

BRENT COVID DAY OF REFLECTION

COVID REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 9th March saw the Covid Day of Reflection roll out across the United Kingdom. It marked the fifth anniversary of the Covid 19 Pandemic and serves as one of 10 recommendations set out by the UK Commission on Covid Commemoration chaired by Baroness Morgan of Cotes with a team that worked with bereaved families to find appropriate ways to remember their loved ones.

Brent reflected that during the pandemic, the borough was one of the worst-hit boroughs in the capital.



In an interview with India Block for the Evening Standard, John Licorish, Deputy Director of Public Health for Brent stated that the Brent administration saw the impact of over 40 Brent residents dying on the same street. Clearly stating that, for their department, 'it was a catalyst'. If there is one thing a council needs to do and health services need to do, is stop people from dying unnecessarily. Covid was such a wake up call!!!

Communities across the UK were invited to come together to remember and reflect on their own experiences within this unique period of history; to commemorate those who lost their lives during the pandemic to reflect on the sacrifices made and the impact on daily lives; and to pay tribute to the work of health and social care staff, frontline workers, researchers and all those who volunteered and showed acts of kindness during this unprecedented time.

In a direct response to the pandemic findings, a joint task force between Brent Council and local NHS trusts was set up called Brent Health Matters.

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