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autumn 2018

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All meetings listed are held at the Town Hall, Ilford at 7.15pm unless stated otherwise.

### Council Meetings

Thursday 20 September 2018

Thursday 22 November 2018

To ask a question at a council meeting written notice of the question must be submitted to Fiona Alderman, [fiona.alderman@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:fiona.alderman@redbridge.gov.uk), by midday on the third working day prior to the meeting (ie normally midday on the Monday before a Thursday meeting).

### Cabinet Meetings

Tuesday 16 October 2018 – 6.30pm

Tuesday 13 November 2018 – 6.30pm

If you wish to speak at meetings of the Cabinet, you must inform the Committee Support Officer by 5pm the day before the meeting at which you wish to speak. Contact: Jon Simes, tel: **020 8708 2163** or Helena Tredgold, tel: **020 8708 2203**.

### Scrutiny Committees

*Health Scrutiny Committee*

Wednesday 10 October 2018

Monday 26 November 2018

*Overview Scrutiny Committee*

Thursday 11 October 2018

Monday 12 November 2018

*People Scrutiny Committee*

Tuesday 9 October 2018 – 6.30pm

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*Place Scrutiny Committee*

Tuesday 9 October 2018 – 6.30pm

*Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee*

Monday 15 October 2018 – 6.30pm

*External Scrutiny Committee*

Wednesday 17 October 2018

### Councillor surgeries

Many Councillors hold regular surgeries in their wards or can be contacted directly to make an appointment so residents can discuss concerns or ask for help. To contact your Councillor or find details about surgeries, go to [www.redbridge.gov.uk/councillors](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/councillors) or call **020 8554 5000**.



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# Welcome to the Autumn edition of Redbridge Life

## Working to reclaim our streets

The recent crimewave following the government's £1bn cut to policing hit Redbridge hard and created so much suffering for many of our residents. This is entirely unacceptable and we will not stand for it.

We've been looking into clever ways to fight crime, as we are unable to control the government's police budget. Instead we are mobilising not just council staff and remaining police, but also residents and local community groups like never before. Now is the time for us all to join forces and reclaim our streets once and for all!



**Councillor Jas Athwal**  
Leader, London borough of Redbridge

**We all know the council and police resources are limited, these are just some of the many realities of the endless central government cuts every borough in London is facing. However, we will not let this prevent us from serving the residents of Redbridge and providing the services you all deserve.**

Our innovative partnerships model is already producing results, for example there are now StreetWatch programmes being setup across the borough with the help of police and the council's £50,000 community safety fund. This fund was specifically designed to mobilise communities and assist them in effectively make their own areas safer and so far, neighbourhoods are coming together and crime rates are falling.

We are on track to deliver our promised £1.5m investment in both ANPR and CCTV cameras across Redbridge, targeting specific hotspots and creating a 'ring of steel' around the borough protecting against all types of crime.

We are working with Police to target those in our community who are seeking the service of sex workers around Ilford Lane, including introducing the first of its kind Public Space Protection Order

which will see those using sex worker services fined if they are caught by nightly police street patrols in the area.

We are also embarking on one of the biggest clean-ups of our Town Centre in Ilford. Tackling environmental crime like littering, unsightly mess on the pavements, aggressive begging and criminals in and around the centre and station.

We've started jet washing the unsightly marks on pavements and seating areas around the High Road and Station, sweeping the streets with high-tech machines and specialised equipment. We have also introduced a neighbourhood team system so you can get to know your local teams managing the streets. These teams are being rolled out across the borough to ensure a more community focused and accountable approach to street cleansing in Redbridge.

We are continuing work on our ambitious public realm improvements which will create new high-quality, accessible public spaces, delivering on the council's plans for Ilford Town Centre which sets out several promises aimed at reclaiming the town's place as the heart of a modern east London.

We are working with developers to ensure public space is maximised when considering new applications for development across the borough.

In May, I announced our bold and ambitious plans to make Ilford a cultural capital with improved services and access around our area. I envisage this 'Culture Capital' featuring a new state of the art multi-purpose theatre space which will allow the current Kenneth Moore Theatre to diversify its offering and I hope will rival that of 'arts depot' in Finchley and other similar theatre spaces.

A fitness and leisure complex with swimming facility is part of this cultural vision, making health facilities more accessible to more people in the borough.

**Let's work together, mobilise like never before and reclaim our streets; together we can deliver results for Redbridge!**

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# Deep clean of Ilford town centre underway

## Part of Our Streets civic pride initiative

Ilford town centre is getting a six-week deep clean as part of a raft of major improvements from Redbridge council.

Extra staff, new kit and more resources are being drafted in to improve the appearance of the High Road and surrounding streets for traders, shoppers and visitors.

The improvements are part of the Our Streets – the council's civic pride campaign to create a cleaner, greener and safer borough.



Armed with power washers, teams are working overnight on scrubbing pavements with extra street cleaners picking up litter during the day.

A Glutton vacuuming machine has been introduced to clear hard-to-reach pavement cracks, along with mechanised street sweepers to support the additional cleansing rounds.

A dedicated town centre supervisor has also been appointed to oversee the major cleaning boost.

The council has a zero-tolerance approach to people who litter and dump rubbish and the number of high visibility enforcement patrols will increase in the town centre to help keep the streets clean.

**“One of our major priorities is improving the way our streets look”**

Following the deep clean there will be an extended cleaning regime in the town centre.

Cabinet Member for Civic Pride Cllr John Howard said: “One of our major priorities is improving the way our streets look. Ilford town centre is a busy shopping area and we want it to be as clean and inviting as possible for shoppers and visitors. This deep clean will make a big difference and is part of our new approach of concentrating street cleansing resources where and when they are needed most. This is the first step in the changes we are making to street cleansing including adding another £300,000. We are doing our bit to keep the area clean by improving and investing in services. But everyone has a part to play by either ensuring they use the large number of bins provided in the town centre for their rubbish.”



The latest improvements follow the first phase of public realm work carried out to help revitalise Ilford town centre. This ambitious programme is creating new, high quality accessible public spaces.

Improvements so far have included high quality granite paving, new trees and greenery, new lighting and seating and more street cycle racks.

Public consultation on the second phase of proposed improvements began at the end of August for six weeks.

Leader of the council Cllr Jas Athwal said: “The first phase of our public realm works have already improved the quality and look of the town centre and has created a much more vibrant and welcoming place for people to visit. We want to keep it that way by ensuring the High Road and surrounding streets look their best at all times for shoppers and visitors. The deep clean will help us do this and our extended street cleaning regime will ensure the cleanliness of the area is maintained to the highest standards.”



## Dates announced for new Local Forum format

The local community will have a new way to engage with the council when refreshed Local Forums are launched this month.

The forums will be a new way for more residents to talk to councillors, officers and key partners. With an increased number of meetings, residents can work together with the council's Civic Pride Neighbourhood teams and key partners to find solutions to local issues.

Discussions will focus on how we can best deliver services locally, addressing residents' concerns and working together to strengthen our communities.

To kickstart a new collaborative approach, the first forum in each neighbourhood will be an opportunity to agree priorities for their area and the way they are discussed.

Attendees will also get a chance to question the Leader of the council direct on any issue they wish to raise.

The forums will be held three times a year in each of the borough's four neighbourhoods – north, south, east and west – for a total of twelve meetings per year across the borough.

**Cabinet Member for Transformation and Engagement Cllr Helen Coomb said:**

"We've decided to take a fresh look at the way we engage with our communities through the local forums. We envisage a more market-style approach to the forums with our valued residents given the opportunity to chat with officers and councillors about any issue in a more relaxed way before we tackle a key issue. However, nothing is set in stone and it will be for individual forums to collaborate on the format that works best for their area. I hope people will take the time to attend."

