

Highbury Roundhouse

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Introduction

History & Introduction

Highbury Roundhouse was established in 1974 to meet the needs of young people in and around the Highbury area. Since then it has grown and developed into a thriving community centre, which provides educational and recreational facilities for people of all ages and backgrounds.

We are a thriving community centre that provides services from pre-school to old age, there is something for everyone. We host underfives' activities, after school clubs, holiday playschemes, a range of dance, drama and music groups for children and young people. For the elderly, we provide a lunch club four days a week and a variety of activities for the pensioners to enjoy.

We also provide a home for a number of community groups and organise social and fundraising events during the year.

Highbury Roundhouse is run by full and part-time staff, a small pool of dedicated volunteer workers and an active management committee. Some of our projects are supported financially by Islington Council & other funders.

Highbury Roundhouse serves a large cross section of the community and with your help we will continue to do so.

Management Committee Members

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| Neville Cowton | Chair |
| Tony Miller | Secretary |
| Andrew Myer | Deputy Chair |
| Scott Wadlow | Treasurer |
| Sara Zavaleta | Trustee |
| Steffan Taylor | Trustee |
| Amy Ellington | Trustee |

Staff

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| Andrew Berthier | Director |
| Savanah Popal | Head of Services |
| Phyllis Williams | Office Administrator |
| Necibe Altas | Finance Assistant |
| Phil Watkinson | Head Caretaker |
| Farzana Khanom | Projects Administrator |
| Tanya Simmons | Projects Admin Assistant |
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| Tina Chuku | Yerbury ASC Manager |
| Lesley Palling | St. Peter St. Paul ASC Manager |
| Dinisha Shibnauth | St. Luke's ASC Manager |
| Sudeshni Singaperoumal | Laycock ASC Manager |
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| Michelle Thomson | Hanover ASC Deputy Manager |
| Nigel Williams | Older People's Services Manager |
| Sami Jegede | Young People's Service Manager |
| Alejandra Jaramillo | St. Luke's ASC Deputy Manager |
| Caroline Ryan | Yerbury ASC Deputy Manager |
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| Kaoutar Zekri | Playworker |
| Paul Hazel | Playworker |
| Kelvin Anipa | Playworker |
| La Tanya Malone | Playworker |
| Jackie Crowe | Playworker |
| Emma Stores | Playworker |
| Hibah Mownah | Playworker |
| Katie Julian | Playworker |
| Nada Mondin | Playworker |
| Jasmine Begum | Playworker |
| Suzi Al Karhani | Playworker |
| Agatha Ikpa | Domestic Assistant/Playworker |
| Terry Dolan | Evening Caretaker |
| Patrick Gyles | Evening & Weekend Caretaker |
| Carlos Valero | Domestic assistant/Caretaker |
| Beverly Bryant | Cook |
| Nicky Anderson | Pensioners' Worker/Escort |
| Lawrence Blankson | Assistant Cook |
| Belinda Feldman | Bank Staff/Pensioners Project |

Chairman's Report

Let me start by recognising the excellent team of staff, managers, volunteers and fellow trustees that is the Highbury Roundhouse Community Centre. I never cease to be impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm of the people who run our services and projects, always looking for innovative ways to increase the extent of our reach into the community, given our tight budgets. Highbury Roundhouse Community Centre is not just a building, it is a charity and a not-for-profit business that provides not only valuable services to the community but also employment, careers and career development for our staff and volunteers. We employ in excess of 40 people on whom we depend for our success. Without their commitment we would not have the best after school clubs in the borough, the Ofsted Outstanding early years play scheme, the burgeoning youth club, the vibrant older peoples' services and shortly, an iconic new building.

To fulfil some of our obligations to our major funders, our managers have been trained to use Project Oracle for monitoring and evaluating the impact of our work in the community. Using the Theory of Change they are able to strengthen our evaluation for us to identify new services or the changes to service delivery that are needed. Although this work is in its infancy at Highbury Roundhouse, we have nevertheless started to implement some of the findings, (e.g. workshops on drugs and alcohol abuse in relation to our young people) and expect to extend the technique across all of our services.

We are the main provider of youth services for young people (13 –19 year olds) in Highbury and Finsbury Wards and the main point of contact for these youths to access support and advice. We currently have 66 registered participants and many more who are engaged in our service.

We have recorded more than 1,140 children who have “walked through our doors” to benefit from our after school clubs and play schemes. Following consultation with the users (or at least their parents!) we provide more than 60 enrichment classes ranging from cooking to music and drama.

At the Sotheby Mews day centre we are providing lunches, social engagement activities, outings and health and welfare activities for nearly 300 older members of the community. “I come here for the company” and “I leave here smiling” are samples of the feedback we collect from our members.

The Islington Food Bank use our facilities for their activities and utilise our admin support when drafting their policies and dealing with some of their more challenging situations.

The New Building sub committee meets every month with H A Marks Ltd., our contractor, Artelia our agent, SWA, the architect and Geoff Haslam our design advisor to review progress and address any matters arising during the construction of the new Roundhouse.

The highlight of these meetings is the site visit and walk through the building. We have witnessed its growth from the placement of reinforcing steel in the base slab to topping out the zinc roof, not to mention the myriad of cables, pipes, underfloor heating, windows and doors etc. inside. It is truly a magnificent building. We are looking forward to the celebration of its opening (as well as all our other achievements) in the spring of next year.

All these achievements cannot be realised without finance and we are grateful for the support we get through Service Level Agreements with Islington Council and capital grants from the Council, the Big Lottery, City Bridge, the London Marathon and others, all of whom are acknowledged later in this report. We are also grateful for the many individual contributions from our users and well-wishers. Our turnover (2016/17) has increased from £775,000 to £964,000 partly due to the increase in the need for services and capital fundraising for our new building, i.e. an increase in operational income from £621,000 to £709,000 and increase of income for our building from £154,000 to £255,000.

