

2024 KCRA & VRARA's Very Useful Services and Tradesman's List!

Tradespeople, businesses AND neighbours appreciate referrals! Members, please help keep this List updated

Updated January 2024 New entries in red

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Alterations, Seamstress / Soft Furnishings

Miracle Dry Cleaning and Laundry Company This launderette at the top of Gloucester Road (No 8) has a very good alteration person. Recommended by Virginia Hoare
0207 5846649

Myra Alterations, clothing, curtains, blinds. Professional & impeccable work, reasonable prices by Madelyn Byrne and Jean-Paul Berthoin
myrasalem_26@hotmail.com
07988 703286

Elizabeth Ireland Curtains, blinds & soft furnishing. High quality; excellent prices recommended by Barbara Vittoria and Gillian Craig
07749 200532

Mr Thimble 24 Thackeray Street High quality repairs, alterations, made to measure tailoring. recommended by Sandra French and many local residents, professional friendly service
0207 9381161

Appliance Repair

GLOTECH David Butcher recommends. Not inexpensive but efficient, prompt and good
www.gloitech.co.uk
01727 896789

Domestic Repairs Ltd. All home appliance repairs. By Philippe Willems Experienced repairmen, cheaper than manufacturer. Also recommended for efficiency, Henry Dare
phil@domesticrepairs.ltd.uk
01895 673561

Amana, ATAG, Solomon & Co.
01923 802321 & 07836 429557

Blocked Drains

Draincare Direct Henry Dare would like to recommend **Jack Marsh** for anyone with a serious foul drain problem. Had an ongoing drain problem which after several visits by HomeServe plumbers was not resolved. They were efficient and reasonable.
info@draincaredirect.co.uk
0800 1388328 & 07904 317634

KwikClear Drains Ltd Alan McRae is very conscientious and skilled. He is highly recommended.
alan@kwikcleardrains.co.uk
07976 208721

Dyno Rod. Philippe Willems recommends. Very blocked drains; other firms, still blocked. Dyno Rod – excellent! Old fashioned hard work + water jets, CCTV 5% **VRARA discount**
01784 488027

Builders

Daniel Sirbu Recommended by J P Berthoin & Lynden Easton. Highly skilled hard working Romanian builder for refurbishments and installations. Bathroom and kitchen fitting, flooring, tiling, carpentry, electrical cabling, sockets, switches, recessed lighting, underfloor heating, plumbing, brick work, partitions, plastering, skimming, painting.
07958 428225

Andrew Building Services Andrew Szaniawski
Highly recommended by Mrs. Perrett for diverse jobs
a.szaniawski@tiscali.co.uk
07771 665082

Elson Construction Highly recommended by Hugh Wilson
graham@elsonhomes.com
07973 621784

Werner & Werner Co. Recommended by Brenda of Eyeworks
Extensions, carpentry, plumbing, electricians. Very friendly & extremely hard working. On-time.
www.wernerandwerner.co.uk
Stan: **07878 636820**

Lucas Interiors. General builder, Marc Scheunan Recommended by Orna Turner
07967 007250

Room2Build Ltd 62 Southdown Crescent, Harrow, Middx Janette Djemal recommends these builders:
room2buildltd@eircom.net
0203 4681725 & 07710 261836

Barry Turner Valliya Pangsrivongse recommends this builder/decorator Mid-priced but excellent finish & work completed on time.
turner937@btinternet.com
07711 062

Liam Clarke renovated Victoria Wilson's fitted bathroom. Good.
07961 756214

London Stone Conservation, specialists in interior and exterior stone restoration and repair. Interior stone floors, stairs and fireplaces. All aspects of stone and brick cleaning, repair to masonry and carving. References available from private properties, historic & listed buildings. Highly recommended by Alkesh Patel
LSC@londonstoneconservation.co.uk
0208 8850400

Carers

Athena Dormer Gillian Craig recommends Experienced in full home care, with home management & cooking. Recent 15yr position in Kensington Court area.
athenadormer@yahoo.co.uk
07785 551964

