Residents have rallied to help those in neighbouring Kensington and Chelsea affected by the Grenfell Tower inferno.

At least 79 people are dead or missing presumed dead following the disaster which ripped through the 24-storey block in north Kensington in the early hours of last Wednesday morning.

As the mission to recover bodies from the building continues, Metropolitan Police Commander Stuart Cundy said: “There is a risk that sadly we may not be able to identify everybody.”

And neighbours in Hammersmith and Fulham have united to support the victims and their families.

People, businesses and charities from across the borough including QPR and Fulham football clubs, have been giving money, volunteering and donating supplies to the north Kensington community.

Hammersmith and Fulham council leader Cllr Stephen Cowan said: “Lots of compassionate people have been dropping off food, drink, clothing, toiletries, children's toys and books, and other vital supplies. Their kindness is showing London at its best.”

Help points have been set up across the borough including at Hammersmith Town Hall where scores of people have pitched in dropping off donations and boxing-up donations. Volunteer, Monica Munoz said: “I just thought it was too sad to be sitting at home watching the news, and I wanted to do something to help.”

Fears about tower block safety have been raised in the wake of the blaze which is believed to have been made worse by cladding added to the exterior of the building during an £8.7 million renovation. Hammersmith and Fulham council has assured residents that while some blocks in the borough have cladding, it is ‘very different’ to that used on Grenfell Tower.

Three blocks at the Edward Woods Estate which have cladding, are currently under independent review following a fire at a similar block at Shepherds Court last summer.

Residents rush to aid victims of Grenfell disaster
Panic raged in Grenfell Tower as smoke and flames engulfed the building. Friends and families of those trapped inside were told to expect the worst.

Desperate friends and families who escaped the horrific Grenfell Tower blaze spoke of their heartache and pain as they gathered at Ruby Portobello Community Centre immediately after the tragedy.

Corinne Jones, who lived on the 17th floor, said: “I was sleeping in my flat with my nine-year-old son when he woke me up and said he could smell smoke and thought there was a fire. We could smell burning plastic. We made our way down the stairs, I think it was about 25 minutes after the fire started. One side of the building was completely on fire by this point. The fire alarm in our flat didn’t go off at first, it only went off when the smoke came into our house. There’s no centralised fire alarm system in the communal areas.”

Her partner, Jason Miller, has recently moved out of the flat but said: “All our stuff has gone up in smoke. There was a councillor at the Christian centre and we asked him what was going on and he said there was a contingency plan but no one seems to know what’s going on.”

One person waiting outside the community centre, who did not want to be named, said: “It’s very disappointing that people are waiting to hear about loved ones. The community are supporting us but we haven’t seen anyone from the council or the TMO (Tenant Management Organisation).

“We were told the council officers are asleep. We don’t know what’s happening.”

“Representatives from the council are not here helping us. I’ve got a family member missing with three kids and a wife. People are suffering from shock. We were given an emergency number but we can’t get through. Only the community are helping us.”

Tia Sladek lives around the corner: She said: “I’ve got friends who live there. We’ve heard one of them is OK but the others we just don’t know.”

“Residents have been warning people about the problems with the building before but nothing was done. This council has blood on its hands.”

Malcolm Perkins lives nearby and could see the smoke from his home: “I have come to bring clothes to help those who have lost their homes. That’s what people do in Ladbroke Grove, everyone helps each other.”
We would like to once more offer our sincere condolences and appreciation to the community in North Kensington, following the tragic events at Grenfell Tower. We understand the growing demand for answers. Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation (KCTMO) continues to play an important role in gathering all relevant information that will enable us to assist fully with investigations. At present, however, our focus remains firmly on supporting our residents, staff, and local agencies throughout this incredibly distressing time. Amongst the substantial number of dedicated helpers, our staff continue to offer vital assistance to family and friends at Westway Sports Centre, led by Kensington and council's emergency team. We are extremely grateful for the invaluable efforts of the police and fire brigade and will go on providing assistance to all front line services as we seek to establish the welfare of our residents. The Metropolitan Police Constabulary Bureau has opened a dedicated telephone line for family and friends of missing Grenfell Tower residents: 0800 0961 233. Any displaced residents in need of emergency accommodation should call Kensington and Chelsea’s council’s housing department on 020 7361 3006.

Kensington & Chelsea TMO
GRENFELL TOWER FIRE

Together we

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At ight-knit community stands strong in the face of a devastating tower block inferno that has cost so many lives.

The fire service was alerted to the blaze at Grenfell Tower in north Kensington just before 1am on Wednesday last week. They rescued 65 people from the building. The injured have been treated in hospitals across London, including at St Mary’s, and Chelsea and Westminster.

While 18 patients are in critical care, the search for survivors is now over and an mission to recover bodies from the building has begun.

The number of missing people is still unknown, and as the blaze smoked on through the night in pockets of the 24-storey tower, residents and neighbours were shaken, shocked and angry at their landlord’s failure to ensure fire safety in the building that received an £8.7 million refurbishment last year.

Robert Dye of Ladbroke Grove said: “I’ve got a lot of friends and family in the area, and a couple of friends who lived in the building, and fire safety was a major issue for them. They raised it with the TMO (Tenant Management Organisation) but they failed to listen.

“What’s happened is heart-breaking, and what really upsets me is that the council spent nearly £9 million on that building – it should have been checked.”

Grenfell Tower residents were not alone in having concerns about their building’s fire safety.

Residents of Whitstable House, the un-refurbished tower block next door, have also raised the matter at residents’ meetings.

Whitstable House resident Paul Mead said: “We’ve brought it up again and again in meetings that we need more fire escapes, but nothing has been done.

“The only advice we’ve had in case of a fire is not to use the lift. I don’t even know where the fire escape is. Now that this has happened, I’m scared to sleep at night.”

Pete Griffiths, spokesperson for Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation which is responsible for Grenfell Tower, said: “It is too early to speculate what caused the fire and contributed to its spread. We will co-operate fully with all the relevant authorities.

“We are aware that concerns have been raised historically by residents. We always take all concerns seriously and these will form part of our forthcoming investigations.

“While these investigations continue with our co-operation, our core priority at the moment is our residents.”

Prime minister Theresa May has promised a “proper investigation” into how the fire started, but while key questions are still waiting to be answered, those living closest to the blaze have united to help one another.

Sunshine Isaac of Westbourne Park Road, awoke to see Grenfell Tower in flames from her window.

She said: “My son’s got many friends that live in the building and it was like something out of a horror movie; I’ve never seen anything
from 10am. Sunshine took up the post of cook at the nearby Harrow Club which had been turned into a help point for anyone affected by the fire.

Alongside trainee nurse Heather Fack, the two have been catering for the hundreds of residents, volunteers and people dropping by with donations.

Sunshine said: “I’ve been cooking since this morning; I don’t want to stop. I think I’m a bit traumatised actually. My son has friends in there. I saw people banging on the windows, trying to get out. ‘We’ll do what we can and we’ll feed who we can. Obviously with it being Ramadan, we expect a lot of people to arrive around 9pm when the fast breaks. ‘A Caribbean restaurant is coming over to bring food. The community has been absolutely amazing.’

Heather drove down from Watford yesterday morning as soon as she heard about the fire. She said: “I do community cooking in my community in Watford. ‘So I packed my son up in the car this morning and drove down here just to come and do what we can.”

In the aftermath of the fire, neighbouring Hammersmith and Fulham issued the following statement regarding safety at blocks in their borough.

