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on our wonderful community spirit



Herbert Road celebrating the Platinum Jubilee



Redbridge Council Pest Control

What we do

- we offer advice to residents and businesses about how to get rid of insects or rodents
- we have effective treatments for certain types of pests and can help with identifying pests and information about what to do

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citizens advice Redbridge



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You can use your Certificate of Application to prove your right to work, study, rent and access to benefits and services.



You can submit a late application. You should do so without delay.

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Email: euss@citizensadviceredbridge.org.uk

HAVE YOUR SAY AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

All meetings will be available to view online, and some meetings will be held in person at the Town Hall, High Road, Ilford, IG1 1DD. Visit www.redbridge.gov.uk for information, agendas and links to join online.

Council Meetings

Thursday 21 July **7.15pm**

Thursday 22 September **7.15pm**

To ask a question at a council meeting, please send a written notice of your question to the council questions mailbox at councilquestions@redbridge.gov.uk

Cabinet Meetings

Tuesday 21 June **7.15pm**

Tuesday 19 July **7.15pm**

Scrutiny and Overview Committees

Overview Committee

Monday 20 June **7.15pm**

Monday 18 July **7.15pm**

Health and Wellbeing Board

Monday 20 June **2.15pm**

People Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday 22 June **7.15pm**

Place Scrutiny Committee

Monday 27 June **7.15pm**

Education Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 28 June **7.15pm**

Outer North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 28 June **4pm**

at Havering Council, Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, RM1 3BB

External Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday 5 July **7.15pm**

Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 14 July **7.15pm**

Committee Meetings Planning Committee

Wednesday 15 June **7.15pm**

Wednesday 6 July **7.15pm**

Governance and Assurance Committee

Wednesday 27 July **7.15pm**

Pension Fund Committee

Wednesday 27 July **11.30am**

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For Overview and Scrutiny bodies, contact:

scrutiny@redbridge.gov.uk (0208 708 2739)

For Outer North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, contact: **anthony.clements@oneSource.co.uk**

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LEADER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Summer edition of Redbridge Life



Chudleigh Crescent celebrating the Platinum Jubilee

Dear neighbour,

Following a challenging two years living through the pandemic, this summer it has been wonderful to have such a fantastic opportunity to come together once again as a community to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Spending time together in person is more meaningful and precious now than ever before, and so I was really pleased to see so many of our communities taking part in Jubilee street parties and attending events in the town centre marking the historic occasion.

I was honoured to be invited to so many Jubilee street parties hosted across the borough. I had a brilliant time meeting residents, tasting delicious food and getting involved in all the celebrations. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome.

It truly is a testament to the community spirit in Redbridge that almost 100 neighbourhoods took the time to create special events to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

I was also incredibly proud to be a part of the Inllford talent show. The performers were outstanding and it was great to see so many residents and visitors enjoying the show.

This summer has certainly shaped up to be an exciting one in Redbridge with RideLondon choosing us as one of the host boroughs for their amateur events which took place at the end of May. Thousands of cyclists rode from central London, through Woodford and out into Essex as part of the 30, 60 and 100 mile sporting events. It was a great honour to take part myself and I was thrilled to see so many local people cheering on the cyclists at our viewing zone, kindly hosted by Woodford Green Cricket Club.

There's still so much more to do this summer in Redbridge with a whole host of events and activities taking place across our borough. Whether you'd like to learn to cycle for free, go boating in one of our beautiful parks, watch a show at the Kenneth More Theatre or learn a new skill

at one of our libraries, there is something for everyone this summer. For more information please visit our website: www.redbridge.gov.uk

Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer.



Councillor Jas Athwal
Leader of Redbridge Council

Fancy trying something new this summer?

HEALTHY
Redbridge

Throughout the summer holidays, Vision Redbridge Culture and Leisure will be offering a variety of affordable taster sessions and workshops, to children aged 8-16, which are funded by Redbridge Council.

The **Redbridge Holiday Mega Mix** programme will include swimming for £1 at Fullwell Cross Leisure Centre and Mayfield Leisure Centre, 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm. Children under the age of 8 can swim if they are accompanied by an adult.

Or join us for a film at the Kenneth More Theatre, where children can also book for £1. Again, children under 8 need to be accompanied by an adult.

- **Get active** with sports coaching sessions including tennis, athletics, basketball, hockey and cricket.
- **Learn a new digital skill** including interactive books, Lego, 3d modelling, coding and electronics.

- **Plus, arts and crafts**, theatre workshops, dance and instrumental workshops. All sessions will be inclusive.

Arts and crafts, boccia and kurling will be available for children with additional needs.

Looking for something for the younger ones?

Come and get involved in our Mini Mix programme of books, culture and creativity for 4+ year olds.

Discover all the amazing things you can do at your local library. There's something for all tastes, from learning how to code, reading some books, doing a craft, seeing a show, borrowing a football and so much more.



Cllr Kam Rai, Deputy Leader of Redbridge Council, said:

"We know keeping children entertained throughout the school holidays can be expensive, that's why the council has provided £125,000 to Vision to host the Redbridge Holiday Mega Mix.

"We are really keen to provide low-cost activities for children aged 8-14 years across the borough, so that more children can access sports and social activities."

Advance booking required; booking will open at the beginning of July. For more information, visit:
www.visionrcl.org.uk/megamix

Fun for all the family

Redbridge Outdoor Arts

Ken Aston Square will come alive this summer – animated with theatre, performance, circus, dance, Hip Hop, puppetry, singing and storytelling with a splash of magic.

- Saturday 25 June – Everybody clap your pans – it's time for The Rascally Diner!
- Saturday 23 July – Roll Play by Simple Cypher
- Saturday 20 August – STRONG ENOUGH by Strong Lady Productions & The Invisible Man by Altered States
- Saturday 17 September – Do What Ya Mumma Told Ya! By Just More Productions

Everyone in the community is welcome and all events are FREE.

Summer Festivals

Fairlop Fair is back on Saturday 2 July, bigger and better than ever before. New attractions include a petting farm and mini golf plus old-time favourites – live music from Redbridge Music Lounge, arts and crafts, sports taster workshops, funfair and so much more.

- Our community festivals: Barley Lane Rec – Sunday 17 July
- Wanstead Festival – Sunday 18 September

Sports Courses

Does your child love adventure? Our Water Sports Camp at Fairlop Outdoor Activity Centre could be just what you are looking for. This three-day multi-activity includes sailing, kayaking, canoeing, raft building, bell boating and orienteering.

Various dates available throughout the holidays.

Redbridge Music Service

PanVision Steel Orchestra – a First Bachannal
Thursday 28 and Friday 29 July
10.30am-3.15pm

Hear We Go! – A First Bachannal: a musical rolling start to the new school year
Tuesday 23 to Thursday 25 August
10am-3.30pm

For full information on all activities, visit:
visionrcl.org.uk/kidsevents



TASTER SESSIONS

8-16 YEARS

REDBRIDGE HOLIDAY

MEGA MIX



CINEMA or SWIM for £1



MONDAY 25 JULY to FRIDAY 26 AUGUST 2022

Challenge yourself to try something new this summer!

We have a variety of summer activities for you to come and get involved with:

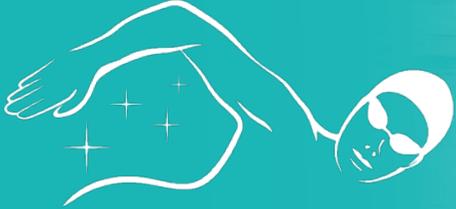
- arts & crafts
- digital workshops
- theatre
- dance
- sports
- *plus* so much more!



Advanced booking required.
visionrcl.org.uk/megamix

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LONDON BOROUGH OF REDBRIDGE SWIMMING CLUB
 in partnership with Vision RCL

London Borough of Redbridge Swimming club has now partnered with Vision RCL to help people enjoy swimming regardless of their ability or experience.

With Vision RCL catering for all Learn to Swim requirements and LBRSC providing fitness, competitive and performance pathways within the sport, as a whole entity we strive to provide optimum environments, with the right opportunities for all stages of swimmer to enable each and every swimmer to achieve their goals.

If you are interested in joining please register your interest and complete our online form.

