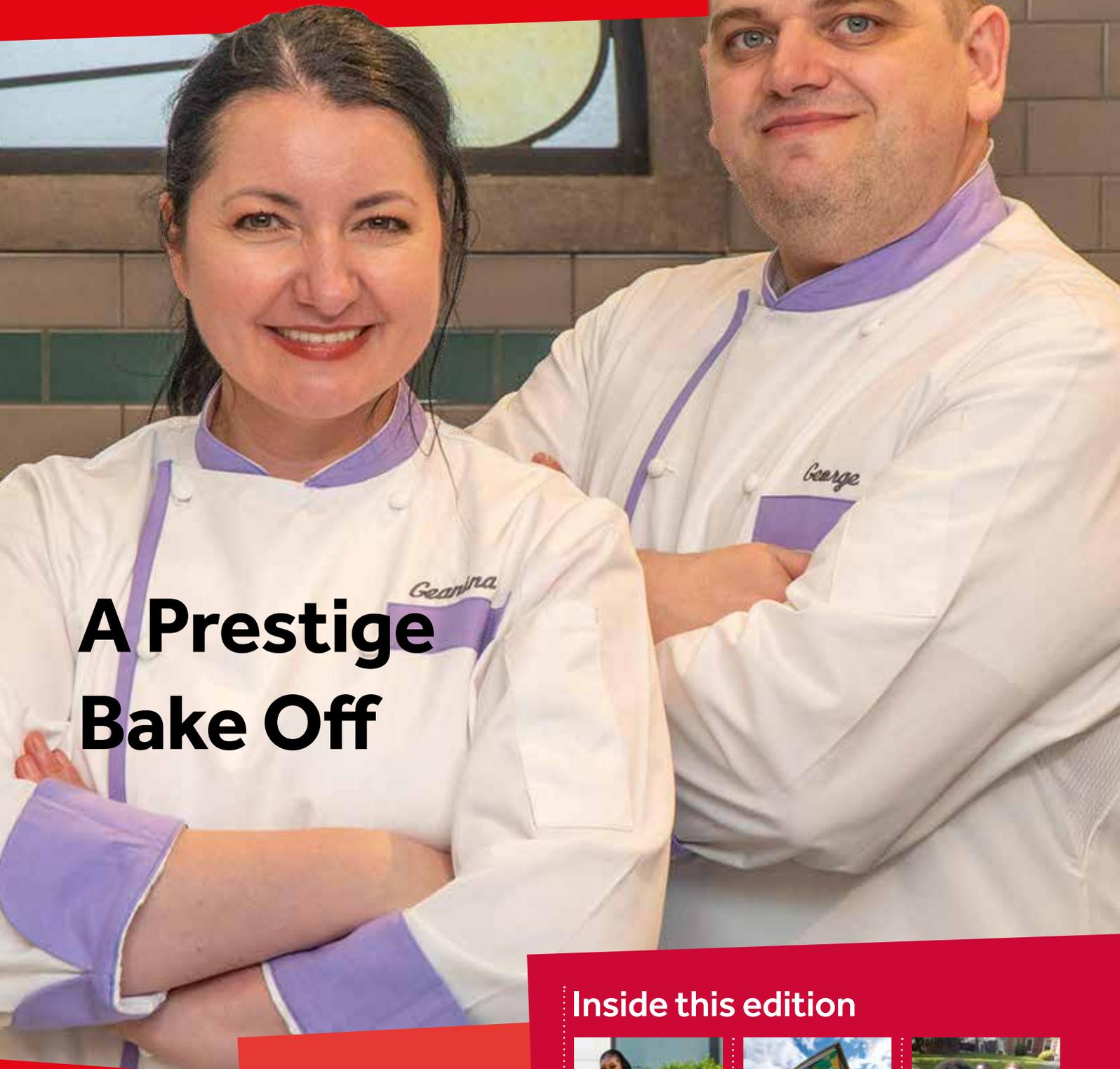


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The tragic scenes we have witnessed in Afghanistan over the last couple of months have been truly horrendous. We have been both shocked and appalled by events as thousands flee for their lives.

Most terrifying, is the risk and uncertainty the takeover of the country by the new regime brings to the future of many millions.

It's been particularly heart-breaking to hear and see the desperation felt by many, particularly women, girls, LGBT+ people, civil rights activists

and those who have worked alongside Britain and other NATO countries as their rights and lives come under threat.

Haringey has an incredibly proud history of being a place that welcomes people from all over the world who have chosen to make our communities their home. Migrants enrich our borough and our daily lives.

We continue to send a message of solidarity to all those affected, including Haringey residents who are concerned for friends and family in Afghanistan.

I have met with several members of the Afghan community to give them my personal reassurance that they are welcome in our borough, and I ask our residents to show compassion and kindness to those fleeing this tragedy.

In these very worrying times, we want our friends and neighbours to know that we stand with them and share their pain.

It is easy to feel powerless in these situations but there are practical things that we can do to play a small part in finding solutions.

In line with our values, we will proudly play our part in settling some of those families here in our borough. We have already committed to welcoming eight families under the government's resettlement schemes.

We have developed a support package that includes furnished accommodation, as well as access to services such as benefits, finding employment, mental health support and provision of childcare and education.

We stand ready, and have the skills and desire in our borough, to do more if we are sure that the necessary resources will be made available to support us.

Finally, October is Black History Month, an important opportunity to recognise the tremendous contribution black people have made, and continue to make, to our community, our city and our nation. I'm proud that we continue to celebrate this part of our collective legacy.

This month, we are delivering an extensive range of events, activities and much more to promote knowledge and understanding of our rich black heritage and culture, and to demonstrate our commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion.

Keep an eye on @haringeycouncil on Twitter and our Facebook pages for a range of content during Black History Month, or check our listings on the website [www.haringey.gov.uk](http://www.haringey.gov.uk)

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## Love Lane residents back redevelopment

Residents on the Love Lane Estate in Tottenham have backed council plans for its redevelopment, following the first-ever ballot of its kind in the borough.

The ballot ran from 13 August to 6 September. There was a turnout of 69.4% of eligible voters, with 55.7% supporting the proposals to rebuild the neighbourhood with at least 500 brand new council homes.

Other improvements, including major investment in new open spaces, community facilities and local jobs and training opportunities, will also now go ahead.

All current tenants and those in temporary accommodation are guaranteed a high-quality council home at council rents with a secure tenancy on the rebuilt estate, while leaseholders will be offered financial



support from the council to buy an affordable home – either on the redeveloped estate or elsewhere.