In Hammersmith and Fulham we have 15 council housing blocks of 12 storeys or more. Our tallest buildings are three 23-storey blocks on Edward Woods estate in White City.

We have another 51 buildings over six floors, making 66 buildings in all that are six storeys or more.

We have reviewed fire safety at all 66 blocks.

We have fire risk assessments as part of our action plan following the Shepherds Court fire in August 2016.

We understand how concerned people are following the Grenfell Tower fire and we currently have fire officers visiting our estates to talk to residents and check fire safety arrangements.

We have no blocks in Hammersmith and Fulham that have cladding like that used on Grenfell Tower.
Mayor wants answers from PM on tower

I spent several hours (last week) talking to local residents around Grenfell Tower. These were difficult conversations with a tight-knit community that is understandably distraught, frustrated and increasingly angry. They feel the Government and local council haven’t done enough to help them in the aftermath of this horrific incident, or to provide answers to their increasingly urgent questions.

I promised the local community that I would fight for them to get the support and answers they deserve as quickly as possible. I am therefore writing to you today to set out the action that I believe the Government needs to take as a matter of urgency.

The local community feels their grief has been made worse by the lack of information about their missing family members and friends. They are fully aware of the true scale of the tragedy but cannot comprehend why they are not being given more information. There is also insufficient support for victims on the ground.

I appreciate that the authorities want to be absolutely certain that any information is correct before it is issued publicly, and the fire brigade, police and coroner are doing a heroic job obtaining this information in extremely difficult circumstances.

While the current systems in place may work well for a terrorist attack, there are legitimate questions about whether they are still appropriate in situations where obtaining this information could take much longer.

I would ask you to ensure that the local community is given as much information as possible today and over the coming days about the number of victims and their identities. Additional capacity for victim support needs to be provided urgently. In the longer term, I would urge you to review whether the current systems are appropriate for all emergency situations and operate at the pace required.

The community are concerned about the organisation and coordination of relief and support services across Kensington. I heard multiple stories of local residents not being able to access the information they required and being given conflicting advice by the local authority.

This complaint came from local residents, volunteers who had come from further afield to help, charities and local community groups. The scale of this tragedy is clearly proving too much for the local authority to cope with on their own.

Those affected are still not clear about the support available to them – either immediately or in the longer term.

For example, the local authority believe they found housing for all residents affected last night, however there are reports that this was not communicated effectively, and some residents are still sleeping in the Westway Sports Centre or with family and friends.

Please confirm as a matter of urgency that everyone from Grenfell Tower and other evacuated properties will be rehoused locally immediately.

Although additional local authority resilience arrangements have been activated to provide additional leadership to the local operation, I would urge the Government to provide all necessary assistance, and satisfy itself that the operation is functioning to the standard local residents have the right to expect.

The Government should also confirm that all residents affected by the Grenfell Tower fire will be rehoused in the area, unless they choose not to.

Residents I spoke to are
Point of view

Angela McConville, Chief Executive, Westway Trust

The London Festival of Architecture is Europe’s biggest annual architecture festival. Founded in 2004, it is an opportunity for London to celebrate its history and future as one of the most innovative and beautiful cities in the world, for Londoners to come together to discuss how buildings, structures and public spaces impact our lives, and to find ways to improve our urban environment.

London’s shape is constantly changing for good and bad as structures appear and disappear, and neighbourhoods shift and evolve. All of this has an impact on the way that we live, work, play and interact in one of the world’s truly global cities.

Few parts of London have been so directly impacted by the development of transport infrastructure than North Kensington has been by the Westway flyover.

City infrastructure and its unintended consequences is a subject that London continuously debates. That’s why we were so pleased to be part of this year’s Festival of Architecture. As custodians of the Westway estate, with ambitions to create new spaces to respond to local people’s current and future needs, we feel it is important for Westway Trust to be part of these London-wide discussions – learning from others and enabling them to share their experiences to benefit those elsewhere in London.

The theme of this year’s Festival is ‘memory’, and we hope local leaders to share their memories and views of the relationships between communities have with the Westway spaces and the underneath.

We’re focusing on ‘accidental’ spaces, the ways that people make use of them past and present. And we’re creating the opportunity to talk about how the estate can evolve to deliver future opportunities.

The Westway estate is a fantastic example of the unintended consequences of building new critical infrastructure to meet a changing city’s needs. It was never envisaged in the way we now experience it in the past. It only occurred to local people in the 1960s, dividing communities and bringing environmental blight. Today, thanks to the collaboration with local people, it is home to more than 20 charities, more than 100 small businesses, a leading London street market, world class sports facilities, three acres of green space, an annual programme of festivals and a wonderful legacy of art and cultural activity.

We’ve got some fantastic people coming to take part in the tour. I’m excited to learn from local people about making use of accidental spaces. Ours is one of hundreds of events taking place throughout June as part of the London Festival of Architecture.

From open houses and exhibitions to tours and presentations, it’s a great opportunity to learn about the past and future of London. You can learn more about it at www.londonfestivalofarchitecture.org.

I look forward to hearing back from you today.

London Mayor, Sadiq Khan

Time for us to stand and beat terror

With three terror attacks in 10 weeks, five plots foiled since March and 500 investigations since 2013, the tempo of the threat is unprecedented.

Police officers all over the UK are working hard to prevent further attacks and our ambition, of course, is 100 per cent protection, but we have to be realistic with the public.

With an attack assessed as highly likely, the risk posed by thousands of individuals identified as possible threats must be managed while new ones are spotted.

We assess that risk week-by-week, moving resources for changing priorities.

Working with MI5, we have about 500 investigations involving some 3,000 individuals posing the biggest threats.

There are another 20,000 who we continue to be concerned about. Some we decide to move into the priority group. Others may move from radical to would-be-terrorist very quickly.

I worry about the risk of this tragic incident happening elsewhere – particularly in tower blocks that have had similar cladding installed as part of renovation. People are terrified that the same thing could happen to them. I raised this with the Home Secretary on Wednesday and Thursday, and they agreed to lead co-ordinated efforts to ensure that all other tower blocks across the country are indeed safe.

This is not limited to the type of cladding fitted; the material it is attached to and how this has been achieved are also critical factors. It is crucial that other risks from renovation works are urgently and properly investigated, for example protection between floors. And we need to strengthen standards and recall processes around white goods, given the fire risk they can present.

I would ask that you provide a list of those tower blocks that have been checked, as well as a timeline for the remaining buildings. I would ask that you set out a timeline for this process today.

The Home Government has any reason to believe specific tower blocks could be at risk, residents should be removed from the local area immediately, while these checks take place.

Please also confirm that there will be an immediate implementation of the improved safety rules proposed in 2013 but still not implemented.

The community around Grenfell Tower have many questions about how this was allowed to happen.

They urgently need to be assured that they will get all the answers. I welcome the announcement of a full independent Public Inquiry, but we cannot afford to wait years for the outcome.

I would urge you to ensure, in the terms of reference of the Inquiry, that an interim report is published this summer, at the latest, and that the terms of reference include all aspects of fire safety standards and inspection in high-rise towers.

I would also urge you to ensure that residents and other interested parties are not saddled with any legal costs for participating in the inquiry, and receive the quality legal representation they deserve.

Finally, I would seek an assurance that if the Inquiry or police investigation finds any individual or organisation to have been negligent in their duties, then they will be prosecuted. As the Mayor of London, I will continue to fight alongside this community to ensure they get the support and answers they deserve and justice done.

