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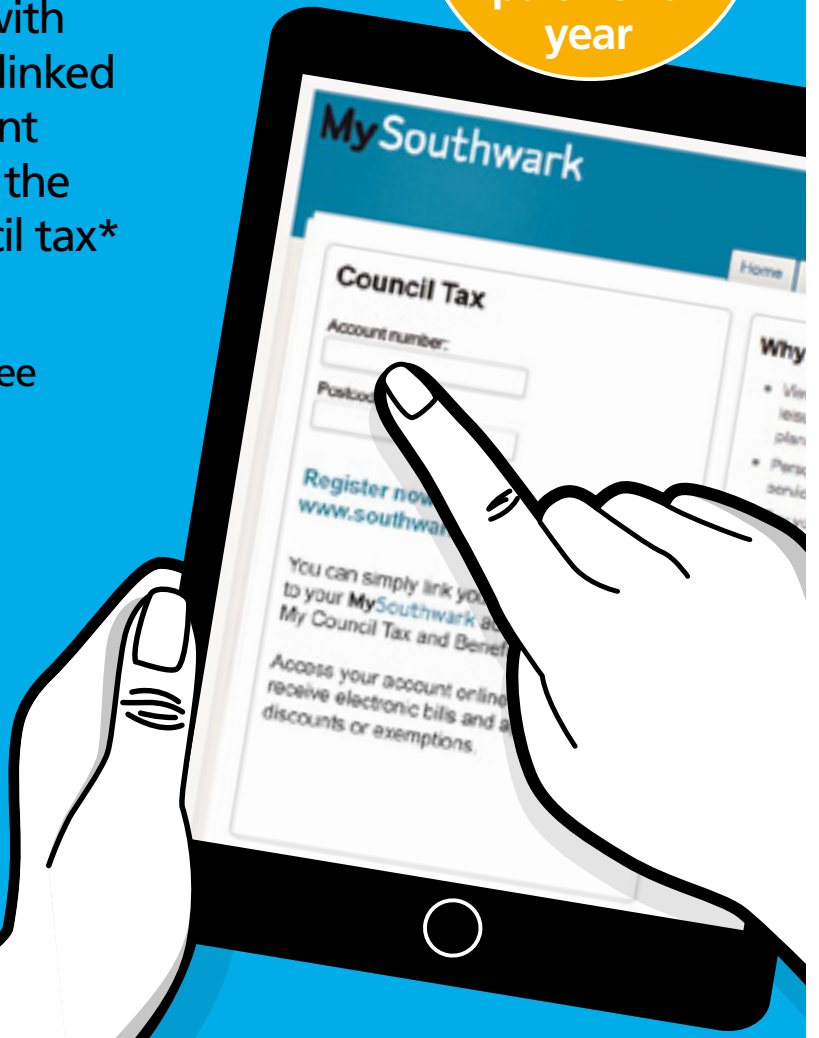
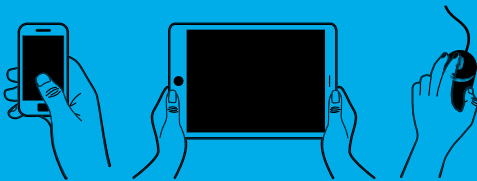
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welcome...

It has been an incredible honour to serve you, the residents of Southwark, as Leader for the last ten years. At the start of our decade of delivery I promised that we would deliver a fairer future for all our residents, and I'm incredibly proud of the things we have achieved together.

This edition of Southwark Life celebrates some of the highlights – the new homes, new jobs and new opportunities we have created – and looks ahead to the challenges and opportunities the next decade will bring.

One of those challenges is the climate emergency, that as a borough we need to tackle together. On P10 you can read about the council's plans and find some helpful hints and tips for reducing your carbon footprint.

We also know that the mental health of our children is something we all need to take seriously. Here we update you on our plans to make sure every child who needs support receives it, which include opening a brand new centre designed with and for young people in Peckham this spring.

This will be my last foreword for Southwark Life, as I have decided to stand down as Leader from the end of March. Thank you for your help and support over the past decade - and I wish you well for a fairer future in our great borough.

Peter

Peter John
Leader of Southwark Council



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Need to know..

All the news, views and information from around the borough

For news and events follow us on social media or find out more at southwark.gov.uk/news

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Help us shape your community

We are now consulting on the Statement of Community Involvement so that we can get your views on how we consult on planning matters. This means you getting involved with us in making plans and policies and decisions on new developments.

We want you to get involved in planning so that you can help shape your community and neighbourhoods. This means that you can have a say in: providing high quality housing, developing businesses, protecting the environment, improving transport and protecting our heritage. To take part, please visit www.southwark.gov.uk/sci

Nail bar warning



Users of nail bars in Southwark are being encouraged to check that the bargain prices they pay aren't due to the exploitation of staff.

Earlier this year the council began to crack down on unlicensed nail bars across the borough as part of their work to ensure local consumers are kept safe and people working in the borough's shops, salons and other retailers are properly protected in their workplace.

During numerous visits to several unlicensed nail bars the council's licensing and trading standards officers uncovered evidence of serious criminal offences, modern slavery and possible trafficking of vulnerable women and children. Council officers began working with colleagues in the MET police and other related organisations, including Gang Masters and the Labour Abuse Authority, to gather more evidence about conditions at the premises – in particular some appalling work practices and exploitation.

The work culminated in a police raid in December 2019 where a number of women, children and vulnerable adults were found to be working in unsafe conditions. The council made sure the right social care and support staff were in place for them and specialist Vietnamese charities and the Salvation Army were also on hand.

We are encouraging anyone using a nail bar to check that the price doesn't fall below the minimum wage, to be sure there aren't any young people working who look like they should be in school, and that there are no signs of fear, injury or poor personal hygiene.

If you have concerns please use the following contacts:

- **Salvation Army** 020 7367 4500 (Charity organisation)
- **Gangmaster & Labour Abuse Authority** 0115 959 7050
- **Modern Slavery Helpline** 08000 121 700
- To report crime anonymously call **Crime Stoppers** on 0800 555 111 or visit the website crimestoppers-uk.org
- **In an emergency** always call the Police and dial **999**
For non-emergencies call 101.

Does your Disabled Freedom Pass expire in March 2020?

If you have not already applied to renew your pass and would like to renew, then please complete our online form which can be found at www.southwark.gov.uk/freedompassrenewal

You will be expected to provide evidence that you qualify for the scheme before a new pass is ordered.

Southwark Park Café

Southwark Council has opened a brand new café in Southwark Park. The café is a new building that respects the wildlife and the history of the park.

The café looks out onto the water and the parkland beyond, with a terrace at the rear that overlooks the lake. In the summer months the doors will open and seating will spill out onto this terrace, beside the water.

Cllr Rebecca Lury, Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Equalities and Communities, said: "I am happy to open this excellent new café. It's lovely that the lake almost feels as if it's in the room with you and the coffee is very good as well. I would encourage everyone in the neighbourhood to drop by and enjoy Southwark Park's latest treasure."



Taking PRIDE in our borough



June will be LGBT+ Pride month and as well as the London Pride Parade on Saturday 27 June, there will be numerous Pride events taking place around the borough. Southwark Council is proud to support its LGBT+ communities and will once again be flying the Pride Flag in June. If you would like to promote any Pride events please add them to our events page at www.southwark.gov.uk/southwarkpresents and make sure you tag them in the Pride category.

Millions of pounds will be available for community projects

Since 2015 Southwark Council has been collecting a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – money raised on development schemes (new buildings such as housing, hotels or shops). The money is used by the council to fund local infrastructure projects and is just one way in which developments can benefit the local community and developers can give back to the community - especially to those who've been impacted by the building work.

Now, 25 percent of the CIL money raised - almost £6m - has been designated as local (neighbourhood) CIL and is being made available to spend on community projects that can be completed by 31 December, 2023.

The amount available in each of the borough's 23 wards will vary according to how much development there has been in the ward.

This month we will be inviting you to share your ideas for how the money should be spent. Keep your eyes on the webpage at www.southwark.gov.uk/cil for more details on how to get involved.

London Chamber of Commerce backs the Bakerloo Line Extension



The London Chamber of Commerce, which represents the interests of businesses across the capital, has called for support for the extension in its manifesto published ahead of the forthcoming London mayoral election.