When the scheme is completed, it will help solve the issue of overcrowding and enable 250 families on the waiting list to get a safe, stable and comfortable council home.

## Special event for Haringey

Over 6,000 young people have now signed up to the Haringey Community Gold (HCG) programme to help youngsters fulfil their dreams and stay away from crime.

Three years ago, Haringey was awarded £1.5m for a three-year programme under the Young Londoners Fund, which enabled the HCG programme to be set up.

It represents an extensive programme of activity across Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) delivery partners for young people aged 10 to 21, including extensive outreach, employment support, sports and play, mentoring, mental health, and leadership training.

To mark the special milestone, an event took place at Cineworld in Wood Green.



## Greening up our borough



Haringey Council is one of the first UK councils to join the new National Street Tree Sponsorship Scheme, Trees for Streets, which aims to plant thousands of trees in streets across the borough through sponsorship by local residents.

Trees for Streets is a project by Trees for Cities, the national urban tree charity, and is funded by the government's Green Recovery Challenge Fund.

Its goal is to support the planting of more than a quarter of a million street trees nationwide over the next ten years, by supplementing council tree planting budgets.

Trees for Streets offers an online platform to allow anyone wanting to sponsor a street tree in their neighbourhood to make a request to their local council by providing a few simple details and making a donation.

The council then assesses the chosen location, and if it is suitable, arrangements will be made to plant a tree the following winter; the best time to plant young trees to ensure they grow and thrive.



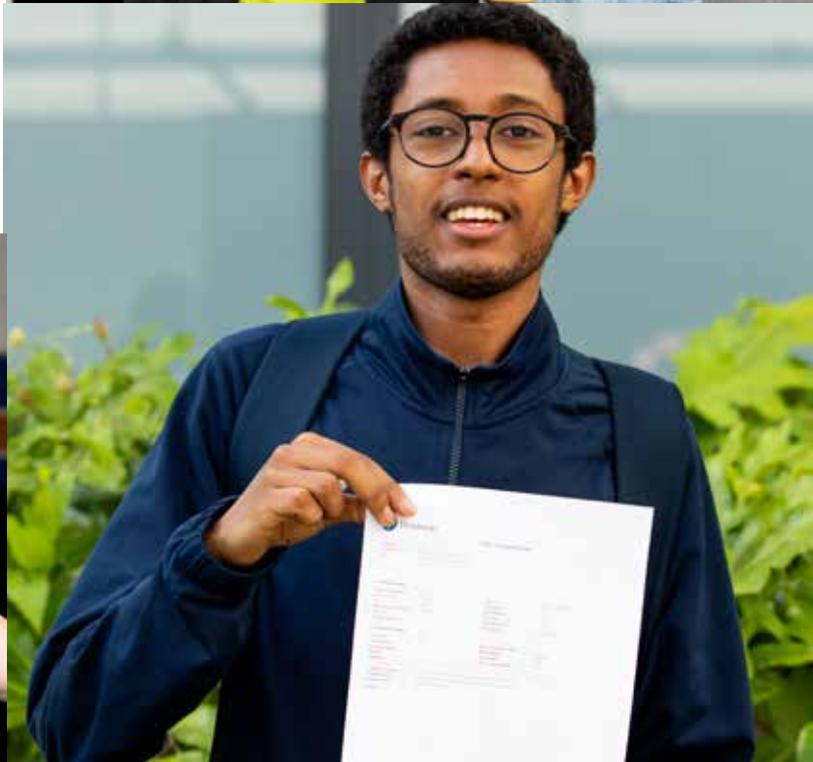
# Hoorays on Results Days

Children and young people right across Haringey have defied the odds once again by securing impressive GCSE, A-Level, BTEC and other vocational qualification results over the summer.

Students have experienced a challenging and unprecedented 18-month period owing to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite having to study from home for a number of months and missing the interaction with teachers and friends, they have still played their part in helping the country gain record results in both GCSE and A-Level grades.

As students across Haringey opened their envelopes and celebrated their results, the special moment was captured in these pictures:







## Haringey Streets for People

### Residents asked to voice their views on LTN proposals

Giving local people space to walk, cycle and play in clean air without worrying about through traffic were the priorities of three schemes launched for consultation back in August.

More than a thousand people have already taken part in a trailblazing engagement and co-design process to transform parts of Bounds Green, Bruce Grove/West Green and St Ann's into Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs).

In this latest stage of engagement, the local community the local community were given a final say on what the LTNs would look like, and the phasing of next steps.

The council asked people for their views on measures designed to deliver on local priorities for improved air quality and reduced traffic volumes and speeds.

These included:

- the location and design of road closures and restricted access points
- secured cycle parking locations
- new school streets
- new pedestrian crossings

LTNs allow vehicle access for residents and businesses but remove motor traffic using residential streets as 'rat-runs'.

The results of the consultation will be considered by Cabinet next month before a final decision on the implementation and phasing of the three LTN schemes is made.

The engagement and proposals have been made possible thanks to a funding allocation from Transport for London, with the aim of delivering schemes that allow people to make more active and sustainable journeys.

### Haringey awarded £127m for new council homes



Haringey has been awarded £127million by the Mayor of London - the third highest grant in the capital after ambitious plans to deliver a new generation of council homes were announced.

The huge vote of confidence from Sadiq Khan will be used to build 647 brand new council homes at council rents over the next five years – the fourth highest amount to be delivered by any London borough receiving the funding.

The money comes from the first round of the new Affordable Homes Programme, with boroughs, housing associations and not-for-profits in the capital given £4bn in total.

These providers will be expected to build 29,456 homes, with 57% of the funded homes set to be for social rent.

The cash comes with stringent safety and design requirements, and developments of 10 or more homes must be net zero carbon.

The Mayor of London's office has made it clear that the new £4bn will see the building of 79,000 homes started over the next five years.

To date, 72,550 affordable homes have been started through the 2016 to 2023 programme.



## Have your say on housing services in Haringey

Residents across Haringey are having their say on a proposal to bring housing services back under the direct management of the Local Authority.

In an effort to integrate services and ensure residents are receiving the best possible service, a consultation was launched for tenants and leaseholders to voice their views on a major change in housing services.

Homes for Haringey, which was set up in 2006, is currently responsible for the day-to-day management of council owned homes in the borough, including housing repairs, leaseholder services, housing management and responding to homelessness.

In order to provide a more streamlined service for Haringey's 20,000 council tenants and leaseholders and support the council's commitment to build at least 3,000 new council homes by 2032, the council is recommending housing services are brought back under direct management.

Tenant and leaseholder views are being sought on the proposals which cover accountability, integrated services, value for money and service improvement.