New swimmers welcome



visionrcl.org.uk/redbridge-swim-club



New entrepreneurial space **Spark Lab** opens in Ilford

Spark Lab, a new innovative space for local entrepreneurs looking to kick-start their businesses, opened in Ilford as part of the council's plans to develop a Cultural Quarter in Ilford town centre.



Cllr Jas Athwal, Leader of the Council, visiting the newly opened Spark Lab

Tillie, one of the business owners who will be taking up residency in the Spark Lab and owner of the Pop up Club, said: "Coming to Spark Lab Ilford is so exciting for us, and we can't wait to open up a fresh, new space on Ilford High Street. We are eager to meet so many brilliant traders and retailers this summer and be welcomed by shoppers and the residents of Ilford too.

"We are an Essex-based business and had recent residencies in Stratford, Chelmsford, and Brentwood, so Ilford is a great new location for us to explore.

"We offer a perfect opportunity for small businesses to interact with customers directly as well as generating income for the local economy, and the small business economy as a whole. We look forward to supporting the creative community and providing them opportunities in their hometown."

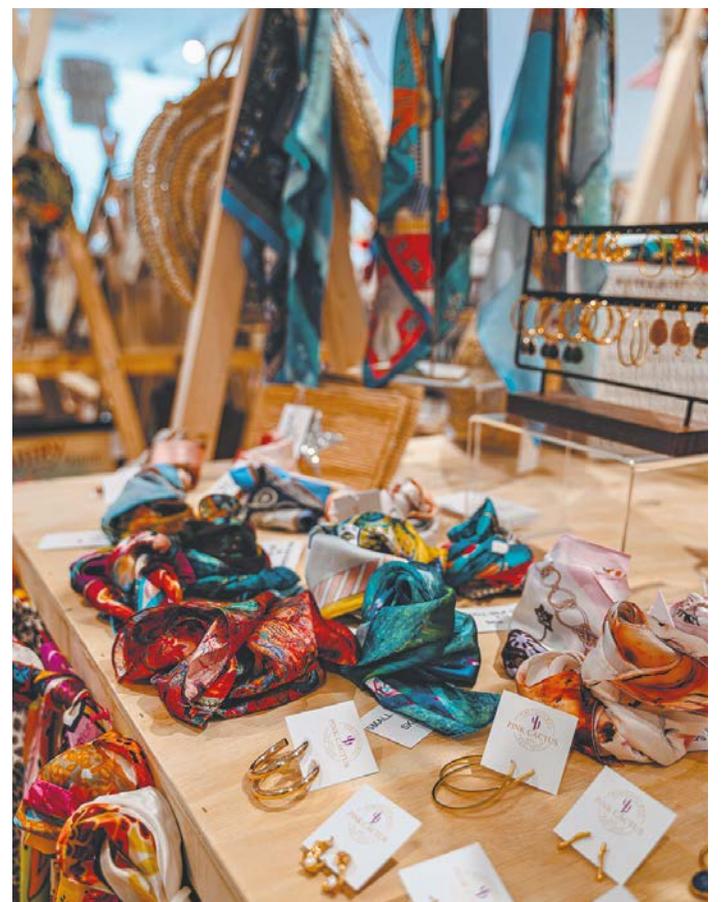
Redbridge Council, supported by the Mayor of London's Good Growth fund and Jan Kattein architects, transformed the Deco Building in Ilford into flexible spaces for a mix of enterprise, workshops and creative activities.

The council is now in the process of supporting seven successful projects chosen by local stakeholders and young people to launch their businesses in the Spark Lab for six-week periods.

The Spark Lab is located at 120-122 High Road, Ilford.

Visitors can buy local products, and throughout the year there will be opportunities to get involved in creative activities.

Please support independent businesses and shop local.



Get back to nature this summer in Ilford's own Wilderness Street

Located alongside Redbridge Town Hall in Ilford, Wilderness Street is a new outdoor oasis for the local community to enjoy.

Wilderness Street provides visitors with a space to relax, and an opportunity to enjoy nature whilst being within a busy high street location.

The space reflects the council's ambition for a greener town centre, acknowledging the impact of climate change and the benefits of green spaces for wellbeing.

We would also love to hear from local community organisations, such as gardeners, wellbeing or children's groups, who would like to be involved in Wilderness Street.

Please email: regeneration@redbridge.gov.uk

Supported by the Mayor of London's Good Growth Fund, the space was also designed by Jan Kattein Architects and inspired by the ancient natural landscapes of Redbridge.



Live busking performances coming to Redbridge

In partnership with Busk in London, we want to develop a talent pool of local musicians who will play at a range of established events in Redbridge throughout the year.

In May, we hosted live auditions and successful candidates will be invited to attend pre-performance coaching sessions in August, and plans are underway for performances to commence by the end of the summer.

For more information, visit:
www.foundinmusic.com/redbridge2022



Book tickets for The Wizard of Oz

Follow the yellow brick road in this delightful stage adaptation of L. Frank Baum's beloved tale, featuring the iconic musical score from the MGM film. The timeless tale, in which young Dorothy Gale travels from Kansas over the rainbow to the magical Land of Oz, continues to thrill audiences worldwide, and can now be enjoyed at the Kenneth More Theatre.

Performances available:
Friday 29 July to Sunday 7 August

For more information, visit:
visionrcl.org.uk/kidsevents



Ambitious 'Redbridge Plan' will make borough **cleaner**, **safer**, and **healthier**

Tackling poverty and the soaring costs of living whilst building a cleaner, greener, fairer, and healthier borough are key ambitions of a new four-year blueprint to improve Redbridge.

In July, we will publish 'The Redbridge Plan 2022-26' which sets out how we will work to deliver improvements across the borough following the May election.

The plan aims to address the borough's unique challenges whilst unleashing its untapped potential following a period of uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It also considers the current economic backdrop and pressures on local people caused by the 'cost of living' crisis; and sets out ideas for improvements at the council to guarantee it can operate within its budget.



Cllr Jas Athwal, Leader of Redbridge Council, said:

"We have ambitious plans to help reduce the financial strain on local families throughout the 'cost of living' crisis, and to improve wellbeing by

focusing on the issues that matter most to our neighbours, and enhance the lives of everyone who lives, works or studies in Redbridge.

"We've been knocking on doors and speaking to local people from all four corners of the borough to hear about the issues that matter to them. We've listened to residents' views and incorporated them into the Redbridge Plan.

"Over the next four years, we will be focusing on delivering safer streets, better health, cleaner neighbourhoods, a greener environment, improved access to skills and jobs, more decent and affordable homes, and stronger communities.

"We also know we need to be adaptable and respond to circumstances we cannot control. For example, we know that some of our neighbours will be struggling now with increases in household bills and general economic uncertainty, and we are currently exploring what we can do, working with our partners to provide advice and support."

Community Hubs

An integral part of this plan will be establishing a network of 'Community Hubs' across the borough, which will concentrate on, and enhance many services and amenities in one location, bringing them closer to where people live and offering opportunities for communities to collaborate. The council will deliver hub buildings in Seven Kings, Gants Hill, and Hainault over the next four years.



Artist impressions of a community hub, inside and out

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HEALTHY
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The Redbridge Plan sets out an ambitious set of improvements under four themes:

Safe & Healthy



To deliver our ambition for safer streets, we will:

- Open a Police Hub in Woodford and roll out further Enforcement Hubs, giving local people an opportunity to raise concerns directly with police and council enforcement officers
- Improve security in parks with park patrol officers and refurbish park toilets
- Upgrade street lighting, create a night-time enforcement team, set up a street-watch scheme, increase CCTV coverage and establish a community speed-watch scheme to curb speeding

To deliver our ambition to improve health, we will:

- Open a new swimming pool in Wanstead
- Open a lido in Valentines Park
- Double the size of Fairlop Waters
- Improve and expand our tennis courts and cricket pitches
- Invest £200,000 in park play equipment
- Support people with substance misuse problems with successful treatment options



Homes & Neighbourhoods

To deliver our ambition for more social and affordable homes and drive improvements to our neighbourhoods, we will:

- Build 500 council homes and deliver 1,000 affordable homes
- Deliver a new and improved borough-wide landlord licensing scheme to help crack-down on rogue landlords and improve local housing standards
- Begin work on the Western gateway to the borough
- Deliver our flagship housing schemes in Clements Road and Loxford
- Reduce the number of people living in temporary accommodation and support those sleeping rough into sustainable housing



