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...Spring 2023...

## APPLY FOR SPRING GRANTS NOW!



The Community Chest fund and Green Grants are small grants schemes available to local people, groups and organisations. Want to find out more? The application window is open between 1st March – 31st March. Turn to pages 2 and 3 to find out how to apply.

## Apply now for Community Chest funding

The Community Chest fund is a small grants scheme available to local people, groups and organisations. We want to encourage positive activities that help keep people feel more connected to the area and to their neighbours and therefore safer, happier, and prouder of where they live.



You can apply for up to £750 per project and we are happy to help you with your application. All you need to have is an idea for an event or a project, a group that wishes to run it, and a plan to make it work.

We will also offer funding for local community groups, residents and charities to put on their own celebrations, exhibitions and multicultural events.

Street groups can apply for a £120 mini grant towards funding a street party to celebrate the King Charles III's coronation on Saturday 6th May 2023. The applications are available between 1st – 31st March 2023.

Visit our website to learn how to apply: [www.wmbiglocal.org/grants-funding](https://wmbiglocal.org/grants-funding). Follow us on social media and subscribe to our e-newsletter for updates.

**How to apply: go to  
<https://wmbiglocal.org/grants-funding>  
Application window closes 31st March**

William Morris ward map:

<https://wmbiglocal.org/map-of-the-area>

## Celebrating William Morris's birthday!

William Morris was born on 24th March 1834, in Walthamstow. Many buildings and places in the area are named after him, including this Big Local, and commemorate his work as a designer, craftsman, poet, writer, and early socialist.

We will celebrate William Morris's birthday on Friday 24th March, 2pm – 5pm, outside the William Morris Gallery .

Come and join us for tea and cake and join outdoor activities and crafts.

For more information, go to our website:

<https://wmbiglocal.org/events>



**Come and celebrate William Morris's birthday  
with tea, cake and activities  
Friday 24th March 2pm - 5pm  
Outside the William Morris Gallery  
Lloyd Park, Forest Rd, London E17 4PP**

## Goodbye Garages, Hello Community Courtyard

Anyone walking down Holmes Avenue on the corner of William Morris Close may have noticed something different about the place. What was once the site of three derelict garages and a fly-tipping hotspot is now getting a resident led makeover. The garages have been demolished and a meanwhile space of community planters has sprung up. Neighbouring residents are working together and being backed by William Morris Big Local and Waltham Forest council to create a community courtyard along with extra space for the Walthamstow Tool Library.

Architect firm Matter Architect has provided free professional advice and guidance and has drawn up concept designs to get things moving. Next steps will be to finalise plans and turn the project from idea to reality. In the meantime residents are looking after the planters and planning fun events on the green for all to enjoy. Keep up to date with the project here: <https://wmbiglocal.org/project/william-morris-close-garages>



William Morris Close Garages – 2022



...and currently a meanwhile space in 2023

## Green Grants - it's now or never

WM Big Local is offering grants of between £500 and £3,000 to resident groups, organisations and charities for projects that improve outdoor spaces and help people connect with the area around them. Since 2018 a total of 17 local projects have been funded through our Green Grants programme and this year is the final opportunity to take advantage of it. From community planting projects to healthy walks, the green grants have already made a real difference to the local community.

If you are part of a resident group, charity or community group and have had your eye on an unloved space in the local area that could be improved then the Green Grants could work a treat for you and your project idea.

The application process is straightforward and you can get help from us to put your project idea down on paper. So whether you want to improve a "grot-spot" or help people make the most of their outdoor spaces get in touch and see about our Green Grants.

Ring Gabriel on 07947766251 or email him at [gabriel@wmbiglocal.org](mailto:gabriel@wmbiglocal.org)



Green Grants have funded projects from the Living Bench at Priory Court through to community planting sessions

### Green Grants 2023

£500 - £3,000 for projects that enhance outdoor spaces or help people positively connect with them.

<https://wmbiglocal.org/grants-funding>



Get ready for growing now by borrowing tools

## Walthamstow Tool Library



The sun is slowly warming up the soil, crocuses and daffodils are popping up while birds cheerfully greet the fast-approaching spring – which tells: you better follow suit and get ready for the new growing season!

Build some raised beds with the little help of saws and drills, borrow garden forks and rakes to prepare your vegetable beds, get the chipper to make some mulch or make use of sharpening service to get those cutting tools in shape for all your pruning & propagation endeavours.

WTL membership prices remain the same: A regular membership is £30 a year, which gives you access to over 400 tools – residents of Priory Court get a family discount and pay £10, as do people on low income.

For more information go to [www.frpuk.org/community-work/tools](http://www.frpuk.org/community-work/tools).

