

Somers Town Community Newsletter



WORLD CANCER DAY

Celebrated on 4th February, this day aims to raise awareness of cancer and encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment.

TIME TO TALK DAY

Encouraging conversations about mental health, typically observed on the first Thursday of February.

NATIONAL HEART MONTH

A month-long campaign throughout February to raise awareness about heart health.

SELF-INJURY AWARENESS DAY

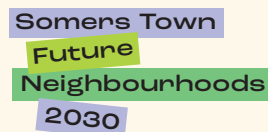
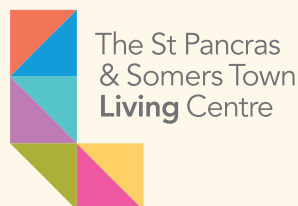
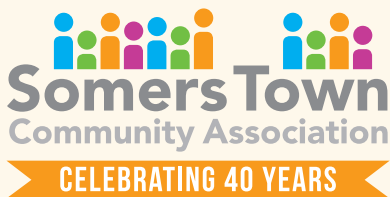
1st March – A global day to raise awareness about self-harm and support.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Observed on 8th March, promoting gender equality and women's rights.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

9th -15th March – A week highlighting the importance of children's emotional wellbeing.



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Support local chefs and groups serving delicious food at STCA

LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

THE PEOPLE'S ART CLUB

A NEW SOCIAL ART CLUB

Wed 11 Feb
6PM – 9PM

ZINE: History & DIY Culture
with Eleonore Pullen

Wed 25 Feb
6PM – 9PM

Saddle Stitch Bookbinding
with Marianne Therese Cadiz

Wed 11 Mar
6PM – 9PM

Printmaking
with Oscar Faulkner

EVERY OTHER
WEDNESDAY

NEW ARTIST
EVERY CLASS

A SPACE FOR US PEOPLE'S MUSEUM
52 PHOENIX ROAD NW1 1ES

BOOK NOW!



Women's support

Every Tuesday, we invite you to join us for a private, one-on-one conversation in a safe and welcoming environment. Share what's on your mind over a cup of tea – no judgment, just support. This is a women-only space.

Whatever you're going through, you don't have to face it alone. Contact us to arrange your appointment.

The Living Centre
2 Ossulston Street
London NW1 1DF

Email info@thelivingcentre.org

For further information
tel **020 7388 8198**
or visit www.hopscotchuk.org

Temporary Gallery Space

available at 90 Chalton Street NW1 1HJ

For more information
visit www.somersgallery.com
email javier@somersgallery.com
tel 07709 058 103



Happy Eid
2026

Somers Town Neighbourhood Forum

12th February and 12th March, 6.30pm-8pm

Meeting at the Living Centre
Somers Town community all welcome to attend

Sew Social weekly

Mondays 1-3 & 5-7pm

Beginners welcome
sessions to learn sewing machine skills
bring fabric/projects
sewings machines, basic tools.

Friendly Drop-in support
Sessions are Free

Location: 150 Ossulston St. NW11EE

email: howlcollective.uk@gmail.com



LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION



The Postal Museum

£1 per person for local residents

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Sunday 22 March 2026 | 10:00 - 17:00

Ride Mail Rail, explore postal history, and step into the story in a new, interactive exhibition celebrating 40 years of 'The Jolly Postman'.

Scan the QR code to book or contact: bookings@postalmuseum.org or call 0300 0300 700.



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Wellbeing sessions

**OPEN TO ALL 16+
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
12.30 – 1.30pm Zumba classes	12 – 3pm Gentle exercises + Wellbeing workshops	1 – 2pm Full body exercise
The Living Centre 2 Ossulston Street London NW1 1DF	Somers Town Community Centre 150 Ossulston Street London NW1 1EE	Somers Town Community Centre 150 Ossulston Street London NW1 1EE

GET IN: sonia@thelivingcentre.org OR
TOUCH: info@thelivingcentre.org

JOIN US!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Are you passionate about supporting struggling local families with young children?

Do you have parenting or childcare experience?

Our charity depends on people like you!

Please contact us today to express your interest and learn more about how you can become part of our team.