Jobs & Skills

To deliver our ambition to improve opportunities to help residents' develop skills and find work, we will:

- Work with partners to bring a university campus to Redbridge
- Deliver skills training through Redbridge Institute and employment advice through Work Redbridge
- Increase the number of apprenticeships in the council
- Guarantee all care leavers' work experience and an interview for a council apprenticeship
- Work with our schools to close the attainment gap and support all our schools to be Ofsted rated 'Good' or 'Outstanding'
- Reduce the number of young people not in employment, education, or training
- Deliver a new youth hub in Hainault
- Open new community markets for start-up businesses
- Deliver new programmes to support businesses to flourish, including making it simpler for local businesses to win public contracts



Clean & Green

To deliver our ambition to improve the environment of Redbridge, we will:

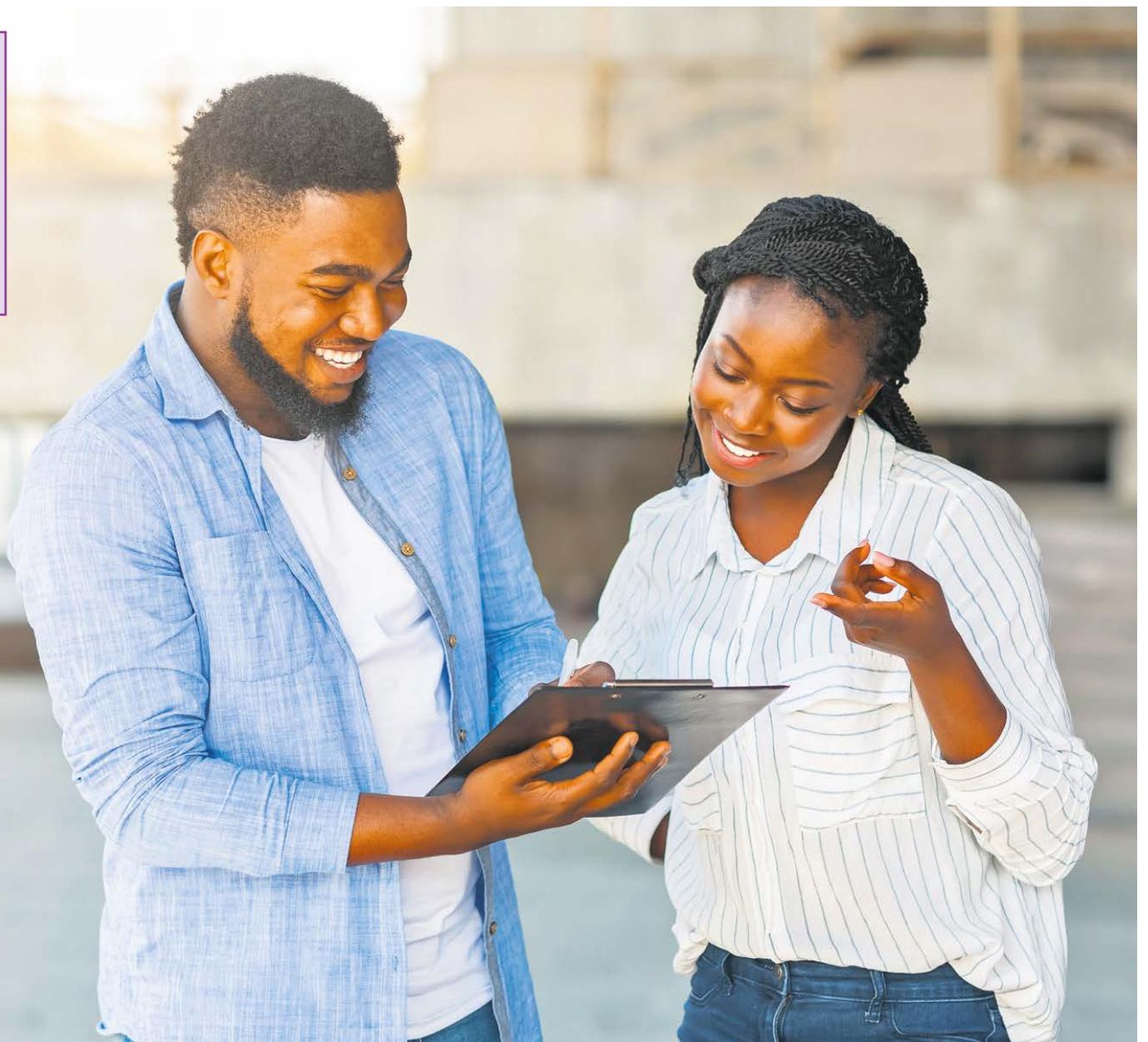
- Invest £10 million to resurface roads
- Plant 20,000 trees, create up to 160,000sqm of wild spaces and new pocket parks and community gardens
- Open 1,000 electric car charging points and deliver 200 cycle racks and hangers
- Invest £830,000 in flood prevention measures
- Deliver cleaner air zones around schools and put in place air quality monitors across the borough



Delivering good jobs for local people

Redbridge Council is a diverse and vibrant employer, and as part of our long-term plan we want to identify local talent to fill our vacancies.

As part of our local jobs for local people plan, we are holding a recruitment event in Ilford Town Centre (High Road) on 14 July, and we would love to see you there.



At the recruitment event you can discuss career aspirations, receive CV and job application advice, and find out about the range of full-time, part-time and flexible employment opportunities, including apprenticeships we have available here at Redbridge Council.

A variety of roles are on offer at Redbridge Council, including social care, social work, administration, finance, housing support, drivers and many more. In fact, we are probably the most job diverse employer in this borough.

We are keen on attracting interest from a wide range of local Redbridge residents, including:

- **unemployed jobseekers**
- **career changers**
- **school leavers**
- **those seeking apprenticeships**
- **college students**
- **university graduates**
- **those seeking work experience.**

If you are visiting our recruitment event, feel free to bring along your CV/resume for a free employer focused review. Our team can offer you insights and tips that can help you widen your job search.

We can also discuss in person our available job opportunities. Plus, our team will be on hand to offer advice and guidance on helping you to secure your next job.

If you are looking for a career with Redbridge Council, come and visit our stand on 14 July or have a look at our current vacancies, at: **www.redbridge.gov.uk/jobs**

For more information about our recruitment event, please keep an eye out for updates on our website and social media channels.

ADULT COURSE GUIDE 2022/23

ENROLLING NOW



**Upskill
Retrain
Gain**
a qualification

Free skills training
for residents

Choose from a range of part-time courses including; Digital Skills, Maths, English and ESOL, and qualification courses including Bookkeeping, Business, Childcare and Counselling. Most of these courses are FREE* to Redbridge residents. (*subject to eligibility criteria)

We also offer a range of other Personal Development short courses for adults including Creative and Visual arts and health.

Visit our website to see our full range of courses and book online now.



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Supporting local communities

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Dear Resident,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Stuart Bell and I recently became the Borough Commander for East Area Police, which includes Redbridge.

I am looking forward to supporting local Redbridge communities by helping to deliver the best possible policing services for you all.

My main priority for Redbridge is to focus on what's important to residents and the crimes that cause the most harm. This includes targeting violence, including violence against women, reducing antisocial behaviour, and preventing and detecting crimes that impact peoples' lives the most.

Our new Ilford Town Centre Team consisting of 25 Police Officers was introduced in February. I am pleased to say that they have already made a significant difference to levels of confidence for local businesses and shoppers. The team are working tirelessly with key partners like Redbridge Council and the BID to improve the town centre for residents and visitors.

I want all of our public spaces and business districts to be safe and thriving areas that we are all proud to be associated with.

It is also essential that all our residents, especially women, feel safe in Redbridge. We have introduced 'Walk & Talk' – an initiative where residents can request to take a walk with an officer and highlight any areas they feel unsafe in. We then work with Redbridge Council to help address the issues raised.

To help make these changes, we also need your support, so please keep your neighbourhood police informed of any issues and concerns as their updates directly influence local priorities. So please join your local officers at the Ward Panel meetings.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Bell

Borough Commander



You can also report issues:

- face-to-face at Ilford police station 24 hours a day
- by calling **101**
- by visiting one of Redbridge Council's Enforcement Hubs, located in York Road, Ilford and Manford Way, Hainault.

To contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team and to find out more, visit:
www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/

Together we can help prevent car crime

Responding to local neighbourhood issues and concerns relating to motor vehicle crime, we recently purchased 1,500 signal-blocking pouches, which when your electric key is stored inside, prevents thieves from cloning the data and accessing your vehicle.

The pouches are being hand delivered by police officers in Redbridge in hotspot locations, who will also be providing residents with additional car crime prevention advice. We are doing this to publicise car security and encourage residents to consider investing in deterrents like signal-blockers, steering locks and immobilisers.

www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe



Cllr Khayer Chowdhury and Cllr Jas Athwal issue 1,500 signal blocking devices to residents

Cabinet Member for Crime, Safety and Community Cohesion, Cllr Khayer Chowdhury, said:

"Motor vehicle crime is a top concern amongst some residents. It's really important we all take steps to protect our vehicles. Purchasing a signal-blocking pouch, a good steering lock and investing in a good immobiliser can deter car thieves. As a council, we have already invested £1.5 million in ANPR and CCTV cameras which are helping the police with identifying and intercepting stolen vehicles. I am asking residents to make their vehicles harder for thieves to target by using good security options."

Visit your local Enforcement Hub today

Redbridge Enforcement Hubs bring police and council enforcement officers into neighbourhoods, empowering local people to report any concerns about crime and antisocial behaviour directly.

Redbridge Enforcement Hubs are open for anyone to visit, providing a great opportunity to discuss any concerns face-to-face.

The Ilford Enforcement Hub can be found next to the York Road entrance to Ilford Station and is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4.30pm-6.30pm.

The Hainault Enforcement Hub is located on Manford Way, next to Hainault Library and is open Monday-Thursday, 11am-1pm and at varying times Friday-Sunday.

Full details can be found at:

www.redbridge.gov.uk/crime-and-public-safety



Redbridge celebrates the Jubilee in style!

Local people across Redbridge celebrated The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with pomp and pageantry over the long Jubilee bank holiday weekend.

Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee marked a major historical milestone and so Redbridge Council pulled out all the stops to mark the momentous occasion, supporting street parties and public events, and dressing the borough in bunting, befitting the special weekend.

Across Redbridge there was a record number of street parties, with just under 100 Redbridge neighbourhoods hosting an event, one of the highest numbers of any London borough. Around 13,000 local people came together to celebrate with their neighbours.

A huge thank you to all our street party hosts, and everyone who helped to keep Redbridge clean over the Jubilee. We appreciate your patience during the road closures over the weekend.



Cllr Jas Athwal enjoying a street party with residents





Local children posing with their amazing Jubilee artwork at their street party



Young boy colouring in the Platinum Jubilee art activity on Wilderness Street



We also funded a special celebratory event at Saint Francis Hospice, so they could host a wonderful party on the ward for those who were unable to attend outside events.



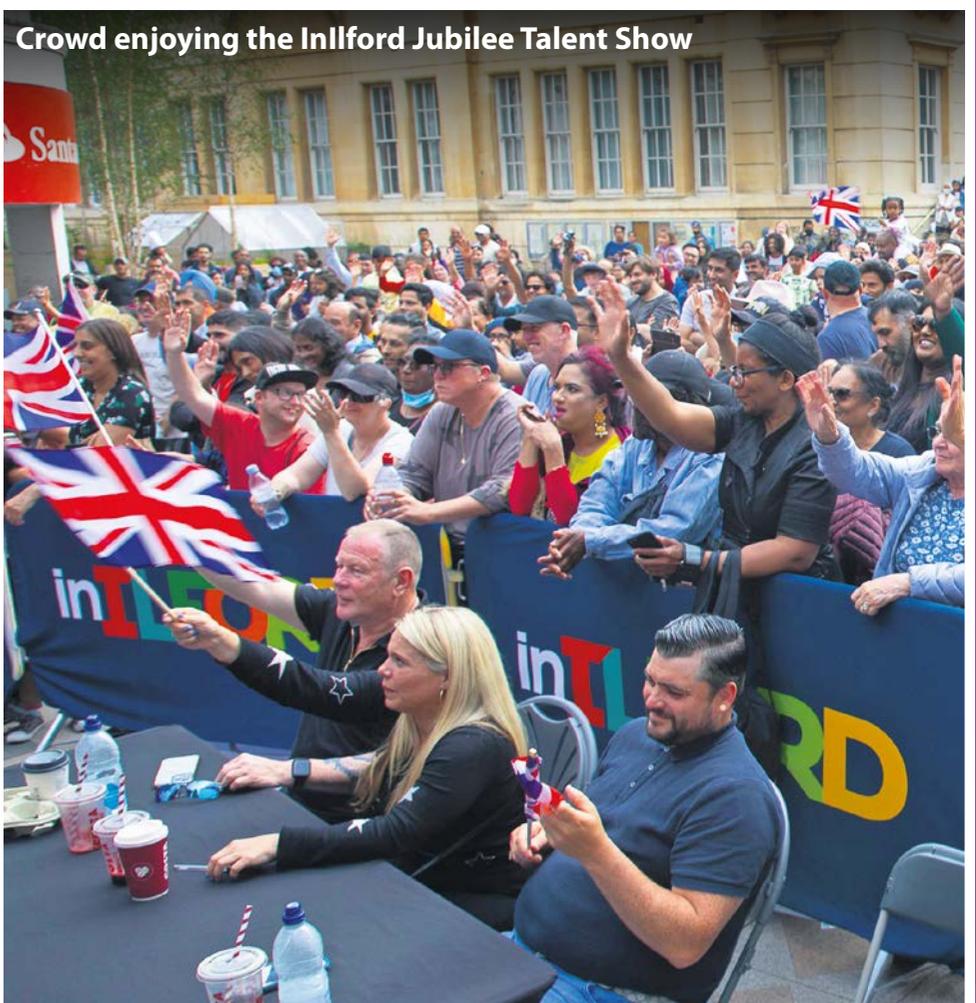
Saint Francis Hospice, said: "We celebrated The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with afternoon tea for all our patients, their families and staff at the Hospice.

"It was a lovely afternoon, with singing, sandwiches, and cake.

"One of our patients, Ann, was delighted to be joined by her sister who had travelled all the way from Australia to be with her."

On Sunday, residents from the Anchor Retirement Village joined with their neighbours living in Barnardo's Garden Village to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee on the Village Green at the heritage site in Barkingside.

There was a wide variety of food stalls, fancy dress and face painting as well as a full programme of entertainment. All proceeds are being donated Saint Francis Hospice.



Crowd enjoying the Inllford Jubilee Talent Show

To celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 70th year of service, the Inllford Business Development District hosted a free family fun day on Ilford High Road. Celebrations showcased musical and variety talent acts on stage, fun assault courses, art props, a big lunch table, food and drink market stalls and a fireworks display.



The amazing dancers who won the Inllford Jubilee Talent Show

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff and partners for their support during the Platinum Jubilee. We would also like to thank local people for making it a weekend to remember. The community spirit displayed throughout the Jubilee is what makes Redbridge such a great place to live.



Residents enjoying the celebrations at Loxford Park

Redbridge **Wall of Shame** helps identify fly-tippers and grime crime offenders in the borough

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Fly-tippers and other grime crime offenders in Redbridge could find themselves on a new public Wall of Shame appealing for local people to come forward with information about them.

Redbridge Council's new Redbridge Wall of Shame is a microsite dedicated to identifying people caught on camera trashing our borough – making it harder for the culprits to evade justice.

Since launching in March, the site has been sharing monthly clips of environmental crimes and footage of fly-tippers dumping their rubbish illegally on our streets – selfishly making neighbourhoods messy and causing road and walkway obstructions for others living in the borough.

Keeping up the pressure on the lawbreakers, the new Wall of Shame empowers local people to help bring the mess-makers to justice by reporting anyone they can identify from the clips.

Within six weeks of launching, Redbridge Wall of Shame had already notched up nearly 10,000 page views.

Local tip-offs from the March and April editions of Wall of Shame have led to a person being identified and issued with a £400 Fixed Penalty Notice for fly-tipping in Ilford, as well as the Enforcement Team currently investigating a graffiti offence in Hainault.

