Brent Cross Town

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
Winter 2026

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The festive season is getting underway at Brent Cross Town. With winter events, family fun and plenty of reasons to get together, there's lots to look forward to over the coming weeks. Here's what's coming up, plus a look back at some of our favourite moments from autumn.



WINTER IN COLOUR

Explore Winter in Colour, a series of colourful light installations across Brent Cross Town from Wednesday 25 November to Sunday 31 January. Discover glowing trees, colourful projections and playful illuminations at Copper Square, Claremont Park, Neighbourhood Square and Merchant Street. Free to explore.

WINTER CRAFTS AND MOVIE MAGIC

Get cosy at the Visitor Pavilion at Brent Cross Town on 5 and 12 December with crafts, films and winter treats. Drop in for a creative craft workshop from 11.30am to 2pm, then settle in for a film from 3pm to 4.30pm. There'll be popcorn, hot chocolate and mulled wine to enjoy too. Free to attend and no need to pre-book, just turn up on the day!

'TIS THE SEASON TO WIN

We'll be spreading some extra cheer over the festive season, with competitions, giveaways and plenty of chances to win on @brentcrosstown on Instagram. Make sure you're following and subscribed to our monthly e-newsletter so you're among the first to hear what's coming up.

OUR YARD WINTER EVENTS

Our Yard at Clitterhouse Farm host a range of fun events and activities throughout the year. As part of the winter programme, a Festive Christmas Candle Making Workshop will be hosted on Saturday 28 November, followed by a Christmas Fair and Christmas Card Making Workshop, both on Saturday 5 December. Whether you're looking to learn a new skill or get creative with family and friends, there is something for everyone to enjoy at Clitterhouse Farm, Claremont Road, NW2 1AP. More details and an events calendar can be found at ouryard.org or follow @clitterhousefarm for updates.

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A PAWS-ITIVELY BRILLIANT HALLOWEEN AT BRENT CROSS TOWN

Things got spooky in Claremont Park as our Halloween Dog Parade brought dogs, families and some seriously impressive costumes to Brent Cross Town.

60 pooches joined the parade, cheered on by over 1,000 spectators who visited Brent Cross Town across the day. From Best Dressed Dog and Spookiest Pup to the cutest dog-and-owner duos, there was plenty of competition for our four-legged stars.

A special thank you to our brilliant judges: local resident Julie Morland and local business owners Katie Adrian of Pooch Luna Grooming, Tami Isaacs Pearce of Karma Bread, Gus Bodur of Gussy's Ice Cream Parlour and Max Hastings of Arthur's Coffee & Deli. With so many fantastic entries, they had a tough job picking our winners!

Alongside the parade, our Halloween Dog Village kept the fun going with face painting, bubble workshops, music, pet-friendly treats and plenty more. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and made it such a brilliant Halloween!

THE FUNNY CLUB

The first Funny Club was a hit! Four brilliant nights of live comedy at Always Gladice last month brought plenty of laughs to Brent Cross Town, with every show selling out.





Hosted by Tom Webb, the line-up brought together 20 comedians, including Grace Campbell, Ali Woods, Josh Berry, Kyrah Gray and Abi Clarke.

And the laughs helped support an important local cause too. With 100% of ticket proceeds donated to Mind in Enfield and Barnet, together we raised over £3,500 to support local mental health services.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us. We're already looking forward to bringing The Funny Club back next year!

NEW OPENINGS

There's more to discover at Brent Cross Town, with two new arrivals joining the neighbourhood in time for Christmas, and plenty more to look forward to in the coming months. Here's a look at what's new, plus a glimpse of what's coming next.



SLOMO

Things are heating up at Brent Cross Town, with a new sauna experience opening opposite Brent Cross West station on Thursday 26 November, introducing an urban sauna garden to the neighbourhood.

Step into the Nordic sauna, cool off in the cold plunge tubs and take some time to slow down. Alongside communal sauna sessions, Slomo will offer special classes, sauna experiences and rituals – a new way to relax and unwind close to home.

GAIL'S BAKERY

We hope that your morning coffee run is a little sweeter with GAIL's now open on 6 Arbour Street, directly outside Brent Cross West station, just in time for Christmas. You can enjoy freshly baked bread, pastries and cakes, alongside coffee, breakfast and lunch to eat in or take away. The opening hours are from 7am–6pm every day. Whether you're grabbing something on your way to the train or catching up with friends over coffee, there's a new neighbourhood spot open.

MORE IS COMING...

You may have noticed a few new names appearing around Brent Cross Town. We're excited to reveal that Black Sheep Coffee and café Holybella are the latest brands set to arrive in the neighbourhood early next year.

Bringing even more choice to the area, Black Sheep Coffee will offer a new spot for your coffee fix, while Holybella will bring Mediterranean flavours to Neighbourhood Square.

