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About your North Ken News

North Ken News is a dedicated newsletter for North Kensington communities produced by Kensington and Chelsea Council.

Have you got news for us?

We are always on the lookout for good news stories, whether they are about an event you are running, a local hero who is working wonders in your community or a programme or course that local residents could benefit from.

If you would like to get in touch with an idea or story, please email northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Tell us what you think

We're interested in hearing your feedback about North Ken News. We want to produce a newsletter which you enjoy reading and you find useful, so please let us know what you'd like to see more of. Email us at northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk

Covid-19

Information on our Coronavirus response and guidance is correct at the time of going to press. For the latest updates, visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/coronavirus

Staying in touch

There are other ways to keep up to date with borough-wide news as well as news and announcements from Kensington and Chelsea Council.

 [@RBKC](https://twitter.com/RBKC)  www.facebook.com/royalborough

 www.nextdoor.co.uk

 www.instagram.com/kensingtonandchelseacouncil

For updates on Grenfell

 [@GrenfellUpdates](https://twitter.com/GrenfellUpdates)

 www.rbkc.gov.uk/grenfell

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Fun for kids and teens this summer

After a difficult year, young people can finally look forward to a summer full of fun, creativity, sport, and activities to suit every interest through our Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for 2021, offered in partnership with Westminster City Council, Young Westminster, Young K&C and the Department for Education.

Those aged five to 16 across both Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster will be spoiled for choice with loads of local providers sharing what they're offering this summer on a handy website, making deciding how you'll spend the summer an absolute breeze.

A guiding principle of the HAF is to ensure that young people stay occupied and entertained during the summer break and that those who need to receive a free lunch do so. Places will be prioritised for this group but there's plenty of room for all young people to get involved and activities to meet the needs of those with special educational needs and disabilities too.



Visit www.ourcity.org.uk to see everything that's on offer and start planning your summer.

Rediscover the borough through K&C's Summer of Love

Get ready to fall in love with your local area again this summer as we get back out and about post-lockdown. We're celebrating what our borough has to offer with exciting events and activities taking place until September and you're invited to join in the fun. There's something for everyone to enjoy, from our parks, high streets and museums, to libraries, local businesses and more.

As Covid-19 restrictions ease, it's important to continue to follow the latest Government guidance when travelling, socialising and attending events to keep you and others around you safe this summer.

We're also launching an exciting Summer of Love photo competition with fantastic prizes from local businesses up for grabs so watch out on our social media channels [@RBKC on Twitter](#) and [@kensingtonandchelseacouncil on Instagram](#) for details.



Check out what's on in our calendar of events which will continue to be updated over the summer. Keep an eye out for more to come at www.rbkc.gov.uk/summer-of-love

Next phase of easing lockdown

We are currently in an updated phase three of the Government's easing of lockdown. It means that now:

- The rule of six applies inside
- You can sit inside in pubs and restaurants
- Cinemas and theatres are open
- You can stay overnight in other places
- Indoor sport is open
- Weddings, wakes, funerals and other significant life events can have the capacity of the venue with social distancing in place
- To prevent new Covid variants from entering the UK, you should not travel to amber or red list countries.

The Government aimed to remove all remaining restrictions on Monday 21 June, but this has been delayed to Monday 19 July. At the time of going to press the Government seems confident this will happen. To make sure you're following the latest guidance, visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus

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Vaccination and Testing

More than 43 million people in the UK have had at least one jab as part of the Coronavirus vaccination programme and everyone aged 18 and over can now get their jab.

You can book online by going to www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or calling the NHS on 119. Anyone aged under 40 will be offered Pfizer or Moderna vaccinations.

If you have any concerns about taking the vaccine you can find out more at www.rbkc.gov.uk and search vaccination FAQ or speak to your GP.

