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My Covid-19 test

I had noticed the Covid-19 testing station on Somerleyton Road and wondered how it operated. People who have had symptoms and requested tests online at nhs.uk/coronavirus or called 119 are given appointments before they arrive at the site.

I was offered a test at Somerleyton Road and was impressed by the adherence to social distancing, use of masks, gloves and aprons and a healthy dose of good humour. I took a swab of my throat and nose and popped it in a bag. I felt very reassured about the whole process. I received a text message that same evening to say I had tested positive. I was phoned up to discuss the result from one of the contact tracers who asked for any contacts within the previous two days.

I self-isolated for seven days, socially-distanced from my partner who stayed in for 14 days. He was content to self-isolate recognising that this was a way of protecting himself and others.

I am encouraging residents who have symptoms of a high temperature, a new and continuous cough, or a loss of taste or smell to go on to nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119 and book a test. It's a way of looking after yourself and helping others.

Cllr Rebecca Thackray

Are you scared of your partner, ex or family?

We can help.

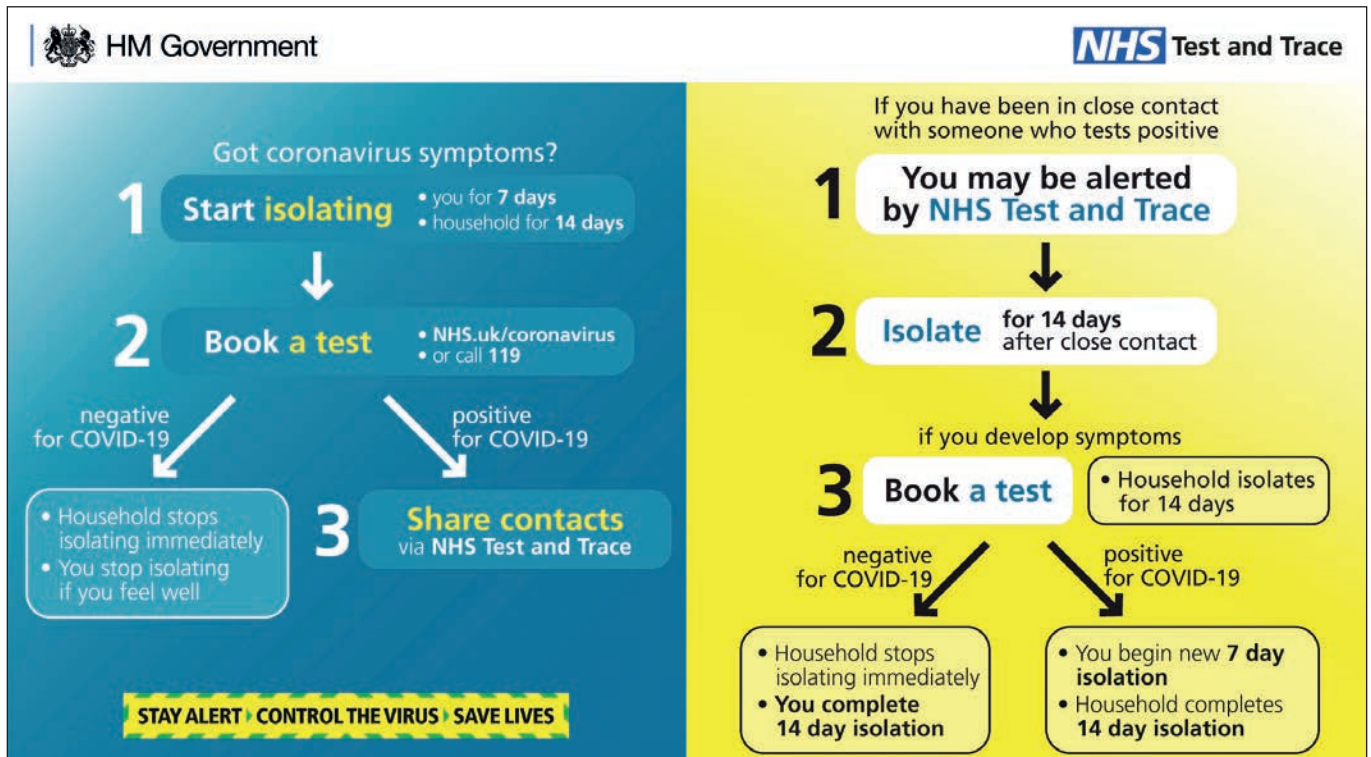
The Gaia Centre provides free and confidential support for Lambeth residents affected by abuse.

