

NORTH PADDINGTON NEWS



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**INTRODUCING
THE NORTH PADDINGTON
PROGRAMME**

**COMMUNITY COOKING
IN MAIDA HILL**

**IMPROVING
WESTBOURNE GREEN AND
QUEEN'S PARK CANAL**



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Dear resident,

As a fellow resident here in North Paddington I am pleased to introduce to you the first edition of our new, quarterly newsletter which will be filled with lots of local news, covering the wards of Harrow Road, Queen's Park and Westbourne.

We want to use this newsletter to share local updates from both the council and from local community organisations, as well as to give you the opportunity to get involved and have your say.

In this edition we will also be introducing you to the North Paddington Programme, that places residents of Queen's Park, Harrow Road and Westbourne at the heart of delivery so we can truly deliver a Fairer Westminster.

Our aim is to celebrate the amazing work and achievements of the local people in North Paddington – so if you have updates to share, we'd love to hear from you!



Cllr Adam Hug
Leader of
Westminster City Council

NORTH PADDINGTON PARTNERSHIP BOARD

A key factor for the North Paddington Programme is the commitment to work directly with local people to help shape key decisions. In the first year, the programme was overseen by the North Paddington Partnership Board. This board provided oversight as part of the delivery of the programme and was made up of members from the North Paddington area.

For more information on the board please contact: Sarah Crampton, The North Paddington Strategic Lead.

✉ scrampton@westminster.gov.uk




WANT TO START A LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECT?

From 30 October, grant funding to support projects that benefit residents of North Paddington will be open. There is a total fund of £200,000 and each application can receive up to £10,000. Projects must support local residents to supply food, encourage physical activity or help those suffering from social isolation. To apply, contact Theodora Otoo-Quayson.

✉ totooquayson@westminster.gov.uk

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WHAT IS THE NORTH PADDINGTON PROGRAMME?

The North Paddington Programme is our first ever 'place-based' programme and is being developed with local people, community groups and charities.

By working with communities throughout Harrow Road, Queen's Park and Westbourne we will deliver a healthier, safer and more financially secure North Paddington area.

By collaborating with community stakeholders, we will address the unjust social, economic, health and environmental imbalances and inequality that exists within Westminster, with a focus initially on the northwest area.

We are committed to improving community outcomes and providing better opportunities for local people, by working much closer with North Paddington communities. All North Paddington projects are shaped by community engagement and working with residents and local partners.

"Proper community engagement is at the heart of the programme, and we are committed to ensuring our work is shaped by residents and the local North Paddington community. The programme has the full support of council and reflects our commitment to improving the lives of residents. During the next four years, we will be investing £20million into the area through projects related to this programme."



Debbie Jackson

Executive Director for Regeneration, Economy and Planning
(Senior Responsible Officer for North Paddington Programme)

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

WESTBOURNE



David Boothroyd
Labour



Adam Hug
Labour



Angela Piddock
Labour

QUEEN'S PARK



Patricia McAllister
Labour



Cara Sanquest
Labour



Hamza Taouzzale
Labour

HARROW ROAD



Concia Albert
Labour



Ruth Bush
Labour



Tim Roca
Labour

For councillor contact information and surgery times, please contact: northpaddingtonprogramme@westminster.gov.uk



MAIDA HILL MARKET



The council is committed to carrying out essential repairs to Maida Hill Market Square and to making changes that will improve residents' everyday experience of this important public space.

It's a vital local spot that needs improvements to not only offer more greening, but also better walking and accessibility options.

During the last few years, we have carried out lots of engagement within the community to help inform the design proposals for the improved space. This included community-based 'working group' meetings, school and youth workshops, targeted outreach meetings and public consultation events.

The latest of these events ran between 27 March and 23 April through a pop-up stall at the Maida Hill Market Square. It also included an online survey which received 629 responses.

Encouragingly, 82% of respondents 'agreed' or 'strongly agreed' with the design proposals.

In 18 September, construction works began to address drainage issues in the area. This constituted 'phase one' of our work and finished at the start of November. From January 2024 until summer, the council will start 'phase two' of the works, where the main construction improvements will take place.

Throughout both construction phases, pedestrian access will be maintained and, where necessary, signage will be used to direct pedestrians safely around the area.