The Chamber says that the capital's rising population is placing existing housing and transport infrastructure under severe pressure. With London's population expected to reach 10.8 million by 2041, the Bakerloo Line Extension, together with the modernisation of the existing line, will be critical to tackle the housing crisis and support London's growth and productivity.

It will also have a huge economic impact along the route. A report commissioned by Lewisham and Southwark councils has estimated that the Bakerloo Line Extension would mean an average economic boost of £7bn per year to the economies of the two boroughs over 10 years, supporting 5,500 new temporary and 6,000 new permanent jobs along the route.

The proposals will bring southeast and central London closer together and provide capacity for 87,000 additional journeys into the capital every morning. This will give a much-needed boost to the central London economy by accommodating new jobs and expanding the labour and customer pool for central London businesses.

You can Back the Bakerloo at www.backthebakerloo.org.uk

Free use of tennis courts

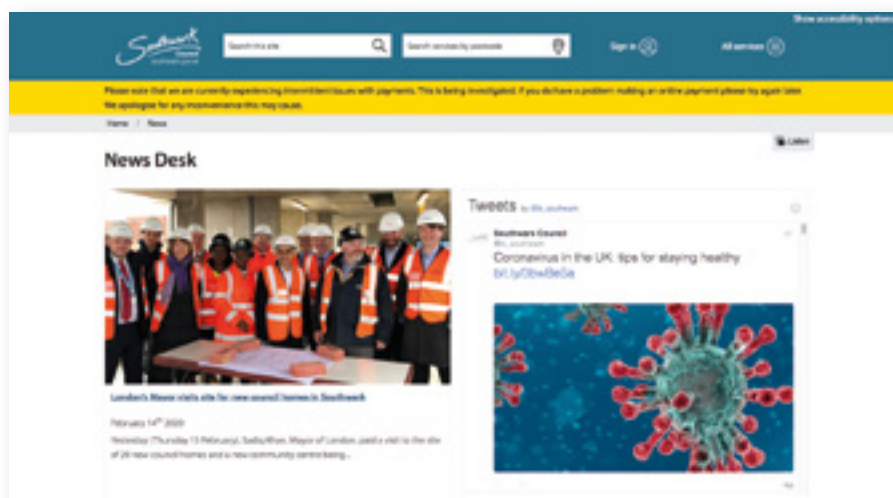
From Monday 20 April the council will be introducing a new tennis court booking system to let players reserve a court in the following parks; Southwark Park, Tanner Street Park, Brunswick Park, Belair Park, Dulwich Park.

There is no charge to play but booking guarantees court time. For more information visit www.southwark.gov.uk/tennis



Stay up to date with Southwark Council news

Southwark Council sends out a monthly e-newsletter to round up all the news and information about what is going on in the borough. To sign up you just need a MySouthwark account, which you can register for on our website at www.southwark.gov.uk/mysouthwark You can also read all our latest news stories on the website at www.southwark.gov.uk/news



Council budget 2020/21 approved

At its budget-setting meeting on 26 February, Council Assembly agreed the budget for the coming year which, following a decade of cuts to council funding, includes a 3.99% increase in council tax. Half of the extra money will be ringfenced for social care, with the remainder helping to pay for the growing demands and pressures on council services, particularly education, homelessness and ensuring our young people are kept safe and not drawn into violent crime. The budget also includes £2m to support plans to tackle the climate emergency.

Find out more at www.southwark.gov.uk/council-tax/bands-and-charges



London's Mayor visits new council homes site

Mayor of London pays a visit to one of the council's new council homes sites.

Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, recently visited the site of 29 new council homes and a new community centre being built in Peckham. The site, known as Lilac House, on Meeting House Lane is part of the council's ambitious programme to build 11,000 new council homes by 2043 with 2,500 by the end of 2022.

The Mayor was joined on the visit by Deputy Mayor for Housing Tom Copley, Harriet Harman MP, Leader of Southwark Council Cllr Peter John and Cllr Leo Pollak, Southwark's Cabinet Member for New Homes, Great Estates and Social Regeneration.

Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan said: "Delivering the genuinely affordable homes that Londoners so desperately need has been one

of my top priorities over the last four years. Therefore, I'm delighted that today's stats show we're firmly on track to deliver our ambitious target of starting 17,000 genuinely affordable homes this year.

"Southwark has one of London's most ambitious council home building programmes and I'm pleased to see the progress being made today at Meeting House Lane and sites across the borough.

"We can't solve the housing crisis overnight, but this shows what we can do when Londoners work together. Now it is time for the Government to recognise what we have achieved, step up and give us the support and funds to keep building the homes London urgently needs."

Cllr Leo Pollak added: "This is a fantastic scheme delivering much-needed council homes to the area. I am absolutely committed to



expanding and enriching our estates – reducing the number of families on our waiting list and helping communities thrive. Meeting House Lane is a perfect example of how we are delivering for residents."

The site is the former Acorn Neighbourhood Housing Office, which was vacant since 2009 and as well as the new homes it will include much-needed community space with its own private garden, as well as brand new facilities for the residents of the Acorn Estate.

NEW WEBPAGES

In January we published our new council homes webpages, which outline over 100 potential sites we have identified so far for new council properties. We will add to this list as we identify more sites to help us meet our target. You can visit the site at www.southwark.gov.uk/housing/new-council-homes

CREATING POSITIVE FUTURES FOR SOUTHWARK'S YOUNG PEOPLE

Last year, the council launched its Positive Futures fund in response to the serious issue of the exploitation of children.

The impact that serious youth violence like knife crime has on our communities is devastating, for the victims and their families but also for those who find themselves involved in criminality. The media has demonised the perpetrators of violence and portrayed gangs and street violence as a crime committed by 'violent youths' when, in many cases, we are talking about vulnerable, coerced or exploited children.

Serious violent offending is often interwoven with poor mental health and housing, school exclusion, extra educational needs and a demand for drugs created by recreational and addicted users. Drug-dealing networks stretch country-wide in a web extending from cities, and with adults at the top of the chain of criminality controlling the lucrative industry and pulling the strings. At the bottom rung, doing the dirty work for them, are children – often too afraid or controlled to extricate themselves, and to whom the parents, guardians and authorities have a duty to protect. Alongside protecting children, Southwark Council wants to change the language about young people – to talk more about, and encourage, their positive contribution and abilities, their inspirational achievements and the other, more positive side to the coin – away from the negative connotations.

Southwark Council is committed to working with communities, to find local solutions that help boys and girls stay away from those who are a risk to them and remain involved in activities which offer support and inspiring opportunities. The Positive Futures fund is an innovative £500,000 borough-wide investment in a series of independent community projects that offer just this, co-designed with young people. Now in its second phase, the 'winning' schemes were all pitched to the council in a Dragon's Den-style format before a board of judges decided which ones would be most likely to successfully benefit young people. Here's a selection of some of the great projects:



PENIFICENT

Created by former Southwark pupils, this brilliant, extremely innovative project, which has already gained national recognition with an award and country-wide media attention, encourages young people to explore mental health problems by drawing comics about their issues. Free copies are given to young people attending the workshops, and also to selective hospitals. The graphic art captures the voices of those affected by mental health through podcasts using a sci-fi 'futuristic universe', which ultimately creates a comic series addressing mental health in a unique and fresh way. One of the students who completed the workshop said: "It's been helpful, helping me understand, and I think if those workshops carry on it can help others understand."





SLM COMMUNITY LEISURE

This is a lifeguard and swimming course which culminates in a professional qualification. It aims to offer children and school-leavers a sense of direction as they enter the working world. The young people are given the opportunity to increase their knowledge within the lifeguard industry, leading to a National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ), fully funded, so that they can start to work part time at their local leisure centres but continue with their studies. If they cannot start work straight away, they have a place they can come back to work on casual basis within their summer holidays or school holidays. The National Pool Lifeguard Qualification not only helps young people with a professional qualification in first aid, but also means more people in the community are trained with life-saving skills.

Neshe Servi, an NPLQ Qualified Candidate, said:

“My whole experience has been very positive. The instructor was very friendly and he made the whole course very enjoyable. The material that was given to me really helped me and as I’m more of a visual and practical learner, the water sessions benefited me a lot. After the whole course, opportunities were given to me to work in centres such as the Castle Centre and I was able to use my qualification straight away.”

