



Lord Hendy (centre), Cllr Olszewski and representatives of community organisations officially open the Hub.

YOUR EUSTON COMMUNITY HUB IS OPEN

A new community hub and information point located in the heart of Euston was officially opened in July.

The ceremony was attended by the Rail Minister, Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill, and Cllr Richard Olszewski, the Leader of Camden Council, as well as residents and community organisations.

Located on the ground floor of the former Maria Fidelis school on North Gower Street, the Euston Community Hub was established by the Euston Partnership, a collection of organisations working together on the redevelopment of the Euston area.

The Euston Community Hub is a welcoming space where local groups and public services can run activities, host events and connect with residents. It's designed to support community-led projects and bring people together.

Speaking at the launch event, **Rail Minister, Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill** said:

"I am so pleased to see the work already happening to support residents through a range of activities to improve health, mental and physical wellbeing, and offering support towards employment and youth empowerment."

The Euston Community Hub will also serve as a central information point for residents and passengers, providing regular updates and

engagement opportunities about plans to redevelop Euston. It will ensure direct communication between the community and project partners as one of the UK's most significant regeneration projects moves forward.

Cllr Richard Olszewski, Leader of Camden Council, also commented:

"The opening of the Euston Community Hub is fantastic news for local residents, and we're proud to have worked with our partners and the community to bring this space to life.

"It will provide a space for residents to learn more about the future of Euston and help shape what's to come – including jobs, new affordable homes, green spaces, and more community facilities."

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WELCOME TO THE NEW EUSTON COMMUNITY HUB

Right in the heart of Euston, your Community Hub has quickly become a lively and welcoming space where residents can work, play, meet, discuss and discover.

Since opening this summer, the Hub has hosted hundreds of residents, community groups and service providers, all coming together to share ideas, run programmes and support one another.

From job coaching and health checks to youth-led events and family activities, here's how community groups have been using the Hub to make a difference — and what it's meant to the people who've taken part.



Enjoying a cup of tea and a chat after aerobics.

Third Age Project

From women's aerobics in the Old Gym to strength training for older gentlemen, the Third Age Project brings movement, connection and purpose to older adults in Euston.

As a leading Camden charity, it tackles social isolation by creating welcoming spaces and activities where people can meet, move and thrive — now with a vibrant new home in the Euston Community Hub.

"We're proud to have moved our Strong Body, Strong Minds and Men's Shed programmes into the Hub. The change has already been transformative. We've seen the return of members we hadn't connected with since before the pandemic, many of whom can now attend thanks to the Hub's location and accessibility."

— Naomi, Third Age Project

Regent's Park Time Bank

Over the summer holidays, Regent's Park Time Bank made the Euston Community Hub a lively and supportive space for local families.

From family yoga and slime-making to storytelling and puppet workshops, their free sessions offered parents and children a chance to spend quality time together, share a free meal, connect with others, and take part in creative activities.

"Our family activities at the Euston Community Hub have become a real lifeline for many local families during the summer holidays. We know that for a lot of parents, the long break can feel isolating and financially stressful. We see children building confidence, parents making new friendships, and families discovering free local resources they didn't know existed."

— Fatema, Regent's Park Time Bank



Science and slime making at the Hub.



Hopscotch employment advice sessions.

Hopscotch

Twice a week at the Euston Community Hub, Hopscotch, a respected Camden charity, supports local people to build confidence and take steps toward employment. Through CV writing workshops, interview preparation, and one-to-one coaching in the Hub's private spaces, Hopscotch helps residents tackle barriers to work and explore new opportunities.

"I came to the Hub with low confidence, but Hopscotch helped me improve my CV and prepare for interviews. Their support made all the difference. I felt ready, applied for a job, and got it. This has improved my life and there are better opportunities for the future."

— JN, Euston Resident

Greenlight Pharmacy Euston

Around the corner from the Hub, on Drummond Street, Greenlight Pharmacy saw an opportunity to bring its successful community health and wellbeing model to Euston. They've used the Hub to create a welcoming space where residents can focus on both physical and mental wellbeing through peer support groups, informal health checks and group activities that encourage conversation and connection.

