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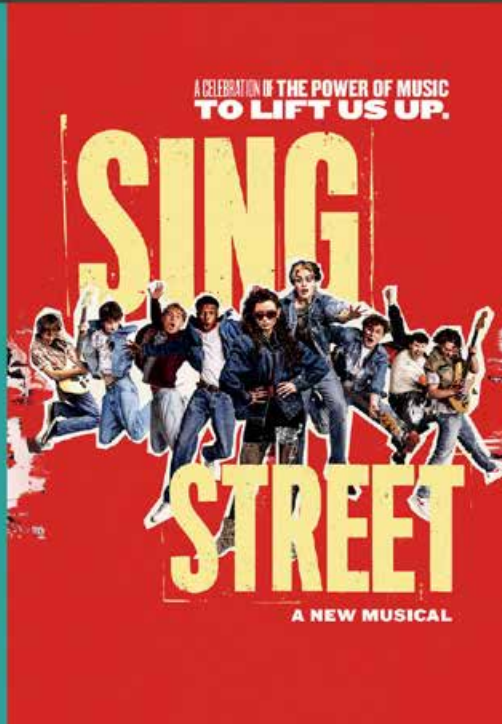
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# Here's to summer

## Welcome to the 2025 edition of Summer In H&F

**AS SPRING** gives way to the long heady days of summer, our river walk and award-winning parks are more important than ever. Whether it's jazz on the lawn, new activities for children and young people or enjoying local nature sanctuaries, we're offering a range of activities to make this summer special.

This year marks the fifteenth since Austerity was introduced. Back then, H&F's budget was more than a third larger than now.

Despite that, my team and I have delivered more and better services for residents. We've been able to do that because we introduced the 'Ruthless Financial Efficiency' programme, saving a record £138m by modernising services and cutting waste. To put that in context, this year's entire budget is £220m.

Because of our ruthless approach to saving, this summer we'll be investing in new measures to:

- Give even more support to the police because we're determined to crackdown on crime and anti-social behaviour
- Improve our public realm with new investment in neighbourhoods and high streets such as Uxbridge Road, King Street, Fulham Broadway and Wandsworth Bridge Road.
- Put new and better recreation facilities in our parks and open spaces.

We're working to make H&F an even better place to live and work. I hope you have a great summer.



**Cllr Stephen Cowan**  
Leader of H&F



**Cllr Stephen Cowan**  
Leader of  
Hammersmith & Fulham



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Charing Cross Hospital

## First we saved Charing Cross Hospital. Now we'll help rebuild it

H&F is fighting hard to protect our local hospitals and improve services at Charing Cross and Hammersmith

**OUR "SAVE Charing Cross Hospital"** campaign – in which the council and residents stood together – was successful in stopping the previous government from closing our local hospital and selling the land off to property developers.

Last year, the new Health Secretary confirmed that Charing Cross, alongside Hammersmith and St Mary's hospitals, had been reinstated to the New Hospital Programme.

Now, we are working hand-in-hand with Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust to **accelerate the full refurbishment** of Charing Cross and Hammersmith hospitals.

We know national budgets are limited so we are looking at how we can develop alternative funding options to fast-track the process.

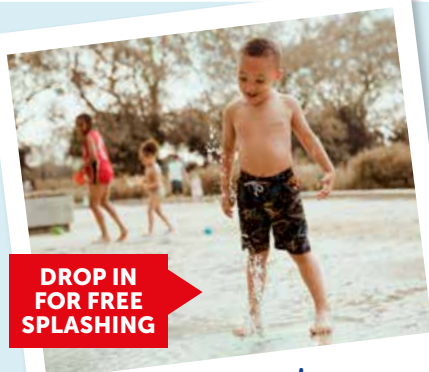
We have created a partnership between healthcare bosses, academics at Imperial College

London and H&F Council to extend the role of the hospitals as global centres of life science innovation. **That will boost the economy and help secure new investment.**

Crucially, it will also help release finances to modernise NHS services. **It's another example of how H&F is working to ensure that local residents have ever-improving services on their doorsteps.**



Hammersmith Hospital



**DROP IN FOR FREE SPLASHING**

Bishops Park splashpad



**BOOK FREE PADDLING ONLINE**



Ravenscourt Park paddling pool

## Stay cool with a splash in our parks

**OUR PADDLING** pool and splashpad are *swim-ply* the best ways to enjoy H&F over the summer.

In Hammersmith, the **Ravenscourt Park paddling pool** is open for free. Book a 90-minute session for your toddlers and children online at [lbhf.gov.uk/paddling-pool](http://lbhf.gov.uk/paddling-pool) or scan

the QR code above.

In Fulham, our **Bishops Park splashpad** is free to use for all children and young people. It boasts three sets of water jets and a long sandy beach area.

Find it in the middle of the park between the lake and the skate bowl.

## Take the Summer Reading Challenge

**WE'RE INVITING** children aged 4-11 to join our great adventure exploring the world where stories grow.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge will have a ton of exciting **free** events, challenges and prizes. You and your family can head down to any H&F library from Saturday 5 July until Sunday 14 September to uncover the magic.

We're thrilled to once again be working with the Reading Agency to deliver the popular event and support their mission to inspire growth through the power of reading. To find out more, keep an eye on our website:

[lbhf.gov.uk/libraries](http://lbhf.gov.uk/libraries)



# Your summer top picks

Seven of the best events this summer  
& our full What's On guide has more!



1



## Hammersmith Summer Street Fest

**7 JUNE** – from 11am

Sensational live music, street food and interactive workshops in **King Street** and **Lyric Square**.

2



## HSBC Championships at The Queen's Club

**7-22 JUNE**

Enjoy Women's singles and doubles 7-15 June, and Men's singles 14-22 June.

3



## Armed Forces Day at St Paul's Gardens

**28 JUNE** – from noon

A free community celebration with military displays, local historians and live entertainment.

4



## The Black Literary Festival

**28 JUNE** – from noon

Join **Riverside Studios** in celebration of Black authors in the UK. Meet and hear from 26 Black authors. Learn about their experiences and what motivates them. Signed books available.

