

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Mid-Summer 2026



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Take part in exciting events and activities over the summer.

NEW OPENINGS COMING SOON

Say hello to new cafés, restaurants and more.

BUILDING BRENT CROSS TOWN

Read the latest construction updates and what's coming soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Summer is just around the corner, and we have an exciting programme of free activities and events planned across Brent Cross Town from Saturday 25 July to Sunday 30 August.

SUMMER IN THE PARK

Our popular Summer in the Park programme returns with a packed lineup of free sport, wellbeing, play and creative activities for all ages. From skateboarding, football and basketball, to hands-on arts and crafts workshops, there's something for all ages to enjoy.

This year, we're introducing parkour, street dance and free introductory Pilates sessions with el Estudio. Adults can also enjoy free yoga sessions at the Visitor Pavilion every Saturday morning and Sunday evening throughout the summer. Gussy's Cuppa Club also runs every Monday at Claremont Park from 11am, serving family-style cream tea for our 65+ community to get together and connect.



THE PLAY-OFFS

For those looking for a more competitive challenge, The Play-Offs will take place at The 108 from 25 July to 29 August. This new social sports series combines padel, baseball batting cages and bootcamp challenges in a fun, team-based competition, with prizes up for grabs for both teams and individuals.



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://www.instagram.com/brentcrosstown)



OUR YARD EVENTS

Up at our favourite community-run hub, Our Yard at Clitterhouse Farm hosts a range of fun events and activities throughout the year, including their annual Folkfest celebration on Saturday 19 September. More details and an events calendar can be found at ouryard.org or follow [@clitterhousefarm](https://www.instagram.com/clitterhousefarm) for updates.



CLAREMONT PARK OPENING TIMES

Claremont Park is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Everyone is welcome at Claremont Park and we're proud to offer a safe, inclusive space where the whole community can come together.

The Visitor Pavilion is also open daily from 10am to 6pm. Claremont Park toilets are open daily from 10am to 7pm between 1 June and 30 September.

SUMMER IN THE SQUARE

Summer in the Square is coming to Neighbourhood Square every weekend throughout the summer. Enjoy a rotating line-up of street food vendors serving international cuisine, live music from 1pm to 2.30pm and again from 6pm to 8.30pm, plus garden games and free creative workshops led by North London artist, Samme Snow.



PARKING

We encourage visitors to travel actively or use public transport wherever possible. Please note that parking arrangements in the area have changed in recent weeks. Visitors are reminded that parking on surrounding residential streets is not permitted, and enforcement patrols are in operation.

For those travelling by car, the Whitefield Avenue car park is available and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

More information on parking can be found at transformingbx.co.uk/cpz

EXCITING NEW OPENINGS COMING TO BRENT CROSS TOWN

We are thrilled to share that our neighbourhood is growing, with the announcement of two new retail brands opening soon. Later this year, popular bakery, GAIL's and reformer and tower Pilates studio, el Estudio will join the retail mix at Brent Cross Town.

Whether you live in Brent Cross Town or in the surrounding neighbourhoods, these new openings will add to the growing range of places to eat, exercise and spend time with family and friends.

GAIL's will offer its much-loved selection of freshly baked bread, pastries and speciality coffee, creating a welcoming spot for everything from a morning coffee run and weekend brunch to a catch-up with friends or a relaxing break during the day.

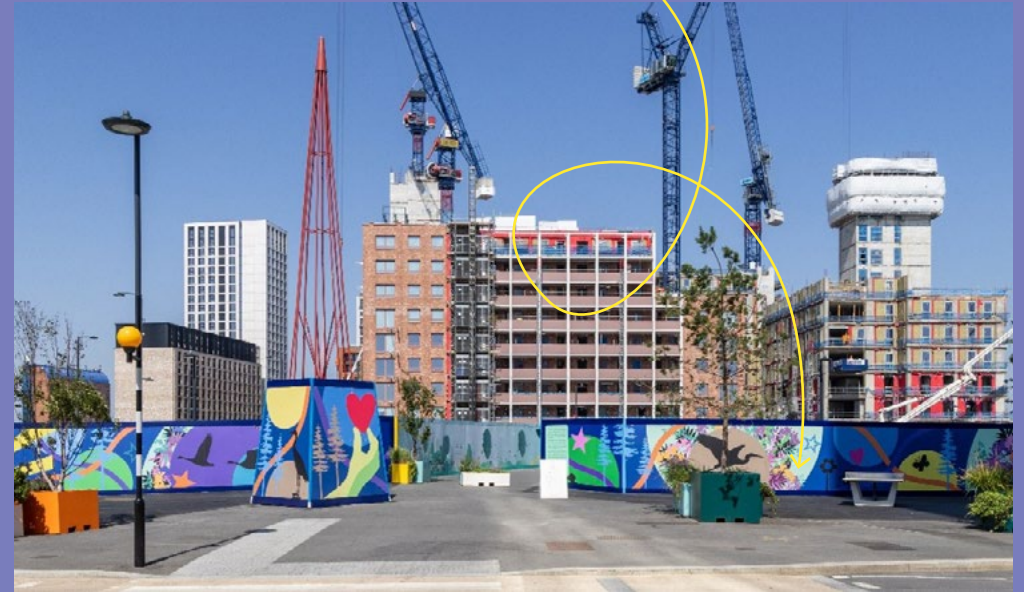
For those looking to prioritise health and wellbeing, el Estudio will bring reformer and tower Pilates to the neighbourhood, offering both group and private sessions in a calm, welcoming environment. Whether you're a complete beginner or a regular practitioner, it will provide an accessible space to move, recharge and build healthy habits close to home.

