

NEWSLETTER

A NEW SENSORY ROOM AT WALTHAMSTOW TOY LIBRARY AND PLAY CENTRE

We're excited to share that St James Street Big Local has been instrumental in funding the creation of the new Sensory Room at Walthamstow Toy Library, located on Somers Road E17 6RX.

Through our collaboration and generous funding support, alongside partners like Costco (United Way) and Lloyds Market Charity Awards, this transformative space officially opened its doors on March 15th, 2024.

In addition to expressing our heartfelt appreciation to everyone involved in making this project a reality, we extend a special congratulations to Helen Crawford for her exceptional dedication and leadership in driving this initiative forward.



Together, we anticipate the positive impact this Sensory Room will have on the children and families within our community. Thank you all for your ongoing support and commitment to enriching the lives of those in our neighbourhood.



Come to our event and celebrate Eid on the 13th April 2024. More info Pg 6.

Eid Mubarak



Scan for more info on our Community Outreach worker role




WE'RE HIRING

Community Outreach Worker

Deadline 21st April 2024

REACHOUT ST JAMES STREET LEGACY GRANTS

Join us in creating lasting change in St James Street. The St James Street Big Local partnership is offering £200,000 to address disability, social isolation, and poverty challenges in the St James Street Area.

A total grant of up to £100,000 is available to each successful organisation. There is £200,000 available in total (including VAT). We anticipate awarding 2 contracts for this.

We encourage partnerships and consortiums/smaller grassroots groups to spread the work amongst them (with one applicant taking the lead) if this is appropriate.

The projects must be underway by September 2024 and the final payment will be released by October 2025.



MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024

13:00 - 16:00

The Mill @ coppermill
7-11 Coppermill Ln,
London E17 7HA

FIND OUT MORE AT OUR :

REACHOUT ST JAMES STREET
INFORMATION EVENTS

SUNDAY 20TH APRIL 2024

14:00 - 16:00

The Mill @ coppermill
7-11 Coppermill Ln,
London E17 7HA

Application Details:

Submit your expression of interest by 14th June 2024,
17:00pm to Legacy@stjamesstreetbiglocal.co.uk



More info
on our
website:
scan the QR
code.

COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS

Our Grant scheme is still open- you can apply for grants until the end of June 2024. Each person or group can apply only once during this time by emailing their completed form (available on our website) to stjamesbiglocal@gmail.com.

Small grants

- a. For people and groups in the SJSBL area who are not trying to make a profit. This includes groups led by people who use the services, volunteers, and others.
- b. They can apply for grants up to £500 to do activities and projects that make the local community better. These projects should match our main goals.

Local Community Organizations and Charities

- a. These are groups that are officially recognized as charities, community interest companies, or social enterprises. They may have some professional leaders.
- b. They can apply for grants between £1,000 and £5,000. They need to have clear plans showing how their project will help the people in the SJSBL area. This funding can be used for different things, like buying things or supporting the organization, as long as it meets the criteria set by St James Street Big Local.

Local businesses

- a. These are small to medium businesses in our area, especially those focused on making a positive impact. There are two types of funding available:
 - i. Developmental Grants between £1,000 and £2,500.

For any queries contact Georgia:
*stjamesbiglocal@gmail.com or come along to The Mill 7-11 Coppermill Ln, London E17 7HA
Thursdays 13.00-15.00*



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WHO ARE WE ?

Local volunteers have put £1 million from the National Lottery Community Fund into St James Street in Walthamstow. We started in 2015 and will finish in December 2025. We're working on a big project that will make our area great for a long time.

We're not a part of the local government, but we get advice from a charity called the Local Trust. They help with similar projects in 150 communities all over the country.

Since 2015, we've done a lot in the area! We've added cool street art and made a gallery in a window on Coppermill Lane. We have hosted the Jumble Trail and a Christmas carol concert yearly. We've also helped local shops on St James Street and the High Street fix up their fronts. During the pandemic, we gave money to residents who needed it. We also worked on projects to make the area more green.

Let's all work together to make St. James Street a place we're proud to live in!



BECOME A VOLUNTEER

At St James Street Big Local, we're on the lookout for passionate volunteers ready to make a difference in our community! Whether you're interested in gardening, helping at events, or assisting in the office, we have exciting opportunities for you.