Tiggo Care Mark Vorbach recommends an award winning home care business started by a Queen's Gate resident. Offers home care visits, 24/7 live-in care and everything in-between. Services are bespoke and tailored to specific care needs. Services rated Good by the CQC. Contact Chris for information or organise a free consultation.
www.tiggocare.com
chris@tiggocare.com
0208 1028628

Kensington Companions Alice Buchanan Jardine has setup this wonderful organisation. A bespoke companion service for adults with mild/moderate special needs and learning difficulties. The service is tailored to the client's interest and hobbies. Contact for more information and a free consultation.
info@kensingtoncompanions.co.uk
07398 413169

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Consuela Care Novelette Spencer provides a bespoke package of private care for highly dependent and end of life clients. Giving companionship, comfort, happiness with security and peace of mind for the family. Novelette has always worked in the care sector and is qualified to Care Manager grade level 7 with City and Guilds. Around the clock care with a small team of chosen DBS checked carers, District Nurses, physiotherapists, mobility providers, GPs etc. Packages negotiated as needed often developing over time. Free initial assessment. Anne Woodward-Fisher recommends-"she is efficient, kind, excellent nurse/companion, 100% reliable, strong and able. Copes with doctors' prescriptions and ensures the comfort and cleanliness of the patient."

novelettespencer@yahoo.co.uk
07415 824140

Car Hire

Miles and Miles Car Rental 18 Petersham Mews SW7
Recommended by Gordon French excellent personal service-car is delivered to your door.
0207 5910555

Car Repairs

Diagnosis Motors Ltd, Chelsea Cloisters Car Park, Sloane Avenue, SW3 3DW Caroline Butt has been using this small, totally reliable garage for 20 years. Good at solutions and bodywork. Very reasonable. Will collect and return car
Rezza **0207 589 7030 & 07435 965765**

Central Car Care: Andrew Arends recommend these experienced mechanics in Emperors Gate. Good rates, no job to big or small!
www.centralcarcare.co.uk
0207 2449000

Car Valet

Roger da Silva. Julian Barker recommends. Very good, reliable, reasonably priced, service to your home or office.
07957 678095

Carpenter

Muharem Husha Chiara is happy to recommend him as he is precise, clean and very timely. Small company est 2016
All Furniture Bespoke Ltd, Regal House, 70 London Rd, Twickenham TW1 3QS
02039 595789 & 07488 832530

Carpet Cleaning

Abatti ServicesLtd Gillian Craig recommends Andre Abatti, He is reliable, punctual, domestic carpet cleaner. Jobs, however small to the whole house.
07474 801118

Colm Taggart: Madelyn Willems recommends. Good prices and good work
07973 233387

KEVALLY a family firm Kim Hills has used for many years. Kevin Bushell:
0208 4626563 & 07973 399254

Mr. Jenkins (Service Master). Sandra French recommends a reliable, efficient & inexpensive carpet cleaner.
07956 271288

Graham Ridings Carpet Cleaning,
upholstery and hard wood floors Janette Djemal recommends
02380 660851 & 07721 374134

Carpet Fitting, Carpets & Rugs

Adrian Jansz An excellent independent carpet fitter., can repair, fit and provide carpets at very competitive prices. Extremely trustworthy, polite, tidy, reliable, strong. Suzanne Millar - used him for both repair/refit, supply and fit. Takes pride in his work did a perfect job both times!
info@cvflooring.co.uk
07885 830002

Texfield Services Ltd. Recommended by the Willems. Good prices carpet direct from manufacturers, big selection, advice. Malcolm: **0208 8788522**

Natural flooring Co. Wide range of natural floorcoverings
www.naturalflooringco.co.uk
Claire Butt **07531 261859**
John Butt **07929 510074**

