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Haringey has always been a borough that unites people and brings communities together.

So, as we reflect on ten-years since the riots took place in Tottenham and other parts of the country, I know this will bring back a lot of memories for our residents.

I was in Cyprus when the riots happened and I could not believe the events that unfolded.

This was not the first time, but I have to say it felt a lot different from what happened in 1985.

It was obvious that tensions were building ahead of the Broadwater Farm riots and that institutional racism was a big factor.

The striking thing for me about the 2011 riots was the way young people were spoken about and I remember the images of young people who were looting in Tottenham Hale. You could not condone what was happening and people were scared, but you have to pause as professionals and think what is driving these kids to do this.

There has always been a strong community in places like Tottenham. I live there now and there is a sense of people saying 'we don't want this for ourselves' and a concern that children and young people are missing out on jobs, education and having the best opportunities.

I have worked with young people for a long time and there has always been stories about young people applying for jobs, and somehow being at a disadvantage if they put a Tottenham post-code down.

It is about acknowledging the role that institutional racism plays in all of this and taking responsibility. As a community we can't just sit back and accept this.

That is why co-production and listening to our residents is such a big factor. The authorities have to consider all voices around the table because they are the people who are affected.

That is the work that we need to build on – the resident's voice. Tottenham has always been a resilient community and the council has worked hard with partners to improve people's lives.

But we have to be honest and say there is still much to do. There are still high levels of youth unemployment and high levels of youth violence, so we have to give people hope.

Eleven years of austerity has not helped, and we have seen youth services slashed. It is going to have an impact.

I am thankful that we have got a number of positive programmes taking place including funding from the Mayor's Office to support Haringey Community Gold which helps young people fulfil their potential. This has been a big success but we need sustainable long-term projects.

The pandemic has hit the people of Tottenham hard, but we need to continue building that capacity and make a real difference for our youngsters.

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People Need Parks

Residents have been enjoying their very own Haringey-cation this summer with a massive and diverse programme of free activities in the borough's parks.

The council's People Need Parks initiative launched in Lordship Recreation Ground back in June, providing park activities which are free, accessible, and inclusive, with activities set to run until autumn.

Much of the programme is aimed at usually under-represented groups including women and girls, over 50s, those with disabilities or people from black and ethnic minority backgrounds, whilst also catering for children and families.



Virtual parking services

Residents will soon have access to a wide range of virtual parking services through a new digital system that provides more information, choices, and greater control over parking arrangements, with the staged rollout taking place across the year.

The new system will allow virtual parking permits to be purchased online from August, meaning residents no longer need to wait for their paper permit to arrive as it will be immediately applied to the vehicle.

There will also be a more streamlined Disabled Blue Badge application process, a new system that makes it easier to manage Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs), and a few new services that benefit businesses.

Residents will be kept up to date and will be contacted if any of the changes affect them. For more information please visit: **[www.haringey.gov.uk/
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Wellbeing workshops launched

Haringey Libraries have been working alongside clinical psychologists at Barnet, Enfield, and Haringey Mental Health Trust (Gateway) to deliver community based, drop-in workshops to give residents an opportunity to think more about improving emotional well-being.



The objectives of the workshops were to raise awareness around mental health in the local community through interactive sessions led by clinical psychologists. The initial pilot workshops were delivered in Wood Green Library and were also rolled out to Marcus Garvey Library. Themes covered included:

- How we become more aware of our mental health
- Factors that impact mental health in helpful and unhelpful ways
- Ways to improve mental health and overall well-being
- What to do if you are worried about your own or someone else's mental health

Attendees had the opportunity to discuss and ask questions about any other mental health themes they were interested in and wanted to know more about.



Schools across Haringey set to receive £20m boost

Primary schools across the borough are set to receive crucial funding as Haringey Council invests nearly £20m in improvement works to benefit children and teaching staff in our educational settings.

Chestnuts, Lordship Lane, and West Green are the latest primaries to benefit from the local authority's investment in improving facilities for our children and young people here in Haringey.

This follows swiftly on from a £6m boost to four other primaries – Bruce Grove, Campsbourne, Seven Sisters, and Stroud Green – after a major review across the entire Schools estate identified areas that needed addressing in the short, medium, and long term.

These seven schools have duly been considered as high priorities

and placed in this first, initial wave of essential condition works overall.

These projects will – among several other benefits for the schools – achieve the primary goal of providing improved educational environments for children in line with the council's Borough Plan 2019-2023.

The relevant element, and outcome, within the Borough Plan is People and the council's vision of a Haringey where 'strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential.'

Additionally, these building improvement works support the borough's carbon reduction and climate change ambition through the installation of energy efficient measures, such as double glazing and roof insulation.

First zero carbon homes



Eight Haringey families are set to benefit from the first zero carbon council homes built in the borough.