Summer Sundays at Portobello and Golborne Market

Portobello and Golborne Market will be open on Sundays through the summer to provide an extra day to shop, easing crowding and making the most of the whole weekend. The market will run for 11 Sundays from 13 June to 22 August with up to 30 stalls featuring food, antiques, vintage clothes, home accessories and more.

Sunday markets offer a chance to enjoy a more relaxed local ambiance. You can take your time to shop for your essentials plus explore the range of new independent businesses along with the classics like Rough Trade, Ceramica Blue, The Cloth Shop and many more.

Learn more about what's on in the area by following [@visitportobello](#) on social media, checking out www.visitportobello.com, or downloading the dscvr app.



Get busy this summer with North Kensington Youth Collective

Ahead of the summer holidays, the North Kensington Youth Collective has been working hard on its Summer of Fun holiday programme which will host activities, days outs, events and more for young people aged 11 to 19 throughout summer.

There's something to suit every interest, plus new and exciting activities for young people to try out. Whether you enjoy music production, crafts, art, cooking, sports, dance, discussion-sessions or even boxing exercise, their programme has you covered.

The programme runs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays with activities taking place all day.

If you know/work with a young person who is looking to make this summer a memorable one, please email nadiab@harrowclubw10.org to find out more information, see the full programme and register interest.

Notting Hill Carnival 2021 to go virtual

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, Notting Hill Carnival will not be taking place on the streets of Notting Hill over the August bank holiday weekend (29-30 August 2021).

Organisers of the Notting Hill Carnival have decided to move the event online for a second year following latest Government advice and after extensive consultation with partners. They are instead working towards a virtual Notting Hill Carnival for 2021 that will deliver the Carnival spirit to people from the safety of their homes.

With health and safety of our local residents a priority, going online again allows us to still celebrate the vibrancy and legacy of Carnival as we await a return to the streets next year.

For more information on Carnival 2021, visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/notting-hill-carnival-2021



Help to shape the future of our markets

The Council will shortly be launching a consultation to enable us to develop our Markets Plan for 2021-2026.

This will outline how we're making Portobello and Golborne Market, along with other market locations in the borough, a great place for everyone to shop and visit. Following interviews and focus groups with traders, local residents and businesses, a number of proposals have been outlined in the Consultation Document which we want your feedback on through a survey launching later this month.



Keep an eye out for updates on the Council's social media (info on page two) and search Visit Portobello on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Update on the Grenfell Recovery Strategy – What’s new?

The Grenfell Recovery Strategy, which launched in January 2019, committed to supporting long-term recovery for the bereaved, survivors and the local community.

In December 2020, the Council refreshed these plans so people could be clearer about the support available over the next three years of the programme. This included setting out how people could get more involved in shaping and designing the services and support that is delivered.

Between January and April 2021, we heard over 600 views from local people. Through a number of different wide-ranging consultations people told us what they thought of existing services and what they want to see in the future. Thank you to everyone who shared their views, but don’t worry if you missed this

opportunity, there will be many more chances for people to get involved.

Since then, we’ve been busy implementing the changes requested. Alongside a Dedicated Service for bereaved and survivors, the Grenfell Recovery Programme includes a range of services and initiatives for the wider community which are open and available to everyone. They are for you and here to help.

We want to ensure as many people are aware of the support available so please do spread the word.

Targeted recovery and wellbeing support for the wider community

The Grenfell Community Programme

Support for children and young people in schools and community settings

Support for Adults in the community

Grenfell Projects Fund

Community Leadership Programme

The Curve

Targeted support for children and young people

What we have heard:

- 131 responses to the online survey: 88 from parents and pupils, 16 from schools and 27 from the wider community.
- 17 children and young people attended focus groups.
- There was lots of support for existing provision from parents/carers and schools but people felt we needed to do more to promote greater awareness of the offer.

“I think the services in the Bi-Borough are excellent and provide effective support.”

“Improving access to what we do have and as mentioned earlier, improving outreach and coordination of services would go a long way.”