"It's not always easy for men to talk about health, but this group is different. Greenlight Pharmacy make it friendly and informal — I got my blood pressure checked in the Hub and learned so much about staying healthy there."

— Moksud, Euston Community Member



Moksud keeping fit and healthy at the Hub.

Fitzrovia Youth in Action

Whether they're planning cultural events, discussing issues like housing and community safety, or simply meeting to connect, Fitzrovia Youth in Action uses the Euston Community Hub as a safe and welcoming space for young people to get involved in their local area. With a focus on youth-led social action, the Hub gives them room to collaborate, express themselves, and make a positive impact.

"It's been so great to have the sports hall and the Hub. It's really changed how our sessions feel. It's colourful, comfortable, and playing badminton to get our energy going is great. We all say how much we like being in this space."

— FYA Young Guardian



FYA holding a community safety session.

BEHIND THE HOARDINGS



WORK UPDATES: STATION WORK SITES

Mace Dragados Joint Venture (MDJV) continues with critical preparatory work to enable the delivery of the future Euston station. This work includes utility diversions and site preparation. For more updates, search 'HS2 in Camden' online.

1. Archaeological excavations

MDJV will soon begin to excavate the final section of the former burial ground of St James's Gardens. To ensure this work is conducted with the highest standards of dignity, care and respect, MDJV is building a large white canopy to fully enclose the area. The work is due to be completed in spring 2026.

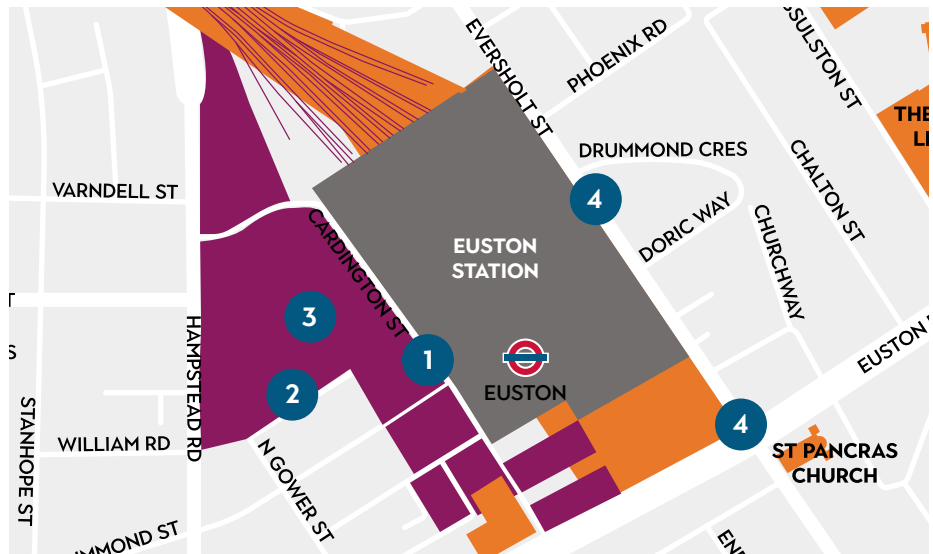
2. UKPN electricity substation

A new UKPN electricity substation is being installed behind their hoardings next to the Exmouth Arms pub on Starcross Street. This work is expected to finish in early 2026.

MDJV has built several new substations to support future works and to get them up and running, they're also installing underground power cables and ducting nearby. These works are essential to safely connect the substations to the wider network and help keep everything powered as construction progresses. To do that, MDJV might need to move site hoardings and create diversions for pedestrians. These works will be taking place until 2027.

3. Completion of retaining wall

MDJV is continuing to build a retaining wall within the station footprint. This structure will stabilise the area and enable a new internal vehicle route, supporting future phases of construction. The work is expected to be completed in spring 2026. Once the retaining



wall is in place, MDJV will progress with further enabling activities across the location to prepare for upcoming works.