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Free activities on offer for residents

Fitness walks, buggy workouts and line dancing are just some of the free and low-cost activities on offer to Kensington and Chelsea residents this summer.

The council’s ‘active for life’ summer programme is running until Friday, July 14 and sessions range from £2 to £5 with many activities, such as fitness walks and Zumba, completely free.

Tennis activators sessions are £5, with Holland Park Tennis sessions available from £10 for those looking for a more comprehensive tennis experience.

Other activities include cycling, gym, Nordic walking and beginners’ T’ai Chi.

In addition to the regular activities, there are a number of events taking place over summer.

The Festival of Sport is taking place at Kensington Memorial Park on Saturday, July 1 and the Disability Sports Coach Summer Festival will be at Westway Sports and Fitness Centre on Friday, July 28.

For more information on the Royal Borough’s Leisure Services summer programme download the ‘active for life’ summer programme at: www.bit.ly/RBKCSummerActivities.

Council chief hits out over hospital

Hammersmith and Fulham council has accused hospital bosses of trying to gag debate about its plans for Charing Cross hospital.

NHs proposals, published in 2013, will see the nine major hospitals in north-west London reduced to five.

The current much-loved Charing Cross Hospital is to be replaced with an urgent care centre, diagnostics and out-patients only.

The NHS plan includes:

- Demolishing the current Charing Cross Hospital and selling off most of the site
- Replacing the current A&E with an urgent care clinic
- Losing more than 300 beds.

But local health bosses say this isn’t a ‘closure’ and are ploughing on with their plans to re-brand Charing Cross as something they call a ‘local hospital’.

A formal complaint was made to the council in April by Imperial’s chief executive Dr Tracey Batten and Clare Parker, chief officer for the Shaping a Healthier Future plan about the council’s campaign to stop the closure of services at Charing Cross hospital.

They claim that Charing Cross isn’t closing, because what will be left behind will still be a local hospital.

But council leader, Cllr Stephen Cowan, said it was stretching the definition of the word to the point where it misleads people.

“It’s like demolishing someone’s house only to tell them they have in fact not lost their house – because they’ll be given a new garden shed which will be called their ‘local house’,” said Cllr Stephen Cowan. Local NHS managers have a track record on this kind of misuse of language,” he added. “They employed costly spin-doctors and PR people to help them close the A&E departments at Hammersmith and Central Middlesex hospitals in 2014 which resulted in the closures being mis-branded as a ‘change’ because, Saatchis advised, that would be more palatable to local people.

“The facts are perfectly clear to us – North West London NHS published plans in 2013 to axe services at Charing Cross.

“They need to stop trying to shut down debate, local health bosses should be focusing on helping their hard-pressed staff deal with these huge challenges.”

Electric car scheme expanding

Bluecity, the electric vehicle-sharing scheme for London, is expanding after a successful pilot phase in Hammersmith and Fulham.

Bluecity started with 10 cars in Hammersmith and Fulham earlier this year and following the growing demand plans to have up to 50 cars in circulation by then end of the summer.

Hammersmith and Fulham, Merton and Hounslow offer more to their residents in terms of clean transport alternatives.

In addition to a 12-months free subscription, free hours of rental are on offer to residents trying out the new scheme in these boroughs.

Bluecity is an electric point-to-point car club operating in a similar way to the Santander Cycle scheme.

Users can reserve a car via the Bluecity app, drive across London and end their rental by returning the car to a compatible charge point.
Helpers rush to do all they can for Grenfell victims

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People from neighbouring Hammersmith and Fulham have come, from every corner of their borough to help the residents of Grenfell Tower and their relatives following last week’s horrific fire.

From the Clem Attlee estate to the White City Community Centre residents, businesses, charities and visitors alike have come together to help the community in North Kensington in their hour of need.

Whether it’s by giving money, volunteering time or donating supplies to organisations such as St Andrew’s Church in Fulham, the Barons Court Project or football clubs such as QPR and Fulham, the outpouring of help has been immense.

Hammersmith and Fulham council leader, Cllr Stephen Cowan, spoke on behalf of the borough, saying: “My thoughts go out to all those people who have lost loved ones and who have been frantically trying to find out what has happened to their loved ones. They have lost their homes and everything they own.

“The emergency services have done and are doing an amazing job. Our NHS, fire, police and ambulance services have been outstanding as have council officers, volunteers and community groups – many are still working now.

“Along with many of our residents, Hammersmith and Fulham council quickly offered help and we have been assisting our neighbours in Kensington and Chelsea council who are doing everything they can.

“I visited the area on the day of the fire to see the community centre on the Edward Woods Estate and at St Clements Church on Sirdar Road in Kensington, two of the rest centres being run by Hammersmith & Fulham council officers.

“Community groups, businesses and lots of compassion have been people been dropping off food, drink, clothing, toiletries, children’s toys and books, and other vital supplies. Their kindness is showing London at its best.

“I am advised that while we have enough supplies at the moment, cash donations are still very welcome which can be made to the Kensington & Chelsea Foundation’s appeal.”

Kim Shearer, who works in the resident involvement team in Hammersmith and Fulham council’s housing department, had been given time off by her boss to help with the sorting and packing of donations.

She said: “Yesterday I was up at the Edward Woods estate community centre where donations were coming in. There were kids there who had been through their toys, bringing bits and pieces, just to help.

“And I’m here today to do a tiny little bit to help out, and get this shipped out to where it’s needed. The most wonderful thing was sorting through these things we found a really beautiful card that a child had written, and put in with their toys, addressed to the people at Grenfell. It just restored my faith in humanity.”

Scores of volunteers also rolled up their sleeves at Hammersmith Town Hall to help Volunteer Polly Devenish came all the way from Woking to help her sister, a member of Hammersmith and Fulham council staff, sift through clothing and toy donations for Grenfell residents at Hammersmith Town Hall.

“I brought a car-load of donations with me from Woking, which friends and family had gathered,” she said. “We brought nappies, baby wipes, infant formula, sterilising equipment, dummies, sippy cups – I was trying to think, as a mum of four, what I’d be desperate for if I’d lost everything.

“Fellow volunteer Monica Munoz, from Brixton, said: “Today’s my day off, and I would have been sat at home. I just thought it was too sad to be sitting at home watching the news, and I wanted to do something to help.”

While Chris Benjamin said: “We have been boxing up donations for the last three or four hours, and we’re also promoting donations to the disaster fund through our website. It’s really hit home seeing the donations: children’s wear and nappies, shoes, adults clothing, bedding – the sort of thing we need.

“And Dolly Garvey from Shepherd’s Bush said: “I’ve worked with the charity sector for years, and I just wanted to help out. It makes me feel good that I can do something to help, but I’m upset and surprised anything like this can happen in London.”

Cllr Sue Fennimore, deputy leader of Hammersmith and Fulham council, has thanked all of the residents and staff who helped out across the borough by saying: “It was incredible to see so many people helping out at community centres, the town hall, estates and businesses by packing boxes, bringing items and just showing the spirit that makes London such a unique place to live. We thank you for your kindness.”
Young explorers learn about bees at Spring on the Farm

Children learned about bees and pollinators at the event last month.

Young explorers from primary schools in White City learned about the importance of bees and other pollinators during the 10th anniversary celebration of Phoenix Farm, organised by Hammersmith Community Gardens Association (HCGA).

More than 120 schoolchildren visited the Spring on the Farm event at Phoenix School Farm on Friday, May 19.