Head to Redbridge Wall of Shame to view our latest video, and find out more on recent fly-tipping initiatives, at:

wallofshame.redbridge.gov.uk

If you can identify any of the culprits on Redbridge Wall of Shame please contact us on:

Cleansing.Services@redbridge.gov.uk



Redbridge Cabinet Member for Environment and Civic Pride, Cllr Jo Blackman, said:

"Our Redbridge Wall of Shame is already resulting in tip-offs from the community and empowering local people to help in the fight

against fly-tipping to catch those responsible for making our streets messy. By working together as one community we can make it harder for fly-tippers to dump their rubbish in Redbridge, or think they can get away with it."

To ensure maximum impact in the fight against fly-tipping, Redbridge Council invested in a range of new cameras for the Wall of Shame initiative, allowing enforcement teams to monitor fly-tipping hot spots that were previously hard to track with existing equipment.

The new cameras enable our teams to quickly and easily deploy staff to an identified fly-tipping hotspot, giving us the ability to tackle fly-tipping locations as soon as they are arising.

Redbridge Wall of Shame forms part of our on-going work to create a cleaner and greener borough, and under our tough stance on grime crime, we will fine or prosecute any individual or business caught fly-tipping in Redbridge.

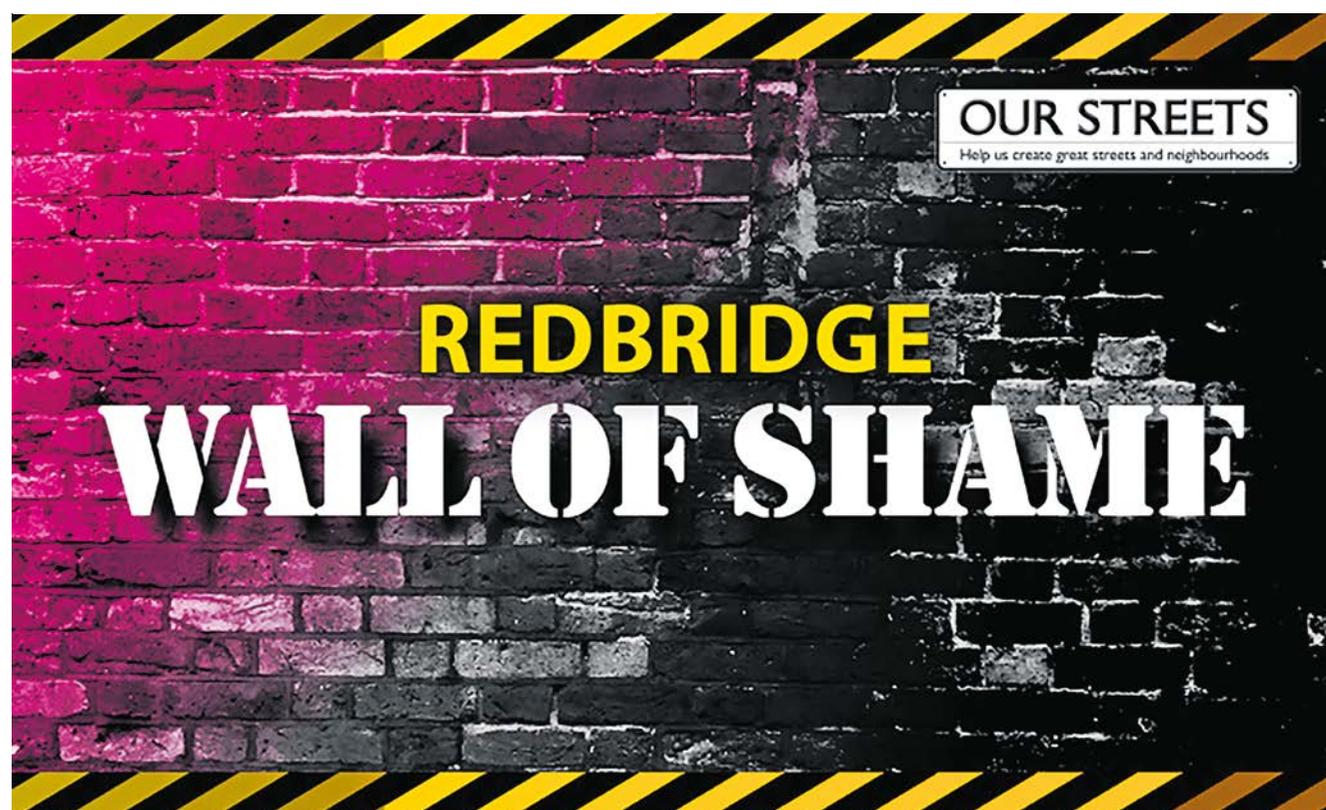
Enforcement action is also coupled with other council-led fly-tipping initiatives, including community engagement work, free online workshops on reducing and disposing of waste properly, and targeted fly-tipping operations.

Recent activities have included successful court prosecutions in relation to fly-tips discovered in the borough, as well as a joint council and police-led operation targeting vehicles transporting waste in a bid to weed out potential fly-tippers.

Spotted a fly-tip?

You can easily report it online through our 'Report It' page: www.redbridge.gov.uk/report-it

All reported fly-tips are recorded and investigated, with enforcement action taken if evidence is found. We aim to clear all recorded fly-tips on council land and along the highway within 24 hours of receiving reports.



Within six weeks, Redbridge Wall of Shame had already notched up nearly 10,000 page views

Keeping Redbridge safe this summer



We recently launched a new mobile patrol service to prevent and detect antisocial behaviour in our parks.

The new Parkguard service patrols Redbridge parks, tackling crime, antisocial behaviour and environmental crime through engagement, enforcement and education.

Parkguard work with the Police, Redbridge Council's Enforcement Teams, Friends of Parks, volunteers, and park visitors to keep our parks safe.

The service has two mobile Parkguard officers on duty seven days per week, plus two canine patrol officers Amy and Logan.

The new park patrol is already having a positive impact and making Redbridge a safer place. The team recently had to swoop into action and managed to stop a robbery in progress, following a tip-off from members of the public.

Marion Trofin, Supervisor for ParkGuard in Redbridge, said: "The most important thing is that we're here for the community. We also need the help of our neighbours to do our job as best we can.

"We've been very encouraged that people are now starting to approach us, and they mainly want to inform us about low-level crime, such as antisocial behaviour.

"We're pleased that we're beginning to build a good rapport with young people. We're getting these positive results as we've made ourselves approachable. We believe that education and prevention are far more effective than enforcement."

Marion and his team were on duty during the recent Eid celebrations in Valentines Park and Goodmayes Park and remarked on how positive the experience was.

Marion, said: "We've never seen anything like it elsewhere in London. We had kids coming up to us to get their pictures taken throughout the celebrations. It really made us feel part of the community, and we thoroughly enjoyed being a part of it.

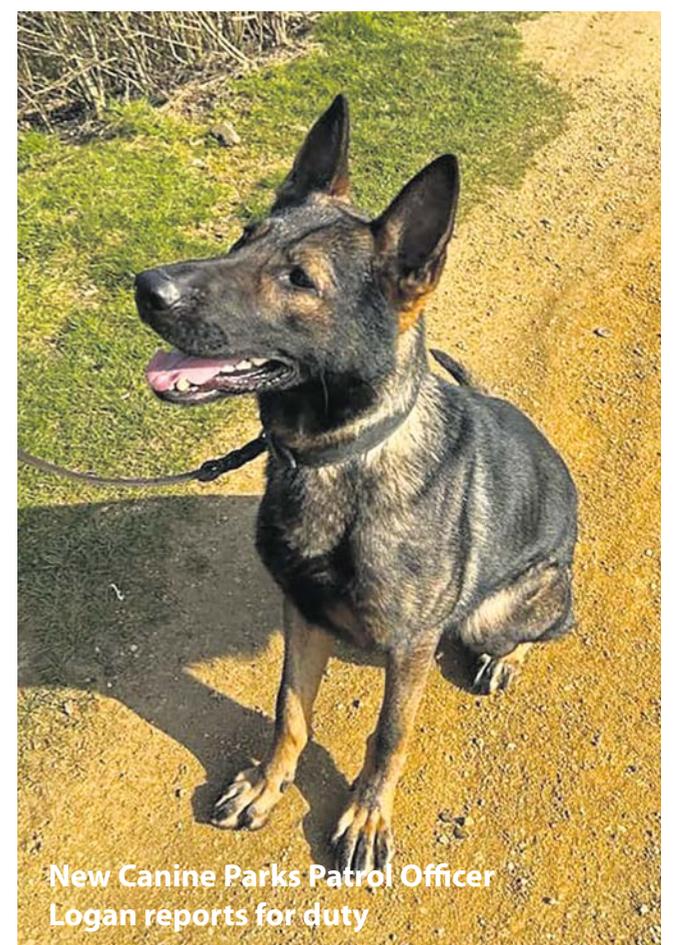
The Deputy Leader of Redbridge Council, Cllr Kam Rai, said: "We want our neighbours across Redbridge and beyond to have a great time visiting our award-winning parks.