Catering, Housekeepers - Cook

Kate Akingbehin Cordon Bleu trained chef with a focus on fine dining available for private hire in the luxury of your home or at several unique tables around London with bespoke menus tailored to your guests. I attended a tasting menu dinner, the food was absolutely exquisite. Lynden Easton. For more information: akingbehink@gmail.com
075453 13668

Maria Jan Lawrence's cleaner is available for cooking
07833 994235

Chauffeur Service & Airport Transportation

Lushi Fatmire. The Willem's highly recommend Lushi has used them for years. On-time, low prices, very nice drivers.
lushi@blueyonder.co.uk
07956 508630

Neil Cross. Recommended by David Reid
Scott: neil@treklers.co.uk
07776 061391

Chimney Sweep

Vine Chimney Sweep. Est. 1850, 5th generation. Definitely recommended. Extremely clean, punctual, reasonable.
0208 3326373

Cleaners

Lena Brudnovska from Ukraine is highly recommended by Gareth Davies
07865 698844

Minda Amoncio, Ginny Hoare recommends good, local, 3-4 hours.
mindabicera@yahoo.com
07896 852836

'Sparkling Solutions' Mrs. Milne-Tyte recommends Rachel Street who establishes requirements. Usually sends 2 people at agreed time. Charges by job and not by the hour.
Sparklingsoltn@gmail.com
07872 945044

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Computer, Internet & Telecom

Krem Stoichkova Robin Edwards has used her for many years, excellent, responding rapidly to solve IT issues at home, office & remotely. Flavia adds, Krem was very patient setting up her computer system She is kind and very competent. Continues to assist now, even remotely eg. organising zoom, a lifeline. Krem will solve internet connection problems, backup storage, set up secure networks, remote connections, VPN and more.
krem@kssit.com.
07714 474542

Holland Park Computers Sandra French & Gallery 19 recommend Jon Flinty efficient, fair priced onsite & remote access for PC, laptops
0208 8118812

Stan de Beaumont - IT and Audio-Visual. Melody Drewry & Lynden Easton highly recommend. Stan will troubleshoot (Mac and Windows), Internet/WiFi & cabled networks/printer issues, provide training and maintenance. Also installs wall-hung TVs, home cinemas & multi-room sound systems. No job too small standbeaumont@yahoo.co.uk
07816 655943

Alex Wilk Freelance web and graphic designer who can design & build your website from scratch or refresh your current one. Ideal for startups, small businesses and personal portfolios & blogs Highly recommended by Lynden Easton & Bettina Wagner
www.oval-design.co.uk
info@oval-design.co.uk
07825 134654

Babs Anyaolu. Ex-BT engineer. Fixes & installs internet & phone connections. Fixed phone lines after BT charged a fortune & failed. By B Davis. Good price
babssanyaolu@ymail.com
07809 220104

Cycles

Cyclecare, 54 Earl's Court Road, **Simon runs this business along with Carlos and Jakob. Dimity Spiller and Anna-Mei highly recommend Excellent service**
0207 4600495

Decorators - Painters

Ibra Az Fengze recommends for painting and handiwork. Very professional and neat. Worked for a number of people in the neighbourhood over the past few years.
07930 272587

F&M Property Maintenance Ltd

Mo Maboudi Recommended by Elie Dangoor He can do all jobs including plumbing, building, electrical etc. always helpful and polite, prices are reasonable too.
0800 8803049 & 07886 666614

Jerry Donovan Carpentry, joinery, painting & decorating, plastering, small brickwork projects undertaken. Jerry decorated Sue Price's house exterior. It was more of a restoration as we needed a lot of stucco repair. His work and that of his team was immaculate, very well managed and carefully completed on time. In addition, he did some interior work and very high quality carpentry in the garden.
jerrydonovan@icloud.com
079337 77954 & 07540 309887

Valentix Suzanne Millar and Gillian Craig recommend as a painter. Honest, reliable & inexpensive.
07465 653665

Dan Turner Painter recommended by Alex Wheeler. Very good and prices affordable, way below other quotes
07768 905050