WATERLOO SPORTS & FC

This year, Waterloo Sports and FC will be starting an estate-based football league, which encourages participation in the world’s favourite sport with a fun and competitive edge that’s about friendly postcode rivalry. Their weekday sessions are for 14 to 18 year olds, which run twice a week with access to a free sports pitch facility.

“The project gives me something to aim for. It motivates me to stay physically fit and eat healthy because I know that each week the coaches will push me to be better.” David, aged 16.

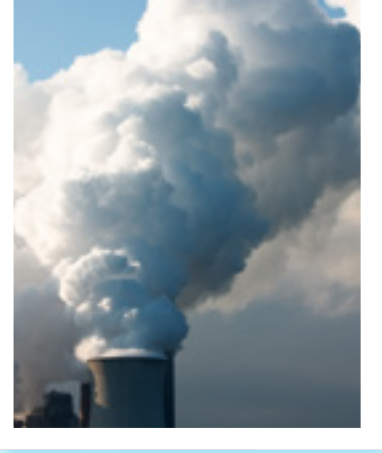
Up to 40 young people attend each session for football and physical fitness coaching. The estate football league, which has six team leaders, help young people from different estates integrate and break down barriers.



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Other Positive Futures projects include workshop talks in schools, music making and film projects as well as holiday activities for children and young people. Find things to do for young people in Southwark at www.southwark.gov.uk/southwarkpresents

RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY



We take a look at what the climate emergency means in Southwark and how we can work together to make the borough carbon neutral by 2030.



In March 2019 Southwark Council declared a climate emergency but what does this mean? Human activity is increasing the amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. These gases trap the sun's heat and warm the planet.

We generate greenhouse gases from all sorts of activities. Burning fossil fuels, which provide electricity and heat and power transport, emits greenhouse gases - so does the production of steel, concrete, plastic and other products that we use everyday. What we eat also impacts the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Climate change is happening now. Unless we take urgent action there will be irreversible damage.

That's why Southwark Council declared a climate emergency. The council said it would do all it can to make the borough carbon neutral by 2030. It won't be easy. Emissions that the council controls - including council homes and vehicles - are only about 14% of the borough's emissions. However, emissions from council-related operations have already fallen 36.7% since 2008 and the council is working hard to reduce its emissions further.

WHAT'S CARBON NEUTRAL?



Carbon neutral doesn't mean there will be no emissions. It means we want to make emissions as low as possible, and any emissions that are produced will be balanced by schemes that absorb carbon, such as tree planting.



TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY TOGETHER IN SOUTHWARK

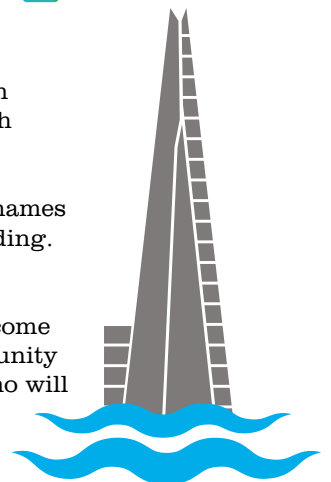
The impact in Southwark

Climate change impacts on everyone. As the climate changes it's more likely we'll see hotter summers with more droughts and heatwaves and cooler winters with more flooding.

Southwark is a low-lying borough next to the tidal Thames and so is very vulnerable to rising sea levels and flooding.

But changes globally could also impact on us here. Extremes of weather mean that food supply could become less reliable and as a diverse and international community we will all know people in other parts of the world who will be threatened first by climate change.

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FIVE THINGS THE COUNCIL IS DOING TO REDUCE ITS CARBON FOOTPRINT

There is much the council has done to reduce emissions but there is much more to do. Here are five things in progress.



- 1 INCREASING THE NUMBER OF NATURE RESERVES IN SOUTHWARK** - There are now seven nature reserves in Southwark, covering over 50 hectares, to help increase bio-diversity.
- 2 LOBBYING THE GOVERNMENT** - We are lobbying the government to take urgent action – including reducing air pollution – to tackle the climate emergency.
- 3 SWITCHING TO GREENER ENERGY FOR COUNCIL BUILDINGS** We are changing to a green energy tariff for council buildings in 2020. We have also switched to LED bulbs at council offices in Tooley Street leading to a 75% reduction in energy consumption.
- 4 CLOSING ROADS AROUND SCHOOLS DURING RUSH HOUR** We are encouraging parents and children to walk, cycle or scoot to school, rather than drive.
- 5 FINING DRIVING WHO LEAVE THEIR ENGINES IDLE** - We are fining drivers who refuse to turn of their engine, when asked, when their vehicle is stationary.



HOW CAN I REDUCE MY CO₂ FOOTPRINT?

We can all take action to reduce the amount of CO₂ we use. Here are some simple ideas to get you started.

- 1 EAT MORE VEGAN OR VEGETARIAN FOOD** - Eating a more plant-based diet can cut greenhouse emissions, reduce pollution and prevent deforestation.
- 2 SWITCH TO RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR YOUR HOME** - Energy suppliers are increasingly offering 100% green tariffs (where the energy comes from 100% renewable sources). Switching supplier can save you money too!
- 3 REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE** - Reduce, reusing and recycling products has a smaller impact on the environment than buying new products.
- 4 WALK, CYCLE OR USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT** - The less we rely on cars the smaller our impact on the environment. If you have a car could you leave it at home for more journeys?
- 5 TAKE FEWER FLIGHTS** - Air travel has a huge environmental impact. Try to reduce the flights you take. If you have to fly, then offset your emissions through an offset scheme.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED



There are lots of ways to get involved in the council's work towards making the borough carbon neutral.

Come to the council's annual resident conference. Our inaugural annual residents' conference, part of our Empowering Communities programme, will focus on the climate emergency. There will be opportunities to share your ideas and hear more about what the council is doing. The event is on 21 March, 9.30am to 2.30pm at the William Booth College, Champion Park, London SE5 8BQ. Visit www.southwark.gov.uk/climateconference to request your place.

Join our mailing list. We want to keep in touch with you about our climate emergency-related work and tell you about opportunities to get involved. Sign up at www.southwark.gov.uk/climate

Take part in our forthcoming consultation. Our climate strategy will be launched later this year and we want your input. Join our mailing list and we'll tell you when we're consulting.

MAKE A SPLASH!

Our pilot scheme of free swimming lessons for adults last autumn was a huge success, and this year we want more people to take up the offer.



"So far over 300 adults have taken the opportunity of free swimming lessons, for non-swimmers, across all Southwark leisure centres. It's great to see how far everyone has come along. After the third week some beginners were still nervous - but most had their feet off the floor by then. And by the end of the 12 week course about 85% could swim a length of the pool and were happy to put their head under water - a huge achievement.

"It's confidence building and sociable - this group have fun in the water and go for a coffee after. Quite a few people have told me their GP recommended they swim, for physical or mental health benefits, to get out and talk to people. But they can't swim - and these lessons give them that chance.

"We are running 12 week courses of lessons for residents, over the age of 16, who can't swim. There are small group lessons for disabled adults and over 60s too. "



Roxanne,
the swim manager
at Peckham Pulse
leisure centre

"The groups have been incredible, they've been so determined each week to improve, and encourage each other. They've made amazing progression; from crying from water related trauma to going into the deep end in one lesson, or from being barely able to walk in the water to swimming a whole length.

"I start the first lesson with a group warm up of push and glide. Then I work a bit more to each individual's needs - asking them to show me what they can do. Many people are just not confident or have lost confidence in what they can do in the water.

"Come along and bring a friend or meet new friends here. Many beginners stay on after the lesson, or meet up outside of class, to practice."

KIMBERLEY, swim instructor



"I have grandchildren, so I think it's important to feel confident in the water and I wanted to become a strong swimmer; I can then help anyone in trouble.

"After a couple of incidents I had a fear of going under the water and these lessons have taken that fear away. At my first lesson I felt frightened but Kimberley helped me along with her patience and encouragement. I now happily get my face wet and go under water.

