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## ‘Walking West’ raises over £26,000 for Chelsea and Westminster and West Middlesex Hospitals



The Mayor of the London Borough of Hounslow Councillor Amy Croft (Centre) participated in the ‘Walking West’ event, which raised over £26,000 for Chelsea and Westminster and West Middlesex Hospitals, marking 10 years since the two hospitals joined to form one Trust.

**M**ore than 150 walkers took part in ‘Walking West’ on Sunday 28 September, stepping out onto the Thames Path to mark a decade since Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and West Middlesex University Hospital joined to become one Trust.

The event raised more than £26,000 for CW+, the official charity of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

The 12.2-mile fundraising walk started at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and followed the scenic south

side of the river to West Middlesex University Hospital. Trust staff and members of the hospital community were cheered on at three aid stations hosted by the Hurlingham Yacht Club, Small Profit Dock Gardens and Brentford Boat Club, before crossing the finish line to a warm welcome at West Mid. The event was kindly supported by Interpath, a financial advisory firm.

Gemma Brown, a Wellbeing and People Promise Manager at West Middlesex University Hospital who took part in the walk, said: ‘It was

such a brilliant day. Walking alongside colleagues, patients and supporters reminded me how proud I am to work here. The support along the route kept everyone going, and finishing at West Mid was such a special moment.’

Chloe Roberts, Public Fundraising Manager at CW+, said: ‘It was fantastic to see so many people come together to celebrate this special milestone. Walking West was all about community spirit and marking a decade of shared history, patient care and achievements. Every step taken will help fund vital projects across our hospitals, including the new Ambulatory

Diagnostic Centre (ADC) currently under construction at West Mid, which will speed up access to test and treatments for thousands of local patients.’

Emma Baylis, Managing Director at Interpath, said: ‘We were delighted to support CW+’s Walking West event. Whether taking part in the walk itself or volunteering along the route, it was wonderful to see so many people come together to do their bit to raise funds, including for the new ADC, which will be transformational in improving health outcomes for thousands of people across West London.’

Opening in autumn 2026, the new ADC is a state-of-the-art facility which will transform local healthcare with faster diagnoses and world-class cancer and renal care.

Find out more about the ADC and the charity’s new ‘Hospital Next Door’ campaign at [cwplus.org.uk/appeals/hospital-next-door/](https://www.cwplus.org.uk/appeals/hospital-next-door/)

For more information about future CW+ fundraising events, visit [cwplus.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising-events/](https://www.cwplus.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising-events/)

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## Local News

# Rocking back the years—It's never too old to rock

**Two Hounslow residents in their nineties were recently treated to a day out at a biker's haunt they used to attend seventy years ago.**

Nicky, 90 and Ann 93, who has dementia, donned beloved leathers and joined hordes of motorcyclists at the Ace Café in Wembley where the memories rolled back to days when they were 'Rockers'.

The trip was organised by Elizabeth Whittington, who runs a Hounslow tea party group for charity Re-engage, which supports lonely older people aged 75 and over. Nicky and Ann were part of a ten-strong group which went to the venue on the North Circular Road which boasts it is the world's most famous motor café and 'home for petrolheads.' The special tea party earlier this month (September) was paid for by volunteer Paul Connolly.

Nicky, who frequented the café with then boyfriend Alan, when she was in her twenties, said: "It was the most fabulous day out and brought back wonderful memories. If the aim was to bring some joy to Ann's life it couldn't have been more successful.

"She's normally quiet but as soon as she saw the bikes she absolutely blossomed, started chatting and



Nicky at Ace Cafe and Ann (left) and Nicky at Ace Cafe. Pictures by: Vicky Knight

waving her arms with delight. It really was a treat to see and epitomises what Re-engage is all about—getting people out to mix, have fun and enjoy a chat."

Nicky and Alan often went to the Ace Café during the Mods and Rockers era of the 1950s and 60s. The Rockers were leather-clad motorbike fanatics and the Mods dressed fashionably and rode more sedate motor scooters.