As the neighbourhood continues to develop, it's becoming a place where the wider community can shop, meet, exercise, work, relax and enjoy green open spaces, all within easy reach.

We look forward to welcoming all neighbours from across the area to experience everything Brent Cross Town has to offer.



HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW MURAL?



Our new hoarding mural was designed by the community, with more than 100 residents, organisations such as We Restart, and students from Claremont Primary School, Mapledown School and Clarion Secondary School who took part in workshops early this year to help bring the artwork to life.

Participants were invited to share ideas about Brent Cross Town's identity, local landmarks, community values, preferred colours and artistic styles. Recurring themes of inclusivity, nature, creativity, movement, belonging and pride emerged through the engagement process. These contributions informed the final design, combining bold colours, flowing forms and references to local nature and community life, creating a welcoming and vibrant artwork that reflects the character of Brent Cross Town.

Produced and led by Wood Street Walls, the mural celebrates the voices and creativity of local people. The artwork has transformed the hoarding into a vibrant community canvas, reflecting the area's identity, pride and sense of belonging.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the creative workshops with Wood Street Walls earlier this year. Your ideas, feedback and creativity helped shape the final design to bring this fantastic mural to life.

CLITTERHOUSE PLAYING FIELDS WORKS

Work has officially started on the northern section of Clitterhouse Playing Fields (CPF) as part of the first phase of improvements, which will create enhanced new spaces for sport, play and relaxation.

Our contractor, Galldris, have started forming the paths and terraces for the bouldering/parkour, multi-use games area, children's playground and basketball that will be installed at the northern end of the playing fields.



.....NOW, WHAT'S THAT BOULDER YOU SEE?

Four boulders were delivered to the fields this month, with the largest boulder, The Everest, being around 2.6 metres tall, 4 metres wide and a whopping 95 tonnes in weight! The other three boulders are smaller, varying from 1.5 to 2.6 metres high and 1.8 to 4.5 metres wide. These boulders will be available for climbers of different ages and abilities.

We have worked hard to minimise the impact on residents as much as possible, however, while works take place, we will need to restrict access through areas of the playing fields while they are completed. The northern gate closest to Claremont Way is currently closed, and we ask visitors to use the Prayle Grove diversion route to access the playing fields. The southern part of the playing fields remains open via new access routes shown at entrance signs.

You can read more information about the works programme, including diversion maps, at transformingbx.co.uk/cpf

For any queries, please contact us at transformingbx@barnet.gov.uk

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CRICKLEWOOD SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Hello! We are the Cricklewood Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Police, Barnet Council and Brent Cross Town teams want all visitors to enjoy the facilities at Claremont Park. Recently, we have witnessed an increase in Anti-social Behaviour (ASB). These behaviours, which include shoplifting and attempted theft, verbal abuse towards other members of the public, bikes and scooters being ridden in a dangerous manner and racially offensive comments; are causing, or are likely to cause, harassment and distress to the community.



We ask parents, carers and families to take reasonable steps to ensure that their children are not engaging in ASB. These steps are knowing where your child is going when they leave home and who they are with, establishing clear expectations about their behaviour outside your home and talking about the reasons for these rules, to help them understand that anti-social or risk-taking behaviour has negative consequences.

If we see young people committing ASB in the park or surrounding streets, we will issue a verbal warning explaining what we have observed and will require them to provide us with their name, address and the name of a parent or carer to follow up with a visit to your home.

If you would like to raise any concerns or questions, find us at Claremont Park on Saturday 25 July where we'll be hosting a community safety information stall from 2.30pm.

RESIDENT DROP-IN

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.

Next month's drop-in session will be on Thursday 20 August from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. If you can't attend, welcome hosts are available every day from 10am to 6pm.