There remain some significant challenges ahead, some of which provide exciting opportunities. The new building outturn cost is expected to be over £3M. We are working hard to raise the final amount of money (approx. 10%) for its completion and fit-out. The new building will also come with a new operation and maintenance regime. The challenge will be how to include in our budgets, contributions to the life cycle costs of the building, and hence the sustainability of our business. The Council has announced plans for the development of Sotheby Mews Day Centre and has requested that we try to accommodate services, currently provided at the Day Centre, in our new Community Centre. The challenge is how to integrate the requirements of a Day Centre with those for which the Community Centre is designed, to the satisfaction of all our users. The opportunity is to extend and optimise our services from the new building as our business grows.

I am pleased to report that in recent weeks we have welcomed one new trustee to strengthen our Board; Scott Wadlow and another potential trustee Syd Funnell both of whom have been associated with us for some time as users of our services. Scott has expertise in finance and has volunteered to take over as treasurer and Syd has expertise in “safeguarding” amongst other things.

Finally I started this report by recognising the hard work of the people who run Highbury Roundhouse Community Centre. I conclude by offering my thanks to them all for another successful year, but in particular, a special thank you to Andrew Berthier our director and his management team.

Neville Cowton

Chairman

Director's Report

This has been a very busy year for us at the Highbury Roundhouse. We have had a number of challenges, but also some amazing moments. Two of the highlights of the year were when we recruited our 7th after school club and our Big Lottery grant of £917,116 was agreed. This together with the £66,142 we had received earlier meant that the total grant we received from the Big Lottery was £983,258. This is the largest grant given to any organisation in London and the third largest in the country.

Since 2010 we have been delivering services from 5 different buildings and over the years have managed to maintain services to the community. This has not been without difficulty, but we are confident that we will soon be able to deliver our services from a new and purpose built building. Construction of our new building commenced in March 2017.

The overall financial performance for the year is a surplus of £289,661. This consists of a net surplus on unrestricted funds of £20,114 and £269,547 on restricted funds. There is much more to the organisation than financial figures and forecasts, we believe that we deliver real change and our plans for the future are bold, exciting but above all achievable. Please join us and help us build a future together for local people.

The year started with the organisation delivering its main activities of: youth provision, lunch clubs, drop in sessions, playschemes and after school clubs. Although as with the previous year we spent a lot of time working on our new building. Our work during the year can be summarised as follows.

New Community Building

Since achieving planning consent on 25th July 2013, we have worked hard to raise the funds required to build our new building. We currently have a target of over £3Million to raise and have so far managed to raise £2,646,046, which includes over £40,000 raised from the local community. We plan to apply to a number of trusts and companies during the last stages of the project with the aim of raising the balance, which currently stands at £404,954.

We decided to phase construction of the building in order to avoid costs increasing due to any delay in starting. Our aim is to complete construction in spring 2018.

How our activities deliver public benefit and Impact

We are pleased to report that we were able to continue with much of our work, in some areas we were even able to expand on our services and increase our partnerships with other organisations. There was no change in our main activities which where: work with children, young people, the elderly and families, which are detailed in the trustees report.

Fundraising events

Our Halloween event was held on 29th October 2016, the event was held at Sotheby Mews Day Centre. We were pleased to see so many people turn out, on what was a cold and windy day; we managed to raise £1,253. The event was coordinated by staff and volunteers, who worked over the weekend. Our after school clubs held a number of fundraising activities during the year with the children to raise funds for our new building.

Staff development and training of our Out of School Services team is very important to us, we will continue to look at ways in which we can further develop and support our staff.

I would also like to thank our funders, who have supported us over the years and in particular the London Marathon Charitable Trust. The trust was one of the first large trusts to support our new building project; this early support was a critical factor when approaching other funders. I would like to thank the members of our management committee for their help and support during the year. The trustees have spent many hours working on our new building and the future of the organisation. With their help and support we have made enormous progress over the years, most of which we would never have been able to achieve. We must not forget the efforts of Islington Council and would like to thank them for their support with our work and the new building project.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff and volunteers for their continued contribution. The success we have enjoyed over the years is a direct result of their hard work and commitment to what we do best, which is serving the community.

Andrew Berthier

Director



Chapter 1:

Early

Years

Service

Childminders & Soft Play Project

The Childminders' group and Stay & Play have had a difficult start to 2017. We have had our funding cut in April and this has affected how many sessions we run a week. Due to these cuts, we are only able to run two sessions a week, Wednesday & Thursday from 9am-1pm. This however, has proved to be successful as each session has been very busy, which could be due to the closure and reduced hours of other children centres within Islington. We have been fortunate enough to have new carers from these centres visit our groups, and join us every week, which has helped boost our numbers on a weekly basis.

On Wednesday and Thursday, we provide an art session for 30 minutes, this enables the children to choose and create their own work with the help of their carer. We also have a music session for 30 minutes, using a variety of musical instruments. The children have lunch at 12pm which is provided by the adult who is caring for them. We provide the fruit for the children and toast, tea and coffee for the adults.

In March we had a visit from four musicians from the Guildford hall of music, who wanted to do a music session for four weeks with our early years children and their families. The idea behind the workshop was to tutor their young students on how early years children create music. These sessions were wonderful, and our children got the opportunity to play with large musical instruments.

During the summer term we had lots of lovely trips to the local parks, Highbury fields, Islington Farm and Paradise Park. September has been a very busy month. Our sessions are very busy with up to 20 adults and 20 children covering both days.

We will be very happy to move into our new early years' room in the Spring time which will allow us to cater for more families in the local area.