Nigel Blackwell Anna-Mei Chadwick recommends Nigel, **painter & decorator**. Independent, trustworthy, excellent work & rates
nigelblackwell@blueyonder.co.uk
07976 922993

Kensington & Chelsea Property Maintenance Responsive and personal service that uses skilled tradesmen eg. electric & gas installations plumbers, decorators etc. have worked for the company for many years. Scrupulously honest and respectful.
info@kacpm.com
0207 3717626

Brian Kennedy, Madelyn recommends. Takes pride in his work, high quality, reasonable, reliable.
07788 484401

Tom Allen, painter & decorator.
07947 726760

John Charles Recommended by most residents of Victoria Grove.
johncharles725@btinternet.com
07910 468955

Terry Highly recommended by Alan Colls. Evenings/weekends only
07947 633705

Raymond Martin highly recommended by Penelope Coulten, all types of small jobs
raimondconstructionsuk.co.uk
07949 993200

Digital Film Transfer and Production

Lemongrove Productions Will transfer videos, camera tapes, cine film DVD's etc to digital medium. Also edit home films, adding music, titles etc. Film personal events, biographies etc. Lynden Easton, "They are wonderful, transformed my cine film from 1960's old videos and tapes! Very personal service" **Also film weddings, 'family portraits' party guests etc.**
www.lemongroveproductions.com
info@lemongroveproductions.com
0208 0903049

Dog Walking/Boarding

Jan Bennet Highly recommended by Ralph Herrera. Jan specializes in small dogs limits numbers to small groups. Will pick up and return dogs to their homes timely service, reasonable rates.
http://cococares.co.uk/
Coco@CocoCares.co.uk
07730 096310

Double Glazing

Cooper's Restoration. Restores, draft- proofs windows. Slimlite low-emissive double glazing. Highly recommended. Cost effective & energy saving, more sustainable method than replacement windows.
info@rcarpentry.co.uk
07878 564907

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Dry Cleaner

Miracle Dry Cleaning Gloucester Road. Very efficient and good work recommended by Humbert de Wendel

Kynance Dry Cleaners 2 Kynance Place. This family business is reliable and friendly, highly recommended by Lynden Easton. Shirt service, bed linen, curtains, soft furnishings and excellent alterations
0207 5847846

Electrician

Ben Amara Robert Easton highly recommends this efficient and responsive chap
benamarahassane@gmail.com
07496 568676

Jake Squelch Friendly, tidy, efficient and knows his stuff.
Recommended by Lindsey Maunder
Jakesquelch@hotmail.co.uk
07828 828603

Mike Fitzgerald Electrical installation & maintenance, inspection & testing certificates NICEIC Registered. Qualified electrician reliable and highly recommended by Gallery 19.
mickyqpr@aol.com
07831 577324

Roman Pecyna Qualified electrician recommended by Pushpa. Also, very good with computer and most DIY jobs. Has been doing jobs for the Ken/Chelsea area for over 16yrs. Available also in Emergency
07776 185717

EBC Contractors Maroun Ghosn
ebccontractors@gmail.com
www.ebccontractors.com
07786 858884

Ricky Bruce. Mark Shaw heartily recommended Roy, who has just retired. His Grandson, Ricky has taken over.
Ricky: **07852 566699**

SEE ALSO DECORATORS – PAINTERS for other electrical & gas tradesmen

FILM Production and Transfer see DIGITAL film

Gardeners, Garden Centres, Window Boxes, Florists

James Sheen highly recommended by David Reid
info@sheengardening.co.uk
http://www.sheengardening.co.uk
07738 478503

Kensington Flowers: 15 Victoria Grove They produce such beautiful and creative arrangements. Penelope Coulten recommends; Juliette and Douglas always helpful.
0207 2253176

Town & Country Gardens excellent for one off garden jobs Sue Clark recommends. Also, will landscape and install.
tandeg.co.uk
0207 736 7801

