

# Christmas Newsletter

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KENSAL RISE RESIDENTS  
ASSOCIATION NW10

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## Message from the Chair

Dear members,

As we move from autumn into winter, I hope you have been enjoying the best of Kensal Rise during the festive season and some of the many local events that reflect the strength of our community.

The Kensal Rise Residents Association (KRRA) committee has continued to be busy over recent months, advocating strongly on behalf of residents across transport, planning, environmental and community issues.

We persistently pressed for action on the out-of-service bus problems affecting Liddell Gardens, while continuing to challenge the unacceptable impacts on Chamberlayne Road.

We have made detailed submissions on major planning and environmental matters affecting our neighbourhood — from opposing overdevelopment at Kensal Gasworks, to calling for stronger protections for air quality, trees and public health in Kensal Rise.

Alongside this campaigning work, it has been inspiring to see residents come together through clean-ups and bulb-planting.

We've also ensured residents' voices

are reflected in ward policing priorities and key local consultations.

While Christmas is a joyful time for many, we recognise that for some it can also be a period of sadness, particularly for those remembering loved ones who are no longer with us.

With the cost of living crisis continuing to affect many households, this season can also be challenging for residents facing financial pressures. At this time of year especially, looking out for one another and showing kindness matters more than ever.

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).

Best wishes,

*Fiona*

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Chair, Kensal Rise Residents  
Association NW10

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## Community News 🎄

### A Festive Season in Queen's Park Ward

In the lead-up to Christmas, we hope many residents were able to enjoy — or at least catch a glimpse of — some of the wonderful festive events taking place across the Queen's Park Ward.

We are incredibly fortunate to live in an area where so much happens locally, bringing neighbours together and filling the season with warmth, music and community spirit.

From traditional carol services close to home, such as Carols by Candlelight at St Martin's, to Christmas carol singing in Queen's Park and lively pub sing-alongs like Queen's Park Carols at the Wolfpack, there were plenty of chances to raise voices and spirits.

Music lovers were also treated to a festive concert by the Brent Symphony Orchestra, performing Christmas classics alongside audience carols, mulled wine and seasonal treats.

Local Christmas markets and bazaars added to the buzz, with events hosted by community charities and independent businesses — from Laurence's Larder's Christmas Bazaar to festive pop-ups along College Road — offering the perfect opportunity to support local causes and traders.

Even beyond the carols and markets, neighbourhood venues such as Elmwood Lawn Tennis Club opened their doors for relaxed winter evenings of food, games and good company, reminding us that community doesn't stop when the weather turns cold.

We are truly lucky to have so much happening right on our doorstep, and we hope these events helped make the lead-up to Christmas a little brighter for everyone in Kensal Rise and beyond.



**BSO**  
BRENT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Saturday 21st March 2026, 7:30pm  
St Martin's Church, Kensal Green  
<https://www.brentso.org.uk/>  
Leonore Overture No.3 Beethoven, Rhapsody, Concerto Martini, Symphony No.4 Brahms



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## Your streets. Your transport.



### Out-of-Service Buses: Ongoing Pressure

KRRA continues to challenge the heavy impact of out-of-service diesel buses on Chamberlayne Road and Station Terrace.

While residents in Liddell Gardens have seen some relief following sustained local campaigning, Chamberlayne Road remains under intense pressure. Displaced traffic from surrounding roads has brought bus services to a standstill at peak times, compounding noise, vibration and air pollution for residents and businesses.

We have formally urged Brent Highways and TfL to introduce targeted solutions, including bus gates and smarter traffic signal phasing. This remains a priority issue for KRRA.

### Experimental Traffic Orders: KRRA Position

The Kensal Rise Residents Association (KRRA) continues to challenge the Experimental Traffic Orders (ETOs) introduced across several Avenues in the Queen's Park Ward.

While KRRA is not opposed to traffic management in principle, extensive community engagement shows strong opposition to the current approach. Evidence indicates the ETOs have not reduced traffic overall, but instead displaced it onto surrounding roads — particularly Chamberlayne Road.

Chamberlayne Road is a C-classified road, intended for local traffic, yet it is now used daily as a cut-through from nearby motorways. Between 2020 and 2022, there were over 40 recorded collisions on Chamberlayne Road, making it the most dangerous road in the Queen's Park Ward. This has been further exacerbated by the narrowing of the road at its southern end, introduced against KRRA advice, increasing risks for pedestrians and cyclists.