5



## North End Road Summer Festival

**12 JULY** – from 10am

The popular summer festival returns to **North End Road in Fulham**, with entertainment for all. Explore eclectic market stalls, delicious treats, live music and street performances.

6



## 101 Dalmatians the Musical

**FROM 18 JULY**

You'd be barking mad to miss this smash-hit musical, as the puppies take over **Eventim Apollo Hammersmith** for six weeks this summer. Based on Dodie Smith's well-loved novel.

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## Jazz on the Lawn at Fulham Palace

**1-2 AUGUST** – 7.30pm

Night one features saxophonist Derek Nash and singer Noel McCalla, celebrating the music of Stevie Wonder. Night two welcomes dynamic vocalist and pianist, Liane Carroll.

Want more?



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**STRONGER**

# H&F is UK's fastest growing economy in future industries

We've helped create 13,200 new jobs as the borough becomes a global hub of innovation and talent

**UPSTREAM  
LONDON**

**HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM** is UK's fastest growing economy in future industries thanks to our pioneering industrial strategy, Upstream London.

Launched in 2017, we've attracted a record £6billion in investment and helped create 13,200 new jobs locally. We've done this by working with Imperial

College London and leading local innovators in our White City Innovation District to create a **global economic hotspot** – where prosperity is shared.

We want to help local young people into careers in the hottest industries of the 21st century.

Eighty-five per cent of all

investment is in the 'STEM<sup>3</sup>' fields of science, technology, engineering, maths, medicine and media.

Now, renowned companies such as Autolus, L'Oréal and Novartis are based in White City, while our new Civic Campus in Hammersmith will continue to **boost local opportunities and prosperity for all.**

## Curating a clear path into jobs of future

**WE ARE NOW TAKING** Upstream London to the next level.

The recently launched H&F Upstream Pathway Bond brings together businesses and educators to offer young people a clear path into new careers and skills in the hottest new tech industries.

### How does it work?

We're building real links between local young people and our booming business community.

Almost 100 local businesses have now signed up to our Pathway Bond and will provide young people with the chance to gain access or take part in the following:

- **EXCITING** interactive opportunities to gain insights into careers in science, technology, engineering, maths, medicine and media

- **NEW** work experience schemes
- **APPRENTICESHIPS** and jobs
- **HIGH-QUALITY** new tech study spaces
- **MENTORING** programmes that pair students with business professionals
- **PLACEMENTS** across the UK and overseas with H&F's STEM<sup>3</sup> economic growth partners
- **ACCESS** inclusive entry-level training for young people exploring their first steps into the workplace including wrap-around support, employability skills and career advice – covering job interview techniques, CV writing and job search advice.

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We want H&F to be a true innovation campus borough – a place where ideas upstream of current thinking become a reality

Cllr Stephen Cowan, Leader of Hammersmith & Fulham



**Spotlight on White City:** Clockwise from top left, aspiring fashion students from Fulham Cross Academy connect with famous designer Jimmy Choo; pupils work with Imperial scientists; climbing at the WEST Youth Zone; the Energy Futures Lab in White City

## STRONGER



# 43.3%

economic growth from 2016 to 2023 in H&F (compared to 34.1% in London and 36.1% nationally)



# 15.2%

economic growth in 2022-23 – No. 1 in London and No. 9 in the UK



# £6billion

invested – this is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the entire total for West London since 2017

**£507million**

– creative, digital, film and screen

**£1.8billion**

– life sciences and healthcare

**£934million**

– cyber, AI and fintech

**Money invested**

**£1.1billion**

– green and climate tech

**£1.659billion**

– other



# 13,200

new jobs created



# 13% growth

in productivity in H&F since 2017 – London average only 5%



# 4,000

members in our Upstream Nexus local business network



# 6,471

local businesses supported



# 4,780

affordable homes out of 9,623 approved



# 192,000m<sup>2</sup>

of commercial space approved since 2017

## Global partners

**WE'VE FORGED** even powerful international partnerships to share knowledge and drive innovation and investment across H&F:



Barcelona, Spain



Oslo and Lillestrøm, Norway



Milan, Italy



Melbourne, Australia



Buenos Aires, Argentina



Rzeszów, Poland

## Find out more...

To find out more about Upstream London, scan this QR code to watch our video or visit: [lbhf.gov.uk/upstream-london](https://lbhf.gov.uk/upstream-london)



For more details about the H&F Upstream Pathway Bond, email: [business-support@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:business-support@lbhf.gov.uk)



**SAFER**

# Our fight against crime and anti-social behaviour



We have stepped in to give the Met Police unprecedented support to tackle crime – but there's still more to do

**WE'RE RAMPING** up our efforts to keep people safe this summer with more people out enjoying our high streets, parks and events.

## How we're funding the fight against crime:

**£4.5million**

for our leading CCTV network

**£4.85million**

for our one-of-a-kind Law Enforcement Team

**£1million**

for our pioneering Gangs Unit

**£250,000**

to prevent violence against women and girls

H&F Leader Stephen Cowan says: "We won't tolerate crime or disorder in H&F. We know how tough it is for the Met – so we're delivering unprecedented support. That includes our Law Enforcement Team (LET) officers patrolling in every ward and the best, most sophisticated CCTV network in the country to help fight crime."

### Eyes in the sky

We're investing **£4.5million** over four years in a CCTV system monitoring our streets, estates, parks and open spaces. Our **2,500** cameras across H&F help our team spot issues and live stream footage to Met officers.

### Boots on the ground

Camera operators are also connected to our **72-strong** team of LET officers, who patrol our streets day and night to keep them safe and clean.

To report concerns or book a meeting with your local LET officer, call **020 8753 1100** (option 3) or email: [let.hf@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:let.hf@lbhf.gov.uk)

In an emergency always call **999**

**“We won't tolerate crime or disorder in H&F”**





**Cracking down:** Officers from our Law Enforcement Team on patrol. Left, our CCTV unit has more cameras to detect crime per person than anywhere in the country. Bottom, get your bike marked for safety.