On a mission to decarbonise Haringey by 2041, the Cabinet gave the green light for the eco-friendly development.

The scheme in Park Road, Bounds Green will use super-efficient thermal insulation, solar panels to generate electricity, and air source heat pumps as part of the design.

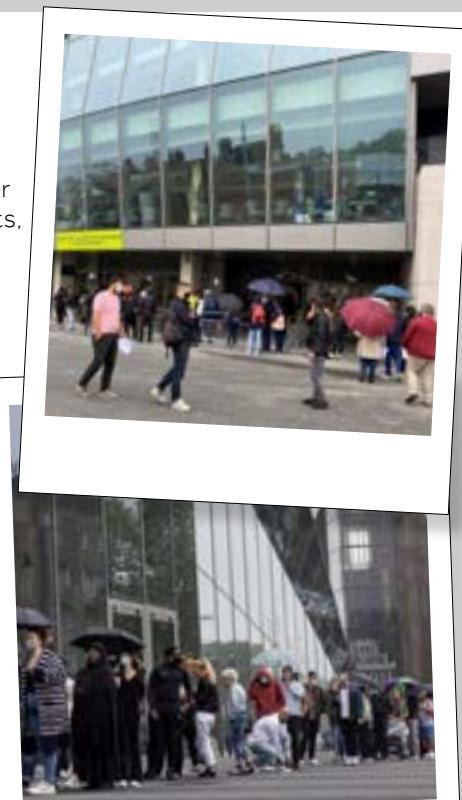
As well as dramatically reducing each households' carbon footprint, the high-quality homes will be cheaper to run – tackling ever increasing energy costs and offering tenants more financial freedom.

The roof will be lined with wildflower plants and the building surrounded by lots of outside space, increasing the area's biodiversity.

Transforming a brownfield site occupied by dilapidated garages, the new development will be made up of two three-bedroom houses, five two-bedroom flats and one four-bedroom duplex apartment, all let at council rents.

One of the two-bedroom flats will be fully accessible for wheelchair users and another adaptable to meet residents' changing needs.

The brand new zero carbon homes will contribute to the borough's first major council building programme in a generation and responds directly to the climate emergency declared by the council in 2019.



You smashed it!

We'd like to extend a big thank you to everyone who attended one of the 3 Super Sunday mass COVID-19 vaccination events, at Tottenham Hotspur stadium this year.

Over 8,700 Pfizer jabs were administered in total, placing Haringey at the top of the capital's daily jabs league table after the second event.

The clinics also had a positive impact on vaccination rates in the neighbouring boroughs of Islington, Hackney, Camden, and Barnet.

The success of one of the events was even acknowledged at the Downing Street press conference! Well done to everyone who turned out, got their jab and are #ProudToProtect.

Mayor of London visits Cookbook Edible Library

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, certainly got a taste of something big happening in Haringey as he witnessed one of the borough's most exciting new projects and saw how local families and young people got the chance to cook their own food at the Cookbook Edible Library garden at St Ann's Library.

The Mayor, along with Cllr Peray Ahmet, Leader of Haringey Council and Cllr Zena Brabazon, Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children and Families, saw how a partnership between Haringey Libraries, Edible London and Volunteer It Yourself, has transformed a previously unused space into a flourishing community kitchen and growing garden.

The work was partially funded through the first round of the Mayor's Grow Back Greener Fund, part of the Mayor's programme to secure a green recovery from COVID-19.

The project aims to tackle food insecurity while providing excellent training for young people. Local families and young people have the chance to use the space to grow and cook their own food, while 14-24 year-olds are coached in outdoor activities including construction and gardening.

By providing positive opportunities for young people, the project is also helping to steer them away from crime, anti-social behaviour, and gangs.

Approximately one in six Haringey pupils are known to be eligible for and claiming free school meals (16 per cent), but provisions are not available out of school hours. This project aims to be up and running in time for their planned summer holiday food programme for children and young people who often have little or no access to healthy food.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the vital importance of Haringey's green spaces for Londoners' health and wellbeing. The Edible Library garden is part of the council's Borough Plan commitment to promote and improve Haringey's open and green spaces.



New site for young people with autism



Young people with autism and/or complex learning disabilities in Haringey will have an all-new facility dedicated to their needs, after Haringey's Cabinet agreed to invest in the development of a site on White Hart Lane.

The former home of Woodside Day Centre at 57 White Hart Lane will be transformed to deliver new specialist accommodation and support for young people in Haringey with autism and complex learning disabilities.

The decision supports a key aim of the council's Borough Plan – ensuring that excellent supported accommodation is available locally for all of Haringey's residents.

It will also mean that more young people in Haringey will be able to enjoy Special Educational Needs provision locally and remain close to their support network of family, friends, and social workers, significantly improving their quality of life.