Gardener Anise The Gomer's recommend
07891 858752

'Gerald Trellis in the Garden'
Trellis/Fencing/Paving. Rosie Shakeshaft recommends
0208 7496568 & 07751 909357

Bud Murryweather good gardener
07802 862861

Lawrence Tucker. Carol Hill recommends highly
0207 3735609

Pilkington Plants & Gardens. Does a good job for Michael Mire, cutting his hedges, garden design & planning.
Mike **07771 882770 & 0208 7410604**

Christopher Dean. Plantings, patios, and more. Anne Van Gieson recommends.
07710 452052

C. Russell Ltd 80 Earls Court Road, W8 Established garden centre offers wide variety of plants and gardening services. numerous members recommend.
0207 9370481

Hairdressers & Beauty

Thackeray Street

Imenio Hair & Beauty

Sebastian Hair

Valentino Hair and Beauty

All recommended by many KCRA residents

Kensington Hair Boutique: Alessio & Federico 3 Victoria Grove Lynden Easton highly recommends this excellent stylist and colourist. They have just set up their own business, very good luck to them.
info@kensingtonhairboutique.com
www.kensingtonhairboutique.com
0207 0529491

Gents' of London

Barber shop 29 Victoria Grove highly recommended by Richard Price. Gentlemen, please support this terrific new local asset.
0207 9987170

Equus Hair 17 Victoria Grove Jan Lawrence comments they are very good for cuts.
0207 5840105

Handyman

Piotr Cypaski for small building, decorating and plumbing jobs. Adrienne Reed describes him as conscientious, honest and reliable and has employed him for various jobs for over 10 years Lynden Easton also recommends
07738 830970

Rowland Rivron recommended by Sylvia Christie. Rowland is extremely reliable and trustworthy. He is a general handyman, will paint etc. and has network of carpenters for more specialist work
Rowland.rivron@mac.com

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Greg Snowden Highly recommended by Bettina Wagner. Very flexible, helps with anything from heavy lifting, gardening, furniture assembly, dog walking to wool carding.
gregxxx@hotmail.co.uk
07816 262219

Hardware

Margaret Mill Gloucester Road This helpful & friendly shop for DIY and amazingly wide range of household items. Susan Griggs & Sandra French are amazed by this 'Tardis' type shop full to the brim with useful products plus haberdashery

Insurance

Staysure Insurance specialise in tailored travel insurance for customers up to 85 Susan Griggs compared them eg Lloyds, Saga, Age UK, they were the best. She has an annual worldwide policy, any number of trips, with 2 add-ons, excess waiver and travel disruption extension for £828. After 85 single trip coverage.
staysure.co.uk
0800 0542226

Interior & Exterior Design

Onestà Italian kitchens and fitted furniture design. Daniel Brutto is very good at design & project management. Also excellent after sales care. Anne Clair recommends (was Hub Kitchens)
www.onesta.design
0207 9242285

Home Review - Working with you to maximise the potential of your home for yourself, for rental or sale. Decluttering, sorting and organising, home styling a room or entire home, home staging to sell or rent. Very useful, says Lynden Easton
Susanna.drew@btinternet.com
www.HomeReview.co.uk
07901 680722

JHT Interiors Jocelyn Humfrey offers interior design advice in London, South West, France and Switzerland. She creates beautiful schemes combining comfortable and chic, incorporates current influences producing a classic look. From a single room to complete house re-configuration. Co-ordinates with architects and building contractors Elizabeth Passey recommends
www.jhtinteriors.co.uk
07770 916348

McWhirter Morris. 22 Park Walk SW10 0AQ. Valliya Pangsrivongse describes as creative, good working with a budget. Will project manage refurbishments
sarah@mcwhirtermorris.com
0207 3492575

Michael Westhorpe. Brenda of Eyeworks recommends. Maximises space, design & colour. Creative. Understands private & commercial clients.
www.outline-project.co.uk
0207 3781616

Cooper, Steel & Lawrence. Susan Griggs recommends. Building, decorating. Cupboards, kitchens, curtains. lizziesl@btinternet.com
0208 9603553 & 07801 413389