"I also wanted to find something I could do to help control my diabetes and this is a lifestyle change that will help. My GP said to keep doing what I'm doing as it's making a difference.

"If you are thinking about lessons I would say do it for you, don't put off things you can do today, it's your achievement. Go for it!"

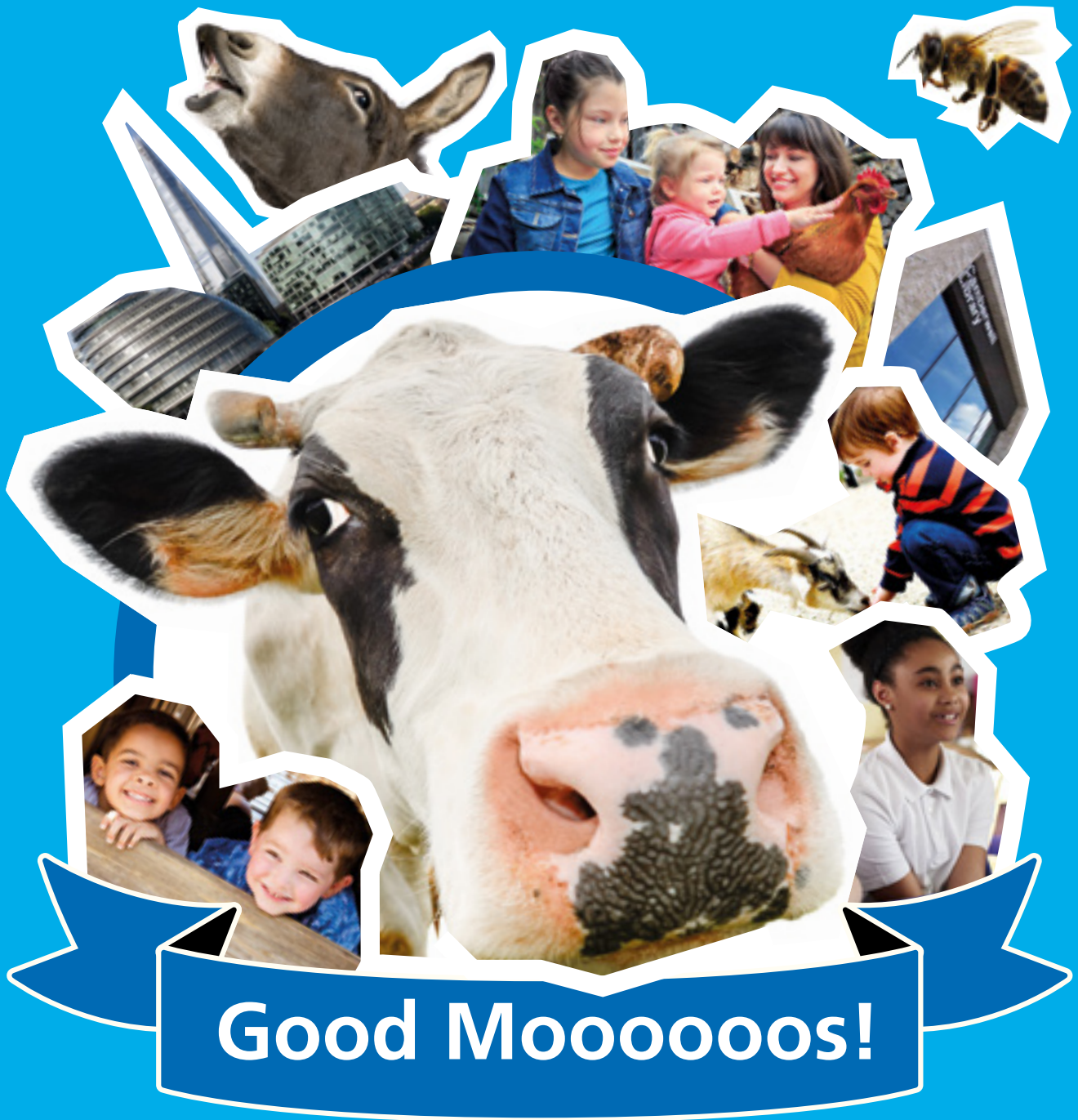
Shirley, Learner



Swimming lessons are free if you are over the age of 16, live in Southwark, and are a non-swimmer. The next 12 week course starts in April so book your place now. To find out more and sign up visit www.southwark.gov.uk/freelessons or visit your local leisure centre or library.

If your place has not been confirmed within a week of your request please email sports@southwark.gov.uk





Good Mooooos!

We've got £6m for community projects

Surrey Docks Farm refurbished their community building

What would you do?

Watch the video and share your idea
by 30 April at southwark.gov.uk/cil

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DECADE OF DELIVERY

New homes, new jobs, new opportunities.

Over the last ten years Southwark has gone through a huge amount of change.

Some of those changes have been to its physical landscape, with the world-famous Shard and extended Tate Modern now putting Southwark firmly on the tourist map, and others have been less visible but even more

impactful in improving the lives of residents across the borough. While we know change can be unsettling, there is no doubt that the borough has gone from strength to strength, with new homes, new jobs and new opportunities for those who need them. Here we celebrate our incredible borough, and the successes that we can all be so proud of.

New homes

Everyone should have a place they are proud to call home. Over the last ten years in Southwark, we have made this a priority, dramatically increasing the number of council homes that are of a good standard, and building hundreds of new council homes, with thousands more to come.



Making council homes great places to live

Between 2010 and 2014, we spent £123m making council homes across the whole borough warm dry and safe. This money was spent on making heating systems more modern,

replacing 5,000 old and failing boilers, improving insulation and windows, repairing damage, stopping damp, rewiring faulty electrics, replacing over 100 lifts, and installing estate security and fire doors. Because of these improvement works, over 97 percent of council homes now meet the decent homes standard – up from 63 percent in 2014. But homes are more than structures, we know how important it is for any resident to feel proud of the rooms inside too, which is why in 2014 we began a programme of replacing old kitchens and bathrooms in all our council homes. More than 5,000 council homes have been fitted with a new kitchen and/or bathroom over the last ten years.

Building brand new, high quality homes

Tackling the housing crisis has been at the top of the council's agenda since 2010, despite a financial and policy context which made it ever more challenging. As well as promising to build 11,000 new council homes by 2043, we know that new homes of all types are needed in Southwark. Whether that's shared ownership homes for people starting out; affordable, secure and good quality homes in the rental sector; or spacious family homes, we've encouraged development and investment in the borough so that 6,000 new homes were built in Southwark since 2010. We also know that people need more than just homes, they need affordable workspaces, schools, culture, health services and green spaces, which is why we have made sure public health and social regeneration are at the heart of all that we do as a council.



We also:

- ...took back over **1,600 council homes** from people who were illegally subletting them, so residents genuinely in need of housing could move in.
- ...launched our **Great Estates programme** to make sure all our estates are properly safe, clean and cared for.
- ...developed a nationally recognised **homelessness prevention service**, with the highest rate of homelessness prevention in London. Southwark has led the way in training over 1,000 members of staff at other councils in a more compassionate and effective approach to tackling homelessness.
- ...opened Tayo Situ House in 2016 – an **Extra Care Housing Scheme** made up of 42 council flats with round the clock support.

New jobs

The last decade has seen Southwark transformed and the council has insisted at every step that local people should benefit from the opportunities being created on their doorstep, and it's paying off - there are 43,000 more people in work than there were in 2010. From ensuring that the borough's newest landmark – the Shard – provided over 300 construction jobs for local people, to bringing down unemployment rates by investing in the local economy, to improving the quality of jobs in the council by becoming a Living Wage Employer and adopting the Ethical Care Charter, we have confidently and successfully taken on an active role in the local economy and jobs market.

Helping local people into jobs

Many Southwark residents are now working and thriving in the local jobs created in construction, hospitality, the arts and many other sectors over the last decade. In 2018 we achieved an incredible target to help 5,000 residents into work, transforming the lives of local people and their families. Not content with that we are now working towards becoming a full employment borough, where everyone can find a good quality, well-paid and secure job.