In September we re-opened the soft play at Aubert Court. This has been a great success with many local childminders and parents using the service regularly. We provide a lovely soft play which enables children's physical development to progress. We also provide a light snack at a low cost.

Training and Planning.

Training courses are available to childminders which can be found on our display board, and many our childminders have taken up the training this year which is provided by Islington Early Years & Children Services. Paediatric first aid and Safeguarding children courses have been the priority to many, though there are a variety of other children's development courses available.

The childminders participate in our planning programme every term. This term we will be planning our Christmas activities, Santa's visit and our lovely Christmas dinner. We will make this one special as it will be our last one at the site on 71 Ronalds Road, then we will look forward to celebrating it again in our new building in 2018.



Carmel Zanre

Under fives's Service Manager



© Youth Club Graffiti Project

Chapter 2:

Children

& Young

People's

Services

After School Clubs

We now manage seven after school clubs based in the following Islington primary schools – St Joan of Arc, Hanover, St Peter & St Paul, Blessed Sacrament, Yerbury and two new provisions based at Laycock and St Luke's Primary school.

Our Ofsted registered clubs are open from the end of the school day up to 6pm during term time and we welcome children from Reception to year 6. Some provisions also welcome nursery aged children.

We offer children a programme of structured and freeplay activities that include children's choices to allow them to experience every opportunity of play. Our youngest children are able to access a programme that adheres to the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and supports individual learning and development.

Ofsted inspected our club at Hanover Primary School in April and the inspector made the following comments, we were also very pleased to be awarded an 'Outstanding' rating. This is now our third 'Outstanding' setting.

Children's 'voices' are at the centre of the after-school club. They are active participants in decision-making. Safeguarding of children is exceptional throughout the club. Staff create an extremely safe, supportive and positive environment for children to play and learn. Staff maintain partnerships with parents exceptionally well as they actively seek, evaluate and act on their views to drive continual improvement.

These statements apply to all of our provisions and are of paramount importance to all the staff teams who work so hard to deliver them.

We continue to offer a specialist programme of enrichment activities at each club. Some clubs can have up to 4 clubs running in any one session. This year our specialist tutors have delivered clubs including Science, Fencing, Karate, Minecraft, Keyboard, Spanish, Martial arts, Archery, Street dance, Drama and many more.

We are committed to support staff in their professional development. This year staff have been able to access training including Paediatric First Aid, Fire Marshall, Prevent, Food safety, Disability awareness and Safeguarding.

Parents & Carers inform us that the service is valuable to them as they are able to continue work or study. We continue to work in partnership with Islington Council Children's Services to ensure we can support families and give them access to affordable childcare.

Thank you to our dedicated team of staff who work so hard to make a positive difference in the lives of the children. We are proud of our clubs and we love working within them.

Julie Day

Extended Schools Services Coordinator



Playschemes

We continue to run 2 holiday playschemes during school holidays. Our playscheme is for children aged 3 to 12 years and offer a varied programme of activities and trips at Aubert Court and Whittington Park Community Centres. Both centres offer an extended day service and provide children with a light breakfast.

During 2017, children were able to take part in specialist workshops including Archery, Science, Kayaking, Circus skills and working with the Dogs Trust. The programme of activities included trips to theatres, zoo's, farms, wildlife parks, the seaside and trampoline parks. We made a few trips to 'Go Ape' a forest tree top adventure, where children were inspired to see the playworkers also taking to the high zip wire! The London Fire Brigade in Upper street opened their doors to our children and provided them with an educational visit around fire safety.

Children were also able to visit the construction site of the new Highbury Roundhouse Community centre. They were very excited as the tour revealed construction of the new play areas that they will be able to access next year. Children contributed to the fundraising for the new building by raising money at cake sales.

The staff team continue to work hard to provide children with the ultimate play experience. Parents and Carers continue to inform us that the playschemes are valuable to them as they know their children are having a wonderful time in a safe and secure environment.

Thank you to all the staff, parents and children who have contributed in making our playschemes such a success.

Julie Day

Extended Schools Services Coordinator



Youth Club

We have secured a contract from Islington council to deliver a Youth Club service for young people (YP) in Highbury and Finsbury area. The aim of the service is to be the first point of contact for YP in Highbury in accessing services, information, support and recreational activities that meet the needs and interests of YP. This service was opened in June 2017 and to date Youth@Centre has registered and supported 66 YP (this is the total number of YP who have come through our door) and there are 48 regular attendees to date. YP have benefited from a range of services, which include mentoring, debate club, drug and alcohol workshops, graffiti project, cooking, football and generic sessions for sports and activities which include (badminton, table-tennis, football, dance and music).

Youth@Centre has adopted a new outreach model of working and developing. Networking with schools, family solutions and engaging with the community to enable more YP to access our services. Measuring the impact of our work has been revised with questionnaires that have been piloted to establish the difference Youth Club services are having on the well-being of YP. Youth@Centre has had an undoubtedly successful year, full of fun and learning. Our clients are aged between 11-19 years old. We are continuing to evolve and provide new and varied activities for our community. In the past year we have strengthened our core services whilst embarking on a number of exciting new projects.



To deliver our services in the best possible way, we have adopted an ethos of co-production. We are providing services that are both for YP and by YP. This model empowers our clients to effect change in the services they receive, develop skills that will help them in later life and increases engagement.

We have developed links with new partners and remained engaged with our old. We work with local, regional and national organisations. The broad approach that we have adopted enables us to offer a broader range of services and more innovative programmes. This year our existing services have received positive feedback and our programmes have been met with broad acclaim from our clients.

Mentoring

Providing the opportunity for YP to think about their future career path and practical steps to accomplish their goals. Each YP has a journey book which enables them to map what is needed to achieve their short and long term goals.

Debate Club

Through discussing topics which YP feel passionate about such as, recent knife incidents in the London capital, religion and entrepreneurship, YP have a platform to share their views and suggest ideas to resolve problems.