So what support is going to be available?

We are committed to ensuring local children across North Kensington and in the area around the tower have access to emotional and health and wellbeing support. We do not want children's futures to be defined by the tragedy and on-going support is needed given the enduring impact of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and decisions about the future of Grenfell Tower.

Additional support will therefore be available across all 17 schools in North Kensington for the next three academic years starting from September 2021. Providers include Place2Be, Latimer Community Art Therapy, Catholic Children's Society and Future Men, working closely with NHS support. They provide art and talking based support to children that helps them to express their views and process the on-going trauma. Don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's school if you think they could benefit from this support.

We know some children connect better with support in out-of-school settings so from July 2021, Kids On The Green and Henry Dickens will also provide

a refreshed offer in community-based settings. They can help young people grow and process the challenges they have faced creatively and collectively with their peers, in environments they feel comfortable in. To widen the reach of these services, a new fund for community-based provision for children and young people is planned to be launched from **Summer 2021** which will enable other providers to support this vital initiative.

How to find out more

If you would like to learn more, or you think this community-based support might benefit you and your family, please get in touch with the provider using the following details:

- Henry Dickens Centre – call 020 7792 8700 or 07933 539418 or email info@hdcc.london
- Kids On The Green – call 07985 394686 or email online@kidsonthegreen.com

Alternatively, please feel free to contact your child's school if you think the new support could benefit them, or if you need more information, please contact Marjana.Tharin@rbkc.gov.uk

Targeted support for adults in community-based settings

What we have heard:

- Feedback from 130 adults through surveys, workshops and focus groups in English and other languages.
- There was lots of support for existing provisions, with service users and others clearly feeling that this was an ongoing area of need.
- Residents identified key gaps identified in existing provision, including peer-based support and services for older people, men and young adults.

“After Grenfell Tower fire I was placed in a hotel I had nothing to do. I was very isolated. I joined Midaye cooking and health and wellbeing workshop. All the women in the group were supporting each other. It was very nice place to be.”

“We would like to see more support for elderly members of our community.”

“Self-care support for us and continuation of the current service if it's possible.”

So what support is going to be available?

The North Kensington community is wonderfully diverse, but we recognise that some groups don't feel comfortable accessing support from the Council and the NHS. This means people from the BAME community often do not get the help they need. We are committed to trying to change this.

We will therefore be continuing to work in partnership with local BAME organisations that people trust. We have increased funding to ensure they have the capacity they need to help you. Providers include Al-Manaar, Midaye, Al Hasaniya and Making Communities Work and Grow. They are there to help, so please do reach out and connect with them.

We also know how valuable the support of your peers can be, particularly in a disaster recovery context. We are very keen to make this a new form of support available to local adults, so from this **Summer 2021**,

we will launch a new peer support offer for the local community, which we have developed with local partners and residents.

How to find out more

If you would like to start accessing these services, please get in touch with the provider using the following details:

- Al-Manaar Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre – call **020 8964 1496** or email **info@mchc.or.uk**
- Midaye Somali Development Network – call **020 8969 7456** or email **contact@midaye.org.uk**
- Al Hasaniya – call **020 8969 2292** or email **contact@al-hasaniya.org.uk**
- Making Communities Work and Grow – call **020 8969 0722** or email **info@mcwg.org.uk**

Alternatively, you can contact **Shazi Ghani at grenfellcommissioning@rbkc.gov.uk** for more information.

Grenfell Community Programme

What we have heard:

- 99 responses to the Grenfell Projects Fund (GPF) survey and 80 responses to the survey on the Community Leadership Programme (CLP).
- Residents asked for better information about the GPF application process and for more support to be made available to potential providers.
- Residents wanted to be more involved in both projects, including in selection and monitoring.
- People highlighted key issues with online delivery, including digital exclusion.

“Training helped my confidence and my ability to be a better community member.”

