

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2025

NEIGHBOURHOOD SQUARE OPENING

Join the opening celebration for our newest public space.

FREE COMMUNITY PORTRAITS

Be a part of capturing the spirit of Brent Cross Town's community.

COMMUNITY FUND 2025: APPLY NOW

This year's Community Fund is now open for applications.
More details inside.



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

BRENT CROSS: THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

YOU'RE INVITED: LOCAL LEGACY EVENING

Join us on Thursday 9 October, from 6pm to 8pm for an engaging history presentation on Brent Cross Cricklewood. Whether you're a lifelong resident or new to the neighbourhood, discover fascinating insights about the area you call home. After the talk, there'll be an opportunity to take part in video interviews and share your favourite local stories or memories. We'd love for you to bring any special photographs you would also like to show. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

The event will be held at the Visitor Pavilion, 145 Claremont Road, NW2 1FE. Please **RSVP before Tuesday 7 October** by emailing transformingbx@barnet.gov.uk or you can inform one of the Visitor Pavilion hosts that you'll be attending the event.



NEIGHBOURHOOD SQUARE LAUNCH

Join us to celebrate the opening of Brent Cross Town's first public square, Neighbourhood Square on Thursday 23 October at 5.30pm!

You won't be able to miss the eye-catching fountain which forms the centrepiece and natural meeting point of this new space. There'll also be live entertainment and a portrait exhibition showcasing Brent Cross Town's community members.

Location: Neighbourhood Square (off Aviator Drive) NW2 8AN

We look forward to celebrating with you.

MAKE A WISH FOR THE FUTURE

In celebration of the new fountain and the unveiling of Neighbourhood Square, we are creating a portrait photography series capturing the vibrant character and spirit of those who live in and around Brent Cross Town. Inspired by the magical tradition of tossing a coin into a fountain and making a heartfelt wish, we're asking people to tell us their 'one wish for the future of the neighbourhood'. Whether it's a personal hope or a vision for the whole community, we want to hear your story.

If you would like to get involved, photography shoots will take place at Neighbourhood Square, NW2 8AN between 9am and 5pm on Tuesday 14 October. Renowned photographer Cesare di Giglio will be on hand to create stunning, emotive portraits that showcase the true character of each participant. As a thank you, everyone who takes part will receive a beautiful digital portrait to treasure. There will also be an opportunity to be featured as part of a local exhibition.

Use this link and fill in the form for your chance to be involved:

brentcrosstown.co.uk/neighbourhood-square-fountain-portrait-series



Here's an example of Cesare's portrait work



CELEBRATE RAILWAY 200 WITH US

Railway 200 is a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the modern railway in the UK, and as part of this celebration, we're taking a snapshot of modern day life and preserving it in a time capsule which will be buried near our very own Brent Cross West. We're working with Thameslink to create the time capsule which will store a range of items including digital photos and videos and we'd like for our community to get involved in selecting other items to secure safely inside – think 'what would the future me want to discover in 100 years' time?'. We'll be hosting a celebratory moment to bury the time capsule at the end of November. More details of this will be shared on transformingbx.co.uk/news.

If you have any ideas for the time capsule or would like to be involved, please email transformingbx@barnet.gov.uk



EVENTS

Our exciting events programme means that Brent Cross Town always has something for everyone at any time of the year.

DISCOVER OUR HALLOWEEN TRAIL

Our popular Halloween trail returns this October, keeping the young adventurers busy this half-term. You'll be able to pick up a map from the Visitor Pavilion and solve some spooky clues to claim your sweet treat! During half-term, we'll also be playing some popular family movies on our big screen at the Visitor Pavilion, keep an eye out for when these are announced at brentcrosstown.co.uk/news



OUR YARD EVENTS

Our Yard at Clitterhouse Farm host a range of fun events and activities throughout the year, including their popular Spanish dance and music celebration, Día de la Raza. This fun event will be held on Saturday 11 October from 6.30pm to 10pm at Clitterhouse Farm, NW2 1AP. Throughout autumn, there are also weekly pottery classes for adults and children and there's currently a special £10 off for Saturday classes. More details and an events calendar can be found at ouryard.org or follow [@clitterhousefarm](https://twitter.com/clitterhousefarm) for updates.

