



WELCOME TO LANGTON WAY

Welcome to Langton Way in the historic Royal Borough of Greenwich. Hopefully you will find that this document provides some useful information regarding Langton Way and the surrounding area.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LANGTON WAY

Langton Way has an eclectic mixture of architectural houses. Most of the oldest properties are on the south side of Langton Way and some were coach houses and stables belonging to the houses on Shooters Hill Road.

Towards the west side of Langton Way is Angerstein Lane which was the driveway to a large house located between Blackheath and Charlton and owned by John Julius Angerstein, a Russian émigré businessman and Lloyds underwriter in London in the 1700s. He was also a patron of the fine arts and a collector. It was the prospect that his collection of paintings was about to be sold by his estate in 1824 that suddenly galvanised the King, George IV, and the prime minister, Lord Liverpool, into purchasing his collection for the nation and led to the founding of the British National Gallery in another of Angerstein's houses at 100 Pall Mall.

More recently there have been many new houses built including those at Primrose Mews and Belvedere Mews towards the east side of Langton Way.



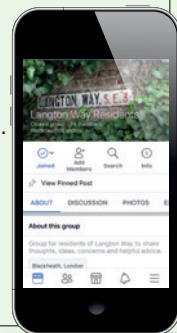
THE LANGTON WAY ASSOCIATION AND WHAT WE DO

The Langton Way Association (LWA) is an informal group of the residents of Langton Way and adjacent areas in Blackheath, who share an objective to preserve the semi-rural character of its environs. The LWA was set up in 1960 *“to preserve and improve the amenities of Langton Way (including ... adjacent areas) in its character as a private street of rural features...”*.

We monitor planning applications and comment on them where appropriate. We also encourage, promote and organise social events.

We welcome you as members; and there is an optional £10 p.a. per household contribution; email us on **info@langtonway.co.uk** to ask for our bank details. The benefits of membership usually include:

- A yearly summer barbecue where you can meet fellow neighbours.
- Email updates on planning applications, events or other local issues; register for these at **info@langtonway.co.uk**
- Neighbourhood Watch membership, which could help reduce your insurance premiums; register for email alerts at **nwatch@langtonway.co.uk**
- A website with helpful information such as a list of traders used and approved by neighbours; **www.langtonway.co.uk**
- An annual newsletter delivered to your door; see the ‘News’ section of our website to download a pdf of the last issue.
- An annual general meeting where you can discuss local issues.
- The option to join a street Facebook group which people use to share information and reach out for help and advice with other neighbours; **www.facebook.com/groups/langton.way.se3**
- Plus being part of a local community network; a great way to connect with your neighbours and make new friends.



What is an ‘Unadopted Road’ and what are the responsibilities of the residents?

Langton Way is an ‘Unadopted Road’ which is halfway between being a private road and a public road. Residents of Langton Way own the part of the road outside their properties to the centreline of the road. Greenwich Council does not provide any road sweeping or cleaning and residents are encouraged to do what they can to keep things neat and tidy outside their properties. The state of the road and any potholes or other damage is the responsibility of individual residents. Residents might be liable for damage caused to pedestrians or vehicles. Greenwich Council has accepted responsibility for the lighting of Langton Way although this is only an informal agreement.

Drainage and waste

There is little or no surface water drainage in Langton Way. For most of the houses on the south side of Langton Way, drainage and waste runs under the Langton Way

properties from the houses on the north side of Shooters Hill Road. It is recommended that if you have any issue with drainage or waste your first option could be to contact Thames Water who might have responsibility for drainage at your property.

Refuse collection and recycling

Bin collections are on Mondays, but this does change on the days when there are public holidays when it usually slips back by one day.

Greenwich Council has a Recycling Centre at Nathan Way in Woolwich, SE28 OEF, which is open daily. You will need proof of residency, eg. a driving licence or a utility bill with your address. Greenwich Council will collect larger items from your property at a cost.

Parking in Langton Way

There are various parking restrictions in Langton Way and it would be best to seek advice from your immediate neighbours regarding any restrictions in your area of Langton Way.