All those eligible to take part in the consultation will receive a consultation pack in the post or can complete the online questionnaire.

There will also be a series of online events, in-person events and focus groups held to enable tenants and leaseholders to participate in the consultation in the way that best suits their needs.

The consultation will end on 17 October 2021. Full information on the consultation can be seen at [www.haringey.gov.uk/hfh-proposal](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/hfh-proposal)

## Help to support Afghan refugees in Haringey

Haringey Council and partners from the Welcome Advisory Board, including Haringey Welcome, Caris, Living Under One Sun, the Multi-Faith Forum, the NHS and Haringey Giving have been busy working behind the scenes to welcome Afghan families into the borough.

The Council has committed to welcoming households from the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Programme (ARAP). The programme is targeted at Afghan nationals who have worked for or alongside the British government in Afghanistan, and those on the Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme, which support civilians fleeing Afghanistan.

There is time-limited funding from central government for a package of integration support – but the council

will ensure this is successfully used to meet identified needs.

Given the generosity of local residents, it is anticipated that people will want to offer support in numerous ways. Donations are welcomed via the Haringey Giving appeal [www.haringeygiving.org.uk/afghan-refugee-crisis-appeal](http://www.haringeygiving.org.uk/afghan-refugee-crisis-appeal)

All queries can be sent to [connectedcommunities@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:connectedcommunities@haringey.gov.uk)

The council is mindful of the many refugees and migrants coming into the borough outside the schemes mentioned above and are working to ensure the offers of support from local communities can also be used to help them to settle into the borough.

## Fitness fun for all the family



The day-to-day running of New River Sport & Fitness is now being operated by Haringey Council after the operational management of the White Hart Lane-based facility was transferred over from Fusion Lifestyle at the end of August.

The decision to bring the centre back in-house was made at Cabinet in March this year, and since then, there has been a massive team effort across the local authority to ensure the transfer is as smooth as possible.

An official, celebratory launch event is scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday 17 October, when the centre will be showcasing what it does best, including American football, athletics, exercise classes, football, rugby, tennis and much more.

There will be fun activities for the kids too and a special offer on the various memberships available at the centre, so save the date!

The team is very much looking forward to welcoming you to the centre on Sunday 17 October. Otherwise, you're more than welcome to pop by sooner, say hello and have a look around the facility - [www.haringey.gov.uk/newriver](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/newriver)



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Dr Will Maimaris  
Director of Public Health

# Keep doing the right thing

As you will know, since 19 July, most legally enforced COVID-19 restrictions were lifted in England as we moved out of lockdown. We were able to return to some kind of normality, doing the things we had missed out on for the past 14 months, and catching up with our friends and loved ones whom we had missed dearly.

But it is important to remember, this newfound freedom does not mean that COVID-19 has gone away. The virus is very much still with us and probably will be for some time to come. Our local hospitals are still seeing patients who are seriously unwell with COVID-19, new variants are likely to emerge and case rates are going up due to the increased contact and interactions between us all.

We know that many residents may be feeling confused or anxious about the changes to government guidance, so while we all learn to adapt to this new normal, we are encouraging you all to keep doing the right thing to protect yourself and others from the virus.

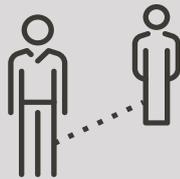
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**FACE**



**SPACE**



The behaviour we have adopted to control the spread of the virus will continue to reduce our risk of infection, so please continue to wash your hands regularly, wear a mask in enclosed or crowded public places, maintain space between yourself and people outside of your household, and let in fresh air.

## Get vaccinated

The vaccine is our greatest defence against COVID-19. So, if you are over 16, and haven't already done so, then please get vaccinated without delay. Remember, two doses of the vaccine give maximum protection.

Find a walk-in vaccination clinic near you by visiting: [www.haringey.gov.uk/vaccine](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/vaccine)

## Test regularly

Around 1 in 3 people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms but can spread it without knowing. Twice weekly testing using a lateral flow test will tell you whether you are carrying the virus, even if you have no symptoms.

Find out where to pick up your COVID-19 test kit by visiting: [www.haringey.gov.uk/COVID-testing](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/COVID-testing)

How we manage the spread of the virus within our community is down to us and each of us must take responsibility for our actions, to protect ourselves and others and help us get back to a more normal way of life.

Please play your part to keep Haringey safe and keep doing the right thing.

**Dr Will Maimaris**  
**Director of Public Health**

For more information, please visit:  
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# Teenage sailors riding waves

Five teenagers from Tottenham have set their sights on sailing into the record books after continuing to channel their craft, and graft, out on the open water. Each member of the quintet has their own roles and responsibilities as part of a physically demanding but very rewarding, collective team effort.

Christopher-Joel Frederick, Tyler Harriott, Kai Hockley, Jessye Opoke-Ware and Jaydon Owusu make up Greig City Academy's 'Riot' crew, and they are all determined to make some waves of their own accord, whenever they're sailing around the British Isles and beyond.

"I sail four times a week and have gym sessions five days a week, so it has come to dominate my free time," Jaydon readily admitted, "We have races, training and events almost every weekend, so we're away nearly all of the time. It can be very tiring, but I have learnt so much about how to sail fast, cope with different conditions and never ever give up."

Christopher-Joel is tasked with setting up the sails so that the off-shore manoeuvres they attempt generate the fastest speeds and best finishing times possible. "It's very complicated," Christopher-Joel explained, "Our boat Riot has over 30 pieces of rope and it has all got to be right. These skills will enable me to crew on bigger boats in the future."

Meanwhile, as bowman, Tyler can be found up at the front of the boat, where he too has a tough job of dragging new sails onto the deck and hauling in others. Tyler added, "I have to be careful because you get soaked by the waves and bounced around a lot more as we go through them."

The youngest amongst them doesn't exactly have it easy either, with helmsman Kai arguably shouldering the biggest burden of all in navigating the boat and his crewmates safely around the course on any given weekend. He commented, "I'm the youngest crew member on our boat, but I'm the one who steers. It takes a lot of concentration to steer for up to eight hours. I like the responsibility because I have to make sure the boat is positioned correctly for changing sails, and that we make good starts and avoid collisions."

**For more information about the Greig City Academy Sailing Programme, please visit:**  
[www.scaramouchesailing.org.uk](http://www.scaramouchesailing.org.uk)





# Tottenham Shutter Gallery for the people

As part of the Shutter Gallery Art Project, shop shutters across Tottenham have had a creative make-over, with vibrant artwork now adorning some of the shop fronts in the area.