“Mix and match (online and face to face delivery). Many barriers to participating in both models of training so you need to consider all needs.”

“A dedicated decision day that is maybe online open for a few weeks but not recorded. It should be application based put in front of the residents.”

“Bring in more young people especially those who are in need of this funding as it demonstrates they aren't being neglected and get a fresh mindset, so possibly include those who are in YOT.”

So what's happening next?

There is so much skill, creativity and capability across the North Kensington community. The GPF is all about supporting this to thrive and giving local people and organisations the chance to support each other and lead their own recovery. Alongside this, the CLP is here to help give people a chance to develop their skills to ensure the strengths of the community last long into the future and continue to evolve.

We will be shaping the next phase of the programme with residents through a steering group – which everyone's welcome to get involved in. We can't wait to see what projects develop out of this in the months to come.

In the meantime, we are working to support the Grenfell Projects Fund projects from Year One to deliver over the **Summer 2021**. There are lots of great projects now starting to deliver from **July**, both online and in person. See the information right for how you can get involved and sign up!

How to get involved

If you'd like to be involved in the resident-led steering group, please contact **GrenfellCommunityTeam@rbkc.gov.uk**, or call **Kevin Ramsey on 07857 696791**.

If you'd like to hear more about the GPF Year One projects, or sign up to one, please go to the Council's website and search for "Grenfell Projects Fund". There you will find further information and details for how to sign up for each project that is coming up. We will continually update this page as more projects begin to deliver, so make sure you check back to keep up to date with what's available.

Alternatively, you can contact the email address above for further information about projects.

New projects

We are talking to residents and partners about two new projects that are expected to launch later this year:

- A **Housing Legacy Fund** to support long term legacy initiatives for those living in Council properties in Notting Dale through a participatory budgeting process.
- A **North Kensington Inclusions pilot** programme to help tackle school exclusions in North Kensington, supporting children and families in a trauma-informed way.

A wide-ranging consultation is also being planned for Summer 2021 to shape and inform the future aspiration and vision for the Curve.

Further information about how to get involved in these conversations will soon be available on our website.

Increasing the reach and impact of Grenfell Recovery initiatives

We know that residents do not always know about the services and programmes on offer through the Grenfell Recovery programme. In this next phase, we want to focus on working with residents to raise awareness and communicate as widely as possible about new and existing initiatives. We would welcome suggestions about how we can do this.

We have also committed to reporting regularly about the impact of the Grenfell Recovery programme, as we know local people want to see evidence of the difference these projects are making. We are developing a framework to monitor participation and key outcomes across the programme, and we will publish our first impact report in Autumn 2021.

If you are interested in the Recovery programme, you can contact **grenfellrecovery@rbkc.gov.uk**.

Have your say on new homes plans

Residents are continuing to have their say over plans to deliver **600 new Council-owned homes** in Kensington and Chelsea – including at least **300 at social rent**.

Consultation has been progressing on the four sites making up phase two – Barlby Road, Cheyne, Edenham and Silchester Arches.

A total of 97 homes have already been approved in phase one of the New Homes Delivery Programme, with construction underway at Kensal Road and Hewer Street.

Check out the latest from each site – including how you can get involved in the ongoing consultations – on these pages or visit **www.rbkc.gov.uk/new-homes** to find out more.

Barlby Road

There's still time for you share your thoughts on the latest plans for new homes at Barlby Road in North Kensington.

Members of the local community joined two information sessions in June, one in-person and one online, to hear about the scheme.

The latest plans would deliver 83 new homes, with more than half at social rent or available to key workers, as well as a community sports facility, central courtyard garden and improvements to the surrounding area.

Feedback from the community will be used to refine the plans to provide a final design for the site ahead of the Council applying for planning permission in the autumn.