Join us as a gardening volunteer and bring our green spaces to life. Become an event volunteer and be part of exciting community gatherings. Or lend a hand as an office volunteer, supporting our day-to-day operations.

If you live in the St James Street Big Local area and want to drive change from within, consider joining our partnership board. Your voice and ideas can shape the future of our community.

Volunteer@stjamesstreetbiglocal.co.uk

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

Join Our Partnership!
Are you aged 14-18 and live in the St James Street Big Local Area?

Become a part of our partnership where you can have a say on how to improve our community. Make a real impact and help build your CV while being an active member of your community.

- To apply:
Email stjamesbiglocal@gmail.co.uk with:
1. A paragraph about your favorite thing to do and why you enjoy it.
 2. A paragraph explaining why you want to join our partnership ?
 3. What do you love most about your community?

Hurry! There are only two spots available. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference!



We are seeking greening volunteers to help us nurture and enhance our garden beds at Buxton Road. We have three resident beds that we're eager to fill with new plants! Currently, we've added rosemary, but we're looking to add more variety.

If you're interested in getting involved in the upkeep of our newly created community garden, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at buxtonroad@stjamesstreetbiglocal.co.uk and ask to join our **GREENING GROUP!**

St James Street Big Local, in partnership with Waltham Forest Council and Grow Back Greener, is delighted to announce the near-completion of our greening project at the end of Buxton Road near Mission Grove School. The addition of fruit trees and other greenery has significantly enhanced the area.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project, especially past partnership members who worked tirelessly to begin and develop this wonderful initiative. Your dedication and effort have truly brightened our community.



Special thanks to our amazing group of volunteers who joined us at Buxton Road Gardens for a planting day on March 13th. We were thrilled to have pupils from Mission Grove School and local residents participate in planting activities outside the school. It was a fantastic event, and we are all proud of the work we accomplished together!

During the event, we also planted wildflower gardens by scattering seeds over designated areas. Our next goal is to fill up the remaining resident planting beds to further enhance our green space.



WHATS ON: ST JAMES STREET

EID CELEBRATION

Saturday 13th April 2024

Join us for an Eid celebration on the high street outside the Querky Cafe from 12:00 to 16:00.

Enjoy free henna, delicious food by Afrobbean, and engaging Islamic art activities hosted by NBAM CIC

VOLUNTEER FAIR

Saturday 11th May 2024

Join us from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM to meet various organisations in our area that are seeking volunteers to support their fantastic causes. Have a Cuppa and a biscuit!

THE MILL PLANT SALE

Saturday 18 May 2024

Join **The Mill** from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm and you will be supporting our wonderful community. You might find a perfect plant to bright up your house or revive your garden in Spring time. A fantastic **Plant Sale** is coming up in **May** and, there will be many beautiful plants to choose from.

LEGACY GRANT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Join us for an information session at The Mill (Community Centre) on Coppermill Lane to learn about our Legacy Grants. Discover how you can apply for funding to support disability, combat social isolation, and address poverty in our community. Choose from these session dates:

Monday 15th April 2024, 13:00-16:00pm

Saturday 20th April 2024, 14:00-16:00pm

Sign up on [Eventbrite](#)

HEALTH AND WELLBEING FAIR

We are seeking businesses, community groups, and residents who would like to participate in our Health and Wellbeing Fair in August 2024. Get in contact to share your ideas and get involved.

JUMBLE TRAIL 2024 **Sunday 1st**
September 2024

The Mill is inviting you to discover and join the clubs and activities groups available for all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

See what's happening on The Mill's website: <https://themille17.org/events/>

Why not become one of their volunteers?

It is a perfect way to meet others, have fun, make new friends and do something for your community.

To get involved get in touch with Kim:
email: kim@themille17.org



Spiritual Healing

Health and well-being service

MAKERS MARKET & TABLE TOP SALE

welcome to a vibrant and eclectic marketplace where you can explore a world of handmade crafts, preloved items and so much more

WE PROVIDE

- ✓ Free Entry
- ✓ Support the local community
- ✓ Community Atmosphere
- ✓ Warm and Cosy Space

38 High Street
Walthamstow
E17 7LD

For table bookings:
contact@leesspiritualhealing.co.uk

Sat 27th & Sun 28th April

MAGICAL MONDAYS

CREATIVE SESSIONS



at The Mill, Coppemill Lane, E11 7HA

STARTING MONDAY 29TH APRIL 2024
FOR 10 WEEKS

Free sessions
but booking is Essential



Email: info@neesha.org

to register your interest...



