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his plans and
priorities for
the borough

- Taking action on fly-tipping and litter
- Find out about new rights for private renters
- Discover everything Lewisham has to offer this summer



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New rights for private renters



**FROM
1 MAY
2026**

The **Renters' Rights Act** makes renting fairer, safer and more secure

If you rent privately, here's what's changing:

No more 'no reason' evictions

Landlords will no longer be able to evict you without a legal reason

More secure tenancies

Assured shorthold tenancies are ending. Most renters will automatically move to assured, periodic tenancies

Fairer rent increases

Rent can only be increased once a year, with at least two months' notice

Fewer unfair rules

Blanket bans like no pets, no DSS and no children will no longer be allowed

Better standards for homes

All private rented homes must meet a national Decent Homes Standard



Find out what this means for you

Visit [lewisham.gov.uk/renters](https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/renters) or scan the QR code



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Rockbourne Youth Centre sensory gardens

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- » Find activities for you and all the family
- » Live in a controlled parking zone? Apply for your permit online

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Useful contacts:

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0800 028 2028
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Local health service
[nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) or NHS 111

Police (non-emergency) 101

Thames Water
0845 920 0800
(customer services)
0800 714 614 (24-hour leakline)

Gas emergencies 0800 111 999

Bringing hope back to Lewisham

I'm really proud to introduce myself as the new Mayor of Lewisham. It's only been a few weeks since I was elected as the first Green Mayor of our borough, along with a majority of 39 Green councillors, but we're already getting started on what matters most.

We're focusing our priorities on what people told us on the doorstep, what you've told us since and our own experiences as residents across Lewisham: tackling fly-tipping so we have cleaner, safer streets we can be proud of, better housing, more support for young people, safer roads and access to healthy food.

Cleaning up our streets

Fly-tipping on our streets is a huge problem and solving it requires a team effort. Residents, businesses, Council staff and councillors all have a part to play. I want us to work together to restore a sense of local pride.

We'll organise community clean-up days and big litter picks, as well as stepping up patrols in hotspot areas. We'll also introduce easier ways for people to get rid of waste properly. We'll use data and technology to enforce against those that illegally dump rubbish but we also want to empower people to do the right thing and feel ownership over where they live.

Celebrating our culture and young people

People's Day is coming back! It's a chance to celebrate everything that makes Lewisham special. We're a creative borough full of

About me

I'm originally from Sheffield and was raised by a single mum. I used to work in higher education and the charity sector but decided to move into politics in the aftermath of the Grenfell fire. I studied an MA in Political Communications at Goldsmiths where I got involved in local campaigning. I was first elected as a councillor for New Cross Gate in 2022 while working for an anti-racist think tank.

What's your favourite local walk?

I like to take the Waterlink Way. It's so peaceful and really relaxing to follow the River Ravensbourne. As a bonus you end up in Beckenham Place Park, one of the most stunning spaces in London.

Where would you take a first-time visitor?

Deptford High Street. There's so much to do. Lots of great, shops, bars, restaurants and cafes but it's also steeped in history and heritage – Christopher Marlowe is buried there.

Best local view?

I might be slightly biased as I live nearby but the view from Blythe Hill is my favourite.

incredible talent which we want to let shine through – from local makers, traders and food businesses to award-winning artists and musicians.

It's also about celebrating our heritage. Lewisham has a rich sound system culture shaped by pioneers like Saxon and Jah Shaka and carried forward by Young Warrior and a whole new generation. This is something we're proud of and want to do more to support and showcase.



People's Day is a great start but let's build on it with regular events. We'd like to see more legacy from our year as London Borough of Culture 2022, with year-round opportunities for local artists, producers and venues. Our aim is a stronger creative scene where culture is part of everyday life, not just a one-off.

Alongside this, we want to reverse cuts to youth services. Lewisham is a young borough and we need to back our youth with more opportunities, better support and safe spaces. That includes investing in youth facilities and linking young people to pathways into creative careers.

Fixing housing

Housing is one of my top priorities. You can't enjoy your community or focus on opportunities if you're worried about your home.



For the full results of the election held on Thursday 7 May, visit lewisham.gov.uk/election-may26

This is part of a longer-term plan but we're taking a hard look at how our housing services work to make sure they're delivering for residents. That means standing up for private renters and cracking down on rogue landlords so people know the Council is on their side.

We've also set an ambitious target to deliver 1,000 homes for social rent backed by exploring alternative revenue streams and new investment. We want to cut the housing waiting list and reduce how long families spend in temporary accommodation.

Safer roads

During the campaign, people kept mentioning road safety to me. Cyclists and pedestrians don't feel safe enough on our streets. We have a low number of protected cycle lanes compared to other boroughs and I've noticed a lack of safe crossings in busy places. I want us to prioritise how we make our streets safer for all road users.

Equal access to good food

Everyone should have access to healthy, good-quality food at an affordable price, but we know that's not the reality for many people who are struggling in this cost-of-living crisis.

I'm passionate about working with our food justice partners and have already met some of them. I want to explore how we can better support their incredible work, and to show leadership on this, I've chosen to donate 20% of my allowance to help fund it.

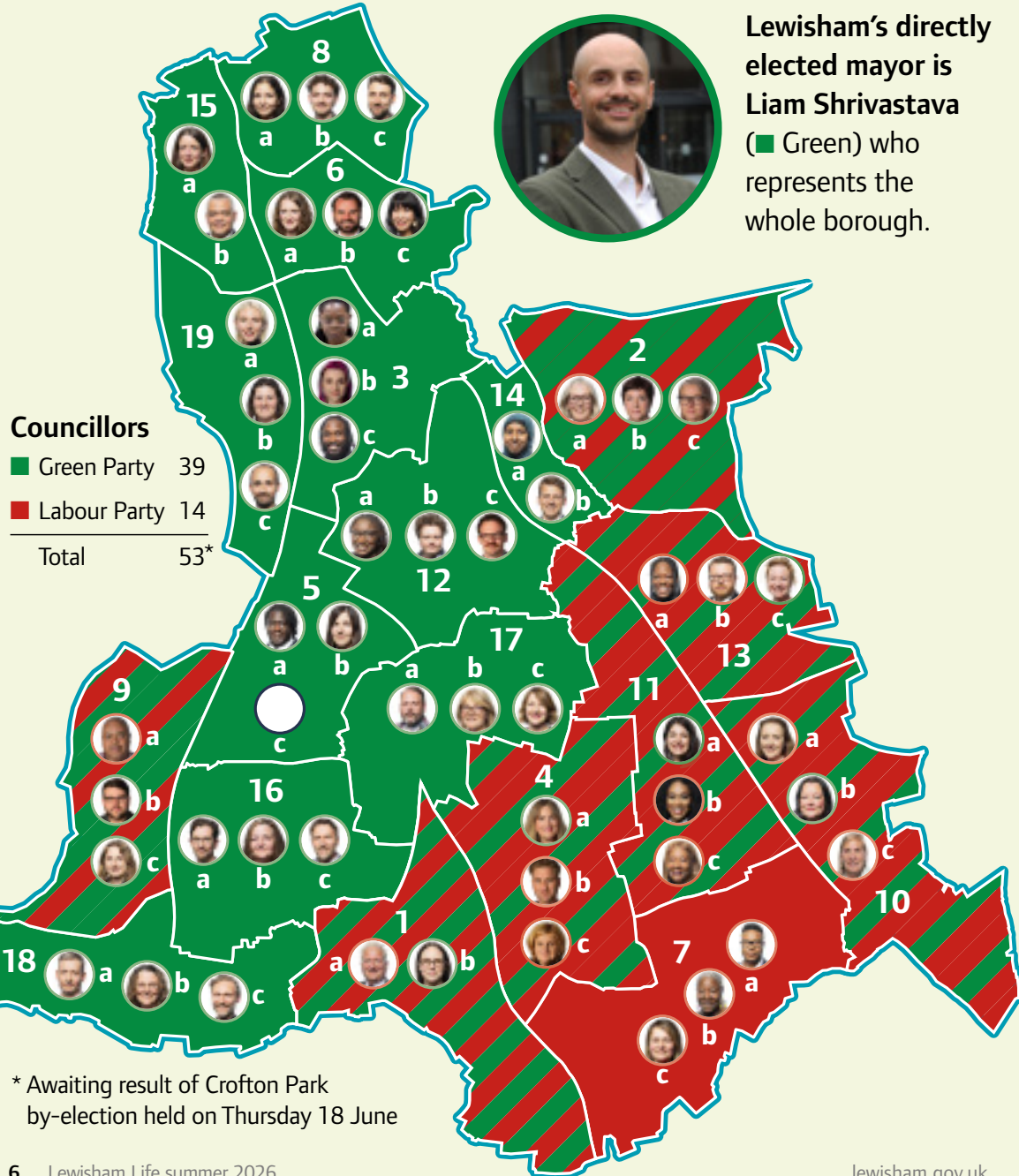
By improving our streets, supporting our communities and investing in homes, we're working towards a borough we can all be proud of.