For more information, please visit:

 www.westminster.gov.uk/north-paddington-programme

To register to receive construction updates, please email:

 maidahillmarket@wsp.com



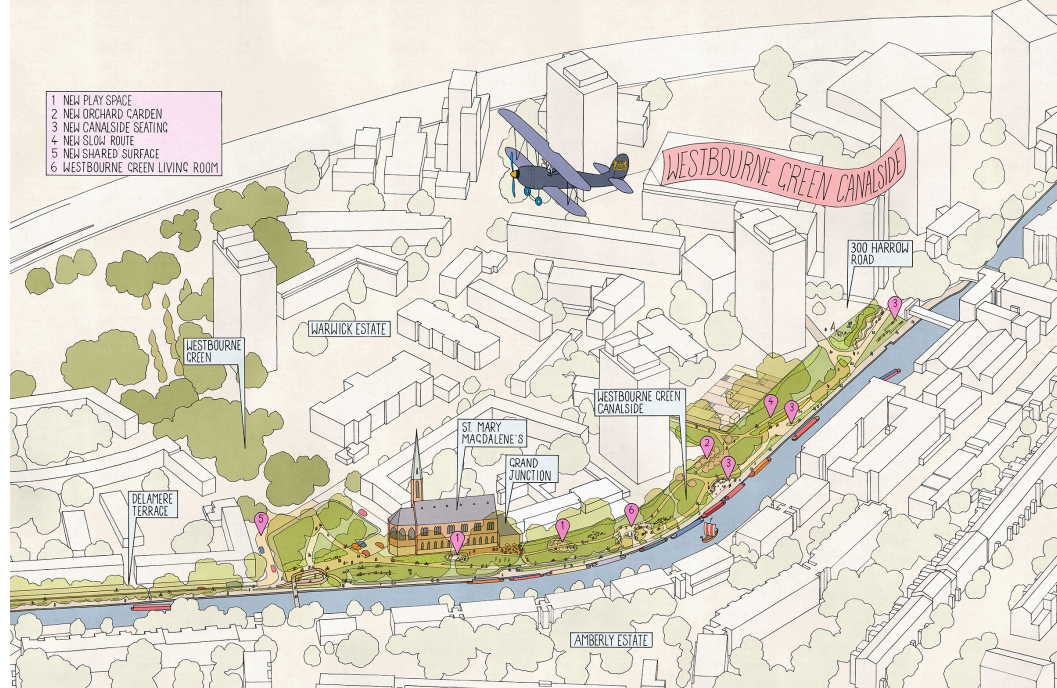
**YOUTH
POP-UP
MARKET**

Maida Hill Market





WESTBOURNE OPEN SPACE / QUEEN'S PARK CANAL SIDE



With funding from the Greater London Authority's Good Growth Fund, we are delivering improvements to both Westbourne Green and Queen's Park Canal Side areas.

Since 2021, we have been engaging with local communities and have made sure to include their feedback into the designs for both projects. Upon agreement, work has now begun on technical designs prior to the actual building works.

The projects are the start of a larger ambition to make improvements from Little Venice to Ladbroke Grove. The vision is to unlock the potential of the entire canal, transforming it into a vibrant place for the community, one that is welcoming, green and accessible.

The first phase of the Queen's Park works – repairs to the canal wall – will start in Spring 2024. Wider canal side improvement works will begin in summer 2024*, while work on the Westbourne end will also start in summer 2024*.

(*Dates are provisional, will be confirmed following completion of technical design work.)

For more information, please visit:

 www.westminster.gov.uk/north-paddington-programme

HARROW ROAD CONSULTATION

High streets play a crucial role in community life and our local economy.

Until early January 2024, we will ensure our Harrow Road engagement process accurately captured the things residents, businesses and the wider community have shared with us about what matters most to them. We will also harness their local expertise to co-create proposals to address the challenges and maximise the opportunities for North Paddington's high streets.

If you'd like to have your say, please scan this QR code on your phone. We'd love to hear from you!

For more information, please contact the team:

 highstreets@westminster.gov.uk



WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON



DIGITAL DASH LAUNCH

In September, we launched Digital Dash. With support from Bloomberg and Paddington Development Trust 24 talented young individuals are embarking on their tech careers, thanks to valuable partnerships with Visa, Finestra, Optum, and Cognizant. These companies will also mentor the participants as they work closely with tech experts to develop innovative solutions over an 11-week period. Additionally, participants will receive the London Living Wage, and there's a £1,000 prize for the winning team.




MAIDA HILL COMMUNITY COOK-OFF

Despite the pouring rain, we saw residents of Maida Hill determined to get out and get cooking at our first-ever Westminster Community Cook-Off in September! It was an extraordinary event that brought together community services and local residents from all walks of life, irrespective of age, ethnicity or background. Hip-swinging beats were provided courtesy of the area's very own DJ Anju, ten teams fired up their BBQs, including teams from the Metropolitan Police, Westminster City Council's Communities department and, of course, plenty of local residents from North Paddington. Despite a plethora of seasoned chefs, it was a tightly fought contest and the winners of the day (pictured above) actually comprised of a team who met on the day itself and only decided to take part just as the competition started!



