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Christmas at Chiswick House & Gardens



Chiswick House and Gardens, Burlington Lane, Chiswick, London, W4 2RP

Chiswick House & Gardens Trust is delighted to announce its Christmas 2026 programme, inviting visitors to enjoy a festive season packed with experiences to enjoy with family and friends at one of West London's most beautiful historic settings.

Running from 1 November through to 24 December, Christmas at Chiswick House & Gardens brings together an interactive Father Christmas experience, family entertainment, live performances, creative workshops, independent festive markets, seasonal food and unique shopping opportunities. There will be plenty of reasons to visit throughout the season.

And there's an extra reason to celebrate. Every pound spent at Chiswick House & Gardens helps support the Trust's charitable work, caring for its beautiful historic spaces, helping nature thrive and delivering an expanding programme of activities for local schools and communities.

What's On

Father Christmas's Magical Grotto | 28 November – 24 December

A highlight of the festive season, Father Christmas will be making a very special appearance at Chiswick House, welcoming little visitors into his twinkling grotto.

Children will have the opportunity to meet Father Christmas and his elf, enjoy a festive story and leave with a surprise gift to cherish. A magical experience for families and a wonderful way to make lasting Christmas memories.

Find out more and book:

<https://chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk/event/father-christmas-at-chiswick-house/>

A Christmas Carol and Georgian Christmas celebrations

Quantum Theatre: A Christmas Carol | 21 & 22 December

Get into the Christmas spirit with Quantum Theatre's production of Charles Dickens' much-loved festive classic. A heart-warming theatrical experience promising to delight children and

grown-ups alike, this is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy one of the most enduring Christmas stories.

Find out more:

<https://chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk/event/a-christmas-carol-by-quantum-theatre/>

The Duchess's Christmas: An Operatic Celebration | 12 & 13 December

Liberata Collective returns with another operatic treat, this time with a festive twist. Inspired by the history of Chiswick House, the production brings Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, and her friends together for a Georgian-style Christmas celebration.

Performed within the House itself, this enchanting combination of beautiful singing, music and historical storytelling promises to be a highlight of the Christmas season.

Find out more:

<https://chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk/event/the-duchesss-christmas-an-operatic-celebration/>

Creative workshops

For those looking to add a personal touch to their festive celebrations, a series of creative workshops offers the chance to make something beautiful to enjoy or give as a gift.

Glass Bauble Painting | Sunday 29 November

Get into the spirit of the season at this guided bauble-painting workshop. With expert guidance, participants will create a beautiful glass bauble to treasure for years to come.

Find out more:

<https://chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk/event/glass-bauble-painting/>

Festive Candle Painting | Sunday 13 December

Bring some festive colour to the table with this fun, hands-on workshop. Using a colourful selection of paints, participants will decorate three vegan-friendly candlesticks with their own festive designs – an activity best enjoyed with friends and loved ones.

Find out more:

<https://chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk/event/festive-candle-painting/>

Eat, drink and shop: Christmas markets and seasonal treats

From Sunday 1 November, the Gardens will be buzzing with festive activity as a packed programme of Christmas markets brings independent traders, seasonal food, unique gifts and handcrafted treasures to Chiswick.

Visitors can browse local and ethical businesses, discover beautiful handmade decorations and enjoy delicious seasonal treats. From a carefully crafted Christmas wreath to a warming glass of mulled wine from Colicci, there's plenty to enjoy – and every purchase helps support the Trust's work.

Chiswick House Shop | Daily, 1 November – 24 December

The Chiswick House Shop will be brimming with festive inspiration, from handmade Christmas wreaths crafted using foliage grown in the Gardens to a carefully curated collection of unique gifts and decorations for all ages and tastes.

Duck Pond Festive Market | 1 November, 5–6 December, 19–20 December and 21–24 December

Discover a festive market filled with local, ethical independent businesses, seasonal treats, beautiful gifts and crafts. Whether you're looking for something special for a loved one or simply soaking up the Christmas atmosphere, there's plenty to discover.