The local elections took place on Thursday 7 May. Liam Shrivastava of the Green Party was elected as Mayor of Lewisham for a four-year term, receiving 35,265 votes (40.44%).

The Green Party now has 39 seats, while the Labour Party has 14, giving the Greens an overall majority in the London Borough of Lewisham. See the map to check whether your ward or local councillors have changed.



Lewisham's directly elected mayor is Liam Shrivastava (Green) who represents the whole borough.



* Awaiting result of Crofton Park by-election held on Thursday 18 June

- 1. Bellingham**
 - a Cllr Gavin Moore ■ Lab and Co-op
 - b Cllr Nadja Penfold ■ Green Party
 - c Cllr Hau-Yu Tam ■ Green Party
- 2. Blackheath**
 - a Cllr Pauline Dall ■ Labour Party
 - b Cllr Rebecca Jones ■ Green Party
 - c Cllr Tracey Martin ■ Green Party
- 3. Brockley**
 - a Cllr Ade Adewunmi ■ Green
 - b Cllr El Fry ■ Green Party
 - c Cllr Rotimi Skyers ■ Green Party
- 4. Catford South**
 - a Cllr Briony Edwards ■ Green Party
 - b Cllr Oliver Matejka ■ Labour Party
 - c Cllr Eva Stamirowski ■ Labour Party
- 5. Crofton Park**
 - a Cllr Aaron Regisford ■ Green Party
 - b Cllr Natalie Thomas ■ Green Party
 - c Vacant
- 6. Deptford**
 - a Cllr Heather Farnworth ■ Green Party
 - b Cllr Daniel Jenkins ■ Green Party
- 7. Downham**
 - a Cllr Andre Bourne ■ Labour Party
 - b Cllr Gloria Lambert-Morris ■ Labour Party
 - c Cllr Oana Olaru-Holmes ■ Labour Party
- 8. Evelyn**
 - a Cllr Leni Candan ■ Green Party
 - b Cllr Dylan Cooper-Stubbs ■ Green Party
 - c Cllr Rudi Schmidt ■ Green Party
- 9. Forest Hill**
 - a Cllr Peter Bernards ■ Lab and Co-op
 - b Cllr Fergus Navaratnam-Blair ■ Green Party
 - c Cllr Annabelle Roberts ■ Green Party
- 10. Grove Park**
 - a Cllr Suzannah Clarke ■ Lab and Co-op
 - b Cllr Samantha Gower ■ Green Party
 - c Cllr Hilary Moore ■ Lab and Co-op
- 11. Hither Green**
 - a Cllr Eleonora Aiello ■ Green Party
 - b Cllr Yemisi Anifowose ■ Labour Party
 - c Cllr Kim Powell ■ Labour Party
- 12. Ladywell**
 - a Cllr Shireen Asaw ■ Green Party
 - b Cllr Robin McGhee ■ Green Party
 - c Cllr Ed Sutton ■ Green Party
- 13. Lee Green**
 - a Cllr Ese Erheriene ■ Lab and Co-op
 - b Cllr James Rathbone ■ Lab and Co-op
 - c Cllr Laura Sessions ■ Green Party
- 14. Lewisham Central**
 - a Cllr Hibaaq Aden ■ Green Party
 - b Cllr Mark Kowalski ■ Green Party
- 15. New Cross Gate**
 - a Cllr Ruth Persian ■ Green Party
 - b Cllr Wellington Gil ■ Green Party
- 16. Perry Vale**
 - a Cllr Justin Calcutt Cheadle ■ Green Party
 - b Cllr Maria McKenna ■ Green Party
 - c Cllr Mike Podmore ■ Green Party
- 17. Rushey Green**
 - a Cllr Daniel Dream ■ Green Party
 - b Cllr Samantha Gardiner ■ Green Party
 - c Cllr Claire Wills – ■ Green Party
- 18. Sydenham**
 - a Cllr Corin Ashwell ■ Green Party
 - b Cllr Tanya Dunne ■ Green Party
 - c Cllr Markus Michelucci ■ Green Party
- 19. Telegraph Hill**
 - a Cllr Kate Anderson ■ Green Party
 - b Cllr Becky Sanders ■ Green Party
 - c Cllr Nick Torry ■ Green Party

Full contact details for each councillor will be printed in the next issue of Lewisham Life or visit lewisham.gov.uk/councillors

Meet the cabinet

Mayor of Lewisham, Liam Shrivastava, has confirmed his cabinet team, who will support him in delivering his priorities for the borough.



Cllr Rudi Schmidt
Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Economic Development

Liam says: "I'm proud to have selected a cabinet that reflects the community we serve. It's gender-balanced, with strong representation from women and members from ethnically diverse backgrounds. There's a good mix of professional expertise and lived experience, with the passion and drive to do things differently and deliver our ambitious plans for the borough.

"Beyond the cabinet, our wider group of councillors brings a real diversity of perspectives – including disabled people, members of the LGBTQ+ community and people from across the globe who have made Lewisham their home, including Cllr Wellington Gil who we believe, is the UK's first councillor from the Dominican Republic.

"That helps us make better decisions that are grounded in the real experiences of our communities."