### Neighbourhood Areas

| North         | East          | South          | West               |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| • Hainault    | • Chadwell    | • Cranbrook    | • Monkams          |
| • Aldborough  | • Seven Kings | • Valentines   | • Bridge           |
| • Fairlop     | • Newbury     | • Ilford Town  | • Churchfields     |
| • Clayhall    | • Goodmayes   | • Clementswood | • South Woodford   |
| • Barkingside | • Mayfield    | • Loxford      | • Wanstead Village |
| • Fullwell    |               |                | • Wanstead Park    |



### Meeting dates

The planned dates for the first round of forums are:

**South Neighbourhood**  
*Wednesday 26 September*  
 Ilford Town Hall,  
 128-142 High Road, IG1 1DD

**North Neighbourhood**  
*Thursday 8 November*  
 Fullwell Cross Library,  
 140 High Street, Barkingside IG6 2EA

**West Neighbourhood**  
*Monday 19 November*  
 All Saints Church,  
 Inmans Row, Woodford Green, IG8 ONH

**East Neighbourhood**  
*Wednesday 28 November*  
 Isaac Newton Academy,  
 1 Cricklefield Place, Ilford, IG1 1FY

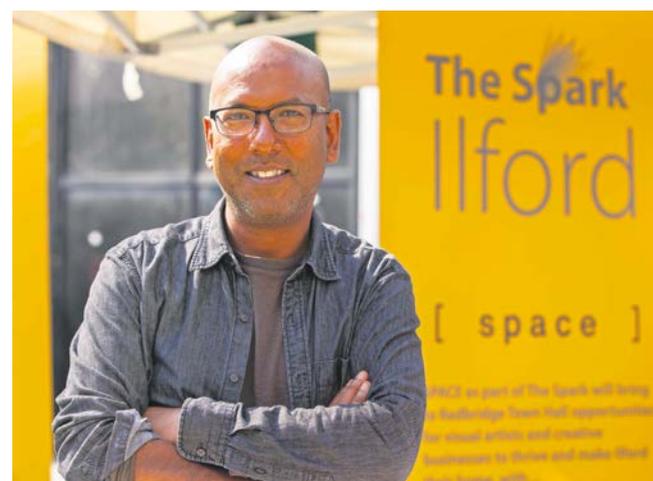
Please come along from 6:45pm for initial informal discussions with officers and councillors. The formal session will begin at 7:15pm and the Q&A session with the Leader will run from 8:00-8:30pm.

# The Spark Ilford Sparking a new cultural quarter

Partners joining the council to create a new vibrant cultural hub were in Ilford to showcase their part in the exciting venture.

Mercato Metropolitano, Things Made Public and Space Studios manned stalls at the RCVS Community Day last month. Called The Spark, the vibrant cultural hub will transform Ilford town centre with a food market, artist studios and flexible workspaces.

The council has successfully bid for £1.8m from the Mayor of London's Good Growth Fund for The Spark. Total investment in the project will reach £5.3m.



## Residents benefit from CIL funding to improve local areas

**Local community groups and projects will receive £42,000 from the council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Local Project Fund.**

Each year the council allocates 15 per cent of the fund to local projects while the rest is spent on improving schools, leisure centres, health care facilities, transport and public areas.

In 2017, the council allocated funding for Sector Skills Training which helps residents overcome barriers they may face while gaining employment.

Earlier this year, the council carried out a public consultation to allow residents to submit ideas and suggestions forward for CIL funding.

Projects in Loxford Park, South Park, Goodmayes Park and Snaresbrook Garden of Remembrance have been given funding this year as well as further courses to support sector based employability and address skill needs in the borough.

The next round of CIL money will be available to bid for later in the year, details will be on the council's website:

 [www.redbridge.gov.uk/communityinfrastructure](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/communityinfrastructure)

An additional £60,000 is being contributed to bring a Changing Place to Ilford, giving adults and older people with severe physical disabilities access to public toilet facilities.

The council is also putting CIL funding towards purchasing additional defibrillators and will be working with the London Ambulance Service and Vision to site them in the borough and offer training on how to use them in the event of a cardiac arrest.

Residents and community groups are encouraged to get involved in CIL consultations as it provides a great opportunity for the community to work together and improve local neighbourhoods.



# Pest Control Service

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## What we do

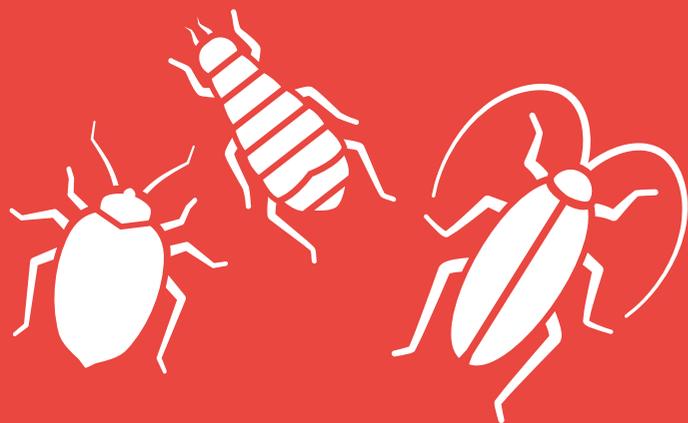
- we offer advice to residents and businesses about how to get rid of insects or rodents
- we have effective treatments for certain types of pests and can help with identifying pests and information about what to do

## What pest control officers do

- we investigate the cause of infestations and recommend a treatment
- we will give you safety information, offer proofing advice and tell you roughly how long the treatment may take

## Pests we treat and cost

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Rats .....  | £70.00  |
| Mice .....  | £92.00  |
| Cockroaches .....   | £124.00 |
| Bedbugs .....   | £161.00 |
| Pharaoh Ants .....  | £138.00 |
| Garden Ants .....   | £93.00  |
| Wasps .....   | £60.00  |
| Fleas .....   | £103.00 |
| Commercial premises starting from<br>(non-food premises only) ..... | £165.00 |



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# Nine parks bag much coveted Green Flag

Nine borough parks and open spaces have again been confirmed amongst the best in the world after successfully retaining their coveted Green Flag award.

The esteemed flags will be flying for another year in Clayhall Park, Claybury Wood, Elmhurst Gardens, Goodmayes Park, Hainault Forest Country Park, Ilford War Memorial, Seven Kings Park, South Park and Valentines Park.

The international award from leading environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy recognises the best parks and green spaces globally.

Now in its third decade, the Green Flag is a sign to visitors that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent facilities.

The nine borough parks are among a record-breaking 1,883 green spaces across the UK to have received prestigious Green Flags.

Awards are given annually, with winners re-applying to renew their Green Flag status. Each green space is judged on its own merits and how it serves the community.



Leader of the council Jas Athwal (far left) joined staff to celebrate the Green Flag award

## LOVE YOUR PARK

### Vote Now in the People's Choice Awards 2018

[www.redbridge.gov.uk/greenflag](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/greenflag)

#### Fly the flag for a Redbridge Park

Help put your favourite Redbridge park on the map by nominating it for the prestigious Green Flag People's Choice award.

To take part simply visit [www.redbridge.gov.uk/greenflag](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/greenflag) and cast your vote.



## Have your say on new waste strategy

**Residents will soon have an opportunity to give their views on a new strategy for dealing with waste in Redbridge.**

The council is aiming to reach a recycling rate of 50 per cent for household waste in its bid to become a greener, cleaner place borough.

