

Putting our residents first in Ickenham



NEW FACILITIES
Vyners School has been expanded

Supporting the local community

- Ickenham Library will be refurbished in 2020 to provide an improved experience for customers, including new seating, carpets and lighting, and more space for reading, activities and to use computers.
- The library offers a range of groups and sessions for all ages, including Storytime, reading groups, Scrabble, chess, crafts and community gardening. Special events have included an RAF talk, comic strip and drama workshops, and various author events. Library employees also make regular visits to local schools and playgroups.
- The Compass Theatre celebrated its 50th anniversary and has hosted a variety of musical and theatrical productions.
- Christmas lights were installed on street lamp columns in Swakeleys Road, High Road and Long Lane. There were also tree lights in High Road.

Your local councillors gave ward funding to:

- Ickenham Festival Committee towards a festive lighting display.

Supporting young people and families

- Vyners School has been expanded to create a new teaching block of 12 classrooms, dining room, library and special educational needs suite. A new main school entrance has also been created, as well as a new multi-use games area and all-weather sports pitch.
- The School Improvement Service works with council maintained schools, the Regional Schools Commissioner for Academy Schools and Ofsted to deliver high quality standards in education. Glebe Primary School was rated Good by Ofsted in May 2018. The Douay Martyrs Catholic Secondary School was rated Good by Ofsted in November 2018. The Breakspear Primary School was rated Good by Ofsted in February 2019. Vyners School was rated Outstanding by Ofsted in June 2019.
- The council's annual FIESTA programme offered young people a range of activities to participate in during the summer holidays.
- 360 Youth Theatre, based at the Compass Theatre, gives young people the opportunity to take part in drama and singing workshops.

Improving your local area

Roads

- Melbourne Close, Swakeleys Road, Tavistock Road, Ashbury Drive, Campden Road, Malvern Close and Willowtree Close were resurfaced. Copthall Road East is programmed after utilities works have been completed.
- The parking management schemes in the Hoylake Crescent area and adjacent to The Pump were extended.

Keeping green

- Swakeleys Park retained its Green Flag in 2018 and 2019.
- A range of floral displays bloomed in Swakeleys Road and High Road, including hanging baskets.
- 50 new trees have been planted in Ickenham, including one at Swakeleys Park to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak. We also gave away 5,000 free tree saplings to residents, schools, community groups and businesses in 2019.
- The council's Woodlarks and Waders group holds regular volunteering events along the River Pinn to create a better habitat for wildlife and plants.
- Council teams, volunteers and pupils from Oak Wood and Vyners schools transformed the garden at Ickenham Library as part of a sow and grow initiative.
- 6 new litter bins have been installed in Ickenham.
- 1,302 Ickenham residents have used the council's free bulky waste collection service. To find out more visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/bulkywaste.
- The council is installing 'No Idling' signage outside all schools and hotspots across the borough to help improve local air quality.
- Ickenham has 30 Street Champions, who volunteer for the council, reporting local

council-related issues. To find out more or sign up visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/streetchampions.

Keeping you safe

- The council has invested £2.75 million in upgrading the borough's CCTV. All cameras are being upgraded in Ickenham.
- CCTV enforcement cameras were introduced to take action against drivers turning illegally into The Drive and Highfield Drive from Harvil Road, to ensure that the area is safer for other road users.
- Limited time waiting restrictions were introduced throughout Thornhill Road to prevent all-day non-residential parking.
- Fencing improvements were carried out with Better Neighbourhood funding at The Buntings.
- Roc Cottage restaurant had its premises licence revoked.
- 79 per cent of premises in the ward that had a food inspection rated 4 (good) or 5 (very good).
- Children at The Breakspear School have received pedestrian safety training and children from The Breakspear School and Glebe Primary School took part in the council's Bikeability training.

Housing

- Inspections are regularly carried out to investigate disrepair in privately rented properties and to combat landlords providing potentially hazardous living conditions.
- Emergency LED lighting has been upgraded in a number of council-owned buildings.
- 5 properties have been adapted to enable disabled residents can continue to live independently in their homes.



CHRYSALIS
An outdoor gym opened at Swakeleys Park



VYNNERS SCHOOL
Cllr David Simmonds fits some window locks at the new development

Supporting older residents

- Council tax was frozen for a thirteenth year for over-65s for 2019/20.
- Over-65s can also benefit from free swimming and swimming lessons, free allotments, tea dances, a winter heater loan scheme, priority parking with Brown Badges and dining clubs. 81 Ickenham residents received a free burglar alarm.
- 1,334 over-75s in the borough have received the TeleCareLine service free of charge, including 75 in Ickenham.
- A patio will be installed in the communal gardens at The Buntings with Better Neighbourhood funding.
- Ickenham Library offers weekly chair-based exercise sessions for over-65s as part of our MOVES initiative.

The Leader's Initiative for Older People gave funding to:

- The Buntings for a Christmas party.

Health and wellbeing

- 14 guided bike rides started from Bikewise cycle shop.
- A monthly free Ickenham healthy walk is held throughout the year, on a Tuesday at 11am, starting at Ickenham Library. For more information visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/explore.
- Free outdoor gym instructor-led sessions were held at Swakeleys Park.
- Uxbridge Golf Course offers an opportunity for residents of all ages to play golf, with reduced rates for Hillingdon First card holders.
- Dementia friendly film screenings were introduced at the Compass Theatre for residents living with dementia and carers.
- The Breakspear School received a Healthy Schools London Silver award.
- The council's commissioned smoking cessation, substance misuse and sexual and reproductive health services are providing support to residents. For more details visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/health.