

# Autumn Newsletter

KENSAL RISE RESIDENTS  
ASSOCIATION NW10

September 2025



Dear members,

I hope you had a restful summer, whether travelling or enjoying the best of Kensal Rise. 🍁

The Kensal Rise Residents Association (KRRA) committee has been busy — pushing for action on Chamberlayne Road, monitoring the Kensal Corridor Scheme and wider traffic impacts, and responding to consultations such as the Kilburn Lane / Queen's Park road closures.

We've been advocating for residents on the out-of-service bus issues affecting Liddell Gardens and Chamberlayne Road, while ensuring community voices are reflected in ward policing priorities.

We're also exploring a Saturday Farmers' Market to bring new life to our high street. With strong support already from local businesses and residents — and with the necessary backing — we believe this is achievable.

We continue to support residents and businesses with planning matters, overgrown trees, and other local concerns. We've been calling for official support to address the homelessness and drug-related challenges in Station Terrace area, and advocating for secured funding

for a proper deep-cleaning of Chamberlayne Road, its adjoining side streets, and the public realm along Station Terrace following the Notting Hill Carnival.

Following the March 2023 petition many of you signed, Brent Council has now commissioned consultants to assess traffic management measures for Chamberlayne Road.

Between 2020 and 2022 there were 40 collisions on Chamberlayne Road, which is 0.9-mile in length, making it the most dangerous road in Queen's Park Ward. We'll share more updates as details are confirmed.

♥ Thank you for supporting Kensal Rise and helping us keep our neighbourhood strong, safe and well represented.

If you have any neighbourhood issues you'd like us to consider, email us: [kensalrisera@gmail.com](mailto:kensalrisera@gmail.com).

Enjoy this Autumn's newsletter!

Best wishes,

*Fiona*

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Association NW10

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## Community News

### Carnival Impact & Clean-Up

Kensal Rise has become a much-loved gateway to Carnival, with thousands of visitors arriving and departing via Chamberlayne Road, Station Terrace, Mortimer Road, Linden Avenue, College Road, Mostyn & Clifford Gardens etc — whether by Overground, bus or on foot.

While we're proud to be a welcoming gateway to this world-famous celebration, the heavy footfall also puts real strain on our pavements and public spaces.


The KRRRA continues to call for a formal, professionally delivered post-Carnival deep-cleaning programme with committed annual funding — recognising Kensal Rise's role as a key gateway to the event.

### A Greener Carnival!


Despite great transport links, many visitors still drive into Kensal Rise during Carnival, adding to congestion and parking challenges.

We want to encourage greener travel choices — and hear your views on whether restrictions, like those around Wembley on match days, should also apply here. Email us at [kensalrisera@gmail.com](mailto:kensalrisera@gmail.com)

### Summer Street Party!

A huge thank you to the Whitmore Gardens residents, volunteers and musicians who have worked hard over the last four years to make this magical event happen — attracting on average 1,500 members of the community each year! 

We hope you managed to attend the June 2025 Whitmore Gardens & College Road Summer Street Party — it's fast becoming an annual fixture! Several KRRRA committee members also played an instrumental role in the planning, organising and delivery.

Despite the intermittent rain, we were delighted that so many stayed on to dance and connect with fellow neighbours. It was wonderful to see adults and children enjoying the food, music and entertainment in our street — all provided free, making the event open and accessible to the whole community. 

We're hugely grateful for the generous financial support from local businesses and residents — without it, the party simply wouldn't take place.

If you'd like to help with next year's event (especially volunteering on the day), please email: [kensalrisera@gmail.com](mailto:kensalrisera@gmail.com).

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## Out-of-Service And Diesel Buses, Ongoing Impact

For residents along Chamberlayne Road, the rumble of buses has become part of daily life — and not in a good way. With over 7,000 scheduled buses already using this short stretch each week, TfL’s decision to send additional out-of-service diesel buses has pushed the burden to unsustainable levels.

These 12-tonne double-deckers pass almost every other minute, shaking windows, cracking walls, and disturbing sleep. What should be a local road intended for local traffic is instead dominated by the roar of engines and heavy vibrations.

The problem extends to Station Terrace, where nitrogen dioxide levels exceed EU safety limits. Yet TfL has mandated Metrolink to run hundreds of diesel Route 28 buses daily, pumping fumes into residents’ homes and even the children’s ballet school.

While Liddell Gardens has seen relief after strong local campaigning, Chamberlayne Road and Station Terrace residents still bear the brunt. For those living here, “out-of-service” buses are anything but invisible — they erode wellbeing and quality of life.

KRRA is pressing for fair solutions, which will require genuine engagement from TfL, councillors, and residents alike.

## Queens Park ETOs

In late 2023 and early 2024, Brent Council introduced Experimental Traffic Orders (ETOs) across several residential streets in the Queen’s Park area — such as Summerfield, Hopefield, Montrose, Dudley, Brooksville, Radnor, Carlisle, and Windermere Avenues — restricting turn movements during weekday mornings (initially 7 am to 10 am, later revised to 7:30–9 am) to curb rat-running and improve local safety.