The plan follows the opening of Haringey's first dedicated facility for people with autism. The Chad Gordon Autism campus in Tottenham was designed collaboratively with people with autism and carers to deliver early help to adults with autism and to meet their specific needs.

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Changing lives through sport and music

Ten years on from the riots in Tottenham, we speak to two people who have spent the intervening years dedicating their working lives to supporting young people in the local community.

Mary Otumahana

Mary Otumahana is on a "social mission" to help young people find their voice.

A rapper from her early teens, the social entrepreneur started a free pop-up recording and performance studio in Tottenham for 16- to 25-year-olds with a grant of £500 in 2015.

"I was able to purchase some headphones, cover travel expenses and just build up The RecordShop," she said.

Having successfully pitched the idea for The RecordShop to the 639 Enterprise Centre, Mary secured her own studio space at the former council planning offices just two years later.

A listed building in the heart of Tottenham, '639' was transformed into a hub for business start-ups after it was badly damaged in the riots.

This unique project has been offering space and mentoring to ambitious local people ever since.

The multi-award-winner describes the permanent move into the centre as the beginning of her "business journey."

"I know there were a lot of initiatives set up in response to the riots, especially in Tottenham," Mary added. "It was an opportunity for myself, as a young person, to gain further support as someone interested in entrepreneurship."

Partnering with global brands, the new social enterprise was able to offer a programme of events, workshops, and volunteering, along with studio time for recording music.

In October 2020, The RecordShop began the next stage in its journey with the move to a retail unit in The Mall shopping centre in Wood Green.

As well as continuing to provide a safe space for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to connect with the community through music, the venture has branched out as a café and store offering merchandise.

The new space means there are lots of work experience opportunities helping with social media, customer service and sound engineering.

Mary hopes to introduce live music events, which were put on hold because of the pandemic: "I really want to push that forward, bring people together," she said. "This is a key moment to be a space that supports and encourages."



Hesketh Benoit

Active in the local community for over 40 years, there is no doubt Hesketh Benoit is a changemaker.

The retired CoNEL lecturer is currently head basketball coach for the borough, overseeing sessions at the courts on Duckett's Common.

Hesketh says that the summer programme can attract up to 80 children and teenagers during the afternoon, with an older group tending to frequent midnight evening coaching under the floodlights.

He uses the term "street life education" to describe his role, "enhancing and embracing" what is going on in the life of the youngsters who attend.

"I want them to know they're doing basketball but that's just the hook," he says. "If they've got problems, I've been in the borough so long, I can always direct them through their parents. That's what community education is all about."

A coach in Haringey for decades, Hesketh talks enthusiastically about the achievements of

those he has mentored – from the success of the teams representing Haringey in the London Youth Games to the teenagers who pass their first coaching exams.

But enabling youngsters to benefit from sport is just one of the ways Hesketh supports local people. "I'm passionate about my community," he says. Amongst his voluntary activities, Hesketh is a founding member of the Haringey Independent Stop and Search Monitoring Group, an organisation which helps the community pass on their experiences of stop and search.

He says he often meets people in the street who recall the support he has provided. "That's the hook, the drive for me, if you're turning around lives like that," he says.



A helping hand into employment

Haringey residents, Luisa and Sanam were struggling to find work during lockdown, but Haringey Works equipped them with the employment skills and tools they needed, and they are both now in fulfilling jobs.

Haringey Works is the council's free employment service for residents and businesses, which helped over 300 local people get into sustainable employment during the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Luisa
Terracciano.**

35, originally from Italy but now living in Tottenham, was planning to do a logistics Masters degree but as a single

mother of a toddler, and having suffered from severe post-natal depression, she didn't want to spend all her time studying.

Luisa decided to change career paths, so she contacted Haringey Works and was assigned a

Connected Communities Employment Advisor. She said, "As I hadn't worked for a long time, I approached Haringey Works. They helped me with a new CV, interview preparation and I attended webinars to improve my soft skills.

"I also did an accountancy course at the Haringey Adult Learning Service. On the weekends, I volunteered at St. Johns Ambulance Logistics Team as I thought it would be good to improve my skills."

Luisa's efforts paid off, as she now works as a Logistics Coordinator at a sustainable fashion company.



Sanam Monteiro, 24, from Tottenham graduated with a MSc in Politics from SOAS University of London. Originally from Belgium, Sanam was about to sign a contract for her first real job in London, but the job offer suddenly disappeared.

As the COVID-19 pandemic hit, she found it hard to find another opportunity, and then she was introduced to Haringey Works, and assigned Employment Navigator, Shawn Semper.

Sanam said: "I was scared of Brexit and losing my pre-settled status, but Shawn helped me with a cover letter, interview preparation and supported me to find so many jobs. There was a Meet the Employers Event, where I could meet the team, learn about the role and ask questions."