### Protecting women and girls

We're the first borough in the country to make street harassment a fineable offence anywhere in the borough. Penalties reach up to **£1,000**.

We're urging everyone to report harassment. This helps us direct our LET patrols to trouble spots and hold abusers accountable. It's part of our work to end violence against women and girls. Report harassment by emailing: [report-harassment@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:report-harassment@lbhf.gov.uk)

### Preventing young people falling into crime

We're investing nearly **£1million** in our pioneering Gangs Unit. Working with the Met, our team helps prevent young people at risk from being exploited by criminals.

### Get your bike security marked

Protect your bike by getting it marked by the police.

We're holding events throughout the summer and will give you tamper-proof labels to identify your bike and make it less attractive to thieves.

Find an event near you: [lbhf.gov.uk/bike-marking](http://lbhf.gov.uk/bike-marking)



**SAFER**

**Need help?  
Report it**



### Anti-social behaviour

Our Law Enforcement Team can help tackle anti-social behaviour and environmental crime across our streets, parks and estates – 24/7. Email: [let.hf@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:let.hf@lbhf.gov.uk) Call: **020 8753 1100 (option 3)** In an emergency, always call **999**.

### Street harassment

Report specific areas of concern to help us target patrols. Drop a pin at [lbhf.gov.uk/street-harassment](http://lbhf.gov.uk/street-harassment) or send the details by email to [report-harassment@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:report-harassment@lbhf.gov.uk). If you've been a victim of street harassment, support is available. For full details, please visit [lbhf.gov.uk/vawg-support](http://lbhf.gov.uk/vawg-support)

### Hate crime

There's no place for hate in H&F. Reach out for tailored support: Email: [hatecrime@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:hatecrime@lbhf.gov.uk) Call: **020 8753 2693**

## Your safety in numbers

Our work with the Met Police is delivering results to make H&F safer.



**Motor vehicle offences DOWN**



**38%**



**Possession of weapons DOWN**



**16%**



**Personal robbery DOWN**



**13%**



**Hate crime offences DOWN**



**3%**

**KINDER**

**We're making  
H&F a kinder  
place to live**



# We've saved £138million by **ruthless financial efficiency** and modernising how we work. That's why we can re-invest in unique services you simply wouldn't get anywhere else

**WE ARE** delivering many unique services that people simply cannot get anywhere else. We do this to make H&F the best borough in which to live, work and socialise in the country.

H&F Deputy Leader Alex Sanderson says: "As a compassionate council we're constantly working to improve the lives of people living in H&F. And we're supported by the selfless work of local people and organisations who go above and beyond to support their communities and neighbours."

## Free home care

Since 2015, **more than 5,000** older and Disabled people have been supported through our free home care service. It helps them live independently for longer in their own homes. We're still the only council in England to offer this life-changing support.

## Cost-of-living support

We know the very high cost of living puts pressure on local families and residents. We're here to help and have handled more than **30,000 calls** from local people since January 2024, assisting **7,500 people**.

If you're struggling to pay for necessities including food, gas or electricity, you may be eligible to receive up to £900 from our Hardship Prevention Fund. For more information visit: [lbhf.gov.uk/costofliving](https://lbhf.gov.uk/costofliving)

## Support for care leavers

We want to ensure local young people with care experience have the **same opportunities** and chances in life as their peers.

In 2023, we opened a hub in Shepherd's Bush where they can see friends, meet with their social workers, study or even do their laundry. They are also exempt from council tax and have access to dedicated support designed to help them transition into adulthood and settle into their first home.

## Three new Family Hubs

Our three new Family Hubs are community centres where you can find support and guidance for you and your family. For details visit: [lbhf.gov.uk/familyhubs](https://lbhf.gov.uk/familyhubs).

Find your nearest hub here:

- **W12:** Family Hub Old Oak Community Centre
- **SW6:** Family Hub Tudor Rose Community Centre
- **SW6:** Family Hub Stephen Wiltshire Centre, which is our specialist SEND centre.

## Free school breakfasts

We were the first borough in London to offer free breakfasts to all primary pupils. Since 2019, we've served more than **two million free meals** to young learners.

## Help for veterans

We pledged extra support for our local veterans. **This includes cutting council tax for veterans by 25%**, helping members of our Armed Forces community access **affordable housing** and adapting homes for wounded soldiers.



## 60,000+ free theatre tickets!

We want to help everyone enjoy local theatre. Our **Free First Night** scheme at Lyric Theatre Hammersmith offers people who live or work in H&F **TWO FREE TICKETS** to every major show. So far we've given away **60,000+ free tickets**.

YOUNG H&F

Summer  
in the  
city  
2025

FREE!

# Summer fun for the kids

Hundreds of **FREE** activities with **FREE** food for children and young people as our Summer in the City party returns to H&F

**IT'S BACK!** Summer in the City returns to bring hundreds of **FREE** activities and **FREE** food for children and young people during the summer holiday.

The busy line-up of events is open to anyone aged four to 16 (and up to 25 for those with additional needs).

We have 30 providers offering everything from sports, music and drama to arts & crafts and dance. There will also be a wide range of family-friendly events hosted across the borough. Every year we work with Brook Green charity LMP Action to help coordinate our Summer in the City events.

All events are **FREE** – including food on the day.

## CommUNITY Day

The Summer in the City programme will be launched at this year's CommUNITY Day. Join us for the fun in Ravenscourt Park, Hammersmith, on **Saturday 19 July from 11am to 5pm**.

Providers from across the borough will be offering activities, alongside inflatables, face painting, food and more.



**SIGN UP FOR EVENTS NOW!**

[lbhf.gov.uk/summerinthecity](https://lbhf.gov.uk/summerinthecity)  
or scan the QR code



# Our standout schools in H&F



**H&F IS** one of the best places to live for the top performing schools in the country. All our schools in H&F are currently rated as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted.

Our impressive line-up of excellent schools are led by our teachers and school staff working tirelessly each academic year alongside parents to help our young people reach their potential. We know choosing a primary school is an enormous decision for parents, and that first day at school is a huge moment in every child's life.

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, they will be starting reception in

primary school from September 2026.

