

## Community Voice

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### Southall Community Awards 2023



SCA arranged our third Southall Community Awards evening on Saturday 25th November at Featherstone High School.

We had received a wide range of nominations of individuals, teams and businesses and awards were presented to a diverse group of recipients.

The evening began with some opening remarks by Harsev Bains, SCA Chair and Cllr Mohinder Midha, former Mayor of Ealing.

We also had an excellent musical presentation by children from the Featherstone Primary School choir.

The awards were presented by Aman and Monica Jaswal, Cllr Midha and Lewis Adams.

There were numerous very worthy awards and at the end we had two legacy awards to the late Avtar Singh Lit and the legendary 'Godfather of Bhangra' Channi Singh.

We started the Community Awards in 2021 following the pandemic and wanted to provide a platform to appreciate the work of local volunteers. The event has grown each year and we look forward to another great event next year.

Thanks to Harsev, Kamaljeet, our sponsors, trustees and our wonderful volunteers who made it all possible.



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## Greenford High School Food Support



Greenford High School is the latest school we have been working with to provide food support to needy Southall families.

The food delivery took place on 21st November and headteacher, Mia Pye and staff are pictured taking the delivery.

Unfortunately, food poverty is a major problem for many Southall families and some schools receive donations from external providers to ensure that there is enough food for school children.

SCA recognises the scale of this problem and has been using the assistance provided through Ealing Council's Household Support grant to help local families.

## 'Smash It' Badminton Competition

The 'Smash It' mixed doubles badminton competition took place today 26th November and, as ever, we had a really fun and competitive event.

SCA has been arranging this badminton competition for some years to give local players the chance to compete in an enjoyable format.

We arrange the competition with the excellent support of Renegades Badminton Club at Greenford Sports Centre.

Congratulations to the eventual competition winners, Vineet and Lauren and many thanks to Sandria for her constant help in arranging the competition.



## NFL Flag at Havelock Primary



SCA have recently started delivering weekly after-school NFL Flag sessions with children at Havelock Primary School.

This is the non-contact version of American football that is growing in popularity at many schools.

The children at Havelock Primary are really enthusiastic and we have received first class support from the staff, including Tamara Schai.

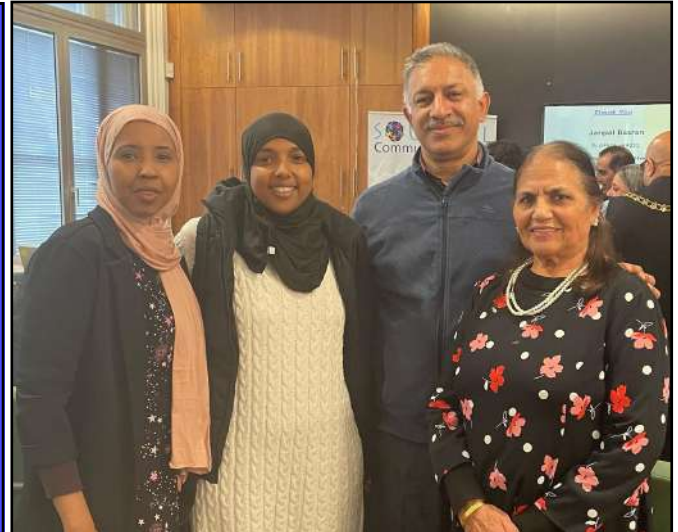
Our 'Touchdown Southall' sports project is funded by the NFL Foundation UK and is being delivered at a number of other Southall schools.



## Southall Connect launch

SCA has just started a four-year project called 'Southall Connect' which is funded by Ealing Council and involves 12 partners working around Southall to arrange activities that tackle social isolation and improve health and well-being.

The launch event began with some opening remarks by Councillor Hitesh Tailor, the Mayor of Ealing and Cllr Jasbir Anand. This was followed by Kashmir Takhar from the Council explaining the purpose of the grant funding. Following a presentation by SCA there were short presentations from partners : GOSAD, Havelock Family Centre and Voice of Women.



## History at Three Bridges & Greenford High



SCA visited Three Bridges School on 15/11/23 to arrange a history session with their Year 6 children.

During a question and answer session with Suresh Grover the children were very involved and asked some amazing questions.

We then worked with the pupils as they began making some history badges as part of an arts initiative.

Many thanks to Laura Fletcher and staff at school and also thanks to a great team involving Mahenderpal and Danyal, who assisted in filming the visit.

We returned to Three Bridge Primary School on Wednesday 12th December and arranged an art and history workshop.

We worked with approximately 60 children in two classrooms and supervised them as they produced some amazing and colourful designs about the 1970's, with some particularly fantastic images involving Blair Peach and Gurdeep Singh Chaggar.

This schools project is funded by John Lyons Charity and is aimed at improving understanding of local history and activism so that we can build pride in Southall.



## Southall Santa in Ealing

Contact Ealing held their annual Christmas party in Ealing on 16th December and Janpal dressed up as Santa to help give out presents to many children.

The children were great and the Contact staff very friendly and helpful, as pictured. Many thanks to Brigitte, Winnie and others.

Contact Ealing work with families who have children with a disability and it is great credit to them that they are able to arrange such lovely gatherings.



## SCA Christmas Party & Community Forum



SCA arranged our Christmas party on Friday 15th December and combined it with our last community forum of the year.

It was a nice end of year gathering and everyone enjoyed the food, festivities and opportunity to network informally.

The community forum was a relatively short meeting and had updates about new SCA work from Niharika Batra and a presentation about paediatric speech and therapy services in Ealing.

Seasons greetings to all our friends and partners and we look forward to working with you all in 2024!

## Community Connections in Northolt

Colleagues from Golden Opportunities Skills & Development (GOSAD) arranged a fantastic launch event for their new community connections project in the GNP area.

The launch took place at Northolt Village Community Centre on 22nd November and many familiar colleagues and friends were present, including Mr Haji from Samafal Community Association and Yuusuf Guuled from HADEA.

Ealing Council have funded community connections work in four different areas of the borough from 2023—27. The main aim of this funding is to bring people and communities together to reduce social isolation.



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