Nicky, whose husband Cedric died six years ago, said: "They were

brilliant times. Alan and I went all over the place on his motorbike. On one occasion my jeans almost caught fire when they got too close to the exhaust pipe. A similar thing happened to Ann – the soles of her shoes melted as she sat on the back of a bike with her feet on the exhaust. It sounds a little serious but it really was fun.

"I was with Alan for a while and then met Cedric and he was more into sailing so my motorcycling days came to an end but I then got into skiing and loved that.

"It was so good going back to the café. There was a row of around 50 beautiful bikes lined-up outside and one of the riders invited me to sit on a three wheeler, which I loved. But I had to sit side saddle.

"I had borrowed a leather jacket and bought a cap online so I was well kitted out. Some of the men there were wearing bandanas just as we did all those years ago. Everyone was so excited and someone helped Ann get into a mock-up tricycle. Her face just lit up. The atmosphere was super.

"Elizabeth worked really hard to make the day work and it really did. She did an excellent job. And it's great that we have Re-engage and its lovely volunteers. It's the nicest organisation you can find and does a wonderful job for lonely older people."

Elizabeth, who has been with the Hounslow group for nearly 15 years, said: "We got the idea to go to the Ace Café after Ann enthralled us one day with the story about her shoes melting on the bike. One of the drivers checked out the venue and I found out three guests had recently had birthdays. We got their favourite colours and one of our tea party hosts baked a cake with blue, pink and purple layers, which matched balloons on the tables.

"It took a team effort but the enjoyment everyone got—particularly Ann—was fabulous to see."

Re-engage organises free monthly Sunday tea parties for those aged 75 and over as well as running activity groups and call befriending services.

**If you'd like to volunteer for Re-engage or know someone who would benefit from its services you can get in touch at: Re-engage: the charity reducing loneliness in later life.**

**Or call: 0207 240 0630**

## Labour to deliver new 'Forces First' homes as part of a major housebuilding drive on surplus defence land

**The Labour government will deliver new homeownership opportunities for Armed Forces' families and veterans as part of a drive to boost housebuilding on Ministry of Defence land.**

John Healey, Labour's Defence Secretary, will announce the new 'Forces First' approach in a speech to Labour Party conference on Monday.

The move will see a presumption for Armed Forces personnel and veterans to receive priority access through 'first dibs' on new homes built on surplus MoD land. It will also see high quality new Service Family Accommodation (SFA) for serving personnel to rent, as Labour works to 'stop the rot' of poor military housing and turn around years of falling military morale under the Tories.

The measures would apply to a proportion of new homes on selected sites, agreed between MoD, the local authority and the developer based on demand and site viability.

The 'Forces First' proposals form part of the upcoming Defence Housing Strategy, delivering high quality affordable homes for working families across Britain. The Defence Secretary has identified the long-term potential for over 100,000 homes on repurposed Defence land.

As part of the upcoming strategy, Labour will deliver a 'Forces First'

approach to all housing developments on unused MoD land: prioritising forces families and veterans for homeownership opportunities and delivering high-quality service family accommodation.

A trailblazer for this approach is already underway at MOD Feltham in south-west London, where the MOD, the London Borough of Hounslow and the GLA have agreed to adopt a 'Forces First' approach as part of a groundbreaking partnership to develop the site. Once vacated, this new development alone is expected to deliver hundreds of homes and jobs. Under the new approach, the aim will be for a portion of the homes to have first priority for military personnel or veterans, including some of the intermediate affordable housing built on site.

This has been made possible due to the Labour Government's historic deal to buy-back 36,000 military family homes, reversing a failed Tory privatisation which had left military homes in an appalling state and saving the taxpayer billions of pounds in rental payments.

As part of the landmark Strategic Defence Review, the Labour government committed to increasing investment into military family housing by £1.5 billion across this Parliament to help overhaul the standard of military homes after 14 years of Tory underinvestment.

Earlier this year, Labour announced a new 'Consumer Charter' for forces homes, driving higher move-in standards, more reliable repairs, renovation of the worst homes, and a named housing officer for every family.

