

# Camden housing

## Gospel Oak edition Summer 2018

Local housing news for Camden Council tenants and leaseholders, including Hampstead Town, Gospel Oak and Haverstock.

## Fun days for you and the family



Join us for face painting, balloon animals and more

**You are invited to our family fun days held across the borough this summer.**

Packed with games, sport and art activities, the three events are in partnership with the

Camden VOX arts programme, which this year takes inspiration from the women's suffrage movement as 2018 marks 100 years since women got the vote for the first time.

There will be face painting, a bouncy castle, a balloon modeller, arts and crafts, games and sport, and Camden voices will be heard through poetry, art, pop-up plays and much more.

Your housing team and teams from across the council will also be on hand for tips and advice, to tell you about other services available to you and receive your feedback. We look forward to seeing you there.

There are lots of other exciting events happening in Camden, look out for your free eight-page

Camden Summer Programme in the July/August Camden magazine.

**Find out more**  
[lovecamden.org/camdenvox](http://lovecamden.org/camdenvox)

**Thursday 16 August, 2pm to 6pm, Regents Park Estate, Cumberland Market, NW1 3QH**

**Thursday 23 August, 2pm to 6pm, Bourne Estate, Portpool Lane, EC1N 7UP**

**Saturday 8 September, 1pm to 5pm, Talacre Gardens, 13 Talacre Rd, NW5 3PH**

## You said, we did:



**How we are using your feedback to improve your area.**

**You said:** You said you wanted to feel safer in your area and were concerned about antisocial behaviour including noise complaints, vandalism and intimidation.

**We did:** Our new responsive security patrol team (previously

known as housing patrol) is taking a new approach to how we support you to feel safe in your home. We have extended the hours of the service to run from 4pm to 3am, seven days a week.

The team wear high visibility vests and carry out foot patrols wearing body cameras that can be used for evidence if needed by the police. Working with our colleagues in community safety, we are identifying crime and antisocial behaviour hotspots, and these areas will have extra patrols to gather evidence and intelligence to support the police. We have added another vehicle to the patrol so that they can get

around the borough more quickly and respond to incidents, and all patrol vehicles now have CCTV dashboard cameras.



Denilson and Aseef on patrol

## Homes for those with a Camden connection

**We've launched a new type of housing to help those who live and work in Camden.**

Our Camden Living homes allow teachers, nurses and others earning around £30,000 to £40,000 to afford to rent in Camden. They're our way of helping people who do not qualify for a council home and also struggle to afford the cost of private renting.

Tenants have been granted three year tenancies in 65 homes at Maiden Lane, Bourne Estate and Chester Balmore.

We know that the grown up children of our tenants are struggling to afford to move out of their family homes so we've

given homes to those from council and housing association tenants too. Twelve of the new tenants are moving from overcrowded family homes.

All of our homes have now been let, but more will become available. **Register your interest for news and updates at [camdenliving.co.uk](http://camdenliving.co.uk)**



**Harriet, a nurse at St Pancras Hospital, moved from Ealing and now lives in walking distance of her job**

## Investing in our environment

We're going the extra mile to ensure our Community Investment Programme building sites are environmentally friendly by reusing our old bricks and pieces of wood. During the demolition of the old Bacton Low Rise, we used state of the art excavators to crush bricks, concrete and roofing into rubble. The leftover material can then be reused in other building sites across the country.

As well as the site debris, any wood removed during the demolition was washed and mulched so that it could be used as biofuel or turned into new timber products. Even rubber flooring recovered from vacant flats is being repurposed for the future, becoming safety paving in children's playgrounds.

**Find out more [cip.camden.gov.uk](http://cip.camden.gov.uk)**



**Demolition at Bacton Low Rise**

## Investment near you

We are close to completing external work on 18 street properties on Bassett Street as part of the Better Homes external programme. This includes overhauling sash and casement windows and decoration to common areas, roofing, brickwork and concrete repairs and redecoration of previously painted surfaces.

Additionally, we are carrying out fire safety work on 385 homes as part of our fire safety programme. This includes fitting new flat entrance and communal doors, installing fire alarms to all flats and communal areas, fire stopping, signage and redecorating communal areas with flame resistant paint.



**Completed external painting and window repairs at one of our homes on Bassett Street**

# A colourful collaboration

The Greater London Authority (GLA) has partnered with the artist Stik, for MyMural, a project to encourage established artists to connect with residents by creating vibrant murals and colourful walls on estates and local buildings.

MyMural are looking for resident groups to join a pilot project collaborating with artists to add a pop of colour to their local environment, giving you an opportunity to improve your area with art.

At least one Camden resident group will be selected as part of the London-wide launch in 2018.

## Get involved

If you, your TRA or other resident or community group want to take part, contact Marcus Willcocks at [m.willcocks@csm.arts.ac.uk](mailto:m.willcocks@csm.arts.ac.uk) or call **020 7514 8351**.



Mural by artist Stik

# Leaseholders: have your say

This summer, the Camden Leaseholders' Forum will be holding an election for new group members and ex-members wanting to return.

The Camden Leaseholders' Forum is an independent group that represents the leaseholders and freeholders of Camden Council properties. As a member, you will meet senior officers and councillors regularly to discuss things like cleaning or grounds maintenance through to communal repairs.

If you are a Camden leaseholder or freeholder and want to stand to become a part of the group, email your name, contact details and Camden address along with up to 100 words explaining the reason you are standing to **tp@camden.gov.uk**

The closing date is Tuesday 31 July 2018.

