the summer window is more likely. Joe Rodon has barely played this season and could depart on loan.

Left wing-back

A position where Tottenham have great depth. Sergio Reguilon has found form since Conte's appointment whilst the move to three at the back has brought Ryan Sessegnon back into the fold. Ben Davies is currently being deployed as a centre-back but can revert back to his original position if needed.

The club still lack a senior back-up striker therefore a loan move for a player in this position is likely

Central midfield

Pierre-Emile Højbjerg and Oliver Skipp have played a major part in Tottenham's recent defensive improvement. However, they have both failed to convince when Tottenham need to open up teams that sit deep. As a result, Spurs may look to bring in a creative midfielder.

Tanguy Ndombele has never fully settled at Tottenham but will struggle to find suitors because of his high wages. Harry Winks has dropped down the pecking order but is likely to stay and fight for his place. Giovanni Lo Celso has failed to live up to the hype that surrounded him when he joined Tottenham but is still a valuable option in the squad.

Forwards

An area where Tottenham are strong but could have a couple of back-up players depart. Heung-min Son and Lucas Moura have carried Tottenham's attacking threat for most of the season and will continue to be crucial going forward. Steven Bergwijn has had very little game time and may leave on loan. Dele Alli is in a similar position and is likely to depart either in this window or in the summer. Bryan Gil has been a squad player since joining Spurs but is seen by the club as one for the future.

Strikers

Harry Kane has failed to hit top form since his summer transfer saga, scoring only his first goal in 13 league games. However, he has been prolific in Europe and for England and remains Tottenham's talisman. The club still lack a senior back-up striker therefore a loan move for a player in this position is likely.

Mixed fortunes for Spurs women

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Tottenham Hotspur Women have had mixed fortunes in the recent period of the season.

They suffered a 1-0 away loss against London rivals West Ham United.

Ria Percival fired a shot just over the bar from a tight angle. Ashleigh Neville then headed narrowly wide from a corner.

In the second half, Neville steered off-target from just outside the area.

The home side scored the only goal of the game in the 69th minute. Lisa Evans put a cross into the box which the Spurs defence could only clear into the path of Dagny Brynjarsdottir, who guided her effort into the corner.

The visitors started to increase the tempo after falling behind. Rachel Williams poked a shot towards goal which West Ham goalkeeper Mackenzie Arnold tipped over the bar.

Late on, Neville fired in a dipping shot which Arnold saved.

Spurs then rebounded with an away victory over Aston Villa Women.

Tottenham missed an excellent chance when Jessica Naz played Rachel Williams in on goal but the striker could only send her chip wide.

The home side took the lead in the 19th minute. Alisha Lehmann put a cross into the box from which Remi Allen poked home from close range.

Spurs then equalised with a penalty. Meaghan Sargeant brought down Ria Percival in the box and the referee pointed to the spot.

Kyah Simon made no mistake with the spot-kick, putting her effort low into the corner.

Spurs took the lead in the second-half with a well-worked counter-attack. Tottenham won the ball back and Jessica Naz drove forward before playing in Williams in the area who slotted home.

Villa came close to equalising when Korpela spilled a free-kick and Sargeant bundled the ball towards goal but Molly Bartrip got back to clear off the line.

Following these two results, Tottenham Hotspur Women are now in third place (at time of going to press) in the Women's Super League. They have surpassed pre-season expectations and have a real chance of qualifying for the Women's Champion's League.

Rachel Williams has delivered strong performances recently but Spurs have become somewhat too reliant on her to provide a goal threat.

Tottenham's defence continues to be very difficult to breach. They have conceded just seven league goals in nine games.

The defensive partnership of Shelina Zadorsky and Molly Bartrip is flourishing, whilst Ashleigh Neville has been one of Tottenham's most reliable performers.



The Hive Stadium, home to Tottenham Hotspur Women Credit: Wikicommons

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