It has already committed to bringing waste collection services back in house and options to redesign and improve the service will be included in the strategy.

The document will also consider proposals to be put in place which will deal with how the council process waste to help ensure the new recycling target can become a reality.

Public consultation on the new strategy will begin in September and considered by the council's Cabinet in October.

The council is keen to hear your views on a key document so look out for information on the council's social media and website and join the debate.



Councillor John Howard (third from right) with the new neighbourhood team

The council has launched a new civic pride strategy designed by residents and aimed at delivering services in conjunction with the community. Redbridge Life takes a look at how Our Streets will be bringing pride back by the council working with you to create a cleaner, greener and safer place.

### **The new team**

To help create great neighbourhoods through Our Streets, we're changing the way we do things. Services on the ground are now joined up into neighbourhood teams covering the north, south, east and west of the borough. Each will be directed by a Neighbourhood Manager and made up of enforcement officers and street cleansing staff working closely together. They will be supported by a dedicated Neighbourhood Engagement and Education Officer who will work directly with the community to help keep the streets clean.

**Details of your local team are opposite.**

## West

*Bridge, Churchfields, Monkams, South Woodford, Wanstead Park and Wanstead Village*

**Tracy Scott**

Neighbourhood Manager

**Dave Lucas**

Street Cleansing Team Leader

**Krisztina Vamos**

Neighbourhood Engagement and Education Officer

## South

*Clementswood, Cranbrook, Ilford Town, Loxford and Valentines*

**Sarah Kaye**

Neighbourhood Manager

**Mark Salter**

Street Cleansing Team Leader

**Rawnak Jassam**

Neighbourhood Engagement and Education Officer



## North

*Aldborough, Barkingside, Clayhall, Fairlop, Fullwell and Hainault*

**Steph Orrell**

Neighbourhood Manager

**Mike Hillsden**

Street Cleansing Team Leader

**Marion Moth**

Neighbourhood Engagement and Education Officer

## East

*Chadwell, Goodmayes, Mayfield, Newbury and Seven Kings*

**Brian McLoughlin**

Neighbourhood Manager

**Dave Tarling**

Street Cleansing Team Leader

**Jo Smallman/Laki Begum**

Neighbourhood Engagement and Education Officer

Sign up to Our Neighbourhood newsletter at [www.redbridge.gov.uk](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk) search Enewsletters

## Get involved

Our new Neighbourhood Engagement and Education Officers will be bringing pride back to neighbourhoods by encouraging local people to organise and take part in social action projects.

To speak to your local Neighbourhood Officer about these activities or to suggest any of your own, email:

[ourneighbourhood@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:ourneighbourhood@redbridge.gov.uk)

## Activities residents can get involved in include:

- Becoming street champions
- Play streets
- Community gardening projects
- Community clean-ups

## Our Streets

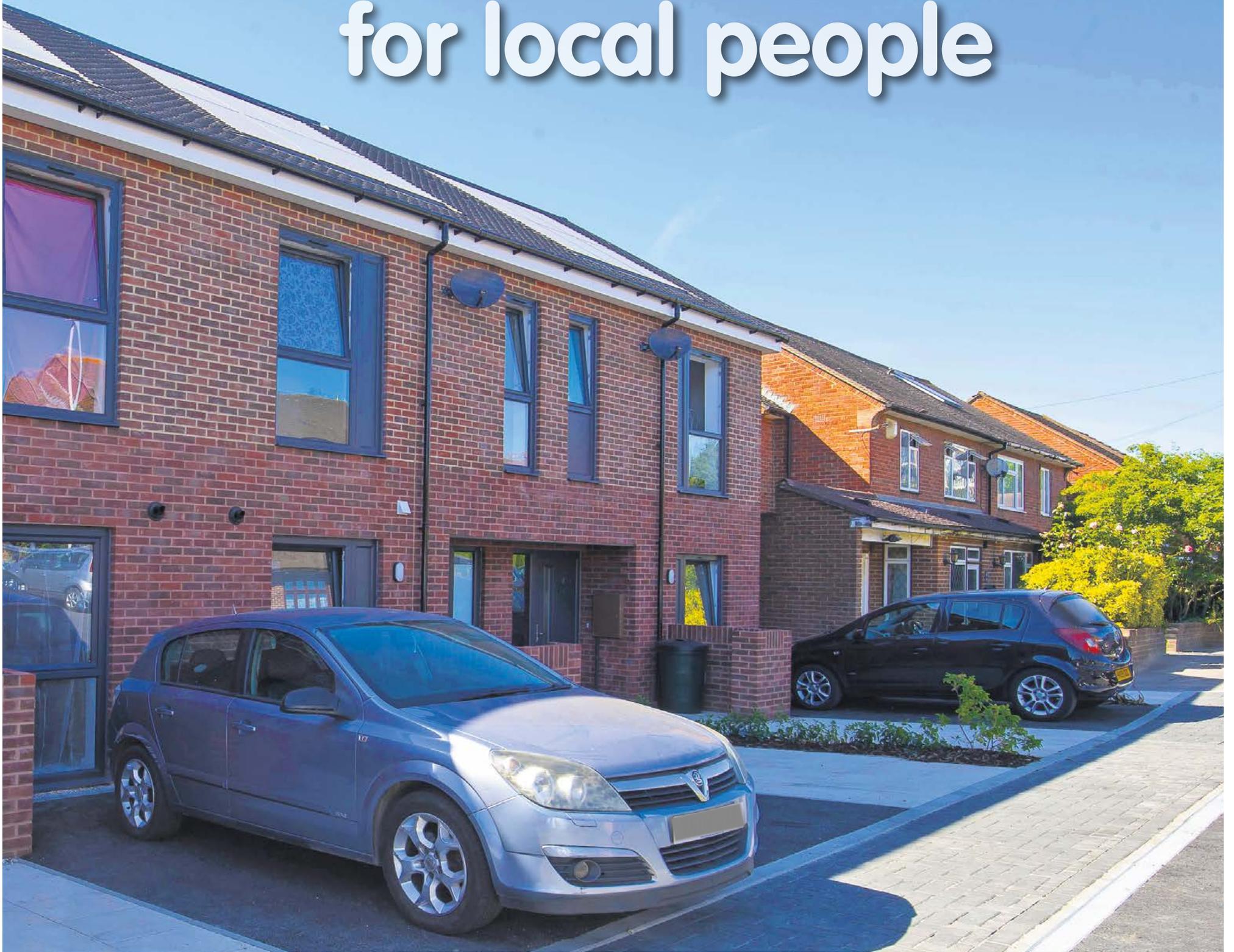
Our Streets was developed from the Redbridge Streets Commission, an independent body working directly with residents to understand what they really value about the places where they live. The messages that came through were clear: people love our green spaces, the strength of our communities and our great transport links – but we need to do more to create and maintain the great neighbourhoods that our residents want and deserve.



### A message from the Cabinet Member for Civic Pride

Cllr John Howard said: "Like you, I want Redbridge to be borough we are proud of. To meet this challenge head on we are changing the way we do things through a joined up and focused street scene service. Bringing together resources at a local level in this way means we can locate trouble spots and get them sorted. We have a big role to play but we are also encouraging local communities to take ownership of their neighbourhoods so together we can achieve much more."

# Building more homes for local people



**Redbridge council has handed over its fourth housing development in less than a year as part of its pledge to build 1000 more affordable homes in the borough.**

Councillors, officers, developer Luminus Developments Ltd and contractors Aspen Build came together to welcome the new residents of Coppice Path in Hainault.

The new energy efficient homes sit on a former garage site and are made up of four three-bedroom houses, three three-bedroom duplexes and two two-bedroom flats.