4. Utility works on Eversholt Street and Euston Road

MDJV has been carrying out small trial hole investigations to check the location of underground pipes and cables. These trial holes help MDJV plan future works more safely and efficiently.

MDJV will be doing further surveys using existing manholes in the area. These will take place at various locations along Eversholt Street from late September 2025 through to early 2026.

How MDJV monitors impacts on buildings

HS2 Ltd is committed to protecting local buildings and addressing any issues that may arise because of construction works. MDJV, as its contractor, monitors the impacts

of noise and vibrations to buildings before and during construction, and applies appropriate mitigation measures to minimise impacts. Each monitoring device, called a prism, is positioned on buildings, about 3–4 metres off the ground, and about 10 metres apart. Monitoring devices are small, roughly 15cm x 20cm, and are used to collect data to identify issues such as building movement.

Pay it forward

For the third year in a row, MDJV and Network Rail are continuing their 'pay it forward' initiative on Euston Station's forecourt.

The stand is open to anyone in need, offering warm items of clothing that can be freely taken to help people stay warm during colder months.

If you'd like to donate, they're asking for clean, warm clothing in good condition. You can either leave items directly on the stand or contact enquiries@macedragados.com to arrange a drop-off.

WORK UPDATES: EUSTON APPROACHES

Following the HS2 reset announced in March 2025, HS2 is rescheduling works in the Euston Cavern and Euston Scissor Cut areas. The Skanska Costain STRABAG Joint Venture (SCSJV) will continue as planned with utilities diversions, Granby Terrace bridge and Hampstead Road bridge works, and some tunnelling enabling works. SCSJV will also continue to monitor properties and carry out protective works. For more updates, search 'HS2 in Camden' online.

Area wide works

SCSJV needs to divert the utilities on Hampstead Road before it can begin work to construct the new Hampstead Road bridge. With Granby Terrace bridge now extended, SCSJV is diverting the utilities on Hampstead Road across Granby Terrace bridge. These works will be completed by early 2026. Each phase will require road, lane or footpath closures and parking bay suspensions.

SCSJV previously installed new cable routes from Lidlington Place to Varndell Street via Granby Terrace. This is to replace the existing route next to Hampstead Road. Now that the ducting to house the cables has been installed, the next stage is to pull the cables through the pipes underground. SCSJV will complete the cable pulling in seven phases between May 2025 and February 2026.

1. Euston Cavern and Scissor Cut

Due to the HS2 programme reset, there are no current works planned in the Euston Cavern and Euston Scissor Cut area. SCSJV expects to continue works in this area from early 2027.

2. Granby Terrace bridge

The Granby Terrace bridge deck extension was completed in November 2024 and finishing works are due to be completed by winter 2025.

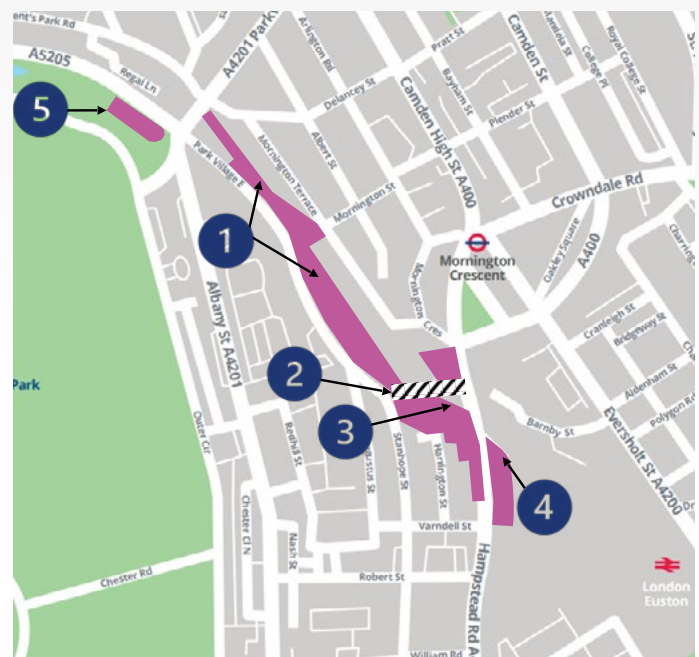
SCSJV are continuing works to redirect utilities off Hampstead Road and onto the bridge. For safety, some of this work must be done during the night at weekends when the tracks below are not in use.