Cllr Ade Adewunmi
Strategy, Performance and Digital Transformation



Cllr Rotimi Skyers
Children, SEND, Youth Empowerment and Culture



Cllr Daniel Dream
Inclusive Regeneration, Planning and Housing Delivery



Cllr Hau-Yu Tam
Communities, Sanctuary and Healing



Cllr Natalie Thomas
Safer Homes, Homelessness and Housing Services



Cllr Samantha Gardiner
Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care



Cllr Corin Ashwell
Environment, Nature, Transport and Climate Action



Cllr Shireen Asaw
Workers, Business and Skills

New rights for private renters

The Renters' Rights Act came into force on 1 May, bringing major changes for people who rent privately in Lewisham and around the country. The new law is designed to make renting fairer, safer and more secure.

The main changes include an end to 'no reason' evictions, which means your landlord must have a legal reason to evict you.

Secure rolling tenancies have replaced short-term rental contracts. They switch over automatically, so you won't need to sign a new tenancy agreement.

There are also fairer rules on rent increases and landlords won't be allowed to have blanket



bans like "no pets", "no DSS" or "no children".

Find out what the changes mean for you at lewisham.gov.uk.

[uk/renters](https://lewisham.gov.uk/renters) or if you're a landlord and want some support to keep on top of the changes, check lewisham.gov.uk/landlords

Let your garden grow with Lewisham in Bloom

Lewisham in Bloom is back for 2026 and we are inviting residents, businesses and community groups to show off their gardening skills and help make the borough greener. From front gardens to community spaces, the competition celebrates planting, creativity and care for nature. Entries are open from Monday 15 June to Friday 26 June and you can apply online. The judging period will be between Monday 29 June to Friday 10 July with a winners' celebration event hosted in the autumn. Categories include wildlife gardens, containers and business displays, with prizes awarded to standout entries. To take part and find out more, visit lewisham.gov.uk/bloom and get growing.

Make your money go further

Could you be entitled to financial support to help with the cost of living? We have a range of services available that can help with bills, food, budgeting, childcare and to access local advice. The BetterOff Lewisham online tool makes it easy to check what you can claim.

To see all the services on offer, visit lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/cost-of-living

Nature in your neighbourhood

Lewisham's Nature Neighbourhoods project is now underway as part of Nature Towns and Cities, a new UK-wide mission to bring nature to urban areas for everyone's benefit.

Funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, the project will help make local green and blue spaces easier for communities to use and feel a part of, support wildlife and respond to climate change. We'd love you to get involved.

Cllr Corin Ashwell said: "Our new team will work with residents and local groups, especially people who may not always feel welcome in these spaces, including ethnically diverse communities, young people and people with disabilities. We want to understand what changes would make the biggest difference.

"Over the coming months, there will be lots of local events,





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activities and opportunities to share your views, helping shape long-term plans for Lewisham's parks and open spaces."

To find out more, head to lewisham.gov.uk/nature-neighbourhoods or speak to staff at one of our libraries.

Big laughs for a good cause

Enjoy a huge night of stand-up comedy at Broadway Theatre on Saturday 27 June from 7pm, raising funds for Lewisham Donation Hub. Expect big laughs and an all-star line-up including Reginald D Hunter, Nabil Abdulrashid, Abi Clarke, Nathan Caton, Radu Isac, Russel Hicks and Shazia Mirza, all supporting vital work helping local people facing hardship across south east London.

This show is being run as part of the Catford Community Festival (see page 21). Tickets from £21.95 each at broadwaytheatre.org.uk

Grow your own way

We're encouraging residents to have a go at growing their own food, helping improve access to fresh, affordable produce. Gardening can boost wellbeing and build practical skills, while connecting you with others. Get involved, whether you're new to gardening or experienced.

Contact our Food Growing and Community Engagement Officer at communityfoodgrowing@lewisham.gov.uk to find opportunities near you.



Corbett Community Library celebrates a new chapter

Corbett Community Library is 10 this year and entirely volunteer-run. It welcomes over 5,000 visitors each month, offering far more than a lending service. Warm Welcomes sessions, community support and cultural activities have made it a hub for the local area.

To mark the anniversary, there's a packed programme of events – author talks, family workshops, live music, an art auction and the unveiling of a brand-new community mosaic.

Find out more at corbettcommunity.org.uk

The programme is part of the National Year of Reading and Lewisham Libraries' Explore More campaign.

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Planting trees and skills in Lewisham

A new project is bringing 400 trees to Lewisham, alongside training and paid opportunities for local people.

The Tree Line, supported by the Mayor of London's Green Roots Fund, is led by Street Trees for Living and The Orchard Project. Working with the Council, community groups and schools to plant trees it will create greener streets, improve air quality and bring much-needed shade to the borough. Young people can gain accredited training, with residents helping to choose and care for trees.

Visit streettreesforliving.org for more information and sign up today.

Help clean up our local rivers

Want to do your bit for the local environment? Volunteer for the annual 3 Rivers Clean Up, which this year runs from Saturday 27 June to Friday 17 July. Meet other local people while you help care for the Rivers Pool, Quaggy and Ravensbourne – clearing litter and tackling invasive plants. Individuals, families and community groups are all welcome. Sign up at 3riverscleanup.co.uk



Stubbing out tobacco use

The new Tobacco and Vapes Act is set to make Lewisham healthier for the next generation. From January 2027, anyone born after 2008 will never be able to buy tobacco, helping prevent smoking before it starts. Tougher rules on vapes will make them less appealing to children, while still allowing adults to use them to quit smoking. The changes are expected to cut smoking-related illness, save lives and ease pressure on the NHS.

If you would like support to quit smoking, visit smokefreelewisham.co.uk

Save on gym, swim and fitness

Lewisham residents can now enjoy discounted access to local leisure centres, as part of a new 13-year contract with GLL.

By signing up for a free resident card, you can get up to 10% off gym, swim and fitness activities, plus selected community sessions.

The card can be used at Lewisham leisure centres, including Bellingham Leisure and Lifestyle Centre, Forest Hill Pools, Glass Mill Leisure Centre, the Alex Yee Ladywell Arena and Wavelengths Leisure Centre. Discounts are available on classes for adults, juniors and older residents across the borough.

Sign up online better.org.uk, via the Better UK app or in-person at a leisure centre.



Celebrate loved ones

We now offer simple ceremonies as an affordable way to celebrate the life of a loved one. Our fixed-fee cremation package of £1,507 covers collection, care, cremation, paperwork, an environmentally friendly coffin and a vessel for remains, with venue hire also available from £147. If you want to plan ahead, our new Cremation Bonds allow you to pre-pay a fixed fee – currently £1,010 – for a cremation at our Hither Green Crematorium. There is no expiry date or time limit on the bond. Contact the team on bereavement@lewisham.gov.uk or visit lewisham.gov.uk/funeral-costs for more information.

Free creative space opens in Deptford

A new free space for Lewisham's creative community has opened in Deptford. Run by SHAPESLewisham, the space is a place to meet, work, learn and collaborate in the heart of the Creative Enterprise Zone.