The development was part-funded by the Mayor of London and provides the borough's growing population with much needed housing.

Redbridge's severe shortage of affordable homes means that residents struggle to access the housing market and find accommodation they can afford to rent or buy.

As well as building more homes, the council has introduced a raft of measures to improve the supply of good rented accommodation. These include extending their selective licensing scheme to cover 79 per cent of the private rented sector, supporting rough sleepers, a ground-breaking pop-up hostel and holding regular forums to help landlords understand their responsibilities.

This development follows the success of others, including Yellowpine Way, Stanway Close and Rayleigh Road, in providing permanent homes for those currently living in temporary accommodation.

Leader of the council Cllr Jas Athwal said: "We recognise the very real challenge that many people in our borough and across the capital face finding genuinely affordable accommodation. This new development shows once again we are delivering on our pledge to deliver the new affordable homes our residents desperately need. But we appreciate we can't tackle this issue alone and welcome the injection of funding from the Mayor of London for this scheme.

"It's wonderful to meet the residents and to welcome them to their new homes. This is a fresh start for many of them and a great opportunity to build their own communities. I'm excited for what their futures hold. With developments such as these and through a range of initiatives we will be able to increase the availability of high quality homes in Redbridge."

Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness Cllr Farah Hussain said: "This is just a part of what we are doing to improve the availability of high-quality accommodation for residents. Expanding the selective licensing scheme will help us ensure that rented properties are of a good standard and will offer some protection against eviction for tenants living in unlicensed homes, helping to prevent homelessness. In addition, the extra funding recently received from the government will allow us to tackle rogue landlords, fly-tipping and other anti-social behaviour through targeted information and increased enforcement action."

James Murray, Deputy Mayor for Housing, said: "We need councils to take the lead in building new homes to help fix London's housing crisis, and so I am very pleased we have been able to support the great work by Redbridge Council, which has now handed over the keys to new residents at Coppice Path.

"London desperately needs more genuinely affordable homes and the Mayor and I are doing all we can with the resources we have to build more homes to rent and to buy.

"The Mayor wants to get 10,000 new council homes underway over the next four years and it is great that we can rely on proactive local authorities such as Redbridge to play a key part in building the new homes that Londoners need."



# Are you a Redbridge Landlord?

## If yes, then you need to know about property licensing.

In Redbridge all Houses in Multiple Occupation known as HMOs need to be licensed. These are homes that have three or more tenants living as two or more households that share facilities.

If your HMO does not have a licence you risk a £30,000 fine or prosecution and have your right to evict a tenant severely restricted.

### How to get a licence

The property owner or agent can apply for a licence at [www.redbridge.gov.uk](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk) and search 'private rentals' or e-mail [Prslicensing@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:Prslicensing@redbridge.gov.uk)

Tenants and Residents can check if a property is licensed or report an unlicensed property by looking at the private rental page on the private rentals pages of the Redbridge website.

### Need Help with your HMO licence?

Book an enforcement officer to give you advice on how to meet the requirements for a licence to be issued. There is a fee of £100 for this service.

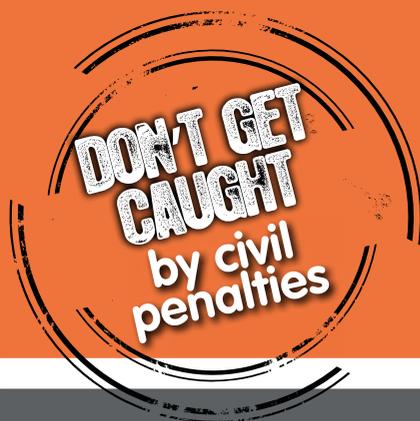
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Landlords did you know that over 75% of the borough is now in a **SELECTIVE LICENSING** area.

Selective licensing applies to all rented properties that are not a house in multiple occupation.

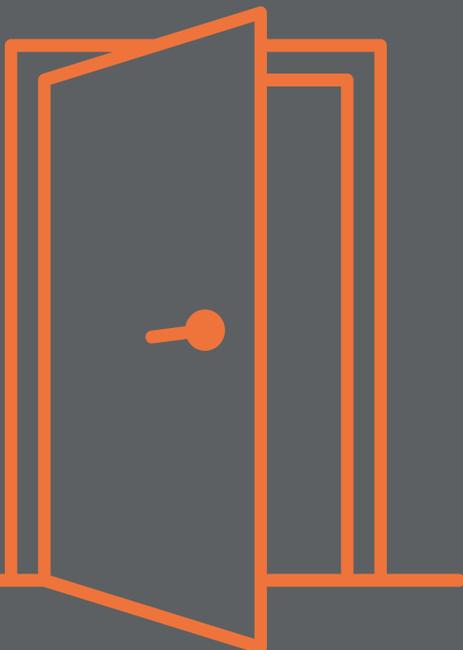
These areas are split into Scheme 1 which came into force in 2017 and Scheme 2 which will come into force on Monday 1 October 2018. We are accepting applications now.

To check if you are in a Selective Licensing area you can check at [www.redbridge.gov.uk](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk) and search 'private rentals'



## Tenants do you live in a privately rented property?

Do you want to make a difference to the streets you live in? The Redbridge Tenants Forum aims to bring together tenants and other residents with an interest in making private renting better for tenants and neighbours.



**Come along and work with fellow neighbours and businesses to improve your local environment and:**

- Tackle issues like poor housing standards
- Rubbish on streets
- Untidy front gardens
- Anti-social behaviour
- Access free tenant accreditation
- Free referencing service
- Free Right to Rent advice
- Support and advice on housing

**Wednesday 13 February  
2019 at 7pm**

**Redbridge Central Library  
Gloucester Room, Clements Road,  
Ilford IG1 1EA**

Refreshments will be provided the meeting.

If you are interested in getting involved in a forum to promote issues related to private renting and cannot attend the meeting then please email: [prslicensing@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:prslicensing@redbridge.gov.uk) and we will contact you.

# Redbridge Landlords

**DON'T GET  
CAUGHT**  
by civil  
penalties

Councils can now impose a financial penalty of up to £30,000 for a range of housing offences, including failure to apply for a licence if the property needs one.

Issuing a financial penalty will not need a criminal prosecution. For some offences, both the landlord and letting agent can be fined.

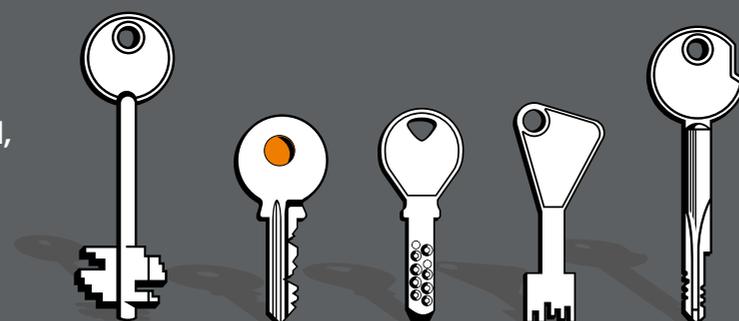


**Landlords – do you want to know more about property licensing and help the Council shape its service.**

If so come along to one of the quarterly forums and learn how to be a good landlord from some of our most experienced landlords in the borough.

**The next meeting is on  
12 September at 6pm:**

Redbridge Central Library  
Gloucester Room, Clements Road,  
Ilford IG1 1EA



## Rent Repayment Orders

The government has expanded the Rent Repayment Order (RRO) provisions. Councils and tenants can now claim back up to 12 months rent from the landlord without the need for a criminal prosecution.

## Banning Orders

The Housing and Planning Act 2016 gives Councils the power to apply to the first-tier tribunal for banning orders for persons who have been found guilty of banning order offence.

