

# Camden housing

## Hampstead edition Summer 2018

Local housing news for Camden Council tenants and leaseholders, including Fortune Green, West Hampstead, Kilburn, Swiss Cottage, Frognal and Fitzjohns, and Belsize.

### 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**

# Investment near you

We have started external repairs on nine terraced street properties in Sumatra Road. This includes overhauling sash and casement windows, decorating common areas, roof, brickwork and concrete repairs, and re-painting.

We are carrying out fire safety work on 721 homes as part of our fire safety programme. This includes fitting new flat entrance and communal doors, fire alarms, fire stopping, signage and redecoration of previously painted surfaces.

External work at Dennington House, Victoria Mansions and Mortimer Crescent are also progressing well.

We will be repairing and replacing the kitchens and bathrooms and carrying out electrical work of 30 homes at Spedan Close as part of the Better Homes internal scheme. The contractor has been appointed and the project team will soon be getting started.



Scaffolding is up at Dennington House for external works

## Investing in Kingsgate School

We recently held an official opening for the new Kingsgate Primary School building. Parents came along for a special assembly, enjoying songs performed by the school choir and a poetry reading. Pupils also had the chance to get creative and paint pictures of their new school, presenting their colourful artworks and prompting discussion between guests and pupils about their favourite aspects of the new building.



Kingsgate Primary School pupils, headteacher Liz Hayward and Cllr Angela Mason at the official opening of the new school building

The expanded primary school now offers improved facilities and up to 420 new primary places in the north west of the borough where demand has been highest.

The school design won a RIBA London Design award in May, showing what we're able to achieve through the Community Investment Programme. The programme is now entering its eighth year and in 2017/18 we delivered more homes than ever before.

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

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 .....

Are you happy to be contacted for further surveys?  Yes  No

Name: .....

Email: .....

Phone number: .....

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## 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 the Winchester Project, Three Acres, PACE in Fortune Green and Hampstead Community Centre.

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)

## 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)  
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