Activities included a bee station, manned by scientists from Imperial College London’s Open Air Laboratories (OPAL) network, and a visit from a pop-up animal farm.

Speaking after the event, Cathy Maund, director of the HCGA, said: “We would like to thank the team from Imperial and OPAL for taking part in the Spring on the Farm event. It was great for local school pupils to find out more about pollination in a fun and interactive way, learning from the active beehives we have here on the farm.”

The children were able to get up close to the beehives at Phoenix Farm and learn more about the decline of pollinators, including bumblebees, butterflies and flies, and their habitats, as well as finding out what they could do to help the bee population in the area.

“Pupils also planted seeds to grow bee-friendly plants at home, helping to provide more places for them to feed.”

“We were thrilled to get this chance to work with pupils from schools near the college’s new campus in White City”, said Dr Poppy Lakeman Fraser, senior coordinator at OPAL. “OPAL is all about putting science and nature into the hands of people from all backgrounds so we’re delighted to work with these schools and with inspiring community enterprises like the Hammersmith Community Gardens Association.”

Imperial has already held similar events with other local organisations – including Wormholt and White City Big Local, and Queens Park Rangers – as it develops a major new campus in White City.

As well as providing a new base for Imperial staff and students, the campus is creating new opportunities for interaction and collaboration with the local community.

In January, the college announced that it is developing The Invention Rooms, a new community innovation space in the former Stadium House building on Wood Lane, which will open later in 2017.

Queen’s award for voluntary groups

Voluntary organisations in Kensington and Chelsea have been selected to receive The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service 2017 – the highest accolade for volunteer groups.

The three organisations honoured were:
- Daligorno Neighbourhood Trust - enabling people from diverse backgrounds to fulfil their potential and break the cycle of poverty, ill-health and deprivation.
- Migrants Organise Ltd - welcoming refugees and migrants and helping their meaningful integration.
- The Kensington and Chelsea Forum for Older Residents - assisting the elderly vulnerable residents of the borough to help reduce social isolation.

The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities.

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Course gives future entrepreneurs start in world of business

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Budding Hammersmith entrepreneurs have been given a helping hand to kick-start their businesses with an eight-week training course.

Fifteen participants graduated from the Start Your Own Enterprise Course last week, which is run by social enterprise Tree Shepherd.

The course guided them through the essentials of starting and running a business, including understanding your market, managing money and dealing with customers. The participants have launched a range of businesses, from food stalls to clothing to mental health support for young people.

Tieyan Eweka-Olorunfemi, 37, has set up her own catering business, Jollof Mama, drawing influence from her Nigerian background.

“I've lived in Hammersmith for around 13 years and realised there was a lack of West African cuisine here,” she said.

“I started out making food for family functions and setting up my own business was something I had wanted to do for a long time. I finally got over my initial fears and launched Jollof Mama last year. The course has helped me to focus and take my business to the next level.”

Tieyan has already started trading at some West London markets and festivals and is now hoping to expand her business further.

Eniola Arrimoro, 31, has started her own mobile braiding and beautician service, Lilfros n Emini. As a working mum, she found there was a gap in the market for a flexible service providing for parents and their children.

“I work with a lot of young mums in the community who don’t have the time to take care of their kids' hair so I come to them in their own home where they feel comfortable”, she explained.

Whilst the primary aim of the course is to give individuals the self-confidence to launch their own business, the organisers also hope it will have a long-term impact on the community.

Colin Crooks, chief executive of Tree Shepherd, said: “For me the wider aim is also to address long-term unemployment. We believe if we help people from less well-off backgrounds then in the future they will employ others from their community.”

Many of the participants already expressed a desire to give back to the community through their businesses. Eniola said in the future she hopes to set up a training academy and run workshops in hair and beauty to use her skills to benefit the community.

Sabine Fouchier, 46, has been working as a textile designer for 25 years and now wants to start her own social enterprise, putting on workshops and eventually launching a label of clothes made in Hammersmith.

The entrepreneurs will continue to be supported by Tree Shepherd as well as partners Petit Miracle Hub. The charity is offering rent-free trading spaces in its shop in West 12 Shopping Centre alongside 12 weeks of supported trading for the entrepreneurs.

A new course is planned for September and anyone interested should contact Joanne Hunt, Learning Manager, at training@tree shepherd.org.uk or on 020 3697 1538.
Spoons ceased scrapping my teenage sons’ cereal bowls. The TV was on but gave out none of the usual din that causes them to yell: “Mum, Dad, can you turn it down please?” from their bedrooms at night.

It was Monday morning, 11am to be precise. We were into our third one-minute silence in less than three months, a moment where office workers withdrew their fingers from keyboards, car washers dropped their sponges, shop assistants stood, heads bowed. Our house joined them. First Westminster. Then Manchester. Now London Bridge.

Just beforehand, a small part of me wondered if the third silence was a silence too far. Would my mind – and the minds of my boys – halt its babble of what’s for lunch? will there be a bus back? should we book a holiday? and instead focus on the victims and their families?

Could we use this time to feel their grief, to imagine what they and the paramedics and police went through?

Despite my reservations, the third silence felt as powerful as the first. It not only made me think about what matters. It made me think about how many people have lost their lives to violence this year in London. Knife crime went up by 24 per cent in 2016 and is rising this year. In one week in April, six men aged from 17 to 60 lost their lives to stabbing, according to The Guardian, which is mapping these atrocities.

So, it crossed my mind that to start reversing this London reality, why don’t we ask schools to hold a minute’s silence once a year to think about the victims of knife crime? They could do it on the same day each year, perhaps on the birthday of someone like the English peace activist Pat Arrowsmith, or the Nobel Peace Prize winner, 17-year-old Malala Yousafzai.

Sadly, too many of the capital’s school kids will already know of someone who’s been stabbed or beaten up. Their minute would be a time to reflect on compassion and love, a time for young people to focus their minds beyond academic performance, playground banter and PewDiePie.

A minute might not sound like much, but just stopping what you’re doing to spare a thought for the victims of the violence that happens in this world – well, in my view, that’s a minute well spent.

Victoria Silverman is founder of BeTeenUs.com, an online community for the parents of teenagers.
My dog Basil has a pink growth in the corner of his eye, I was told it was a sty but someone else has said it might be a cherry eye. What’s the difference, and how can I help him?

A sty is an infection of the glands around the eyelid, resulting in a red and tender spot. It’s usually treated with eye drops and sometimes antibiotics. Cherry eye is when the ‘third eyelid’ in dogs and cats protrudes from the corner of the eye. It can sometimes be treated with anti-inflammatory medication, but in some cases surgery may be required. Both conditions can be quite painful, so you’ll need to go back to your vet to check this out and get the right treatment for Basil.

I have a very nervous 17-year-old cat called Tigger. Sadly his brother died in January this year. They were very close and used to clean each other’s ears, but Tigger won’t let me near him. What can I do?

It will likely take time for Tigger to adjust to losing his brother. I would recommend using his favourite treats and just dropping them near him when you go past, or are in the same room. He will soon come to associate your presence with getting a reward. You can gradually get him to come a little closer for the treat, once he has gained confidence.

You may never get to the point where you can pick him up or stroke him but I would aim him to be relaxed when you are around.

I’ve recently noticed one of my guinea pigs lying sometimes and panting a lot. Could this be a sign he is too hot? And how can I keep him cool?