## Find out more

Call Reda Khelladi on **020 7974 3041** or visit [leaseholdersforum.org.uk](http://leaseholdersforum.org.uk)



## Tell us what you think about the housing newsletters and you could win £50 in vouchers

It's your newsletter and we want to hear your views about it. Fill in this form, post it back to the freepost address below or take a photo with your phone and email it to **tp@camden.gov.uk** and you'll be entered for a draw to win £50 in vouchers.

You can also complete the survey online at [camden.gov.uk/hnfeedback](http://camden.gov.uk/hnfeedback)

### Respond to the following statements:

I read every edition of the housing newsletter.

- Strongly agree  Agree  Don't know  
 Disagree  Strongly disagree

The articles in the housing newsletter are interesting and relevant to me.

- Strongly agree  Agree  Don't know  
 Disagree  Strongly disagree

Where else do you find information about Camden Council?

- Camden Magazine  Local media  
 Camden website  Other (please specify) .....  
 Social media .....

Are you in any local Facebook groups?

- Yes  No

If yes please specify .....

Any other comments .....

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Are you happy to be contacted

for further surveys?  Yes  No

Name: .....

Email: .....

Phone number: .....

**FREEPOST RSLT-RJBR-TXAA**  
 London Borough of Camden  
 Fourth Floor, 5 Pancras Square N1C 4AG

## Summer play schemes near you

Camden hold local play schemes each year for children with varying needs aged four to 13, run by community organisations and funded by the council.

If you are looking for a great alternative to childcare, bring your children along to Talacre Action Group in Wilkin Street and Camden Square Play Space in Murray Street.

Messy play is encouraged - so children should wear comfortable, old clothes.

**Find out more**  
[camden.gov.uk/play](http://camden.gov.uk/play)



Play scheme painting

## A new home for our town hall services

**Plans to refurbish our 80-year-old town hall are underway.**

Camden Town Hall will temporarily close in August 2018 and all services will relocate whilst the work takes place.

Birth and death registrations, duplicate certificate applications and citizenship ceremonies will be available from the Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, NW1 1BD.

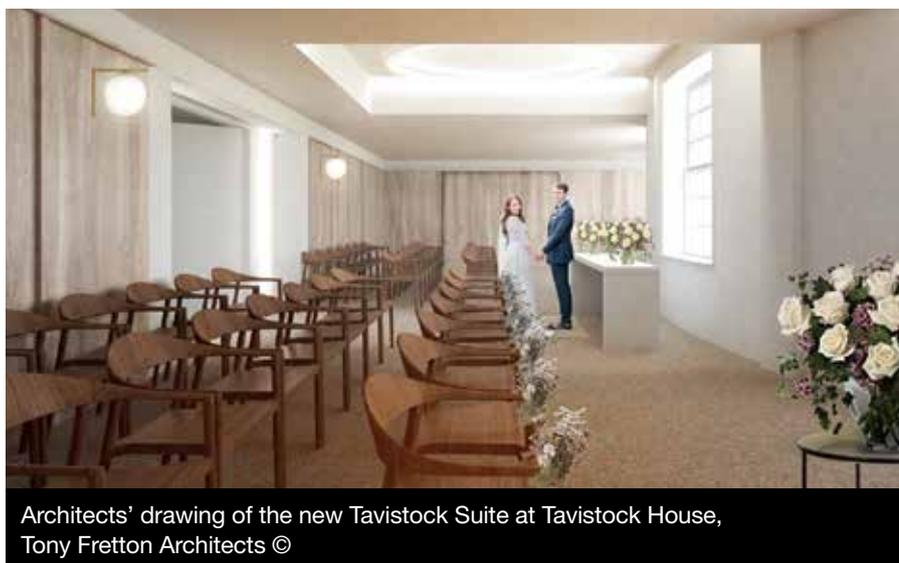
The council chamber and committee rooms for all council meetings will also move to the Crowndale Centre.

The nationality checking service, settlement checking service, nationality document return service, European passport return service and taking notices for marriages and civil partnerships, will be available from Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, WC1H 9JB.

We are currently renovating both locations. Tavistock House will have two new ceremony suites from August 2018, which are now available to book.

The town hall is scheduled to reopen in autumn 2021.

**Find out more**  
[camden.gov.uk/townhall](http://camden.gov.uk/townhall)  
[camden.gov.uk/tavistockhouse](http://camden.gov.uk/tavistockhouse)



Architects' drawing of the new Tavistock Suite at Tavistock House, Tony Fretton Architects ©

## Camden Summer University is back

**Young people who enrol with Camden Summer University can choose from more than 70 free courses in arts, sport and life skills at top local venues.**

This summer's programme, which runs from 26 July to 24 August, means you can stay safe, have fun, learn something new, make new friends and boost your CV for work, an apprenticeship or university.

If you're 13 to 19 and either live in Camden, go to a local state

school or attend a council-run youth centre you can choose from film-making, animation, painting, pottery, photography, journalism, fashion, drama, music, baking, trampolining, football, motorcycle mechanics, off-road riding and more.

Popular courses fill up fast, so don't miss out. View courses on the website below from 4 June and book your places from 18 June.

Camden Summer University is run by our youth service, with support from local venues and organisations.



Camden Summer University student Max Chance, 15, on the Central Saint Martins life drawing and painting

**Find out more**  
[camden.gov.uk/summeruniversity](http://camden.gov.uk/summeruniversity)  
020 7619 3903