Jeweller and Silversmith

Fenella Watson A brilliant young designer of beautiful jewellery and will create a variety of bespoke commissions. Etch treasured possessions, also plate objects you send. I have found her absolutely super. Full of ideas to improve what I requested, Lynden Easton
info@fenellawatson.com
www.fenellawatson.com
078161 51114

Locksmith

Dan Weisz 24 hour locksmith Fixed my garage door after an aborted forced entry by burglar. 13 years' experience. Lindsey Maunder comments, knows what he's doing and goes above and beyond what's necessary
0771 2294911

John McCarthy. The Willems recommend. Fast, reasonable prices. Locks, grills, security, window locks etc.
0207 5844499 & 07956 422133

David Benson, MLA The Madhvanis recommend.
07956 855533

Mikman

Stephen Lovell of Harpenden Dairies Excellent service says Andrew Arends Delivers great choice eg. All types of dairy, cheese, eggs, fruit juice, bread, bacon, water, potatoes, garden compost Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
harpendendairies28@hotmail.co.uk

Mirrors & Glass Shelves

Summer Mirrors Order mirrors, shelves, glass. Lowest prices, fast delivery. Recommended by Madelyn. Call or order on line
info@summermirrorsandglass.com
0208 6758584

Newcomers to London

FOCUS. Helps families make the most of living in London. Excellent resources: job search, education, travel, health, culture, finance, legal.
office@focus-info.org

Nursery School

Miss Willcock's. Holy Trinity Church Hall, Prince Consort Road. Mrs Lavinia Taylor is Headmistress. Nigel a Brassard and Lynden Easton recommend this warm, caring and very happy nursery with a traditional ethos
www.willcocksnurseryschool.com
0207 5845054

Optician

Eyeworks Gloucester Road Newman Family had excellent quality treatment. Have just been given 'Opticians Award for Best Young Practice of the Year' **VRARA/KCRA members 10% discount on spectacles, sunglasses**
0207 5842697

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Personal Assistant

Annabel Findlay Nancy Maitland recommends Annabel, a highly experienced organiser and PA who works for individuals. Sets up systems to manage 'day to day' admin, 'to do lists', ensures bills paid, costs reduced, emails actioned, policies renewed etc. also oversees larger and multiple projects. Helps decision-making and navigating technology. Annabel will give clarity and structure. Charge: £45 per hour
annabelfindlay@gmail.com
07866 592677

Picture Framer

Gallery 19 19 Kensington Court Place recommended by many W8 residents, framing, replace glass, mirrors professional friendly, helpful service. **VRARA/KCRA members 10% framing discount**
0207 93772222

Printing

Noble Macmillan 9 Elvaston Mews SW75HY Luxury leather in rainbow of colours - albums, frames, diaries. Accessories, games Personalise anything Highly recommended by Lynden Easton
www.noblemacmillan.com
molly@noblemacmillan.com
0207 75814178

GG Print 168 Old Brompton Road, SW5 Sue Price recommends Laura Graham very pleased with invitations and personal stationery. Efficient & reasonably priced for bespoke stationery. **10% discount to VRARA residents**
laura@ggprint.co.uk
0207 3705809

Pest Control

Environ Pest Control & Property Services Family run firm for residential and commercial. Highly commended by Susanna Drew
environpestcontrol.co.uk
0207 3844501

Physiotherapy

Pilates Squared 27 Emperor's Gate SW7 Andrew Arends this is an excellent studio for beginners or the experienced.
www.pilatessquared.co.uk
info@pilatessquared.co.uk
0207 2449898

Rachel Johnson Claudia Restis Breibart describes Rachel as caring, knowledgeable and thoughtful. Her dedication to her clients is without parallel.
rachelejohnson@hotmail.com
07790 292540