"The Parkguard patrol officers will provide support and assistance to park visitors, work closely with council enforcement officers and the police, and use their experience and diplomacy to nip any problems in the bud before they escalate.

"Say hello when you see them; they're here to help."



The Park Patrol team out with Cllr Kam Rai and Cllr Jas Athwal



New Canine Parks Patrol Officer Logan reports for duty

2022 local elections – the results

At the start of May, voters in Redbridge went to the polls to have their say on who represents them at a local level.

These elections were an important opportunity for local people to make their voices heard and have a say on who represents them on issues that directly affect day-to-day life here in Redbridge.

People in Redbridge returned a Labour-controlled council for the third successive time.

The Labour Party secured 58 out of 63 seats, while the Conservative Party won the remaining five.



The council members that will represent you over the next four years are:

Aldborough



John Howard
Labour Party



Jyotsna Islam
Labour Party



Lebo Phakoe
Labour Party



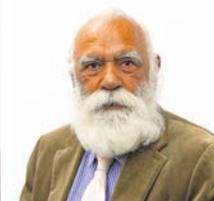
Judith Garfield
Labour Party



Martin Sachs
Labour Party



Mark Santos
Labour Party



Gurdial Bhamra
Labour Party



Paul Canal
Conservative Party



Syeda Choudhury
Labour Party

Chadwell



Hannah Chaudhry
Labour Party



Bert Jones
Labour Party



Anne Sachs
Labour Party



Lloyd Duddridge
Labour Party



Rosa Gomez
Labour Party



Guy Williams
Labour Party



Prabjit Gurm
Labour Party



Kabir Mahmud
Labour Party



Jamal Uddin
Labour Party

Clementswood



Helen Coomb
Labour Party



Zulfiqar Hussain
Labour Party



Muhammed Javed
Labour Party



Mushtaq Ahmed
Labour Party



Shikul Islam
Labour Party



Saira Jamil
Labour Party



Bob Chattaway
Labour Party



Ruth Clark
Conservative Party



Joyce Ryan
Conservative Party

Cranbrook



Mushtaq Ahmed
Labour Party



Shikul Islam
Labour Party



Saira Jamil
Labour Party



Bob Chattaway
Labour Party



Ruth Clark
Conservative Party



Joyce Ryan
Conservative Party

Fairlop



Bob Chattaway
Labour Party



Ruth Clark
Conservative Party



Joyce Ryan
Conservative Party



To find out further information, please visit: moderngov.redbridge.gov.uk/

Fullwell			Goodmayes			Hainault		
Matthew Goddin Labour Party	Sham Islam Labour Party	Shanell Johnson Labour Party	Namreen Chaudhry Labour Party	Kam Rai Labour Party	Neil Zammett Labour Party	Shah Ali Labour Party	Sam Gould Labour Party	Luthfa Rahman Labour Party
Ilford Town		Loxford			Mayfield			Monkhams
Saima Ahmed Labour Party	Shoaib Patel Labour Party	Foyzur Rahman Labour Party	Taifur Rashid Labour Party	Sahdia Warraich Labour Party	Jas Athwal Labour Party	Tanweer Khan Labour Party	Vanisha Solanki Labour Party	Joel Herga Conservative Party
Monkhams	Newbury			Seven Kings			South Woodford	
Linda Huggett Conservative Party	Sunny Brar Labour Party	Niki Chahal Labour Party	Thavathuray Jeyaranjan Labour Party	Pushpita Gupta Labour Party	Nav Johal Labour Party	Sadiq Kothia Labour Party	Beverley Brewer Labour Party	Joe Hehir Labour Party
South Woodford	Wanstead Park		Wanstead Village			Valentines		
Saiqa Qayum Hussain Labour Party	Bayo Alaba Labour Party	Sheila Bain Labour Party	Jo Blackman Labour Party	Paul Donovan Labour Party	Daniel Morgan-Thomas Labour Party	Khayer Chowdhury Labour Party	Alex Holmes Labour Party	Kumud Joshi Labour Party

Redbridge hosts RideLondon the world's greatest festival of cycling

**HEALTHY
Redbridge**

On 29 May, Redbridge hosted RideLondon for the first time, as part of a brand new event route.

The RideLondon 2022 route saw participants in the amateur 30, 60 and 100 mile event set off from Victoria Embankment in central London and into Essex via Woodford, even joining a section of the 2014 Stage Three Tour de France route.

Thousands of cyclists took to the streets of Redbridge, cheered on by local people watching from a designated viewing zone at Woodford Green Cricket Club.

The event was a huge success, inspiring cyclists and would-be cyclists across the borough to dust off their bikes and enjoy the healthy, eco-friendly way to travel.



Council Leader, Cllr Jas Athwal took part in the RideLondon 100 mile event.

Cllr Jas Athwal, said: "Taking part in RideLondon was incredible, it was tough cycling over 100 miles but the atmosphere was fantastic, especially when riding through Woodford. The crowd made the event really special and I hope even more local people join in next year, and in the meantime consider taking up cycling. It's a great way to keep healthy and get around the borough."

Why not try before you bike?

Try Before You Bike is a bike purchasing scheme operated on behalf of Redbridge Council by Peddle My Wheels to help local people to take up cycling. This is a great way to improve health and wellbeing, whilst reducing air pollution from car journeys.

Simple and affordable, the Try Before You Bike scheme allows you to trial a bike before buying it. Just choose your new bike and accessories from a wide range of varieties listed online and you will receive the following:

- Trial a new or nearly new bike for a monthly fee from £10 for kids / £20 for adults / £20 for folding / £50 for electric
- A bike delivered directly to your door with a free cycle skills session to increase your confidence
- All bikes come with lights, lock and helmet and you can add any other accessories you might need
- Maintenance and theft cover are available for peace of mind
- Free delivery and collection. No deposit, interest or cancellation fees
- If you like the bike, buy at a discounted price or pay monthly



You can find your local cycle lanes by checking out: www.my.redbridge.gov.uk/map/cycle-routes



Anand Shah, who lives in Woodford Green, attended RideLondon with his two daughters, Anaaya & Dea.

Anand, said: "We wanted to come out and cheer the cyclists as they arrived back in Woodford."

"We hope it helps raise their spirits, especially when they're starting to get tired. We cycle together as a family, and Redbridge has some great routes to go and explore. I think today has inspired me to enter for RideLondon next year. The atmosphere is fantastic, and it looks very well organised."

Iford residents Imran Ayubson and Faruq Ismail took part in RideLondon.

Imran and Faruq, said: "We've both enjoyed taking part in RideLondon, and it's been great to see so many people of all different backgrounds and ages getting involved. We'll definitely try our best to do it again next year. Everyone should try to do it; it's such a great experience."



Are you interested in joining Redbridge's Cycling Centre?

Feeling inspired by RideLondon?

Why not visit Redbridge Cycling Centre in Hainault. The Centre is home to a purpose-built road, BMX and off-road tracks, plus a large stock of hire bikes, as well as offering cycle coaching to groups and individuals, from complete beginners through to experienced riders.

Redbridge Cycling Centre has qualified British Cycling coaches on site and offers school holiday courses plus coaching for schools.