Apprenticeships and new skills

Although we were helping as many people as possible into work directly, some of the local residents we wanted to support lacked the skills they needed to get the jobs they wanted. We addressed this skills gap through an innovative apprenticeships programme, which to date has created 3,177 high quality apprenticeships, all paid at the London Living Wage. Our apprenticeship programme has created more apprenticeships than anywhere else in London. Our apprenticeships are for all ages, but when we spoke with young people in the borough they told us how hard they found it to get access to the top jobs and career opportunities they need to build a fairer future for themselves. That's why we secured over 1,000 work experience placements for young people, and why, in 2018 we announced plans to help 500 people from low income backgrounds get paid internships with some of London's top employers.



We also:

...became one of the first local authorities in the country in 2011 to gain **Living Wage Accreditation**, meaning the council pays all its directly employed staff the Living Wage and promotes the Living Wage throughout its supply chain

...became one of the first local authorities to be accredited with the **Mayor of London's Good Work Standard** in 2019.



New opportunities

A fairer future for Southwark residents means more than bricks and mortar, jobs and skills, although those things are really important. Our schools, our parks, our arts and culture and our opportunities to live healthy lives all make Southwark a great place to live, and in the last ten years all these things have improved dramatically. We have also made positive steps in keeping local communities safe, despite new challenges like county lines faced across London.

Libraries and culture

Almost ten consecutive years of austerity from central government has hit local authorities hard right across the country. Southwark is no exception. We have had to make difficult decisions about priorities and spending, but throughout this decade we have been clear that the borough's libraries are invaluable resources that must be protected. Libraries are a quiet place to do homework, apply for jobs, meet up with other families, or simply experience the joy of being engrossed in a good book. Since 2010, as other councils have made tough choices to close their libraries, we have opened new ones at Canada Water, Camberwell and Grove Vale, with others on the way in Walworth and the Aylesbury estate. Our libraries have won numerous awards – including Library of the Year for Camberwell in 2017 – and topped league tables, whether for design or for most books borrowed.



The best start in life

In 2010, Southwark was facing a schools places crisis, so children were being taught in overcrowded classrooms and attainment was too low. Since 2010 we have turned school standards around. Every aspect of schooling in Southwark has improved. We have refurbished and expanded school buildings so local children have the best environment to learn in, and built new schools like the Charter School in East Dulwich. Exam results have improved, with primary school pupils exceeding the national average at the end of primary school in maths, grammar, punctuation and spelling, and secondary school pupils exceeding both national and London averages for five GCSEs at A*-C. Ofsted has recognised these improvements and has rated 9 out of 10 schools in Southwark as Good or Outstanding.



Southwark is proud of its longstanding role as a cultural centre for London from its rich heritage to modern day, groundbreaking creative industries. We have helped ten new theatres put down roots in the borough, including the Bridge and Mountview, as well as welcoming new music venues, galleries and a whole range of creative startups.

We also:

- ...introduced **free healthy school meals** for all primary schools in 2013
- ...encouraged residents to get healthy with **free swim and gym sessions** for all residents, introduced in 2015, and free swimming lessons in 2019
- ...invested **millions of pounds in our parks**, resulting in 28 of our parks being awarded Green Flag status
- ...**doubled our recycling rate** which is now the highest in inner London
- ...offered all primary school pupils **free theatre trips** so all our children experience the wonder of live performances
- ...increased **CCTV coverage**, including of moveable cameras, to target particular crime problem spots.
- ...launched a **Positive Futures fund** to support young people to do positive, worthwhile activities and divert them away from gangs.



The next ten years

While we should all feel proud of Southwark, and the way everyone who lives and works here has contributed to its growth, we cannot be complacent. There is still so much to do to make sure we live in a place where everyone has a warm, safe place to call home; where our children can breathe clean air and feel confident in the future of the planet; and where everyone has the skills and opportunities to succeed, and support their families.

Over the next ten years, in addition to building on existing achievements, some of the things we want to work together to achieve are:

Tackling the climate emergency

The council declared a climate emergency in March 2019, but it has long worked to become more sustainable. The council has reduced its carbon emissions by 25%, divested pension funds away from fossil fuels, and promoted walking and cycling instead of car use. We know we need to do more though, if we're to meet our target of being a carbon neutral borough by 2030. The council is developing a climate change strategy which we will consult residents and local groups on this spring. There is no doubt that this will be the biggest challenge not just for Southwark or London, or even the country, but the whole world over the next decade. This is a challenge which Southwark can, and must, rise to meet.



A place to call home for everyone

Southwark has one of the most ambitious council home building programmes in the country, with a commitment to build 11,000 by 2043. By 2030 we will have made great inroads into this target, but sometimes it can feel as though we are running to stand still, with hundreds of council homes sold under right to buy every year. We will continue to build, but also press the government to find policies that ensure everyone has the home they deserve, and that councils have the funding we need to deliver those homes.



Supporting our children

Southwark has committed to tackling the crisis in child mental health head on. In 2020 we will open a new centre in Peckham for young people to talk about their mental health and receive support. This is just one of the ways we plan to make sure that every child who needs mental health support in Southwark receives it - sadly not the case in most parts of the country.



A changing world and an uncertain financial future

Since 2010, Southwark Council has lost 63p out of every £1 of funding received from central government. Despite these cuts the council has never stopped being ambitious for its residents, or delivering the best possible service. When difficult choices have had to be made, the council has always put the borough's most vulnerable residents first, and will continue to do so. However, with austerity showing no signs of ending and the government reviewing funding for councils, there is huge uncertainty over the council's financial future. In the next ten years the council will have to fight for the money it needs to deliver the services that residents deserve in an increasingly uncertain financial landscape.





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CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

The best way to protect yourself and others is:



Wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel, regularly throughout the day.



Catch your cough or sneeze in a tissue, bin it, and wash your hands.

If you have recently arrived back from specified areas follow the returning traveller advice.

Check the list of areas and find out more at

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)



Mental Health support for young people



We're making sure all our children have access to mental health support if they need it.



Southwark Council is leading the way to tackle mental health issues, especially for our younger residents. We work with local partners to make sure our local services offer children, young people and their families the mental health support they need - when they need it.

Nationally, one in eight (12.8 percent) 5 to 19 year olds is estimated to have a clinically diagnosed mental health disorder. In Southwark we estimate there are between 6,300 and 11,900 residents under the age of 25 with a mental health disorder.

In 2018, we were the first local authority in the country to commit to ensuring that all children with a diagnosed mental health condition in the borough have access to the mental health services they need. Southwark's Health and Wellbeing Board unanimously agreed to a new 100 percent treatment rate, compared to a national target of 35 percent.



To do this, the Southwark Health and Wellbeing Board, made up of representatives from Southwark Council, Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group, South London and Maudsley (SLaM) hospital and local schools, is implementing a range of measures to make sure that children and young people with mental health and emotional wellbeing issues get the right help at the right time.



As part of these plans Southwark Council has commissioned Groundwork London to create a brand new service in Peckham. This new open access centre will focus on prevention and is aimed at young people, designed by young people, available at the point of need and a place where young people feel able and safe to attend. This service will be a welcoming building any young people can walk into without an appointment and receive support. The service is currently being co-designed with young people and families to create an environment with them in mind. Southwark Council will open this service in May.



CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) are the NHS services that assess and treat young people with emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties. In Southwark, CAMHS is provided by South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM) with a team made up of nurses, therapists, psychologists, support workers and social workers, as well as other professionals. Teachers, GPs, in fact any professionals who work with children or young people, can refer a child for an assessment with CAMHS to see what help is available.

For more information visit CAMHS.SouthwarkReferrals@slam.nhs.uk



DECADE OF DELIVERY

If you are a young person and you don't have anyone to talk to about your problems, you can call Childline on 0800 1111 for a free, confidential chat day or night.

We spoke to a few of the young people who helped design the Open Access building to see how they felt about the project and what it means for them. Here are some of their comments:



"Mental health is looking after yourself and talking about your feelings. How you can cope with certain situations. If you don't grow up with the mentality of there being support, you won't be able to cope when you are older."

"The building needs to be somewhere you feel comfortable to be in ... somewhere you feel calm. Somewhere welcoming."

"We felt that you (Southwark Council) really want to get involved and have our opinions."

"We all came together to start this idea, we are the inspiration. It's great to know we basically built this to help people."