Find out more:

<https://chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk/event/duck-pond-festive-market/>

Urban Food Fest Christmas Market | Saturday 28 – Sunday 29 November

Urban Food Fest brings its popular Christmas Market to Chiswick House & Gardens for a fabulous weekend of global street food, artisan gifts and festive treats. The perfect opportunity to eat, drink and shop while enjoying the festive atmosphere.

Find out more:

<https://chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk/event/urban-food-fest-christmas-market/>

Winter Open Studios | 5 December

Chiswick House & Gardens' talented resident artists will open their on-site studios to visitors for another special Open Studios Day.

Discover inspiring creative spaces, meet the artists, learn more about their work and browse a selection of original creations available to buy.

Visitors can make a day of it by combining a visit to the studios with the festive atmosphere of the Duck Pond Market and a magical encounter with Father Christmas in his grotto.

Find out more about the Artists' Studios:

<https://chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk/community-schools/studios/>

The Lazy Flea Christmas Market | Saturday 12 – Sunday 13 December

Ticketed entry please book in advance.

The Lazy Flea returns for a special festive edition, bringing its much-loved vintage finds together with independent crafts and makers. A brilliant opportunity to pick up distinctive Christmas gifts and discover something a little different.

Find out more:

<https://chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk/event/the-lazy-flea-christmas-market/>

Make Christmas count

Christmas at Chiswick House & Gardens is about more than festive fun. Every visit, ticket and purchase helps the Trust continue its vital charitable work.

As an independent charity, Chiswick House & Gardens Trust cares for these extraordinary historic spaces, supports biodiversity and helps nature thrive, while delivering an expanding programme of learning opportunities for schools and activities that bring the local community together.

By choosing to celebrate Christmas at Chiswick House & Gardens, visitors can enjoy a memorable festive experience while making a meaningful contribution. To explore the full Christmas programme, find out more and book tickets, visit:

www.chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk

Transport for London launches new road safety education programme

With the new academic year underway, Transport for London (TfL) is celebrating a record number of schools that have gained or retained Gold accreditation with its educational programme TfL Travel for Life, and launching a new educational scheme to help older teens travel safely and confidently on the capital's roads.

TfL's new TfL Navigators road safety programme within TfL Travel for Life guides young people aged 16-18 to become risk-aware, safe and considerate road users. The programme is free to all secondary schools and colleges, with ready-made lessons that include discussions, quizzes and case studies, focused on three modules: **Drive Safe, Cycle Safe and Ride Safe.**

In 2025, five people aged between 16 and 18 died on London's roads, while 187 people in this age group sustained serious injuries and 657 sustained minor injuries.

TfL Travel for Life is an educational programme delivered in partnership with London Transport Museum and London boroughs that sees schools awarded Bronze, Silver or Gold accreditation for their efforts in reducing car use, improving safety and increasing sustainable travel.

A school achieves Gold accreditation if it reduces car use on the school run by six per cent or achieves 90 per cent of morning and afternoon journeys by sustainable transport.

The total number of schools achieving Gold accreditation has risen by 48 this year, bringing the overall number of Gold schools across London to 1,057—a record for the programme. Gold accreditation lasts three years and schools must complete 48 activities, such as balance bike workshops, educational assemblies and sustainability clubs. Newly accredited Gold schools include St James' C of E Primary School in Enfield, Richard Atkins Primary School in Lambeth, and Islington's Samuel Rhodes School. In addition, 214 London schools have retained their Gold accreditation for three more years, reflecting their continuing efforts to support safer and sustainable travel.

Will Norman, the Mayor of London's Walking and Cycling Commissioner, said: "I'm delighted that a record number of schools across London are so deeply committed to helping more children walk, cycle and scoot across the capital, working to improve road safety and air quality in their communities. I look forward to seeing the new TfL Navigators offer bring more young Londoners into this vital work.

"We're determined to keep building on this success, as we want even more people to benefit from TfL's Travel for Life programme, so I really encourage any schools that aren't signed up yet to get involved. The Mayor and I are committed to making it easier for people to choose walking or cycling on short regular journeys like the school run as we continue building a greener, safer, better London for everyone."