SCSJV cannot safely open the bridge to vehicles or pedestrians while carrying out major construction works in this area, therefore the bridge will remain closed to the public until construction works in the Euston Approaches are complete.

SCSJV will endeavour to carry out noisy works during the day, and quieter works at night.

3. Euston Throat

In March 2025, works began to remove a section of the Network Rail retaining wall. Due to the proximity of the wall to the live railway, SCSJV will continue to adjust scaffolding along the railway tracks to allow them to complete work safely during core working hours. Works are expected to be completed by winter 2025.



4. Hampstead Road (Zone 5)

From spring 2026, SCSJV will start to set up the site ahead of piling work, which will include the installation of cabins and electrical connections. There will be a site office and welfare building connected to mains power.

5. Vehicle Holding Area (VHA)

The VHA will be in operation until major construction works are complete. This avoids lorries queueing in streets near worksites.

EUSTON STATION'S NEWEST RECRUIT RUFFLES FEATHERS

Euston has welcomed a new feathery member of the station team in Oscar, a Harris hawk.

Oscar has been visiting the station once a week over the past few months with his handler, at varying times, to carry out 'pigeon patrols' aimed at deterring pigeons from setting up home at the station.

Pigeons have become a persistent issue at the station, often roosting, nesting, and feeding in areas used by passengers. Oscar provides a humane solution, he doesn't harm the birds but acts as a natural deterrent. His presence alone is enough to discourage pigeons from settling in, helping to create a cleaner, safer environment for everyone using the station.



Oscar and his handler, Adel Letchford

Matt Ferguson, Senior Station Interface Manager for London Euston, said:

"We're always looking for innovative ways to improve the station environment for our passengers, and Oscar is already proving to be a valuable member of the team.

"We've already seen a noticeable drop in pigeon activity, helping us keep the station cleaner and more welcoming for everyone."

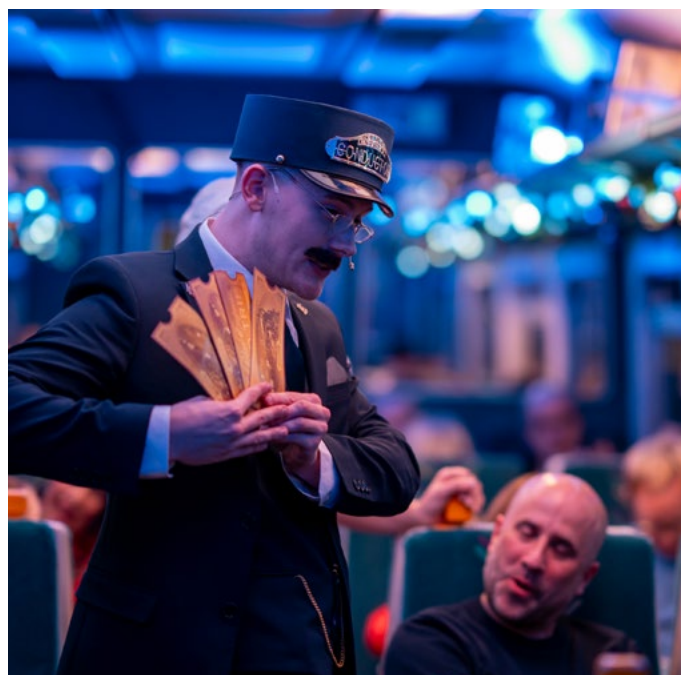
THE POLAR EXPRESS IS COMING TO EUSTON

This Christmas, London Euston will host The Polar Express Train Ride, a festive experience based on the popular book and film.

Running from 5 to 23 December, the event offers families a chance to board a specially themed train and enjoy a short theatrical journey towards the "North Pole".

The experience includes storytelling, music, and a visit from Santa, who gives each guest a silver sleigh bell. It's designed to be fun for children and nostalgic for adults, with hot chocolate and cookies served on board.