The Graffiti Project

In partnership with Islington council's Summerversity programme, we devised and delivered a project teaching YP in Islington about graffiti and street art. This project inspired our clients to think about art more generally and how to practice it in a socially responsible way. The Summerversity Graffiti project was a success; YP designed a mural which can be seen on display in the outside space of the head office at Ronalda's Road.



Festival in the Fields

On Saturday 22nd July 2017, we took part in a community event on Highbury Fields. The event was a collaboration between various organisations including Islington Community Projects. The event provided a selection of employment and training opportunities for YP, particularly those who wish to be entrepreneurs or set up a social enterprise. We had a stall on the day promoting youth services and HRH as a whole. We also had an activities station on the day and YP from our Youth Club volunteered on the day, promoting our forthcoming projects and services at HRH.

Islington Drug and Alcohol Workshop

Formulated to teach YP about existing drugs and alcohol and their impact. YP increased their knowledge and understanding and contributed in discussions and group activities. YP said they found the workshops informative and enjoyable.



Cooking Club

We have a tantalising culinary cooking club, which focuses on foods from around the world. YP are passionate about creating the dishes, as much as they are about eating them. YP have participated in running their own restaurant at Youth Club and make a contribution each week to make the next dish the following week. There is scope for the YP to receive certificate in Food & Hygiene.

Boxing & Gymnastics

Promoting health and fitness, boxing has been embraced by the YP at Youth Club, as staff run sessions to focus on technique and stance. The project was co-produced by the YP through our Youth@Centre project. Through demand from female members gymnastics was formulated for females only. The session is taught by a female staff member and incorporates exercises and stretches which are ideal for young girls.

Health and Beauty

Through our outreach work with young ladies from Highbury Fields School the YP requested and developed health and beauty workshops where they learn about the safety requirements and beauty techniques with hair and make-up.

Football

Enjoyed by boys and girls, our YP are competitive and take football seriously, playing in teams and building their skills to participate in tournaments in the near future. Partnership work with the local Arsenal FC are endeavoured to be forged to provide YP with added confidence and a self-fulfilment boost.

YP's services have enjoyed a very successful year. We have ongoing projects that will continue to bring productive enjoyment to the YP that we engage with. We thank our staff for their tireless dedication, which has made these accomplishments possible. We also thank local businesses and the wider community who support our activities and our clients who make it all worthwhile.

Future Sessions

Counselling:

Drop in services for Counselling, Psychotherapy and Mind Connect to support YP emotionally.

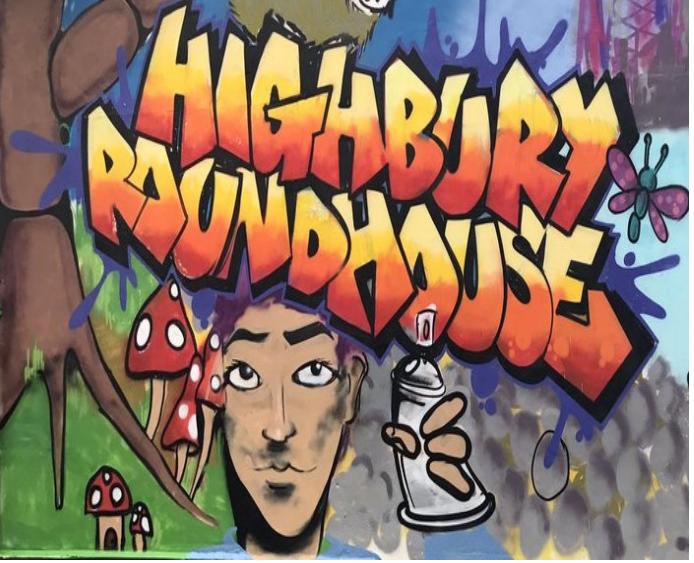
Sexual Health: Pulse- YP will learn about sexual health, safe sex and where to go for support and advice.

Youth Hubs: Lift, Platform, and Rose Bowl.

YP to access hubs assisted by Youth@Centre manager and project workers. Facilities include access to gym, cooking and creative workshops.

Sami Jegede

Young People's Service Manager





Chapter 3:

Older People's

Services

Pensioners' Club

A Year of growth and plans!

Service provision in figures

| | 2015-16 | 2016-17 |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Meals | 3,924 | 4,034 |
| Classes and group attendance | 7,917 | 8,118 |
| Transport | 2,195 | 2,025 |
| Day trips | 3 | 3 |
| Places of interest and theatre | 12 | 8 |
| Trip number | 291 | 172 |
| Dances and dinner | 4 | 0 |
| Visiting entertainers | 4 | 3 |
| Membership | 130 | 118 |

Membership

Numbers attending have grown over the last year as you can see from the table. Although the subscriptions have declined.

As with all groups who care for the elderly we have sadly lost several long-standing members, some who attended the centre daily. This has been a sad loss to the group.

Menu

The kitchen staff have been working hard to improve the menu offer and to improve on the score the kitchen received last year from the Environmental Health Officer. I am delighted to report that we are back to the top score of 5!

We have amended our menu to include an allergen and intolerance warning and have posted notices with allergen information in the building. I am also pleased to report we now offer a Halal menu once a week.

Events

Our events have included a wide range of entertainers and volunteer musicians. Thanks are due to The Pearly King and Prince of Finsbury, our House band (Rick, Tom and Belinda), Steve the dance leader and Howard who were all superb.

We celebrated Valentine's Day, Easter, St Georges Day, Harvest and Christmas. The Christmas Dinner and Party was lower key than usual, with only 100 in attendance, we believe this was because of the holiday closure being earlier than usual and clashing with other local events. Nonetheless a good time was had by all!