**WALTHAMSTOW TOOL LIBRARY**

**BETTER BORROW THAN BUY  
REDUCE COSTS FOR YOU & OUR PLANET**

**BECOME a MEMBER  
& BORROW TOOLS for YOUR  
GARDEN & DIY PROJECTS**

**GOOD CONDITION TOOLS TO DONATE? CONTACT US!**  
2A PRIORY COURT, E17 | [TOOLS@FRPUK.ORG](mailto:TOOLS@FRPUK.ORG)  
[WWW.FRPUK.COMMUNITY-WORK/TOOLS](http://WWW.FRPUK.COMMUNITY-WORK/TOOLS) | [@WALTHAMSTOWTOOLLIBRARY](https://twitter.com/WALTHAMSTOWTOOLLIBRARY)



**WTL has its own SEED LIBRARY  
SWAP SEEDS during OUR OPENING HOURS  
& OUR SEED SWAP EVENTS**

**SATURDAY 10am-1pm  
TUESDAY 4-7pm**

2A PRIORY COURT, E17 | [TOOLS@FRPUK.ORG](mailto:TOOLS@FRPUK.ORG)  
[WWW.FRPUK.COMMUNITY-WORK/TOOLS](http://WWW.FRPUK.COMMUNITY-WORK/TOOLS) | [@WALTHAMSTOWTOOLLIBRARY](https://twitter.com/WALTHAMSTOWTOOLLIBRARY)

## Join the litter picking group

William Morris ward residents are proud of their neighbourhood and have created a monthly street tidying group. The group meets every second Saturday of the month. Usual time is 1pm-2pm.

They are rotating around about 6 locations, so let them know which areas you want to cover and join them on the day!

This group is open to everyone who wishes to join the next litter picking event for residents. Email [admin@wmrassociation.org](mailto:admin@wmrassociation.org) with suggestions and for a link to join the WhatsApp group.



Everyone is welcome to join the pickers

# Easter Holiday Sport Sessions

You can already put your name down for our Easter Holiday Sports sessions taking place at Big Creative Academy. This year's line up of dates and activities is being finalised as we write but activities will include:

- Dodgeball
- Football
- Judo
- Netball
- Boxercise
- Cricket
- Rounders



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[YOUTH@WMBIGLOCAL.ORG](mailto:YOUTH@WMBIGLOCAL.ORG)  
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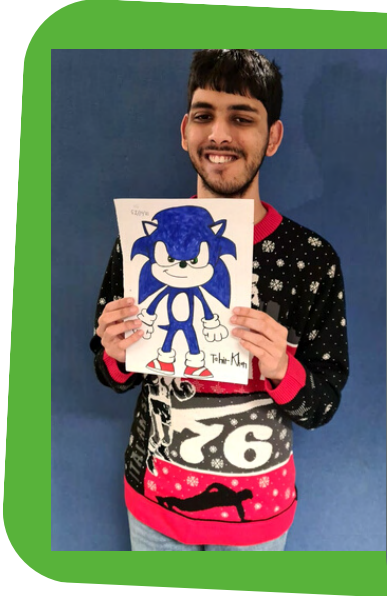
# Everybody Dance

New to the Young Local Youth Club this term is free dance sessions for 10 to 15 year olds. The sessions are led by level 3 dance students of Big Creative Academy and are for all abilities and tastes. The sessions are taking place in the gorgeous dance studio at the Academy and there'll also be opportunities to try out routines in the Big Local Theatre! For more info or to sign up email [youth@wmbiglocal.org](mailto:youth@wmbiglocal.org)

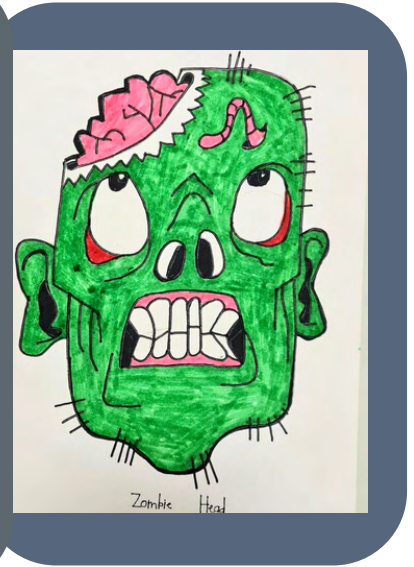


DON'T FORGET OUR FREE REGULAR WEEKLY YOUTH CLUB  
FOR 10-15YR OLDS DURING TERM TIME  
THURSDAYS AT 5:30-7:30PM

BIG CREATIVE ACADEMY, 38 CLIFTON AVENUE, E17 6HL  
TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT  
[YOUTH@WMBIGLOCAL.ORG](mailto:YOUTH@WMBIGLOCAL.ORG)



Art By Tahir Khan



## PRIZE WORDSEARCH FOR UNDER 12s

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## Wetland birds

- CORMORANT
- KINGFISHER
- NUTHATCH
- SANDPIPER
- STONECHAT
- WAGTAIL
- EGRET
- MAGPIE
- PARAKEET
- SPARROWHAWK
- SWALLOW
- WOODPIGEON
- CHIFFCHAFF
- GOOSE
- MOORHEN
- PEREGRINE
- STARLING
- SWAN



Did you find all the answers? One correct entry picked at random before 1st May 2023 will win a Sodo pizza giftcard. Thank you to Sodo in E17 for your support! Congratulations to Lila for a correct entry, you have won a Sodo gift card!