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www.refuge.org.uk/gaia

the Gaia centre
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Working in Lambeth to end gender-based violence



Welcome

Dear friend

Our communities have been shocked by the recent tragic killing of George Floyd in Minnesota, USA, which has caused widespread protests and action about racial injustice in our society and across the world.

Lambeth Council lit up our town hall to commemorate George Floyd's life and we are clear: Black Lives Matter and we stand in solidarity with the black community. However, we know that much more needs to be done to tackle the longstanding injustices that they face.

Lambeth has made huge strides on increasing ethnic minority representation in our staff roles, working with our communities on holding the police to account and launching the Lambeth Equality Commission to look at tackling systemic disadvantages faced by our diverse communities.

But we are not complacent, and we are committed to taking real action to alleviate injustice. We are investigating the local impact of Covid-19 on our BAME communities because we know they are disproportionately impacted. We've fought for justice for the Windrush generation



Cllr Jack Hopkins Leader of the Council

and we are holding community listening events on racial injustice and community safety. But we all must do more to challenge and change the structural racism which underpins organisations and structures here in Lambeth and across London. Now, as ever, Lambeth stands in solidarity with our residents.

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Call **020 7926 1000**
Visit lambeth.gov.uk/mylambeth

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lambethtalk@lambeth.gov.uk

Shopping service for vulnerable residents



Are you vulnerable or self-isolating? Let us do the shopping for you.

Call the MYcommunity Gateway service on 0333 360 3700 or email mycommunity@ageuklambeth.org Open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

- Give us your shopping list
- A DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service)-checked volunteer will deliver safely the groceries to your home
- Pay via our secure payment over the phone.

Stay safe, stay independent.

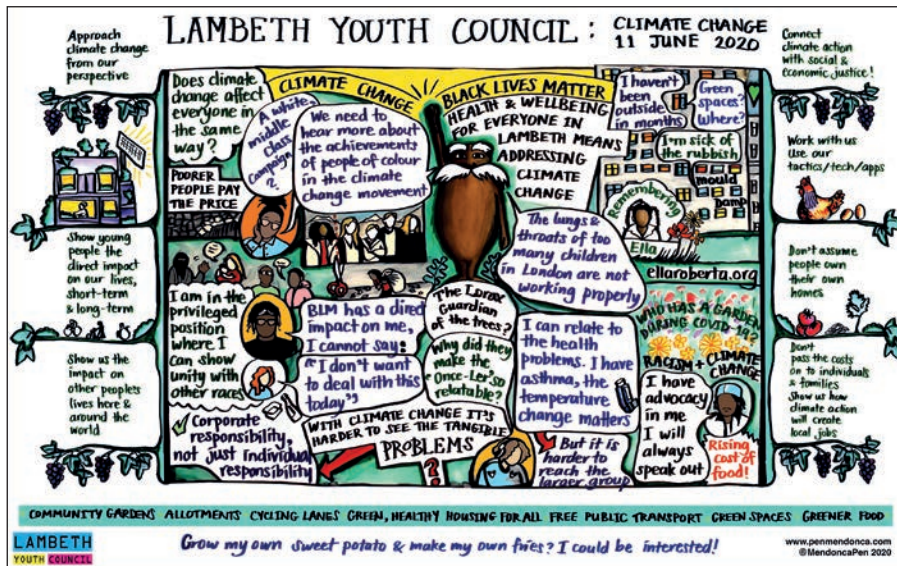
A partnership between Lambeth Council, AgeUK Lambeth and social enterprise onHand.



NEWS

Tackling climate injustice

In 2019, Lambeth became the first London council to declare a climate emergency and committed to becoming a carbon-neutral council by 2030.



To work towards a borough-wide climate action plan, Lambeth's first citizens' assembly on climate change was due to take place in summer 2020. Due to the coronavirus, the citizens' assembly has been postponed, but we want to use this time to get all communities in Lambeth talking about climate change, the impacts it will have on our borough, the solutions that exist already and those people want to see as part of a green, inclusive recovery.