Within a month, Sanam secured three interviews and accepted a job as a Specialist Detached

Outreach Worker for Haringey Community Gold, an outreach team that works with young people, boosting their confidence and providing them with options for the future.

"I love this job, it's fulfilling," said Sanam. "I'm not sure I would even be in the UK if it wasn't for Haringey Works' help."

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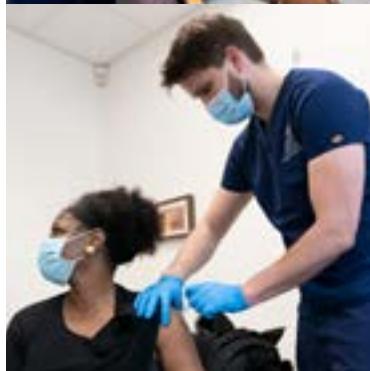
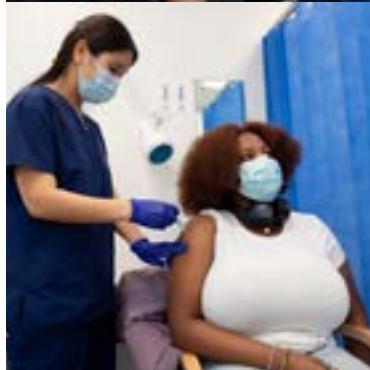
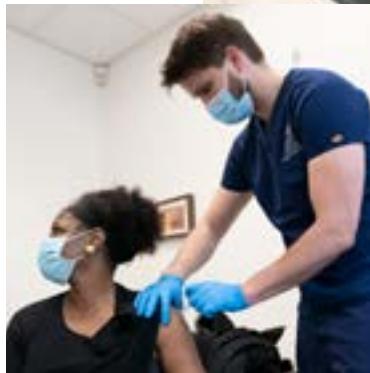
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Tottenham jeweller curates pop-up shop

British-Nigerian jeweller, designer, and founder of Crafty North Londoner, Nonia Jeroh, recently hosted and curated the Made in Haringey pop-up shop at The Mall Wood Green.

The shop which opened on Tuesday 8 June, featured work from a selection of 17 North London designers, 13 of which are based in Haringey. The artists exhibited a range of products from clothing, accessories, ceramics, and art, to homeware, skincare, sweet treats and much more.



Nonia, who has lived in Tottenham all her life, described how the origins of Crafty North Londoner grew through the difficulties she faced when trying to apply to markets to trade. She said, "I am a jeweller, so I basically decided, if you can't get a break, if it is possible, create a break for yourself." With that in mind, she decided to host a market, the intention being to host only one.

The jeweller has come a long way since then and has brought several local designers on the journey with her. When asked how she sources her artists, Nonia credited Instagram and social media to her success, she said, "I used to be an Instagram fiend! Ordinarily, I would follow various accounts when I liked the look of their work."

Nonia now has a Makers Mailing List and application process that she posts on social media for all her events and activities. She also stressed the importance of finding local artists explaining, "I do put emphasis, particularly when it's a market taking place in North London, on North London makers, Haringey makers, so that's how I tend to recruit."

The designer described the doubts she faced when considering whether to apply to host the pop-up shop in The Mall Wood Green. "I had a bit of self-doubt creep in," she explained, "and I thought to myself, little old me, going against others within the borough, who are also well established. Then literally at the final 12 hours, I decided that if I don't apply, I won't be particularly pleased with myself each time I walk past knowing that the opportunity was there. In the end I thought, you know you're in it to win it, and if not then you just won't provide yourself with any opportunity."

The team at Crafty North Londoner involved the local community in the venture by hosting workshops including a textile jewellery making workshop for kids and another one geared towards tackling work/life balance for small businesses.

The inspiration behind the workshops came from Nonia's experience with arts and crafts in primary school and her desire for children and adults to see the value in taking a break and working with their hands. She said, "I schooled in Tottenham, in Haringey, and when we were younger, we did a



lot of arts and crafts. We did some cross stitch in school, and it was such a fantastic experience."

Nonia described how having a large manual weaving machine in one of her classrooms is an amazing memory that has stuck with her since she was young, she said, "I had all of these opportunities when I was in school, which may or may not be the case necessarily to the same degree for those today." She highlighted that today there are many distractions and sometimes it's nice to get back to basics.



Through the workshops, Nonia wanted to engage people in an activity they had never done before and hoped that small business owners would feel encouraged to meet likeminded people in a relaxed, fun environment whilst learning tips that would benefit their businesses long term.

The Made in Haringey pop-up shop – curated by Crafty North Londoner was part of Haringey's Good Economy Recovery Plan, which aims to support local businesses and high streets to grow a good economy in Haringey where everyone benefits.

