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Redbridge lands top prize for entry in New Year's Day parade

The Mayor of Redbridge, Cllr Thavathuray Jeyaranjan, has scooped a top prize of £15,000 for his Mayor's Appeal Committee entry in the recent New Year's Day parade in central London.

All boroughs and the City of Westminster are invited to enter the Parade with some form of entertainment based on the annual parade theme 'The Greatest Show on Earth'. Maria Sanchez from Treehouse Nursery Schools, Wanstead, came up with an idea of saving the environment, which the Redbridge entry was based on. The entry can be an act, float, performance, or dance ensemble, making the borough entries the heart of London's New Year's Day Parade.

Mayfield ward councillor, and the Leader of Redbridge Council, Cllr Jas Athwal, said: "Congratulations to the Mayor and his team for landing such a prestigious prize. This is always a hotly contested category, so winning is a huge achievement. I know that the prize money will be gratefully received by both charities, who will put it to good use."



Meeting with Mayfield Ward Panel

Cllrs Khan attended the quarterly Mayfield Ward Panel meeting with the police's Mayfield Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Issues discussed included anti-social behaviour, vehicle crime, laughing gas canisters, violence against women and girls and traffic.

It was also agreed to see if the police could join our 'Coffee with a Councillor' event and hold more joint street briefings.



Ward Surgeries

We have held 3 ward surgeries since our December newsletter, including one on Christmas Eve due to a high demand from local residents.

These surgeries are proving quite popular with residents coming to see us to discuss a variety of issues; including housing, fly-tipping, school places, benefits and social care.

We were lucky enough to have Yashmin Harun BEM (Chair of the Muslimah Sports Association) come to see us at a surgery recently.

As a result, we are now working with Vision to help find them some more venues and facilities so that they can get more girls and women into sports.

Please do come to see us at our forthcoming surgeries. We love to hear from residents.

Details of surgeries are posted on our website and social media pages.

We need your views in helping to shape our **housing strategy** for the next five years.



Housing Strategy

Redbridge Council is undertaking a listening exercise currently to support the development of our Housing Strategy. This feedback survey will be available to complete until Monday 13 March 2023.

Mayfield ward councillor, Cllr Vanisha Solanki, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness said: "Our new five-year Housing Strategy will aim to respond to the many challenges we face as a borough, such as homelessness and increasing the supply of housing, whilst building on the foundations and achievements of our last strategy.

"The new strategy will build upon key evidence and data that underpins our objectives and intended actions and feedback we receive from this consultation. It's important everyone gets the opportunity to have their say, which is why I strongly encourage both residents and stakeholders to respond with your views to help shape the direction for housing in Redbridge."

You can take part in the listening exercise at:
<https://engage.redbridge.gov.uk/housing-strategy>

Council Leader calls for fair funding for Redbridge

The Leader of Redbridge Council has spoken out following the Government's levelling up fund announcement on Thursday (19 January). After missing out in 2021, Redbridge has, once again, received no funding from the latest round of the Levelling Up Fund process.

Despite receiving £128 less funding per head than the London average, Redbridge's levelling up bid had been rejected in favour of proposals from other areas, including the Prime Minister's constituency of Richmond – which has been allocated £19m worth of funding.

Councillor Jas Athwal, Leader of Redbridge Council, said, "Once again, Redbridge has been overlooked and let down by the Government's grossly unfair levelling up fund process.

"Despite being one of the lowest funded boroughs in London, for the second time, Redbridge has received nothing from Government to support our ambitions for our area. Instead, funding has been allocated to better-off areas, including, once again, the Prime Minister's own constituency.

"Local people deserve better than this petty politics, diverting our hard-earned taxes to areas which already receive hundreds of pounds per head more than we do.

"The Government must stop pitting places against each other and instead give boroughs a fair deal based on need, not political expediency."

The news follows Redbridge Council's recent campaign for fair government funding. Hundreds of local people joined the campaign, writing to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, demanding an increase in funding to support the borough's ambitions to become the best place to live, work and raise a family in.



Redbridge in Conversation

Cllr Athwal, Leader of Redbridge Council, hosted a Redbridge in Conversation event on January 26th to talk to local residents about the Seven Kings community vision, developed by local people, and help shape the future of our borough.

At the meeting residents learned more about our council's plans to create a Seven Kings Community Hub, bringing council services, community space and a new Library into Seven Kings.

To find out more about the Seven Kings hub and the journey to create the Seven Kings Community Vision, check out the page on Let's Talk Redbridge:

<https://engage.redbridge.gov.uk/seven-kings-community-hub>.





King's Coronation: apply to host a street party now

The Coronation of King Charles III and his wife, Camilla, as King and Queen of the United Kingdom is set to take place on Saturday, 6 May 2023.

A Bank Holiday across the United Kingdom has been proclaimed in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, falling on Monday 8 May 2023.

As demonstrated by the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, street parties are a great way to celebrate historical events and get to know your neighbours, generating community spirit and neighbourhood fun. Hopefully, the Council, with the help of residents, will build upon the success of the 2022 Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

You can now apply to host a street party so you can enjoy this momentous occasion in style with your loved ones and neighbours. Street parties are a great way to get to know your neighbours, generating community spirit and neighbourhood fun. You can apply to host a street party on any day of the special bank holiday weekend.

The Council will again relax many of the usual rules and will not charge residents for road closures to celebrate this special occasion. Further details will feature on the Council's website as plans develop.

The deadline for receiving applications is Wednesday 1 March 2023.
You can apply here

<https://eforms.redbridge.gov.uk/street-party-application-form/>



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