We're building a new website where we will share what we have collated so far and people in Lambeth can share and map climate change solutions, ideas and challenges. We will also be running a series of engagement activities and webinars over the next few months to hear from as many different people in the borough as possible.

We are open to collaboration! Get in touch with the Climate Change team via Kate Hogarth KHogarth@lambeth.gov.uk or Sarah Richards SRichards@lambeth.gov.uk.



Lambeth offering compensation

A charity and a local grass roots partnership, Voice4Change England and Black Thrive, have been appointed by Lambeth Council to support the Black community's access to a financial redress scheme to compensate victims of child abuse whilst in care at Lambeth Children's Home and Shirley Oaks Primary School. The two organisations are working to ensure that everyone is compensated, particularly people of Black African and Caribbean heritage, currently underrepresented amongst those who have claimed redress. The Lambeth Children's Homes Redress Scheme has been extended to the new closing date of 5pm on 1 January 2022.

Lambeth's Redress Scheme was the first of its kind in the United Kingdom. Since the launch of the scheme, in January 2018, more than 1,602 people have applied, and over £46.4 million has been paid out in compensation.

Voice4Change England and Black Thrive have launched a new website providing easier access for people to apply for redress, clarifying any concerns and addressing barriers people may have when applying.

www.lambethredress.co.uk



Meet the cabinet

Cllr Sonia Winifred talks about Lambeth's support for the Black Lives Matter Movement and the actions taken to investigate the disproportionality of Covid cases in BAME communities.



How is the council supporting the BLM movement?

Witnessing the distressing scenes of George Floyd's murder by a white police officer kneeling on his neck as he grasped for air, was beyond belief. The demonstrations and protests brought about by his murder across the world are the voices of black people and white people coming together saying 'enough is enough!' Lambeth has a wonderfully diverse and tolerant community of which we are proud.

On 22 June we commemorated the contributions made to this country by the Windrush generation and their legacy in Brixton. The council will carry out an audit of all statues, monuments, landmarks, street names and works of art in Lambeth linked to slavery. On completion we will consult with the community sharing the outcomes. Decisions will be made collectively.

What are the actions taken regarding Covid cases and deaths in BAME communities?

The disproportionality of BAME casualties to Covid-19 is staggering, it seems to reflect the disproportionality of inequalities experienced by black people in UK society. Despite making

up only 14 per cent of the population, these groups are most likely to be on the frontline whether in the NHS as care workers, shelf stackers in supermarkets, bus and cab drivers. While the difference between ethnic groups in Covid-19 mortality is partly a result of socio-economic disadvantage, a remaining part of the difference has not yet been explained.

The council is taking action by carrying out a community survey with our residents. We want to hear about how they are coping and their thoughts on life post Covid-19.

We have also been speaking with community groups, businesses and Faiths Together in Lambeth to discuss their fears and concerns around reopening. We are listening to them and supporting with risk assessments.

We want to continue networking to ensure services are tailored to the needs of the BAME community. The council is committed to listening and working with all our communities to discuss what our services will look like post Covid-19.

Cllr Sonia Winifred
Cabinet member for Equalities and Culture



NO VOTE, NO SAY.

For further details visit
lambeth.gov.uk/vote

The Annual Electoral Canvass is changing!

Lambeth's Electoral Registration Officer must undertake a canvass of all households in the borough each year to check voter details are correct. This year the electoral canvass is changing.

We will be contacting all residential properties in Lambeth from late July.

Must I respond to the Canvass Notification?

New canvassing rules allow us to check voter details against other records. This means some households will not need to respond to the notification.

You must respond if:

- Any information is incorrect on the form, or there are people

eligible to register to vote at your address who are not included on the form

OR

- The notification you receive states that you must respond

How can I respond?

The quickest and easiest way to respond is online at householdresponse.com/lambeth

You will need to enter the two-part security code which is also printed on the form. Anyone in the household can respond.