The project was created to support local artists and offer a free shutter makeover to Tottenham businesses at a time when both the high street and the creative sector had been severely impacted by the pandemic.

10 local artists were commissioned, and 10 business shutters were designed, painted, and installed in September and October 2020 along Tottenham High Road and West Green Road.

The shop shutters feature a selection of local artist's brightly designed work and have now become an outdoor gallery showcasing the breadth of local talent. Artists that have taken part in the gallery include Jake Attelwell who created a masterpiece for Uptown Cuisine and Tessie Orange Turner with an eye-catching piece for Bongo Bar African Restaurant on Broad Lane.

Lauren Syratt who painted a shutter for Kio's Newsagent on West Green Road said, "I've lived in Tottenham my whole life and love the fact that working with the Shutter Gallery has given me the chance to make a small, cheerful mark on my environment."

Lucy Calder, Barry's Cooling (Park Lane) said, "I was so thrilled to be selected to help decorate the streets of Tottenham. The artwork I created for Barry's Cooling celebrates the people and communities of the area. And the artwork for Candir pays tribute to the heritage of the business owners."

Matt Dosa, Family Dry Cleaners (Hermitage Road) said: "I had such a great time adding some much needed colour to this little corner of Tottenham. The owner of the shop loved the result, and I had countless locals stopping throughout, saying how happy they were to see it happening."

Thanks to the success of the first shutters, and additional funding from the High Street Recovery Action Plan, another 20 shop shutters across Tottenham have since been transformed.

The impact of the project has been widespread as local businesses feel supported and have engaged with artists for the first time. In addition, local artists receive paid work and have been able to connect with their local area and with local shops. The project has also been widely shared on social media.

The Shutter Gallery project is supported by Haringey Council as part of the Mayor of London Creative Enterprise Zone, and the High Street Recovery Plan. The project was delivered with Tottenham Hale based Bud Studio and was supported by Elena Davidson from Zone Arts.



Archie Proudfoot at Tottenham Wine (1A West Green Rd). Archie is also a local lettering artist and has done a design which evokes the idea of sipping a cocktail in the Caribbean, a nod to the vintage advert above the shop.



Albert Agwa at Hunters (284 High Rd). The piece is based on the owner's love of playing football together as kids. They've known each other for 30 years!



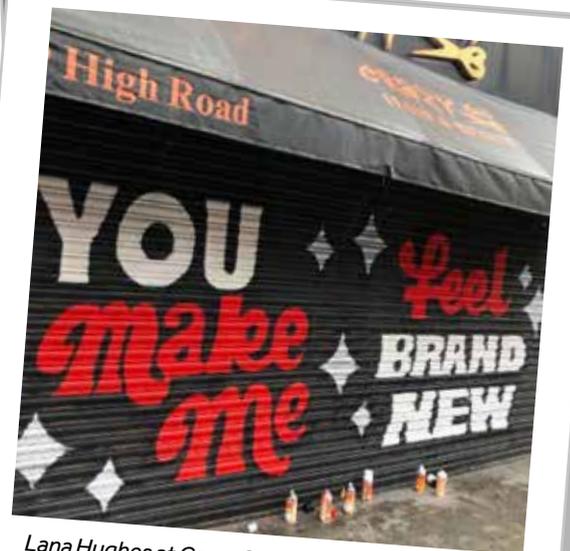
Javie Huxley at Martinez Butchers (278 High Rd). The artwork is based on the owner's family members and celebrates the local latinx community.



Xavier Segers



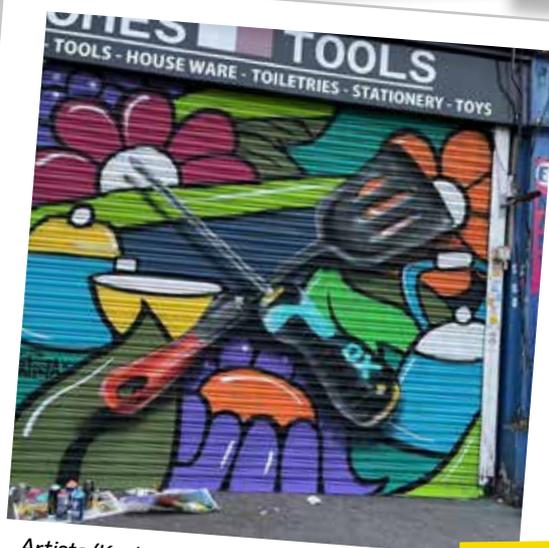
Matt Dosa at MA1 Hair Studio (288 High Rd). Matt's studio is around the corner from the local business, near Tottenham Green. His bold use of colour and shape creates a dynamic pattern for the shutter.



Lana Hughes at Crazy Cut (459 High Rd). Lana is a lettering artist and used an existing work to celebrate the feeling we have after a visit to our local hair or beauty business. She is also a Crazy Cut customer!



Squarms at Hochima, Philip Lane



Artista (Kayleigh Doughty), Homes and Tools, Bruce Grove



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# From care to university: inspirational young people

Dealing with the challenges and difficulties of entering the care system can lead children to believe that their opportunities for the future are limited, but the many young people in Haringey who are leaving care to attend University this year are proving otherwise.

Elesha Banks and Melissa Akano are two of the young people to have overcome the difficulties they have faced in their early life to achieve academic success and are both starting University this year.

Elesha, who will be studying Politics with Journalism at London South Bank, has had a challenging path to success but is excited to be on her way to achieving her dream career.

"I lost my mum whilst studying for my GCSE exams, and although I tried to push myself to do A-Levels, it just wasn't the right time.

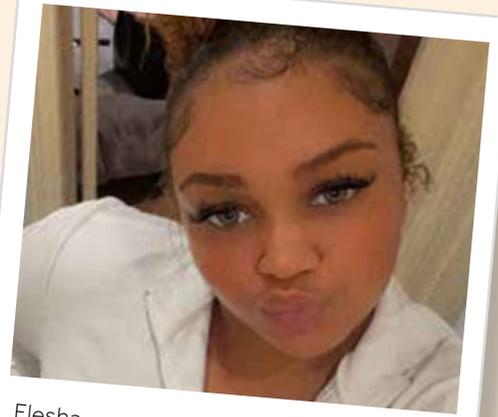
"I then went on to study a BTEC in Tourism instead, but my passion lies with Politics. My teacher was incredible and gave me the support and encouragement I needed to go for what I wanted. I'm really proud of myself and feel such a sense of accomplishment that, after four years, I've got there!"