You can start applying for a school place from 1 September 2025 when the applications open. The application process closes on **15 January 2026**, and the national offer day is **16 April 2026**. Applications for secondary school places will open this year on **1 September** and close on **31 October**.

## ➔ APPLY ONLINE

For admissions criteria, hints and tips, and to apply for your place:  
[lbhf.gov.uk/admissions](https://lbhf.gov.uk/admissions)



## We pioneered free breakfasts for all primary school children

**WE OFFER** free breakfast daily to pupils at 30 local primary schools and two nurseries. That's because we want every child to start the day with a full stomach.

We were the first borough in London to offer free breakfasts to all primary pupils, as we believe that no child should ever be too hungry to learn. Since we started offering free breakfasts in 2019, we've served

more than two million meals to young learners.

Our work doesn't stop when school is out. Last year, we offered families in need more than 5,000 holiday food packs for children who might otherwise miss the breakfast they normally eat at school.

Claire Fletcher, Headteacher at St Paul's CE Primary School in Hammersmith, said: "I welcome H&F's commitment to tackle the very real issue of food poverty."



# Our Tiny Forests are branching out

Six new urban woodlands provide homes for local wildlife and help reduce pollution

NORLAND OPEN SPACE



FRANK BANFIELD PARK



**SIX NEW** Tiny Forests have been planted locally with the help of green-fingered volunteers.

The densely packed trees – planted in plots about the size of a tennis court – work to clean our air, boost local biodiversity and green our parks. It's hoped that each Tiny Forest will attract more than 500 different plant and animal species in its first three years.

Since we started, more than 2,000 trees have been planted across our Tiny Forest network. You can find the forests in:

## Fulham

- Normand Park, W14 9PB
- Eelbrook Common, SW6 4PT

## White City

- Hammersmith Park, W12 7NU
- Wormholt Park, W12 0LQ

## Hammersmith

- Frank Banfield Park, W6 9US

## Shepherds Bush

- Norland Open Space, W11 4JX



## DID YOU KNOW?

H&F is home to London's first ever Tiny Forest, planted in March 2021. Its 600+ native trees and shrubs are thriving in Hammersmith Park

HAMMERSMITH PARK

# How to **green** your street

Neighbours in Shepherds Bush have planted leafy new tree pits in Lime Grove. Have a look!



1

**Preparation:** The green-fingered volunteers built six boxes around the tree pits to protect and contain their new planting.

2

**Planting:** The volunteers chose a selection of perennials and bulbs to provide interest throughout the year.



3

**The result:** Created by (left to right) Askew Road residents Bryan Furlong, David Kelly and Grainne Furlong with Lime Grove resident Wilf MacDonald Brown. The work was made possible thanks to generous discounts from **W6 Garden Centre** and **A.J.Ferguson Timber Merchants** in Keith Grove, W12.

## FANCY GIVING IT A GO?

Here are some ways H&F Council can help you keep your street green and clean. Try teaming up with neighbours to enhance the leafiness of your area.

### Plant in tree pits

Add a pop of colour to your street by planting flowers, herbs and shrubs at the base of a tree.

Once you've selected your location, **please let us know**. We will notify our contractors to make sure they don't weed your tree base by mistake.

Call **020 8753 1100** or email **cleaner.greener@lbhf.gov.uk**

### Adopt a street tree

Got a young tree in your neighbourhood? In hot weather they need our help. Please water it so it stays alive and healthy.

- 1 **Water regularly** – trees need approximately 10 litres a week during summer
- 2 **Morning or evening** – water during cooler parts of the day to prevent evaporation
- 3 **Use rainwater** – keep your tree happy and water bills low
- 4 **Be consistent** – even a little water goes a long way for young trees.

OFFER

**Get £250 to beautify YOUR street!**

We're championing local green projects that make our borough more environmentally friendly. Apply online for a Climate Action Microgrant of up to £250 to cover materials for your tree pit planting project.

**lbhf.gov.uk/climate-microgrant**



➔ **TAG US ON INSTAGRAM!**

We'd love to see your leafy new street plantings. Tag us **@hfcouncil**

# Explore your local parks & green spaces

Our 55 local parks and open spaces are waiting for you. Here are some of our local favourites – from picnic spaces to sunbathing spots, H&F has it all

21

prestigious  
Green Flag  
Awards



## Wormwood Scrubs

Our largest open space – Wormwood Scrubs – is in the north of the borough. More than **250 species of wildflowers** grow across the site and almost **100 species of birds** live in the **77 hectares** of green space.

The Scrubs is also home to H&F's newest **local nature reserve**. It covers the site's entire meadow area in the north-west of the Scrubs.

## Bishops Park

In the south is leafy Bishops Park. It's registered as a park of **special historic interest** by English Heritage with the Grade I-listed Fulham Palace nearby.

The park stretches from Putney Bridge to Fulham Football Club and has a lake, tennis courts, bowling greens, a rose garden, Spanish war memorial garden and more.

WORMWOOD  
SCRUBS

55

public parks and  
open spaces  
across H&F

BISHOPS  
PARK

## Hammersmith Park

Sitting between Shepherds Bush and White City, this park is not far from Loftus Road stadium and the Westfield shopping centre. Recently we've revamped the basketball and tennis courts to make them ready for summer.

London's **first-ever Tiny Forest** was planted in the park in 2021. Made up of **600 native trees**, it's working to boost biodiversity, support local wildlife and clean our air.

The park's unique historic **Japanese garden** – called the Garden of Peace – was unveiled in 1910 to celebrate links between England and Japan. It's the oldest publicly owned Japanese garden in the UK.



**HAMMERSMITH PARK**

## Furnivall Gardens

This riverside park is the perfect spot to watch **local wildlife** and for **water sports** fans to enjoy the Thames.

In the east corner of the park you can find **The Berlin Lamp**, a West Berlin streetlamp gifted to H&F by Willy Brandt, the Mayor of Berlin, in 1963. It celebrates our twinning with Neukölln, one of the 12 boroughs in Germany's capital.