## Fabulous exam results celebrated

The council has congratulated pupils across the borough for achieving fabulous A Level and GCSE results in the new, tougher exams.

The majority of GCSE courses now have less focus on coursework and more on final exams.

Most GCSE results are graded 9 to 1, with 4 equivalent to a C and 7 to A under the previous scoring.

For a second year, tougher exams have been introduced for a number of A Level subjects with AS Level no longer counting towards final grades.

Despite the changes, provisional figures provided by Redbridge schools and academies show

A Level grades A\*-E are at 97 per cent across all schools, similar to last year.

Early results for GCSE show the percentage of pupils achieving a grade 4 or above in English and maths has improved to 74 per cent, which is significantly above the average across England.

The data also suggests schools' Attainment 8 score – the average of student grades across eight key subjects – is once again above the national average.



Cllr Elaine Norman, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said:

*"Congratulations to all the students on their fabulous results and to all teachers who were involved in helping these young people prepare for these exams and for their next step in life. In this day and age there are many options open to young people and many routes to a successful career. I wish them all the best with their future, whatever choice they make."*

The Department for Education issue more detailed exam results later in the year, once figures have been confirmed.

## Council submits plans for new Wanstead pool

Plans for a brand new community swimming pool in Wanstead have been submitted by the council.

In July residents were given a first peek at the design proposals for the leisure facility, which will be built at Wanstead High School.

As well as a pool, proposals include improved leisure facilities, a dance studio and new teaching facilities, dining room, kitchen and disabled access at the school.

Designs may be modified subject to planning advice and it is estimated that, subject to planning permission, works on site will begin in Spring 2019.

The council is investing heavily in leisure facilities. Alongside the proposals for Wanstead, Loxford School swimming pool has been refurbished and the council is building a new state-of-the-art leisure complex at Mayfield School.

Leader of the council Cllr Jas Athwal, who is responsible for leisure, said:

*"We're quickly progressing this much-anticipated election promise to give residents in the west of the borough first-class swimming facilities that are*

*within easy reach. Great care has been taken developing the plans for these modern facilities, which will encourage more people to take part in physical activity to better their health."*

Residents can view the plans on the council's website and feedback via the planning consultation webpage, by searching planning application number 3467/18.



# Redbridge's hidden gems revealed for this year's Open House event 2018



**Open House, the world's largest architecture and design festival, is back this year with buildings of historical importance opening their doors to the public for free.**

For two days only on **22 and 23 September**, hundreds of hidden gems not normally open to the public will be unlocked.

In Redbridge 12 local buildings will welcome visitors and offer guided tours, exhibitions and workshops.

There are loads to visit, including our much-loved Valentines Mansion dating back to the 17th Century and St Mary The Virgin Church, Wanstead, so get out and take a look at some of our local gems.

## Bancroft's School

Open 12.30pm–3pm on Saturday 22.

**Address:** 611-627 High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0RF

## Box Theatre New City College London

Open 10am–5pm on Saturday 22.

**Address:** Barley Lane, Romford, RM6 4XT

## Christ Church

Open 10am–1pm on Saturday 22 & 1pm–5pm

on Sunday 23. **Address:** Wanstead Place, E11 2SW

## Fullwell Cross Library

Open 9.30am–4pm on Saturday 22.

**Address:** 140 High Street, Barkingside, Ilford, IG6 2EA

## Quaker Meeting House

Open 1pm–5pm on Sunday 23.

**Address:** Bush Road, E11 3AU

## Schizophrenic Gesamtkunstwerk

Architect lead tours every 30 mins

on Saturday 22 (10am–4.30pm) max 8 per tour.

**Address:** 43 Park Road, E12 5HG

## Repton Park

Saturday 22 and Sunday 23,

tours at 10:30am and 12pm max 30 per tour.

**Address:** Repton Park, Manor Road, Woodford Bridge, IG8 8GG

## St Mary The Virgin Wanstead

Open 10am–5pm Saturday 22 & 10am–5pm

on Sunday 23. **Address:** St Mary's The Virgin Church, Overton Drive, E11 2LW

## Sukkat Shalom Reform Synagogue

Open 10am–4pm on Sunday 23.

**Address:** 1 Victory Road, Wanstead, E11 1UL

## The Hospital Chapel of St Mary & St Thomas

Open Saturday 22 & Sunday 23.

**Address:** 48 Ilford Hill, Ilford, IG1 2AT

## Valentines Mansion

Open Sunday 23.

**Address:** Emerson Road, Ilford, IG1 4XA

## Woodford County High School for Girls

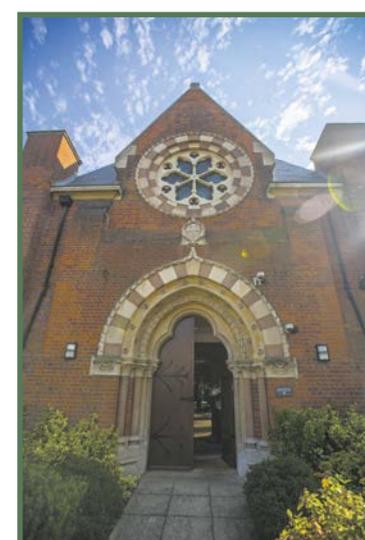
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Private fostering is when a child or young person aged 16 or under (or 18 if they are disabled) is cared for by an adult who is not a close relative for more than 28 days.

A private foster carer may be:

- a friend of the family
- the parent of a friend of a child
- an extended family member such as a cousin, great aunt or great uncle
- someone previously unknown to the child's family who is willing to privately foster a child

Help us to keep children safe and support families by notifying us of private fostering arrangements. If you are a parent or carer of a child who is being privately fostered you have a legal duty to inform your local council. If you don't you might be missing out on free advice and support.



The Child Protection & Assessment Team, Lynton House, 255-259 High Road, Ilford, IG1 1NN.

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### Redbridge public services have developed a new plan to make the borough even better.

Called **Growing a new Redbridge 2018-2025**, the Borough Plan was developed through widespread discussion with residents and community groups about the future of Redbridge - with their ideas, aspirations and dreams fed into the final document.

With the borough's population set to swell over the coming decade, the plan sets out three clear priorities that the council, NHS, police, college and charities will work together to achieve with residents.

The first goal is to make the most of the benefits of regeneration, ensuring that developments such as Crossrail bring tangible benefits such as better wages for local people. We will step up the pace of development around Ilford, with new affordable homes and leisure facilities. Over the coming years we will build 1,000 new affordable homes giving our residents better choices about where to live, including properties built by Redbridge Living, our council-owned housing company. The council and its partners will also promote the London Living Wage.

The second is to ensure that Redbridge is a great place to live for families, building on our high quality schools, children's services and green spaces. Over the coming year we will work closely with our children, young people and parents to understand how we can put them at the heart of decision-making. This work will support our goal of securing UNICEF child-friendly city status – securing global recognition for the support we given our young to thrive.

Our final goal is to tackle the root causes of the borough's social challenges, recognising that it's better to stop problems like crime, flytipping and poor health before they happen, instead of paying the costs afterwards.

As well as the borough plan, the council has published its own corporate strategy. Our initial priority is the quality of our streets and to work with our communities to deliver a cleaner, safer borough. We will do our part with a new approach to Civic Pride services, with neighbourhood coordinators working alongside communities and a thorough modernisation of our street services.

A key theme across all priorities is the need for a new relationship between the council, partners and residents. While the council plays an important role in shaping the future of Redbridge, the ambitions forged in partnership with our communities can only be delivered with their participation.

