Brent Cross Town

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Spring 2026

SPRING IN THE PARK

Discover the exciting events taking place over the Spring break.

HELP DESIGN OUR NEW MURAL

Help us create artwork that represents our community.

BUILDING BRENT CROSS TOWN

Read about the latest construction activity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ENJOY SPRING IN THE PARK

Spring in the Park runs from Saturday 28 March to Sunday 12 April, bringing a fantastic line up of free activities and nature inspired workshops for all ages. Enjoy Wild Art in the Park, get creative at Our Yard's Nature Workshops creating terrariums, or take part in an all-in-one skateboarding and nature photography workshop facilitated by Keep Rolling Project.

Don't forget to pick up a free Spring Trail map from the Visitor Pavilion throughout April and return for a sweet treat once completed!

Over at The 108, adults can try padel with a professional coach while children enjoy fun baseball batting sessions. As part of the Spring in the Park programme, adults can also unwind and recharge with our free Yoga and Wellbeing sessions on Saturday mornings and Sunday evenings.

Visit **brentcrosstown.co.uk** for further information and sign up to make the most of this joyful spring programme.

We hope to see you at these events. More information and news can be found at **brentcrosstown.co.uk** or follow us on **@brentcrosstown**

WEEKLY BOOTCAMP SESSIONS AT THE 108

Starting on Saturday 21 March, fitness bootcamp, MW5 Fitness, brings personalised, lifestyle friendly coaching to The 108. Weekly group bootcamp sessions will be held on Saturday mornings and will be open to all fitness levels, offering a supportive and inclusive environment for anyone looking to build strength, confidence and community. A range of equipment, including medicine balls, weights and ropes will be available to enhance your workout experience. Book a session online at **mw5fitness.com/bootcamp**

FREE CHAIR EXERCISE SESSIONS

The Silver Jubilee Charitable Foundation is introducing free Chair Yoga sessions to Brent Cross Town which is designed to be dementia friendly and suitable for older adults. These gentle exercise and wellbeing activities will take place at the Visitor Pavilion from Saturday 18 April. These sessions feature low impact movement, opportunities for social interaction, and a focus on wellbeing and health awareness. Find out more here at **brentcrosstown.co.uk** or you can pop by the Visitor Pavilion and ask our welcome hosts about these events.

JOIN OUR BOOK CLUB

Did you know that 2026 is the National Year of Reading? So why not join our free book club which takes place once a month at the Visitor Pavilion. The club is hosted by best-selling author and journalist Collette Lyons and is open to everyone above the age of 18. The next book club is on Saturday 28 March from 11am to 12pm, and the book discussed will be Sankofa by Chibundo Onuzo. For details on future book clubs and to register your space, visit **brentcrosstown.co.uk/brent-cross-town-book-club**

ARTHUR'S: YOUR NEW LOCAL COFFEE SHOP

Have you popped into our brand-new dog-friendly coffee shop yet? We're delighted to introduce Arthur's, which opened its doors in the Visitor Pavilion earlier this month.

Arthur's takes the place of Spruce and Larch and is the inspired creation of Max Hastings, who began his café journey in West London almost ten years ago. This charming spot is named after Max's much-loved Cocker Spaniel, Arthur, making it a true haven for dog lovers. The cafe is open every day of the week from 9am to 5pm.

Why not pop in and enjoy a freshly brewed coffee or treat yourself to a tasty pastry.

We look forward to seeing you and your furry pals soon at Arthur's!

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.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

YOUR LOCAL FOOD BANK: CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

Our local primary school is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to support its weekly community food bank. If you're available on Tuesdays and eager to make a positive impact while meeting new people, why not lend a hand at Claremont Primary School, NW2 1AB?

There are two ways you can get involved: join us on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am to help sort and pack food donations into boxes, or assist with distributing those boxes in the afternoon between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Both opportunities are a fantastic way to give back and connect with others in your area.