Tickets are available and are expected to sell quickly.



For more details or to book, visit:
Londonthepolarexpressride.com

NEW EUSTON SKILLS YARD OFFERS TRAINING AND GUARANTEED JOB INTERVIEWS

In September, Camden Council launched the Euston Skills Yard, a new outdoor training hub that expands the existing Euston Skills Centre and creates more opportunities for residents to access local jobs with construction industry leaders.



Cllr Richard Olszewski, Alan Morris and HS2's 900th apprentice Leon Line

The Skills Yard is a purpose-built outdoor training space on the Euston HS2 site that has been delivered in partnership with HS2, Skills People, and construction employers from HS2's supply chain. It will be used to deliver skills courses in civil engineering, groundworks, and construction operations. The courses have been co-designed with construction industry leaders to meet current skills shortages and workforce needs, with a guaranteed job interview for those who complete the course.

Cllr Richard Olszewski, Leader of Camden Council, said:

"The opening of this new facility is great news for our residents. Alongside the Euston Skills Centre, the Skills Yard will create excellent opportunities for our residents to gain the skills that construction employers need right now — and with it, a direct route into work.

"We've worked with HS2 to open up part of the Euston site for this facility and with major employers in HS2's supply chain to offer guaranteed job interviews. This is about making sure our residents see real benefits from the redevelopment in Euston here and now, as well as in the years to come."

Alan Morris, HS2 Ltd's Construction Delivery Director, said:

"HS2 has already helped over 5,000 unemployed people into work, and nearly 2,000 people have secured an apprenticeship.

"Upskilling now will place Camden residents in a strong position to benefit from the breadth of jobs that will be created when construction of the new high-speed station, and the wider redevelopment of Euston, begins."

The Skills Yard builds on the success of the Euston Skills Centre, which opened in February 2024 and is providing more than 150 apprenticeships and 150 jobs a year in construction and green technologies.

Together, the two facilities will train skilled workers who can access local jobs in the construction industry and help deliver the regeneration of Euston.

Camden residents can find out more about the training, apprenticeship and job opportunities at the Euston Skills Centre and Skills Yard by visiting goodwork.camden.gov.uk.

REGENT'S PARK ESTATE STORY TRAIL BRINGS LOCAL VOICES TO THE STREETS

A new public art trail was launched earlier this year on Regent's Park Estate, transforming the neighbourhood into an immersive celebration of local stories, creativity, and community spirit.

The Regent's Park Estate Story Trail is a resident-led project produced by Old Diorama Arts Centre (ODAC), working in close collaboration with local people. The trail features a series of vibrant artworks and evocative audio pieces, each rooted in the experiences of residents living on the estate.

Installed across the estate, the trail's stops include varied and diverse works that explore local culture, ecology and heritage, while also responding to the practical needs of the area. **A Resident Neighbourhood Curator**, said:

"I believe the Story Trail Project is an opportunity for all of us to give our neighbourhood a beam of light and possibility amid the many difficulties across the world."

Find out more about the Story Trail at:
www.olddiorama.com/stories



HS2 RESIDENTS' AND CONSTRUCTION COMMISSIONER

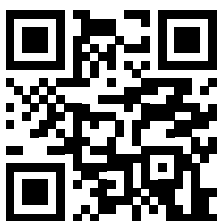
The independent Residents' and Construction Commissioner oversees and monitors HS2 Ltd's community engagement strategy, making sure it fulfils its commitments to you.

The Commissioner monitors the way HS2 Ltd manages and responds to complaints about construction and advises members of the public how to make complaints. The Commissioner also helps settle disputes involving individuals and organisations that they can't resolve.

To contact the Residents' and Construction Commissioner, email HS2Commissioner@dft.gov.uk

HS2 RESET

HS2 is undergoing a comprehensive reset to ensure it can be built efficiently and for the lowest reasonable cost. This work is being carried out in stages and will be completed in 2026. HS2 Ltd will provide you with updates on the reset and what this means for plans to build the railway in your area.



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