Open Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4.30pm, it offers free WiFi, desks, tea and coffee in a relaxed and welcoming environment. SHAPESLewisham is inviting creatives and community groups to share ideas for events and host activities. Find out more and apply via their website: shapeslewisham.co.uk or drop in to Studio 1, Carriage Way, Octavius Street, SE8 4BY.

The space was supported by an Empty Property Grant through the Council's UK Shared Prosperity Funding programme.

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Honouring our forgotten heroes

This summer, new headstones are being installed at Ladywell and Brockley Cemetery to honour 24 World War One heroes who have been buried in unmarked graves for over a century. The only woman among them is Phyllis Purdy, who served in the Women's Royal Air Force and died in 1918 aged 25. More than 100 years on, research has shown she still has relatives living locally.

Our bereavement team worked with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and Friends of Ladywell and Brockley Cemetery to locate the graves using historic records and cemetery maps. The new memorials will ensure their war efforts are properly recognised and remembered. Find out more at lewisham.gov.uk/war-graves



Stories of courage

Refugee Week 2026 ran from Monday 15 to Sunday 21 June and this year's theme was Courage. As the UK's first Borough of Sanctuary, we support people fleeing violence and uphold the rights of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.

To mark the week, we gave grants of up to £750 to fund local events and community activities. Sanctuary seekers led much of the programme, with workshops, documentary screenings, live music and more.

Halyna Skvortsova, Meet Me founder and Refugee Week recipient, said:

"During Refugee Week, we hosted a range of events, including Stories of Belonging. These events, brought people



Watercolour class at Meet Me Café for Refugee Week

together through storytelling, art, food and dialogue.

"Events like this one and Meet Me help to reduce isolation, strengthen community ties and show how diverse communities actively contribute to the social and cultural life of Lewisham."

How to keep your cool

Our summers are getting hotter so we have a few tips to help you beat the heat. Stay cool and hydrated by drinking plenty of water, wearing light clothing, seeking shade and using sunscreen.

At home, keep curtains closed during the hottest part of the day and open windows at night. If you need relief, visit cool spaces like libraries and leisure centres.

Don't barbecue in parks, open spaces, balconies or near buildings, as dry grass can ignite quickly and cause fires.

Find more tips at lewisham.gov.uk/climate-action

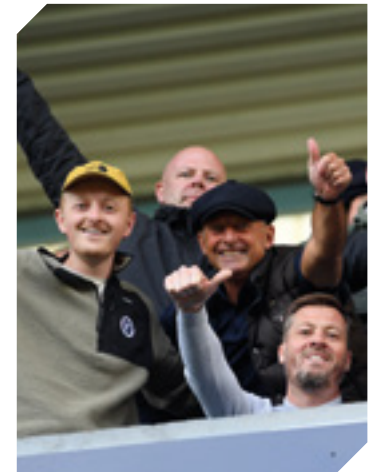
The Lions score 999-year lease

Millwall Football Club has signed a new 999-year lease with the Council for The Den. This marks a major milestone for both the club and the local area, giving Millwall the certainty to plan for the future. This includes proposals to improve the stadium and bring forward wider regeneration, with new homes, jobs, public spaces and community facilities.

The lease also secures a permanent home for Millwall Community Trust, an award-winning initiative supporting local young

people through sport, outreach and employability programmes. Chairman James Berylson said The Den is "at the heart of who we are", adding the agreement enables long-term investment that benefits residents and future generations of supporters.

With the lease now in place, the club will begin developing detailed plans, working closely with the community, and bring proposals forward for planning approval. Watch this space for further updates.



Lewisham celebrated the Windrush legacy

To mark 78 years since the arrival of the HMT Empire Windrush on 22 June 1948, Lewisham hosted a borough-wide programme of Windrush Day celebrations throughout June. With the support of small grants of up to £700 from the Council, community groups delivered events to celebrate the stories, culture and lasting legacy of the Windrush generation.

Among the highlights was Windrush Voices: Then, Now and Next which brought together elders, young people and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) learners through workshops and a public showcase, while Legacy in Motion added inclusive Caribbean dance and reflection.



It's going to be Cin-sational

Tickets are now on sale for Cinderella, Broadway's 2026 panto. Join us from Wednesday 9 to Thursday 31 December for a festive family show full of laughter, music and

magic. Follow Cinderella's journey with help from Buttons and the Fairy Godmother. Book tickets at broadwaytheatre.org.uk

We're also looking for local young dancers. Auditions take

place on Sunday 12 July at Broadway Theatre. Time slots: 10am (ages 8-11), 1pm (12-15), 4pm (16+). Please arrive 10 minutes early. Apply online at pantodanceauditions.co.uk

Who are your favourite local businesses?

From family-run cafés and independent traders, to social enterprises and essential local services, Lewisham's local businesses are at the heart of our communities. Now it's time to celebrate them. Nominations for this year's Mayor of Lewisham Business Awards are open from Wednesday 1 July to Saturday 1 August 2026. Last year, we received more than 2,000 nominations and nearly 9,000 votes. This year is set to be even bigger. Nominate your favourite business at lewisham.gov.uk/business-awards



It's mentor be

Our adult learning service has joined forces with Lewisham Works to deliver a free support programme for young people aged 16–24 who are currently not in education, employment, or training.

It offers personalised one-to-one mentoring to help young people take their next steps towards further training or employment. With a strong focus on personal development, participants will build confidence, develop workplace skills and receive tailored support to help them achieve their goals.

Participants will also have access to local job vacancies, information about work placements and meet-the-employer sessions with professionals from a range of industries.

Here's how to register your interest

Email your contact details to adultlearningiag@lewisham.gov.uk

Call 020 8314 3300 (Monday–Friday, 9am–4pm)

Complete the online form at lewisham.gov.uk/jumpstart

Serving up free tennis in our parks

Lewisham's award-winning parks are acing it with more ways to play tennis in the borough this summer. There are now 22 courts across eight of our parks, with affordable options including a family season ticket for under £1 a week. Beginners of all ages can join free six-week courses run by South East London Tennis, with more sessions planned. More experienced players can book free Saturday morning Park Tennis at Telegraph Hill. Find out more and book at southeastlondontennis.com



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A clean sweep

Cllr Corin Ashwell – Cabinet Member for Environment, Nature, Transport and Climate Action – talks about the steps we’re taking to tackle litter and fly-tipping, one of his key priorities.



Cllr Ashwell talking to Everton, one of our waste drivers

Councillors have heard how important fly-tipping is right across Lewisham, and as local residents, we see it every day ourselves.

We are absolutely determined to make a difference; making sure we have clean streets that are safe and that we can be proud of is at the top of our ‘to do list’ – and it’s what our borough deserves.

So how are we going to do it? We know we can’t do it alone, and we want to work with the community to better understand the causes of fly-tipping and littering, as well as how we can keep on top of things.

But we know we need to change how the

Council does things too. We want to make it easier for residents to get rid of their rubbish correctly. Our bulky waste collection is one of the cheapest in London and we’re exploring other options. We’d also like to introduce community clean up days and litter picks to blitz our streets and estates.