REPAIR CAFÉ RETURNS

Back by popular demand, Barnet Council is hosting its second Repair Café here at Brent Cross Town on Sunday 19 October from 11am to 3pm. The event will be held at The WorkShop, Claremont Way, NW2 1FE. Whether you have a bicycle that needs repairing, or a small electrical appliance which is faulty, or perhaps clothes that need some restoring, give your stuff a second life. This will also help cut carbon emissions, reduce waste and save you some pennies! This is a free service, but you must book your slot via Eventbrite. You can book your slot by scanning the QR code below or online at transformingbx.co.uk/news



SCAN ME

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

LOOKING BACK AT THE PLAY OFFS 2025

On Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September, we hosted the UK's first ever free competitive socialising weekend across the Exploratory Park and Claremont Park. Over 1,660 people attended the events during that weekend, some who took part in an exciting mix of challenges such as climbing walls, high ropes, baseball, bungee runs, and more! Chase Tag professionals also put on a great performance on Saturday during the 'International Chase Off'. Thank you everyone who attended and well done to the 17 teams that participated in the challenges.



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 5pm between 1 October and 31 May.

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.

PLAY YOUR PART

HAVE YOUR SAY ON NEW SUPERLOOP BUS ROUTE

Transport for London (TfL) want to hear from you on its proposal to introduce a new Superloop bus route called SL13, which would start from Hendon War Memorial and serve areas including Staples Corner, Brent Cross Shopping Centre, Neasden, through to Ealing Broadway. This consultation also includes changes to the existing E7 superloop bus route, which will extend to The Broadway by Ealing Broadway Station.



Find out more details and share your feedback by Wednesday 22 October at haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/SL13-superloop.

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 16 October 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



APPLY NOW: BRENT CROSS TOWN COMMUNITY FUND IS OPEN

Our Brent Cross Town Community Fund returns for its seventh year and you have until Monday 20 October to apply, so don't miss out!

For 2025, we've partnered with our heat network and Main Energy Centre provider, Vattenfall, to offer a grand total of £50,000 available in grants between £3,000 and £10,000 for projects across Barnet. Opening up career pathways can strengthen our community and this year, the fund is looking to support projects that focus on education, employment and training. As businesses move into our new park town the opportunity to forge a career locally is also growing. The fund aims to support projects that will help local people to access these opportunities.

You can apply through the Action Funder platform, more details available on brentcrosstown.co.uk/news

The Brent Cross Town Community Fund has supported 57 charities and community organisations since 2019

Over 16,000 people in the local community have benefited from the Community Fund

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We're committed to providing meaningful work experiences for all members of the community, as well as removing barriers to employment, and fostering a culture of support and opportunity. Here are some examples of our recent successful internships.



WORK EXPERIENCE AT BRENT CROSS TOWN

Over the summer, we supported work experience programmes for year 10 and year 12 students from Clarion School (previously known as Whitefield School). Students learned about design, architecture, construction and got to visit the offices of our construction project management partner Gardiner & Theobald. They also engaged in a sustainability project to design their very own buildings for Brent Cross Town. The year 12 students also undertook a site tour led by our contractors, Galliford Try, which through the Design Engineer Construct programme, included the opportunity for them to use VR headsets to imagine building sustainable homes in the future.

Does this sound like an opportunity you'd be interested in? We're planning future work experience placements at Brent Cross Town in March 2026 for students in year 10 and year 12 from across St Mary's School, St John's School, Hendon School and Clarion School. If you or someone you know attends one of these schools and would be interested in applying, please speak to the school about taking part.

CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT BRENT CROSS TOWN

We're currently on the lookout for fantastic people to join our busy teams working across the development. Current vacancies include:

LABOURERS

Looking to start your career in construction? Seeking your next opportunity? We're looking for labourers to join our team at Brent Cross Town.

SECURITY

Can you help keep our town safe and secure? Securigroup are seeking SIA-qualified security staff to join our team.