Lilli Matson, TfL's Chief Safety, Health and Environment Officer, said: "Knowing how to travel safely and sustainably is a key life skill, and we want to thank the many schools across London that are continuing to build TfL Travel for Life into their curriculum to help reduce road danger

and air pollution, as well as improve both physical and mental health.

"Learning to drive a car, ride a moped or motorcycle or cycle independently can be a really exciting time for young people as they become more independent, and it's vital that as they do so, they have a good understanding of the rules of the road, and the potential consequences of their choices and behaviours. Our new TfL Navigators programme approaches all this in a fun, thought-provoking and accessible way."

Elizabeth McKay, Director and CEO of London Transport Museum, said: "It's fantastic that there's now a record number of schools achieving gold accreditation through Travel for Life. Education plays a crucial role in helping young people travel through London safely, and as they gain greater independence and make more journeys on their own, programmes like Travel for Life provide the knowledge and confidence needed to make safe choices. We're delighted to work alongside TfL and London boroughs to launch TfL Navigators and help more young Londoners develop the skills and awareness they need to stay safe on our roads."

TfL Travel for Life and the work delivered by local boroughs and schools support the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy. Vision Zero is part of this strategy and aims to eliminate deaths and serious injuries on London's transport network by 2041, while the Healthy Streets approach focuses on creating streets where everyone feels safe to walk, wheel, scoot and cycle. Latest TfL data shows two-thirds (66 per cent) of primary-age children use active travel on the school run, with car journeys now at a ten-year low.

Road safety education remains particularly important for 16-18-year-olds because this is a formative life stage when attitudes, social norms and travel behaviours are still developing. Research shows that younger people are particularly influenced by peers and are more likely to engage in risk-taking behaviours to gain social approval. Younger drivers can also be less aware of risk, with the brain continuing to develop its ability to process and evaluate risks into the mid-twenties.

The launch of TfL Navigators comes as evidence highlights the particular road safety risks facing young people as they become more independent road users. Analysis by road safety consultancy Agilysis, on behalf of the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC), found that between 2021 and 2025, more than 23,000 people were killed or seriously injured in collisions involving car drivers aged 17-24 across Great Britain. Through TfL Navigators and its wider road safety education, TfL is helping young people better understand these risks and make safe choices when cycling, riding or driving.

TfL is encouraging any schools that are not yet involved with TfL Travel for Life to find out more and sign up. TfL Navigators is one of five free programmes under the TfL Travel for Life umbrella, which are all tailored to different educational stages between the ages of 3 and 18.

By taking part in TfL Travel for Life, schools can play a vital role in creating safer, greener and healthier journeys for young Londoners.

Be part of West Middlesex Hospital's future: final call to transform local healthcare

Local residents are being invited to leave a lasting mark on the future of healthcare at West Middlesex University Hospital as CW+, the official charity of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, makes a final appeal for support ahead of the opening of the hospital's new Diagnostic, Treatment and Education Centre (DTEC).

The CW+ Hospital Next Door campaign is raising £1.5m to enhance the state-of-the-art Centre, which is due to open in early 2027 and will transform cancer, kidney and diagnostic care for thousands of patients across west London.

As fundraising enters its final phase, supporters are being encouraged to take one of the last opportunities to be recognised on the building's Founders' Wall. Donors who give £250 or more to the campaign can choose to have their name, or the name of someone they wish to honour, displayed within the new Centre.

Those who give less than £250 can

add their name to the virtual wall on the CW+ website, with every contribution helping to enhance the experience of future patients, visitors and staff.

While the NHS is funding construction of the building, CW+ is raising funds to help the Centre reach its full potential through enhancements including specialist equipment, welcoming patient environments, staff wellbeing facilities and therapeutic design features inspired by nature.

Sally Smith, Chief Operating Officer of West London Chambers and a former patient, has a long-standing connection with West Middlesex University Hospital. She said: "West Mid has played an important part in my life. Two of my children were born there, and the hospital also saved my life, so I know first-hand just how important it is to local people.