When that’s complete, we’ll work with the community to keep these standards up. We’ll also be talking directly to residents in hotspot areas to better understand what’s happening. We want to work with residents and community groups, so if you’ve got ideas – let us know!

I recently went to the Council’s depot at Wearside, to speak with the brilliant staff who clean our streets, collect our waste and recycling, and remove and investigate fly-tipping seven days a week.

They share our determination to make Lewisham cleaner and greener, and to make sure those who dump waste are caught and prosecuted.

We’ll keep you updated about this work through the Council’s social media accounts and website.

How you can help

Book a bulky waste collection
lewisham.gov.uk/bulky-waste

Report fly-tipping
lewisham.gov.uk/fly-tipping

Report abandoned vehicles
lewisham.gov.uk/abandoned-vehicles



Balmy days to summer nights

For more ideas on how to spend those summer days in Lewisham, visit lewisham.gov.uk/discover

From early-morning coffees to late-night gigs, Lewisham is packed with places to eat, drink, explore and unwind.



Horniman Museum and Gardens

Courtesy of Horniman Museum and Gardens

Whether you’re new to the area or rediscovering what’s on your doorstep, there’s loads to enjoy in the borough this summer. If you’re looking for ideas on how to spend a whole day, here are some of our top picks.

Get your caffeine fix at Mont58 Coffee

Enjoy your flat white knowing this ethical roastery – founded by a local husband-and-wife

duo – uses only fair-trade beans, sustainable packaging and reuses all brewing by-products.
134 Kirkdale, Sydenham SE26 4BB
mont58coffee.com

Mooch around Lewisham Market

Explore this historic street market with its cornucopia of fresh fruit and veg, fabric, clothes and household goods. Open seven days a week.
Lewisham High Street, SE13

Try the waffle stack at Break The Fast

The UK’s only global fusion breakfast and brunch spot is now open every day. Expect seriously mouthwatering food – from pancakes to shakshuka.
325 Brockley Road, SE4 2QZ
breakthefast.co.uk

Spot the new sculpture at Manor House Gardens

This Green Flag park is now home to a striking new artwork. To Move is to Bloom is a dragonfly inspired sculpture rising from the lake which celebrates migration.
 Taunton Road, SE13 5SU

Lose yourself at Horniman Museum and Gardens

A free, family-friendly museum set in landscaped gardens. Enjoy events and exhibitions – including Voyage to the Deep – an aquarium, butterfly house and animal walk.
 100 London Road, SE23 3PQ
horniman.ac.uk

Treat yourself at Blackheath Farmers' Market

A haven for foodies, this award-winning weekly farmers' market has over 30 stalls selling everything from organic fruit to rare-breed meats. Every Sunday 10am–2pm.
 Blackheath Station Car Park, SE3
lfm.org.uk/markets

Savour a macaron at Le Delice

Renowned boulangerie and patisserie with two local cafés offering fresh croissants, homemade cakes, crêpes, paninis and more.
 38 Ladywell Road, SE13 7UZ
 232 Hither Green Lane, SE13 6RT
ledelice.co.uk

Find your chi at Mind Yoga and Pilates

A boutique yoga studio in Forest Hill offering welcoming, inclusive classes and workshops, plus regular community events.



Ignition Brewery



Mont58 Coffee

53 Dartmouth Road, SE23 3HN
mindyogaandpilates.co.uk

Grab a sandwich from Hirst & Sons

A traditional family-run bakery that's been serving Lewisham for decades, known for fresh bread, pastries, salads and sandwiches.
 329 Lewisham High Street, SE13 6NX
hirst-bakery.co.uk

Rifle for new reads at Moon Lane Books

A not-for-profit bookshop tackling inequity in children's publishing, making sure every child feels seen, respected and represented.
 300 Stanstead Road, SE23 1DE
moonlaneink.co.uk

Paddle board at Beckenham Place Park

Book a supervised swimming or paddle-board session in London's first purpose-built swimming lake, set in the unique surrounds of Beckenham Place Park.
 Beckenham Place Park, BR3 1SY
ptpcoaching.co.uk

Bag a one-off at Wakuda

Showcasing Black African and Caribbean-owned jewellery and lifestyle brands, this market is great for gifts. Every Saturday 11am–6pm, from May to August.
 Lewisham Shopping Centre, Molesworth Street, SE13 7HB
wakuda.co.uk



CATFORD FESTIVAL
 A community summer festival

The Catford community festival

Expect art, music, comedy, street food and family-friendly fun on Saturday 27 June from 11am to 5pm, on The Broadway, as Catford's community festival takes over the town centre. Highlights include a comedy fund-raiser with an all-star line-up including Reginald D Hunter and the Catford Foodie Trail, celebrating the local food scene. Entry is free but some events are ticketed.
 Head to lewisham.gov.uk/catford-festival for the full programme.

Head to Taste of the Caribbean

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 July, 10am–8pm
 Enjoy great food, classic tunes and rum punch all day long at this celebration of Caribbean cuisine, music and culture. Tickets from £15, Under 14s go free.
 Beckenham Place Park, BR3 1SY
tasteofcaribbeanuk.com

Go birdwatching at Chinbrook Meadows

Wetland restoration in 2024 has boosted biodiversity so keep an eye out for birds including kingfishers, little egrets, willow warblers and song thrushes.
 Mayeswood Road, SE12 9RP

Spin some vinyl at Home Deptford

Head to an open-decks night on the third Wednesday of each month at this community-led space – connecting people through music, drinks and food.
 37 Deptford High Street, SE8 4AD
homedeptford.com

Enjoy a sundowner at Homestead Café

Grab a drink and homemade pizza from the courtyard café at Beckenham Place Park. Local DJs set the mood on Friday and Saturday evenings from May to September and there's a beer festival on Saturday 4 July.
 Beckenham Place Park, BR3 1SY

There's lots going on at Beckenham Place Park this summer to find out more, visit: beckenhamplacepark.com

Watch the sunset from Telegraph Hill

Pack a picnic blanket and a flask of tea then soak up stunning views across London – on a clear day you can see the London Eye, The Shard and beyond.
 Kitto Road, SE14 5TN

Sip a pint at Ignition Brewery

This award-winning brewery and taproom in Sydenham brews great beer while also creating London Living Wage jobs for people with learning disabilities.
 44a Sydenham Road, SE26 5QF
ignition.beer

Fill your belly at Auntie Annie's Kitchen

Homemade Jamaican soul food in Catford that has foodies lining up around the block – offering all the classics from curry goat to jerk chicken. Takeaway only.
 1 Sandhurst Market, SE6 1DL
auntieanniescatford.com

Have a dance at Fox & Firkin

Dance the night away or unwind in the beer garden at this much-loved venue with an on-site brewery and strong line-up of underground and live music.
 316 Lewisham High Street, SE13 6JZ
foxfirkin.com

Culture picks



From live music and theatre, to dance, workshops and exhibitions – wearelewisham.com brings together the summer’s best cultural and community events in one place.

Flare-Up
Until Sunday 16 August, Goldsmiths Centre for Contemporary Art. Free
Featuring work by 18 artists, the exhibition spans everything from sculpture, to painting to performance, exploring illness, disability, neurodivergence and Deafness.

