

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## Summer 2025



### **SUMMER AT BRENT CROSS TOWN**

Take a look at upcoming fun activities and events.

### **OUR NET ZERO JOURNEY**

Discover what we're doing to become a net zero town by 2030.

### **SHARE YOUR FAVOURITE MEMORIES**

Tell us what you remember about living in the local area.

**INSIDE THIS ISSUE: DISCOVER WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LOCAL AREA...**

# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

*Whether you're ready to get active or looking to try something different, Brent Cross Town has something for everyone this summer.*

From Friday 25 July to Sunday 31 August, we're hosting a vibrant summer programme of sport and play for adults and families, designed to boost physical and mental wellbeing.

For adults, you're invited to take part in free, introductory Saturday morning yoga sessions or you can join our weekly running groups or challenge yourself with a bootcamp fitness class and Chase Tag. You can also take part in baseball at The 108 or explore the area on guided walking tours.

There'll also be a range of free family-friendly activities, including arts and crafts workshops and sports games, as well as Beat the Goalie and skateboarding. Some events require advance booking, so please ensure you secure your spots online at [brentcrosstown.co.uk/event/summer-in-the-park-2025](https://brentcrosstown.co.uk/event/summer-in-the-park-2025)

## TAKE PART IN CHASE TAG

Have you played Chase Tag before? This exciting game is a mix of parkour and a classic game of tag which is now a global sport played by athletes, stunt performers, and Ninja Warrior champions. From July to September, we're bringing an exciting Chase Tag Quad (arena) to the Exploratory Park. We will host free sessions for adults and kids (aged 8+), as well as coached classes for all levels. Professional coaches will guide you through the basics, teach key movement techniques and help build your confidence on the Quad. No advance booking required. Just turn up on the day, join us to watch or take part! Whether you're new to Chase Tag or just looking for something different, it's a brilliant way to stay active this summer. Find out the session schedules at [brentcrosstown.co.uk/event/summer-in-the-park-2025](https://brentcrosstown.co.uk/event/summer-in-the-park-2025)

## KIDDIES CARNIVAL AND FAMILY PICNIC

Join us on Saturday 16 August as we celebrate Caribbean Carnival culture through music, dance, and play. The celebration is organised by local carnival group, Just In Carnival and will take place at Claremont Park, from 1pm to 6pm. You can bring a picnic or treat yourself from one of the local eateries at Brent Cross Town, including pizza from Happy Face, or a snack from Gussy's Ice Cream Parlour or from Spruce and Larch.

## NEW CHESS CLUB

Have you seen our newly launched free chess club? The club takes place outside Gussy's Ice Cream Parlour at Claremont Park, every Friday from 12pm. Chess boards are provided, but you can also bring along your own. No booking is required, and you can come along whether you're alone or with buddies.

We hope to see you at these events. More information and news can be found at [brentcrosstown.co.uk](https://brentcrosstown.co.uk) or follow us on [@brentcrosstown](https://twitter.com/brentcrosstown)

## THE PLAY OFFS

We're hosting World Chase Tag at the Exploratory Park on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September and you're invited to sign your team up or yourself and take part in fun activities ranging from Chase Tag, high ropes, climbing walls, and baseball. Plus, don't miss the chance to see some of the world's best Chase Tag athletes play live at European Qualifiers during that weekend. Save the date and keep up to date for more details at [brentcrosstown.co.uk/news](https://brentcrosstown.co.uk/news)



## EVENTS AT OUR YARD

Our Yard at Clitterhouse Farm are hosting a range of fun events and activities, including their very first music festival, Folk Fest, on Saturday 19 July from 12pm to 5pm, as well as their popular Night Market on Tuesday 9 September from 4pm to 8pm. More details can be found at [ouryard.org](https://ouryard.org) or follow [@clitterhousefarm](https://twitter.com/clitterhousefarm) for updates.



## OPENING TIMES

Claremont Park is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Exploratory Park is open daily from 7am till sunset. The Visitor Pavilion is open daily from 10am to 6pm.

Claremont Park toilets are open daily from 10am to 7pm between 1 June and 30 September.



