

MAYOR'S STREET PARTIES

Grant Brochure for Newham Residents

Celebrate your street. Bring neighbours together. Apply to host a Mayor's Street Party.

At a glance

Residents can submit an expression of interest to host a Mayor's Street Party from **noon on Friday 14 August 2026**. The deadline is **Monday 31 August 2026 at 11:00pm**. Mayor's Street Parties must take place on **Sunday 20 September 2026**. Applicants can request up to £650 to help with eligible costs. The Council will endeavor to respond to all applicants by **Friday 4 September 2026**.

1. What this opportunity is about

Mayor's Street Parties are about helping residents bring people together locally, celebrate community pride and build stronger neighbourhood connections across Newham. The programme is designed for resident-led celebrations that are welcoming, inclusive and rooted in the local street or neighbourhood.

This is an **expression of interest** process. Having received all applications, the Council will decide the exact event locations and will prioritise an even spread across the borough so that different neighbourhoods have a fair opportunity to take part.

Residents can apply for up to £650 to help with reasonable costs linked to delivering a free, inclusive and resident-led street celebration. The grant pot for the programme is £16,900 and we can support up to 26 street parties.

Applying for a Mayor's Street Party

This brochure is for Newham residents who want to apply to host a **Mayor's Street Party**. It explains the expression of interest process, the funding available, what residents should prepare before applying and how the Council will review applications. Residents interested in organising a Play Street should use the dedicated Play Streets information linked at the end of this brochure.

2. About Mayor's Street Parties

Area	Mayor's Street Party guidance
Main purpose	A resident-led community celebration for neighbours on a street or local area.
Key expectation	Free, inclusive, open to the local community and based in Newham.
Funding	Applicants can request up to £650 for eligible Street Party costs. Newham Council will cover costs related to street closures, including Signage, Traffic Management Orders, Public Notices etc.
Event date and timings	Street Parties must take place on Sunday 20 September 2026. It must not start before 12:00pm and finish by 5:00pm at the latest. Hosts may use up to 2 hours before the event for set-up and up to 2 hours after the event for pack-down.
Road use	Likely to involve a road/street closure if suitable and approved. Main roads, bus routes and emergency routes may not be suitable.

3. Why residents may want to get involved

- **Support wellbeing:** give people an opportunity to interact outside their homes and reduce isolation.
- **Celebrate Newham:** showcase the borough's diversity, neighbourliness and local pride.
- **Build connections:** meet people locally, welcome new residents and strengthen community ties.
- **Fun activities:** offer simple, inclusive activities that families and neighbours can enjoy together.

4. Before you apply

Before submitting an expression of interest, residents should speak with neighbours so that people on the street know about the plans, can share views, and have the chance to get involved.

- Chat informally with a few neighbours first to test the idea.
- Let residents on the street know what you are proposing, for example by leaflet, conversation, online/chat group or local meeting.
- Agree the proposed timings for Sunday 20 September 2026. Street Parties must not start before 12:00pm and must conclude by 5:00pm, with hosts able to set up 2 hours before and clear away up to 2 hours after these times.

- Keep a simple record of who has been consulted, any issues raised and how concerns will be managed.
- Check whether the street may be suitable for a temporary closure. Main roads, bus routes and key emergency routes may not be suitable.

Important approval note

Your Street Party must be approved by the Council before it can take place. Residents should not assume approval until they receive confirmation.

5. What the grant can support

The £650 Street Party grant is intended to help with reasonable costs linked to delivering a free, inclusive and resident-led celebration. Below are examples of what the grant can be spent on.

- Publicity and printed materials for residents on the street.
- Basic decorations, tables or small equipment that supports the event.
- Children's activities or simple play materials.
- Refreshments where these are free to residents and managed safely.
- Accessibility-related support that helps more residents take part.
- Appropriate Public Liability insurance for the event, typically costing between £30 and £100.