Parking in the local area

An ever-changing situation – please read the parking signs carefully and always check that they have not changed since your previous parking visit.

Transport

Langton Way is well placed for public transport and there are several **buses** from the Royal Blackheath Standard, Stratheden Road and Shooters Hill Road that go to various useful destinations including County Hall in London.

The nearest **mainline stations** are within walking distance and are at Westcombe Park and Blackheath.

The nearest **underground station** is the Jubilee Line from North



Greenwich (the O2). The 108 and 335 buses from Stratheden Road will take you directly there.

The nearest **Docklands Light Railway** stations are at Lewisham, Greenwich and Cutty Sark.

The **Thames Clipper** runs a regular service to London from North Greenwich and Greenwich.

The **Emirates cable car** runs between North Greenwich and across the River Thames near to the Excel Exhibition Centre.

London City Airport is close by, on the other side of the River Thames.

Local doctors and dentists

There is a good choice in and around Langton Way, but our best advice is to use the NHS find-a-gp and find-a-dentist websites.

Local hospitals

- Queen Elizabeth Hospital (NHS), Stadium Road, Woolwich.
- University Lewisham Hospital (NHS), Lewisham High Street.
- BMI Blackheath Hospital (private), Lee Terrace, Blackheath.

Local shops

At Blackheath Standard there is a good selection of shops including M&S Simply Food, a free-range & organic butcher, greengrocers, florist, ladies clothes and gifts, children's toys and books, pet shop, newsagents and convenience stores, opticians, hardware, bicycle and repairs, gents and ladies hairdressers, dry cleaners, bakery, cafés and takeaways.



Locally there are the following supermarkets:

- Waitrose (Greenwich).
- Sainsburys (Charlton, Eltham and Lee Green).
- Aldi (Kidbrooke and Charlton)
- ASDA (Charlton).
- Lidl (Charlton and Eltham).
- M&S (Charlton and Eltham).
- IKEA and B & Q are located near the approach to the Blackwall Tunnel.

10 minutes by car is Greenwich Shopping Park on Bugsby Way with larger shopping options and 20 minutes drive away is Bluewater near Dartford.

There is a farmers market every Sunday from 10am-2pm in the station car park at Blackheath.

Local post offices

There are two post offices nearby. The nearest is on Stratheden Road and is open Monday to Friday 9am-5.30pm and closes at 2pm on Saturday. The other is on Blackheath Grove in the village and is open Monday to Saturday 9am-5.30pm.



Local chemists

There are two chemists at the Standard: Blackheath Standard Pharmacy at the top at Westcombe Hill and Lloyds Pharmacy on the Old Dover Road.

Library

There is a Greenwich Council library at Blackheath Standard on the Old Dover Road and also a Greenwich Council library at Eltham in the High Street. Both are interchangeable.

Bars and restaurants

At the Standard there is a Chinese (Sun Ya) and an Indian restaurant (Chinipan) and a fish and chip shop as well as a few cafés. Three pubs:

the British Oak on the Old Dover Road, the Royal Standard and the Green Goddess micro brewery, both at Vanbrugh Park.

Blackheath village and Greenwich also have an excellent selection of restaurants, cafés and bars.

Local trades people

LWA provides a list of trades people on the website that other members have used and approved. It is a very useful resource and we welcome entries from everyone.

www.langtonway.co.uk/useful-trades

The Blackheath Society

The Society aims to preserve and improve the area of Blackheath and works to maintain and improve local amenities for current and future enjoyment. It also manages an extensive archive regarding the history of Blackheath. It keeps members informed about community events and gives members a voice on current local issues. Membership is £20 per annum. **www.blackheath.org**

Sports facilities

- Blackheath Tennis Club and Squash Club, Rectory Fields.
- Blackheath Cricket Club, Rectory Fields.
- Blackheath Rugby Club, Eltham.
- Charlton Lido and Lifestyle Club on Shooters Hill Road has a gym and outdoor pool.
- Eltham Centre has a gym and swimming pool.
- David Lloyds, Kidbrooke Village has a gym and swimming pool.
- Charlton Football Club is at the 'Valley' in Charlton and about a 25 minute walk.
- Several 'Boot Camps' on Blackheath.