"It's wonderful to see this new Centre taking shape—I know it will make a real difference to patients for years to come. Supporting the CW+ Hospital Next Door campaign is a chance for residents and businesses to

give something back and play a part in the future of their local hospital."

Chloe Roberts, Public Fundraising Manager at CW+, said: "We're now entering the final stretch of our fundraising campaign ahead of the Centre opening next year, and it's one of the last opportunities for local people to secure a place on the Founders' Wall and become part of the building's story.

"Every donation, whatever the amount, will help us create the best possible environment for the thousands of people who will use this new Centre in the years ahead. We'd love residents, businesses and community groups to join us in helping the DTEC reach its full potential."

The new Centre will bring a range of services together under one roof, helping more patients access care closer to home, in a modern, purpose-built environment.

To find out more about the Hospital Next Door campaign, make a donation or secure a place on the Founders' Wall, visit: www.cwplus.org.uk/appeals/hospital-next-door/

Jobs at West Middlesex Hospital

NHS Explore Sessions for Hounslow Residents Discover Local Job Opportunities at West Middlesex Hospital



Security Officer

Patrols, responds to emergencies, supports staff and visitors.



Monday
26th October 2026
12:00 – 1:00pm

- Patrols the hospital and keeps people safe
- Responds to emergencies and supports staff/visitors
- Helps maintain a safe and welcoming environment



Full-time and part-time options available



Hostess & Healthcare Cleaner

Supports patients with meal service, food safety checks, and maintaining a welcoming ward environment.



Thursday
29th October 2026
12:00 – 1:00pm

- Hostess:** Supports patients with meal service, food safety checks, and maintaining a welcoming ward environment.
- Cleaner:** Maintains high hygiene standards and follows infection control procedures.



Full-time and part-time options available



Patient Services Supervisor

Lead and support teams delivering high-quality patient services.



Wednesday
4th November 2026
11:00 – 12:00pm

- Lead and support teams delivering high-quality patient services
- Oversee cleaning, catering, and hygiene standards in a hospital setting
- Ensure a safe, clean and patient-focused environment
- Manage staff, training, and daily operations effectively



Part-time only



London Borough of Hounslow

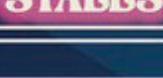
HOUNSLOW LIGHTS



FIREWORKS



FOOD



FUNFAIR ACTIVITIES



STALLS

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

LAMPTON PARK 4-9PM

FIREWORKS AT 7PM

FREE ENTRY

For further information visit www.hounslow.gov.uk/hounslowevents

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Local Government News

Over £30,000 of illicit goods seized in Hounslow enforcement operation

Thousands of pounds worth of illegal goods were recently removed from Hounslow’s streets as part of a major Trading Standards operation.

Hounslow Council’s Trading Standards officers, working alongside Met policing teams, carried out coordinated visits to 14 shops across the Borough as part of ongoing efforts to tackle illegal trading and protect residents from unsafe products.

Illegal or counterfeit products were found in 10 premises. Items seized included:

- 1,019 packets of illicit cigarettes, equivalent to more than 20,000 individual cigarettes
- 440 pouches of hand-rolling tobacco
- 813 packets of oral tobacco products
- 445 vapes
- 492 packets and sachets of medicines

- 27 pouches of shisha tobacco

The police also seized controlled substances during the operation and made several arrests, with investigations ongoing.

Illegal, unregulated tobacco and vapes products can pose serious risks to consumers. Unlike legitimate products, they may not meet safety standards, can contain unknown ingredients and are often sold without the checks and regulations designed to protect public health.

Often produced in unhygienic conditions, and sold at pocket-money prices, these products make it easier for young people to start smoking or vaping and harder for others to quit.

Counterfeit cigarettes can also pose a greater fire risk as they often lack the self-extinguishing safety features of legitimate products.

As well as undermining legitimate local businesses, the supply of illegal tobacco is often linked to organised crimes including drugs, people trafficking and illegal immigration.

Councillor Amy Croft, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Enforcement and Recycling, said: “The sale of illicit tobacco, unregulated vapes, counterfeit products and unsafe medicines puts consumers at risk and undermines the many responsible businesses that operate within the law.