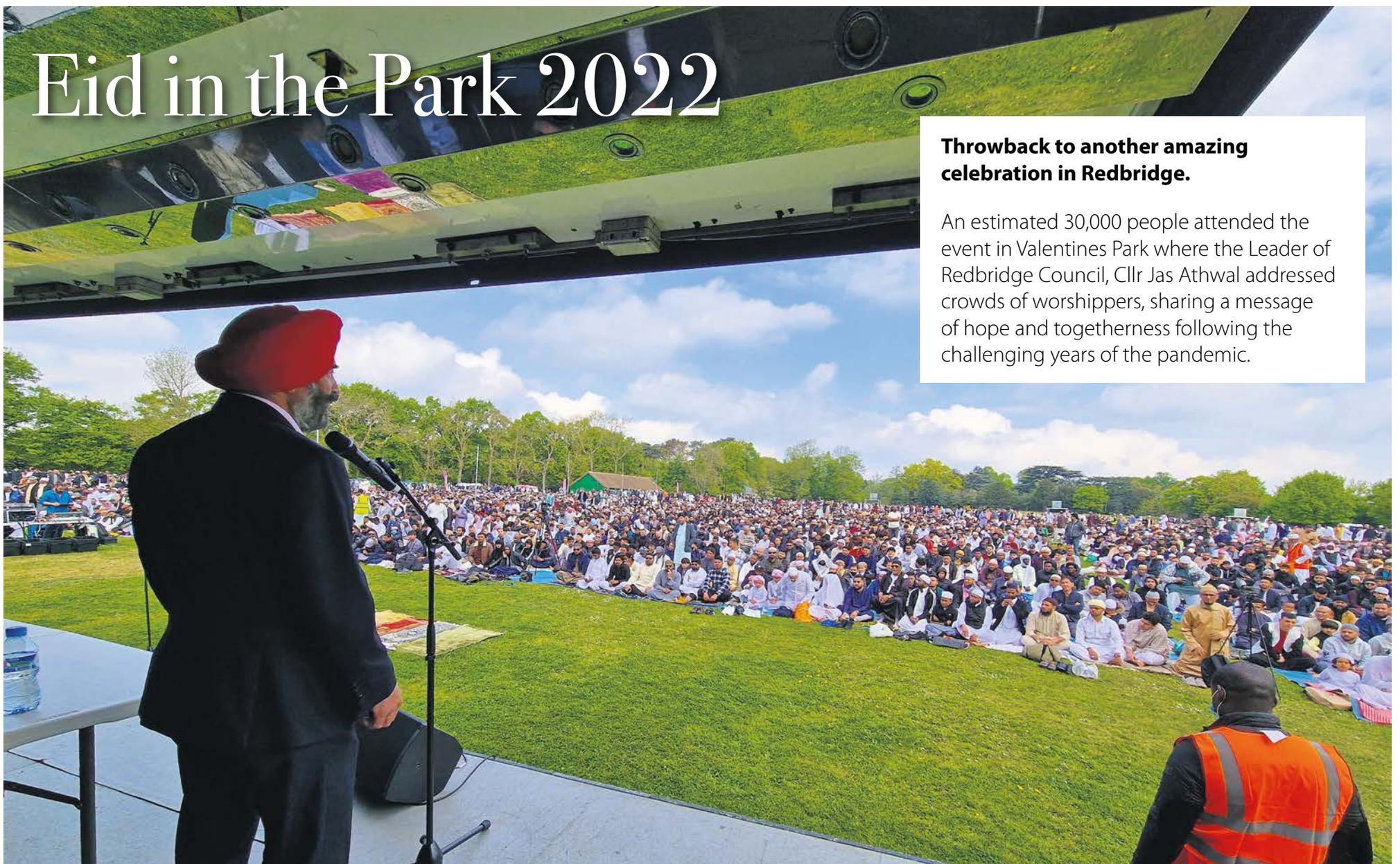
Learn more at: www.visionrcl.org.uk/centre/redbridge-cycling-centre/



Eid in the Park 2022

Throwback to another amazing celebration in Redbridge.

An estimated 30,000 people attended the event in Valentines Park where the Leader of Redbridge Council, Cllr Jas Athwal addressed crowds of worshippers, sharing a message of hope and togetherness following the challenging years of the pandemic.



Help Re-Wild Redbridge



Redbridge Council is working with local people to re-wild the borough, creating a patchwork of wild green spaces from grass verges to residential gardens and local parks to high street planters.

The plans will support local wildlife to flourish, improving biodiversity in Redbridge creating beautiful spaces for bees, butterflies and other insects to enjoy.

The council will be inviting local people to take part in the programme by re-wilding parts of their front and back gardens to form part of the Redbridge green patchwork, which will also involve re-wilding unused green space across the borough.

Re-wilding a part of your garden can be as simple as stopping using pesticides, planting some wild flowers, or just putting away the lawn mower and letting nature take over.

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Leisure and Culture, Cllr Kam Rai, said: "We're proud that Redbridge is one of the greenest boroughs in London, but we want to work with our neighbours to make sure our green spaces are not just beautiful spaces for us to enjoy but also support local wildlife."

"Re-wilding Redbridge will work with local people to create a patchwork of wild spaces across the borough and will restore important local ecosystems, help mitigate the impact of climate-change and also make our borough greener and more beautiful."

Redbridge Council will publish guidance on re-wilding on our website in the coming weeks and additional support, such as seeds will be provided.



Deputy Leader Cllr Kam Rai

Recycle right

Help reduce your waste this summer by recycling as much as you can, and by recycling right. It's important to know what can and can't be recycled. If you put things that can't be recycled into your recycling bin, you could contaminate the other items and make them unrecyclable.

Check out our handy checklist to get it right, at: www.redbridge.gov.uk/bins-waste-and-recycling/recycling-collection

August bank holiday bin collection dates

Don't forget to check your dates for bin collection over the August bank holiday as there will be a change to your usual collection day. Stay up-to-date on: www.redbridge.gov.uk/bins-waste-and-recycling/rubbish-collection/holiday-collection-dates/

Bin collection due on	Collected on
Monday 29 August	Tuesday 30 August
Tuesday 30 August	Wednesday 31 August
Wednesday 31 August	Thursday 1 September
Thursday 1 September	Friday 2 September
Friday 2 September	Saturday 3 September
Monday 5 September	Back to normal



Redbridge's green fingered community helps get the borough blooming

Local gardening enthusiasts who took part in a Redbridge Council led community planting initiative have helped bring the borough to bloom.

Thousands of beautiful flowers have been popping up in green spaces around the borough thanks to the collective efforts of those who took part in Redbridge Council's 'Big Bulb Giveaway', which saw the council give out 50,000 bulbs to the community for free to be planted in time for the buds to bloom in spring.

Since coming to bloom, local people have been sharing snaps of the vibrant selection of flowers, including daffodils, tulips, crocuses, snowdrops and English bluebell bulbs

Taking part in the initiative was Hainault resident Umar Khan, who said: "I spent over six weeks planting hundreds of bulbs, and they looked stunning in bloom. It was a talking point in the community, and I got to know more people

in the neighbourhood as they stopped by to chat to me about it as I was planting and watering them. I think it made people happy seeing the flowers as they walked by."

Parents, staff, and pupils from Gearies Primary School in Gants Hill were also enjoying seeing their flowers bloom.

A member of staff from the school's nursery, said: "From the children and staff at the Nursery in Gearies Primary School, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the wonderful bulbs kindly donated. They have brought so much joy to children, parents, and staff. They have been the talk of the school for the last few weeks!"



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Building for the future

Back in 2016 we made a commitment to build 600 new, permanent and affordable homes for rent on existing council-owned sites.

For Alissa, a Redbridge resident of over 20 years, this meant the opportunity to move from a smaller studio flat property she was sharing with her three-year-old daughter to a new, sustainable two-bedroom property completed last year.

Alissa, said: "I couldn't be happier, having a new home lifts your mood. I have a lot more space here when you compare it to my previous home, this includes my own front and rear garden, which for a lot of people living in London is a rarity. It means my daughter has a safe space to play when the weather is nice.

"We're also a stone's throw away from the beautiful Hainault Park which is so peaceful

For more information on our home building programme, visit:

www.redbridge.gov.uk/council-home-building-programme

but close enough to local shops and the Central line if I ever need to travel into the city. I count myself lucky, both myself and my daughter have the best of both worlds. I'm grateful to the council for the support and help I've received with moving into my new home."



Cllr Vanisha Solanki, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness, said:

"I'm absolutely thrilled that Alissa loves her new home and we're committed to building even more social and affordable homes in the borough in the next four years."