Immediately to the north of Rangers' Field is the Greenwich Park Tennis Centre offering six hard courts. The centre is open to the public and requires no membership.

There is also a variety of yoga, pilates and other exercise options in and around the area.

The London Marathon also begins on Blackheath and is a spectacular event to take part in or to watch.

Golf clubs

- Shooters Hill Golf Club.
- Eltham Warren Golf Club.
- Royal Blackheath Golf Club.
- Golf driving range at North Greenwich near the O2.

Cinemas and entertainment

- Greenwich Picture House, Greenwich.
- Odeon Cinema, Greenwich near IKEA.
- Vue Cinema, Eltham High Street.
- Greenwich Theatre, Greenwich.
- The O2 at North Greenwich is an important entertainment venue.

There are also events that take place on Blackheath that include fairs, circuses and from time to time, cultural, music and food festivals.





Blackheath Conservatoire

The Conservatoire, next to Blackheath Halls, is the focus of arts education and events in South East London and provides a wide range of music, art and drama day-time and evening classes for adults and children. For more information see the website www.conservatoire.org.uk

Blackheath Halls

Blackheath Halls, on Lee Road, is an entertainment venue and concert hall in Blackheath Village. It is part of the oldest surviving purpose built cultural complex in London.

The Halls present a diverse programme of concerts and events throughout the year including classical, folk, comedy nights, talks, literary events, exhibitions and children's theatre. The Halls also run a varied community engagement programme from choirs and orchestra through to community opera and children's opera. For more information see the website www.blackheathhalls.com

Mycenae House

This is a community venue at 90 Mycenae Road, with spaces for private hire and community uses. It also promotes 'a truly bewildering array of activities from yoga to local history, pre-school playgroups to ballet, jazz music to drama and painting to weight control'. It also hosts a range of events for local audiences to attend such as cinema, a jazz club, acoustic open mic nights, theatre and comedy. It's also a great place to hang out with a cafe/bar which is open all day and evening. www.mycenaehouse.co.uk

Outdoor spaces

The wonderful expanse of Blackheath is right on our doorstep. It's a favourite spot for kite flyers runners, dog walkers and family gatherings out for a stroll, a picnic or fun and games. Greenwich Park is 15 minutes or less walk away. It is full of history going back to Roman times. Greenwich Park received a £6m grant in 2021, from the National Lottery, to improve its facilities.

The River Thames and central Greenwich is about a 25 minute walk through Greenwich Park.

Oxleas Wood is a 10 minute drive towards Welling and is located to the south of Shooters Hill Road.

Friends of Greenwich Park

The Friends of Greenwich Park provides it members with newsletters advising of what is happening in the park such as lectures, musical and social events, as well as various interest groups which include photography, wildlife, etc. It also provides a discount at the park's cafés and kiosks.

Membership is £5 per annum.

www.friendsofgreenwichpark.org.uk



Museums and local attractions

- The National Maritime Museum, Greenwich (mostly free but charges for some exhibitions).
- The Painted Hall, Greenwich Naval College (admission charge).
- The Chapel, Greenwich Naval College (free).
- The Cutty Sark, Greenwich (admission charge).
- The Queens House, Greenwich (free).
- Flemstead House and the Royal Observatory, Greenwich Park (admission charge).
- The Planetarium, Greenwich Park (admission charge).
- Age Exchange Reminiscence Arts, Blackheath (free)
- The Ranger's House, western side of Greenwich Park (admission charge).



- The Museum of London Docklands, Canary Wharf (free) – nearest stop on the DLR is West India Quay.
- Charlton House, Charlton
- Eltham Palace, 15 minute drive away (admission charge).

Further afield

Down House (Darwin) is on the other side of Bromley, as is the RAF Biggin Hill Museum (admission charge).

There are National Trust properties in Kent within a one hour drive at Chartwell, Quebec House, Emmetts Gardens, Igtham Mote and Knole House and Deer Park.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR NEW LIFE
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