**Next 6-day training:
February 5th, 12th, 26th & March 5th, 12th, 19th
From 10am till 2.30pm
in our office in Kentish Town**



Contact us at:
**07940 338 754
020 7099 6041**
info@homestartcamden.org



Image taken in the garden by a resident in 2025

Levita Community Gardening Club

Upcoming Levita House North Gardening Club sessions

The re-designed garden within Levita House North courtyard (between Chalton Street and Ossulston Street) was completed in 2025, and provides a peaceful green space in the heart of Somers Town.

Funding has recently been secured from the Crick and Phoenix Court Works to create a Community Gardening Club centred around the aims of nature, wellbeing, knowledge and beauty. Starting in February, there will be monthly Gardening Club sessions (one Saturday per month, between 10.30am - 1pm) combining practical gardening tasks / training with a variety of themed workshops. The sessions will be free to join – snacks and refreshments provided – and are open to all ages and abilities. If you're interested, please come along and help to grow the Levita North garden into a welcoming, shared space at the heart of the 'green village' that Somers Town is fast becoming.

The first session will be taking place on **Saturday 21st February**, and will be an opportunity to get to know the garden, do some hands-on gardening tasks and make new friends.

If you'd like to get involved, or to find out more, please email gardenlevita@gmail.com

FUTURE NEIGHBOURHOODS 2030

Somers Town

Future

Neighbourhoods

2030

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What's next for our Future Neighbourhoods? Building a lasting legacy together



In early December 2025, project leads and community members from Somers Town (Camden) and Notting Dale (Kensington and Chelsea) came together for a joint session to reflect on the **Future Neighbourhood 2030 (FN2030)** programme. Both neighbourhoods have been funded by the Greater London Authority and have been part of the programme since it began in 2022. As the programme now comes to an end, the focus of the session was clear: **how do we make sure the benefits last?**

What do we mean by 'legacy'?

Legacy is about the positive changes that continue after a project finishes. This can include:

- Physical improvements to places and spaces
- Stronger community connections and partnerships
- New skills, healthier lifestyles, and changed behaviours
- Greater resilience to future challenges

During the session, the group came up with a set of practical, achievable actions that councils, communities, and partners can take forward together to help build on the legacy of FN2030. Some key actions include:

Appoint Climate Champions within councils and neighbourhoods

- Each council to appoint one or more Climate Champions to stay connected with FN2030 projects. These officers would help with:
 - Sharing information and coordinating activity
 - Signposting funding opportunities
 - Connecting projects with businesses for volunteering, mentoring, or donations

Keep the FN2030 network connected through regular meetings led by the community

- Compile a list of affordable meeting spaces, including council-owned venues where possible, and add these to the digital map
- Agree dates for regular community forums in 2026
- Set up a simple rota so different partners take turns organising meetings, including booking spaces, sending reminders, and sharing notes

Support and grow existing projects and spaces

- Look to expand rooftop solar projects and explore new delivery models, such as at St Mary's Church
- Continue activating green spaces, with communities co-designing and running activities and workshops
- Explore setting up a materials reuse hub to help projects access low-cost or free materials
- Identify new opportunities for meanwhile use spaces, including community use, greening, and food growing

By taking these steps, Somers Town and Notting Dale can ensure that the Future Neighbourhood 2030 programme leaves a strong, practical legacy – one that continues to support communities, strengthen partnerships, and create healthier, greener neighbourhoods for years to come.

This legacy conversation needs to continue as we refine and agree on a shared action plan to make it happen in collaboration with all parties involved.

For further information, visit <https://www.somerstown.org.uk/about-fn2030/>

Health & Wellbeing Awareness Week 10–12 March 2026

FREE events, activities, and check ups promoting the importance of health and wellbeing

All events running at various times at the Living Centre

The St Pancras and Somers Town Living Centre
2 Ossulston Street, London NW1 1DF

For more information, please contact sonia@thelivingcentre.org



EVERYONE
IS WELCOME
INCLUDING
YOU!



Men's Health & Wellbeing event



Last November, we highlighted the importance of men's health and wellbeing. Over 13 service providers and supporters came to showcase all the amazing work they're doing to the men in the community. For updates on similar events, please contact sonia@thelivingcentre.org or info@thelivingcentre.org



It is with great sadness that STCA announces the recent passing of Peter M. Simonson, a staff member who will be dearly missed as a colleague, a friend, and a valuable member of the community.

LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

As they officially wrap up their operations in March 2026, we wish to thank Somers Town Big Local for all that they've done for the community...

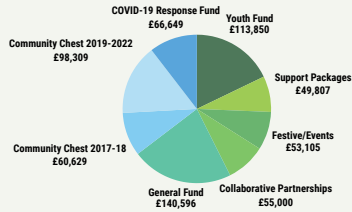
SOMERS TOWN BIG LOCAL

As of October 2025, **£637,944.66** HAS BEEN AWARDED ACROSS **183 GRANTEES** AND A TOTAL OF **£357,170.52** RAISED FOR **25 community projects** and **7 BUSINESS SUPPORT PACKAGES** COMMITTED

OUR PURPOSE

To walk alongside residents and local organisations and support them in their journey to **create** and **develop** ideas that **serve, inspire, uplift** and **support** our community.

Funding provided through Big Local programme

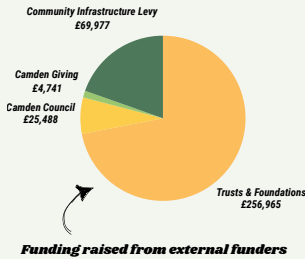


Between 2023-2025, we've funded **£140,595.66** that supported **35 PROJECTS** which have benefited **over 1500** residents

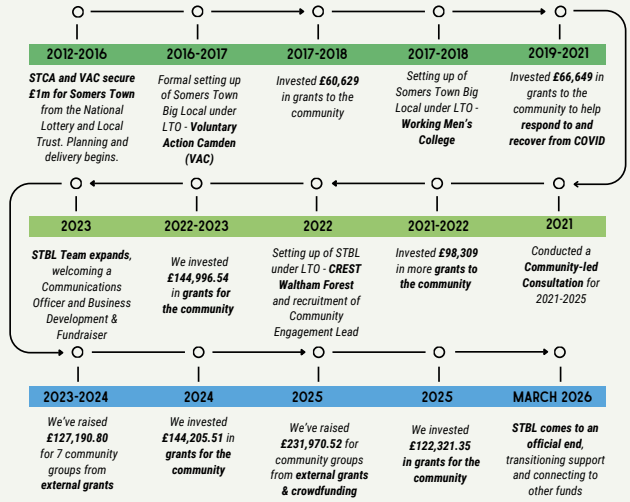
Between 2023-2024, **£113,850** WAS INVESTED ACROSS **13 PROJECTS** THAT COLLECTIVELY BENEFITTED **670 young people** from Somers Town

Between 2023-2025, we invested **£55,000** to support **2 COLLABORATIVE** programmes for **over 1000** Somers Town residents

In 2023-2025, **£53,104.91** was distributed to support & fund **24 EVENTS** THAT COLLECTIVELY BENEFITTED **over 2000** Somers Town residents



THE 14-YEAR JOURNEY OF SOMERS TOWN BIG LOCAL



LET'S BUILD TOGETHER

1-hour drop-in, once a month informal session to speak to an STCA team member.

Thursday 26th February – 10.30am-11.30am

Please note that these sessions are aimed at being collaborative and positive. If you can't make any of these sessions but would like to share your suggestions and ideas, write to communication@thelivingcentre.org

STCA Café, 150 Ossulston Street, London NW1 1EE

Scan to let us know what you think!

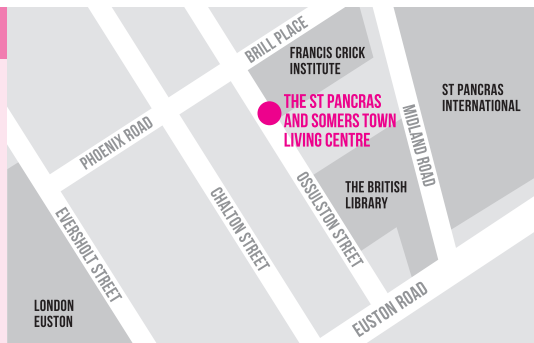


HOW TO FIND US

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www.somertown.org.uk

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Somers Town
Future Neighbourhoods 2030

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Committed to tackling the climate and ecological emergencies, whilst addressing London's health and social inequalities.



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