Throughout the process of renewing our borough, we will strengthen cohesion and celebrate Redbridge's diversity. Following an independent review of our community cohesion work, we will work hard to ensure that all our services work effectively to promote diversity and tackle any tensions that arise in our communities.



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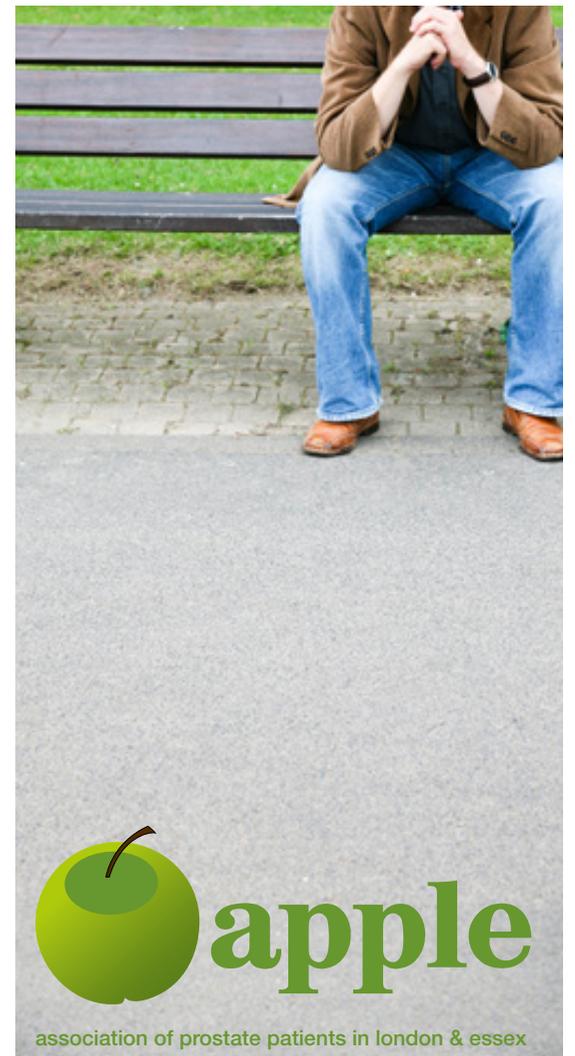
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- Passing urine more often than usual - especially at night
- Pain on passing urine, but this is rare
- Blood in the urine or semen, but this is very rare

Please seek medical advice early if you, or somebody you know, is experiencing these symptoms.

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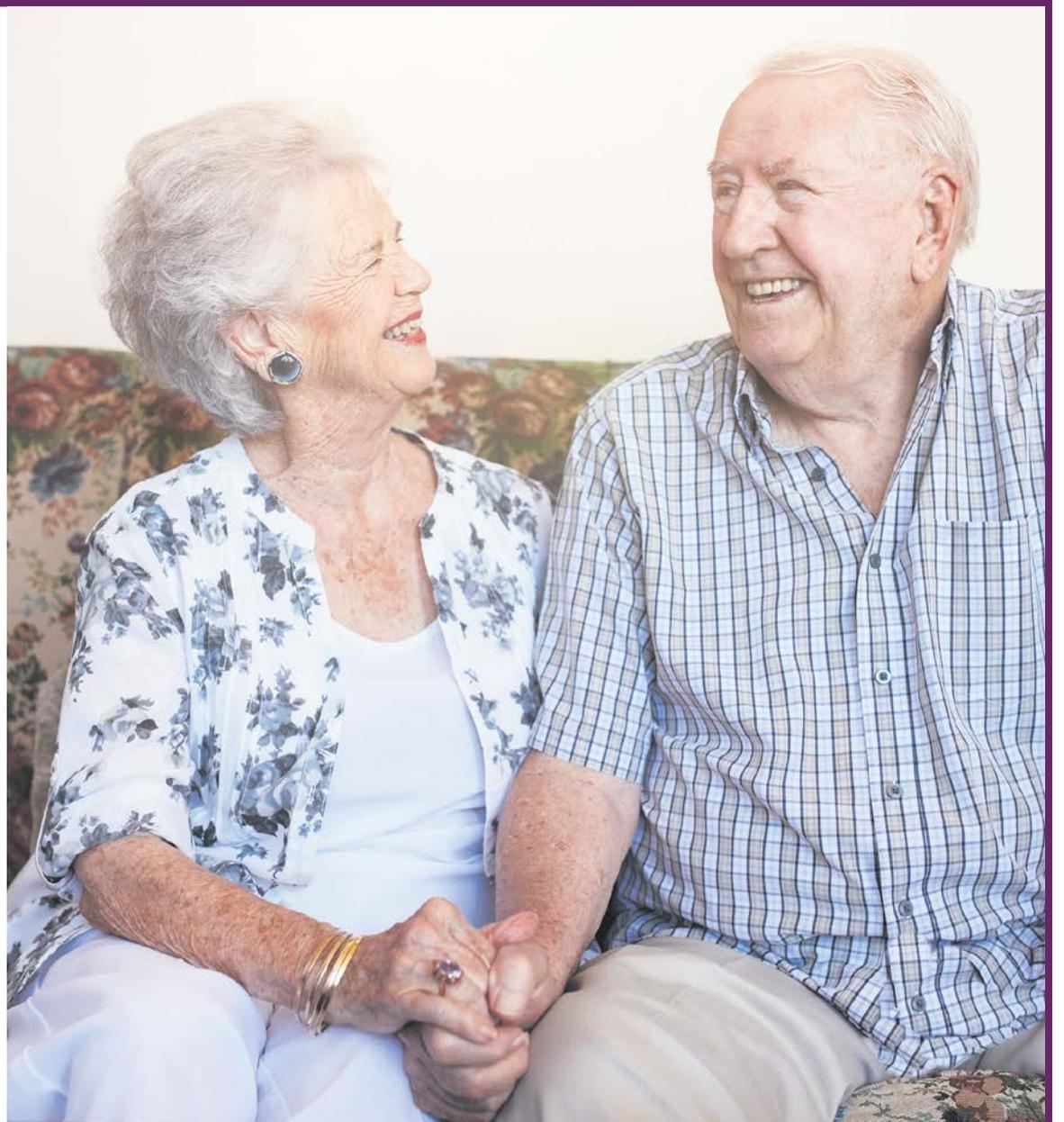
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**One Place East are looking for dedicated volunteers for their Dementia Befriending Project.**

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# Jobs and Apprenticeships Fair 2018

## Thursday 13 September, 11am to 3pm

Redbridge Town Hall, 128-142 High Road, Ilford, IG1 1DD

### Are you interested in discovering a new career path and want guidance and support?

Come along to the Jobs and Apprenticeships Fair hosted by Work Redbridge. It is an open event with no booking required and is an opportunity to meet with local employers.

The 2018 Fair will have a range of opportunities to be involved in, you can discuss your ideas and find out about suitable options.

You can search local jobs and find out the latest vacancies, courses and training options that are available in Redbridge. There is also a careers advice clinic where you can enhance your CV, be offered support and learn more about the career path that is right for you.

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Come along and take advantage of speaking with apprenticeship employers and careers specialists. Work Redbridge aim to create 50 new apprentice vacancies in Redbridge each year, you could be the next success.



