

Camden housing

Holborn edition Summer 2018

Local housing news for Camden Council tenants and leaseholders, including King's Cross, Bloomsbury, Holborn and Covent Garden.

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

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**



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

Camden Fund is open for applications

Tenants and residents' associations, community groups and businesses directly affected by HS2 plans can now apply for grants from a new £3.5 million two-year fund the council has secured from High Speed 2 (HS2) Ltd.

The HS2 Camden Fund is being delivered through Camden Giving and funding will be awarded to projects that strengthen a sense of place, support community cohesion and alleviate some of the

disruption to communities caused by construction of the high speed railway. There are two levels of funding available – small grants from £1,000 to £10,000 and larger funds from £10,001 to £100,000.

This is a great opportunity for TRAs to put forward projects that will support your residents and communities during a challenging time.

Find out more camdengiving.org.uk/the Camden Fund

Continuing the tradition

Keir Starmer, MP for Holborn and St Pancras, visited the Bourne Estate to celebrate 75 new homes completed through the Community Investment Programme. Originally built by London County Council over a century ago, the Bourne Estate is one of the oldest housing estates in the UK. It proved a highly influential example of social housing, providing the blueprint for housing schemes across Europe after the First World War.

Using funds raised through the Community Investment Programme, we've been able to revisit this historic estate and continue

Camden's tradition of house building, rejuvenating the estate and securing new council homes for years to come. The new buildings were awarded a RIBA London Design award in May, commending high quality homes that are inkeeping with the Grade II listed layout of the original 1905 estate.

Find out more cip.camden.gov.uk



Newly completed Dobson Court on the Bourne Estate

Investment near you

As well as recently completing 75 new homes at the Bourne Estate, we will be investing over £6 million into the existing buildings, which are over 100 years old, fitting new timber double-glazed windows. Work is due to start later this summer and will take place in three phases over three years in a bid to improve the quality of the interior of the estate and the overall look in the area.

We are also carrying out fire safety work on 748 homes as part of our fire safety programme. This includes fitting new flat entrance and communal doors, fire alarms, fire stopping, signage and redecorating communal areas with flame resistant paint.

We have completed the communal heating work and 114 homes at New Calthorpe Street Estate and Tonbridge House, Museum and King Edward Mansions have new lifts. We will soon make a start on the boilers at Millman Street.

Transforming Camden's West End

On 4 June the first of the major transformations as part of the West End Project get underway on Tottenham Court Road. The work includes widening the pavements and laying new high quality materials. You can now find the two year programme on our website where we also publish a weekly look ahead.

You will already be able to see some of the brand new paving going in on New Oxford Street. For more detail on the project, to sign up to our newsletter or to find out about our information centre go to **camden.gov.uk/westendproject**

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 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



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

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:

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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 Coram's Fields out of school club, in Guilford Street.

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

Find out more
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
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
020 7619 3903