A first petition opposing the ETOs attracted over 1,400 signatures, followed by a second petition submitted on 17 November 2025 with 1,241 signatures. Together, these demonstrate that opposition to the current ETOs remains high across the ward.

KRRA continues to call on Brent Highways and local councillors to give Chamberlayne Road the long-overdue attention it deserves, and to stop treating it as a strategic through-route when it is neither designed nor classified for that role.

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### PROJECT FLOURISH LADBROKE GROVE



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## Kensal Gasworks: KRRR Objection Submitted

KRRR has submitted a formal objection to the proposed redevelopment of the Kensal Gasworks site at Ladbroke Grove.

The scheme proposes nearly 900 homes across towers of up to 31 storeys — a scale that is entirely out of character with the surrounding 4–6 storey neighbourhood. Our objection highlights serious concerns around traffic and highways capacity, air quality, public health, lack of schools and healthcare provision, and harm to nearby heritage assets including the Grand Union Canal Conservation Area and Kensal Green Cemetery.

While we recognise the need for new housing, this proposal represents overdevelopment without the infrastructure to support it. KRRR has urged the Council to refuse the application.

## Planning & Environment

### Cleaner Air and More Trees for Kensal Rise

KRRR has responded to Brent Council's Draft Tree Strategy, welcoming its ambition while highlighting serious gaps affecting Kensal Rise.

Our submission calls attention to some of the borough's worst air quality hotspots — including Chamberlayne Road, Station Terrace and Ark Franklin Primary Academy — and urges Brent to designate Kensal Rise as a Priority Air Quality Canopy Zone, with targeted tree planting, traffic management and improved monitoring to protect residents' health.

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## Community Tributes

### Remembering Harry True 🌿



We were very saddened to hear of the passing of Harry True.

As Chairman of the Kensal Rise Business Association, Harry worked closely with us at the Kensal Rise Residents' Association on the Kensal Corridor scheme.

He cared deeply about our neighbourhood and was unwavering in his support for local businesses. Never afraid to challenge when it mattered, Harry was a true asset to our community.

Many residents will remember seeing him walking along Chamberlayne Road on his way to True Associates, keeping a close eye on local issues and following them up with Council officers until they were resolved.

Harry will be greatly missed by the many people in Kensal Rise who knew and worked with him. Our thoughts are with his family and colleagues at this very sad time.

Go well, our Chairman.

### Bulb-Planting Brings Colour and Community Spirit 🌱



Residents recently came together for a second community bulb-planting session in Station Terrace and surrounding streets — another wonderful example of local teamwork and pride.

Thanks to the dedication of local volunteers, and with direct support from the Kensal Rise Residents Association, KRRA has donated over 420 daffodil bulbs since the project began.

We look forward to seeing the area burst into colour this spring as a visible sign of community pride and collaboration.

**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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# MET Engage Community crime-fighting



## Community Safety & Policing

KRRA recently responded to a local policing consultation, reflecting growing concerns from residents about safety in our neighbourhood. We have been particularly troubled to hear parents speak about incidents involving their children, including muggings, alongside ongoing issues such as antisocial behaviour and motor theft. This is not acceptable, and residents deserve to feel safe in their own streets.

KRRA feeds directly into the Brent Safer Neighbourhood Policing Panel and helps shape ward policing priorities, ensuring residents' experiences and concerns are heard by the police. We continue to raise issues affecting Kensal Rise and the wider Queen's Park Ward, pressing for visible policing and effective responses.

Where a resident is unfortunately a victim of crime, it is vital that incidents are reported. No crime is too small to report — doing so helps the police build intelligence, identify emerging hotspots, and direct resources where they are most needed.

Your Safer Neighbourhoods Team is part of the Metropolitan Police and is dedicated to serving your local ward. The team works closely with the council, community leaders and residents to agree local policing priorities and find long-term solutions to neighbourhood problems, while maintaining a wider focus on reducing crime across London.

✉ To contact the local team about neighbourhood policing issues:  
[QueensPark-Brent@contact.metengage.co.uk](mailto:QueensPark-Brent@contact.metengage.co.uk)

(Please do not use this email to report crime. In an emergency, always call 999. You can report non-emergency crime by calling 101 or online at [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk).)

🎄 ✨ Merry Christmas and we wish you  
all a happy and healthy 2026! 🎄 🧡

## The Kensal Rise Residents Association Committee

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