If you're ready to be part of a friendly team and help support our community, simply complete the application form to get started. **bit.ly/claremont-foodbank**

SAFER ROADS IN THE AREA

Barnet Council teams have been busy over the last few months delivering essential highway works as part of the wider Brent Cross Cricklewood programme. Works took place on the Geron Way/Edgware Road junction, as well as on the Claremont Road and Tilling Road junction. These works allow us to build Brent Cross Town and make improvements to the existing area. Works have also been designed to improve traffic flow while making it easier and safer for pedestrians to get around. From wider junctions to better street lighting, new traffic lights and pedestrian crossings, we hope that your highways experience has improved.
Here's how these roads look now:

Geron Way Junction

Claremont Road Junction

JOIN A RIVER CLEAN UP

Want to help look after your local area and protect wildlife? Our Yard at Clitterhouse Farm hold river clean-ups on the first Sunday of each month. The next river clean up will be on Sunday 5 April at Clitterhouse Farm, NW2 1AP, from 11.30am to 3pm. Together with the Our Yard team and volunteers, you'll be removing unwanted items from Clitterhouse Brook (located at the bottom of Clitterhouse Playing Fields). This is a great way to meet your neighbours, protect wildlife and be active. Wellies and gloves will be provided.

For more details about the river clean up, future events and weekly workshops hosted by Our Yard at Clitterhouse Farm, visit their events calendar at **ouryard.org** or follow **@clitterhousefarm** for updates.

REPAIR CAFÉ SUCCESS

From broken to brilliant! An impressive 42 items were fixed at Barnet Council's Repair Café at Brent Cross Town last month. Whether it was bikes, shirts, heaters or coffee machines, the amazing volunteers brought items back to life which in total saved £4,242 for the community and saved 1.7 tonnes of embodied carbon.

Attendees also benefited from free energy saving advice thanks to non-profit organisation, Power Up, who support local communities tackle climate change.

Find out more about the event and how you can join future repair cafes at **Transformingbx/news**

"I never knew this was something Barnet Council offered, I think it's a great initiative and I recommend anyone with a broken item to give it a try before going to your local skip."
Kym, Cricklewood resident

"I'm so happy with the service today, I was ready to drop this coffee machine off at the recycling centre, but when I saw an advert on Facebook about this repair café, it made sense to at least try have an expert look at it, and for free!"
Ana, Golders Green resident

50 YEARS OF BRENT CROSS SHOPPING CENTRE

Did you know that this month marks 50 years of our much-loved Brent Cross Shopping Centre? Opened on 2 March 1976 by now King Charles III, Brent Cross Shopping Centre was the first out-of-town and indoor shopping centre in the country. With approximately 10 million visitors a year, this landmark has been a focal point of the Brent Cross Cricklewood community for some generations.

WH Smith in Brent Cross Shopping Centre, 1976, Hammerson©

As part of building on our local legacy work last year, if you remember the opening day or have any special stories about your time there, please do write to us at **transformingbx@barnet.gov.uk**

PLAY YOUR PART

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.

HELP DESIGN OUR NEW MURAL

We're creating a brand-new mural for Brent Cross Town which will be located in Copper Square, just outside Brent Cross West station entrance, and we want you to help design it. Drop in to one of our community workshops, hosted by arts and creative organisation Wood Street Walls and tell us what it should represent about our community, what colours, symbols or styles we should use, and how the mural can inspire you!

We're holding two community art workshops at the Visitor Pavilion, 145 Claremont Road, NW2 1FE.

Workshop One: Sunday 22 March between 11am to 2pm

Workshop Two: Thursday 26 March between 5pm to 7pm

All ages are welcome and no art experience is needed.

Help us create something bold and inspired by the community.

CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE

The wider Brent Cross Cricklewood Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) has been operational since 15 December 2025. This means that the official consultation is also live, and you can now have your say on how you are finding the controls. We welcome all types of feedback which will help the parking team consider and review when the consultation closes on Monday 15 June.