## PARKING

We encourage active travel and the use of public transport where possible. Visitors are reminded that parking on nearby residential streets is not permitted, and enforcement patrols are in place. Claremont Way car park is open daily from 7am to 8pm, and the Tilling Road Car Park is open from April to September, 7am to 7pm.



# CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

It's official! On Friday 16 May, we marked the completion of Conductor House at Brent Cross Town and the relocation of former residents of the Whitefield Estate to their new homes across the development.

A ribbon was cut by members of the Whitefield Estate resident steering group, who played a key role in championing the voices of their neighbours throughout the relocation process.



Eileen Touil, who cut the ribbon, is one of Whitefield Estate's longest standing former residents who first moved into the area in 1974. **Eileen told us:** "I love my new home, I think it has been designed very well and feels safe and secure. As we're less than a five-minute walk from our previous home, I love that I can still use the same buses and go to the same shops I always do."

Find out more details about how we are capturing stories from local people at [transformingbx.co.uk/whitefield-estate](https://transformingbx.co.uk/whitefield-estate).



## PLACE AT THE TABLE: VOICES ACROSS GENERATIONS

On Tuesday 24 June, residents, community groups, local leaders and city makers came together on a sunny afternoon on the Visitor Pavilion rooftop terrace to discuss how we design new neighbourhoods that enhance wellbeing, foster connections, and promote social cohesion within diverse communities.

This was a special workshop event as part of the London Festival of Architecture which is a month-long celebration of architecture.

The discussion was forward-thinking, and the findings will be instrumental in how we shape Brent Cross Town and create a truly intergenerational community in the years ahead. Register to find out more about news and events at [bxt.uk/register](https://bxt.uk/register).



## DOING OUR PART...A NET ZERO TOWN

We're on a journey to making Brent Cross Town a net zero carbon town by 2030, and that means making a positive contribution to the world we share by the choices we make.

We achieve this through multiple ways, including ensuring all the energy within our control will be 100% renewable (and that's by having one of Europe's largest electric district heating and cooling networks). More about our future energy centre can be found at [brentcrosstown.co.uk](https://brentcrosstown.co.uk). We're also improving biodiversity in the area by introducing over 500 new trees, with 313 already planted at Claremont Park, alongside 190,000 bulbs, bird nesting boxes, bee posts and insect hotels, and a new pond.

We've also made it easier for people to take journeys by foot, bicycle or public transport via London's newest station, Brent Cross West, as well as new bus and cycling routes. Plus we're designing and building responsibly – did you know that both the Visitor Pavilion and Brent Cross West's eastern entrance have won sustainability awards?

## SUPPORTING BARNET CLIMATE ACTION MONTH

As part of Barnet Climate Action Month and with funding from North London Waste Authority, we held our very first Repair Café at The Workshop on Sunday 15 June.

Over 60 people came along on the day bringing everything from alarm clocks to leaf blowers, headphones to sewing machines, hoovers and laptops all being repaired for free. Barnet resident, Angus Ho brought along his bike to be fixed, he said: "I've had a flat tyre and haven't used this bike for almost a year – everything ran very smoothly. An excellent service. I'm happy that it's totally free and I can use my bike again this summer!"

Keep an eye out for future Repair Café dates at [transformingBX.co.uk](https://transformingBX.co.uk).



## HAVE YOU SPOTTED OUR PINK BENCH?

We are proud to partner with mental health charity Speakeasy Club to install a new pink bench at Claremont Park, which allows you to access free support and well-being resources via a QR code on the table. It's also a place to pause and reflect when you need to. Speakeasy Club is a not-for-profit organisation founded in 2022 with a powerful mission to save lives by providing vital mental health support, education, and empowerment. You can visit the Speakeasy Club website at [speakeasyclub.co.uk](https://speakeasyclub.co.uk)

# YOUTH IN CONSTRUCTION

In June, a group of twelve inspired young people from across Barnet were welcomed to Brent Cross Town for a careers event. They had the opportunity to meet with leading construction contractors such as BAM and St George, and explore pathways into the industry.