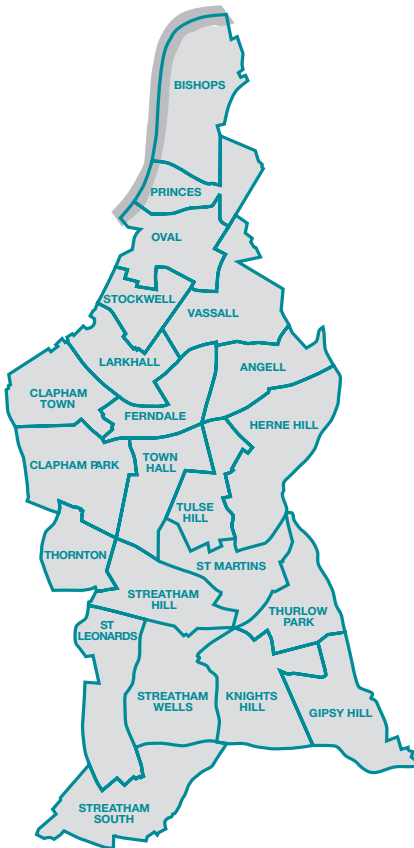
If you do not provide the requested information we may need to make a personal visit to your property to confirm voter

details. Please help us save time and council funds by responding to the form as quickly as possible.

Why is being registered to vote important?

- You can only vote at elections if you are registered.
- The electoral register is used for other important functions, including by credit reference agencies to help calculate your credit score.
- If your name is not on the register, you may not be able to get credit, a mortgage or a mobile phone contract.

Look out for your canvass notification in July!



The independent Local Government Boundary Commission England (the Commission) is asking for residents' help in drawing up a new pattern of electoral wards in Lambeth.

The Commission will be giving more information about the review and answering questions at an online briefing on 13 July at 6pm. You can watch the live briefing on Lambeth Council's website at <https://bit.ly/31iZmVP> and the video will be available after the meeting. Information is also available on the Commission's website <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/>

Lambeth Council is split into 21 electoral wards. Each one is represented on the council by

Have YOUR SAY on new Council Ward boundaries



three councillors who are elected every four years to represent the best interests of the residents in their ward. Some council services and also neighbourhood policing are organised by ward.

In drawing up the new wards, the Commission aims to ensure that each councillor represents roughly the same number of voters.

The review will also try to create wards that as far as possible reflect the interests and identities of communities across Lambeth. Since the last review in 1999 the population in some of the wards has grown more than others and there is more development taking place, particularly in the north of the borough.

Your views about the boundaries

are therefore important in ensuring effective governance for Lambeth in future.

The Commission would like to hear opinions on:

- the number of wards
- the names of wards
- where the boundaries between wards should lie
- the number of councillors for each ward.

You can make an online submission on the Commission's website or send your views by email to reviews@lgbce.org.uk or by post to:

LGBCE c/o Cleardata
Innovation House
Coniston Court
Riverside Business Park
Blyth NE24 4RP



Do you know a 15- to 18-year-old who's fed up with learning? Someone with the potential to succeed who's unmotivated by the options open to them. If you do, you need to know about **Unlock** – a creative solution to lockdown summer boredom. It's learning designed for a positive and inspiring experience, that develops hidden talents and grows confidence.

UNLOCK THEIR POTENTIAL!

The offer

Six exciting digitally delivered courses:

- How to make money online and offline
- Creating amazing music videos
- Running an arts performance event
- Becoming a youth worker
- Creating a 'Zine' about gender equality
- Learning about critical thinking through Drill music.

Why is Unlock different?

Everyone needs to learn their own way, at their own pace, in their own style. Unlock will give all participants a mentor to

provide personalised support from start to finish.

Learning takes place online and all courses are led by experts; recording artists, filmmakers, entrepreneurs, activists and youth workers. Some courses have qualifications attached and all learners get advice on moving on into more learning, training or even work.

When?

Most courses start in July, some in Autumn. They run two or three days a week for six to 10 weeks.

What next?

Anyone aged between 15 and 18 living in Lambeth can apply. We

especially welcome young people with no plans for school or college in September.

Interested young people should visit lambethmade.org/unlock to find out more about the courses and apply online.

Anyone wanting to refer a young person can also find a referral form at lambethmade.org/UNLOCK

Any questions?

Contact unlock@lambeth.gov.uk and we'll help you find the key to Unlock a young person's potential.

Apply online:
lambethmade.org/UNLOCK

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Do you have an idea for a project to help young children in Coldharbour, Stockwell, Tulse Hill or Vassall?

Apply for a LEAP Community Award. Successful projects will get up to £2,000 in funding. Good luck!