## Brook Green

Brook Green, Hammersmith, is known for its unusual shape but did you also know that most of the park's trees are between **80 and 140 years old**?

As well as the ancient trees, the park is home to a dog park, café, three floodlit tennis courts, two mini tennis courts, and a recently refurbished children's play area.



**FURNIVALL GARDENS**



## FEEL THE BURN

**DID YOU KNOW** H&F has eight outdoor gyms? They're free to use and include moving and static equipment designed to help you improve your balance, strength and stamina. Find them in:

- Bishops Park, SW6 6EA
- Hammersmith Park, W12 7FW
- Normand Park, W14 9PB
- Rowberry Mead, SW6 6PE
- South Park, SW6 3EB
- Upper Mall Open Space W6 9TD
- And find two in Wormwood Scrubs, W12 0DF.

**6**

**Tiny Forests**  
boosting local  
biodiversity and  
cleaning our air



**FIND OUR PARKS MAP AT:**  
[lbhf.gov.uk/parks-and-spaces](http://lbhf.gov.uk/parks-and-spaces)

A new, safer street outside Sir John Lillie primary in Fulham



## We're creating cleaner, greener and safer streets

Healthy school runs, cleaner energy and more green spaces are all helping to cut the deadly toxins in the air we breathe

**HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM** is the tenth worst area in England for air pollution. Children are particularly sensitive as their bodies and lungs develop.

Here's how we're working with schools and residents to change this for the better:

### School Streets Plus

Our new School Streets Plus trials are creating **cleaner and safer** ways for families to get their kids to school. The trials are located at the following primary schools across H&F – Wendell Park, Sir John Lillie and Holy Cross Catholic.

Managing the traffic flow during school drop-offs and pick-ups helps **protect pupils from toxic emissions**, and makes walking and cycling easier and safer too.

These School Streets Plus schemes are accompanied by a wave of improvements to local streets, including new **wider pavements**, more **bike parking** and more **green planting** to help filter the air.



School Streets Plus at Wendell Park Primary



## GREENER

### IN NUMBERS



# 2,800

**Electric vehicle chargers**  
in the borough, making it the  
best network in the UK



# 120

**Cycle storage hangars**  
installed in local streets, with  
380 more to come by 2027



# 1,482

**Tonnes of food waste**  
collected by H&F in 2024 –  
used to create compost or  
renewable energy for farmers



# 270

**Solar panels installed**  
at local schools



Launching our  
community solar scheme  
at Jack Tizard School

#### H&F GREEN INVESTMENT

A unique council  
scheme inviting  
investors to help  
fund local green  
projects



New rain gardens at King  
Street, Hammersmith and  
(right) Purcell Crescent



#### £2million Green Investment

H&F is the **first** council in the UK to raise £2million for vital environmental improvements.

These funds from investors are going towards projects including **new rain gardens** that help protect homes from flooding and create cool spaces for the summer. You can watch these rain gardens bloom in King Street, Hammersmith; Purcell Crescent, Fulham; and Edith Road, West Kensington.



Meanwhile, residents can soon invest in our **community solar scheme** at Jack Tizard School. Earn approximately 3% in interest and help the White City school save on their energy bills.

#### Let the sun pay for your energy

You can soon install bigger and better **solar panels** to run your home on sunshine.

To help, we're simplifying the process to help power and heat H&F with greener, cleaner energy. Get started at: [lbhf.gov.uk/solar-panels](http://lbhf.gov.uk/solar-panels)



#### GET SOLAR

We're making it easier for local residents to install solar panels on their homes, for greener, cleaner energy

# Let's get recycling right this summer



Are you doing your bit? Here's your handy guide to recycling in H&F



## YES PLEASE!

Place these items in your household recycling:



### ◀ Mixed paper & card

Card, cardboard, paper (clean and dry; but no glitter please!)



### ◀ Mixed glass bottles & jars

Glass bottles, jars (with lids placed loose in recycling)



### ◀ Cartons

Cartons, Tetra Paks (squash and keep plastic lids on)



### ◀ Plastic packing containers

Plastic bottles, tubs, trays, pots (squashed and lids placed back on)



### ◀ Food tins & drink cans

Aluminium and steel tins and cans (clean and empty)

## Top recycling tips

- Flatten cardboard boxes
- Rinse out bottles, jars and cartons
- Squash and keep the lids on bottles and cartons



## NO THANKS!

Please don't put these items in your recycling:



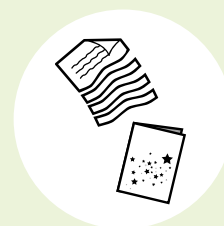
### ◀ Black sacks

Black sacks should be used for general household waste only. Place in your black bin



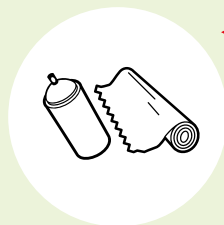
### ◀ Food waste/ garden waste

Use the dedicated bins, if you have them, or try home composting



### ◀ Shredded paper/ giftwrap & cards with glitter

Sadly these can't be recycled. Place in your black bin



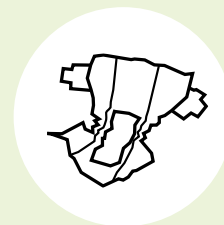
### ◀ Aerosols/tin foil

For safety and contamination reasons these can't be recycled. Place in black bin



### ◀ Textiles

Drop textiles off at H&F libraries, or find a textile recycling bank at [lbhf.gov.uk/traid](http://lbhf.gov.uk/traid)



### ◀ Nappies

To prevent contamination of your recycling, nappies should go in black bins

## SIGN UP! To our brand new garden waste collections

It's Cheap, Easy and Green. After 15 years without a garden waste service, we're aiming to make your collections as hassle-free as possible.

## ➔ FIND OUT MORE:

[lbhf.gov.uk/garden-waste](http://lbhf.gov.uk/garden-waste)





**GREENER**



# Recycle your small electricals

Did you know that 880million electrical items are lying unused in UK homes?

