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Brent Cross Town festive celebration delight crowds at Claremont Park

Step outside to Claremont Park this festive season to find it all aglow. At Brent Cross Town's annual lights switch on last week, the community came together to celebrate the moment the magnificent 12ft tree was lit up. Claremont Primary school children stole the stage with their uplifting songs, while Oompah Brass Band and LED drummers named Spark! delighted crowds with their show-stopping routine. Of course, Father Christmas and his merry elf made a surprise appearance. Huge thanks to Gussy's who kept everyone well provided with seasonal treats and warming drinks.

As has become tradition, students and teachers from Mapledown School attended a special festive event earlier that day with music and dancing in the park. You can now wander around Claremont Park and enjoy the lights display which will be on until the new year. Read more [here](#).

Community Fund: voting closes soon



Only a few more days left until the Brent Cross Town Community Fund 2025 public voting closes. An expert judging panel has shortlisted eight projects out of 90 applications received this year. It's now your turn to help them decide which initiatives will be awarded funding to support projects that focus on education, employment and training. Voting closes on Thursday 4 December 2025. Click below to find out more about the projects and vote for your favourite project.

[Vote here](#)

Our time capsule is sealed



Last month we celebrated the 200th anniversary of the modern railway in the UK by burying a special time capsule at Claremont Park. Local community groups were invited to attend and contribute to the time capsule, including students from Claremont Primary School and Mapledown School who have been learning about transport and community. We asked the local community for contributions, take a look at what's inside the time capsule.

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New waste transfer works begin



Works are underway to build a new modern waste transfer facility on Geron Way / A5 Edgware Road which is due to open by the end of 2027. The waste transfer station will manage waste and recycling across Barnet and six other North London boroughs. The designs have also been carefully considered to introduce state-of-the-art odour control technology, as well as brown roofs and screening to enhance biodiversity in the area.

[Read more here](#)

Have you applied for your CPZ permit?



The Brent Cross Cricklewood Controlled Parking Zone will be operational from **Monday 15 December 2025**. The controlled hours will run between 9am to 6pm from Monday to Sunday. You will see that teams have already started putting up signs and marking roads, however no enforcement will take place before the implementation date. If you live on the roads covered by the CPZ area, don't forget to apply for your permit before the live date. FAQs and more information can be found on our website.

[Read more here](#)

Making our streets safer



Calling women living and working in the area. We want to hear your views on safety issues on your streets.

We'll be working with the community safety teams to arrange a walk round. If you'd be interested in joining this one evening in the coming months, please let us know by emailing transformingbx@barnet.gov.uk and we will let you know as plans progress

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Become a Foster Carer in Barnet



In Barnet, we're encouraging residents to consider fostering and helping to keep local children connected to their schools, friends, and familiar surroundings. When children are taken into care, they often face the added challenge of being moved far from everything they know. But by opening your home, you're not just offering stability, you're helping a child stay rooted in their community. Whether you're single, married, working, or retired, what matters most is your ability to provide a nurturing and safe space.

[Learn more](#)

Connect your community



Are you involved in local community groups and activities? Would you like Barnet Council to help spotlight what you do, raise your profile and attract a wider cross-section of people to come along? If yes, get in touch via email at connectingcommunities@barnet.gov.uk to tell the council about your group and why you want to be part of the Connecting Communities campaign. You can also highlight any of your upcoming events on Barnet Council's popular [Events listings pages](#).

[Read more](#)

Support Young Barnet Foundation



Last year, the Young Barnet Foundation ran a gifting campaign that reached 3,000 children and young people across the borough. This year, they need your support to help even more families. Whether you would like to donate individually or get creative with your organisation, there are multiple ways you can help make a difference. This can take the form of making a donation, dropping off a gift, arranging non-uniform days at your school, volunteering and more!

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