Trips

Day trips to Eastbourne, Southend and Brighton were bracing, with two glorious sunny days and one not so good (the great British Summer). To facilitate the day trips we used the council minibus to collect our less mobile clients, bring them to the centre and then transfer them to the Coach.

We hired the Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers minibus for short half day trips to places like Kew Gardens, the William Morris collection, Hogarth House and Crews Hill.

Programme

A full programme of health and wellbeing activity sessions are provided from the centre; including, keep fit (7 classes), singing (2 sessions), art and craft (2 sessions), Bingo (2 sessions) Dominoes (1 session), Yoga and a shopping trip. We are grateful to all our tutors and volunteer leaders who help us provide these activities.

Transport

The number of our clients who need transport grew again this year because we were concerned by the possibility that the loaned council van would no longer available to us, we decided as a group to raise funds for our own new bus.

We provide a good pick up service, although it is stretched and takes out a large number of personnel hours, without it our client group would diminish and so would our offer. We have been looking at the mini bus rounds and trying to rationalise them. Currently there are two rounds with an average 20 people using it.

Our pickups range from as far afield as N19 to WC1. While we are not going to stop the collection of current clients, we are rationalising the area to make this easier and allow clients to access the centre sooner.

We want to thank Islington Accessible Transport, Ian Spencer and his team for loaning us our day to day transport and for the provision of 2 buses and drivers on a Tuesday and 1 on a Friday. Without them we would not be able to provide this service for our members.

Minibus Fundraiser

In June we launched the Mini Bus Fund and we were delighted that the Mayor of Islington Kat Fletcher attended the event. Our fund raising started in earnest, over the next 6 months we raised more than £20,000 through a mixture of personal giving, events, raffles and grant funding. We are grateful to local councillor's for contributing via LIF funding & the Bruce Wake Charitable Trust for their kind donation. Special thanks to Caroline McIntyre for organising the Raffle and all those who gave even the smallest amounts. We had a very successful evening event, supported by Highbury Vintners and La Fromagerie, which raised £1,000!

Minibus Update

Due to concerns around the use of Diesel and the purchase of a second hand minivan not being practical, we have decided together with the users to lease a newer bus and fund this for 3 years as this is the best long term solution. We now need to raise the shortfall on the fund & we aim to do this by applying to numerous charitable trust's.

Future Developments:

The move to Ronald's Road:

While the users are apprehensive about the move all change is difficult, some are concerned about the provision. As an organisation we need to reassure clients that a fully rounded provision is on offer to sustain the projects into the future in a space that is inclusive and responsive to their needs.

Client Concerns:

1 Accessibility - the buildings physical location means more of a walk from bus stops. We are looking to negotiate a transfer service from the bus stop.

2 Room use:

a. The provision of rooms for use for art and hairdressing. We are looking at facilitating some of the activities off site and providing wet space in the youth club area.

b. Currently we have a large number of activities that happen at the same time so we are looking again at the scheduling and the segregation of rooms.

3 Social space:

They feel there should be an area for chatting and socialising. We are looking at chairs that are user friendly in the café space to help provide an age friendly space that can accommodate the whole community.

Acknowledgments

We owe a great debt of gratitude to those who work with us. Our staff, tutors and volunteers are unsung heroes! Thanks for all your hard work! For your paid and unpaid work that keeps the centre the caring supportive and inclusive place our clients love to attend.

A big thank you to Benefacto, for their continued support as they introduce corporate volunteers to our organisation on a weekly basis for a one-off volunteering experience (they often come back again as they enjoy the experience with us). Linz and Stevie thank you.

We need more volunteers! If you are reading this and have a skill you are willing to share with us please contact me Nigel at Sotheby Mews 020 7226 1421.

Nigel Williams

Older People's Services Manager





Chapter 4:

Cultural

Activities

Hungarian Children & Parent's Group

Our Group is a Saturday school for bilingual families where typically one or both parents are of Hungarian origin. It was founded at Highbury Roundhouse in May 1987 – 30 years ago!

We now meet at Sotheby Mews on alternate Saturdays between 2-6 pm, 20-22 times a year in total. We have a regular playgroup, a nursery, and several classes for children and adults at different levels, 18 classes of various activities altogether. Most of these classes teach Hungarian as a minority language for pupils who are settled in this country but wish to maintain their Hungarian side, or give opportunities to non-Hungarian members of the family to develop an understanding of the Hungarian language and culture. Other classes compliment mainstream education by teaching children music, dance, drama, psychology and journalism. We also employ a speech therapist and several of our voluntary teachers are trained special needs teachers.



Teachers Training, Hungarian Cultural Centre



"Kinhaz" drama class rehearsal, Sotheby Mews

We also organize social events at different venues: a Spring Festival with fancy dress in February, a Concert or Theatre performance with well-known Hungarian performers in May, a summer camp in July or August, a Sports Day in September, and a Christmas party in December. We regularly take our students to museums, galleries, theatres and cinemas in London, as well as on day walking or cycling trips outside the city.

As a non-profit organisation, also a registered charity, we heavily rely on our members' contributions and fundraising. Our membership is in the region of 50 families with up to 120 children, but we can draw on an expanding list of associates who join us for our social events. Our sponsors in the past included the Islington Council, Awards for All Lottery Fund, the Trust for London and some Hungarian foundation.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Highbury Roundhouse for their ongoing support and understanding in providing the premises for our work and wish you all the best for the next year.

**Hungarian Children and Parents Group
Londoni Magyar Iskola Plusz
UK Registered Charity Number 299048**
www.magyariskola.org.uk



Break time, Sotheby Mews



"Szorakatema" drama class, Sotheby Mews



Temari Bunko, one of the new bunko, Japanese Book Club in Highbury, North London. Temari Bunko meets at Sotheby Mews Day centre every the second or third Saturday of each month. The children will be accompanied by their parents and will have some quiet reading time and also be able to borrow books. This was followed by a session of singing seasonal songs.

