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# Tottenham

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## WEST GREEN'S RISING STAR

Hats off to residents and traders in West Green Road who have picked up a gong in a national high streets competition for their hard work in improving the road with Haringey Council.

Tottenham's finest picked up a Rising Star award in the Great British High Street Competition – recognising a raft of upgrades from shop front revamps and public art displays to fly-tipping crackdowns and a new tropical pocket park.

West Green Road was one of just 13 streets across the country to pick up the award, which comes with another £1,000 for further improvements.

The latest in a series of artistic new shop front designs were completed last month, with traders already reporting a boost in trade from the funky frontages, which were developed with experts YOU&ME Architecture and the Greater London Authority.



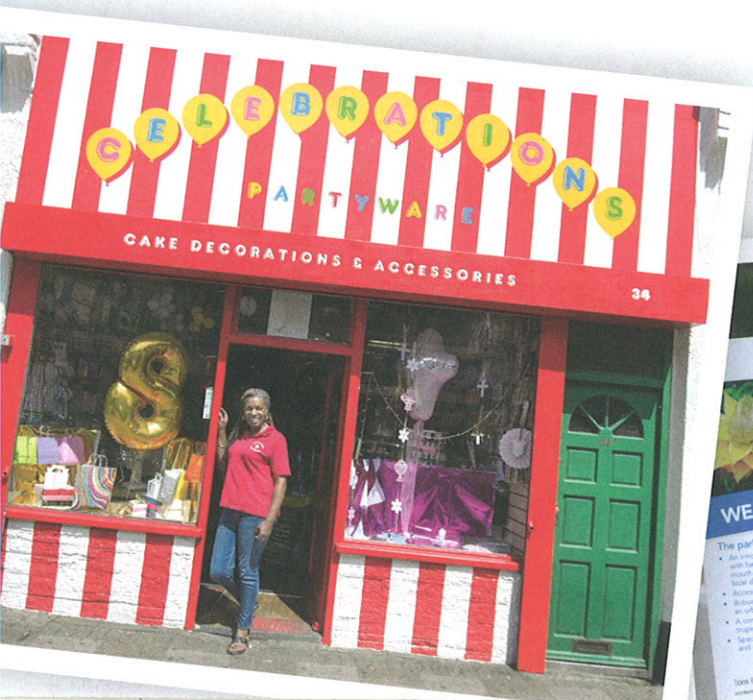
Maureen Robinson, owner of Celebrations Partyware, which has been transformed with a bespoke bright design, said: "People keep walking past, then stepping back and coming in!

"One lady asked: 'Is this a new shop?' We've been here 19 years! And then a sale happens. It has been great for business; people just notice my shop so much more."

A few doors down, West Green Carpets has seen its corner of the street renovated with an eye-catching pattern. Owner Oualid said: "The shop is so nice and colourful now!

"Our business has improved as more people come into the shop and we are now planning to refurbish the shop interior."

See more of the designs by liking Haringey Council on Facebook or following [@haringeycouncil](#) on Twitter.





# Bruce Grove's radiant revamp

A striking new building is set to transform one of Tottenham's oldest rail stations into a local landmark after plans to refresh Bruce Grove Station were given the thumbs-up.

An elegant glass and weathered steel facade extension to the station entrance will create space for a new cafe or restaurant – while wider pavements and public space outside on the High Road will make it easier to get around.

The new design will highlight the station's beautiful Victorian railway arches and put a stop to the current forecourt being plagued by illegal street trading and fly-tipping.

The upgrade is a response to the views shared by residents in Haringey Council's Tottenham's Future consultation last year, in which people said they would like to see new, high-quality places to eat and drink in Bruce Grove as part of regeneration work.



Train services to central London, Cheshunt and Enfield Town from Bruce Grove were transferred to London Overground earlier this year, with Transport for London bringing more staff, new ticket machines and eventually new trains to stations along the line.

## Refresh for rundown spots

Two tired pockets of Tottenham are set for a spruce-up under plans to improve public spaces and restore empty buildings to use.

The former Monument Way public toilets could be converted into a cafe or bar, with the building restored and a new terrace providing seating and plants, as well as an accessible entrance.

Meanwhile, Brook Street, off the High Road near Bruce Grove, will see new trees, plants, fences and resurfacing after a panel of local residents identified it as an area needed improvements.

For more information on both schemes and to get involved, visit [www.haringey.gov.uk/tottenham](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/tottenham) or email [tottenhamregeneration@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:tottenhamregeneration@haringey.gov.uk)



## Illegal tobacco trade stubbed out

A nuisance illegal cigarette trade at Seven Sisters Station has been stopped after a crackdown by Haringey Council, in response to complaints from local people.

Nish Shawkat of Northwold Road, Stoke Newington, was forced to fork out £1,561 when he was found guilty in his absence at Tottenham Magistrates Court of trading without a licence.