JUBILEE CENTRE - QUEEN'S PARK

Westminster City Council's Jubilee Community Leisure Centre opened in September. It's managed in partnership with Everyone Active, and we're thrilled to welcome North Paddington residents for a variety of activities. The centre boasts a 3-court sports hall for 5-a-side football, volleyball, futsal, basketball, and badminton. Additionally, it offers a versatile community room for events and classes such as yoga, pilates, community meetings, children's parties, and soft play. Our leisure centre includes a 'Changing Places' facility for users with complex disabilities and a consultation room for the Physical Activity Referral Scheme to help manage long-term health conditions.

 **Come and visit us**
22 Lancefield St, W10 4NW

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



MAIDA HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND CONSULTATION

Are you local to Maida Hill and interested in joining the local Neighbourhood Forum? Formed in April 2016, it was set up by the community, to create a Neighbourhood Plan that will shape development for their area. Find out more at:

 www.maidahillforum.org.uk



THE WESTBOURNE FORUM


Anyone living, working or who has an active interest in Westbourne can get involved in the work of the Westbourne Forum. If you are an individual, organisation, group or business that wants to contribute to the exciting changes that are happening in the area, please contact the team at:


 info@westbourneforum.org.uk



COFFEE WITH THE COPS

Do you live in Harrow Road? Would you like to get to know your local Police officer or ask them a question in person. If yes, then please pop down to Maida Hill Market, 2 Fernhead Road where you can join the Police and chat over a coffee. Pop into:

 2 Fernhead Road
Maida Hill, W9 3ET

 **When:**
2pm, 20 December

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL



WELLBEING WEDNESDAYS

Talks, dancing, yoga, cooking sports and advice

 12pm to 2pm, until 20 December

 Jubilee Community Centre
22 Lancefield Street, W10 4NW

 020 8960 5644

CARERS' TIME FOR SELF

Free wellbeing and social space for those who care for others

 11am to 1pm
27 November
11 December

 Jubilee Community Centre, 22 Lancefield
Street, W10 4NW

 020 8960 5644



Would you like to volunteer and support your local community?

Want to become a COMMUNITY CHAMPION and support the health and wellbeing of your local community? Get in touch if you want to volunteer with a fun and friendly team, and share health and living advice in your neighbourhood.

Queen's Park  kimberley@pdt.org.uk

Westbourne  lina@pdt.org.uk

Harrow Road  julie@wech.org.uk

GET INVOLVED!

QUEEN'S PARK LIBRARY

📍 666 Harrow Rd,
W10 4NE

✉️ queensparklibrary@
westminster.gov.uk

☎️ 020 7641 6200

Simran Creative Lab.
Thursday 23 November,
5.30pm to 7pm

Experience calmness in this engaging workshop and discover new ways to find focus in a busy world. Learn how to use Simran techniques to still a busy mind and make some fascinating creative artworks of your own. For ages 18+. Both workshops are free to attend, but advance booking is essential.

Read & Relax. Tuesdays, 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Shared reading groups bring people together through great literature to talk, laugh and share. Just drop in and enjoy listening to a story or a poem. No pressure to talk or read.

Careers Advice. Wednesdays, 10.30am to 2pm

Meet the Westminster Employment Service team and get support with job applications, CV writing, finding the right job, preparing for interviews and understanding local job trends. This is a free drop-in service and is available to Westminster residents only. No booking required.

English Language Club

Every Tuesday 11.30AM to 1.30PM



GRAND JUNCTION

📍 Rowington Close, W2 5TF

🌐 www.grandjunction.org.uk

✉️ info@grandjunction.org.uk

☎️ 020 7266 8258

Junction Juniors. Mondays, 3.45pm to 5.15pm

A free, creative after school club for 7-11 year olds. Drama, art, games and more.

Green Kids Clubs. Tuesdays, 4pm to 5.30pm

A free, after-school club for children looking at environmentalism and greening.

Sanskriti Dance Present Magical Honey,
Saturday 2 December, 11am and 2pm

A world of dance, magic, storytelling and live music. Ages 5+. Pay what you can.

OUR
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REGISTER FOR ACTIVE RESIDENTS (ROAR)

Every single one of us can play a part in creating a Fairer Westminster. Join our Active Residents and take part in our community conversations.

For more information check out our webpage: www.westminster.gov.uk/fairer-westminster/our-westminster/register-active-residents