Guinea pigs are most comfortable between 20°C and 22°C degrees (68–72°F). Above this, they can struggle to keep themselves cool, and if it gets above 28°C (82°F) they can be very prone to heatstroke.

Firstly, make sure your guinea pig’s Hutch and run are cool and in a shady area not in direct sunlight.

If this isn’t possible you may want to bring the run inside and use a fan at a reasonable distance to help cool him down.

Check and change drinking water regularly, providing two containers will ensure a continuous supply of water.

If one of them becomes blocked – the problem can get worse if a guinea pig can’t access water. The signs of heatstroke include an increased breathing rate, drooling and collapse.

This is an emergency condition. Breathing difficulties can also be a sign of lung or heart disease so take him along to your vet.

Remember to keep your dog safe from the hot weather

Vicki Larkham-Jones, vet for the PDSA, answers your pet questions

With predictions that summer 2017 will be a scorcher in the UK dog parents need to be clued up on how to manage high temperatures.

Katrin Scholz, head nutritionist at AniForte, has some tips on how to best look after your dog this summer:

It is always well documented but in no circumstances should a dog be left in a car in hot weather.

Despite the mass media attention this usually gets, there are often still tragic tales of victims, so don’t take any chances this summer.

Also consider other environments, like conservatories and greenhouses that can also be stilling in heat.

They can be just as much of a hazard to your pet’s health and it is best to keep your dog out of these spaces.

If it is a really sunny day, it is not advisable to walk or run with your dog in peak sunshine. This is usually between 11am to 4pm.

Heatstroke can be serious, and avoiding the height of sunshine decreases the chance of your dog being affected.

Beware of the symptoms; they include anxiety, excessive panting, and in severe cases of heatstroke, collapse and convulsions.

If you think your dog is suffering from heatstroke, remove them from the hot environment and take them to the vets.

Be aware of very hot surfaces that could harm your dog’s paws such as hot asphalt.

A good trick is to test it yourself by laying the back side of your hand on it for five seconds to make a judgment.
Breed: Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Sex: Female
Age: 6 years 5 months
Reference: 357197

Everyone who meets Dee Dee is taken by her tenacity for giving and receiving affection to people. This sassy girl is always looking for an arm to snuggle in. She also adores water, and has been known to jump into the bath of her own accord. She would be best suited to a home with older children.

Breed: Domestic Short-hair
Sex: Male
Age: 9 months
Reference: 356541

Toby is an energetic youngster who is longing to escape the confines of his pen and live somewhere where he can run around until he has worn himself out. Once he’s had his fill of stretching his legs, Toby will be on the lookout for the nearest lap to curl up on.

Breed: Greyhound
Sex: Female
Age: 1 year 11 months
Reference: 357349

Snowdrop is a real stunner with lots of love to give and a guarantee to provide many comical and quirky memories in her new home. While she loves to run after tennis balls, she hasn’t quite got the hang of fetch yet. Snowdrop also appreciates having lots of down time and soaking up strokes.

Breed: Rottweiler
Sex: Female
Age: 8 years 7 months
Reference: 357064

Muffin is looking for a home where she will be given lots of affection. While a little wary of meeting people, it doesn’t take her long to make friends. She’ll also be happy to chase after a tennis ball or two. Muffin would benefit from a home with people who have experience with Rottweilers.

Breed: Domestic Short-hair
Sex: Female
Age: 4 years 2 months
Reference: 356770

Gina is a resourceful, friendly and confident girl who makes friends easily. She will make it known when she wants some love and attention by rolling around and waving her paws – she knows she is too cute to resist. Gina will make a lovely addition for first time cat owners.
So, after four weeks stuck in our house, our Labrador puppy was finally freed to roam the streets of South London. Obviously not unsupervised.

What a day it was, we all looked forward to it with anticipation, excitement and nervousness. We made a special trip to the Pet Shop in Streatham Hill and purchased a very nice blue harness things and matching blue lead.

Against his black coat he did look pretty stylish.

And off we went to the park. We had nothing to worry about, the minute Sparky got into the park he made not one but three friends.

I have never seen him so happy as he was rolling around and tumbling with his new found friends, he was so excited and pleased to see other dogs.

We wandered around the park and every child and every dog owner stopped us and asked questions about him.

Having lived in the area for 10 years, I’ve only made friends with the other mums from school and suddenly within a day of being a new dog walker, I have entered this social world and I have exchanged numbers with two other mums with children same ages as mine making arrangements to meet up again soon.

Had I known what benefits there were to getting a dog, I would have done it sooner.

Okay, so the private school social life didn’t quite work out but my social life because of the dog will be amazing.

I really am trying hard not to think what I have missed out on all these years.

Yesterday, I took Sparky out for a walk, by myself. I walked for an hour randomly doing nothing. I have never done that, ever, to go off for a walk with nowhere to go and nothing to do is a luxury that I have never had time for.

Now, with a dog, I have an excuse to do this as it’s no longer deemed a luxury but a chore, or a necessity.

It’s a very nice chore that will equally benefit me and my high blood pressure not to mention the idea of me getting mega fit.

Also, after having slept in the spare room downstairs for the last three weeks, to be on hand to let him out during the night, he has finally started sleeping through the night. It’s been four nights now that I’ve not been interrupted. As long as I let him out last thing at night, he’s okay until my son comes downstairs and lets him out at 7am. It was amazing when he slept thought the first night, when I slept through the first night. I felt great, we had a breakthrough moment.

His diarrhoea has also stopped now and he’s leaving me good solid presents instead and in the garden, not quite in the same spot but there’s always room for improvement.

Okay I think I’m done with talking about dogs now. I did promise myself that I won’t write anything about him, but I can’t help it. I needed to share my dog highs and my dog lows with anybody that would listen, in this case, anybody that would read about it.

It is hard work looking after a dog but when I see the boys playing with him and the obvious love they have for him, it’s worth the sleepless nights, the chewed up shoes and the constantly cleaning up after him.

The thing is, he’s a Labrador and at the moment, we are coping, as he gets bigger, will we still be able to cope? Well, will my son be able to cope?

My son will be turning into a teenager soon and he’s recently been getting into his music, which is great, but I fear he’s getting into the wrong type of music.

Compared to when I was younger, a long time ago, apart from a few bands there really isn’t good music out there at the moment. So I thought I would educate my son and steer him on the right path of music, I bought two tickets to see The Stone Roses. Who are The Stone Roses you ask? Well, when I was a student (quite a few years ago now) there were a few bands that came out of Manchester with some great music. The Stone Roses being one of them.

So, there’s me thinking that my son would jump at the chance of going to his first gig with his mum, but no I was so wrong, he panicked and said that he didn’t want to go.

Not sure whether that meant he didn’t want to go with me, or he didn’t want to go because he didn’t like the band. This really disappointed me. He would miss out on a great gig, (my husband may not agree with me) and I would have to go on my own. (Obviously it’s too early in the day to be inviting my new found dog walker friends just yet) so, what do I do? I’ve asked all my non-dog walker friends (yes, I do have some) they are also not into The Stone Roses.

I could drag my son kicking and screaming all the way to Wembley with me, but the screaming would really annoy me and I’ll probably get arrested on the way.

I could beg my husband to come with me, but he hates them so much he would only moan the whole concert.

Perhaps I’ll take Sparky – only joking.
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Compass School Southwark is a new good secondary school, which opened in the heart of Bermondsey in September 2013, with students in Years 7 to 11.