Elesha was keen to pass on the same encouragement she had received from her teacher to other young people in care, she said, "No matter where you're from you have options, whether it's University, a BTEC or an apprenticeship. You're not on a time schedule, take whatever pace you need and be motivated to do better."

Melissa aspires to be a successful businesswoman and hopes her studies at Arden University in Healthcare Management will help her achieve her ambitions.

"I was over the moon when I found out I was accepted as I feel as though I have a big opportunity to be able to do something with my life.

"I am a bit anxious to start, but I am also excited, and I know with dedication and hard work that everything will be okay."



Elesha



Melissa

When asked what she would say to herself five years ago, Melissa replied, "Don't give up or let my past define the achievements I can make or the steps I can take to be successful. Take every opportunity and use it to its fullest potential.

"Our bad moments just prepare us to enjoy our great moments to the fullest."

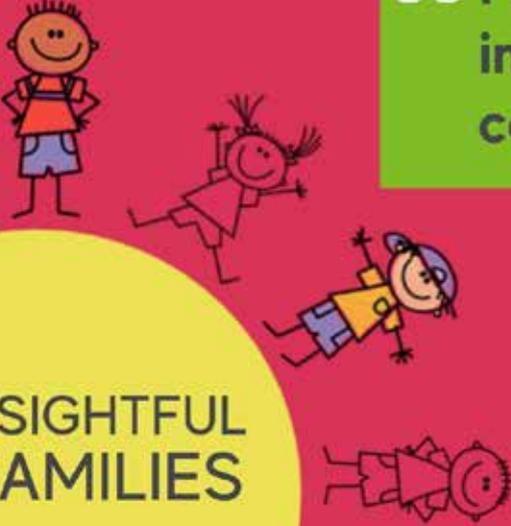
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“ I found out that my dad is not the only parent who drinks too much alcohol. I'm not on my own. ”

Josh, age 9

“ I have learnt how my alcohol use has impacted my children. I'm now more confident as a parent. ”

Serena, mum of 2



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# Mind over miles

During the past eighteen months, many of us have found ourselves at a loss for things to do. Lockdowns restricted access to some of our favourite places and pursuits, as well as isolating us from the company of valued friends and family.

Haringey Walks has been helping to keep people fit and socialising through free guided walks around the borough. Offering people, the opportunity to meet with neighbours, and experience some of the greener parts of Haringey, Haringey Walks coordinator Anita, has been helping to make it all happen.

Anita Yiannoullou, has been an integral part of Haringey Walks' success. The initiative is a partnership between Public Health Haringey, Haringey's Active Communities & Active Travel teams, Fusion Leisure and many local grass roots

organisations and community groups.

As project lead and walk co-ordinator, Anita explained why Haringey Walks appeals to so many different people, "There is a walk for everyone as walks are offered most days and at different times and locations, she said. "There are all sorts of walks: heritage walks, history walks, park walks, walks for women, with more walks to be added.

"All walk leaders are trained to safely guide people on a walk. Try a walk or two and I'm certain you will enjoy the experience."

The walks attract people from right across Haringey's diverse communities and gives participants the opportunity to connect with residents from areas around the borough. Here's what some walkers had to say:

*"I have always walked on my own but this walk helps me to meet with people and talk. The walk helps you to talk with others about what's on your mind and I walk away feeling better."*

*"Walking helped me through some difficult phases in my life and now I help others to get walking, it's a great way to give back to the community and it's as beneficial to me as it is the people who come on the walks."*

*"I was hesitant, as my balance was not great and I was overweight. I should not have worried, the walk leaders and other walkers are supportive and I love walking!"*

*"English is not my first language but I joined the walking group and it's lovely to hear people speaking different languages."*



If you'd like to get involved, contact Haringey Walks by phoning Anita on **07973 571 921**, emailing [get.active@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:get.active@haringey.gov.uk) or visiting [www.haringey.gov.uk/walking](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/walking)



## Prestige Patisserie: Bake Off semi-finalists

Husband and wife team and owners of Tottenham-based, Prestige Patisserie, George and Geanina Ursache recently featured on the popular British television baking competition, *Bake Off: The Professionals 2021*. The couple, who have been married for 19 years, baked their way to the semi-finals after creating a chocolate feature that left the renowned judges wanting more.

When asked about their motivation for going on to *Bake Off*, Geanina explained, "We wanted to be challenged to be honest, we wanted to be brave." George highlighted that the pair desired to expand their skills. "We wanted to see our value, sometimes you lose yourself in work and everything, so we were like let's do it!"

Interestingly, the couple confirmed that they were in fact scouted by an assistant producer on Instagram and applied within 15 minutes of the deadline. "We didn't expect what came after, and 15 minutes after that, someone called us."

They described the process on the show as an "exciting challenge." "We woke up at 4am

or 5am in the morning, working until 8pm in the night! We never had so many nerves before in our lives, but it was nerves, and it was excitement. It was a process of learning. It was the joy to meet other people and to meet the judges, who are iconic, of course, for every single pastry chef in London."

Their considerable hard work paid off as the pair made their way to the semi-finals. Describing their emotions when hearing the news, Geanina exclaimed, "We couldn't believe it! We were so, so happy, so excited. We didn't have any words to explain our feelings in that moment."

The impact that *Bake Off* has had on Prestige Patisserie has

been substantial. "[Customers] are coming from everywhere lately, Devon, Lincoln, everywhere. So many people, every single nation coming to see us." The couple were particularly excited when they learned that the Romanian Embassy had reposted Prestige on Facebook resulting in Romanian families travelling across the UK to visit the bakery.

Geanina, who has been baking since she was a young girl in Romania described growing up with four brothers at home and baking with her mother and grandmother. "Everything was made from scratch and at Christmas and Easter, the house always smelled like a celebration because of the baking." She continued, noting, "I've always been passionate about baking. I remember when I was very little, and I grew up in the countryside with my grandmother. When the mud was soft, I used to roll baguettes out of mud and pretend to sell them. My grandmother, she used to offer me candies in

exchange for the baguettes, so it was probably something that I was meant to do in my life." At 16 years old, Geanina qualified as a pastry chef after receiving her Diploma in Confectionary.

Romania was also where the couple met and married before moving to London in 2009. George, a qualified chemist, described their journey in the UK. "My first job, it was in Tottenham, at a bakery called Flourish Craft Bakery". Geanina, who followed George a month later, and who could not speak a word of English at the time, became their head pastry chef. Some years later, the couple began their own entrepreneurial journey with Prestige Patisserie.

Prestige Patisserie, an independent artisan bakery and winner of four Great Taste Awards, has made significant progress since it started five years ago. From a stall in Holcombe Market during the week and weekends at the Tottenham Green Market, to a flourishing bakery garden in Seven Sisters, south Tottenham.