“Residents have a right to expect that the products being sold in our communities are safe and legitimate. My message to rogue traders is clear: we will continue to pursue and disrupt this activity wherever we find it.”

Residents who have concerns about the sale of illicit tobacco, illegal vapes, counterfeit goods or other unsafe products are encouraged to report them via email to tradingstandards@hounslow.gov.uk or anonymously via the Citizens Advice Consumer Service: Contact the consumer service - Citizens Advice:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/if-you-need-more-help-about-a-consumer-issue/>

Crackdown on parking violations along Maswell Park Road

Hounslow Council recently teamed up with parking enforcement and transport partners for a day of action along Maswell Park Road, directly responding to ongoing concerns raised by local residents.

The joint enforcement operation focused heavily on key community issues, specifically the misuse of resident parking bays and illegal parking on single yellow lines.

Recent data highlights the scale of

the problem.

Between 1st April and 30th September 2026, enforcement teams recorded 191 visits to the road, logging 426 vehicles and issuing a total of 146 Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs). Cllr Amy Croft said: “We have listened closely to the concerns of residents regarding parking abuse and congestion on Maswell Park Road.

This joint enforcement day sends a clear message that we are taking

action to protect resident bays and keep our streets moving safely.”

Operating within the Maswell Park Controlled Parking Zone (MPCPZ), which operates Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 5:30pm and is alongside industrial and railway station adjacencies, the road faces high parking pressures. Council partners remain committed to ensuring fair parking access for residents and keeping local routes clear and safe for everyone.

Hounslow Council’s Safe in Hounslow community event returns

As part of Safeguarding Adults Week 2026, residents are invited to attend Safe in Hounslow, a free community event bringing together local organisations, Council services and community partners.

The event, at Hounslow House (ground floor) on Wednesday 18 November from 11am to 3pm, aims to raise awareness on staying safe in everyday life, whether at home, at work, in relationships, or out in the community.

Attendees can meet representatives from the Council and partner organisations, including:

Barclays Bank—providing information on fraud and financial abuse

Crosslight—debt experts providing personal financial safeguarding advice

Shewise—a female empowerment charity, offering insights into staying safe within relationships

Feltham & Bedfont PCN will also be available to provide health and wellbeing services including blood pressure readings and BMI checks.

Commenting on the event, Councillor Lily Bath, Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care said: “Our annual Safeguarding

event at Hounslow House goes from strength to strength and we look forward to providing a really engaging, diverse mix this year. Safeguarding adults is a thread that runs across services provided by the Council and together with partners we’ll look to educate, inform and support attendees. Come along and find out more.”

The event highlights the message that keeping people safe is everyone’s responsibility.

It celebrates the importance of working together to prevent harm and encourages everyone to speak up if they have concerns, reflecting this year’s Safeguarding Adults Week theme: Every Choice. Every Voice.

Public Notices

Goods Vehicle Operator’s Licence

MARIONICHOLAS TRANS LTD
of 56 George Williams Way,
Colchester,
CO1 2JZ

is applying for a licence to use

Heathrow Truck Park
Parkway Farm,
Church Road,
Hounslow,
TW5 7RY

as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicle and 0 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UE, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

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

Goods Vehicle Operator’s Licence

APEX REMOVAL GROUP LTD
of Unit 1 White Hart Road,
Chalvey,
Slough
SL1 2SF

is applying for a licence to use

Heathrow Truck Park
Parkway Farm,
Church Road,
Hounslow,
TW5 9RY

as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicle and 2 trailers.

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of: 124 City Road
London
EC1V 2NX

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Concert by Candlelight

SCHEHERAZADE

Rimsky-Korsakov

RUSLAN & LUDMILLA OVERTURE Glinka

FLUTE CONCERTO NO.1 Mozart

soloist: Nanako Nakamura

7pm, Saturday 14th November 2026

St Mary's Church, Osterley Rd, TW7 4PW

HOUNSLOW SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CONDUCTOR: DORIAN TODOROV DIMITROV
LEADER: NICOLA GARTY

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE AND ON THE DOOR

CHARITY NO 276528