For further information, please contact via email on: temari.bunko@gmail.com



Chapter 5:

Dance,

Fitness &

Wellbeing

Activities

Dance-A-Round

Established in 1985 Dance-A-Round aims to provide stimulating and exciting dance classes for boys and girls of all ages. All of our classes offer opportunities to develop body control and self-esteem as well as creative skills.

Dance-A-Round has just celebrated it's 30th Birthday Anniversary with a performance of 70 participants enjoying an exciting experience at the City Of London Girls School.

Dance-A-Round classes take place currently in two venues in the Highbury area on Mondays and Saturdays. Children from the age of 3-18 years old enjoy Ballet and Tap and may attend one or more of the 12 classes that take place during the week.

During Ballet and Tap classes children learn the technique of these styles in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Children regularly participate in Dance Performances if they wish. Younger children have a watching week at the end of each term to which family and friends are invited. Older children participate in shows and demonstrations at Christmas and in the Summer Term.

Dance-A-Round currently offers Tap Classes for Adults on a termly course.

For more information about Dance-A-Round classes please contact Joanna Treacher.

Tel:- 01322 350699

Email:- d-a-r.highbury@ntlworld.com

Website:- www.dance-a-round.co.uk



Coco Jam

Cocojam street styles aims to help young people from all backgrounds and abilities, develop and achieve the high level of dance skills required to compete and perform in today's ever growing street style industry. Our eclectic blend of experience, along with our commitment in providing dance within the wider community has put Cocojam in this unique position, linking world class instructors to our classes. Cocojam instructors have a true passion for dance and the different styles they teach.

Classes run for ages 6 – 15 years every Saturday at: Sotheby Mews, Sotheby Road N5 2UP.

Beginners: 9.30am - 10.30am,
Intermediate: 10.30am - 12.00pm
Advanced: 12.00pm - 1.30pm.

To book a free trial for your child simply contact us or check out our website for more details: Tel:- 07595 583 158
Email:- info@cocojam.co.uk
Website:- www.cocojam.co.uk



Highbury Jitsu Club

Highbury Jitsu has been running at the Highbury Roundhouse for nearly 6 years. We are now located at Sotheby Mews Centre and continue teaching traditional styles of Jiu Jitsu.

Highbury Jitsu Club teaches practical self defence suitable for anyone: any size, weight or strength. As well as being fun and challenging, it improves balance coordination and general physical conditions. Regular training can help to improve strength, fitness, flexibility, co-ordination and posture. Moreover, most people find over time that Jitsu improves their self-esteem and self-confidence. Jitsu training is also great fun and a fantastic way to meet new friends. Highbury Jitsu Club trains on a Wednesday evening, Junior's session is 6.30pm - 7.30pm and the Adults session is 7.30pm - 9pm. Beginners are welcome. See www.highburyjitsu.org.uk.
Tel: 07879843587.

For more information contact Sean Adjei on highburyjitsu@gmail.com



Karate (Ken-Bu-Kan)

The founder and chief instructor, Andy Michaelides has been training and competing since 1982 and is a fully qualified instructor and examiner. All students and classes are taught in a traditional manner, and discipline is one of the most important aspects of our classes. The classes are safe and fun, and there is potential for the most able students to reach the highest level, and to compete internationally. Students learn how to defend themselves against a competitor and a potential assailant, with an array of blocks, punches, strikes, kicks, locks, sweeps and take downs.



The sessions take place every Monday and Wednesday from 5:45-7:30pm. For further details on the Ken-Bu-Kan school or to find out how to join please contact Andy Michaelides on: Tel: 07956 165 826 or Email: kbk_karate@hotmail.com or visit: www.kbk-karate.co.uk

Line Dancing

Kim started line dancing with us in August 2012 in which she had taken over from the previous tutor. Kim started with a few members and is growing in numbers. Line Dancing runs every Mondays between 12 noon and 3:00pm, a great way to start the week off with a fun-filled Line dancing routine set to great music to get everyone going.



Kim
Founder

Iyengar Yoga

Iyengar Yoga is a form of Hatha Yoga that has an emphasis on detail, precision and alignment in the performance of posture and breath control. It focuses on the structural alignment of the physical body, aiming to unite the body, mind and spirit for health and well-being. This is considered a powerful tool to relieve the stresses of everyday life.

Iyengar Yoga is held on the 1st floor at Highbury Roundhouse every Saturday at 10:30-12:00noon.

For further information please email highburyoga@gmail.com or contact Judith/Agnieszka 07770419671.



SeerYoga

The teaching style is strong and yet soft infused with many encounters of different styles of Yoga. The focus is on working from the inside out, alignment of the mind and body and practicing mindfully. All of the classes are taught with themes that are relevant for day-to-day life and weave in the philosophy of Yoga in each class. The classes are held at the Highbury Roundhouse every Wednesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.



