



Anthony Walker, the chairman of Edwardes Square Scarsdale & Abingdon Association, receives a Gold Standard certificate from the Mayor of the Royal Borough, Cllr Christopher Buckmaster

Gold Standard Residents' Associations

Four residents associations reflecting the diverse and varied nature of the Royal Borough received Gold Standard Awards for their work to improve the quality of life in their communities and make the borough a better place in which to live. Gold Standard Awards were presented to Edwardes Square Scarsdale & Abingdon Association (ESSA), Chelsea Association of Tenants (CATS), Stable Way Residents' Association and Beaufort Gardens Knightsbridge Residents' Association at a ceremony in Kensington Town Hall by the Council's Cabinet Member for Civil Society, Cllr Rock Feilding-Mellen.

Congratulating the winners, he said: "Your work undoubtedly helps improve the quality of life in your communities and also in the borough. Recognising and rewarding the good work that residents' and tenants' associations continues to be one of my priorities and I want to actively encourage all tenant and resident associations in the borough to seek and attain the Gold Standard." As well as the award, each association gets a grant of £500 to spend on a project it feels would benefit the association or its local area.

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Funding Approved for Kensington Central Library refurbishment

Built in the 1960s, the Kensington Central Library is in desperate need of a major overhaul. Therefore, updating the electrics, installing a new energy-efficient ventilation system, new hot and cold water systems, new rainwater services and refurbishing the lifts are all featured in the latest plans to modernise the building, something which was recently approved by the Royal Borough's Cabinet. A total of £5.8 million has been earmarked for the project which will ensure that the building can continue to meet the needs of the community for the next 20 years, at least. Although there will inevitably be some disruption to the library services, the Council is promising to keep this to an absolute minimum and ensure that as much work as possible gets done outside of library opening times. The works will also mean improved office facilities for library staff and also turn under-used parts into further offices, unlocking the potential for renting much needed office space to the local business community.

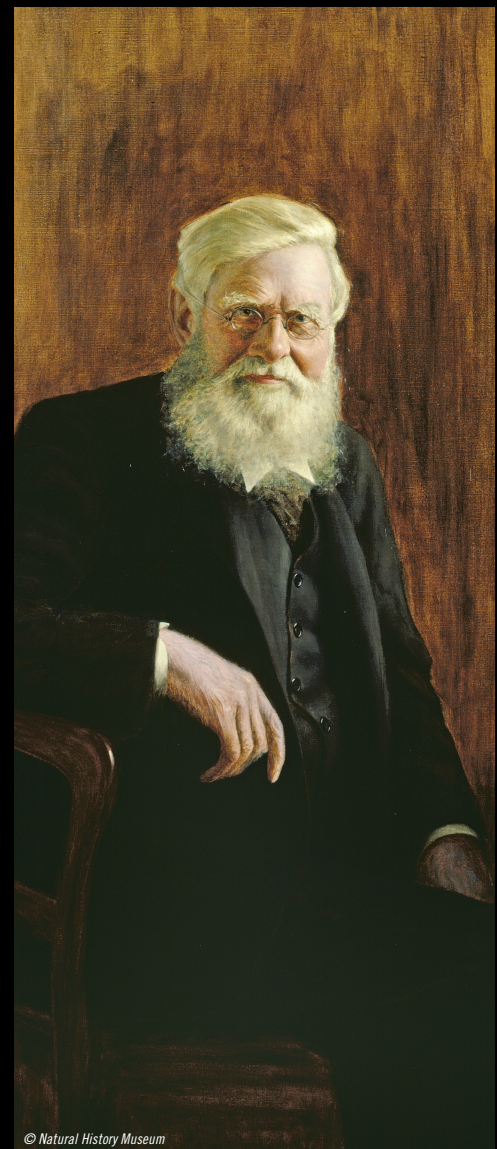
Visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/centralworks for the most up-to-date information

Wallace100 Exhibition at the Natural History Museum

This year marks 100 years since the death of Alfred Russell Wallace, considered by many to be one of the greatest scientists of all time. Wallace independently discovered natural selection and founded evolutionary biogeography. To mark the life of this iconic legend, the Natural History Museum is launching a programme of events to mark this significant anniversary, named Wallace100.

Sir David Attenborough has agreed to be the Patron of the Wallace Correspondence Project and Wallace Letters, which has more than 4,000 of his manuscript letters on show to the public. Attenborough was deeply inspired to achieve great things in the realm of natural history because of Wallace's work and this is why he feels it is important to celebrate his life. Families can follow a Wallace Discovery Trail and take part in lively, interactive Nature Live talks about Wallace in the Attenborough Studio. Lectures discussing Wallace's life and work will also be held by leading biologists and historians for adults.

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