

## Stay warm this winter

Free winter help is available if you're over 65, on a low income or have a long-term health condition.



Vulnerable people are more at risk of getting seriously ill in the winter months. The free 'green doctor' service helps you make your home energy-efficient and install energy-saving tools. You can also get impartial advice on how to pay less for your electricity or gas, as well as income support and debt advice.

Call 0808 169 1779 or visit [www.cact.org.uk/swtw](http://www.cact.org.uk/swtw).

## Eyes on the prize

Young people across the borough are celebrating after winning prestigious awards.

### Science prize success

Three home-schooled Year 11 students won the intermediate category of The Big Bang Competition. Thaddeus Allison, Dylan O'Connor and Sam O'Connor created a slow-release fertiliser converted from urine and squash seeds.



### Two teens win Fashion Futures Final

George Howie, 19, and Maria Silva, 17, were joint winners of the 2019 Fashion Futures Final. Their designs explored sustainability and humans' relationship with the natural world.



### Volunteering award for Forest Hill School

Student and staff members of Forest Hill School's Equality Group won a Mayor of London's Volunteering Award. Their LGBTQ+ work includes training, events promotion and school policy development.



## News in brief

### New ward boundaries proposed

Proposed changes to ward boundaries in Lewisham will be published on 17 December. Look at the proposals and give your feedback before 2 March. Visit [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

### Safer neighbourhoods

Get help, support and advice on setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme in your area from the Council's neighbourhood watch and scams prevention officer. Visit [www.lewisham.gov.uk/neighbourhoodwatch](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/neighbourhoodwatch) or email [selvin.reid@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:selvin.reid@lewisham.gov.uk).

### Bin collections at Christmas

Rubbish collections are affected by the bank holidays. Between 25 and 29 December, collections will be two days late (so if your rubbish is normally collected on a Friday, it will be collected on Sunday). Between 1 and 4 January, collections will be one day late (so if your rubbish is normally collected on a Friday, it will be collected on Saturday).

### Free Christmas parking

Shoppers will be able to park free of charge all day in all council-run car parks on Saturdays 7, 14 and 21 December. Free car parking is only available in car parks that are managed by Lewisham Council. It does not include on-street parking, Lewisham Shopping Centre (which is privately owned) or Blackheath Station car park (owned by Network Rail). See [www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeparking](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeparking) for a list of all participating council car parks.