To enter, please email a photo of the solved page to [info@wmbiglocal.org](mailto:info@wmbiglocal.org) or post the page to William Morris Big Local, Big Creative Academy, 38 Clifton Avenue, Walthamstow E17 6HL. Remember to add in your contact details!

## Community Living Room is open until April



Community Living Room at Priory Court Community Centre is a warm and welcoming space where people can relax, play, socialise or simply sit by oneself in comfort. We offer free drinks, snacks and wi-fi.

Opening times: Every Monday and Thursday 12pm – 6pm.

Location: Priory Court Community Centre, 11 Priory Court, E17 5NB.

Community Living room will be open until 30th March.

## William Morris Ward Residents Association

If you would like your opinions to be heard by local ward councillors and have the chance to influence what happens in your community, then please join one of our Residents' Association meetings!

Meetings take place 4 times per year in person at venues in the ward, with the option to join via Zoom. Ward councillors and the Safer Neighbourhoods Team are regular attendees.



Next meeting dates are 19th April, 19th July and 15th November, 7pm–8.30pm.

Email [williammorrisra@gmail.com](mailto:williammorrisra@gmail.com) to find when the next meeting is and to book your place.

## William Morris ward councillors

Ward councillors represent William Morris ward residents to the council. Do you have a local issue/concern you need addressing? Talk to Jack, Kizzy or Grace!

Cllr Jack Phipps's drop-in sessions are every 2nd Saturday of every month (10.00–11.00am) at the William Morris Community Centre, 6–8 Greenleaf Rd, E17 6QQ.

Cllr Kizzy Gardiner drop-in sessions are every 1st Saturday of every month (10.00–11.00am) at Priory Court Community Centre, 11 Priory Court, E17 5NB.

Cllr Grace Williams's drop-in sessions are every 3rd Saturday of every month (10.00–11.00am) in the Town Hall foyer, Fellowship Square, Forest Road, E17 4JF.

To find out if you live in the William Morris ward, go to the William Morris ward map: <https://wmbiglocal.org/map-of-the-area>

## Free Tuesday Games Club

Our popular free of charge Games Club continues to meet every Tuesday 2pm–5pm in 434 Forest Rd, E17 4PY, access through the Salvation Army charity shop. We play games accessible to everyone, including Uno, Scrabble and Domino, and learn new games together.

Refreshments provided. All ages are welcome and under 16s can attend accompanied by an adult.



## Hidden Creatives in Blackhorse Lane

You might have seen some familiar faces on the walls of Blackhorse Lane recently. A number of large portraits have been installed depicting a sample of Blackhorse Lane's artists and makers for our new outdoor exhibition Hidden Creatives, featuring painters, weavers, textile makers and more.

Hidden Creatives explores the creative diversity in the Blackhorse Lane Creative Enterprise Zone (CEZ), a Mayor of London initiative. The scheme provides affordably priced spaces for artists and creative businesses, expert support on starting up and growing, and creative training and employment opportunities for local people.

One of the goals of the CEZ is to give a platform to the creatives working within it: so the Hidden Creatives project photographer Andy Donohoe was tasked with exploring the different corners of the district to find creatives which demonstrated the broad mix of practices and technical backgrounds in the area.

Find the portraits inside Blackhorse Road station, on hoardings opposite the station, on the walls of Big Penny Social, on the old Exotic Veneers building and outside Hackney Brewery.



*How many portraits can you spot?*

The full exhibition and interviews with each creative can be found at [walthamforest.gov.uk/hiddencreatives](http://walthamforest.gov.uk/hiddencreatives)

For more information about the Creative Enterprise Zone and to sign up to newsletters, visit: [walthamforest.gov.uk/cez](http://walthamforest.gov.uk/cez)

## Walthamstow Food Bank locations

### Eat or Heat:

Quaker House, 1A Jewel Road, London E17 4QU  
[www.eatorheat.org](http://www.eatorheat.org) / 0800 772 0212

### Rukhsana Khan Foundation:

<https://www.rukhsanakhanfoundation.org>  
[rukhsanakhanfoundation@outlook.com](mailto:rukhsanakhanfoundation@outlook.com) / 07980351351

### PL84U AL SUFFA:

Monday & Wednesday 12-2pm  
Epicentre  
41 West Street, Leytonstone, E11 4LJ  
[www.pl84ualsuffa.co.uk](http://www.pl84ualsuffa.co.uk)  
07539 364 110

### Priory Court Food Rescue

Fortnightly on Mondays 12pm - 2pm  
Next Monday opening is 20th March  
0208 531 0380

**We hope that you enjoyed our community newsletter!**

**Thank you to Aston Group for helping with the collection from the printers and to all volunteers for delivering them to the community.**



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Email [info@wmbiglocal.org](mailto:info@wmbiglocal.org) and tell how you would like to get involved.**

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