Jah Makin It Happen
Sunday 19 July, 6pm, Broadway Theatre. Tickets £21.95-£31.95
This reggae musical-comedy follows Johnny and his family from Jamaica to the UK during the Windrush-era, as he pursues dreams of becoming a musician while building a new life.

Windrush and Migrations
Thursday 25 June, 7pm, Broadway Theatre. Tickets £16.95
An evening of opera marking Windrush Day 2026, celebrating journey, resilience and belonging.

Black Umfolosi
Wednesday 8 July, 8pm, Blackheath Halls. Tickets £18

Internationally acclaimed Zimbabwean acappella and dance group return to the UK.

Corbfest
Saturday 11 to Sunday 12 July, 11am-5pm. Various venues. Free
Family fun, food and live entertainment at this weekend-long celebration at Corbett Community Library, St Andrew’s Church and Abbotshall Healthy Lifestyle Centre.

Sydenham’s Big Cat Safari
Friday 31 July – Sunday 2 August, 2-6.30pm, The Greyhound Pub, SE26 4QB. Free
Rumour has it a black panther is prowling Sydenham in this bonkers, laugh-out-loud outdoor adventure, packed with daft clues and audience participation.

Regular events
Esports Youth Club
Mondays until 19 October, 4.30-6.30pm, Downham Library. Free

Gaming and esports sessions with open play, tournaments and more for 11-18 year-olds. Space is limited, first come first served.

Ladywell Tavern Open Mic Night
Every Wednesday, 8-11pm, Ladywell Tavern. Free
Musicians of all levels welcome. Sign up from 7.30pm to perform or just come and enjoy the music.

Read to the Beat
Saturday 25 July, All Lewisham libraries. Free
Summer Reading Challenge launch day with author events, workshops and activities for children and families. Check your local library’s website.

Roller Disco
Every third Thursday, 6-9pm, Deptford Lounge. Tickets £5-10
An indoor space to practise skills, dance or standing up without falling over. Bring your own skates. All ages welcome.

To stay in the loop for what’s on in Lewisham, visit wearelewisham.com or scan the QR code where you can sign up for our newsletter



We Are Lewisham



Repeat prescriptions? Only order what you need.

By Lelly Oboh, pharmacist in south east London

If you take regular medicines, you’ll know how easy it is to tick “re-order” on your repeat prescription. But before you do this, it’s worth having a quick look at what you already have at home. If you still have enough medicine to get you through, you don’t need to order more just yet.

Only ordering what you need helps keep you safe. Having lots of extra medicines at home increases the chance they’ll go out of date, meaning they may no longer work as they should.

“Ask your GP practice for a medication review.”

If you’ve stopped taking a medicine or aren’t sure you still need it, ask your GP practice for a medication review. This review is to make sure everything on your prescription is right for you.

“Unused medicines cost around £300 million every year.”



It might feel like a small thing, but it genuinely makes a big difference. Across the NHS, unused medicines cost around £300 million every year. Ordering only what you need helps reduce this waste and helps prevent shortages for others who rely on the same medicines.

A quick check before you re-order is all it takes. When it comes to repeat prescriptions, only order what you need.

Only order what you need 

Find the right fit

Finding work isn't always easy, especially if you face barriers in getting a job. If you live in Lewisham and need extra support to find or stay in work that suits you, **Connect to Work** is here to help.

Connect to Work is a free national employment support programme designed for Lewisham residents over 18 years old who face additional barriers to work, offering tailored, practical support built around your life, not the other way around.

Who is Connect to Work for?

It's open to Lewisham residents facing barriers to work – including health conditions; caring responsibilities; experience of homelessness, the care or justice systems; or getting used to life after the Armed Forces. Refugees and people resettled from Afghanistan or Ukraine can also apply. You don't need a diagnosis or paperwork, just get in touch to see how we can help.

What makes this programme different?

From the start, you'll have one-to-one support from a dedicated employment coach who takes the time to understand what you're looking for and what you need to feel confident at work. They can help with job searches, CVs and interviews, speak to employers about adjustments and will stay in touch for up to 12 months, once you're in a role.

You can meet them wherever suits you and you feel most comfortable, like a local library or café.



For Lewisham resident Kylea, that understanding made all the difference.

“I didn't feel as if there were such opportunities for people like me. It's been great, I've developed more as a person when it comes to my confidence. I'm now excited for what the future has for me.”

Who will be there to help me?

Connect to Work is delivered by the friendly Lewisham Works team, who are behind our award-winning and free employment service. They support residents every step of the way to find and stay in work.

To find out more, call 020 8314 6942, email LewishamWorks@lewisham.gov.uk or visit lewisham.gov.uk/connect-to-work

Extra Care Housing gives older adults or people with disabilities the freedom to live independently while getting the care they need.



Patricia Fordham MBE with some of the staff at Hazelhurst Court

Care that keeps you independent

If you or a loved one values independence but needs a bit of support with everyday tasks, Extra Care Housing could be the answer.

In Lewisham, we provide around 220 purpose-built, self-contained homes for over-55s and adults with disabilities, offering residents access to round-the-clock care from compassionate staff.

Patricia Fordham MBE was instrumental in setting up Hazelhurst Court, one of our Extra Care schemes, and now has a flat in the building.

“I've got a bad shoulder,” she said. “And I need my walking frame now but there's always someone who will help.

“We've got our own small community and we come together. It's all about helping one another.

“Anyone would be happy somewhere where there are other people and where you can feel a bit more comfortable, where you feel there is someone behind you.”

Like all our extra care schemes, Hazelhurst Court offers regular activities in the

“We've got our own small community and we come together.”

communal areas, including singing, exercise and massage. But something Patricia especially values is the food.

“Just look at what we get! The food and the restaurant for a start. You choose what you eat and the menu changes all the

time. If there's something you can't eat, you just tell the chef and he says, ‘Right, we'll get you this instead.’”

How much does it cost?

All extra care residents get their own tenancy and are expected to pay for costs such as rent, utilities, meals and care. Depending on the level of care and location, prices currently range from £290 to £375 per week.

Some, or all, these costs may be covered, if you receive Housing Benefit.

Visit our Extra Care webpage to find out more. lewisham.gov.uk/extra-care

Children and young people

A new dance and music studio, outdoor gym, campfire area and a carpentry workshop are just some of the free new spaces available at our youth clubs and adventure playgrounds.



Making a song and dance

We're excited to have created a range of new and improved spaces for young residents across the borough – shaped by their ideas, feedback and what they've told us they want from their local youth clubs and adventure playgrounds.

Honor Oak Adventure Playground has been refreshed with a relaxed chill out zone, a campfire and outdoor cooking area, plus an intergenerational carpentry workshop. Together, these changes give the space a campsite feel and encourage creativity, confidence and shared skills across ages.

At Riverside Youth Club in Deptford, a brand new music studio allows young people to make, mix and produce their own tracks. There is a new dance space, complete with large portable mirrors, for any budding dancers, choreographers, or anyone who loves dance and is keen to try something new to build confidence.