Schools are very well placed to support children who are struggling with their mental health. For this reason, there has also been a £2million fund dedicated to further developing the knowledge and expertise in schools and building their capacity to work with children and young people in school settings. Mental health first aid training is being offered to school staff with around 50 school representatives trained to date. The CCG has also commissioned Kooth to create online networks to tackle stigma and ensure young people can access available resources.

Southwark Council has also launched the Southwark Child and Adolescent Mental Health Commission to guide, support and evaluate the actions being taken in the borough to revolutionise and transform mental health support for children, young people and their families.

The commission brings together experts from various fields all with significant professional experience of child and adolescent mental health such as Children's Commissioner Anne Longfield OBE. The Commission is chaired by Cllr Jasmine Ali, Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families, and also has the support of Harriet Harman MP.



HOW DO I GET HELP FOR MY CHILD IN SOUTHWARK?

There are a number of organisations you can contact to get advice and information about supporting your child if you have concerns about their mental health.

KOOTH is an online counselling service for 11 to 19 year olds. This provides access to self help materials and counselling in one to one sessions. You can find out more at www.kooth.com

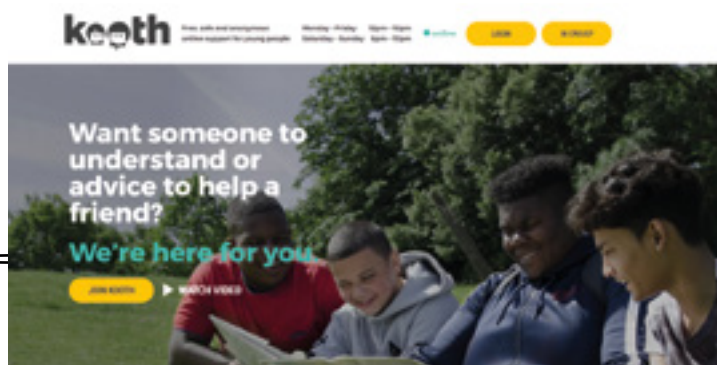
If you would like support, talk to your child's school about getting help in the first instance as they know your child well and can offer some advice. If you need support as a whole family, they can make a Family Early Help referral.

If you are specifically worried about your child getting involved in gangs then phone one of the Youth Offending Service managers on 07931393146 – a dedicated phone number for parents.

For more general information, keep an eye out for events happening in your community as we will be offering open sessions to parents/carers throughout 2020.

The Southwark Wellbeing hub provides details of more organisations which provide information and advice to support the wellbeing of children and young people and families. You can read more about it at www.together-uk.org/southwark-wellbeing-hub

Finally, if you feel you don't know who to go to for support then make an appointment with your GP who can refer them on for more specialist help.



Time for a tidy up?

Planning to spring clean your home this season? Here is how the council can help you reuse, recycle, or dispose of your unwanted items responsibly.

Now is traditionally the time of year when thoughts turn to giving our homes a good spring clean or revamp. Maybe you are thinking of livening up your living room, bedazzling your bedroom or getting into the garden as the weather improves. You might just be planning to clear out those old toys, damaged electrical items or that mattress with the broken spring.

Whatever you are planning to throw out there is a way to make sure it ends up in the right place. Fly tipping is illegal and the

council's enforcement officers will investigate and, if evidence is found, we will prosecute those responsible. Out of all recorded fly tips in Southwark to date, nearly 70 percent were of household origin, and only about 20 percent are commercial waste (the other 10 percent was unidentified when cleared). The biggest category, a quarter of the total cases cleared, are ordinary household bagged waste, usually put out after the free waste collections have been done, which is why we ask residents to put their bin bags out on the right day and in the right place.

The council offers a range of waste services to help you dispose of unwanted items responsibly – and will often be able to send them for recycling. Read on to find out more.

REPORT FLY TIPPING

If you want to report fly tipping you can do it through our website at www.southwark.gov.uk/street-care/fly-tipping and we can arrange for it to be cleared. There is also information on what to do if you witness someone fly tipping on your street or estate.



Top tips to reduce your waste

Before you throw away unwanted items, here are some options to consider:

Donate old clothes and books: Other people can reuse your unwanted clothes, books, bric-a-brac and other usable household goods, when you donate them to charity shops.

"Car-boot" Sale: If you know of a local car boot sale why not get rid of some unwanted items. Other people may find a use for them, plus it gives you the opportunity to earn some extra cash. Or if you are more technically minded there are plenty of online sites where you can buy, sell or swap items that are still useable.

Take back services: If you are buying a new item like a fridge or mattress, some retailers offer a take back service where they will collect your old item when they deliver the new one.



Reuse Tip!

When your disposable razor gets too dull for shaving, you can still use it to remove bobbles from sweaters, hats, scarves, t-shirts, and more!

Reuse and Recycle

If you're a Southwark resident you can dispose of a wide range of unwanted household and garden items at the council's Reuse and Recycling Centre (RRC) for free. Items such as furniture, books, tools and textiles that are in good condition are collected by charity partners to be resold to raise funds and the RRC's Community RePaint scheme enables residents to drop off unwanted paint, which is then made available for others to collect and use for free. Please note that only Southwark residents can use the centre and only with waste from their own household. You'll need to show proof of residence when you arrive at the centre.

Find out more at www.southwark.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/recycling/recycling-centres/reuse-and-recycling-centre



Garden waste subscriptions

Since 1 June 2019, Southwark Council has provided garden waste collections as an optional service to properties with gardens - for a small charge. The charge for 2020/21 will be £30 for this service. The garden waste service gives you a weekly collection of a 240 litre brown garden waste bin.

You can use your garden waste bin for grass cuttings, leaves, flowers, plants, twigs and branches (no more than 10cm diameter) but NOT for things like food waste, fencing, soil, rubble, stones or gravel and non compostable materials, including plastic bags, flower pots or trays.

You can still compost your garden waste at home, and residents of Southwark can still bring garden waste to the Reuse and Recycling Centre.

To subscribe, or to find out more visit www.southwark.gov.uk/gardenwaste



Bulky waste collections

If you are a Southwark resident, we can collect large household items from your home. Sometimes called bulky waste, this includes items such as old furniture or fridges.

From 1 April 2020 we will be charging £25 for collecting up to 10 items. You will need to pay by credit or debit card during the online booking process.

Bulky waste includes things like DIY waste like old doors or kitchen worktops (not building rubble), electronic items from TVs to hairdryers, furniture including sofas, beds and mattresses and cupboards, garden furniture, lawnmowers or boxes of old tools and soft furnishings – bagged clothes or bedding, rolled carpets.

To find out more visit www.southwark.gov.uk/bulkywaste



Reuse your old items

When you are buying new items it is worth keeping in mind how it can be reused. Cloth napkins, cloth nappies, dish cloths, quality tools and appliances and refillable items all fit the bill.

Real nappies

It is estimated that households that use cloth nappies reduce their household waste by up to half compared to those continuing to use disposables. If you are a parent or about to become one and you live in Southwark, you can apply for your free trial pack of real nappies, under the Real Nappies scheme run by Veolia Southwark on behalf of Southwark Council by visiting www.southwark.gov.uk/nappies

Innovation and industry

Southwark is known as a place of creativity and innovation – but this isn't new.



Canning Crosse and Blackwell Crimscott St 1938

It all began in 1810 when inventors Bryan Donkin, John Hall and John Gamble bought the British patent for a process to preserve food in tin-lined cans and formed a company to refine and improve the process. Donkin built the world's first cannery (the car park of Harris Academy Bermondsey now stands on the site) and managed to solve the biggest problem holding tinned food back: ensuring that the food inside was sterilised in the tin and stayed uncontaminated.

Donkin and Hall were also credited for the machinery that made paper production possible on an industrial scale. Before they got into tinned food they had the patent on a paper making machine that Donkin developed at a new, custom-built plant in Spa Lane financed by London stationers the Fourdriniers. The Fourdrinier machine was the basis for modern large-scale paper-making and earned Donkin a gold medal at the famous Crystal Palace exhibition in 1851.

Southwark has a long industrial history that includes centuries of innovation. The borough has been home to several household names, or developed products and processes that are bedrocks of modern society.