John Healey MP, Labour's Defence Secretary, said:

"Armed Forces housing was left in a shameful state by the Conservatives, hammering morale and driving a recruitment and retention crisis in our Forces.

"In our first year in office, Labour began the hard work to stop the rot and start the renewal of Armed Forces housing. We will turbocharge building on Defence land to deliver new homes for both our service personnel and for civilian families across Britain.

"This has all been unlocked by our historic deal to buy back 36,000 military family homes, reversing a failed Tory privatisation and saving the taxpayer billions.

"Our new 'Forces First' approach to building on MoD land will prioritise forces families and veterans for homeownership opportunities and deliver high-quality Service Family Accommodation. Alongside our new Consumer Charter for military homes and forthcoming Defence Housing Strategy, this is showing forces families: we are on your side."

## £121,335 to support homelessness and recovery services in Hounslow

**Hounslow Council** will receive £121,335 from the Government's £84 million uplift to homelessness and rough-sleeping funding, announced to coincide with World Homelessness Day on 10 October 2025.

The borough's allocation includes:

- £121,335 from the Supporting Children Experiencing Homelessness programme

This investment will help strengthen local support for families living in temporary accommodation and enhance recovery and treatment services for people sleeping rough or at risk of homelessness. The uplift is part of a wider £84 million national package to help councils prevent homelessness, reduce rough sleeping, and improve outcomes for vulnerable households across England.

## Groundbreaking 'Forces First' Housing Partnership Launches at MOD Feltham

Further to this announcement, Cllr Shantanu Rajawat, Leader of Hounslow Council, said:

"This is fantastic news for Hounslow. The 'Forces First' partnership at MOD Feltham will not only deliver much-needed new homes, but will also honour our Armed Forces by giving families and veterans the priority they

deserve. It means hundreds of high-quality homes and new jobs for our borough, alongside a lasting legacy of support for those who have served our country. Hounslow is proud to be at the forefront of this groundbreaking initiative, which brings real benefits for local people and strengthens our community for the future."

## University Hospital art collection with new commissions



Hannah Lim with her new artwork

**West Middlesex University Hospital is now home to a striking series of new art installations commissioned by CW+, the official charity of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.**

The works mark a major refresh of the hospital's art collection and demonstrates the charity's commitment to bringing gallery-standard artworks into a hospital setting, challenging expectations of what art in healthcare can be.

From a vibrant courtyard sculpture by award-winning artist Hannah Lim – who was born at West Mid – to an ambitious multimedia corridor installation inspired by nature's healing power, the new works infuse the hospital with fresh colour, calm and creativity.

As part of its award-winning Arts in Health programme, CW+ has been working across the site to revitalise and expand its art collection, aiming to make it more reflective of the staff, patients and local communities it serves.

A conscious focus of this series was the commissioning of three female artists from diverse backgrounds. This forms part of the charity's commitment to diversify and redress the gender imbalance in its collection, ensuring it better represents the communities the hospital serves while celebrating a broader range of voices and perspectives.

Highlights include:

- A vibrant courtyard sculpture titled Winged Archway by Hannah Lim, which has transformed a previously under-used corner of

the atrium into a colourful and restorative space. West Mid-born Lim held a creative workshop with staff and later carried out public consultations in the atrium with staff, patients and visitors on the final colours and design, which shaped the finished artwork.

- Healing Flows, an ambitious multimedia installation by Lucia Pizzani in collaboration with Jaime Gili, Javier Weyler and Ezequiel Pizzani, which now lines the corridor between the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Operating Theatres, including the ICU visitors waiting area and quiet room. Incorporating ceramics, ceiling collages, abstract painting and soundscapes, the work brings the estuaries, plants and waterways around West Mid into the hospital itself.

- Isleworth Riverside, a specially commissioned large-scale painting by leading British-Nigerian artist Joy Labinjo, which brightens the East Wing, celebrating storytelling, identity and community.