The joint event was organised by Brent Cross Town and Barnet Council, in partnership with BELS (Barnet Education Learning Service) and marked the launch of their new programme called BuildUp. This programme is open to young people in Barnet who face additional barriers to employment and education, including young people leaving the care system, those with experience in the youth justice system, and individuals taking part in supported internships designed to help them transition into the workforce.

One of the young participants, Louis McGuinness, said:

"Talking to the contractors gave me so much information into the different roles and career paths in construction. I had no idea the Brent Cross development was so massive! Everyone was really welcoming, which made me even more excited about starting my placement - especially now that I've received my Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) card which means that I can work on construction sites."

The event was successful, with young people feeling inspired, asking questions and following up with the contractors to secure work placements..



## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A CAREER IN ARCHITECTURE?

Build The Way is a nine-month entry level architecture traineeship providing an alternative and accessible route into a career designing and making buildings, spaces, cities, and communities.

Build The Way offers a number of traineeship placements to young Londoners at a selection of different Architecture Practices in London.

Each trainee is paid London Living Wage for a 32-hour week, with an additional one day a week for their professional practice and to undertake an EPQ at the London School of Architecture.

With no experience-based barriers to application, places are offered to those who can show a passion for design and cities. Applications for the 2025 programme, which starts in October, open this month and you can apply at [Buildtheway.co.uk](https://www.buildtheway.co.uk)

## LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE BRENT CROSS TOWN AREA?

Sign up to job alerts so you can be the first to see our vacancies on [kxrecruit.co.uk](https://www.kxrecruit.co.uk).

If you'd like to speak with someone about roles across the development, get in touch with the recruitment team to discuss your next career move.

Email: [Jobs@brentcrosstown.co.uk](mailto:Jobs@brentcrosstown.co.uk)



## MEET OUR OUR NEWEST RECRUIT

We recently welcomed Ali, a 24 year old local resident who has taken up a Maintenance Technician role at Brent Cross Town, with support from Barnet Council's employment support service, BOOST.

Ali attended school in the local area and is currently studying part-time at college. This opportunity allows him to apply the skills he's learned so far in college to the role, making it a fantastic chance for professional growth. Ali plans to continue learning at college, whilst gaining valuable work experience.

Another successful recruit at Brent Cross Town is 22 year old Gabriel, who is a care leaver and Barnet resident. Gabriel found us with support from Barnet Council's Education Learning Service (BELS) as he was looking for a full-time role in which he could develop and continue to thrive in. We offered 1-2-1 support to discuss and improve his CV before putting him forward for a Day Concierge role with our residential management partners, Rendall and Rittner. Gabriel attended a recruitment day alongside 18 other Barnet residents and secured the job, which he officially started last month.

**We've already supported over 750 Barnet residents through employment and skills opportunities, and we are committed to working closely with Barnet Council to ensure that local residents are the first to benefit from a wide variety of opportunities.**

**Connect with us to stay up to date with job opportunities in the future at [kxrecruit.co.uk](https://www.kxrecruit.co.uk)**



# HELP US SHAPE THE NEW TOWN

## WHAT PART WILL YOU PLAY?

We want our residents to feel involved in shaping Brent Cross Town and your feedback and ideas have already made a huge impact. Whether that's by attending one of our consultation events or providing comments on designs for spaces, we thank everyone who has taken part in shaping our neighbourhood.

### VIEW OUR PLANS FOR THE MAIN ENERGY CENTRE

For our March drop-in session, we invited residents to learn more about our plans for the town's future energy centre and heat network, which will be operated by Vattenfall, one of Europe's largest producers and retailers of electricity and heat. Familiar and new residents attended the presentation which concluded with a helpful Q&A session with Vattenfall experts.

We are now pleased to share with you the planning application, which is live and available for you to view and comment. Head to [publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications](https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications) and use reference number 25/2107/RMA to share your thoughts, which you can do so by clicking the 'comments' section.

### ECPZ CONSULTATION OPENS 8 SEPTEMBER

Following an informal consultation led by Barnet Council in March 2025, residents living on the Golders Green Estate, or on Claremont Road, Whitefield Avenue, Marble Drive, Prayle Grove, Amber Grove and Wallcote Avenue will have received letters about the next steps of the upcoming Experimental Controlled Parking Zone (ECPZ).