The second round of consultation into the Barlby Road site is open until Wednesday 21 July and you can take part by viewing the presentation video and document and completing the feedback form at **www.rbkc.gov.uk/new-homes-barlby**

Cheyne

A state-of-the-art nursery and children's centre along with 18 new homes all available at social rent are among the plans being consulted on for the Cheyne site in the south of the borough.

The first round of consultation for the scheme, which would be delivered on the site of the current Cheyne Nursery in Chelsea, is now open.

You can find out more and share your views by visiting **www.rbkc.gov.uk/new-homes-cheyne**. The deadline is **Thursday 22 July**.

Edenham

Given the strength of feeling about plans for new homes at Edenham, we are holding an additional round of consultation.

Since the last round of consultation, we have been working with the local community to better understand their concerns and to design a scheme that balances their views along with the pressing need for new homes in the borough.

You can attend one of three consultation events to find out more:

- Online event

Wednesday 14 July from 5.30pm to 7pm

You can join via the Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/98519034309>

- In-person event

Saturday 17 July from 10m to 12pm

Outside Trellick Tower main entrance, Golborne Road

- In-person event

Saturday 24 July from 10am to 12pm

Outside Trellick Tower main entrance, Golborne Road

You can view the latest proposals, presentation and find the feedback form at **www.rbkc.gov.uk/new-homes-edenham**

Building for the Future

Silchester

Plans for new homes on the Silchester Arches site in North Kensington have been updated to take on board residents' feedback from the second round of consultation.

In response to your comments, we have now:

- **Amended the design to a smaller building of six-storeys in height**
- **Reduced the height and footprint of the building to minimise daylight/sunlight impacts**
- **Amended the landscaping scheme to:**
 - Ensure that no bins or bike stores are located in the garden space
 - Ensure direct and safe access to the garden for residents
 - Retain the existing London Plane tree at the front of the site
 - Provide the wheelchair accessible home on

the ground floor with its own front garden and rear patio.

- **Ensured that all homes have access to a balcony or winter garden**

Additionally, following concerns raised regarding the potential impact of incorporating access to ACAVA studios outdoor areas, we will be considering works to these areas separately to this application to enable further involvement with relevant parties.

The second round of consultation was held from 18 March to 29 April to look at the emerging proposals from the first round. Thirty one people attended our chat sessions while 51 provided feedback via our online survey.

You can read the full report of the round two consultation findings on our Consultation Portal. <https://consult.rbkc.gov.uk/housing/silchester-arches-round-2/>

You said, We did

In June we also held two **"You said, We did"** resident engagement events to show you how we had adapted the plans to take on board your feedback.

Following these events, we are finalising the scheme and will be submitting a

planning application. Residents will have a further opportunity to comment during the planning process.

Find out more at www.rbkc.gov.uk/new-homes-silchester-arches

E-scooters come to Kensington and Chelsea

Kensington and Chelsea is one of the first boroughs in London where you can rent, ride and park e-scooters, following the Council joining a trial scheme coordinated by TFL and London Councils.

Between 60 and 150 e-scooters are available to rent in the borough and are operated by Lime, Dott and TIER.