Nonia stressed the importance of supporting local businesses, especially with the impact that COVID-19 has had on smaller industries, she said, "Let's be completely frank and open about that, we are a community, and by supporting local small businesses, you're basically purchasing from your neighbour, so your wealth is being pumped straight back into the local economy."

The pop-up shop which featured work from the likes of Ohemaa Jewellery, Biller Designs and Puzzles of Nature closed on 7 August, but if you missed the chance to visit, you can follow Nonia and Crafty North Londoner's journey by visiting their website: www.craftynorthlondoner.com



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Spurring you on to care

Now more than ever foster carers are desperately needed in Haringey to provide warm, loving, and nurturing homes for children and young people in care.

Tottenham Hotspurs' To Care Is To Do programme in partnership with Haringey Council Virtual School, engages and inspires looked after children and care leavers within the local community.

The programme provides a range of support services to help improve educational attainment, increase employability, develop life skills, and promote healthy and active lifestyles.

Janet has been a foster carer in Haringey for six years and currently looks after Farouk, who is part of the programme. Janet said, "I heard about the programme through Haringey Council, and since Farouk joined, Spurs has played a big part in his development and has definitely helped to boost his confidence. He even got a job at Spurs as a steward!"

For anyone interested in joining the To Care Is To Do programme, Janet had this advice: "I would tell everyone it is a very good idea as I encouraged Farouk to go and try it and he loved it."

To Care Is To Do programme coordinator, Lauren, said, "I have had the pleasure of seeing our young people develop over the years. From confidence building to life skills, our children often arrive at events alone and leave with friends."

The foster carers who are part of the programme continually express that fostering is one of the most rewarding experiences, as they can offer safety and comfort to very vulnerable children at a very difficult time in their lives.

Jacquie has been a foster carer in Haringey for over 10 years and said: "Fostering was something that always interested me. I often saw the poster and imagined being able to have a positive influence in a child's life."

When asked what she would say to someone who's interested in becoming a foster carer, Vera, a foster carer of eight years said: "I would tell them to do it, it gives you satisfaction knowing that you can help change a young person's life and make the child feel loved and cared for."

If you are interested in becoming a foster carer in Haringey, please visit:
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HALS: Unlocking new opportunities

By providing courses, valuable experiences and career support for people aged 19 years and over, Haringey Adult Learning Service (HALS) is opening doors and unlocking new opportunities for residents across the borough.



Hind couldn't speak much English when she came to the UK, but thanks to Haringey Adult Learning Service (HALS), she was able to study English, become fluent, and discover her love for languages.

Hind Khalid Al-Dulaimi, 34 from Crouch End, is originally from Iraq but used to live in Dubai. When she moved to the UK, she was looking for an English course and discovered HALS. She said, "I started doing low level ESOL classes and my teacher encouraged me to become a Parent Champion Volunteer.

"For six weeks I learnt how to teach and how to engage

with kids. I then took part in a reading challenge and over time, I started to understand the meaning in the sentences. That is when I discovered I love languages."

Online learning became an important part of Hind's life during lockdown, and with HALS support, she realised her talent for writing. Hind explained, "I learnt how to write stories, articles, blogs, and I even became a citizen journalist. I was doing things I had never done before."

Hind concluded, "My journey was not easy, I didn't have confidence in the beginning, but I believe if you work hard, then you will eventually reach what you want.

"I want to thank HALS. They grabbed me from my loneliness and homesickness and opened all doors for me. In the beginning, I just did English, but HALS they are giving you opportunities. I thank them so much. Don't even hesitate, just sign up!"



Karen was interested in teaching and wanted to learn some digital skills, so she found out about HALS from a Haringey People article, and after taking a course she now has the confidence to pursue her dream career.

Karen Balroop, 54, always felt apprehensive about online learning but during the pandemic she realised she didn't have any other choice, so she signed up to a HALS computing course.

Karen said, "I prefer face to face teaching, where I can raise my hand and ask questions. But my daughter left for university last year, and my other daughter will be leaving home next year – I wanted

to give myself more options. So, I bought a laptop and enrolled on an entry level digital skills course."

Gradually over time, Karen became more confident and went on to do several five-week courses in Word, Excel and PowerPoint, whilst also volunteering in a primary school. Interested in getting into teaching, Karen knew that having computer skills would be very useful.

Karen continued, "I'm thinking of teaching kids, and a lot of it will be online, so I better get used to it, and when I do get into teaching, I will have my computer skills to fall back on.

"Sometimes I do feel anxious as I don't think I know enough, but whatever your reservations, it can't be worse than mine so give it a try!"