**YOU CAN** help us protect the environment by recycling your unwanted or broken electrical items. Bring your items to be recycled at one of the 14 small electrical banks across the borough. **Scan the QR code for a full list of locations.**

The items we accept include hair dryers, mobile phones, kettles, computer keyboards, laptops and radios. These items are mostly made of plastic and metal.

**SCAN  
HERE FOR  
LOCATIONS**



## Got a larger item?

For tips on what to do with items such as computers, refrigerators and washing machines, visit: [lbhf.gov.uk/bulky-waste](http://lbhf.gov.uk/bulky-waste)

## Get your gadgets fixed

If your electrical item needs a fix, bring it to the Livat shopping centre in Hammersmith. The West London Central Fixers hold regular repair cafes to get electrical items working again.

Book in a repair: [lbhf.gov.uk/e-repairs](http://lbhf.gov.uk/e-repairs)



**FROM  
£12**



**FROM  
£3.50**



**FROM  
£5.50**

# Don't buy, borrow

**YOU CAN** save money and reduce waste with our Library of Things at the Livat shopping centre in King Street, Hammersmith.

Tackle summer DIY and activities for less, by renting gadgets and gear. Local borrowers have already saved more than £700,000 by borrowing instead of buying. Daily rates for summer essentials include:

- Ice cream makers from **£3.50**
- Tents from **£5.50**
- Hedge trimmer from **£12**
- Strimmer from **£12**

## ➔ GET STARTED

To sign up, just scan the QR code or visit: [libraryofthings.co.uk/hammersmith](http://libraryofthings.co.uk/hammersmith)



## → Get involved!

There are lots of ways to get active in H&F, meet your community or upskill. Here are some ideas



### Learn new skills at Macbeth Centre

We're offering more than 450 courses starting this September at our Hammersmith learning centre

**FROM UPHOLSTERY** to computers and fitness, Macbeth Centre – located just off King Street in Hammersmith – has something for everyone.

We can help you build your CV or find a fun new hobby. We're offering a **10% early bird discount** for our autumn classes.

Browse upcoming courses online or try a tester session first (see right).

#### ➔ ENROL NOW

Call **020 8753 3600**  
today or enrol online at:  
**hfals.ac.uk**



### Try a taster session

Macbeth Centre is celebrating its **150th anniversary of providing education in Hammersmith.**

You're invited to join our **free summer open day** on Saturday 12 July from 10am to 3pm. It's your chance to sample free taster sessions before the new term starts at the Macbeth Centre, just off King Street in Hammersmith.

Since first opening its doors in 1875, the Macbeth Centre has been at the heart of education in the borough for generations. The landmark birthday will be marked with special events throughout the year.



### Host a Play Street

You can turn your road into a fun, safe space for children to play.

The summer is the perfect time to get outside with your kids. Try hopscotch, chalk drawing or relay races to make the most of the car-free space.

Apply for a free three-hour road closure in these easy steps:

- 1 Chat to your neighbours and decide on a date
- 2 Apply online for a free temporary road closure at [lbhf.gov.uk/playstreets](http://lbhf.gov.uk/playstreets)
- 3 Once approved, get planning!





## Throw a street party

**Bring your neighbours and local community together with a street party in the sunshine.**

To organise a street party or fete, all you need to do is:

- 1 Pick a date – apply at least six weeks before your event
- 2 Read our guidance and fill in one simple form on our website – details below
- 3 Once approved, plan the day with your neighbours. Consider a pot-luck lunch or a viewing party for summer sporting events like Wimbledon or the Women's Euros.

### ➡ APPLY ONLINE

To get your application off the ground visit:  
[lbhf.gov.uk/streetparties](https://lbhf.gov.uk/streetparties)



Street parties held by H&F residents in 2023 for King Charles III's Coronation. Clockwise from top left: Binden Road, W12, Niton Street, SW6 and Starfield Road, W12

# ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, GO!

## 1887

The year Thames Valley Harriers was formed

### Get on track with the Thames Valley Harriers at the Linford Christie Stadium

**THAMES VALLEY** Harriers is London's premier athletics club, based in Wormwood Scrubs.

It has counted **multiple Team GB Olympians** among its number. It is also the go-to place for any adults or youngsters wanting to get involved in track or field athletics.

Formed in 1887, the club moved to its current home at the Linford Christie Stadium in 1979, named after its greatest ever sprinter, though certainly not its only notable member.

Its first-ever Olympian was **George Traynor**, who in 1936 competed in the long jump in Berlin alongside **Jesse Owens** from Team USA.

More recently, pole-vaulter **Molly Caudery**, who trains with the Harriers, represented Team GB at Paris 2024.

The Thames Valley Harriers have developed a vibrant community of runners, catering for **all ages and abilities**. Training is mostly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm.

For youngsters, its **Kids on Track** scheme is a weekly session for children aged 8-14, enabling them to have fun while learning to run, jump and throw.

It takes place every Saturday at the Linford Christie Stadium at 9am (ages 8-10) and 10.15am (ages 11-14). £8 per session.

Learn athletics at Linford Christie Stadium (below) in the footsteps of Olympians Molly Caudery (top/centre) and Linford Christie



Molly Caudery and Linford Christie © Getty Images



**FIND OUT MORE:**  
[thamesvalleyharriers.com](https://thamesvalleyharriers.com)



# Set a time to get your game on

Booking your spot couldn't be easier for our pitches, courts and pools

**SERVE UP** some fun this summer by booking one of our many pools, pitches and courts.

We have dozens of affordable five-a-side and full-size football pitches on both grass and artificial turf spread throughout the borough. In addition, we have more than 35 tennis courts to play on. You can even play a game of squash at the Hammersmith Fitness & Squash Centre. The venues are easily accessible and, in most cases,

available to casual players with no membership requirements.

You can also make the most of our five leisure centres. Both Fulham Pools and the Phoenix Fitness Centre in White City provide the perfect place to take the plunge, whether you're there to train or play.

They're an affordable way to cool off on hot summer days or make an easy escape during the long summer holidays.