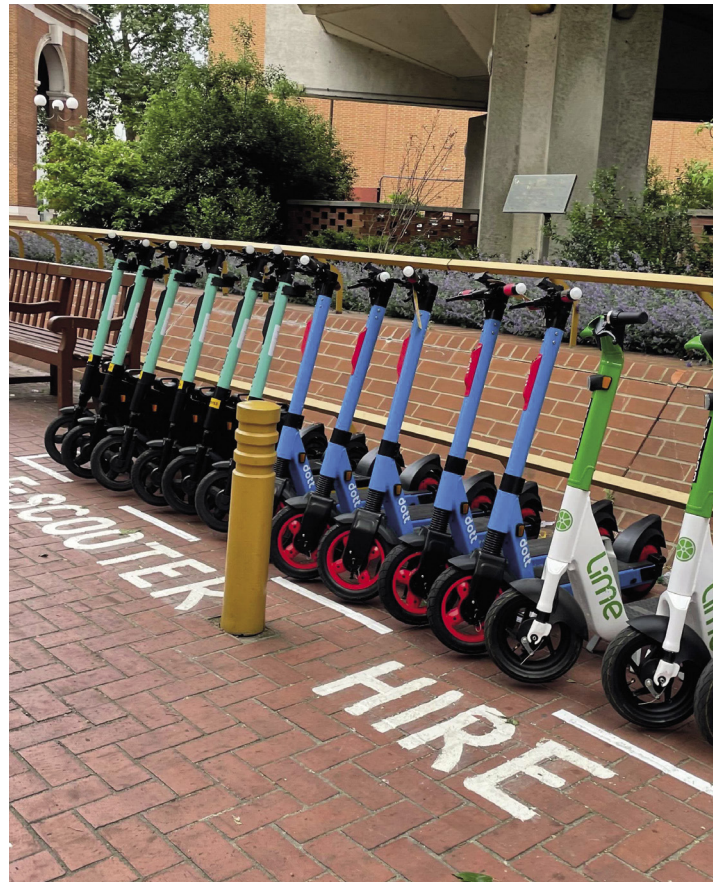
Marked designated parking bays are located in handy spots around the borough and hires can only be completed once the e-scooter is parked in a designated bay.

From Kensal Road to Kings Road, e-scooter parking bays are dotted all over the borough. See a full list on our website: <https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/e-scooters>

Safety will be at the core of the trial with scooters only allowed on roads and cycleways, not pavements.

All the operators in the capital will have to abide by tougher safety standards than those set nationally, including:

- A lower maximum speed of 12.5mph
- Lights at the front and the rear of the vehicles that are always on throughout any rental
- Audible warning systems that can be used without adjusting the rider's grip of the handlebar.



To contact the Council about the trial please contact escooters@rbkc.gov.uk

CCTV, enforcement and uniformed officers make residents feel safer

The roll-out of new CCTV cameras has started following the Council's investment of £500,000. In North Kensington, the new cameras are heightening safety on Portobello Road and Ladbrooke Grove with cameras also being installed on the King's Road and High Street Kensington.

A recent survey highlighted that CCTV, uniformed patrols and enforcement of anti-social behaviour were the most wanted measures to keep residents and businesses feeling safe.



You can find out more about these measures on the Council website, scan the QR code with your phone's camera to visit the page.



The future of Grenfell Tower

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) is keen to discuss the future of Grenfell Tower with residents.

Until the end of July, you can come to online presentations and local drop-ins to ask questions or speak to the MHCLG Grenfell site team. Bereaved families, survivors, and residents who live close to the Tower, were invited to earlier meetings before independent advice on the Tower from engineering experts was published at the end of May. Read that advice and more at: bit.ly/Grenfelladvice

There are different ways to speak to MHCLG before the end of July:

Book an online presentation, **from 6pm to 7.30pm on Wednesdays until 21 July**, at: [Grenfell2021.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

MHCLG's community engagement team is running 'drop-ins' at the **Clement James Centre (the front garden studio), 95 Sirdar Road, W11 4EQ** from **10am to 4pm on Fridays until 23 July**. Please email the address below to book an appointment.

If you would prefer to speak to somebody one-to-one, or if the dates and times above don't work for you, please get in touch using the details below.

- If you have questions about, or would like help booking on to, one of the above sessions, please email: GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk or phone: **0303 444 0011**
- For the latest information on the future of the Tower go to www.gov.uk/grenfell.community.updates

The government wrote to bereaved families, survivors and local residents in May and explained

that, following important advice from engineering experts about the condition of Grenfell Tower, the government needs to consider this summer what the future of the Tower should be.

Questions about the Tower

The most commonly asked questions at meetings so far have included:

Q If a decision is reached to carefully take down the Tower, when would that work start?