Register now: leaplambeth.org.uk/awards

Aim your project at children aged 0-3 and let your imagination run wild.

We'll be considering all kinds of ideas that:

- Help children and their families enjoy healthy meals or get active in fun ways.
- Help parents and babies strengthen their bonds, explore their feelings or share their experiences.
- Help children develop their speaking and communication skills through books, rhymes, songs or games.



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Making Summer Memories



Summer is here, and many places are busy getting ready to welcome Lambeth's children and young people and their families to exciting activities and opportunities throughout the school holidays.

There's something to suit children and young people of all ages. Make the most of your summer and choose from lots of activities at our local venues:

[Adventure Playgrounds](#) / [Children's Centres](#) / [Creative Arts and Music](#) / [Courses and Summer school](#) / [Fun days and festivals](#) / [Libraries](#) / [Mentoring and support services](#) / [Online Activities and virtual services](#) / [Parks and places to go](#) / [Playschemes](#) / [Stay and Play One O'Clock Clubs](#) / [Sports and leisure](#) / [Summer Camps](#) / [Youth Clubs and Youth Centres](#)

Visit lambeth.gov.uk/Summer2020 to find out what's on offer. New activities, events and any changes will be added throughout the summer.

Lambeth Families Information Service fis@lambeth.gov.uk

twitter.com/LambethFIS



The Virtual Lambeth Country Show

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July



The Virtual Lambeth Country Show is coming to the comfort of your own homes this year.

The Country Show team have pulled together some fabulous content for an online version of our much loved annual event.

We've reached out to performers, organisations and traders, old and new, to keep the Country Show spirit alive and we are poised to release a fun and interactive programme covering all your favourite parts of the show.

Fancy cooking some delicious Caribbean classics? We've got you covered. Fancy a digital stroll around the Flower Show? We've got some fantastic talks from the Royal Horticultural Society to help keep those fingers green. Our Flower Show Schedule, run in partnership with the Lambeth Horticultural Society, will also be returning for you to enter pot plants, fruit and vegetables, floral, domestic and art exhibits.

Add in some fantastic live music, poetry recitals, samba bands, kids craft workshops, dance-alongs

and so much more. And before you ask, YES, the vegetable sculpture competition will be returning too, along with other great competitions to get involved in from home such as our Scarecrow and Recycled Gardens.

There really is something for everybody, so keep the dates in your diary and come join us for a digital hurrah.

lambethcountryshow.co.uk

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#LCSintheHouse

#LambethCountryShow

Opportunity Lambeth

We provide access to live employment opportunities and a range of support services for unemployed Lambeth residents, including a free, Rapid Response employment service to residents and employers impacted by coronavirus.

To find out more, please visit our website opportunity.lambeth.gov.uk, or contact the Employment Support Helpline on **020 7926 0500**.

We are working in partnership with Proud to Care London and social care employers to train and recruit local people into caring roles, including support with DBS checks and essential training.

To register your interest, please visit the Proud to Care website proudtocarelondon.org.uk



Mutual aid in action at dasl

Dasl's volunteers and members are amazing and have helped each other out throughout lockdown. Before joining dasl Olivia told us:

“All my activities and supports were cancelled. My days were long and empty – it was a horrid feeling.” Since joining dasl's online exercise sessions Olivia says:



When there are other people you want to do it. When you are by yourself – it's easy to postpone and think let's not bother. It's a big part of my routine now, and I feel very loyal to the project. Intosport was there for me at a very difficult time. ”



New members and volunteers wanted

Help transform more disabled peoples' lives in Lambeth by joining **dasl**, the Deaf Disabled Persons' Organisation in Lambeth.

Contact **020 7738 5656** or enquiry.line@disabilitylambeth.org.uk

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Ready Steady Go!

FREE sessions to help families achieve a healthier diet and a more active lifestyle.

New courses will resume September 2020.

To register or make a referral please use our online link at lambeth.gov.uk/ready-steady-go

Contact the team on **020 7926 0619** or email readysteadygo@lambeth.gov.uk

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We're still here to help you cope with change, enjoy healthy family meals and activities with your children

**Find out how we can help over the phone or online:
www.leaplambeth.org.uk**

Giving thousands of children aged 0-3 years a better start in Coldharbour, Stockwell, Tulse Hill, and Vassall