As a smaller than average sized secondary school, we place community at the heart of our work. Each student joins a ‘Learning Family’, a group which becomes their support network as they move through the school.

Our students also receive a strong programme of citizenship and what we call ‘relating’.

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Compass School Southwark has a longer than average school day, finishing at 4.30pm from Monday to Wednesday.

This gives us the time to provide a strong co-curricular enrichment programme for all students, where they can study a range of different academic, sporting and creative pursuits from Latin to leatherwork, and dance to debating.

As stated in our most recent Ofsted inspection “daily enrichment activities provide pupils with a range of opportunities that develop their confidence and resilience and assist pupils’ preparation for the world of work.”

In addition to our enrichment programme, students are encouraged to explore many different leadership opportunities and there are a wide range on offer for all students across all year groups.

Our anti-bullying ambassadors help to ensure that Compass students feel safe and have positive relationships with their peers.

In addition, our student council which comprises of our elected student president and council ministers work with the senior leadership team of the school to deliver improvements across the school.

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Compass School’s mission statement is that “everyone in the Compass School community will confidently reach the destination to which they aspire”.

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Lauren Thorpe
Principal
Compass School Southwark

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Last month, 10 promising hospitality and catering students from London South East Colleges Greenwich took part in a challenge to create and bake two afternoon tea dishes in just four hours.

Expert chef, restaurateur and writer Peter Gordon, who owns and runs the Providores and the Tapa Room in London’s Marylebone, came along with his team to our kitchens to judge the contest.

After two hours of scrutiny and deliberation, the panel chose their winners and presented students with their prizes and a signed copy – for all students – of Peter’s latest book, Savour.

Peter Gordon said: “I am very impressed by the commitment and enthusiasm shown by all students. I really do think we have some real talent here. Well done to everybody taking part.”

Lisa Stubbs, assistant principal, London South East Colleges Greenwich, said: “We pride ourselves on ensuring our students develop the skills they need to succeed in their careers – this is just one of the many fantastic real work experiences we create for our students.”

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They have excellent facilities on offer, including the Learning Resources Centre which holds more than 30,000 books and DVDs for students to borrow for free, a gym which is free for students to use, and a new canteen with a reduced-price Starbucks coffee shop – which was requested by students.

Former student Annabel, who graduated from SFX with As in Spanish and Italian, and a B in religious studies, is now studying politics and international relations at the University of Exeter.

She said of her time at SFX: “The teachers were incredibly supportive throughout the year.”

She also credited the careers department – which provides students with advice, as well as connecting them with future universities and employers – for helping her to make her university choices and assisting her with university applications.
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Our achievements are recognised on a national level, including being shortlisted for the TES Secondary School of the Year Award in 2015 and again in 2017, with an Ofsted rating of ‘Outstanding’ in all categories.

Despite our impressive recent achievements, we are not resting on our laurels. We are passionately committed to continually driving the school forward so that we can best meet the varied, individual needs of our students.

Our ethos is developed through our emphasis on traditional values. We insist on the highest standards of behaviour, uniform, attitude to learning and respect for one another and the environment. By providing an academic yet broad and balanced curriculum for all our students, we are able to recognise and develop individual talents and interests.

Our boys leave here well balanced young men, fully equipped to deal with the challenges of life, achieving the highest academic qualifications, underpinned by strong moral and spiritual values. The boys take real pride in their school community and their learning. One student told the Ofsted Inspectors: “we enter as boys but we leave as young men”.

Building on our growing reputation for excellence, we are expecting our first set of A-level results in the summer of 2017. Our students have benefitted from close links with the best universities in the country and we have a high proportion of our students accepted into Russell Group universities, with one student receiving a full scholarship to attend the University of Chicago.

We know how challenging it can be trying to choose the right school for your son, but if you do choose to send your son to St Thomas the Apostle College, we hope that this will be the start of a long, happy association between your family and our school community an association that will culminate in success at GCSE, as well as opportunities to progress on to A-levels and the world of work.

E. Connolly Headteacher

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Our teachers are experts in their academic fields.

Their aim is to enable every child to master key concepts and skills, as well as expose them to the very best that has been said and written within their respective subjects.

Our curriculum is both broad and deep.

An Ark Evelyn Grace child not only devotes extra time to becoming literate and numerate, they are eloquent, knowledgeable and thirsty to know more.

Ark Evelyn Grace Academy provides a rich and diverse curriculum with a particular focus on the core subjects – Maths, English and Science – as well as the humanities, arts and sport. We also offer a mix of traditional and modern subjects from Geography, History and Religious Education to ICT, Mandarin, Philosophy and Dance. Students get a broad and rich education and our curriculum is extremely rigorous, with regular assessments to track and inform students' progress.

The enrichment offer and opportunities beyond the curriculum are second to none at our academy.

These include many clubs, including: Mandarin, Portuguese, Duke of Edinburgh, an academy choir, brass band, dance and basketball, to name but a few.

Our sports facilities are excellent and team achievements impressive.

Choose Ark Evelyn Grace Academy

To apply or find out more about why our school is so great visit: www.evelyngraceacademy.org

“The Leadership team have a clear moral purpose to ensure that pupils develop strong personal and social skills as well as high academic aspirations.”

“The school’s efforts to raise the quality of teaching have had a positive impact on pupils’ learning...Pupils have very positive attitudes to learning”

“Pupil’s behaviour is exceptionally strong and has a positive impact on their social skills, personal development and learning... They are polite and orderly around the academy and were a credit to the school...”

(excerpts from Ofsted inspection report, June 2017)
EXCELLENCE, ENDEAVOUR AND SELF-DISCIPLINE
2017 OFSTED RATED - 'GOOD'

Why Choose Ark Evelyn Grace Academy?

Ark Evelyn Grace Academy is part of the Ark Group of schools. It is a caring and progressive school, with a broad and balance curriculum to enrich and shape the future of its students, preparing them for university and work. The Academy is housed in a state of the art building and has excellent academic and sporting facilities with a 3G pitch.

At Ark Evelyn Grace Academy we teach character building qualities such as: Resilience, Confidence, Responsibility, Integrity, Curiosity and Eloquence. We are driven by three core values: Excellence, Endeavour and Self Discipline. Students flourish in a number of disciplines including, The Arts, Sports and Academia. We provide a range of support focusing on personal and social development both in school and in the wider community.

Open Mornings
Monday 25th September 2017, 9am – 10.30 am
Tuesday 26th September 2017, 9am – 10.30 am
Wednesday 27th September 2017, 9am – 10.30 am

Open Evening
Thursday 28th September 2017, 4pm – 7.30 pm

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P lumstead Manor is a thriving school, dedicated to providing an excellent education to young people of all abilities and backgrounds so that they are challenged, inspired and encouraged to go beyond what they ever thought possible.

From September 2018 we will welcome a mixed intake of boys and girls into Year 7 for the first time. Although this is a significant change, we remain committed to providing a world-class education so that all our young people flourish and thrive.

High-quality teaching, in a safe and friendly environment, are our recipe to secure excellence and justice for all our young people.

Our commitment to academic scholarship, lies alongside our high expectations for outstanding behaviour and personal development, and we are uncompromising in our dedication to these priorities.

We are careful to nurture and look after all our young people, and provide them with the personalised support they deserve, so that we can meet their needs by opening up an extensive range of opportunities for them to learn, grow and succeed.

Our highly skilled Special Educational Needs team, including our Designated Special Provision, excel in providing personalised learning and support to students with specific learning needs.