There is a monthly workshop on a Sunday 12.30pm – 14.30pm £15 move details can be found:- www.seeryoga.uk, Instagram [@jaz@seeryoga.uk](https://www.instagram.com/jaz@seeryoga.uk)

Contact: Jaz Mullings-Lambert on Tel: 07850060066
Email: Jaz@seeryoga.uk

Leyla Yoga

A weekly flow yoga class which works on strength and flexibility, aiming to cultivate a sense of balance through both mind and body. We will end with a deep relaxation by candlelight to ease you in to the coming week. The classes are held every Monday 6.30pm-8pm at Highbury Roundhouse. Contact: Leyla on 07852988204 www.leylayogalondon.com



The Way Ministry

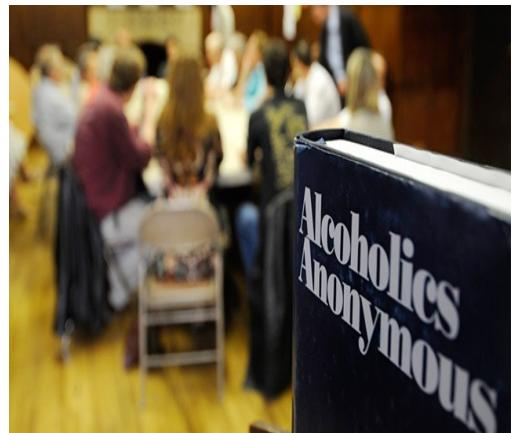


The Sunday service group called The Way Ministry currently resides at Aubert Court Community Centre. Its service runs every Sunday between 11:00am – 2:00pm. For more information contact Sina Nsimba on 07944022129.

AA Group

Alcoholic Anonymous group meet once a week on Thursday between 6:00-7:00pm. The group's aim is to provide help and support to people with alcohol addiction.

Support is provided by encouraging people to talk about their addiction in a welcome and supportive environment with people suffering with similar difficulties. Anyone wishing to join the group can call on 07708257949.



Islington Foodbank



Islington Foodbank are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by the Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. The volunteers welcome clients and signpost them to agencies able to solve their longer term problems. The Foodbank is based at Highbury Roundhouse and opens Monday and Saturdays between 2:00pm -5:00pm. Contact details: telephone 07753222755 or email info@islington.foodbank.org.uk.

Events at Highbury Roundhouse

Pensioners Club



After School Club



Playscheme



Highbury Jitsu



Youth Club



Soft Play and Childminders



Halloween Event



Raising Funds/New Building

In 2013, our community building was finally demolished due to the subsidence issues identified a few years ago. Our focus now is to raise in excess of £3million to build our new community centre. The new centre will be fit for purpose, designed to very high specifications and will enable us to continue delivering our service, and in some areas expand our work. We will be able to start new projects, increase the number of people using our services and deliver more projects in partnership with other organisations.

The council has granted us a long lease on the site and we secured planning permission for our new building. We have a detailed fundraising programme and have made good progress towards raising the funds required. We have managed to raise £2,646,046 so far, this is with great support & contributions from the local community and donations from many grant making trusts including the Big Lottery, LBI and many more.

We still have a shortfall to raise and will continue to fundraise for this. We are confident that we will be able to achieve our fundraising target.

Construction of the new building commenced earlier this year and is progressing well, and will be complete by May 2018.

We provide essential services to our community, but to continue we need your help. You can support us by donating to our New building project just visit our 'Mydonate Page' www.mydonate.bt.com/charities/highburyroundhouse.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have worked and continue to work on the design and construction of our new building.

Sarah Wigglesworth Architects

Local Agenda LTD

H A Marks

Artelia & all members of our design team

Here are some images on the stage progress for our new community building.



Ground Works



Photo with Construction workers and Jeremy Corbyn MP



Building taking shape



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total 2017 | Total 2016 |
|--|-------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Incoming Resources | | | | | |
| Donations and other voluntary income | (2) | 1,253 | 18,380 | 19,633 | 6,744 |
| Income from charitable activities: | | | | | |
| Grants, contracts and donations | (3) | 81,942 | 857,529 | 939,471 | 758,112 |
| Other activities | (4) | 4,597 | 800 | 5,397 | 10,424 |
| Investment income | | 37 | - | 37 | 69 |
| Total incoming resources | (12) | 87,829 | 876,709 | 964,538 | 775,349 |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| Cost of raising funds: | | | | | |
| Fundraising and Publicity costs | (5) | 7,450 | - | 7,450 | 4,434 |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | (5) | 60,265 | 607,162 | 667,427 | 627,341 |
| Total Expenditure | (5) | 67,715 | 607,162 | 674,877 | 631,775 |
| Net incoming / (outgoing) resources | | 20,114 | 269,547 | 289,661 | 143,574 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 65,171 | 323,335 | 388,506 | 244,932 |
| Total funds carried forward | (12) | 85,285 | 592,882 | 678,167 | 388,506 |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2017

| | Note s | 2017 | 2016 |
|---|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | (9) | 540,954 | 201,332 |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Debtors | (10) | 73,649 | 95,570 |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | | 147,819 | 125,817 |
| Total Current Assets | | 221,468 | 221,387 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | (11) | (84,255) | (34,213) |
| Net current assets | | 137,213 | 187,174 |
| Net Assets | | 678,167 | 388,506 |
| Funds of the charity: | | | |
| Restricted income funds | (12) | 592,882 | 323,335 |
| Unrestricted funds: | | | |
| General funds | (12) | 66,206 | 46,092 |
| Designated funds | (12) | 19,079 | 19,079 |
| Total charity funds | | 678,167 | 388,506 |

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small charitable companies and constitute the annual accounts required by Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th November 2017 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission and Registrar of Companies. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information the full accounts, the auditors' report on those accounts and the Trustees' Annual Report should be consulted. Copies of these may be obtained from our registered office.



Scott Wadlow

Treasurer

As auditors to the charity, we have reviewed the summarised accounts above and consider that they are consistent with the full accounts, on which we gave our opinion.

Faustino Franco (Senior Statutory Auditor)
Perlin Franco Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Trojan House, 34 Arcadia Avenue London N3 2JU

Acknowledgements

Special thanks go to all our 'Friends of Highbury Roundhouse' who continue to support our much needed work from year to year. Also to all the people who make regular and much appreciated contributions to the organisation by standing order. We are also very grateful to all the individuals who made donations during the course of the year.