To have your say, please email us at **transformingbx@barnet.gov.uk**

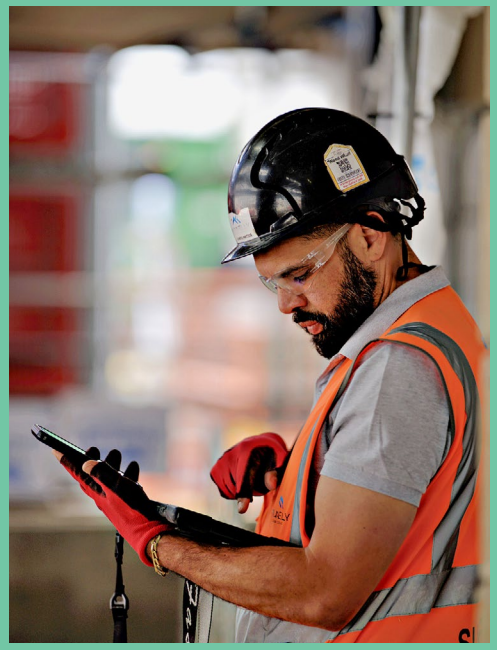
COME AND SEE US

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. You'll be able to meet team members from across Brent Cross Town, Barnet Council and Rendall and Rittner.

This month's drop-in session will be on Thursday 19 March 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**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We're committed to providing meaningful work experience for all members of the community, as well as removing barriers to employment, and fostering a culture of support and opportunity.



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:

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION APPRENTICESHIP

This opportunity allows candidates to pursue a recognised qualification in electrical work while gaining valuable experience and earning income.

DOCUMENT CONTROLLER APPRENTICESHIP

Designed for individuals with strong organisational and administrative skills, this apprenticeship offers a pathway into the construction industry.

CONCRETE FINISHER

J Reddington are on the lookout for a qualified Concrete Finisher to join the team and help build Brent Cross Town.

OPEN DOORS EVENT

As part of Open Doors, a week-long initiative showcasing careers in construction, we'll be hosting an event at the Brent Cross Town Visitor Pavilion on Thursday 26 March from 10.30am to 12pm. This event is designed for students aged 16+ who want to explore career paths in construction and discover more about Brent Cross Town. Registering is essential to attend. Please sign-up by contacting the email below.

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

Email: Jobs@brentcrosstown.co.uk

CLITTERHOUSE PLAYING FIELDS: WORKS UPDATE

Work is about to begin on the first phase of improvements to Clitterhouse Playing Fields, creating enhanced new spaces for sport, play and relaxation.

The first phase will deliver a new multi-purpose lawn and natural amphitheatre, picnic areas, play areas, accessible paths and lighting. New facilities will also be installed, including a multiuse netball/tennis court, basketball court, an all-wheel park, table tennis tables, and outdoor gym zones, which will give residents more ways to get active.

In total, we will plant 350 new trees and nine acres of wildflowers across the playing fields. With trees and flowers planted within this phase to create more biodiversity and create new spaces to relax and roam.

Two new children's playgrounds will be delivered in this phase. One next to Clitterhouse Farm, which will make use of the popular play equipment from The Exploratory Park, and another one towards the north of the site including balance logs, clambering boulders and slides.

Construction is being carefully phased to minimise disruption, with clear access routes provided throughout.

From Monday 20 April, contractors will begin clearing the site and setting up a small welfare and delivery office which you will see located near Swannell Way. Teams will also be installing Heras fencing along the border of the northern part of the playing fields.