At Richard MacVicar Adventure Playground, we have extended the climbing wall and bought climbing equipment so more

young people can give it a go. We've also secured a new minibus which means we can now offer day trips.

There's a new minibus at Rockbourne Youth Centre in Forest Hill too, as well as sensory gardens with shaded areas and accessible seating for young residents with SEND. These improvements help make spaces calmer, more inclusive and easier for everyone to enjoy.

There are more changes to come. At Honor Oak Youth and Family Hub, young people will soon have new outdoor gym equipment to enjoy alongside modern gaming and digital spaces. These upgrades will offer them somewhere relaxed to meet up, play together and socialise.

These projects have been made possible through the Government's Better Youth Spaces funding, alongside savings made by bringing Lewisham's Youth Service back in house – allowing us to invest more directly in our young people and the spaces they use. Full details are on the Lewisham Youth Service website youth.lewisham.gov.uk



Cllr Rotimi Skyers

"Our spaces shape who we are and it's inspiring to see young people shaping their needs and future. We will keep investing in safe places for them to grow, while empowering them to play an active role in their community."

Innovation



Powering Lewisham's makers

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Blue Garage is Lewisham's trailblazing makerspace and innovation hub, and since opening in 2024, it's allowed local makers' ideas and products to come to life.

Co-founded by inventor Michael Korn, Blue Garage was born from a familiar frustration for many makers – the lack of affordable, flexible workspaces for makers who've outgrown their bedrooms or sheds but aren't quite ready to take on the expense of an industrial unit. Created to fill that gap, Blue Garage helps local people build businesses with lasting economic and social impact.

Located in the heart of Lewisham, it offers affordable workspace for everything from fabrication to textiles to electronics and prototyping. With high end equipment and a supportive community, members can build skills and grow their business all in one place.

One year on, more than 50 businesses are based there, generating millions for Lewisham's economy.

We chatted with Michael to learn more

Why did you pick Lewisham?
Lewisham had the right ingredients: diverse, entrepreneurial but without proper infrastructure for creative entrepreneurs, makers and early-stage manufacturers.

What's one of the coolest things made at Blue Garage?
Nodum is led by Ben Macdonald, a local resident and geography teacher turned climate tech inventor. He is developing innovative EV

charging solutions, building and testing right here in Lewisham.

A year on, what have you learned?
There is far more innovation happening in southeast London than people realise. We've just given it somewhere to grow.

What's next?
The focus for now is growing our member base, widening access to specialist equipment for makers who can't afford to buy their own kit and building

out a music recording studio. Longer term, we're exploring more sites.

How can local people get involved?
Local makers can learn more about membership and opportunities by visiting bluegarage.org. But Blue Garage is not just for specialists. Local residents can take a desk, attend events and open days, or commission work from the businesses based there.

The Council supported Blue Garage's fit-out, ensuring the space was ready for makers, via its Affordable Workspace grant scheme - funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Let's talk blood pressure

Spot it. Check it. Treat it.

Did you know high blood pressure often has no symptoms? That's why it's sometimes called the silent killer – but the good news is it's easy to check, and help is right here in Lewisham.

The Let's Talk Blood Pressure project offers free blood pressure checks and simple, practical advice in places you already go – like libraries, markets, barbershops and community events.

The project is delivered by Africa Advocacy Foundation and focuses on supporting communities where high blood pressure is more common, including Black African and Caribbean communities and people living in more deprived areas of the borough.

Making a real difference locally

In its first year, the project has already made a strong impact:

- 34 local residents trained as community champions
- 31 locations visited across Lewisham
- Over 1,800 people spoken to
- Nearly 500 blood pressure checks carried out



Meet Harriet, a community champion

Harriet Muthoni is one of the trained volunteers helping deliver the project. "Being a community champion has been really rewarding," she says. "I've learnt so much about blood pressure and how small changes can make a big difference."

Harriet and other champions:

- check blood pressure
- explain what the numbers mean
- offer friendly advice on next steps, if needed

A message for Lewisham residents

"High blood pressure can cause serious health problems if it's left untreated," says Harriet. "If you see us out and about, come and get checked. We're always happy to help."



Want to know more?

Find out where the team will be next or get free tips and advice at: bloodpressure.london

Make sure your heart doesn't miss a beat

Use your phone to check your heart rhythm – it could save your life.

At least 3,300 residents in Lewisham are living with undiagnosed Atrial Fibrillation (AF) – a common but potentially dangerous heart rhythm disorder that can increase your risk of blood clots and stroke.

Detecting it early means we can start treatment to lower this risk, protect your heart and help you stay well for longer.

If you're aged 65 or over, you can now check your heart rhythm from the comfort of your home using the FibriCheck app.

Jay Patel from Medicos Pharmacy in Lewisham has seen great success encouraging patients to use FibriCheck.

He said: "We welcome around 40 people a day for AF checks. So far, we have identified nearly a dozen patients with irregular heart rhythms who were promptly signposted for follow-up care."

"This is so much easier than going to my GP surgery."

Medicos Pharmacy patient and Lewisham resident



Jay Patel from Medicos Pharmacy

Getting started is easy:

1. Your pharmacist will help you set up the app on your phone.
2. Place your finger over your phone's camera three times a day for seven days.
3. The app will monitor your heart rhythm and send a report straight to your phone.
4. If anything unusual is detected, you'll be referred to your GP for further investigation.



Early detection can make all the difference. Visit your local pharmacy today to get started.

selondonics.org/heart-rhythm

Have your say on housing priorities

If you are a Council tenant or leaseholder, we'd love to know what matters most to you.

We have launched a Resident Priorities Survey for everyone who lives in Lewisham Council housing, including tenants, leaseholders and residents in temporary accommodation.

The survey asks about the things that most affect your everyday life, including repairs and maintenance, safety and security, the cleanliness of blocks and estates, how well we communicate and how easy it is to get updates or support if something goes wrong. Your answers will help us understand what to focus on for the next two years.

We want to make sure residents' voices are always part of our decision making, so let us know how you'd like to have your say in future. Would you prefer more short surveys, to join panels and discuss issues in-person or online meetings?

We'd also love your input on the types of community projects we should support.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. The more responses, the clearer the picture and the better we can reflect residents' priorities. Visit lewisham.gov.uk/get-involved to have your say by Monday 7 September.

Cllr Natalie Thomas

"We are committed to getting Lewisham's housing stock to where it should be. This survey is your chance to tell us what's working, what needs to improve and what should come next. That way we can focus our resources on the things that make the biggest difference to your day-to-day life."



Food waste collections on estates

The rollout of food waste recycling continues, with all Council-owned blocks expected to be on board by midsummer.

Our Recycling Advisors have been out and about helping people get started. Early signs suggest the programme is already helping to keep communal bin areas cleaner.

Food waste myth busting

1. Food waste bins smell or attract pests

Food waste is collected weekly, which means less food sitting in general rubbish bins. Emptying regularly keeps things clean and helps avoid smells.

2. Food waste is the same as garden waste

It isn't. Food waste is collected separately and turned into energy and nutrient-rich fertiliser.