Did you know the Arctic expeditions of James Ross in 1829 and John Franklin in 1845 both carried canned goods from a factory right here in Bermondsey where the process was perfected - and mechanised tin-making meant tinned food was a staple part of every household's kitchen cupboard by the 1860s.



R White, Albany Road c1972



Crosse and Blackwell Crimscott St



Crosse and Blackwell factory

Elizabeth Lazenby – or at least the company she founded – is another Bermondsey food innovator. Her brother, Peter Harvey, developed an extremely popular anchovy-based sauce, and gave her the recipe. In 1793 Elizabeth and her husband began marketing Harvey's fish sauce. By 1861, control of the company had passed to Elizabeth's grandson William: in that year, E Lazenby's opened a sauce factory in Trinity Street – now the site of Bedford Row. By 1871, the company passed to William's son Walter who expanded the company's product range into other pickles and sauces, and built a new factory in Crimscott Street in Bermondsey. Walter's son Charles oversaw E Lazenby's acquisition by Crosse and Blackwell in 1919. The Crimscott Street factory remained in operation until 1969.

Meanwhile, Camberwell was the place to be for innovative drinks. In 1845 Southwark native Robert White and his wife Mary developed a recipe for home-brewed ginger beer, which Robert sold on the street from a barrow. In 1855, they expanded into selling lemonade and the R White's brand is still a fixture of the fizzy drink aisle today.

In 1871 the company opened a factory in Cunard Street, Camberwell, on the current site of Chumleigh Gardens. By 1888, when Robert White retired, R Whites had acquired three rival firms and had four factories in Southwark. With a production capacity of 600,000 a day, they were one of the first mass producers of soft drinks.

In the 1930s, R White's attempted their own line of crisps (at the Albany Road site). This was a lucky decision, because the war years were a rocky time for the company as the Blitz damaged factories, vans were commandeered by the government and sugar rationing caused problems. Crisp sales helped keep the company afloat until peace returned. The company's Albany Road and Neate Street factories were demolished in the 1970s and 1980s to expand Burgess Park.

One of the icons of British culture – the bowler hat – is named for its designers William and Thomas Bowler and was also created in Southwark. In 1832, Lancastrians William and his nephew Thomas moved to London to find work with hatters there. William joined his cousin John's hatmaking firm; taking over its premises in Southwark Bridge Road in 1853.

In August 1849, Edward Coke (a son of the Earl of Leicester) placed an order for a stiff, round-crowned hat with James Lock and Company's shop. Thomas and William Bowler, had perfected a method of stiffening felt by impregnating it with shellac, critical to the hat's shape and outline. William moved back to Lancashire in 1850, leaving Thomas and his descendants to run the factory at 34 Southwark Bridge Road; they did so until 1940, when it was destroyed in the Blitz.

However, perhaps the most influential of Southwark's

innovators was engineer David Kirkaldy; he was born near Dundee in 1820. In April 1858 he started testing wrought iron and steel samples for Napier, and designed a machine to test materials against tensile, or pulling, force.

Three years later, he left Napier and spent the next two and a half years designing a machine to test materials against different kinds of force. He had it built at his own expense, then installed in a building in The Grove (now Ewer Street). He began a business as a consulting engineer, performing materials testing for engineering projects, in early 1866 – almost immediately he got his first commission, to test materials for the under-construction Blackfriars Bridge.

His work soon outstripped the capacity of the building in The Grove: he responded by leasing a plot of land on the newly-built Southwark Street and erecting a building (99 Southwark Street) around the testing machine. It opened in 1874, and rapidly became one of the most important addresses in engineering. Kirkaldy himself tested girders for the St Louis Bridge in 1869 and Hammersmith Bridge in 1887. After the 1879 Tay Bridge disaster, he tested components recovered from the bridge, finding that, in many cases, critical elements lacked the loading strength needed for safety. David Kirkaldy died in 1897 and was succeeded by his son William and grandson David. Today the Kirkaldy Testing Museum remains at 99 Southwark Street.



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BUSINESS FRIENDLY SOUTHWARK

From sole traders and start-ups to large organisations employing hundreds of staff, Southwark businesses are at the heart of our borough.

Businesses play a vital role in growing our local economy and creating jobs for local people, and that is why we are committed to supporting local employers through a range of initiatives including access to funding, business support and affordable workspace. We're also working with local businesses to set the highest standards for quality employment and promoting the London Living Wage, including through the Mayor's Good Work Standard.

BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Our first ever Business Conference for small and medium sized (SME) businesses in Southwark will take place this spring. This one day conference will bring together our thriving SME community to discuss key issues affecting businesses, and explore the range of services and support offered by the council and our partners. Please keep your eyes on our website and social media for details.

START-UPS IN LIBRARIES

Are you a newly registered business in London? By signing up for the Start-ups in Libraries programme, your business could thrive with:

- quarterly free workshops for early stage start-ups: www.eventbrite.com/o/start-ups-in-london-libraries-sill-19891651646
- walk-in access to business resources and databases like COBRA
- one-to-one business information sessions with borough SME Champions
- a programme of events, including live-screenings from the British Library's Business and IP Centre.

You will also meet like minded people and gain the confidence you need to make your business a success! You can read more about this programme on our website: southwark.gov.uk/startups



APPRENTICES

Businesses in Southwark have achieved unrivalled success working with the council to create over 3,500 apprenticeships since 2014, more than anywhere else in London. As part of the council's continuing commitment to high quality apprenticeships that change lives, we recently reviewed our innovative Southwark Apprenticeship Standard, which offers support to local employers to deliver high quality apprenticeships. The refreshed Standard will offer networking opportunities for businesses and will bring together employers with vacancies and potential candidates living in the borough. The new Standard was recently launched at a Celebrating Apprenticeships event held at The Passmore Centre. The Passmore is a High Level Technical and Professional Apprenticeships Centre opened as a result of Southwark Council's partnership with London South Bank University, and it is expected to deliver many quality apprenticeships each year for Southwark residents.



SOUTHWARK PIONEERS FUND

Southwark Council launched the Southwark Pioneers Fund in October 2019 to support our creative and entrepreneurial residents to start up, grow and lead their enterprises successfully, and support broader social and environmental projects and initiatives in the local economy.

The SPF consists of Grants, business support and loans.

GRANTS (UP TO £5000)

For enterprises and entrepreneurs who may be piloting, testing and experimenting with new and innovative solutions, and/or at an early stage in their growth journey. We particularly encourage applications which demonstrate social value for the local economy. There will be five grant rounds between October 2019 and March 2022. For further information, including grant eligibility please see our website: www.southwark.gov.uk/pioneersfund

BUSINESS SUPPORT AND LOANS

Our business support offer launches in April 2020, offering one-to-one support including mentoring, workshops, access to professional networks and access to affordable workspace. The loans programme will launch in August 2020.



THE HEART OF CULTURE

In Southwark we want to cultivate and campaign for culture and creativity.

One stop digital shop for Southwark's emerging artists

Southwark Creates is a brand new lifeline for the borough's artists, producers and other small, creative businesses. It's a digital one stop shop for essential support, including affordable workspace, business support, talent development opportunities, and more. This is all designed to help the borough's burgeoning creative industries and individuals thrive and grow.

The borough-wide support package is for creative industries that are either already based here, or would like to be. It's geared up to help young people starting out in their careers and artists from the broad spectrum of Southwark's creative communities.

The Southwark Creates digital portal is part of our borough wide Creative Enterprise Zone, which also looks to help Southwark's emerging artists.

There are a number of events lined up for anyone who wants to learn and meet other creatives in the area. Here are three coming up in March.

Southwark is fast becoming the cultural heart of South London and we believe access to the arts and supporting our creative local businesses is key to its success. We have a number of initiatives going on to do just that - here is an update on two of them.



Revealed events management training

Friday 13 March

Camberwell Library

Start Up In London Libraries: What next for my Business Idea?

Tuesday 17 March, 10am to 5pm

Get ready for business

Wednesday 18 March, 10am to 5pm

Peckham Library

Creative Network Southwark meeting

Tuesday 10 March, 3pm

Vinegar Yard,
72-82 St Thomas St,
London SE1 3QU

Learn more about the all of the help on offer at Southwark Creates on the website at southwark.gov.uk/SouthwarkCreates



Children captivated by the first of our free theatre trips

Children from St John’s and St Clement’s Primary School were the first to benefit from Southwark Council’s Raise the Curtain initiative, which gives our primary school children free visits to our amazing range of theatres.