BRENT CROSS TOWN CONNECT OPENS



We're excited to announce the launch of our new recruitment service for local residents and community; Brent Cross Town Connect.

Our aim is to make it easier to link up opportunities at Brent Cross Town with talented people in our community, while helping job seekers discover exciting prospects close to home. Whether it is to access training, getting support for the next step in your career, or volunteering

locally to build your skills and experience, we're here to provide friendly, practical support every step of the way.

We look forward to working with local employers, community organisations, and residents to create more opportunities and strengthen our local workforce. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, we'd love to hear from you!

Our office will open from Monday 3 August, and you can find us at 7 Ribbon Lane, NW2 8AR. We will be open from Monday to Friday between 10am and 3pm. You don't need an appointment, just pop in and see us!

BUILD THE WAY PROGRAMME

Build the Way is a 9-month paid opportunity for young people aged 18–25 in Barnet to gain hands-on experience in architecture.

This entry-level programme is perfect for those interested in design, creativity, or the built environment. No prior experience is needed.

Trainees will learn architecture basics, develop design and communication skills, and build key professional strengths like time management and strategic thinking.

This is a fantastic opportunity to gain real industry exposure, develop confidence, and take the first step towards a career in architecture.

Reach out to Jobs@brentcrosstown.co.uk for support with your application.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT BRENT CROSS TOWN

Are you searching for your next career move? Brent Cross Town has plenty of opportunities available, including these roles:

Market Researcher

We're looking for friendly and confident residents to support market research activities across Brent Cross Town. The feedback you collect will help us better understand people's experiences and inform future improvements, events and services at Brent Cross Town. If you enjoy speaking with people and want work that fits around your schedule, apply for this role.

Construction

Looking for your next opportunity in construction? With a number of exciting projects kicking off this year at Brent Cross Town, now is the perfect time to register your interest and be part of a major development in North London. We are seeking motivated individuals across a range of construction roles. Whether you are experienced in trades, site support, or looking to build a career in the industry, there are opportunities for people with a strong work ethic and a willingness to learn.

Chef

Karma Bread Bakery is seeking a full-time Chef to help deliver exceptional, artisan-led food offerings. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a well-regarded brand focused on quality ingredients and craft.

Various Hospitality Roles

Always Gladice, a brand-new all-day restaurant, bar and social hub opening in Neighbourhood Square this autumn, is recruiting for its opening team. Opportunities are available across kitchen, bar and front-of-house roles, including Duty Manager, Supervisor, Sous Chef, Pizza Chef/Chef de Partie, Commis Chef, Kitchen Assistant, Bartender and Waiter/Waitress positions.

Whether you're an experienced hospitality professional or looking for your first step into the industry, there are fantastic opportunities for career progression, training, competitive pay, staff discounts and a supportive, inclusive team culture. Join one of London's growing hospitality businesses and help bring an exciting new venue to life.

To apply for any of our roles, sign up to our programmes 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



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 taking place at Brent Cross Town:

- **4 Arbour Street**, also known as 3 Copper Square, our first office building, has completed. Sheffield Hallam University's London campus will occupy half of the available space in this building and, following a fit-out period during the summer, is looking to welcome students in the 2026 /27 academic year.
- **Plot 15**, a combined private rental and affordable building which started construction last year continues to make good progress and will have a phased opening from mid- 2027.
- **Plot 43B**, our second student accommodation building, continues with its structural works advancing from the second floor, and is expected to be ready in time for 2028 students.
- Groundworks have now been completed for **Plot 22** (our first retirement living homes) and Plot 23 (co-living homes). Together with **Plot 24** (market sale and affordable flats), construction of these plots will commence just before the end of 2026.
- Over the Summer period, 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.
- The new 'arrival experience' outside the eastern entrance of Brent Cross West is complete, with a new mural and table tennis facilities open. We are looking to host an interim use on that space from September.

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.

CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE CONSULTATION

Barnet Council ran a six-month long consultation on parking in the wider neighbourhood. The consultation is now closed and council parking teams are reviewing the feedback to help inform next steps. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts on the parking controls. The outcome will be communicated in early September, keep up to date by visiting transformingbx.co.uk/cpz

CLAREMONT WAY AND WHITEFIELD AVENUE UPDATE

As part of the next phase of development works at Brent Cross Town, the parade of shops on Claremont Way is now closed, and hoarding has been installed. However, you will still find some of your local favourites within Brent Cross Town, like AFG Food and Wine who have already opened their new store on the ground floor of Conductor House, and Karma Bakery which is set to open soon on Merchant Street.

Road improvement works on Whitefield Avenue are now complete, with a new car park now open for visitors. Parking fees are charged via Pay by Phone, which is consistent with charges in the area. A ball court will also be opening adjacent to the car park.

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

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.

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