In August, signage and road markings will be installed ahead of the ECPZ going live in September. There will be a statutory consultation period for the first six months whilst the ECPZ is operational, and you will have the opportunity to share your feedback on the controls during this period. More details are available at [transformingbx.co.uk/cpz](https://transformingbx.co.uk/cpz)

Barnet Council is addressing existing parking issues and ensuring that parking is protected for residents as part of the wider Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration programme.



### SHARE YOUR FAVOURITE MEMORIES

As the local area transforms and new people move to the area, we know that there is great history to be celebrated and we invite you to share with us your memories, stories, photos, and any ways you think would best capture your time living in the area.

We've already spoken to some residents, some who moved into the area in the 1970s, who have shared with us their lovely memories and stories. From hosting neighbour parties, to taking trips together around the country, and remembering when the first 189 bus drove through the area, there's lots of stories which help us honour the legacy of the area.

We'd love to hear your ideas on how you also think we could present these stories. If you would like to contribute to this exciting project and share your nostalgic memories, please submit them online at [transformingbx.co.uk/local-legacy](https://transformingbx.co.uk/local-legacy)

You can also write to us your memories on paper and drop them off anytime at the Brent Cross Town Visitor Pavilion.



### COME AND SEE US

We host community drop-in sessions at the Visitor Pavilion on the third Thursday of every month. We invite you to talk to us about any concerns or feedback you may have or ask your questions about the development. This month's drop-in session will be on Thursday 17 July from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. If you can't attend, welcome hosts are available every day from 10am to 6pm.

You can also email us anytime at [transformingbx@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:transformingbx@barnet.gov.uk).

### OUR COMMUNITY CENTRE

We continue to work across teams at Barnet Council to develop our very own community space. Thank you to everyone who participated and showed interest in being involved in shaping how this new space will be used. In the meantime, we're still hosting events throughout the year and if there are events that you'd like to see in the future, email us at [transformingbx@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:transformingbx@barnet.gov.uk).





# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As part of the wider Brent Cross Cricklewood programme, we have a variety of contractors working across the development. We're also working to increase capacity on our roads, while making it much easier and safer for pedestrians to get around the area. Works have been carefully planned to minimise disruption.

Below are the current activities happening to build Brent Cross Town.

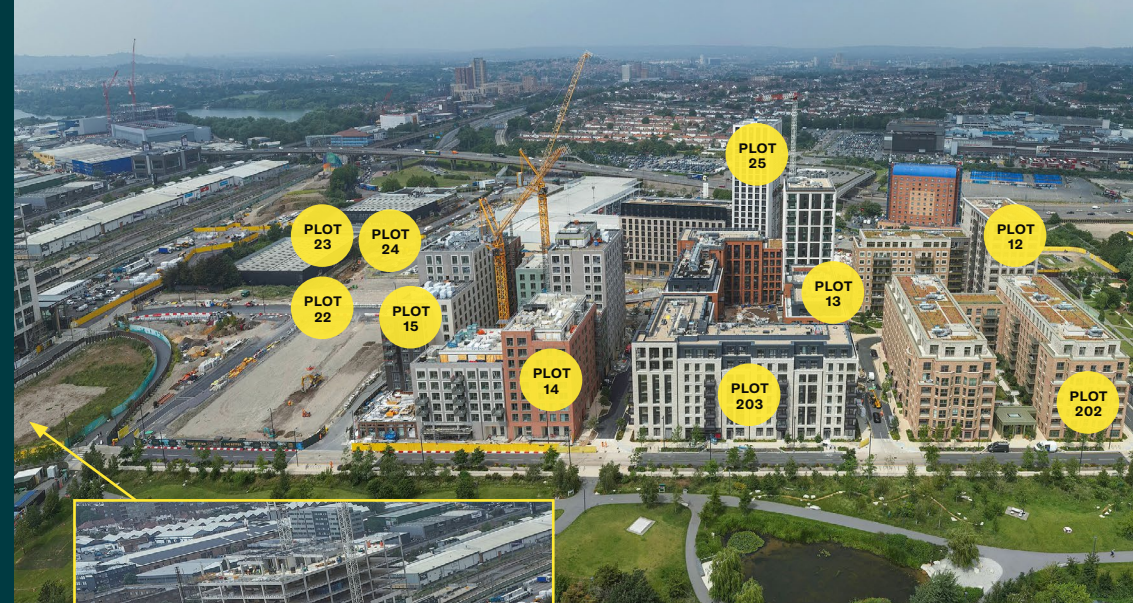
- **The Ashbee, also known as Plot 203** completed in early June and will be welcoming residents over the summer.
- **Maple 1 and Maple 2**, also known as Plots 13 and 14 are the first apartments which are built to be rented. Plot 13 has completed and welcomed its first residents. Plot 14 is expected to complete by the end of the year.
- **Plot 15** will also offer homes to rent and is due to start construction work later in the summer.
- **3 Copper Square, known as Plot 1**, is our first office building which sits next to Brent Cross West Station and will provide space for Sheffield Hallam University's London campus. Construction has now progressed to the 12th floor (with two floors remaining to the top) using low carbon concrete to reduce its environmental impact. The external panels have now been installed up to the fifth floor and will continue into the autumn.
- Groundworks for **Plot 43B**, a second student accommodation building are currently underway and due to complete later this summer. We will then start construction at the beginning of 2026.
- Construction is ongoing at **Plot 25**, which will provide 662 student rooms and is due to be completed late summer, in time for the 2025 academic year.
- Groundworks underneath the future **Plot 22**, which will be a later living building are now complete. The same groundworks will take place at the start of next year for **Plot 23**, a co-living apartment block and **Plot 24**, a market sale building.