A If that decision is reached, a specialist company will be appointed. (This will be in addition to the current contractor who carries out maintenance and safety works.) We would again seek the views of bereaved, survivors and residents to inform how we can best approach this.

It will be at least a year before we begin to implement any decision, which means there will be no change to the Tower before the fifth anniversary in 2022.

Q Who would pay for that work if it went ahead?

A As guardian of the Grenfell Tower site, the government is responsible for its upkeep, including the cost of safety works and any potential deconstruction, so there will be no costs for local residents or council tax payers.

To read the government's May letter and for more information about the upcoming decision on the future of Grenfell Tower, go to bit.ly/GrenfellFuture

What would you like to discuss at future Grenfell Community Assemblies?

We are conducting a short survey of North Kensington residents to find out what themes and topics you would like to discuss at future Grenfell Community Assemblies.

The Grenfell Community Assembly is a forum that gives the Grenfell community the opportunity to come together and discuss issues that matter to them. It offers a chance for residents to take part in real conversations and honest exchanges of views for everyone involved in the process. Meetings focus on different themes each time, depending on what residents want to discuss.

In our previous Assemblies the following themes have been discussed: Health & Wellbeing, Environmental Issues, Grenfell Projects Fund, Activities for Young People and Employment and Skills. The next Assembly will be held on Thursday 9 September 2021 and you have until Friday 23 July to share your views. We'd love to hear what you'd like us to focus on.



Scan the QR code to visit the form page.

New video message from the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission

The independent Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission, made up of representatives of the bereaved, survivors, and local residents, is working with the community to decide on a memorial to those who lost their lives in the Grenfell tragedy. The Memorial Commission will ensure that the voice of those bereaved carries most weight in the decision-making.

In their commemorative video, the Memorial Commission's community representatives emphasise their wish to hear the hopes and ideas of as many bereaved families, survivors and residents as possible. This will make sure that the future memorial is developed by the community, for the community.



The Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission plaque and olive trees at the Grenfell Tower site.

- Watch the video at bit.ly/gtmcvideo
- Follow the Memorial Commission on Twitter @GrenfellTowerMC and Instagram @GrenfellTowerMC

The Memorial Commission is keen to hear from you. Share your thoughts and ideas on a future memorial by:

- Using the contact page at www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/contact
- Emailing GTMCSecretariat@communities.gov.uk
- Calling **0303 444 4831**
- Attending community meetings (currently online) on **Thursday 22 July** for bereaved families and former residents of Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk, or **Thursday 29 July** for Lancaster West Estate and the North Kensington community. For joining details go to www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/news/more-dates-your-diary

Get moving this Summer with fun and free activities

Make the most of your summer this year and take part in free, fun and energising fitness activities with our leisure team.

Get involved in Active for Life or our new free local park fitness sessions near you.

Active for Life is a free exercise programme that consists of outdoor and indoor sessions for our residents who are 16+. Engaging and blood pumping fitness classes such as tennis, Zumba and health walks are all on offer. Turn up to any of our outdoor sessions five to 10 minutes before a class is due to start or book onto our indoor courses in advance by contacting the leisure team.

The fitness sessions kick off on Monday 28 June and take place throughout July at parks in North Kensington and beyond. They are open to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds and feature tai chi, yoga and circuit classes.



Take a look at what's available and start getting active. Visit www.rbkc.gov.uk and search 'Activities for Adults'.

Young entrepreneurs' chance to trade at the Market this summer

New Youthquake 2021 (NYQ) initiative is back for another year to give entrepreneurs and creatives under 30 the chance to showcase their talent at Portobello and Golborne Road Market.

There will be 18 stalls up for grabs on 16-18 July and 6-8 August 2021 and those who live, work or learn in Kensington and Chelsea will be given priority for spaces. Previous NYQs have seen authors, artists, fashion designers, jewellery makers, craftspeople, baristas, bakers and more take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to share their work with the public.