HALS will be running new courses this September. To find out more or to enrol, please visit: www.webenrol.com/hals

Information Station: amplifying local voices

Nicola was home-schooling her son for 12 years whilst also supporting her mum who has dementia. When her son went to secondary school, she decided to refresh her skills with HALS and Information Station to re-enter the workplace.

Information Station is Haringey's new community news project delivered by Haringey libraries in partnership with HALS.

Nicola Williams decided to enrol on a journalism course through Information Station, and said, "I thought it might be a good way to create articles to share my experience of supporting my mum with dementia and help other people in the same position."

Nicola thinks Information Station is important as it's a news website for the community made by local people, she said, "I think it's important that there is somewhere we can go to get information that's reliable and trusted.

The qualifications that Nicola achieved through HALS and Information Station has boosted her confidence and developed her community spirit. She continued, "As a home-schooling mum, the

"I want to help steer and manage the project which is why I am now doing a community leadership workshop to build my skills and help others join in."



journey I have had with HALS and projects like Information Station has meant so much to me."

All of Nicola's hard work paid off and she was shortlisted for Learner of the Year 2021 at the Learning and Work Institute Festival of Learning Awards, which recognises the achievements of adult learners.

To find out more about Information Station and get involved, please visit: **www.haringey.gov.uk/news-and-events/information-station**

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From pupils to published poets

A group of Year 11 students at the Haringey Learning Partnership (HLP) have had their own poetry anthology published to great acclaim and rave reviews following an official launch event at Commerce House in Wood Green.

The HLP-First Story book, entitled 'Play Our Song,' features beautiful and original artwork. The book came to fruition after the HLP pupils worked tirelessly in tandem with Ashley Hickson-Lovence, the writer in residence at Commerce House this year.

"It's been the honour of a lifetime to see this talented group develop as astute wordsmiths week to week," said Hickson-Lovence.

"We all must play our part to ensure that young people within our society have regular opportunities to showcase their talent and the launch celebrated in style one of the best poetry anthologies that'll be released this year. Mark my words, it's as tender and profound as any collection you'll find by professional poets in the shops."

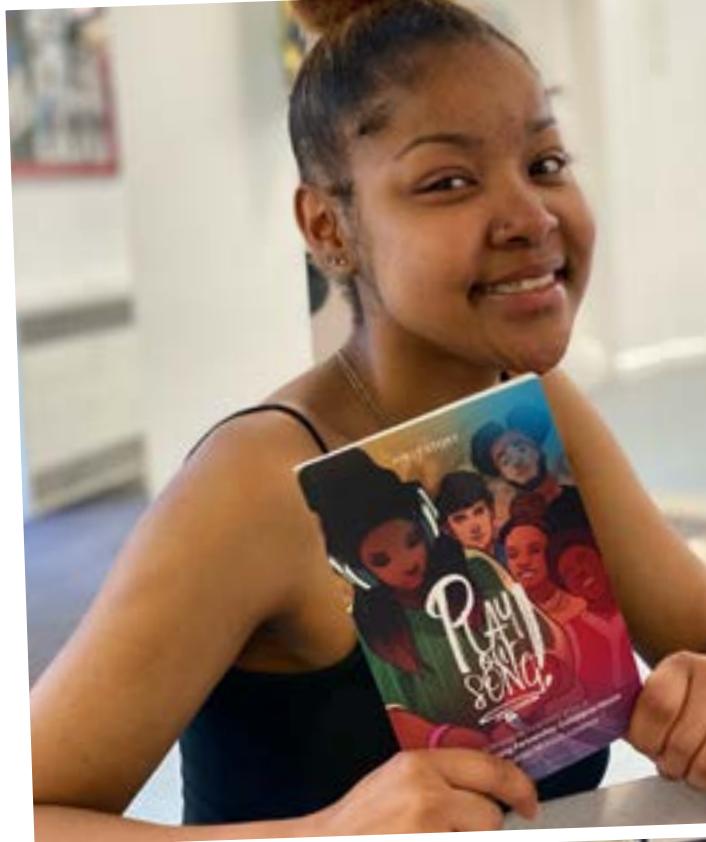
During the event, the students quite literally ran, danced, and skipped up to the front to share their work, and with good reason.

From the tone of steely resolve in Alex's haunting poem 'Four Walls,' and Ruth's depiction of how Tottenham and Jamaica are fundamental to her identity in 'TotJam,' to Melissa's powerful tribute to Stephen Lawrence in 'Cold Blood,' the audience would have willingly sat and listened to the students share every single piece they had written.

Even afterwards, despite only having heard most of the poems for the first time, the students' words hovered in the air, flitting from group to group as guests reflected on the powerful performances.

Gerry Robinson, the Executive Headteacher at the HLP, said: "It is not over-stating anything to say that this programme has been transformational for our students.

"We are exceptionally grateful to Ashley, Ms Burke and First Story for everything you have done for them."