We also have a dedicated team of staff responsible for making sure we offer challenges to all students, and specifically to our high-achieving students.

From September 2018, we will offer 240 places in Year 7 to boys and girls in our fully inclusive, vibrant and diverse school.

We are proud of our long history as a girls’ school, and are excited to now welcome girls and boys from next September.

The best way to find out about us is to see our vibrant community at first hand, and we look forward to seeing you soon at one of our open events.

A rare and exclusive opportunity to own a genuine limited edition silkscreen print of iconic 1960s painting, signed by the late pop artist Larry Smart, is set to come up at auction.

The auction of the Jimi Hendrix print has been created to support the mental health charity MIND.

Kathleen Miles, director of fund-raising at MIND, said: “We are delighted to be working with Larry Smart to support our work. This partnership will help us make sure no one has to face a mental health problem alone.”

Larry Smart’s portrait of Jimi Hendrix was part of the recent You Say You Want A Revolution? exhibition at the V&A and is included in the museum’s permanent collection. Taking its title from the track Fire, Larry Smart frames Hendrix with flames in reference to setting his guitar on fire during live performances.

A version of the print will be available for viewing as part of the forthcoming Larry Smart RETRO-spective at The Muse Gallery from June 21 to July 2.

An authenticated reprint of Fire as well as Larry’s equally iconic limited editions of John Lennon and Bob Dylan, will be launched at the exhibition.

Limited editions of Larry Smart’s pop icon silkscreen prints are available at the special exhibition price of £200 each or £500 for a set of three from the gallery or online at www.larrysmartart.com.

Larry Smart painted his portrait of Bob Dylan in 1967. Liquid Light is a newly-discovered Larry Smart original brought back to life and made available as a limited edition of 200 authenticated and numbered silk screen prints.

The V&A used Larry Smart’s Kaleidoscope Eyes poster of John Lennon on the publicity material for their Revolution: Records and Rebels 1966-1970 exhibition that ran from September 2016 until February 2017.

To bid for the print visit www.givergy.com/listing/mind/jimi-hendrix-by-larry-smart.
Residents marched to celebrate the many different communities which make up Hammersmith and Fulham as the streets reverberated with the sounds of drums, chants and whistles.

Hammersmith and Fulham council’s second Unity Day began with a march from Shepherd’s Bush Green to Ravenscourt Park on Sunday, June 11 followed by speeches, music, dance and other entertainment.

The event took on extra significance this year, bringing people together after the recent terror attacks. Hammersmith and Fulham council leader Stephen Cowan led a minute’s silence for the victims of the attacks in Manchester and London Bridge.

He said: “Whether it’s being against people because of what they look like, their race, their disability, their gender — we stand against it.

“We believe that by working together, by celebrating each other’s differences, by sharing love, by being one as a community, then we share a message of hope not just for now but for the future.”

Speakers included Lord Alf Dubs, who campaigns to aid child refugees, as well as Wiktor Moszczynski of the Polish Social and Cultural Association, Tara Flood, chairwoman of the Disabled People’s Commission, and Hammersmith and Fulham Youth Mayor Hiba Al Moosawi.

The entertainment was organised by Hammersmith and Fulham ArtsPost, the event being the latest in the charity’s programme which ran from June 3-11.

Here are a selection of some pictures we couldn’t fit in last week for you to enjoy of the day.
Hundreds of people came together to celebrate Unity Day on June 11.
National estate agents Leaders raised £15,000 for its charity partner Together for Short Lives during the recent Children's Hospice Week.

Staff from all of 124 Leaders branches across the UK took part in a variety of fund-raising activities, including cake sales, coffee mornings, raffles, car washes, cycling challenges, marathons, sponsored walks, games, competitions and a sponsored silence.

Leaders also invited its landlords to donate a day’s rent in support of Together for Short Lives and hundreds did so, raising thousands more for the charity.

The £15,000 raised in just seven days from May 22-29 will contribute to the company’s fund-raising total for the year, when it is aiming to raise £50,000 just as it did in 2016.

Allison Thompson, managing director at Leaders, said: “Hundreds of our staff combined imagination and hard work to hold a plethora of fundraising events during Children’s Hospice Week, raising more than £15,000 in the process. “Having worked with Together for Short Lives since 2015, we know exactly how important this money is and the difference it will make. The charity supports children with life-threatening and life-limiting conditions and we are delighted to be able to help. “All of the money raised by our branches will go to their local children’s hospice service, so people know they have had a positive impact helping seriously ill young people and their families in their home county. “We would also like to thank everybody who attended our fund-raising events and contributed to our appeals. Together for Short Lives is an umbrella charity for all 54 children’s hospices in the UK. Each Leaders branch is paired with its local hospice and raises money on its behalf. Nick Appleby, head of corporate partnerships at Together for Short Lives, said: “The incredible support shown by Leaders, their staff and customers during Children’s Hospice Week has been truly inspirational. We were really delighted to hear about all the fundraising activities that took place and we want to say a massive thank you to everyone involved. “The money raised will make a huge difference to the local children’s hospices and the lifeline services they provide for seriously ill children and their families.”
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• Experience of coordinating Admissions

St Ursula’s is an outstanding, highly oversubscribed Catholic girl’s school with a reputation for excellence. (Ofsted 2015, 2010 & 2007). As a Teaching School, we are strongly committed to the ongoing professional development of all staff.

St Ursula’s Convent School is committed to safeguarding and the wellbeing of children and young people and expects all staff to share their commitment. An enhanced DBS is required for all successful applicants.

Applicants should complete the Support Staff Application Form and return it to the Head Teacher’s PA, Mrs Elliott (s Elliott@stursulas.com)
Details can be found on the school website www.stursulas.com

Closing date for applications: 30th June 2017
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Local Planning Applications
London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND ENRICHMENT AREAS) ACT 1990
I give notice that applications have been made to the Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham as follows:

FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH MAY AFFECT THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF A CONSERVATION AREA 505 Fulham Road London SW6 1HH 2017/02173/FUL
Erection of a wall to replace retaining wall on the front side boundary; increase the height of the existing side wall and erect trellis on top of wall.

20 Royal Crescent London W12 9RP 2017/02170/FUL
Erection of a rear roof extension; erection of a single storey rear extension to the side and rear of the existing back additon, following demolition of existing extension; excavation of front garden and part of rear garden to form lightwells, in connection with the enlargement of the basement; erection of a new wall to form railings on top of the front elevation.

Flat A 68 Bramer Road London W14 9PB 2017/02171/FUL
Erection of a single storey rear extension, to the side and rear of the existing back additon; excavation of railings on top of the front boundary wall.

Flat C 455 Fulham Palace Road London SW6 6SU 2017/02172/FUL
Erection of an additional floor at roof level.

55 Milton Road London W14 0LH 2017/02179/FUL
Erection of a front and rear roof extension; erection of a rear extension at second floor level, to the rear and side roofslopes, changes to the positions of awindow and side roofslopes, to the rear elevation, excavation of the rear and side gardens to form lightwells in connection with the enlargement of the basement; erection of a new wall to form railings on top of the front elevation.

41 Ravenscourt Road London W6 0UJ 2017/02183/FUL
Erection of roof extensions at lower ground, upper ground, first and second floor level following partial demolition of existing rear back additions; installation of a new rooflight following the removal of existing rear upper rooflight above the main flat roof at roof level; installation of new windows and a door to replace the existing rooflights above the main flat roof at roof level; installation of new doors to the front elevation with use as a terrace; installation of new doors to replace the existing doors to the rear elevations; installation of 2no. side windows with new windows to front bay at lower ground floor level; further excavation of the front garden to form a new stone room and additional lightwell; erection of a single storey side infill extension; excavation of the front and rear garden to form a front and rear garden extension with the enlargement of the existing basement.