Shawkat was one of four suspected illegal traders arrested during a series of crackdowns outside Seven Sisters Tube Station, which saw more than 150 packets of cigarettes and tobacco seized.

Council officers have also seized 140 litres of illegal alcohol and more than 4,000 illegal cigarettes on sale at three shops in Tottenham Hale and Northumberland Park.

Have you spotted illegal street trading in your neighbourhood? Report it at [www.haringey.gov.uk/report-it](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/report-it)

## Ace African arts move home

An arts group that brings a celebration of African culture to our community in a bid to help children from ethnic minority backgrounds achieve their potential has moved to a new home in north Tottenham.

Efiba Arts runs workshops on everything from African drumming and story-telling to traditional games and cloth designing in schools, libraries and community centres – as well as breakfast and after-school clubs.

The organisation, which has been helping to promote cultural diversity since 2003, has a new home at the 639 Enterprise Centre on the High Road. Visit [www.efibaarts.org.uk](http://www.efibaarts.org.uk) to find out more.



# Market makeover

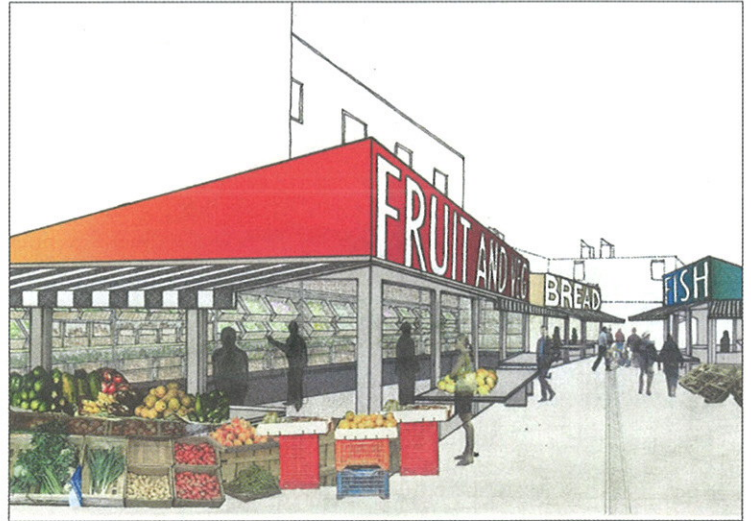
One of Tottenham's most popular street markets is set for an overhaul in a Haringey Council project to give a boost to independent traders.

Holcombe Road Market will be upgraded with smart new stalls, revamped paths and paving and better signage and car parking facilities, while a new CCTV camera will enhance public safety in the area.

Local residents and traders on the Bruce Grove Stakeholder Group helped develop the plans, which will open up spaces for three more businesses.

Existing traders will have a temporary home on the High Road while construction work takes place, with work due to start in the next few months.

A crackdown on dumped waste in neighbouring Stoneleigh Road car park has already seen the area cleaned up, with two businesses handed a series of fines for overflowing bins and boxes at the back of their premises.



## Turning Tottenham festive

Thanks to the hundreds of people who helped get Tottenham in the Christmas mood at our Winter Festival on Saturday, December 5.

The jam-packed event on Tottenham Green saw scores of market stalls, family activities and live music performances, while local hero and award-winning rapper Wretch 32 joined Spurs legend Ledley King to switch on the Christmas lights.

Check out Haringey Council on Facebook to see a full gallery of the day's fun.





## Entrepreneur encouragement

If you or someone in your family is aged between 12–24 and has dreams of being the next Sir Alan Sugar, a new advice and mentoring service at the 639 Enterprise Centre could lend a hand.

Somewhereto\_Tottenham, supported by Haringey Council and the Mayor of London, has already brought more than 20 businesses together to offer career help to young people – from CV workshops to brand and marketing support.

The organisation has transformed the ground floor of the building on Tottenham High Road to offer a packed programme of events to give

budding business brains access to networking opportunities, events and exhibitions.

And if you've got an event you'd like to run, or space to make your business idea happen, somewhereto\_Tottenham can help.

Visit [www.somewhereto.com/tottenham](http://www.somewhereto.com/tottenham) for more information.

## Sign up to vote now – or risk missing out

Have you registered to vote? Even if you think you have, government changes to voter registration mean that anyone who has not registered through the new Individual Electoral Registration system will be removed from the register and could unwittingly lose their right to vote.



With Mayoral and London elections set for next year, Haringey Council is calling on all eligible residents to make sure they are signed up.

Under the new system, it is up to each individual to ensure that they are on the electoral register – leaving it to someone else in the house to sign you up is no longer enough.

Official household enquiry forms were sent to every home in the borough earlier this year and the council's elections team is now heading out and about across the borough to remind people who have not returned the forms to do so now.

Don't miss out on your chance to say who represents you. Visit [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) or call Haringey electoral services on **020 8489 1000**.