The couple, who have lived in Tottenham for 11 years, credit their success to the support received from the community, expressing "We didn't choose Tottenham, Tottenham chose us."

"To be honest, all of our friends that live in different boroughs, have always said we are lucky to live in Tottenham, because the community there is so warm and welcoming and so different." Geanina explained. "You don't need to go anywhere else. In Tottenham we have breweries, we have pubs, restaurants, cheese makers, you have everything, and we know each other like a family."

What's next for Prestige Patisserie? The pair confirmed a book describing their journey is on the horizon. "One of our biggest goals, even before Bake Off was to write a book, that's the biggest dream we have right now." The couple also plan on hosting classes and incorporating some of their new Bake Off skills into a series of dining experiences for customers.



If you missed George and Geanina on *Bake Off: The Professionals*, you can catch all episodes on the Channel 4 on Demand website. Prestige Patisserie Bakery Garden is less than a 10-minute walk from Seven Sisters Station. You can also follow Prestige Patisserie on their official website [www.prestigepatisserie.com](http://www.prestigepatisserie.com) and Instagram: [@prestigepatiss](https://www.instagram.com/prestigepatiss)

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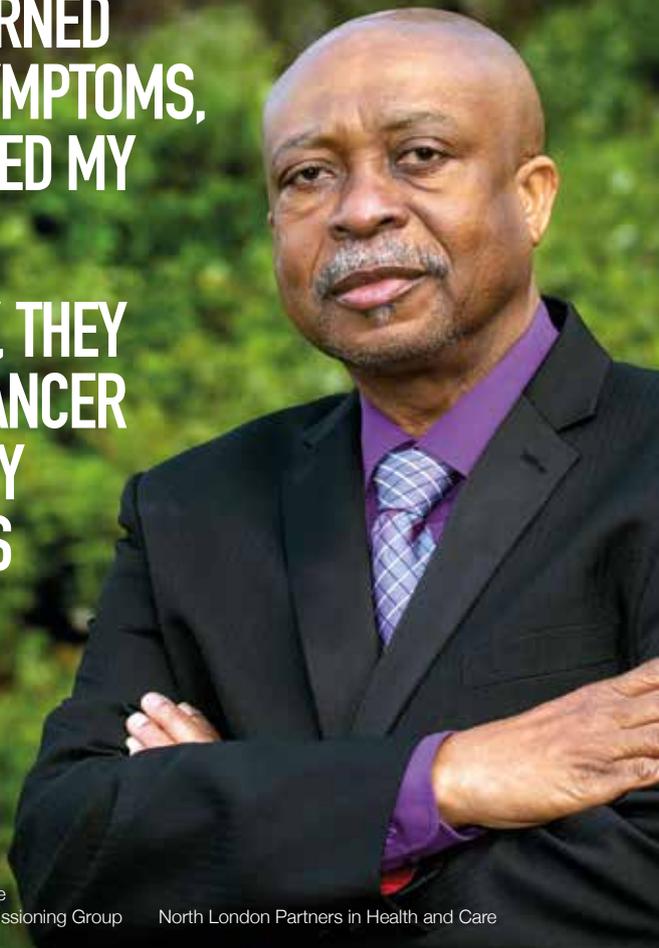


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# Born to rewild

A group of plot holders have magically transformed a previously derelict and unused patch of land at Mannock Road Allotments, with blooming marvellous results.

Once renowned for being a fly-tip, Matt Maran and his counterparts at the Mannock Road Allotments Association (the MRRRA) set out late last year to make better use of an unkempt and unloved area of the site by turning it into a wondrous wildlife garden and wildflower meadow.

The results speak for themselves too, with the newfound aesthetic advantages being complemented by the biodiversity benefits to nature and local wildlife.

"There wasn't really enough space for a plot and, with the ground being so full of stone in that particular patch, it's just not 'growable' there either," said Matt, who has been growing numerous varieties of fruit, herbs and vegetables for the past five years at Mannock Road Allotments.

"People would dump stuff there and there were pallets, but then a group email went out at the end of last year to say, look, does anyone want to do something with this, and I just jumped at the chance. I thought to myself, how often is it that you get offered a bit of land to do a project?"

"I got together with three other guys and we just blitzed the area. It was very quick.

"We did all the groundwork in the wintertime and it was a mission because there was a lot of grass and stone that needed to be dug out from the area.

"We then decided to wait until March to sow a big, bulky bag of mixed wildflower seeds and it was just an unbelievable success. We never anticipated how good it was going to look and, by June, every single species was above hip height. It was just buzzing with everything."

Matt added, "It has brought a lot of joy and happiness, and it's also good for all the growers as well. We were just so thrilled with the success of it and it's such a reward for all the hard work.

"It's nice when people show that they care. If you're part of that, even if you didn't necessarily do any of the work but you see that that's going on, that probably makes you feel better about your own space you're working on.

"People often comment as they walk by, 'Oh wow! It looks really nice' and 'Oh great, you've got a pond' and that shows it does make a difference."

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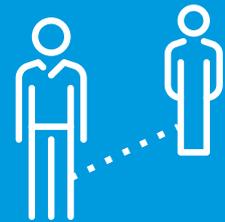
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# Pupils and artist create mural in Northumberland Park

Albert Agwa, artist, and director of Tottenham based Bud Studio has collaborated with pupils from two local primary schools to produce an incredible, large-scale mural in Northumberland Park.

The vibrant and eye-catching mural, which was completed on 12 August, is the product of co-design with year 6 pupils from Lea Valley and St Pauls and All Hallows Primary Schools.

Local artists were invited to bid for the project with the aim of delivering positive change in Northumberland Park. When Albert was asked what interested him about the project, the artist explained that he has "lived and worked in Tottenham for six or seven years," and saw this as a "great opportunity to work with local young people." Albert highlighted that "working with young people to educate them about opportunities within art and the creative industries" was something he was "super keen on doing."

Through a series of workshops, Albert engaged with pupils to design a mural that would celebrate the pride that local young people have in their area. It was evident through the workshops, that both schools had a strong sense of pride in the area's diversity and multi-culturalism. This pride is reflected in the mural which features the colours of the Olympic rings to represent the diversity alongside members of the community, homes and the Lee Valley. One pupil who participated in the collaborative work said "This mural is us. This is what we represent. This is our community."

Speaking of Northumberland Park, Albert highlighted that "there is a very strong sense of community there, everybody knows each other, everybody looks after each other."