The new artworks were created in close collaboration with West Middlesex University Hospital staff, while workshops and consultation sessions helped influence the final designs, ensuring the pieces are not only visually striking but also strongly connected to the West Mid community.

Hannah Lim said: 'It was incredibly meaningful to return to the hospital where I was born to create a piece for today's patients and staff. The conversations and

creative sessions with staff gave me a real sense of the community here, which directly shaped my design.'

Lucia Pizzani said: 'Humans have always gone into nature to find calm and reconnection, and this is even more important in a hospital setting. With Healing Flows, I wanted to bring the natural world into the ICU, creating an environment that feels restorative for patients, families and staff alike.'

Joy Labinjo said: 'It's been wonderful creating this artwork for West Middlesex University Hospital. Inspired by conversations with staff about bringing the outside in, I painted colleagues walking through Isleworth Riverside on their way to work – a calm, everyday moment. I love the fact that the painting lives within the community it depicts.'

Trystan Hawkins, Director of Patient Environment at CW+, said: 'At CW+ we believe art has the power to transform healthcare environments. These new commissions at West Mid are part of our ongoing commitment to creating uplifting hospital spaces that support patient and staff wellbeing.'

The refreshed art collection builds on the charity's pioneering Arts in Health programme, which, in addition to bringing original artworks to Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and West Middlesex University Hospital, regularly delivers live performances and creative workshops for patients and staff.

For more information about CW+ and its Arts in Health programme, visit <https://www.cwplus.org.uk/what-we-do/arts-in-health/>

## Public Notices



**London Borough  
of Hounslow**

### Notice of Application for Grant of Premises Licence Under Section 17 of The Licensing Act 2003

Notice is given that Global Gourmet Limited T/A Karak Chaii has applied to the London Borough of Hounslow for a Premises Licence. The application is for the provision of late night refreshment (hot food and non-alcoholic drinks) indoors between 23:00–02:00 hours daily. The premises will be open to the public from 07:00 until 02:00 each day. No alcohol sales or regulated entertainment are proposed as part of this application for the premises Karak Chaii situated at 26C High Street, Hounslow TW3 1NW.

The application has also been made for the following opening hours: 07:00–02:00 hours.

The following opening hours are applied for: 19 hours.

Anyone wishing to make representations to this application must give notice in writing via email by 29/10/2025 to: [licensing@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@hounslow.gov.uk)

Representations will still be accepted via post, however there could be a delay in us receiving them within the limited 28-day time period to:

Environment, Culture & Customer Services - Licensing  
London Borough of Hounslow  
Hounslow House, 7 Bath Road, Hounslow, TW3 3EB

### Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 Notice under Articles 13 and 36 of the Town and Country Planning

**Proposed development at 170 Hatton Road, Feltham TW14 9PY**

We give notice that **Mr Abbasi** having applied to the **London Borough of Hounslow for Erection of a single storey house in the rear garden with associated works** is appealing to the Secretary of State against the decision of the Council

Any owner\* of the land or tenant\*\* who wishes to make representations about this appeal should write to: **The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN by 14 days beginning with the date of publication of this notice.**

If you decide to make representations, you should make it clear that you are an owner of the appeal site or tenant of an agricultural holding on the site and you should give the site address.

\*\*"owner" means a person having a freehold interest or a leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years, or in the case of development consisting of the winning or working of minerals, a person entitled to an interest in a mineral in the land (other than oil, gas, coal, gold or silver).

\*\*"tenant" means a tenant of an agricultural holding any part of which is comprised in the land.

**Signed Savills (UK) Limited** On behalf of **Mr Abbasi** Date **8 October 2025**  
**Statement of owners' rights**

The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or in a lease.

**Statement of agricultural tenants' rights**

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Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice.

A Guide to Making Representations is available at:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-making-representations-objections-and-complaints-goods-vehicle-operator-licensing](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-making-representations-objections-and-complaints-goods-vehicle-operator-licensing)

7pm, Saturday 15th November 2025

# Concert by Candlelight

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