



# London Borough of Lewisham

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## At a glance

The London Borough of Lewisham is one of 32 London boroughs, situated in South-East London.

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## Installing drinking fountains

Lewisham Council has installed **seven** drinking fountains over 2018-2019 and secured funding for 10 further fountains. This increases the total number of drinking fountains within the Borough to **17** as of summer 2019.

## Fountain usage

Two fountains installed with #OneLess have dispensed the equivalent of nearly **23,000** (500ml) single-use plastic water bottles, an average of over **1,900** per month. The fountains are located in Beckenham Place Park (since November 2018) and Ladywell Fields (since October 2018). During summer 2019, the fountain at Ladywell Fields dispensed on average over **100** (500ml) bottles a day to passers-by, sports and user groups, local school children, and commuters.

17 drinking fountains installed within the borough



Refilling 1,900 bottles a month – equivalent monthly usage from two fountains

## Promoting refilling within the Borough

Lewisham council has worked with local businesses to encourage sign-up to the Refill London campaign and provide free tap water to tourists and Londoners. The council is also sharing its knowledge and experience with the NHS and other local authority representatives within London, as part of the Lewisham Obesity Alliance, who are interested in installing drinking fountains within their own local work community.

Refilling 100 bottles a day – equivalent daily usage from two fountains during summer 2019



“Despite the nine existing drinking water fountains already installed in our parks, the subsequent opportunity provided by #OneLess in association with the Zoological Society London to install more drinking fountains within parks in the borough of Lewisham have greatly propelled and encouraged the council to further explore possibilities of rolling out more drinking fountains within its parks.”

## Key challenges and opportunities

A key challenge to the Borough was finding the budget for fountain installation. The Borough had to factor in an initial upfront cost of around **£3,500**, and opted for a location close to existing water supply to reduce installation cost.



To ensure the new #OneLess drinking fountains would be well-used once installed, local user groups were consulted on possible locations. Lewisham council successfully, publicly and officially launched an event to celebrate the drinking fountain installed at Ladywell Fields, which was well attended by the Mayor of Lewisham, Local Councillors, GoodGym members, NHS, Nordic Walkers and the general public. This has helped to raise the profile of the new fountains and help ensure they would be well-used once installed.

## What's next

Lewisham Council is exploring possibilities and is currently working towards installing a public drinking fountain in most, if not all its parks and open spaces, wherever possible and practicable.

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