

# MAYFIELD LABOUR

## Monthly Newsletter

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### Covid Memorial

Mayfield councillors joined Redbridge residents and NHS workers at the unveiling of a Covid Memorial Garden in Valentines Park to remember all those in Redbridge lost to, or were affected by, Covid-19.

The Memorial Garden, with its trail containing hundreds of memorial stones will serve as a fitting and long-lasting memorial to the hundreds of local people who sadly passed away during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Local residents are invited to make their own tribute by writing on the memorial stones which form part of this permanent site.



### Climate Strategy within the LB Redbridge Pension Fund

In his role as the Chair of Redbridge Council's Pension Fund Committee, Cllr Khan met the Wanstead Climate Action group.

The meeting discussed Redbridge Council's Pension Fund investments in various sectors, including energy, fossil fuels and renewables.

Cllr Khan informed them that the Pension Fund is actively engaged with the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum to highlight any environmental, social and governance issues within its investments.

The Council treats Climate Change as a real emergency, and investments within the Pension Fund have already shown a significant reduction in their carbon footprint.



### People's Question Time

Cllrs Khan and Solanki joined other Redbridge Labour councillors to attend the Mayor of London's People's Question Time held at Sir James Hawkey Hall on November 2nd.

Topics discussed included cleaner air, crime and policing, transport, housing, cost of living and London's economic recovery.

The clear message from the Mayor was that the government's lack of funding for boroughs like Redbridge is making it very tough for people to access public services, and austerity now means that for some local residents it is a choice between heating and eating.

The Mayor also praised how the Labour administration in Redbridge always steps up to the plate in order to help the most vulnerable



## Ward Surgeries

We have been carrying on with our regular surgeries at Goodmayes Library and at Paratha Junction/Seven Kings Café.

Issues at the forefront of residents' minds are the cost-of-living crisis, crime and safety, as well as anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping.

Please feel free to pop down to the surgeries to discuss any local issues of concern to you.

Details are available on our social media accounts and our website. No appointment is necessary.



## Fly-tipping Cameras

The Council has a number of CCTV cameras that it can deploy to monitor fly-tipping hotspots.

If you notice any fly-tipping, please report it on the Council's website at <https://my.redbridge.gov.uk/reportit/fly-tip>

The more reports a particular location gets, the more likelihood there is of a CCTV camera being installed near that location.



## Hospitals Fundraising Dinner

Cllrs Athwal and Khan joined His Worshipful The Mayor of Redbridge and other guests for the Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust's annual Marvel-lous super hero charity ball at Orsett Hall on Friday 18th November.

Over £ 50,000 was raised on the night and will go towards helping to improve the experience of children in the hospitals.



## Rough Sleeping Count

All three Mayfield councillors took part in the annual Rough Sleeping Count carried out by Redbridge Council in order to get a snapshot of the total number of people sleeping rough in the borough on a single night.

Mayfield ward councillor Vanisha Solanki, in her role as the Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness, said "we do this to track, manage and evaluate our progress towards achieving the ultimate goal of ending rough sleeping in the borough"

A number of individuals were found during the exercise which was carried out after midnight one day in late November. The individuals sleeping rough will be provided with the assistance they need to get them off the streets.



## Christmas Lights Switch On

Cllrs Athwal, Khan and Solanki joined Redbridge Deputy Mayoress Cllr Namreen Chaudhary for the annual 'Christmas Lights Switch On' at Seven Kings station.

This was a fun-filled afternoon with lots of entertainment for the kids, with Santa Claus eventually coming out to turn on the lights.



## Pets as Prizes

At the Council meeting on 17th November, Cllr Khan proposed a motion to ban pets as prizes in Redbridge.

The motion was passed unanimously and highlighted the animal welfare issues involved with the offering of pets as prizes at fairgrounds, social media and other channels.

In addition, the motion called for a ban on the giving of pets as prizes, in any form, on land or sites owned by Redbridge Council.

The Council also agreed to write to Government asking for an outright ban on the giving of live animals as prizes on both public and private land.



Cllr Jas Athwal



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