They'll join Stamp and Social Pottery, which we announced in our last edition, as part of the growing line-up of places coming to Brent Cross Town.

We're delighted that these new spaces will give local residents even more places to eat, drink, relax and spend time close to home. More information on these openings will be available at brentcrosstown.co.uk

FAMOUS ARTWORK AT BRENT CROSS TOWN



One of the world's most famous paintings has been brought to life in Brent Cross Town, with a breathtaking new mural inspired by Claude Monet's The Water-Lily Pond unveiled outside the Visitor Pavilion.

Hand-painted on site across 41 square metres, the artwork transforms the space into an open-air gallery, offering residents and visitors an opportunity to experience Monet's iconic masterpiece in an entirely new way.

The installation forms part of 'Murals reMastered', a partnership between the National Gallery and Global Street Art that reimagines masterpieces from the nation's collection as large-scale public artworks.

The artwork was chosen by students from Clarion School (pictured), who selected Monet's painting from a National Gallery shortlist, helping to shape the cultural story of their future town.

As a permanent feature of the neighbourhood, the mural will provide a lasting attraction for residents and visitors for years to come.

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 Related Argent, Barnet Council and Rendall and Rittner.

For December, the team is taking a short break, so our next drop-in session will take place on Thursday 18 January, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. If you can't make it, our Welcome Hosts are available every day from 10am to 6pm and are always happy to help.

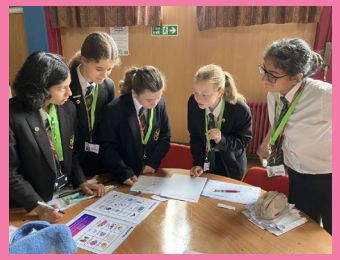
VOTE NOW! COMMUNITY FUND SHORTLIST 2026

Now in its eighth year, the Brent Cross Town Community Fund is supporting local organisations making a positive difference in the neighbourhood, with £50,000 available in grants of £3,000 to £10,000.

A panel of community stakeholders has shortlisted the highest-scoring projects, and now it's your turn to decide. Find out more about the shortlisted projects and cast your vote by **Wednesday 9 December at brentcrosstown.co.uk/news**

Successful projects will be announced in January 2027.







London DJ & MC Academy
20 pop-up DJ workshops for around 150 local young people, helping connect them to education, training, employment and wellbeing support.

Career Ready
A year-long programme providing 14 local sixth formers with mentoring, workplace experiences, skills training and paid internship opportunities.

Scope
One-to-one employment support for five disabled jobseekers in Barnet, including CV guidance, interview preparation and job search assistance.

ReachOut
Weekly mentoring sessions for 24 young people aged 9-14, building confidence, resilience, teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Built By Us
A reverse mentoring programme where 16 local young women support industry professionals while receiving careers guidance and construction industry insights.

Beyond
Fifteen weeks of on-site counselling support for 12 students at Clarion School in Cricklewood.

The Smallpeice Trust
Six STEM activity days in local secondary schools, inspiring up to 360 students through hands-on engineering and construction challenges.

Set Them Up Foundation
Interactive financial education workshops for around 100 young people, covering budgeting, saving, credit and housing.

NEW VACANCIES AT BRENT CROSS TOWN

Looking for your next career move or an opportunity to build new skills? Our new recruitment service, Brent Cross Town Connect, is currently advertising a range of opportunities, with roles across hospitality, construction and customer-facing careers.

Current opportunities include:

Pastry Chef: A local café is looking an experienced pastry chef to join the team. It's an excellent opportunity for a professional to showcase their creative flair by taking ownership of their menu.

Experienced Barista: A local café is looking for a full-time Barista to join the team, working across their Brent Cross Town and Hampstead sites.

Roofer's Mate: One of our contractors is on the lookout for a candidate with a valid CSCS card to upskill to become a Roofer's Mate. You must have previous labouring experience and a keen interest in learning a trade.

Kitchen and Bedroom Surveyor: A local employer is looking for a friendly individual to join the team as a surveyor. Full training will be given but you must have a driving licence.

Retail Sales Designer: A local retailer is looking for someone with customer service experience to join their design team. This is an excellent opportunity to step into a creative retail role.

Sous Chef: A local eatery has an immediate start opportunity for an experienced chef to join the team.

Whether you're looking for work or considering a career change, Brent Cross Town Connect offers a free recruitment service connecting local residents with jobs, skills and volunteering opportunities.

The local volunteering opportunities include supporting older residents, gardening and helping children with maths in schools.

Interested? Visit us at Brent Cross Town Connect, 7 Ribbon Lane, London NW2 8AR, register on our website to hear about opportunities, or contact the team to find out more.





BRENT CROSS WEST COMMUNITY GALLERY UNVEILED

Last month, the Brent Cross West Community Gallery was officially unveiled, showcasing a collection of photographs captured by young people from the local area during a photography workshop delivered by the Keep Rolling Project over the Summer. Through their lenses, we see the people, places and moments that make our neighbourhood special, offering a unique perspective on the community around us.