## BOOK YOUR SPOT

Scan the QR code or visit:  
[lbhf.gov.uk/sports-and-parks](http://lbhf.gov.uk/sports-and-parks)



## Polo returns to Hurlingham Park this June



The world's biggest three-day polo and lifestyle event starts on Friday 6 June

**THE CHESTERTONS** Polo in the Park event sees polo teams from six countries compete in fast-paced games, as well as children's activities, a food market and a shopping village.

The story of our Fulham park and polo is extraordinary. It's where the 'modern day' rules of polo were written in 1875. Later, it hosted two Olympic Games for polo and it has given its name to the governing body of Polo in UK – The Hurlingham Polo Association.

In its 1920s heyday, Hurlingham Park was the home field for the Maharajas of India to play polo during the European summer and it was the local tournaments that first introduced polo to the USA.

Now, more than 100 years later, the major event helps fund improvements and maintenance to the park.

## GET TICKETS

For more details and bookings visit:  
[polointheparklondon.com](http://polointheparklondon.com)



# What's On

Here's your guide to summer events and activities in Hammersmith & Fulham



31 May to 12 July

## Miss Myrtle's Garden at Bush Theatre

This world premiere production is a wonderfully warm, witty and life-affirming exploration into how we acknowledge the past and confront life head on in the present.

[bushtheatre.co.uk](http://bushtheatre.co.uk)

From Sunday 1 June



## Pride month events

Celebrate Pride month with a range of free events. Everyone's welcome to come along and wave their rainbow flags throughout H&F.

[lbhf.gov.uk](http://lbhf.gov.uk)

Thursday 5 June

## Grace Mulvey: Did you hear we are all going to die? at Irish Cultural Centre

Grace Mulvey brings her highly anticipated and darkly funny work-in-progress stand-up show to London's home of Irish culture in central Hammersmith.

[irishculturalcentre.co.uk](http://irishculturalcentre.co.uk)

Friday 6 June

## Paris Paloma at O2 Shepherds Bush Empire

The English singer-songwriter shot to stardom with the release of her debut album *Cacophony* in 2024. Now she heads to W12 to kick off your summer.

[academymusicgroup.com](http://academymusicgroup.com)



31 May to 12 July  
Catch a world premiere play at Bush Theatre

6 to 8 June



## Chestertons Polo in the Park at Hurlingham Park

Join the largest polo tournament in the world, here in Fulham. Six world-class polo teams representing different cities from around the world compete for victory.

[polointheparklondon.com](http://polointheparklondon.com)

Sunday 8 June

## Teddy Bear Picnic at Fulham Palace

Pack your picnic and favourite teddy, and head down to the palace for a magical day of family fun in the beautiful walled garden.

[fulhampalace.org](http://fulhampalace.org)



Friday 13 June

## Sarah Keyworth at Bush Hall

A mighty night of stand-up comedy headlined by *Live at the Apollo* star Sarah Keyworth. Supported by top comics Horatio Gould and Priya Hall.

[bushhallmusic.co.uk](http://bushhallmusic.co.uk)

Friday 13 June



## Rhys Darby: The Legend Returns at O2 Shepherds Bush Empire

Kiwi icon Rhys Darby returns with his latest stand-up show. In a world full of AI and robot tech, can a simple dad with slightly tight jeans stay relevant?

[academymusicgroup.com](http://academymusicgroup.com)

Sunday 15 June

## Cara Dillon at Irish Cultural Centre

A beacon of traditional Irish song, Cara blends vocal talent with a deep commitment to her cultural roots.

[irishculturalcentre.co.uk](http://irishculturalcentre.co.uk)

# LISTINGS

5 June

Lots of laughs with Grace Mulvey

8 June

Come along to the Teddy Bear Picnic

13 June

Sarah Keyworth stars at Bush Hall

16 to 22 June



## Refugee Week

Celebrate H&F's diverse community, cultures and the incredible impact of our local asylum seeker and refugee communities with a week of free family fun.

[lbhf.gov.uk/refugee-week](http://lbhf.gov.uk/refugee-week)

Friday 20 June

## Alana Jackson: Last Orders at Riverside Studios

The winner of *So you think you're funny? 2024* makes her Edinburgh Fringe debut this year. Join her as she tests out her latest show.

[riversidestudios.co.uk](http://riversidestudios.co.uk)

Saturday 21 June

## Odissi Sandhya at The Bhavan

Experience enchantment as the dancers of Nritya Alaap bring to life the timeless beauty of *Odissi* in this Indian classical dance performance.

[bhavan.net](http://bhavan.net)

Until Saturday 21 June



## Marriage Material at Lyric Hammersmith Theatre

Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti adapts the novel from Sathnam Sanghera, a sweeping family portrait directed by Iqbal Khan.

[lyric.co.uk](http://lyric.co.uk)

Saturday 21 June

## Fête de la Musique at Sands End Arts & Community Centre

Celebrate the start of summer with an afternoon of live music and enjoy performances from local musicians.

[seacc.uk](http://seacc.uk)

Sunday 22 June

## Family Picnic with POSK in Ravenscourt Park

To mark the end of the Second World War, the Polish Social and Cultural Association is hosting a picnic with live performances, food stalls, children's art workshops and a book fair.

[posk.org](http://posk.org)

23 to 28 June

## Trevor Noah: London 2025 at Hammersmith Eventim Apollo

One of the most successful comedians in the world, Noah is best known for his award-winning *The Daily Show*, Netflix specials, and sold-out shows.

[eventimapollo.com](http://eventimapollo.com)



Saturday 28 June

## The Insect Circus at Lyric Hammersmith Theatre

The magical world of *The Insect Circus* invites the audience to forget reality and become immersed in the strange and beautiful world of insects. Suitable for ages 2+.

[lyric.co.uk](http://lyric.co.uk)

21 July to 22 August

## Summer in the City

A whole summer of free fun for children and young people in H&F, including those with special educational needs and disabilities. Sessions include theatre programmes, dance classes, basketball workshops, arts and crafts, music and spoken word performances, baking and more. Every activity includes a free meal to keep them fuelled for the fun.

