



Keeping it Local

MAY 2024

# SW9 TODAY



**International Day  
Of Families  
May 15**

## **COST OF LIVING**

**Advice from Lambeth  
Council and SW9**

## **PLEASE USE THE RUBBISH CHUTES**

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## LAMBETH COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS ON THE COST OF LIVING

We are all having to tighten our belts and watch the pennies, as the cost of living crisis shows no sign of getting better soon.

Please take a look at Lambeth Council's Community Solutions information and advice on supporting local residents. To access, please click on the Lambeth Council logo below.

SW9's guide - Cost of Living - Support and Tips from SW9 - also features various tips and details of support areas. Click on the guide below for more information.



## PLEASE DON'T DUMP RUBBISH ON THE GROUND



Our Estate Clean team tries to maintain a clean and pleasant environment on the Stockwell Park Estate, for us all to live and work in and around.

Please help us in keeping our estate clean by using the rubbish chutes for disposal of your rubbish. Recently, we've come across rubbish having been thrown on the ground, as opposed to the chutes being used. This action only encourages foxes and vermin to populate these areas, as well as posing a health and safety risk, and being anti-social.

Additionally, our Bulk Waste Collection service is free if you have any bulky items you want to dispose of. Please contact us on 020 7326 3700 if you want bulky items removed. More details can be found by clicking on the image above.

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## SOME OF OUR POLICIES HAVE BEEN UPDATED

SW9 reviews its Policies and Procedures every 1-3 years, or when legislation or guidance has changed.

Recently, we have reviewed several policies which have been approved by our Board and Senior Management Team.

The documents that have been reviewed include SW9 Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and SW9 Complaints Policy.

These and other policies are now available to view online; please click on the image below to access.



## TO VOTE YOU'LL NEED YOUR PHOTO ID



The London Mayor and London Assembly elections are upon us. If you are registered to vote on Thursday 2 May, please remember that you will need to take an accepted form of photo identification to the polling station.

According to the UK Electoral Commission, accepted forms include:

- a full or provisional UK or Northern Ireland photocard driving licence
- a UK passport
- a Blue Badge
- an Older Person's Bus Pass
- a Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- a Voter Authority Certificate, and more.

**Don't forget. Take your Photo ID!**

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## BLOCK INSPECTIONS DURING MAY

The Block Inspections schedule for May is now available to view online.

Each month, Estate Services officers conduct block inspections and residents are welcome to join to help point out local issues and raise any potential problem that may affect your home and surrounding area.

You can access this month's schedule below; detailed information as to when we will be visiting your individual block will also be displayed throughout the estate.

Please contact the Estate Services team in advance if you would like to attend on 020 7326 3700



## ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO COPE WITH YOUR PET?



We recently had to report on a sad incident when colleagues discovered three very small kittens - named Onyx, Angel and Ebony - dumped in the Chute House bins. Despite sterling efforts, two of the kittens were too weak to survive their ordeal.

It wasn't just upsetting and extremely sad, but it was cruel and unacceptable that the three small creatures were treated this way. We can only imagine how their mother would have been very distressed, also.

If you cannot cope with your small animal, or you see an animal in distress, please call us on 020 7326 3700, or visit us in reception. Please don't resort to dumping the animal.

There are a number of charities and other organisations that can offer advice on how to care for your pet, or can rescue if necessary, including the RSPCA and the Blue Cross Animal Rescue. Some services can neuter your animal for free; a beneficial procedure for your pet, for you and your home.

We hope that what happened to Onyx, Angel and Ebony won't happen again.

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## YOUNG ARTISTS EXHIBITION AT LAMBETH TOWN HALL

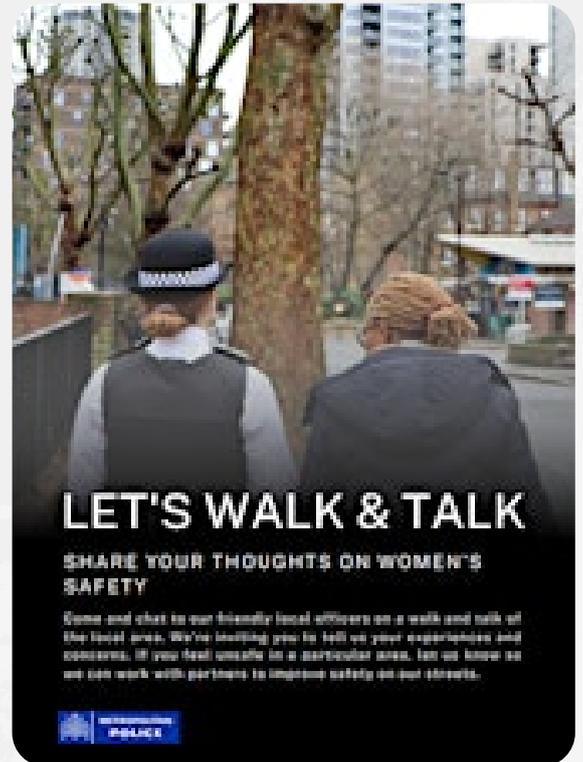
The exhibition 'Memories of Our Future', which features works by young, local artists and professional artist Alvin Kofi, is currently being staged at Lambeth Town Hall and explores narratives and experiences of members of the Afro-Caribbean community and is inspired by the Windrush generation.

The young artists were mentored by Kofi for three months, and gained valuable insights into the professional art world.

The free 'Memories of Our Future' exhibition continues until June. Entry times are 9am to 5pm and is at Lambeth Town Hall, 1 Brixton Hill, SW2 1RW. More details can be found by clicking on the image below.



## WALK & TALK WITH YOUR LOCAL POLICE



The Walk & Talk Initiative from the Metropolitan Police, has female officers 'buddying up' with women to go out on patrol in open spaces, and discuss any safety concerns and experiences they wish to discuss. It's an initiative to start a conversation between the police and the community they serve.

The initiative runs in the Lambeth area, is open to women aged 18 and over, and has flexible days and times when an event is on; you would just need to register for a ticket and a police officer will arrange a convenient date and time with you.

Please click on the poster above for more information.

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## GOODBYE MELITA, FOR NOW



Recently we said 'goodbye for now' to SW9's Finance Officer and dear colleague, Melita Da Silva, who embarks upon a wonderful new chapter - becoming a Mum! Balloons galore, a multitude of gifts and a few tears were the order of the day, as well as kind and heartfelt words spoken in honour to Melita. And well deserved, too!

Always so friendly and willing to offer invaluable advice and support to us all, Melita is a much-loved and respected member of the SW9 'family'. We wish her (and Baby and Hubby!) all the very best for the future.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

In 1993, the United Nations designated May 15 as the International Day of Families, which offers governments, organisations and individuals around the world the opportunity to think about how families can be supported and help towards making communities thrive.

SW9 hopes that through our services delivery, activities and events, that we are supporting your family and our community.

More information on the UN's International Day of Families can be found by clicking on the image below.

Happy International Day of Families!