3. I don't make enough food waste to take part

Impossible. Tea bags, coffee grounds and small leftovers can all go in your caddy – every bit makes a difference.

Full details and frequently asked questions are available at lewisham.gov.uk/food-waste

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*Fees vary by market, pitch and licence type

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T: 0208 314 5566

W changegrowlive.org/lewisham





Riding high

From new community spaces and art projects to better cycling routes and a restored landmark, discover what's happening across three of our major town centres.

A big boost for cycling in Deptford

We have introduced a new dedicated cycle lane along Deptford Church Street, making cycling safer for residents – whether you're travelling to work, school or just out for a ride.

This new route is delivered as part of our Active Travel Strategy which is all about making walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling the first choice for everyday journeys.

Running from Creek Road to Deptford Broadway and Deptford Bridge, the route links with

existing cycleways so cyclists can now ride into central London on fully segregated lanes, separated from other traffic by kerbs and flexible posts.

Bus stops have been redesigned so cyclists pass behind them, meaning passengers can get on and off safely, with clearly marked crossings for pedestrians. Tactile paving also makes the route easier to use for everyone, including people with visual impairments.

Rain gardens near bus stops have been created to help with drainage and reduce flooding. Junctions at Coffey Street, Giffin Street and Reginald Road now have traffic lights for safer crossings. Streetlights have been upgraded and moved where needed, and barriers near Creekside and Giffin Street have been repaired.

This project was shaped by feedback from 300 residents over seven weeks and funded by Transport for London.

Clocking on

Lewisham's historic clock tower will be restored this summer as part of our £24m transformation programme, giving the much-loved landmark a new lease of life.

Here are five fun facts about the Grade II listed building:

- Built in 1900 to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee
- Funded by local donations and a £500 gift

from a Catford resident

- Has four clock faces and a crown on top of the spire, a nod to its royal links
- Made from Portland stone, like St Paul's Cathedral and Buckingham Palace
- Survived a nearby V-1 flying bomb blast during WWII in 1944

Work is also continuing across the wider scheme, including the library and market. Visit lewisham.gov.uk/lewishamtc for the latest updates.



Black Horse and Harrow



Look out for murals by local artists

An update from Catford

Sister Midnight, a new community-owned music venue and radio station, is being fitted out at the old Brookdale Club this summer. The project will support local talent, giving artists in Lewisham a space to perform, create and share their work. Follow [@sistermidnightlnd](https://twitter.com/sistermidnightlnd) on social media to see the fit-out progress.

Goldsmiths, University of London is set to open a new campus at Catford's Old Town Hall, bringing more than 600 students into the town centre and helping to boost local shops and cafés.

At the Town Hall Chambers, local organisations V22 and Calico will open around 10,000

square feet of affordable workspace this summer. This will include studio space for creatives, as well as co-working areas and rehearsal space. Visit V22.org

The Black Horse and Harrow has recently opened opposite the Broadway Theatre. It's a friendly community pub with exciting plans ahead, including screening World Cup games in its outdoor garden this summer. Follow [@theblackhorseharrow](https://twitter.com/theblackhorseharrow) on social media.

We're working closely and positively with Castle Cinema about bringing the silver screen back to Catford.

Elsewhere, you may have spotted new public art

transforming business shutters along Catford Broadway. Look out for murals by local artists, including Sam Kerridge.

Improving safety

Safety remains a top priority and the Council is working closely with partners, including the police, to reduce anti-social behaviour and help people feel safer.

This includes hosting a mobile knife surrender van on Catford Broadway with FazAmnesty, where knives can be handed in safely and anonymously.

Work is also underway to address problem premises, including checks to prevent underage sales of tobacco, alcohol and knives.



For full details of all our regeneration programmes, head to lewisham.gov.uk/regeneration

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Young Mayor

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Young voices, BIG ideas

Meet Lewisham's new young mayor, championing youth wellbeing

Earlier this year, 14-year-old Tyrese Gayle, a student at Conisborough College, was elected as Lewisham's new Young Mayor.

Now in its twenty-second year, the election saw an impressive 10,634 votes cast across schools, sixth forms and colleges – once again showing how much young people in Lewisham care about their local area and local democracy.

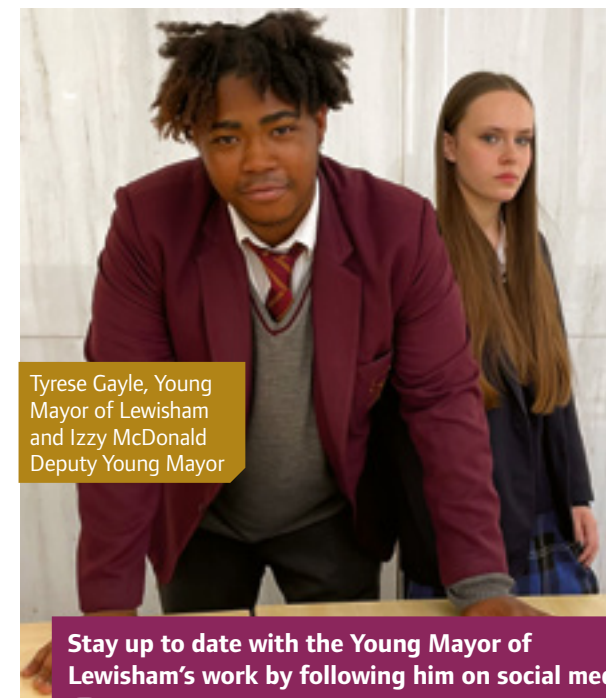
We caught up with Tyrese to find out what inspired him to stand, what he hopes to achieve and his message to young people across the borough.

"Being Young Mayor is a great responsibility that I was trusted with by the young people of Lewisham. It's rewarding to have the chance to contribute to my community with the support of Deputy Young Mayor, Izzy McDonald and the Young Advisors."

"One of my priorities as Young Mayor is to improve opportunities for young people in our borough, as I feel that we are often stigmatised and this can mean the community is not willing to accommodate us. I would like to change that."

"Another focus of my work as Young Mayor is to make sports more widely available and accessible for young people. While it is important young people are supported

Are you interested in politics or community action? If you're 11+, you can volunteer as a Young Advisor. To find out more, email young.mayor@lewisham.gov.uk



Tyrese Gayle, Young Mayor of Lewisham and Izzy McDonald Deputy Young Mayor

Stay up to date with the Young Mayor of Lewisham's work by following him on social media:

@lewisham_young_mayor

@lewishamyoungmayor1

academically, it is also important they are given opportunities to express themselves outside school. Playing sports is good for our physical and mental health as well."

"Our borough is also full of many great and aspiring athletes who are just waiting to be seen and I want to give them that chance."

Tyrese has big plans for the young people of Lewisham and we can't wait to see his ideas take shape over the coming year.



Trinity



From Reception to Year 11, Trinity offers one journey at the heart of Lewisham, shaped by high expectations, strong relationships, and a real sense of community. As an all through school, we help children grow in confidence, character, and ambition over time, within a warm and inclusive environment where they are known, supported, and encouraged to flourish.

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