To apply for any of our roles or have a chat about careers and training at Brent Cross Town, get in touch with Keiran Prout, Brent Cross Town's Manager of Employment, Skills and Training.

Email: Jobs@brentcrosstown.co.uk

SUCCESSFUL STUDENT PLACEMENTS

As our contractors Galliford Try approach completion of our newest apartment buildings, we look back at how it has supported the local community, including through jobs, training, apprenticeships and school engagement.

One programme saw students from Barnet and Southgate College complete year long internships where they dedicated one day each to work at Brent Cross Town, assisting the onsite catering team responsible for preparing and serving meals to hundreds of operatives working. Recognising that both placement participants had Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), the programme was carefully tailored to support their unique learning requirements and to ensure an inclusive and nurturing environment. The interns gained valuable practical skills in a real-world workplace and built confidence through hands-on responsibilities.



COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECTS

Volunteers from Galliford Try also partnered with Barnet and Southgate College students to transform a kitchen garden and outdoor learning space at Claremont Primary School. The teams constructed benches, workstations, raised garden beds, and planters using recycled materials. Some of the plants were also sourced from the schools' neighbours, Our Yard at Clitterhouse Farm.

In total, 232 volunteer hours were contributed across five days from the teams, and the initiative was supported by charitable donations exceeding £700 and nearly £2,000 in materials.

We're excited to continue seeing the space being used which already has enhanced Claremont Primary School's existing foodbank distribution area every Tuesday. The project created a lasting resource for students to learn about food cultivation and for families to connect through growing and preparing fresh produce. Thank you to everyone who took part in this brilliant project.

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 Maple 1 and The Maple 2**, also known as **Plot 13** and **Plot 14** are the first apartments for the private rental market. Plot 13 has completed and is welcoming its first residents. Plot 14 is expected to complete and open by the end of the year.
- **Plot 25**, our first student accommodation building providing student rooms has been completed. The opening celebration was held in September and students have begun moving in already.
- Enabling works ahead of the construction of **Plot 15** also began in September.
- **3 Copper Square, known as Plot 1**, is our first office building which sits next to Brent Cross West Station and will be home to Sheffield Hallam University's London campus. The building has now reached its full height, with internal works underway. The building is on schedule to open to students by the academic year 2026/27.
- Groundworks for **Plot 43B**, a second student accommodation building, have been completed and the construction of Railway Street, which is west of the future building, will continue until Spring 2026. This will complete ahead of the main building construction to provide its primary access route.
- Groundworks for **Plot 22**, Brent Cross Town's first retirement living homes are complete. Similar groundworks will take place later this year for **Plot 23**, a co-living apartment block, and **Plot 24**, a market sale building.

TILLING ROAD WORKS

Highway improvement works are taking place at the junction of Tilling Road and Claremont Road and are expected to last until the end of the year. Works have been split into two phases to manage the flow of traffic and minimise disruption as much as possible. Barnet Council has received some feedback on traffic congestion caused by the four-way lights which were required for work to be undertaken safely. With works moving into the next phase, traffic will now have three-way lights. Some bus stops on Claremont Road and Tilling Road are temporarily relocated close to their existing stop. There is also now a traffic operator in place from 7am to 7pm everyday currently managing the traffic and signal timings. Keep up to date here at 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



WHITEFIELD ESTATE

Whitefield Estate demolition works began in late summer with the hoarding being put in place to secure the area. Throughout October, teams will be conducting an internal clean out and disconnection of utilities (gas, water and electricity) across all buildings.

The main demolition works will be carried out from late October, through to December. This will be done through a careful demolition process starting from top to bottom, by using a long reach excavator. We expect that the programme of works will be complete by February 2026.

We aim to minimise disruption, and continually monitor noise and air levels, however some of the works can be particularly noisy at times due to the nature of the works.

Find out more about the programming of these works at transformingbx.co.uk/whitefield-estate.

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 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.

Come and talk to our Brent Cross Town, Barnet Council and L&Q colleagues at our monthly Community Drop-in, held at the Visitor Pavilion every third Thursday of the month, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

You can also contact us by email at any time: community@brentcrosstown.co.uk.

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