More information about the works and a programme can be found online at **transformingbx.co.uk/cpf**

If you have questions, you can email us at **transformingbx@barnet.gov.uk**

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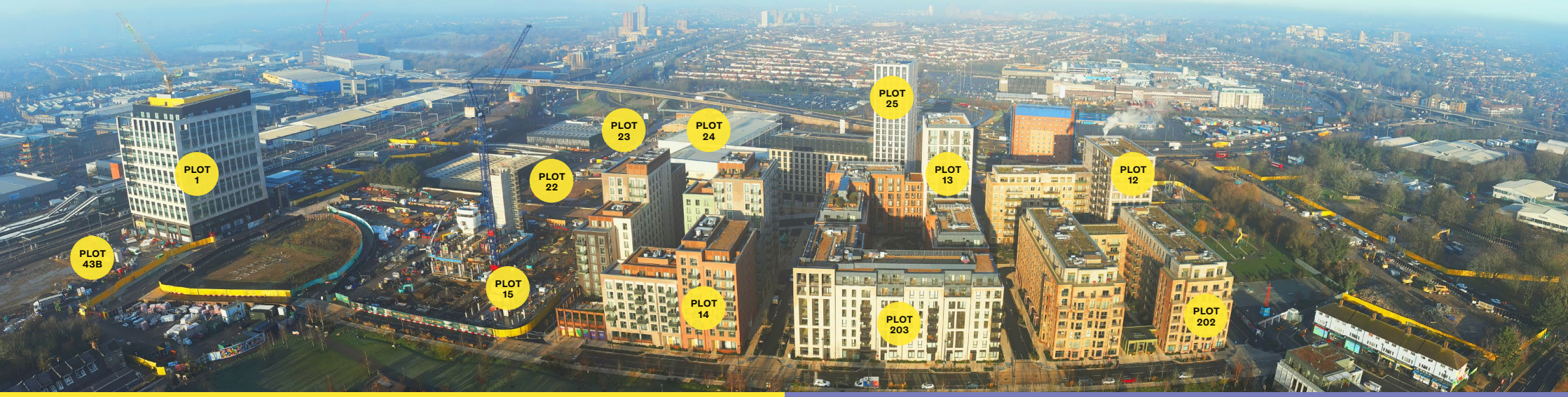

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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 at Brent Cross Town:

- **Plot 15**, a combined private rental and affordable building which started construction last year will be complete in early 2027.
- The construction of **3 Copper Square, also called Plot 1**, is almost finished and marks the first office building in the new business and innovation district which will sit next to Brent Cross West Station. Sheffield Hallam University's London campus will occupy half of the available space in this building.
- Groundworks for **Plot 43B**, the second student accommodation building, was completed last year. Above ground, construction will be taking place soon.
- Groundworks for **Plot 22** (our first retirement living homes) and **Plot 23** (co-living homes) are also complete. Together with **Plot 24** (market sale and affordable flats), construction of these plots will commence just before the end of 2026.
- During Spring this year, the next section of **Railway Street** will be constructed, connecting the station up to the future energy centre at the very north end of the development, located next to the existing and colourful Substation. See map for locations.
- Works to improve the arrival experience outside **the eastern entrance of Brent Cross West** will be taking place from 7 April to 8 June 2026. The works will mainly take place behind the existing hoarding, although at times the hoarding may be slightly narrowed so the team can safely complete the work. Pedestrian access to the curved walkway will be maintained at all times.

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.

Find out who our contractors are and more information about construction activities happening on site at **transformingbx.co.uk/brent-cross-town**

WHITEFIELD ESTATE DEMOLITION UPDATE

The main Whitefield Estate demolition works are now complete, with plans to utilise the space for interim uses such as parking spaces and a ball court, from summer this year. More information on this will be made available as plans progress.

To enable the next phase however, an area of trees and vegetation between the former Whitefield Estate and The Exploratory Park, will be cleared. Works began on Monday 9 March and are expected to take approximately three weeks. The trees and vegetation planned for removal were granted planning approval in 2014 as part of the overall planning consent and reaffirmed through the reserved matters approval process.

We expect there will be some noise from equipment on site, however, teams are working hard to minimise disruption and will only work during permitted hours between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday. If you have questions, please contact **transformingbx@barnet.gov.uk**

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 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.

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