If you cannot attend on the day, find out more information on Work Redbridge online: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/jobs/work-redbridge/>

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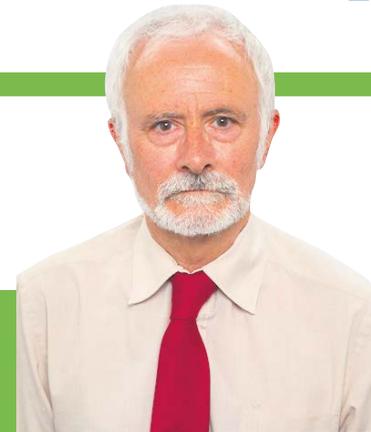


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# View from the Cabinet



## RING OF STEEL PROTECTING RESIDENTS

**Cllr Bob Littlewood**, Cabinet Member for Crime, Safety & Community Cohesion

**We all know that crime has been on the rise in London, and Redbridge has not been immune.**

As a borough, we are committed to tackling crime and keeping our streets safe. This has been no easy task following the £1bn of government cuts to policing but we remain determined and have already begun rolling out a series of crime-fighting initiatives.

The Leader of the council, Jas Athwal, and the Cabinet team are working closely with the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and the Metropolitan Police to ensure adequate policing resources are available in Redbridge.

We are on track to deliver our promised £1.5m investment in new high-tech CCTV and Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras, creating the so called 'ring of steel' around the borough – this will improve safety and help to tackle all forms of crime, including environmental crime like flytipping.

As a vehicle passes an ANPR camera, its registration number is read and instantly

checked against database records of vehicles of interest.

Metropolitan Police can then intercept and stop a vehicle, check it for evidence and, where necessary, make arrests. The use of ANPR in this way has proved to be important in the detection of many offences in other boroughs, including locating stolen vehicles, tackling uninsured vehicle use and solving cases of terrorism, major and organised crime.

The cameras allow Police Officers' attention to be drawn to offending vehicles whilst allowing law abiding drivers to go about their business unhindered.

We are also currently recruiting more uniformed Enforcement Team which will bring our force up to 30 officers. These officers play a key role in tackling fly tipping and Antisocial Behaviour by patrolling the streets, targeted key crime hotspots and issuing on-the-spot fines.

So far they have already issued over 1000 £400 fines to fly tippers – our message is clear, we will not tolerate waste dumping and environmental crime.

Additionally we have created a £50,000 Community Safety Fund to support neighbourhood watch schemes like StreetWatch. This fund helps to promote good citizenship and supports those in our community who feel they can assist in crime prevention and keeping an eye out for their neighbours.

We remain committed to keeping local policing at the heart of our community and will continue to work closely with the police to crack down on crime in hotspots like Ilford Town Centre, Ilford Lane and across the borough.

Let's work together to clean up and protect our borough!

## CLEANER TOWN CENTRE

**Cllr John Howard**, Cabinet Member for Civic Pride

**As part of our election promises, we want our streets cleaner and improving the way our streets look.**



Ilford town centre is our 'Flagship' Town Centre, it's a busy shopping area and we want it to be as clean and inviting as possible for shoppers and visitors. We are currently in the process of undertaking the biggest deep clean the centre has seen in decades.

The clean will make a big difference and is part of our new approach of concentrating street cleansing resources where and when they are needed most. This is the first step in the changes we are making to street cleansing including adding another £300,000 to street cleansing.

We are doing our bit to keep the area clean by improving and investing in services. But everyone has a part to play by ensuring they use the large number of bins provided in the town centre for their rubbish.

In addition, we are making improvements creating new, high quality accessible public spaces, including replacing old pavements with high quality granite paving, new trees and greenery, new lighting and seating and more street cycle racks.

We have already seen some of our public realm works making a vast improvement to the quality and look of the town centre and is contributing, to what I think, is a much more vibrant and welcoming place for people to visit.

We want to keep it that way by ensuring the High Road and surrounding streets look their best all times for shoppers and visitors. The deep clean will help us do this and our extended street cleaning regime will ensure the cleanliness of the area is maintained to the highest standards.

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## Injunction hailed a success

**Leader Jas Athwal has hailed the success of the council's effort to stop illegal encampments.**

In June this year, Redbridge council successfully obtained an interim injunction banning unlawful camps across the borough.

The ruling protects parks, open spaces and school grounds – covering 235 sites in total – on an interim basis ahead of a fuller hearing at a later date.



Over the lifetime of the injunction there has been just one attempted incursion on council land – with the vehicles leaving within two hours – and one on private property.

During 2017 there were 40 unauthorised encampments in Redbridge, most of which took place in the summer months.

Cllr Jas Athwal said: "I'm very pleased that the interim injunction is proving such a success and is stopping incursions. For years we have taken precautions to protect council land from illegal encampments but there were always those willing to force entry. As well as the huge disruption to our residents and businesses that these unlawful encampments cause, the council must foot a significant legal and clear-up bill. Over the last two years alone those costs had reached £350k. In times of austerity, this is money we can now invest in key frontline services."

Anyone breaching the interim injunction by refusing to move could be imprisoned, face a fine or have their assets seized for contempt of court.

As part of our current and future protocols departments including housing, adults and children's services attend the sites of unauthorised encampments to assess the needs of those encamped on the land. This is a statutory responsibility.

## Let us collect your clutter – for free

**The council's bulky waste collection service is a simple and responsible way of getting rid of unwanted items that are too big for your weekly household collection service – and it's free.**

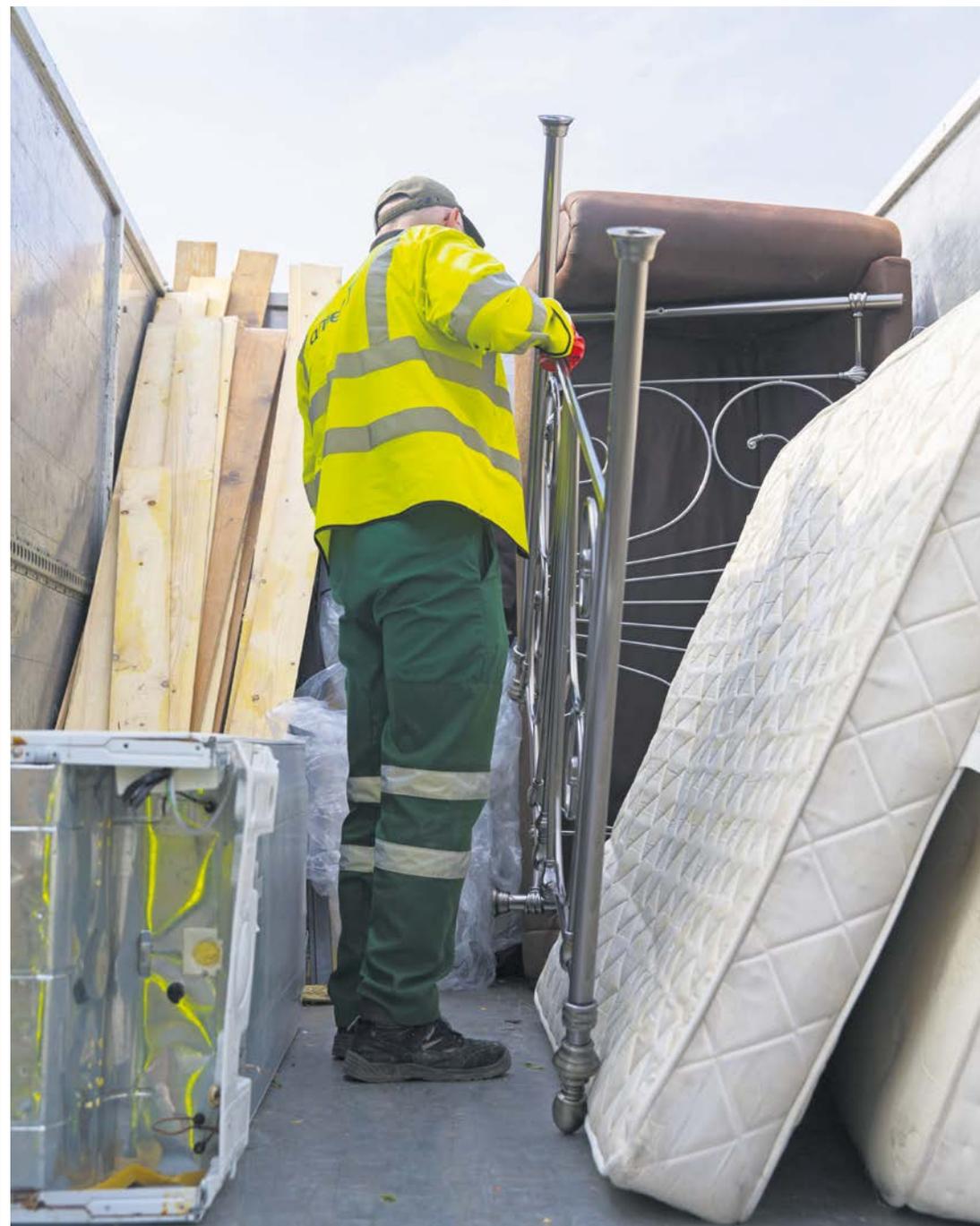
You can request a bulky waste collection for items ranging from fridges and freezers to furniture and beds.