Alissa, local Hainault resident



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Home Upgrade Grant

The Home Upgrade Grant can provide grants of up to £25,000 per home. The amount of funding will depend on the outcome of a property survey and the current Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating. Funding is only available for properties that are off gas grid e.g. electric, oil, LPG or coal.

The scheme will offer insulating measures including: external wall and cavity wall insulation, underfloor and loft insulation. Other remedial works may be offered but this will be dependent on the existing condition of the property.

To be eligible for the grants, your property must have an Energy Performance Certificate rating of E, F or G and a household income of less than £30k per year.

Owner occupiers, landlords and tenants are eligible for funding.

In the case of rental properties, the income eligibility relates to the property's tenants.



▶ To apply, visit: www.redbridge.gov.uk/go-green or email: Housing.Standards@redbridge.gov.uk

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We'll help local people meet soaring costs of living

With rises in energy, petrol and food prices, thousands of households across our borough have been feeling the squeeze.

We know that many households are suffering in this cost-of-living crisis, and we want to help with extra support, help to find work and improve skills, and help with emergencies.

Earlier this year, we spent £2 million to help Redbridge families and individuals needing extra support throughout the winter months. Through our Household Support Fund (HSF), we've provided 43,000 awards of support in different ways, including food, energy and water costs and providing essentials like warm clothing, sanitary products, soap, boiler servicing and buying appliances.

A further £2 million has been spent on supporting local people through to September 2022, and our teams are working quickly to mobilise support for those in greatest need.

To access the HSF, residents must be referred by a professional currently working with them or their family, such as a social worker, family support worker or their child's school.

Cllr Kam Rai, Deputy Leader of Redbridge Council, said:

"The council is working with its partners to look at all the ways we can help our neighbours

in Redbridge during these very difficult times. Everyone is feeling the pinch from higher prices, but we know there are people

really struggling to make ends meet, and we will target help where it will have greatest impact. If you are struggling with your bills, please get in touch with one of our teams as soon as possible."



Here's some advice about local and national help available:

Energy

Energy rebate

We're urging residents to **claim your £150 energy rebate** from the council. Households in homes classified in bands A-D are entitled to a one-off payment to support increased energy costs.

Go to www.redbridge.gov.uk and search 'energy bill rebate' to apply.

Claimants who are unable to use the online portal can call 020 8708 5760 for advice.

Home Energy Advice

For advice on reducing energy bills, making your home warmer and greener, and information on personalised energy grants, visit: www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/energy-efficiency/reduce-bills

Warm home discount

Residents could be eligible for a warm home discount. If so, it could **save you £140** off your electricity bill for winter 2021 to 2022.

For further information, visit: www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme

Go Green Grant

You could **save up to £600 a year** on household energy bills with free installation of energy-efficient improvements to your homes. Visit: www.redbridge.gov.uk/go-green

Rent

If you find yourself struggling to pay rent, you may be able to get help with housing costs through Universal Credit or, in some circumstances, housing benefits.

For further information, visit: www.gov.uk/housing-and-universal-credit or www.redbridge.gov.uk/benefits

Work and benefits

Work Redbridge

If you would like support to find a job or improve your career development, Work Redbridge can help. Visit: www.redbridge.gov.uk/workredbridge

Welfare Benefits Team

The council's Welfare Benefits team helped to put more than £750,000 of unclaimed benefits into pockets of local families struggling to make ends meet over the past year. They may be able to help you. Visit: www.redbridge.gov.uk/benefits

Food

Food banks

We awarded £200,000 to food banks and community groups to provide food to those most in need. Residents can contact the council's Welfare Benefits Team on 020 8708 4180 to request a Trussell Trust Foodbank voucher in an emergency.



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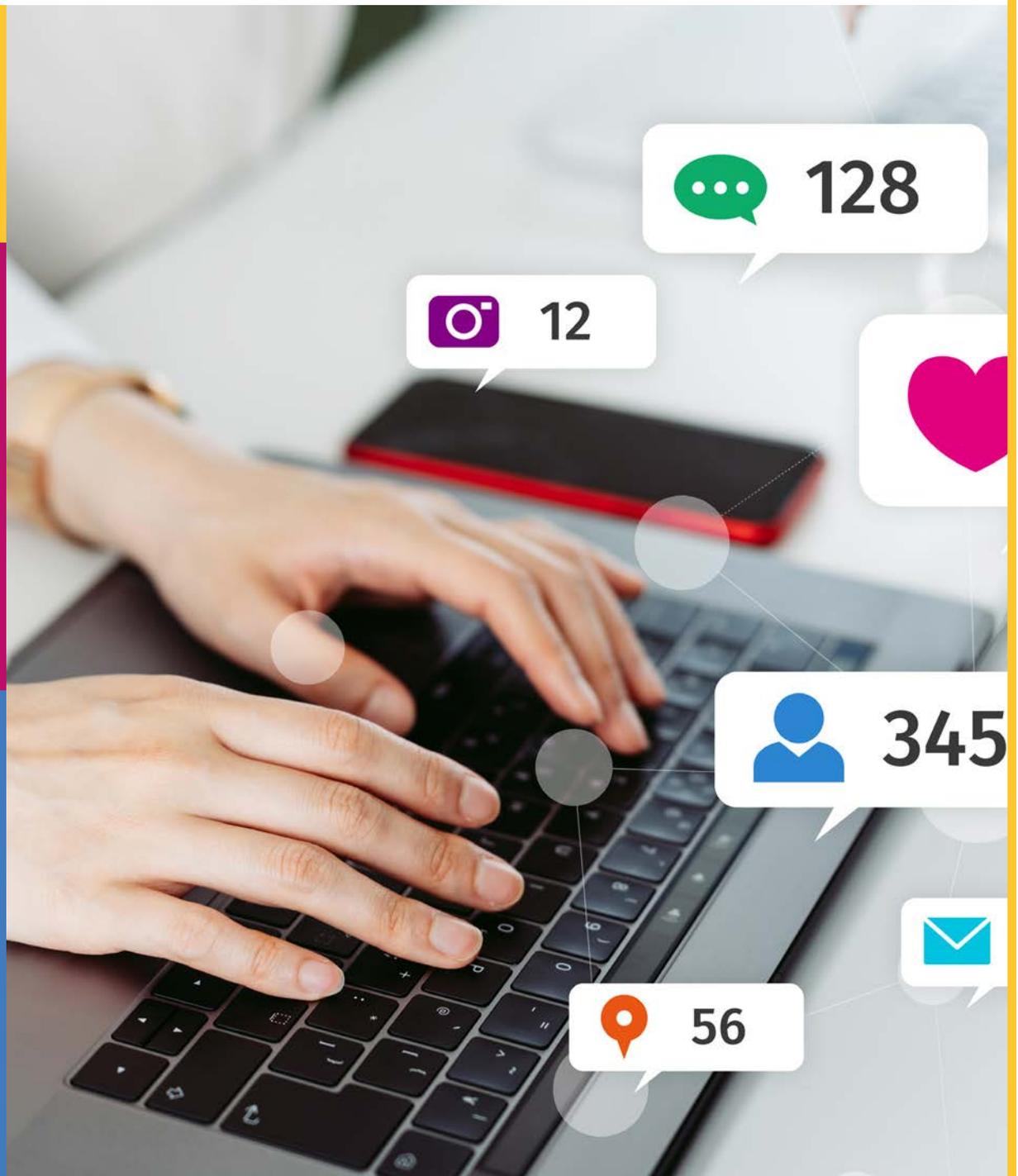
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Become a **Local Community Health Champion**

Register to be a Community Health Champion to get important health messages out to our communities in Redbridge.

We will send out key health messages, information and links to services and events that might be relevant to you, your family or community via email and whatsapp and ask you to share them with groups you are a part of. These will include information on diabetes, healthy eating, cancer screening, mental health and COVID-19.

As we move from the pandemic to 'Living with COVID-19' Redbridge residents are still facing many challenges. By sharing vital health and wellbeing information we are ensuring people get the help and services they need, supported by their communities. It shouldn't take up much of your time, but it is a very important role and could really help local people.



For more information and to register, visit:
www.redbridge.gov.uk/community-ambassador
Everyone who signs up will be in with a chance to win a year's free gym membership with Vision worth £500!