Christalla Jamil, Executive Head Teacher of St Paul's and All Hallows spoke highly of the collaboration, stating, "Northumberland Park is full of history, heritage and incredible people. People like our pupils who worked tirelessly to enhance their sense of belonging through art, and created the most magnificent murals to tell their story."

Alongside the Olympic rings, the mural depicts four other motifs which the artist says represent the children themselves, the architecture of the nearby buildings, Lee Valley and cycling. He emphasises that "The end result is not what the artwork is about; it's about giving young people opportunity."

The mural, which the artist hopes will "enhance the sense of pride" in the local community, can be viewed on Park Lane, next to the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.



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# Volunteers at the heart of Lordship Hub

In the heart of Lordship Recreation Ground, the biggest park in Tottenham, lies Lordship Hub – a vibrant community centre and café run by staff and volunteers.

With the aim of empowering people in the local community, the Hub wouldn't be what it is today without its dedicated and passionate volunteers.

Christine has been volunteering at the Hub for nearly 5 years. Originally working in the busy café 4 hours a week, Christine recently reduced her volunteering time to 1.5 hours and is now doing a more admin-based role, supporting the volunteer co-ordinator with setting up volunteering forums, writing newsletters and organising meetings.

When asked why she started volunteering, Christine

explained, "Before I retired, I was a teacher and I wanted to do something totally different, and this was it. Also, the park is a lovely environment, it's just a lovely place to come to work, it's a walking distance from where I live and to do the walk in different seasons is really nice."

As part of the role, volunteers at the Hub can access free training such as Food Hygiene, Barista training, and Food Allergy Awareness. Some people volunteer at the café to give back to the community, but others do it to gain valuable work and life skills. Christine continued, "One of the things I found really difficult was operating the coffee machine and making fantastic barista coffee. Now I don't think I ever really got there completely but mastering a skill like that is no mean feat. It's fantastic when you reach a point where you can do it."

When asked what she would say to people who are considering volunteering at Lordship Hub, Christine said, "Do it, there's lots of support available. The café managers and the other volunteers are all very supportive and appreciative, and you can do as many hours as you want. A lot of effort is made to accommodate you and support you."

To summarise why she enjoys her time volunteering, Christine explained, "What is so lovely about working in the café is serving people, giving people a lovely plate of food and a lovely coffee. It's a giving thing, and it's nice to do that. It's that thing about community too, it's such a delight to meet people in the street that you know from the Hub."

Yvonne is another Hub volunteer who has been helping in the café for the last 4 and a half years.



Christine



Dedicating 8 hours a week or more, Yvonne's volunteering journey has not only helped her on a personal level, but it has allowed her to feel like part of the community.

On why she started volunteering, Yvonne explained, "I wasn't doing anything at home, I was really depressed and bored, and I felt very isolated, but since coming here I think I've improved a lot in terms of my socialisation skills."

Yvonne has lived in Haringey for over 30 years but it's only since being at the Hub that she really feels like part of a community. "I'll be out on the street, and someone will say 'hello Yvonne', and I just say hello back. I have no idea who they are, but I think they must know me from the Hub, and you start recognising people, and that's quite nice, just that recognition factor in the area that you live."

On why she enjoys volunteering, Yvonne said, "Seeing how much other people get from the Hub is quite nice. People who have just discovered us are amazed that we're here. It's really good, getting a positive message out about Tottenham too, because it has such negative connotations amongst people who don't know."

For anyone thinking about volunteering, Yvonne had this to say, "Nobody is expecting you to turn up and know what you're doing because who does? When I first came here, I spent a lot of time at the sink washing up, looking out the window and I was quite happy because it was good to just be out of the house and around people."

The Time Credit Scheme was established as a way of recognising and rewarding the work that volunteers do. As part of the scheme, the Hub volunteers can access free trips to places such as Tower Bridge and Kew Gardens, and can also receive vouchers to use in supermarkets, fast food establishments and leisure centres. Volunteers also get something to eat and drink for free at the Hub, with all food homemade and prepared on the premises.

At the Hub, there's something for everyone, and although the main bulk of the volunteering is in the café, if you have any skills to share then there is the flexibility to find something that suits you.



For more information about volunteering opportunities at Lordship Hub and to get involved, please visit: [www.lordshipub.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering](http://www.lordshipub.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering)

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Over 2,900 Haringey learners switched to online learning last year, to pick up a new skill, improve job prospects or just to make new friends during the pandemic.

Lots of residents successfully completed free Haringey Adult Learning Service (HALS) courses, and on 1 July 2021, over 90 learners attended a virtual celebration evening. Mattia was one of six Learners of the Year who received a certificate to recognise his achievements.

Mattia Zavone was awarded Higher English Learner of the Year at the celebration. In November 2020 he enrolled at HALS for a Level 2 Functional Skills English programme. Mattia said, "When the pandemic hit, I had to take a low paid temporary job. I was not happy in the job, and I was applying for better positions but whilst I ticked a lot of the boxes for these posts, my level of English was not good enough.

"I hit upon HALS by chance, and I've been very happy with my experience there. Although there was no classroom tuition and all the classes were online, everything was very smooth. The tutor worked very hard to make it work for us."

Focusing on improving his English gave Mattia a sense of purpose and achievement during lockdown and in May 2021, having completed his Functional

Skills qualification, Mattia got a better job. "It was great to leave the job I wasn't happy in, and I have Haringey to thank," he explained.

"HALS notified me that they were recruiting vaccinators locally and I got in touch. Initially my emails were not being replied to, and that was when I was introduced to Haringey Works. They really helped me with the application process, and I have been doing this work since May. It is better paid, and it's so much better to be doing a job I enjoy and where I get to help people."

When he's finished his stint as a vaccinator, Mattia plans to use his newfound English skills to get work in the construction industry, "I have some relevant training in architecture, and my low English level was the only thing stopping me get employment in this sector."

For other people who are considering a return to studying, Mattia said, "I've had experience of these services and they're great. Learning keeps your brain active and keeps you switched on. It's an investment, and one of the best you can do to get more skills."

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# Life after furlough: Tony's success story

With the Furlough scheme ending on 30 September, many people across Haringey were made redundant, and this was even more apparent amongst older people. Returning to work when you're older can be a challenge, but employment services like Haringey Works provides the support needed to help you succeed.

Tony Keay, 52, from Turnpike Lane was working in a pub when the first Lockdown happened back in March 2020, he explained, "When lockdown happened, I was working in a pub in Alexandra Palace, and we were all put on furlough. At first, I thought this won't last long, it would be over soon, and we will be back to work. But of course, that didn't happen."