It's important that residents use the correct channels to dispose of their waste. As well as taking advantage of the free bulky waste service, you can take items to the Chigwell Road Reuse and Recycling Centre in person or use a reputable waste clearance firm.

The council has a zero-tolerance approach to fly-tippers. Over 1000 people have been handed £400 on-the-spot fines in a council crackdown on illegal dumping.

Remember, second-hand furniture and electrical appliances are useful and welcome to local charities who will collect items in good clean working order and upholstered furniture with a fire safety certificate.

To book a bulky waste collection or for details on re-using good quality items, visit



[www.redbridge.gov.uk/bulkywaste](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/bulkywaste)

# Fostering in Redbridge

## Local children & young people need safe, caring foster homes. Could you help?

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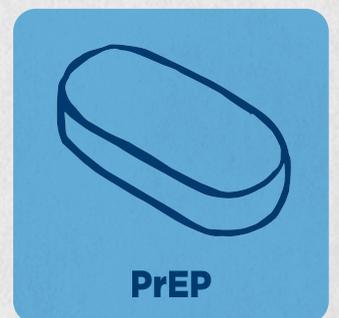
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## MenACWY vaccine for “Freshers” and Teenagers

### Have you heard of the MenACWY vaccine?

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### Men W

This is an aggressive strain of the disease with increasing number of cases in recent years. It can rapidly spread and cause serious illness. One in three teenagers with Men W die as a result of the disease.

### At what age should you get the vaccine?

Schoolchildren and teenagers:

- Ages 13 to 14 (school year 9) are being offered the vaccine in school as part of the routine adolescent schools programme
- All teenagers born between September 1 1998 and August 31 1999 are advised to arrange vaccination now with their GP

For eligibility criteria for at risk groups, including children, please visit:



- Anyone born on or after September 1 1996 who missed their routine school vaccination in school years 9 and 10 or the catch-up MenACWY vaccination, can get the vaccine from their GP up to their 25th birthday.

### “Fresher” students

- Students going to university or college for the first time who have not yet had the MenACWY vaccine remain eligible up to their 25th birthday

Students should contact their GP to have the MenACWY vaccine before starting university or college. If that's not possible, they should have it as soon as they can.

For more information:

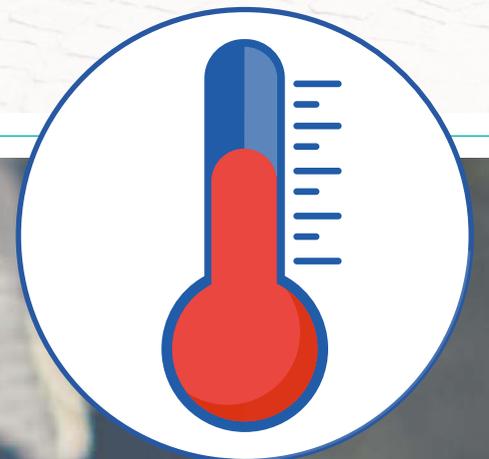
visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and search 'MenACWY vaccine'

## Don't forget about the Flu vaccine

Flu vaccinations are available every year on the NHS to help protect adults and children at risk of flu and its complications.

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- are 65 years of age or over
- are pregnant
- have certain medical conditions
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# Nominate your local heroes for the Mayor's Community Awards

**It's back again. The Mayor's Community Awards will be recognising our local heroes who help build strong communities in Redbridge and who devote time and effort to care for relatives, friends or young people in the local community.**

If you know someone who goes above and beyond to help others, recognise their work by nominating them in the Mayor's Community Awards. A panel of Councillors, officers and people from the local community will meet to shortlist the nominations and then select winners in the different award categories.

Honour our borough's champions by submitting your award nomination online at [www.redbridge.gov.uk/mayorawards](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/mayorawards). Entries should be no more than 200 words and supporting evidence is acceptable. The closing date for entries will be 31 December 2018.

Redbridge Mayor, Cllr Debbie Kaur-Thiara, said:

*"I'm looking forward to meeting the unsung heroes of the borough and thanking them for their dedication to making Redbridge a great place to live and work. It's important that we all recognise their efforts and this event allows us to honour them."*

## Award categories

- **Best business contribution to the community** – a business which has given something back to the local community
- **Community / Neighbourhood champion** – for bringing together a group of local people in an activity or event that has benefited the local area or those residents that have taken part
- **Taking pride in Redbridge** – for showing pride in our borough and dedicating time and energy to improve and make Redbridge better
- **Caring for others in Redbridge** – for devoting time and effort to caring for relatives, friends or members of the local community
- **Contribution in support of young people** – for showing leadership skills to the borough's children and young people – this must be in a voluntary capacity and not paid work
- **Creating a safer Redbridge** – for significantly making our community safer

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## Criteria

- all nominees must live or work in Redbridge
- entries must relate to work undertaken or ongoing between January and December 2018
- self-nominations will not be accepted

The awards ceremony will be held on Thursday 14 March 2019 at a special invitation only event in Redbridge Town Hall, Ilford.



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## Redbridge unites to tackle hate crime

**Councillors, MPs and faith leaders stood together at a special Srebrenica Memorial Day event in July to send a united message that Redbridge does not tolerate hate and to sign a pledge to show their determination to challenge all forms of it.**

A flag was raised from Redbridge Town Hall and a one-minute silence was held to remember the lives lost in the genocide of more than 8,000 Muslim Bosniaks in and around the town during the Bosnian War (July 1995).

With ambitions to bring communities together, speeches from the Mayor, Cllr Bob Littlewood, Father Andrew Headon, Rabbi David Hulbert, Imam Khurram Rafiq and guest speaker, Amra Mujkanovic, brought home the importance of tackling hate crime early-on.

Superintendent Shab Chaudri reinforced this message and stressed the importance of reporting any forms of hate crime.

The council hopes that from this Memorial Day the subject of hate crime is talked about within communities and that people feel empowered to challenge it and report it.



The LB of Redbridge has been shortlisted for a national award recognising its anti-hate crime work. The Local Council Service Upstander Award 2018 is awarded to a local authority who has implemented or undertaken extensive work on tackling hate, intolerance and bigotry. The annual awards are given out by Tell MAMA (Measuring Anti-Muslim Attacks), a hate crime reporting organisation, and co-sponsored by the Mirror Group, Jewish News and others.

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