[lbhf.gov.uk](http://lbhf.gov.uk)

TOP PICK



# LISTINGS



29 June

Salsa beats with Victor Manuelle



4 July

Celebrate Independence Day



10 July

Brazilian trio Djangada get funky

## Saturday 28 June



### Jellyfish Dragon Wagon at Sands End Arts & Community Centre

A joyfully interactive family show set in a colourful retro caravan, packed with puppetry, music and laughter. [seacc.uk](http://seacc.uk)

## Sunday 29 June

### The Wind in the Willows at Fulham Palace

Pack your picnic and settle in for a magical outdoor performance in the beautiful walled garden at the palace. [fulhampalace.org](http://fulhampalace.org)

## Sunday 29 June

### Victor Manuelle: Retromántico Tour PT.2 at O2 Shepherds Bush Empire

Latin GRAMMY Award-winner and salsa icon Victor Manuelle will perform live with his full band for an unforgettable evening of music, rhythm and passion.

[academymusicgroup.com](http://academymusicgroup.com)

## Friday 4 July

### American Independence Day Hoedown at Sands End Arts & Community Centre

A night of live country music, line dancing, themed cocktails and good ol' Western fun.

[seacc.uk](http://seacc.uk)



## 5 and 6 July

### Edinburgh Preview: Anthem for Dissatisfaction at Irish Cultural Centre

A euphoric new play celebrating the power of live music, teenage angst, sibling rivalry and love. Catch it right here in Hammersmith before it heads for the Edinburgh Festival.

[irishculturalcentre.co.uk](http://irishculturalcentre.co.uk)

## 8 July to 23 August

### Sing Street at Lyric Hammersmith Theatre

Musical *Sing Street* conveys the thrill of young love and the power of music. [lyric.co.uk](http://lyric.co.uk)

## Tuesday 8 July



### Camila Cabello at Hammersmith Eventim Apollo

The global superstar brings her *Yours*, C tour to London this summer. [eventimapollo.com](http://eventimapollo.com)

## Thursday 10 July

### Djangada at Next Door Records

Dynamic Brazilian piano trio Djangada rework the classics of Gilberto Gil and Dorival Caymmi with a funky twist.

[nextdoorrecords.co.uk](http://nextdoorrecords.co.uk)

Djangada © Djangada

## Saturday 19 July

### CommUNITY Day at Ravenscourt Park

Celebrate everything H&F with our annual open-air CommUnity Day. Jam-packed with live music and entertainment, activities for all ages, street food from around the world, stalls from local traders and council departments, and fun for the whole family. Bring your friends, family and neighbours – everyone's welcome at this free event! [lbhf.gov.uk](http://lbhf.gov.uk)





**14 July**  
Ooh-la-la, it's Bastille Day!



**18 to 20 July**  
Dress the part for Hyper Japan



**2 August**  
Take a guided tour of our patch



**Saturday 12 July**  
Get into adult learning with free taster sessions

## Until Friday 11 July

### Free Music Fridays at Sands End Arts & Community Centre

Unwind, connect and enjoy live music with a different local artist or group each week – from acoustic sets to soulful vocals and more.  
[seacc.uk](http://seacc.uk)

## Saturday 12 July



### Summer Open Day at Macbeth Centre, Hammersmith

Join free taster sessions in Hammersmith – including arts and crafts, language lessons and more.  
[hfals.ac.uk](http://hfals.ac.uk)

## Monday 14 July

### Bastille Day at Sands End Arts & Community Centre

Celebrate Bastille Day with an evening of French-inspired food, music and festivities.  
[seacc.uk](http://seacc.uk)

## 18 to 20 July



### Hyper Japan at Olympia Events

From manga and anime, to live music, fashion, street food, gaming and technology, this immersive celebration showcases the latest and greatest of J-Culture.  
[events.olympia.london](http://events.olympia.london)

## Saturday 19 July

### Festival of Archaeology at Fulham Palace

Enjoy a guided tour exploring the gardens' rich history, from their monastic origins to their role as a sanctuary for the Bishops of London.  
[fulhampalace.org](http://fulhampalace.org)

## Sunday 27 July

### The Weirdest Sisters at Barons Court Theatre

A comedic and dark tale with a modern twist. *The Weirdest Sisters* follows the origin story to Shakespeare's most iconic witches.  
[baronscourtheatre.com](http://baronscourtheatre.com)

## 28 July to 24 August



### Camden Fringe at Barons Court Theatre

A vibrant array of theatre and comedy is on offer in Barons Court this summer as part of the Camden Fringe Festival.  
[baronscourtheatre.com](http://baronscourtheatre.com)

## Saturday 2 August

### Guided walk – meet at Stamford Brook tube station

Join a free walking tour of Hammersmith to admire its elegant houses and its many famous residents, such as art deco pioneer William Morris and his former Kelmscott House address on the riverside. Hosted by Hammersmith BID.  
[hammersmithbid.co.uk](http://hammersmithbid.co.uk)

## Until Sunday 17 August

### The Empire Strips Back at Riverside Studios

After selling out across Australia, the USA, Paris and Mexico City, hit burlesque parody *The Empire Strips Back* is making its way to London for the first time. Don't miss out!  
[riversidestudios.co.uk](http://riversidestudios.co.uk)

## Sunday 31 August

### Pride & Prejudice at Fulham Palace

Set in the walled garden, expect an evening of lively entertainment as Austen's beloved characters navigate love, society and misunderstandings.  
[fulhampalace.org](http://fulhampalace.org)



## Want more local listings? Get our e-newsletter

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At Leighton House, Kensington  
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counciltax](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/counciltax) to sign up



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recycling for those who love their gardens

## 2. BOOSTS

the amount of garden waste we send for composting

3. At just £1.84 a week it's



**MUCH CHEAPER** than private companies

## Our BEST VALUE way to collect garden waste is here!

We are now providing a **brand new service**, aimed at making your garden waste collection as hassle-free as possible. Our new weekly service will **collect and recycle** your green waste (grass cuttings, leaves, twigs/sticks, prunings, cut flowers and fallen fruit) for only £90 per year.

## CHEAP

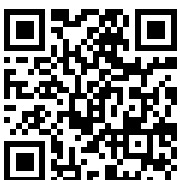
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