

Spotlight

on Chiswick

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Welcome

This is the tenth edition of your monthly newsletter. Within this, we explain what we have been doing in your community and the wider borough. Please note there will be no May edition of Spotlight due to Purdah and the upcoming local council elections.

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Hounslow Highways attends careers expo

Hounslow Highways took part in the 'Aspire' careers expo at West Thames College on Friday, 4 April.

It is West London's biggest jobs and careers event that brings together top employers with job and apprenticeship vacancies and careers advice.

Hounslow Highways Business Manager Tim Hurley, Communications Officer Alice Champion, Customer Service Unit assistant Ata Rahman and HR Business Partner Nayna Patel attended the event and set up a display, offering the latest information on the Apprenticeship Programme within Hounslow Highways.

Hounslow Highways offers apprenticeships in Highway Maintenance, Environmental Services and Business Administration.

There are currently four apprentice positions available for young people interested in gaining an NVQ Level 3 in Business Administration and many people registered their interest on the day. These apprentices will be recruited in early May.

The event, organised by Mary Macleod MP, expected 1,600 people through the doors and 60 businesses to exhibit.

Hounslow Highways Service Director Rob Gillespie said: "These local events are a great way to get involved in the local community and get the message out that we are keen to employ people locally and stimulate the economy in Hounslow."



Looking for lay assessors

Hounslow Highways has been receiving expressions of interest from residents to become volunteer lay assessors.

The aim is to recruit 20 volunteers – one from each ward across the borough – to independently and objectively assess Hounslow Highways' work and services.

The lay assessors will also help us understand residents' perception of the highways network and be ambassadors for the borough's roads.

They will look at different aspects of the service, including safety, quality, accessibility, customer care, environmental impact and good working practices.

The deadline for expressions of interest has been extended to Thursday, 24 April 2014.

An information and induction session will then be held after the Easter break.

Training will include meet and greet sessions with our teams and site supervisors so lay assessors and crews are familiar with each other when audits are undertaken.

If you are interested in becoming a lay assessor, or know someone who might be, please email businessmanagement@hounslowhighways.org by 24 April 2014.

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Highways FPNs issued

Hounslow Highways has now issued 71 fixed penalty notices relating to offences committed on the public highway. Fifty-eight relate to skips and 13 were issued as a result of offences involving hoarding, scaffolding and building materials.

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Infrared cameras to catch fly-tippers around the clock

Hounslow Highways, in partnership with Hounslow Council, has installed new infrared enforcement cameras around the borough to catch fly tippers no matter what time of day it is.

Most of the borough's fly tipping happens overnight, making it difficult to catch offenders. However the three infrared enforcement cameras record in darkness to provide around the-clock surveillance.

They are in addition to the three CCTV cameras installed around the borough last month.

Hounslow Highways Service Director Rob Gillespie said: "The infrared cameras will allow us to pursue fly tipping cases where we previously have not been able to due to lack of evidence. Fly tipping is illegal and last year alone we cleared more than 3,000 fly tips. It costs about £3 million to clean the borough each year and some of that money and resources used to clear fly-tips could be used for other services.

"These cameras are a reminder to those who fly tip that if they are caught they will be fined."

Fly tipping is an offence under the Environmental Protection Act and carries a penalty of up to £50,000 and/or a prison sentence.

73 enviro-crime FPNs issued

Hounslow Highways has now issued a total of 73 fixed penalty notices to Hounslow residents and businesses. Sixty-five have been issued for littering and eight have been issued for incorrectly placing commercial waste on the public highway.

These fines have been issued by Hounslow Highways Community Environment Officers independently and in conjunction with the local police.

To further emphasise the 'zero tolerance' approach, Hounslow Highways has installed 'Keep Your Borough Clean' signs around the borough warning that people who litter will be fined £80 if caught, and up to £2,500 in a magistrate's court.

Hounslow Highways Service Director Rob Gillespie said: "These new signs are another step in our efforts to deter people from littering the borough's streets. With the council, we are committed to improving litter levels across Hounslow."



Hounslow Highways Environmental Services apprentice Glenn Pearson and Gabor Ascbold with one of the new 'Keep Your Borough Clean' signs in Brentford High Street.

UPDATE: Road closure at Hatton Road/ Staines Road

The road closure at the junction of Hatton Road and Staines Road is now expected to remain in place until the first week of May 2014.

The closure is due to the collapse of a foul sewer on 2 January 2014, resulting in a large hole in the carriageway.

Due to the extent of the works, Thames Water's contractors, Cappagh, require a further six weeks for completion. This is due to the replacement of a 1.5-metre sewer pipe, an ongoing issue with the ground water and services.