William Morris Big Local
is looking for a qualified

Youth worker

Great opportunity to get experience and grow skills set while having a good time! Join their ranks in running a weekly **youth club** at Big Creative Academy @we.are.bce

Competitive pay and more importantly... a super friendly team to work alongside!

Get in touch by sending email to info@wmbiglocal.org with your CV to find out more!



Welcome to the self-guided street art tour of St. James Street!

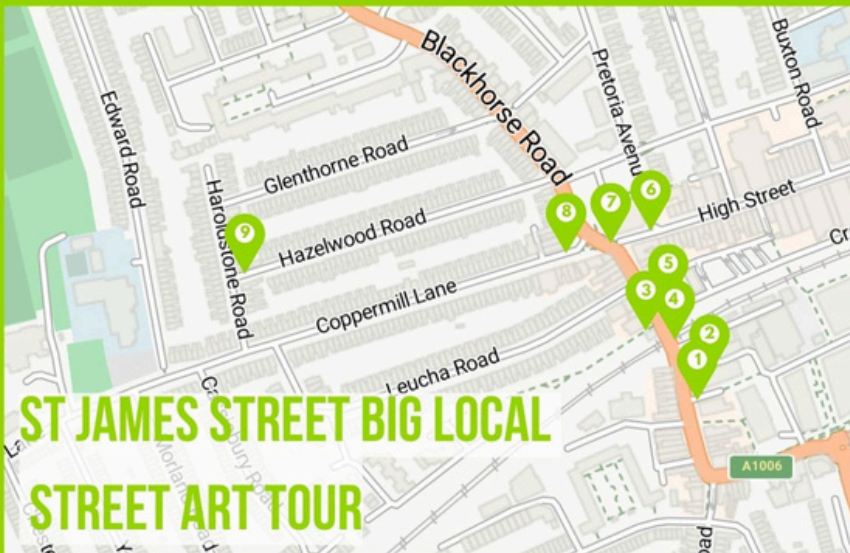
This spring, treat yourself to a leisurely stroll and immerse yourself in the vibrant street art that graces our neighborhood. With nine captivating stops to explore, the majority of which have been generously funded by St. James Street Big Local, you're in for a visual feast.

As you wander through the streets, be sure to take in the eclectic mix of artworks; from bold murals to intricate street art installations, each stop offers a unique glimpse into the creativity and expression that defines our community.

To delve deeper into the stories behind the art, simply scan the QR code below. This will unlock a treasure trove of information about the artists, their inspirations, and the techniques they've employed to bring their visions to life.

And for those without QR code capabilities, fear not - all the details can also be found on our website at www.stjamesbiglocal.co.uk.

So, lace up your walking shoes and embark on your own personalized journey through the captivating world of St. James Street's street art. Enjoy the adventure!



Start : Crate St James Street
End: Hazelwood Road
Distance: 0.5 miles
Approx time: 45 mins



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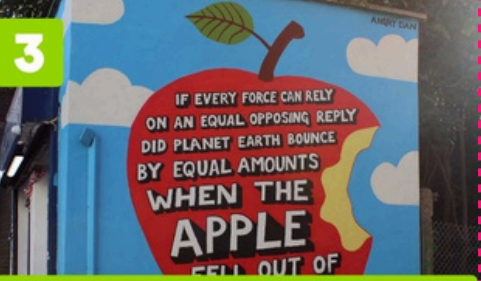
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Apple by Angry Dan, Rose Roza Supermarket.
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Untitled by Farah Ishaq, St James Street Bridge.
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Mosaic by Maud Milton, St James Street Station.
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Oriel by Kim Thomé, Pretoria Avenue.
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Avroplane by Phlegm, St James Street.
What3words: [///boots.sunset.palace](https://www.what3words.com/#!/boots.sunset.palace)

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Birds by ATM, Coppermill Lane.
What3words: [///goes.random.asset](https://www.what3words.com/#!/goes.random.asset)

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Wetlands /mural by Hixxy, Hazelwood Road.
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