6. What funding should not be used for

- Alcohol or gambling-related activity.
- Political activity or publicity designed to affect support for a political party.
- Religious promotion or religious activity.
- Commercial sale of goods, paid-for food or paid-for drink.
- Costs incurred before a grant offer is confirmed.

7. Safety, access and neighbourliness

Applicants should show that the event will be safe, inclusive and considerate of local residents. The Council will ask for details of how risks will be managed, how residents have been consulted and how access will be maintained.

- **Event timings:** Street Parties must not start before 12:00pm and must finish by 5:00pm at the latest. Hosts may use up to 2 hours before the event for set-up and up to 2 hours after the event for pack-down.
- **Road closures:** include the exact road or section of road, including door numbers where relevant.
- **Stewards:** if a road closure is required, stewards should be agreed for closure points and vehicles needing access should be escorted safely.

- **Insurance:** hosts must obtain appropriate Public Liability insurance for the event. The grant money can be used to purchase this, which typically costs between £30 and £100.
- **Risk assessment:** successful applicants will be required to submit a risk assessment for their event. The Council will organise free Event Risk Management Training for all successful applicants to help them prepare this.
- **Emergency access:** access for emergency vehicles must be maintained at all times.
- **Noise:** if music or entertainment is planned, explain how noise will be kept reasonable for residents nearby.
- **Food safety:** if food or drink is provided, explain how hygiene and allergens will be managed.
- **Accessibility:** think about older residents, disabled residents, families with young children and people who may need quieter or more accessible arrangements.
- **Sustainability:** avoid unnecessary waste, reduce single-use plastics and consider local suppliers where possible.

8. What information residents will need to provide

The expression of interest should be short and practical. It should give the Council enough information to understand who is organising the event, where it would happen, whether residents have been consulted, and what support is being requested.

- **Organisers:** main organiser and second organiser contact details.
- **Event details:** confirm that you are applying for a Mayor's Street Party taking place on Sunday 20 September 2026 and provide the proposed timings.
- **Location and access:** proposed street or road section, any road closure needs, and how emergency access will be maintained.
- **Budget and delivery:** the amount requested, what it will pay for, expected attendance, accessibility arrangements and any stewardship, safety or risk assessment plans.
- **Community support:** how neighbours have been informed and any concerns have been considered
- **Evidence of insurance:** Send a copy of an appropriate Public Liability insurance to minimum value of £5M
- **Risk Assessment:** Successful applicants will be required to submit a Risk Assessment for the event and be responsible for a safe event ensuring that risks are mitigated as best as possible
- **Monitoring & Evaluation:** Successful applicants will be required to submit records of expenditure, attendance and provide feedback

Tip for applicants

A clear, simple expression of interest is better than a long application. Explain what you want to do, who it is for, how neighbours have been involved and how the event will be kept safe and welcoming.

9. How the Council will review expressions of interest

The Council will review applications after the expression of interest period closes on Monday 31 August 2026 at 11:00pm and confirm which locations can go ahead. We will endeavor to get back to all applicants by Friday 4 September 2026. Where there are several applications in the same area, the Council may encourage partnership working or select locations to support a fair spread across Newham. Successful applicants will receive the grant funds on the week beginning Monday 7 September 2026.

- The proposal is resident-led and based in Newham.
- The event is free, welcoming and open to the local community.
- The chosen street or location appears suitable for the proposed activity.
- Neighbours have been consulted and any issues have been considered.
- The budget is reasonable and linked to eligible event costs.
- The event can be delivered safely, accessibly and with appropriate stewardship.
- Council staff will be deployed to ensure compliance with grant conditions and a safe event

10. Apply, Useful links and Contacts

- To apply for the Mayor's Street Party programme please visit [Mayor's Street Party Application](#)
- You can contact CommunityGrants@newham.gov.uk for queries relating to Mayor's Street Party
- For residents interested in organising 'Play Street' in Newham, please visit the dedicated webpage - [Play Streets – Newham Council](#)