To complete the works Thames Water has ordered a special pipe from overseas. Thames Water has apologised for any inconvenience that may be caused during the course of the works and is endeavouring to keep any noise and disruption to a minimum.

A Hounslow Highways inspector will continue to monitor the site to ensure that the work is completed as soon as possible.

If you have any queries about these works please phone Cappagh Construction on 020 8947 4000.



Submitting enquiries

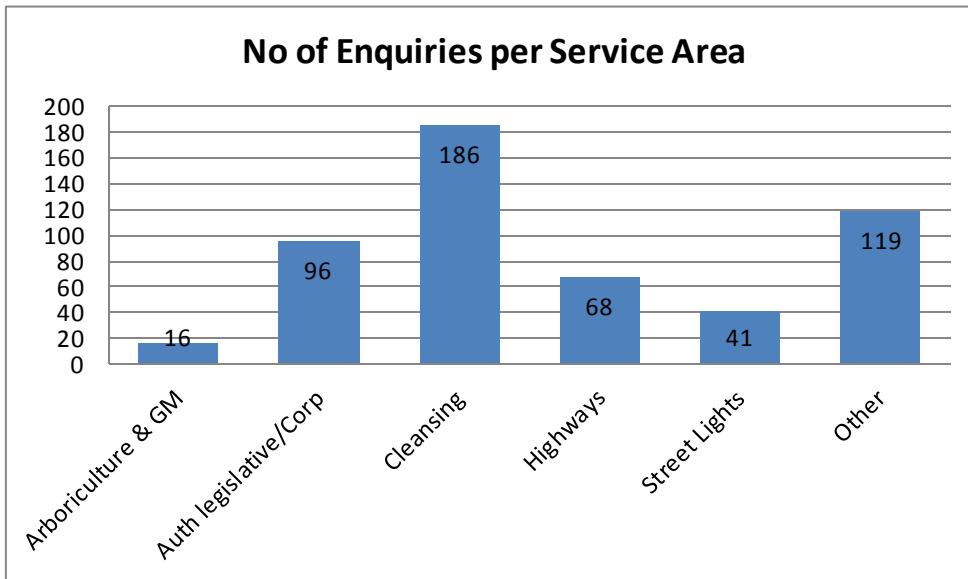
Hounslow Highways, along with the LBH Customer Services team and LBH Feedback team, would like to reiterate that if you are raising an enquiry, please remember to only use one channel of communication. i.e. Submit an enquiry through the web enquiry form on the Hounslow Highways website: <http://hounslowhighways.org/38-contact-us.html>, or log a request with the Feedback team (feedback@hounslow.gov.uk). Raising your enquiry through multiple channels creates duplicate enquiries and uses resources unnecessarily.

How did we do in your area last month?

Hounslow Highways received a total of 2720 enquiries in the month of March, which is an increase of 0.25% from the previous month.

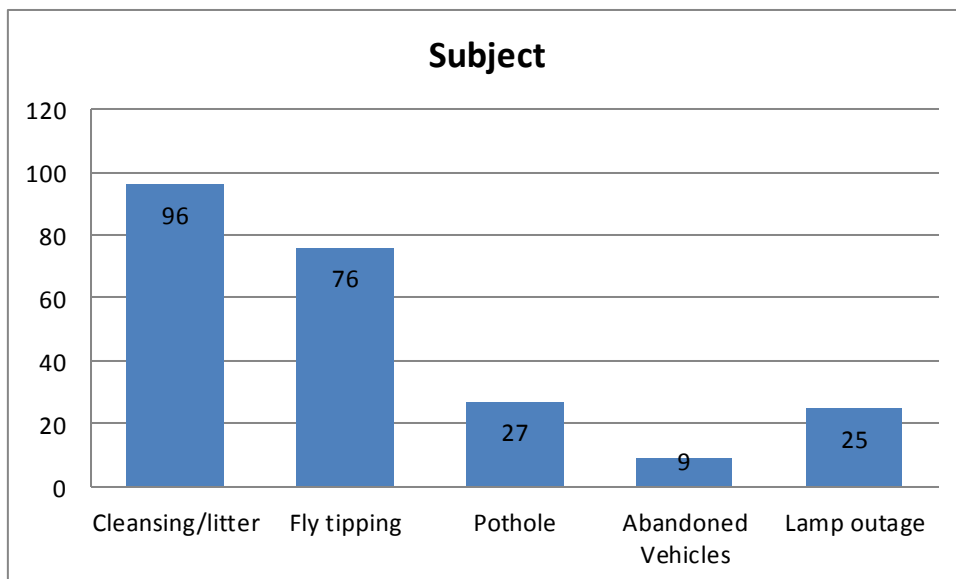
The Chiswick area received 19% of the total with the hub processing 526 enquiries for the month. This is 19% more than the number received in February.