Big Lottery Fund
London Marathon Charitable Trust
The Arsenal Community Fund
The Morris Charitable Trust
The Coutts Charitable Trust
The Hobson Charity
City Bridge Trust
Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust
Great Portland Estate
Albert Hunt Trust
N M Rothschild
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust
Beatrice Laing Charitable Trust
Cllr Caroline Russell
Cllr Osh Gantly
Cllr Aysegul Erdogan
Cllr Richard Watts
Cllr Richard Greening
Cllr Andy Hull
Cllr Theresa Debono
The Mageni Trust
Local Shops
Islington Children's Services
St. Joan of Arc School
Hanover School
St. Peter St. Paul School
Blessed Sacrament School
Yerbury School
St. Luke's School
Laycock School
Whittington Park Community Centre
Bruce Wake Charitable Trust

Clothworker's Charity
Jeremy Corbyn MP
Charity Fundraising Ltd
Safer Neighbourhood Team
Islington Council
Local Initiatives Fund
Sandra Hodgson
Kate Hodgson
Highbury Fields Association
Highbury Community Association
Michael Padfield
Bob Collins
Miriam McGuire
David Oliver
Irma Gomez
Rick Ferry
Kieron Baine
Liz Woods
Vincenza Orofino
Kate Jacobson
Mark Antoniewicz
Carmel McCornmick
Susan Sealy
Caroline McIntyre
Gee Dudley
Tom Disney
Benefacto
Olden Community Gardens
Chris Donovan
Aubert Court TRA
Enrichment Class Tutors
All other volunteers and helpers



Equal Opportunities Statement

As an employer of paid and unpaid staff and a provider of services, Highbury Roundhouse Youth and Community Centre is committed to the practice and promotion of equal opportunities.

Highbury Roundhouse Youth and Community Centre is committed to opposing direct and indirect discrimination against people on the grounds of race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, colour, language, religion, gender, marital status, family responsibilities, age, class, physical or mental impairment, trade union membership or sexual orientation.

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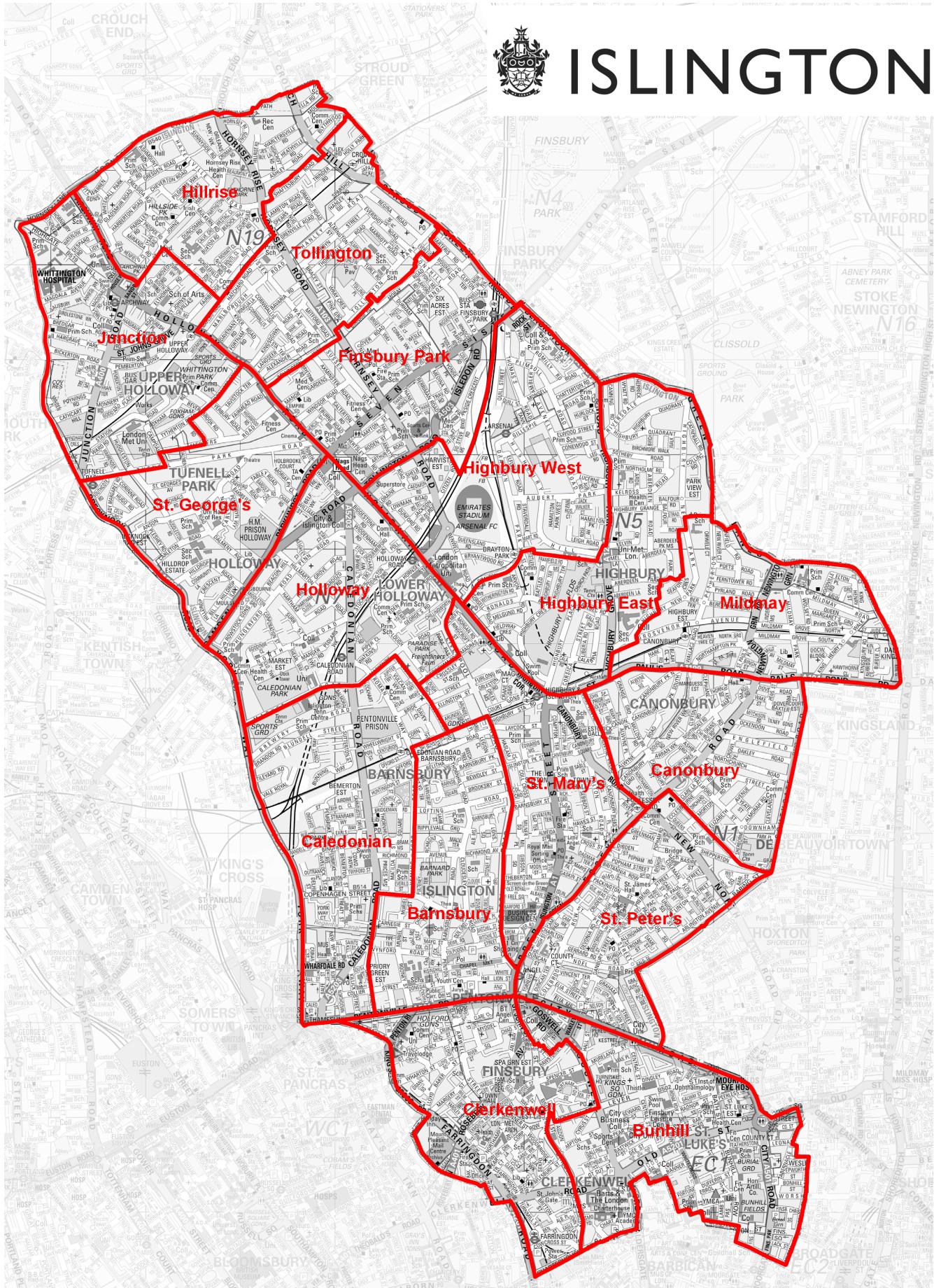


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