They went to one of the borough’s newest theatres – The Bridge – to see its acclaimed production of CS Lewis’s classic story The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.

Rebecca Cosby, a teacher at St John’s and St Clement’s, said: “I just wanted to say a big thank you for Wednesday’s trip to see The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe at the Bridge Theatre. We had such a wonderful time. The children’s faces during the performance were hilarious. They couldn’t take their eyes off the stage. What a fantastic production!”

Southwark Council is working with Eastside, who are delivering the programme for 20,000 primary school children in state funded primary schools, home schooling, looked after children and children in hospital.

Matt Lane, CEO and Artistic Director of Eastside, said: “It was a joy to see Southwark’s young people making their school trip to see The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe at The Bridge Theatre. This was our first Raise The Curtain event, and the Eastside team were so pleased to hear such great feedback from everyone involved.”

We’ll be working with as many of the borough’s excellent theatres as possible, bringing the magic of the stage to fertile young minds, in the hope that we can help to trigger creativity, confidence and perhaps a little wonder in Southwark’s young people.



Photo: Brinkhoff/Moegenburg



SOUTHWARK PRESENTS

Spring Fair at Surrey Docks Farm

Head to the Farm to watch the sheep get sheared and find out how their wool is used with interactive demonstrations from the London Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers. Plus enjoy fair activities, crafts stalls, food and entertainment!

Saturday 2 May
11am to 4pm

FREE (but this is a fundraising event so there will be low costs to take part in activities etc)

Surrey Docks Farm, Rotherhithe Street, London SE16 5ET
www.surreydocksfarm.org.uk/events



Refugees: Forced to Flee

Refugees: Forced to Flee, part of IWM's Refugees season, will explore how and why conflict has forced people to leave their homes and seek to build new lives elsewhere. Objects, film and photography from IWM's rich historical collections will be presented alongside contemporary material, cutting-edge research and newly commissioned artworks to reveal the personal stories of refugees and displaced people, from the First World War to the present day.

2 April to 29 November
10am to 6pm

FREE

IWM London, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HZ
www.iwm.org.uk

Gulliver's Travels

This perfect family Easter show is an adventure-filled modern adaptation of Jonathan Swift's surreal masterpiece. Using cameras, projector and props, Gulliver's adventures of brutish Yahoos, belligerent Lilliputians and wise Houyhnhnms are vividly brought to life. Blending film and live performance, this is a playful, funny and highly inventive show for ages 7+.

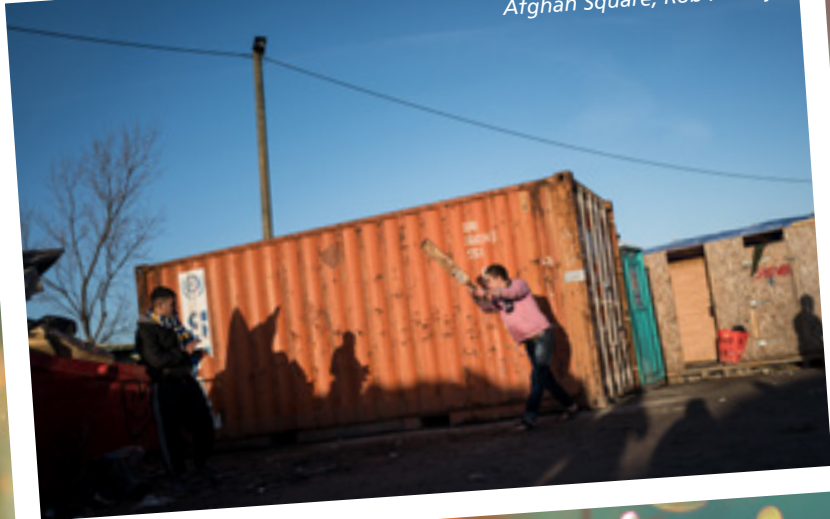
Now to 3 May
Various weekend and Easter holiday performances available

From £8

Unicorn Theatre

www.unicorntheatre.com/gullivers

Afghan Square, Rob Pinney



Events calendar spring 2020

Green workshops at Surrey Docks Farm

This March, April, May and throughout the summer, Surrey Docks Farm will be offering a range of green workshops including an introduction to gardening techniques in the vegetable garden, the physical and spiritual use of herbs, growing vegetables vertically and natural dyeing, among many more.

Various dates and times – see website for details

Booking is essential. Prices vary

Surrey Docks Farm

www.surreydocksfarm.org.uk/workshops/



Crongton Knights

An exciting stage premiere of Alex Wheatle's award winning young adult novel *Crongton Knights*. Life isn't easy on the Crongton Estate and for McKay and his mates it's all about keeping their heads down but when a friend finds herself in trouble, they set out on a mission that goes further than any of them imagined

22 April to 9 May
Times vary – see website for details

Adult £17. Child £13. Concession £13
Southwark residents: Adult £14/Child £10/Concession £10

Theatre Peckham, Havil Street,
SE5 7SD

www.theatrepeckham.co.uk



History of Bombs, Ai Weiwei

Exploring international migration, conflict as a root cause of human flow, and the relationship between the individual, society and the state, *History of Bombs* is a new, site-specific artwork by artist Ai Weiwei. Weiwei's takeover of IWM London's iconic Atrium, part of the Refugees season, will be the first time in its history that the space will be given over in its entirety to an artist.

2 April to 29 November
10am to 6pm

FREE

IWM London, Lambeth Road, London
SE1 6HZ

www.iwm.org.uk



Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, adapted by Mike Poulton

On an April morning, 'well nine and twenty' pilgrims set off for Canterbury. The tales they tell on the way range from the heroic to the bawdy, and the Dulwich Players are delighted to present five of them, with original music and lyrics, in the beautiful grounds of Bell House.

Saturday 20 June, Sunday 21 June,
Saturday 27 June, Sunday 28 June
2pm and 5pm (5pm only on Saturday 20)

*£12 and £8 (under 16 years of age),
recommended age 8+*

The grounds of Bell House, 27 College
Road, Dulwich, SE21 7BG

www.dulwichplayers.org



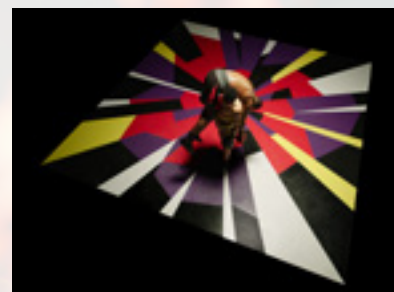
Sophie Cundale: The Near Room

Artist Sophie Cundale presents a new film, a supernatural melodrama about loss that follows the journey of a professional boxer after a near-fatal knockout. The film's title, *The Near Room* (2020), is taken from the boxer Muhammad Ali's description of a vivid, hallucinatory space he would enter when in the depths of a fight.

Now to 19 April

FREE

Main Gallery, Main Building
www.southlondongallery.org/exhibitions/sophie-cundale-the-near-room/



The Near Room, 2020 (film still). Image courtesy of the artist and FVU

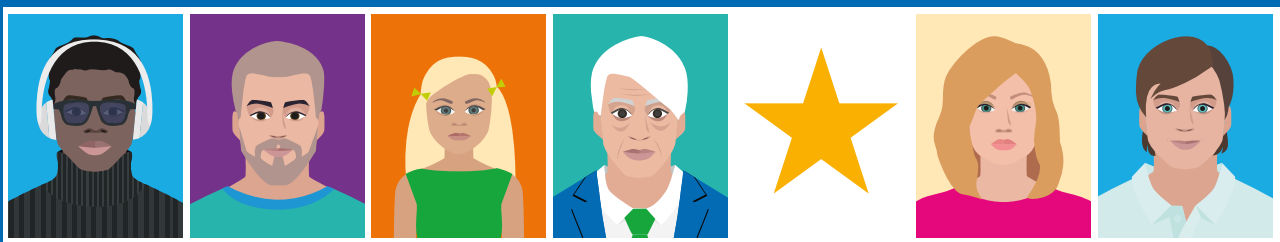
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