For more information about the Haringey Learning Partnership, please visit:
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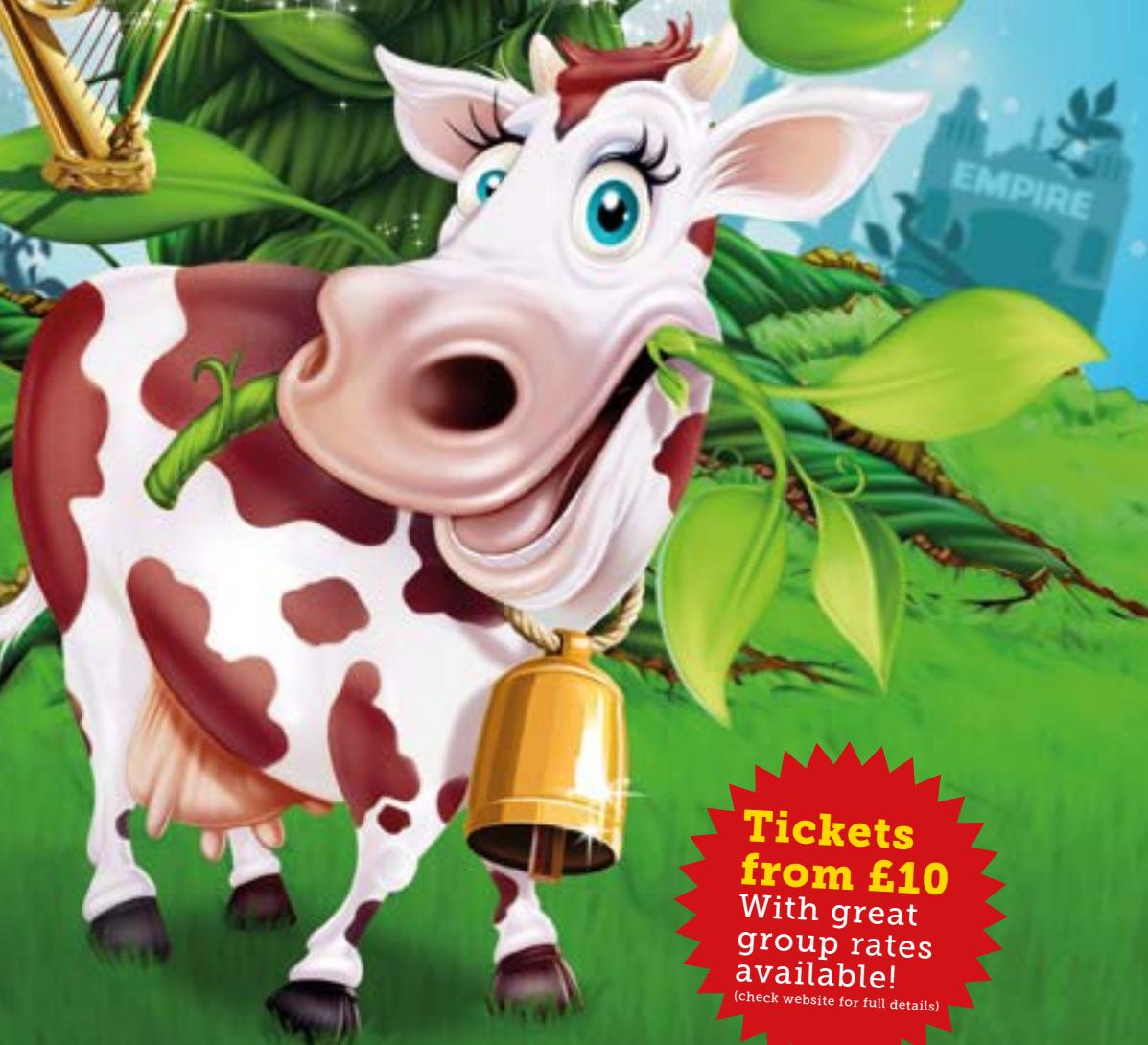
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Residents spring into action

Haringey's neighbourly spirit has shone through this year with residents joining community clean-ups as part of the #HaringeySpringClean campaign.

Volunteers were equipped with free kits provided by Veolia Haringey, to clear local streets and parks from litter, with Veolia handing out an incredible 73 litter pickers and gloves, 350 rubbish bags and 300 recycling sacks.

Helen, from Tottenham, signed up for a community clean-up after seeing the campaign on social media, and said, "I wanted to get involved because it's nice to take control of our environment, and obviously I like clean streets!"

Helen described the amazing community spirit on her road, and how she used their WhatsApp group to get people involved, she continued, "It was very easy to set up, and after the initial awkwardness everyone really had a good time. I bumped into people in adjacent roads who were all really friendly and curious, and there was a lady who is now going to organise it for her street, so it had a great knock-on effect."