## TILLING ROAD WORKS

Highway improvement works began at the junction of Tilling Road and Claremont Road on Monday 7 July. Works have been split into two phases to keep traffic flowing and to minimise disruption as much as possible; and include widening the junction, improving the footways and street lighting. Some bus stops on Claremont Road and Tilling Road will be temporarily relocated close to their existing stop.

More information can be found on [transformingbx.co.uk/tilling-road](https://transformingbx.co.uk/tilling-road)

Find out who our contractors are and more information about construction activities happening on site at [transformingbx.co.uk/brent-cross-town](https://transformingbx.co.uk/brent-cross-town)



## WHITEFIELD ESTATE

You might've seen hoarding installed around the Whitefield Estate tower buildings, which has been in place to enable the safe removal of the tower buildings. We expect demolition to begin this summer.

Keep a lookout for when works will be scheduled at [transformingbx.co.uk/whitefield-estate](https://transformingbx.co.uk/whitefield-estate).

## HENDON WASTE TRANSFER STATION

If you live on Brent Terrace, contractors will have started to prepare for the demolition works of the decommissioned Hendon Waste Transfer Station. The main demolition works are scheduled to begin towards the end of July and completed by the middle of October. We will be monitoring the noise and dust levels throughout the duration of the works. Find out more details about the works schedule and contact details at [transformingbx.co.uk/brent-cross-west/waste-transfer-station](https://transformingbx.co.uk/brent-cross-west/waste-transfer-station).

## WORKING HOURS

Construction work continues across the site, and we do not expect works to be any noisier than usual. The construction site is operational between:

**Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm**  
**Saturdays from 8am to 1pm**

On weekdays, there will be a half-hour start-up and shutdown period before and after the working hours.

For safety reasons, cranes are required to be assembled and dismantled outside of standard operational hours.

Residents will be notified of any out of hours working in advance. Head to [transformingbx.co.uk/brent-cross-town](https://transformingbx.co.uk/brent-cross-town) for the latest information.



## CONTACTING THE TEAM

The Visitor Pavilion is open every day from 10am to 6pm, and the team are always available to answer your questions and queries and provide an update on what is happening at Brent Cross Town.

For any estate emergencies or out of office hours assistance, please contact the 24hr security hotline on 07918 986020.

You can also contact us by email at any time: [community@brentcrosstown.co.uk](mailto:community@brentcrosstown.co.uk).

Sign up for digital updates at: [bxt.uk/register](https://bxt.uk/register) or scan the QR code below.



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