**2023 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR COVER ARRANGEMENTS – COUNCIL & VCS**

London Borough of Merton Services**:**

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| **Council Service** | **Opening Hours** | **Additional Details** |
| Council Tax & Benefits | Operating as usual - no service on bank holidays. | Residents are reminded that Council Tax & Benefits does not operate a face-to-face service at the Civic Centre |
| Libraries | Operating as usual - no service on bank holidays |  |
| Locality Team | Operating as usual - no service on bank holidays Calls taken from 9am – 1pm | Contact email address is: asclocalityduty@merton.gov.uk |
| Mascot | Operating as usual, including on bank holidays |  |
| Supported Living Services | Operating as usual, including on bank holidays |  |
| All Saints Day Centre | Open as usual until Afternoon on 22nd December 2023. Re-opening Tuesday 2nd January. | All Saints clients requiring the service will be able to use the Leyton Road Day Centre. |
| Leyton Road Day Centre, JMC Day Centre & Eastway Day Centre | Operating as usual – no service on bank holidays |  |
| ASC First Response | Operating as usual – no service on bank holidays - TBC | Telephone lines open 9.30 to 1.30 – Crisis Line after 1.30 for Emergencies only 07903 235282 |
| Merton Integrated Learning & Transition Teams | Operating as usual – no service on bank holidays | Out of hours and bank holiday contact can be made via the Adult Emergency Duty Team on 02087705000 |

Merton Voluntary and Community Sector Services:

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| **Organisation** | **Opening Hours** | **Additional Details** |
| Citizens Advice Merton & Lambeth | 25 Dec – 1 Jan: Closed2 Jan onwards | t: 0808 278 7831w: <https://www.caml.org.uk/> |
| Merton Community Hub | Usual opening hours up until and including Friday 22nd December.23rd-26th December CLOSED27th-29th December Open 10am-4pm30th-1st January CLOSED2nd January Resume usual hours 10am-4pm. | Residents are advised to call MASCOT (020 8543 9750) if they require urgent help on the days where the Merton Community Hub is closed |
| Merton Community Fridge (Sustainable Merton) | 25 & 26 Dec: Closed27 Dec: OPEN28 Dec to 2 Jan: Closed3 Jan: Open 4:30pm-5:30 pm 4 Jan: Open 1:30pm-2:30 pm | The Merton Community Fridge at Morden Baptist Church (Crown Lane, SM4 5BL) will be open only 1 day during Christmas Week e: communityfridge@sustainablemerton.orgw: https://www.sustainablemerton.org/communityfridge |
| Wimbledon Foodbank(Trussell Trust) | Elim Wimbledon - Closed 25th, 26th, 28th December and Closed 1st January.Elim Mitcham - Closed Saturday 23rd, 30th and 6th Jan.Morden Baptist Church - Closed 27th December.Mitcham Merton Grow Baby - Closed 26th and 28th December.Pollards Hill Baptist Church - Remains open as normal. | The Pollards Hill Baptist Church foodbank will remain open throughout the holiday period, with foodbanks on Wednesday 27 and Friday 29 December. All other Wimbledon Foodbank locations (including Merton Growbaby) will be closed from 23 December and will resume usual service on 3 January.t: 020 8544 0126e: wimbledonfoodbank@gmail.com w: https://wimbledon.foodbank.org.uk/ |
| Power Church Centre Food Bank | Closed on Thursday the 28/12/23 and Thursday the 04/01/24. Re-open on Thursday the 11/01/24. We will be opened to receive deliveries from DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP | t: 07909486846e: pccheadoffice@gmail.com |
| Association for Polish Family PYZA | 18 Dec – 2 Jan: Advice service closed20 Dec: Community Fridge open22 Dec – 2 Jan: Centre closed 3 Jan onwards: Open as usual | The bilingual Ukrainian support service will be closed from 22 December – 3 January. The WhatsApp/Viber contact for Ukrainians will be available throughout the holiday period for emergencies only (e.g. housing/homelessness, domestic violence). |
| Dons Local Action Group | Available throughout the holiday period | As usual, Dons Local Action Group will be available every day over the holiday period for emergency food parcels, including Christmas Day.t: 0203 301 4511e: info@donslocalaction.org w: <https://donslocalaction.org/>  |
| Springfield Advice and Law Centre | Main office at Springfield Hospital, will be open up to 5pm on 22nd December, then open on 27th & 28th December (but with skeleton service between 10am to 4pm only)Closed on 29th December and then re-open at 9am on 2nd January 2024. |  |
| Merton Dementia Hub CR4 4AB(Alzheimer’s Society) | 23 Dec – 27 Dec: Closed28 Dec – 30 Dec: Open31 Dec – 2 Jan: Closed3 Jan onwards: Open as usual | t: 020 8687 0922e: Merton@alzheimers.org.uk |
| Commonside Trust (New Horizon Centre CR4 1LT) | 23 Dec – 5th January: ClosedJan 5th onwards: open as usual | This year we are taking a complete break and the New Horizon Centre will be closed to the public throughout this period. There will be some emergency support run behind the scenes and we will share an emergency number with networked colleagues. The New Horizon Centre will fully reopen on 5th January.t: 020 8764 9582w: <https://commonside.net/>  |
| Friends in St Heliers | 15 Dec – 2 Jan: Closed3 Jan onwards: Open as usual | t: 0208 640 0829e: fish.morden@gmail.comw:<http://www.friendsinsthelier.co.uk/> |
| Merton Centre for Independent Living | 22 Dec at 3pm – 1 Jan: Closed2 Jan onwards: Open as usual, 9am |  |
| Merton Mencap | Merton Mencap activities take a break from Friday 22 December until Tuesday 2 January | For details of support see:W: [www.mertonmencap.org.uk](http://www.mertonmencap.org.uk)T: 020 3963 0599E: info.merton@mertonmencap.org.uk  |
| Carers Support Merton | CSM will be closed from 2pm on Friday 22nd December and will re-open 10am Tuesday 2nd January. | Information will be added to the website of local and national organisations open over the Christmas to support Carers.W: [http://www.csmerton.org](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http%3A/www.csmerton.org/__;!!MOeJA3Fs6wML0Q!GRx29SMhX97i_oxr4dlmWHKBJzpM0-6nP36RPHIf8Dib0E0iczTm879u5BkKp7DmLfMEiTNYP70UmxhrPjG4dA$) |
| Merton Community Transport | 24 Dec – 1 Jan: Closed2 Jan onwards: Open as usual | t: 020 8648 1001e: info@mct.uk.comw: https://mct.uk.com/ |
| Age UK Merton  | 23 Dec – 1 Jan: Closed2 Jan onwards: Open as usual | t: 020 8648 5792e: info@ageukmerton.org.uk w: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/merton/> |
| South West London Law Centres  | Cost of Living, Money and Debt Emergency service: OPEN:18 Dec to 22 Dec 10am to 2pm 27 Dec to 29 Dec 10am to 2pm2 Jan 10am to 2pm Other services:Offices closed to the public from 25 December to 1 January (inclusive). During this time, we will not be conducting in-person consultations, and our main reception phone line will be temporarily closed.For urgent matters that require immediate attention, we will provide a limited reception service on the following dates:27 Dec: 11am – 2pm28 Dec: 11am – 2pm29 Dec: 11am – 2pmThe main reception phone line will be closed during these hours. However, we will be actively responding to email enquiries and handling urgent matters. Community one-off advice programme will have no appointments available from 18 December to 5 January.If you require assistance with debt-related matters, our line for debt advice appointments will remain open throughout the holiday season. Turn Up Tuesdays will be closed on 19 December, 26 December, and 2 January, resuming on 9 January. Housing Advice Helpline will be closed on 28 December but will be open on 21 December and 4 January. | South West London Law Centres t: 0808 109 8032e:  debt@swllc.org w: [https://swllc.org/](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/swllc.org/__;!!MOeJA3Fs6wML0Q!FTpId0tmen84CBfVZaAKYEDa4gvmlxjxEENB1y-vXNCLHxwGG6G8pfqeWOguvWLzGukfssh93ztQM4LtBBGfFcGENPY$) |
| Thinking Works | December 18th to 22nd – open as usual 9am-5pm23rd / 24th / 25th / 26th – CLOSED27th December – 29th December open 9am-5pm – Skeleton service only (Fuel vouchers / urgent cases) 30th / 31st Dec / 1st Jan – CLOSED2nd Jan onwards usual service weekdays 9am-5pm |  |
| Merton and Morden Guild | The Guild will CLOSED at 3.00pm on Friday 22nd December and reopen on Wednesday 3rd January at 10.00am. | For urgent contact please ring 07803080925. |
| Alexandra Pub | Free lunch for anyone alone on Christmas Day | 33 Wimbledon Hill Road SW19 7NE |
| Churches Together in Mitcham | The Christmas Day lunch Vestry Hall, on Monday 25th December 2023, from 11:00am -4:00pm | Vestry Hall 336-338 London Road, CR4 3UDPlaces must be booked in advance. No chargeTo book call 07841 691 466 or email b-mary@hotmail.co.uk |