The graph below highlights the breakdown of the service area the complaints were received for. Cleansing complaints received the highest number of reports.



Cleansing and 'other' services received the highest number of enquiries. 'Other' services include enquiries received for issues concerning crossover applications, customer care, footway and verges, grounds maintenance, gullies/pipes and Public Rights of Way.

The enquiries are broken down into specific issues in the graph below:



Works in your area

Below are the works coming to your area in the next four weeks. Please note that all of the dates are indicative and may change due to seasonal and other external factors.

Street Lighting

Road	RSL Description	Ward	Start Date	Finish Date
FOOTWAY	EDENSOR RD (W) TO EDENSOR RD (E)	CHISWICK HOMEFIELDS	07/04/2014	13/04/2014
CLEVELAND AVENUE	CHISWICK HIGH RD TO MERTON AV	CHISWICK HOMEFIELDS	07/04/2014	13/04/2014
DORCHESTER GROVE	CHISWICK LN TO RBT HOGARTH	CHISWICK HOMEFIELDS	07/04/2014	13/04/2014
DORCHESTER GROVE	START OF ISLAND TO DEVONSHIRE RD	CHISWICK HOMEFIELDS	07/04/2014	13/04/2014
EASTBURY GROVE	DORCHESTER GROVE TO ASHBOURNE GROVE	CHISWICK HOMEFIELDS	07/04/2014	13/04/2014
HOMEFIELD ROAD	CHISWICK HIGH RD TO BEVERLEY RD	CHISWICK HOMEFIELDS	07/04/2014	13/04/2014
ASHBOURNE GROVE	DEVONSHIRE RD TO CHISWICK LN	CHISWICK HOMEFIELDS	07/04/2014	13/04/2014
BALFERN GROVE	EBURY GROVE TO CHISWICK LN (BALFERN GROVE)	CHISWICK HOMEFIELDS	07/04/2014	13/04/2014
CORNWALL GROVE	EBURY GROVE TO CHISWICK LN (CORNWALL GROVE)	CHISWICK HOMEFIELDS	07/04/2014	13/04/2014
WILTON AVENUE	CHISWICK LN TO END OF RD	CHISWICK HOMEFIELDS	07/04/2014	13/04/2014
BEVERLEY ROAD	END OF RD TO NETHERAVON RD	CHISWICK HOMEFIELDS	07/04/2014	13/04/2014
BRITISH GROVE	NETHERAVON RDS TO BOUNDARY	CHISWICK HOMEFIELDS	14/04/2014	20/04/2014
BRITISH GROVE	BOUNDARY TO END OF RD (BRITISH GROVE)	CHISWICK HOMEFIELDS	14/04/2014	20/04/2014
ST THOMAS ROAD	GROVE PARK TERRACE TO FAUCONBERG RD	CHISWICK RIVERSIDE	07/04/2014	13/04/2014
NIGHTINGALE CLOSE	GROVE PARK TERRACE TO END OF RBT (NIGHTINGALE CL)	CHISWICK RIVERSIDE	07/04/2014	13/04/2014
FISHERS LANE	ARNOTT CL TO CHISWICK HIGH RD	TURNHAM GREEN	06/04/2014	06/04/2014
ACTON LANE	CHISWICK RD TO BOUNDARY	TURNHAM GREEN	06/04/2014	06/04/2014
ACTON LANE	CHISWICK HIGH RD TO CHISWICK RD	TURNHAM GREEN	07/04/2014	13/04/2014

Carriageways

Road	RSL Description	Ward	Start Date	Finish Date
ACTON LANE	CHISWICK RD TO BOUNDARY	Turnham Green	04/04/2014	08/04/2014
ACTON LANE	BOUNDARY TO CHISWICK RD	Turnham Green	04/04/2014	08/04/2014
DEVONSHIRE STREET	FRASER STREET TO BENNETT STREET	Turnham Green	07/04/2014	08/04/2014

Footways

There are no footway works programmed for Chiswick in April.

Additional Works in April

The following additional works are taking place in Chiswick in April.

Scheme name / Location	Change	Description of Works	Area / Ward	Start Date	Finish Date
LVC 032	Update	Turnham Green Terrace Bus Stop Accessibility	Chiswick	28 April 2014	4 weeks duration
LVC004 /14	New	Station Gardens	Chiswick	April 2014	1 week duration