104 King Street London SW6 0QP 2017/02186/FUL
Installation of 3no. antennas, 3no. transmitters, 3no. support poles, 1no equipment cabinet set on free standing plinth and ancillary development thereto.

26 Sterndale Road London W14 0HU 2017/02116/FUL
Erection of a single storey side infill extension; erection of a single storey side infill extension; excavation of the front and rear garden to form a front and rear garden extension with the enlargement of the existing basement.

Doddell Park and John Aird School Cobbold Road London W12 9LN 2017/02129/FUL
Use of the premises to operate as a food and craft market on Sundays between the hours of 08:00am and 16:00pm.

91 Chipstead Street SW6 2HT 2017/01639/FUL
Erection of an additional floor at roof level over part of the existing back additon; erection of a single storey rear extension at second floor level over part of the existing back additon; erection of a single storey rear extension at second floor level; change to the positions of awindow and side roofslopes, to the rear elevation, excavation of the rear and side gardens to form lightwells in connection with the enlargement of the existing basement.

Broadway Mansions Effie Road London SW6 1EL 2017/02145/VAR
Erection of first floor rear extension following the enlargement of the existing basement for planning application ref: 2015/0215/FUL of which appeal was allowed.

APP/HS390/W1/15/133658 was granted 23rd February 2016 to allow minor amendments to include: addition of galvanised hopper and downpipe, addition of galvanised cladding for the new plant store, addition of new plant deck to commercial units fully screened, service shaft finish in a white colour based on RAL 9001 light grey, roof slope height increased by approx 350mm, addition of timber screened cycle screen to side of entrance, graphic changes to abutment of aluminium framed glass structure with rendered metal box structure, formation of a ramp to refuse storage and high grade smooth finished concrete plinth to glass extension.

Flat A 32 Vereker Road London W14 9JS 2017/02165/FUL Replacement fascia lettering sign with a raised mansard roof; excavation basement to provide accommodation at lower ground, main and flat roof; alterations to the Fairholme Road elevation in connection with the formation of a 2 bedroom rear extension to the rear of the house.

22 And 24 St Peter's Grove London W6 9AZ 2017/02169/VAR Variation of condition 2 of planning permission ref: 2016/00559/FUL granted 15th April 2016 to include minor material amendments to include: Flat roofs to the first floor glazed study; installation of additional fascia letters to the flat roof; alterations to the positions of a window and door to the front elevation at ground floor level.

145B Greyhound Road London W6 9DR 2017/02243/FUL Erection of an additional floor at first floor level to single storey ground floor flat; and alterations to the positions of a window and door to the front elevation at ground floor level.

Flat First Floor 40 Irving Road London W14 0JS 2017/02105/VAR Variation of condition 2 of planning permission ref: 2016/01404/FUL granted 25th May 2016 to include the enlargement of the existing first floor rear extension at second floor level and installation of additional flat roof at roof level.

116 King Street London W6 0GP 2017/02066/FUL Installation of new first floor rear extension; erection of a single storey rear extension at second floor level over part of the existing back additon; erection of a single storey rear extension at second floor level over part of the existing back additon; erection of a single storey rear extension at second floor level; change to the positions of awindow and side roofslopes, to the rear elevation, excavation of the rear and side gardens to form lightwells in connection with the enlargement of the existing basement.

74 Kensington Road London SW6 3BA 2017/02093/FUL Erection of a front roof extension including raising the ridge height of the main roof at roof level; extension to the bay window at the first floor rear elevation; excavation of the rear elevation of the glazed study (main house), installation of soil vent pipes on the pitched roof over the kitchenette and the flat roof over the master bathroom, installation of new openable rooflight over the main flat roof at roof level; replacement of existing entrance door; installation of single ply building envelope to the roof of the woodshop, installation of water rain pipes to the front elevation of the garage and the enlarged rear extension, circular rooflight over the master bathroom, selected windows to replace the existing rooflight over the main flat roof at roof level following the enlargement of the existing basement.

96 Settington Road London SW6 0PA 2017/02058/FUL Erection of a front extension including raising the ridge height of the main roof at roof level; extension to the bay window at the first floor rear elevation; excavation of the rear elevation of the glazed study (main house), installation of soil vent pipes on the pitched roof over the kitchenette and the flat roof over the master bathroom, installation of new openable rooflight over the main flat roof at roof level; alterations to the front elevation, alterations to the courtyard fenestration at the rear of the rear extension, installation of new doors to the rear elevation, alterations to the external canopies over the door between kitchen/dining room and corridor.

63 Rowan Road London W7 2017/02205/VAR Variation of planning permission 2016/03589/FUL granted 06/10/2016 for 'Erection of a rear roof extension; installation of 2no. rooflights in the side roof; rooflight to the front roof; installation of 1no. rooflight in the side rooflights; egression of a single storey rear extension to the side and rear elevation; excavation of the front garden and part of the rear garden to form lightwells in connection with the enlargement of the existing basement'.

Land To The Rear Of 2 Ifroy Road London SW6 0QY 2017/01378/FUL Further excavation of the existing basement and formation of new lightwells.

FOR CONSERVATION AREA CONSENT (DEMOLITION WORK FOR BUILDING CONSENT) FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH MAY AFFECT THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING

115 Estcourt Road London SW6 7TH 2017/02223/FUL Variation of planning permission 2016/00117/FUL granted 06/10/2016 for 'Erection of a rear roof extension; installation of 2no. rooflights in the side rooflights; installation of 1no. rooflight in the side rooflights; egression of a single storey rear extension to the side and rear elevation; excavation of the front garden and part of the rear garden to form lightwells in connection with the enlargement of the existing basement'.

22 And 24 St Peter's Grove London W6 9AZ 2017/02169/VAR Variation of condition 2 of planning permission ref: 2016/00559/FUL granted 15th April 2016 to include minor material amendments to include: Flat roofs to the first floor glazed study; installation of additional fascia letters to the flat roof; alterations to the positions of a window and door to the front elevation at ground floor level.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should do so by 4th July 2017. See below for ways of commenting on applications.

JO ROWLANDS Regeneration, Planning and Housing Lead Director on behalf of HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM COUNCIL
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John Terry is in the centre of a tug of war between Birmingham City and Aston Villa for his signature. The former Chelsea skipper is confident that the club he leaves behind after 22 years of service will strengthen the squad, which has won the Premier League title twice in the past three years, this summer.

Terry, 36, is seeking a £100,000-a-week deal and it is believed both Championship Midlands clubs have accepted his terms. AFC Bournemouth are still in the mix, but are reluctant to spend so much on a player who barely featured in the top flight last season, and few hopeful the lure of the Premier League might tip the balance in their favour.

“JT’s preferred choice – Brighton & Hove Albion – rejected his overtures. Terry is the last of the old guard at SW6 which in the past decade has brought unparalleled success to Chelsea. But Terry is confident the Blues will manage without him. For example, Dennis Wise won the FA Cup final in May, has been a man mountain at times. He has had the field brilliantly, but inside the dressing room as well. “No one really gets to see that. He has a big character he is. If he gets the armband, he will fit it well.”

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