The launch event brought together the young participants, their families, Councillor Anne Clarke, and colleagues from Govia Thameslink Railway and Barnet Council to celebrate the occasion. Visitors enjoyed exploring the exhibition, hearing about the inspiration behind the photographs and seeing the finished gallery space come to life. A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the official opening of the gallery, creating a memorable moment for everyone involved.

The gallery is here to stay, so whether you're passing through the station or making a special trip, we encourage you to stop by and take a look at the waiting room on Platform 2.

If you have artwork, photography or a creative project you'd like to share, or suggestions for what you'd like to see displayed next, we'd love to hear from you. Email us at **transformingbx@barnet.gov.uk**

PARKING IN THE AREA

We encourage visitors to travel actively or use public transport wherever possible. 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**

CLITTERHOUSE PLAYING FIELDS: CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



Six months on from the start of the first phase of improvement works at Clitterhouse Playing Fields, significant progress has been made on creating enhanced spaces for sport, play and relaxation.

The majority of earthworks are now complete, with equipment currently being installed in the new bouldering and parkour area, multi-use games area, playground and basketball court. Drainage improvements are complete, and seeding has begun across new grass and wildflower areas.

Near the Clitterhouse Farm entrance, work is progressing well on the new Farm Playground, which is due to open in the new year. Visitors will also see improvements to walking routes and drainage infrastructure across the fields, with the new path from Purbeck Drive now taking shape.

While most footpaths will remain open throughout the works, some short-term diversions and temporary closures will be required to enable essential construction and utility works. Clear signage will be in place to guide visitors along alternative routes.

PURBECK DRIVE WORKS

Improvement works on Purbeck Drive are now underway and are expected to be completed by Christmas. Work on creating the new public artwork will also begin shortly, ahead of its installation in Spring 2027, alongside planting of the new beds on either side of Purbeck Drive.

Inspired by the mountain ranges after which many of the streets on the Golders Green Estate are named, the artwork has been developed in collaboration with local residents. Their input has helped shape a design that reflects the community's ideas, heritage and aspirations for the area.

Alongside these works, a new pedestrian crossing will also be installed between Claremont Way and the fields in the new year.

The works have been carefully coordinated to minimise disruption and keep as much of the fields accessible as possible during construction.

You can read see the updated works programme, including diversion maps, online at **transformingbx.co.uk/cpf**

For any queries, please contact us at **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.

- Sheffield Hallam University continue with their fitout ahead of occupation of **4 Arbour Street**, anticipated early next 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 completion commencing later in 2027.
- **Plot 43B**, our second student accommodation building, continues and is close to reaching its full height as the internal fit-out works begin. Completion is anticipated to align with the 2028 student intake.
- Enabling Works are scheduled to complete before the end of the year for **Plot 11** (Hotel) and **Plot 201** (rental) with both buildings starting early next year.
- Construction of the northern section of **Railway Street**, connecting Brent Cross West station to the northern end of the neighbourhood, completes next month ahead of building the Main Energy Centre early next year. See map for locations.
- Enabling works have been completed for **Plot 22** (retirement living homes) and **Plot 23** (co-living homes), while enabling works for **Plot 24** (new homes, including affordable homes) are due to complete by the end of the year. All three plots are awaiting final regulatory sign-off. Construction on Plot 24 is expected to begin in December, with construction on Plots 22 and 23 anticipated to start in 2027.

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.

During the Christmas period, there will be no construction activity between 24 and 27 December, as well as between 31 December and 3 January.

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.

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

TFL WORKS ON A41 FLYOVER

Transport for London (TfL) is carrying out a major programme of renewal works on the A41 Brent Cross Flyover, which is expected to continue for up to two years. The works will strengthen the structure, replace safety barriers and install a new waterproofing system, allowing the current 7.5-tonne weight restriction to be removed once completed.

Please note that works will be paused between late November and early January, helping maintain access to Brent Cross Shopping Centre and surrounding businesses.

For information on routes and traffic management, visit **tfl.gov.uk/brent-cross-flyover**

CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE CONSULTATION

Barnet Council ran a six-month long consultation on parking in the wider neighbourhood. The council parking teams are in the final stages of reviewing the feedback to help inform next steps which will be communicated to residents through letters early December. Information will also be made available on **transformingbx.co.uk/cpz**

OPENING HOURS

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. Over Christmas, the Visitor Pavilion will be open on Christmas Eve from 10am to 4pm and will close between Friday 25 December until Friday 1 January, reopening on Saturday 2 January.

CONTACTING THE TEAM

The Visitor Pavilion team are always available to answer your questions and queries and provide an update on what is happening at Brent Cross Town. Opening times are detailed above.

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

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