The months went by and in October 2020 Tony found out that he had been made redundant and had to sign on at the job centre. Tony was keen to get back into work as quickly as possible, and he soon came across Haringey Works. "I thought it would be a good idea to get someone else to help me, someone looking out for me," he said, "My advisor, she improved my CV and helped with letter writing. I'm not very good with computers, but she sorted out my CV."

Soon after, Tony's Haringey Works advisor put him forward for a work opportunity, Tony said, "With her help I got an interview at Sainsbury's. The interview was amazing, but someone had more experience than me."

Tony was not disheartened, and knew something would happen for him soon, he said, "My advisor was very supportive, she wished me good luck and was very helpful whenever something came up. Around that time more jobs in pubs were coming up including Wetherspoon's."



Tony Keay

With his advisors help, Tony secured an interview at Wetherspoon's, "I was nervous at first when I went for the Wetherspoon's interview," he explained, "but they offered me the job then and there. When I walked out the door, I was happy."

When asked what advice he would give to other people who have recently been made redundant, Tony said, "Just keep trying, there must be something out there for you. Be prepared to do the work, you will find it, it may take a long time, but it's no problem. Just pick yourself up and start again."

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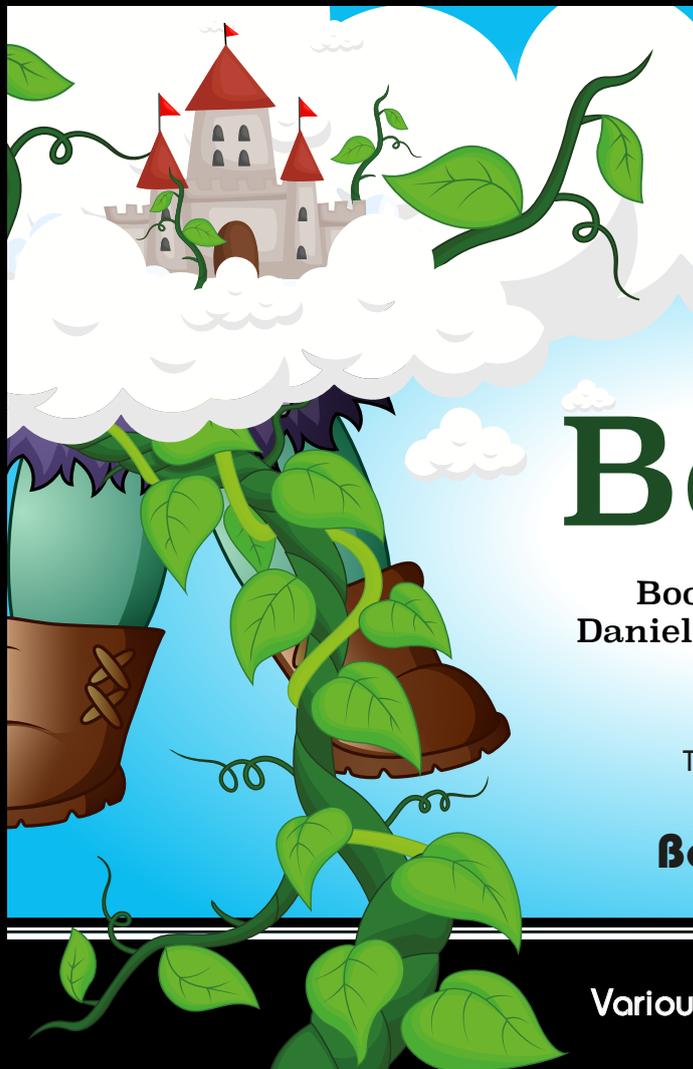
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Graham became a Direct Payment user and employer following a car accident which resulted in him having to use a wheelchair. When asked why he decided to start using DPs, Graham said, "I was initially offered a small care package as a directly provided service, but I never knew who would turn up, when or for how long. It just wasn't practical. When my social worker suggested a direct payment, I immediately knew it was for me."

With full control over his own personal care, Graham now employs three Personal Assistants (PAs), who he has great relationships with. He said, "They come when it suits me and support me with my chosen tasks."

Organising his own care and becoming an employer seemed a bit daunting to Graham at first but Haringey's Deaf and Disabled Person's organisation was a big help, he explained, "Disability Action Haringey was on hand to provide advice and support on Direct Payments and the employment of Personal Assistants, and they also facilitated discussions with other disabled residents who were using one or both schemes."

Judy is a Personal (care) Assistant from a nursing background who retired quite early and was looking for something new. She said, "I wanted to return to work in a role that serves the community and heard that Haringey Works were advertising Personal Assistant opportunities for people who needed additional support in their home. I expressed an interest, attended some information sessions, and was supported to create a free account on the find-a-pa website where I could connect directly with employers."

Not long after, Judy applied for a role and was contacted by the employer via the website. Following a successful meeting with the employer, and after passing normal vetting procedures, Judy was offered the job and has been in the role for two months; supporting the client twice a day in her home.

Judy explained, "The great thing about this role is I get to choose my hours, who I work for, and where I work. Anyone with an interest in or experience in the care sector would benefit from joining the register."

For further information on direct payments, please visit: [www.haringey.gov.uk/directpayments](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/directpayments)

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Names such as Marcus Garvey, Bernie Grant, and Cynthia Jarrett have all become part of Tottenham's legacy, but they have also become an important part of British history too.

One of the most prominent people who ever lived in Haringey was Oliver Tambo, a South African anti-apartheid politician and revolutionary who served as president of the African National Congress. He was banned from his country by the government in 1959 and found himself in Muswell Hill where he lived with his family for over 30 years.

When Oliver Tambo died a memorial bust was put up and, more recently a full-size statue was installed in the area, with Albert Road Recreation Ground being renamed in his honour.

Len Dyke and Dudley Dryden, originally from Jamaica, were Britain's first black millionaires. They were responsible for styling the hair of many people in Tottenham and across the UK at a time when it was difficult for the black community to get adequate hair styling products. Based in the Seven Sisters area their shop on West Green Road became a beacon for women all over London to get their hair styling essentials and there is now a plaque where the shop used to be.

The final person I will touch on is Balthazar Sanchez. He was one of the first black men to build almshouses in the UK. An almshouse is charitable housing provided to people in a particular community. The money he left managed to look



after many people in Haringey for nearly 300 years – not many people can say that!

In my new book 'Black London: History, Art & Culture in over 120 Places' co-authored with Jody Burton, we look at London from a black perspective. It's a tourist guide with a difference, exploring records and focusing on the contribution black people have made to both local and global history as well as black art and culture all over London.

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