New traders can pay as little as a £10 fee, and for experienced traders the fee is £25 all in. Bursaries are available for people who are care leavers or Care Experienced. A dedicated Council officer will also be on hand to support successful candidates through the process.



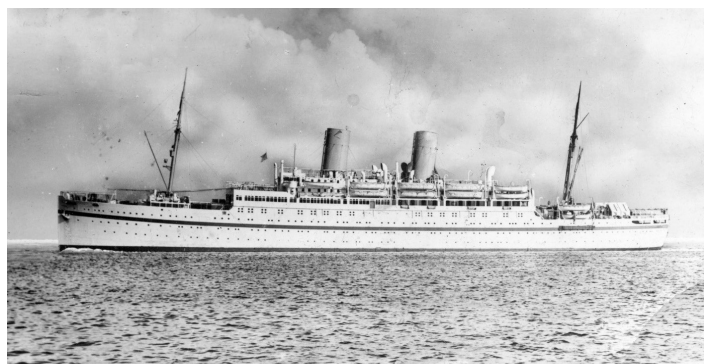
People can register their interest and request an application form by contacting street.markets@rbkc.gov.uk. See <https://visitportobello.com/newyouthquake> for more details.

Be part of an exciting new exhibition about the Windrush Generation

June 22 marked Windrush Day. In the run-up to a fascinating new exhibition called *Windrush Generation: London is the Place for Me*, organisers are inviting you to get in touch if you, your neighbours, family or friends have anything you could contribute to the exhibition.

This might be artefacts such as passports, travel tickets, partner books/statements, newspaper clippings, books, suitcases, clothing, Dutch pots, records and other items from the Windrush era, along with the unique stories about the struggles and triumphs faced by this generation as they navigated their way through post-war London.

You may know the Windrush Generation are the Caribbean men and women who aided the financial reconstruction of Britain from the Second World War era and beyond. The Windrush Generation included soldiers, doctors, nurses, teachers, university students, transport workers, artists, politicians, and athletes, who came to London between 1948 and 1970 upon invitation from the British Government to rebuild a nation ravaged by war. These individuals have not been properly recognised for the contributions they made to the UK.



M.V. 'EMPIRE WINDRUSH' 14,651 tons

This exhibition will give insight to the lives and experiences of these everyday heroes and offer a great opportunity to hear individual accounts of their unique contributions to the UK.

The exhibition will take place at **North Kensington Library from Tuesday 24 August until Sunday 31 October** and will be held jointly with Westminster Council.

If you can contribute to exhibition in any way, however big or small please contact windrush1@rbkc.gov.uk, we'd love to hear from you.

Kensal Library to reopen with new partner

Following its closure during the Coronavirus lockdowns, Kensal Library is set to reopen soon with an exciting new provider sharing the space. We've been consulting with residents, local community groups and businesses about how we can get even more out of the library space and bring a useful resource to your doorstep.

A number of providers reached out and applied, each of them having their own strengths and merits. We are almost ready to confirm the agreement with the proposed provider and can't wait to announce the new partnership.

We will be announcing the chosen collaborator on our social media channels (info on page two). We will also update you in the next edition of North Ken News.

Until then, we'd like to thank you for your patience while this project has been taking place and we are really looking forward to seeing you back in Kensal Library.

For more information on our libraries, visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/libraries



Operation Cup of Tea

The Volunteer Centre Kensington & Chelsea is pleased to welcome Operation Cup of Tea back to Tavistock Square (off Portobello Road) providing residents with a heart-warming cuppa and an opportunity to have a chat with local organisations throughout the summer. Come and see the Brew Crew every Friday from 10am to 3pm.

It's a great way to meet new people and find out about free services available in your area.



Organisations can sign up by emailing Terry at terry.kabengele@vckc.org.uk. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the Brew Crew, visit www.voluntarywork.org.uk and click the Find an Opportunity page or scan the QR Code with your mobile device.