In December 2024, the KRRA submitted a formal response to the recent consultation, which you can read here: [👉 KRRA Response](#)

Brent Council is expected to make a decision in October 2025 on whether to retain, amend, or remove the ETOs, based on traffic data and resident feedback gathered during the trial.

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## Saturday Farmers' Market – A Fresh Future for Kensal Rise



Imagine Station Terrace and Chamberlayne Road alive on a Saturday morning — fresh produce stalls, neighbours catching up, and our high street buzzing with life. That's the vision behind KRRA's proposal for a Saturday Farmers' Market.

### Strong Support

- 94% of residents and 81% of businesses back the idea.
- Local traders see it as a chance to boost footfall and vibrancy.
- Queen's Park's Sunday market shows how a well-run market can complement shops, cafés and restaurants rather than compete with them.

### Why it Matters

Right now, Saturdays are quiet in Kensal Rise. A regular farmers' market would bring fresh energy, make use of public space, and create a welcoming community hub for everyone.

### A Boost for Local Business

London Farmers' Market, who already run Queen's Park's popular Sunday market, have confirmed they are confident there is capacity and demand for another market in the Queen's Park Ward.

Interviews conducted with business owners beside farmers' markets in Queen's Park, Marylebone Street and West Hampstead revealed that market days are their most lucrative days. No surprise — markets bring much-needed footfall, which would be a huge boost for Kensal Rise shops, cafés, and restaurants.

### But what about the buses?

*"But the buses use Station Terrace!"* we hear you say. In fact, TfL already diverts services to accommodate markets — for example, at Church End in Harlesden every Wednesday and Saturday.

At Kensal Rise, only two routes — the 28 and 302 — would be affected, and both could still serve the area, but simply avoid standing by the Overground on Saturdays during market set-up and operating hours (around 8am–3pm), instead standing at Metroline's nearby bus depots.

### Next Steps

KRRA is lobbying Bent Council including councillors for the necessary permissions and support. With strong backing already from residents and businesses — and the right approvals — together we can make this happen!

 **Want to get involved or show support? Email: [kensalrisera@gmail.com](mailto:kensalrisera@gmail.com)**

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## Community Tributes & Volunteering

### Farewell to Viv – The Singing Heart of Kensal Rise Station



After 18 years at Kensal Rise Overground, our much-loved station master Viv Hardy has retired. Known as the “singing station master”, Viv filled the platforms with Motown classics, smiles 😊 and kindness.

She wasn't just staff – she was the face of the station, always ready with a chat or a helping hand. Commuters called her “a breath of fresh air” and “the Queen of Kensal”.

Viv leaves behind a legacy of joy, warmth and humanity in transport. We'll miss her hugely and wish her every happiness in retirement. 🌸❤️

### A Huge Thank You to Kara and the Clean-Up Team



Kensal Green & Kensal Rise  
Saturday 13th September

#### WHY?

- Help keep our neighbourhood clean and welcoming
- Build community spirit with your neighbours
- Take pride in Kensal Green & Kensal Rise


Morning & Afternoon Sessions — Times to be announced



The Kensal Rise Residents Association would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Kara and her dedicated team of volunteers who regularly give up their time to clean the Station Terrace area and Chamberlayne Road.

Armed with gloves, bags, and plenty of community spirit, they work tirelessly to make our neighbourhood cleaner, safer, and more welcoming for everyone. Their efforts remind us of the power of local action and how much can be achieved when residents come together for the common good.

We are truly grateful for their hard work and commitment, and we know many residents appreciate the visible difference they are making.

 The next community clean-up will be held on Saturday 13th September.

There will be both morning and afternoon sessions.

**If you'd like to get involved or find out more, please email [kensalrisera@gmail.com](mailto:kensalrisera@gmail.com)**

Together, let's keep Kensal Green and Kensal Rise looking its best!

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## Conservation Update: Kensal Rise



The Kensal Rise Conservation Directive came into force on 1 September 2025. This is a non-immediate Article 4 Direction, which removes certain permitted development rights, affecting parts of Chamberlayne Road and entire Station Terrace and Clifford Gardens areas.

Residents must now seek planning permission for alterations to buildings within the designated area to protect the conservation area's character.

## Upcoming Events

**Queen's Park Day** — Sunday, 14 September 2025, at Queen's Park, 12:30pm–5:00pm. 🍁

### 📢 Have your say (quick actions)

🚦 **Brent Transport & Streets Survey:** [https://haveyoursay.brent.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/help-us-improve-local-streets-roads-buses-and-cycling/surveys/new?phase\\_id=38070378-a761-4d08-94fb-041b77968efd](https://haveyoursay.brent.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/help-us-improve-local-streets-roads-buses-and-cycling/surveys/new?phase_id=38070378-a761-4d08-94fb-041b77968efd)

### 👮 **Met Police Consultation (deadline 14 Sept 2025):**

<https://www.met.police.uk/notices/met/new-met-for-london-phase-2-survey/>



🎬 **Vote for The Lexi Cinema:** <https://www.bifa.film/coty-vote>

*Thank you for reading!*

## The Kensal Rise Residents Association Committee

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