After seeing an increase in takeaway rubbish littering the streets, another Haringey resident, Angela, decided to host a community clean-up through the borough's Garden Residents Association. Angela said, "It was great! I organised it very last minute, but I am lucky as I live in an area with a strong and supportive resident's association who rallied around for volunteers. We even had one of our councillors join us."

When asked if she would recommend litter picking to others, Angela replied, "Definitely! It made a big difference to our streets and lots of people stopped us to say thank you."

Colleagues, Olivia, Ben, and Alisa were also among the Haringey Spring-cleaners. They all share a passion for reducing waste and their environmental impact and saw the community clean-up as a way to do their bit to help.

The 'Core Three' said, "We'd like to thank Haringey Council and Veolia for making it so easy for us to organise the event. It was super helpful to have all the equipment provided and this gives everyone a chance to try it out. For us, this was just the beginning, we already have other litter picks planned!"

They concluded, "When it comes to tackling trash, our advice is better in, than out - in the bin, that is!"



Fit for the Queen

Haringey is fortunate to have so many people and organisations doing wonderful voluntary work across the borough. Volunteer work is often unheralded, but in June some of the borough's unsung heroes were honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Gospel Temple Apostolic Church were given the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – the country's highest honour for voluntary groups – for their work at the Tottenham Food Hub.

The hub was established by the church to help address acute food insecurity, with volunteers aiding the local community by redistributing surplus food from local supermarkets and charity suppliers.

The hub was an even more important local resource during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping to get food to so many vulnerable people who would otherwise have struggled.

Two volunteers from the church will attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in 2022, along with other recipients of this year's Award.

Church leader Rev. Jason Young said, "I am delighted that our volunteers have been recognised for the work that they do at the Tottenham Food Hub each week. In December 2020 they were recognised by winning the Mayor of London Volunteering Award. I am truly happy for our volunteers who put in a lot of hard work to make this happen."

Last year, the Queen's Award was given to another local charity, CARIS Haringey. This year, the charity was named in the honours list once again, this time with an individual award for director, Gloria Saffrey-Powell, who was given the British Empire Medal (BEM) for her service to the local community.



CARIS Haringey is a Tottenham-based charity, working to support homeless families. Gloria's work with the charity has been highly praised by colleagues and those she has helped. She has 30 years of community service experience, having worked to assist people in immigration, education, and training as well as her work with homeless people.

"It is a great honour to receive the BEM award. This award is not just for me, it's for all the staff, volunteers and everyone who sees working in the voluntary sector as their mission," Gloria said.

In addition to her work with CARIS, Gloria is a board member of Haringey Citizens Advice Bureau, a member of Haringey Welcome Advisory Board and the Haringey Voluntary Community Sector Leaders group.

Bobby Buckle: A schoolboy's dream

There may be many towns like Tottenham that have a historical sporting connection, but it is unlikely that they go back as far as 1401.

In the late summer of 1882, a group of Tottenham schoolboys, Bobby Buckle, John Anderson, and Hamilton Casey, decided to form a football club.

The trio were studying English history at school, specifically the 1401-1403 period. They learned about the feats of Henry Percy, son of the Earl of Northumberland, who was nicknamed Hotspur. The Percy's owned vast areas of land around Tottenham and signs of their existence can easily be found to this day.

The schoolboys much admired the young knight and decided to name their football club Hotspur FC in his honour.

On 5 September 1882, the trio collected subscriptions by a lamppost on the High Road, near Park Lane, and this has since been regarded as the date the football club was officially formed.

Bobby who was just 13 at the time, attended Tottenham Grammar School, and was the driving force and inspiration behind the Club's formation. As well as being a Founder, he was the Club's first captain, scored Spurs' first recorded goal, and is still its youngest ever goal scorer in a 3-1 loss against Grange Park on 20 October 1883.

In 1884, the Club was re-named Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. Bobby played in Spurs first-ever competitive match in the London Association Cup on 17 October 1885 which was also his 17th birthday. The Club beat St Albans 5-2.

Originally Spurs played on Tottenham Marshes and would mark out a pitch before a game. Later they moved to Northumberland Park, where they could charge people to watch a match.



The team then moved to its current location on the High Road, known as White Hart Lane. Over the years, Bobby was a Committee Member; Treasurer; Secretary and a Director of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.

To honour the legacy that Bobby has left, a campaign has been launched to get an English Heritage Blue Plaque installed on Bobby's house at White Cottage, 7 White Hart Lane, N17 8DU.

Without Bobby, his friends and their famous meeting under a lamp post, there would be no Tottenham Hotspur FC as the world knows it today.

Arthur Evans

Arthur Evans
Bobby Buckle Matters Partnership

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