Heidi Parson Excellent sports massage therapist on Gloucester Road (corner of Hereford Gardens Exceptionally good and in a clinic with some osteopaths. Recommended by Andrew Arends
www.heidiparsonssportsmassage.com
07968 873719

West London Physiotherapy 29-30 Elvaston Mews SW7 5HZ recommended by Mandy le Roux and Andrew Arends. Also rehab & sports injuries.
www.westlondonphysio.co.uk
info@westlondonphysio.co.uk
0207 9371628

Six Physio 15 Young Street W8 5EH Hilary Younger highly recommends for physio as well as for Pilates classes.
0207 9378877

Plumbers and Heating Engineers

Just Services Group for Plumbing, Heating and Airconditioning Marlyn Castello thoroughly recommends.
info@justservicesgroup.com
www.justservicesgroup.com
0207 3232999

Maciek Habdas Recommended by Andrew Haworth Booth
info@heatec.co.uk
07834 377595

London Basement Pumps Dan Joslyn, General Manager. Marina in Victoria Grove recommends as they were courteous and reliable servicing the sump pumps at an emergency in my property. They remained 9 hours until the issue was resolved
www.london-basement-pumps.co.uk
0800 0092120

C.R.C.Hall Harrow & DUCK Plumbing and Heating: Al Benton-Engineer recommended by Janette Djemal
grchall@googlemail.com
0208 8634249

Charter gas Ltd Jonathan Ashmann had an excellent gas fitter/boiler chap from this Company. He was on-time, courteous, very efficient and good value
info@chartergas.com
07725 533634

Istvan. Suzanne Millar recommends this plumber & gas central heating engineer & installer. Excellent, intelligent, reliable, honest & tidy. Perfect English. Very inexpensive
07894 352922

Bez Moradi, heating engineer. Installs convection heaters, maintains annually. Reliable, trustworthy, reasonable Local
greenforce.heat@googlemail.com
07949 246220

WPJ Heating (Corgi registered). was PJ Luard. Younger & Eastons highly recommend, reliable, efficient, extremely tidy and reasonable. Ian Jackson very impressed with all aspects of WPJ Engineer, sent on short notice, could not have been pleasanter. Reasonable charges, I would recommend them and use them again.
info@heating.co.uk
0207 3502511 & 07974 348226

Tropical Heat & Plumbing Beatrice de Cardi recommends this Plumber and Heating Engineer. Corgi & Gas Safe Registered
www.tropicalheatandplumbing.co.uk
0208 5550736

Geani recommended by Anne Woodward- Fisher. Very reliable, trustworthy and a good plumber
07889 803911

PGS Plumbing & Heating. Quentin Williams says quick and efficient. Can do big plumbing jobs.
0800 0436979

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Pimlico Plumbers Dr. Sue Clark - not the cheapest but available 24/7 always reliable Also recommended for plumbing & electrical by the Rawcliffes
0207 7928888

Recycling

Recyclosaurus Chelsea team, will come at arranged time, remove garden waste, paper, electrical goods eg. fridges, tv sets, whole house clearances, anything requiring disposal. They guarantee all they take will be recycled. Susan Griggs recommends as they provide reliable and excellent service at very reasonable prices recyclosaurus.co.uk
0800 644 2700

Restaurants

Coco Momo 25 Gloucester Road Café, Brasserie and Bar The Easton recommend this friendly, lively restaurant, newly refurbished. Broad, interesting menu at reasonable prices
0203 9859415

Ottoemazzo, & Montparnasse on Thackeray Street recommended by many KCRA residents

Removals

Gary Excellent and inexpensive Suzanne Miller recommends
07860 576608

Roofing

Barry Waldron excellent roofer recommended by David Jennison & Susanna Drew
07958 984236

London Flat Roofing. The Willems recommend Steve. LFR use Kemper system, German technology & quality.
www.londonflatroofing.co.uk
steve@londonflatroofing.co.uk
0800 0740226

A & J Roofing & Building Contractors

Reliable, reasonable and flexible. Eastons recommend sandra.hatt@btinternet.com
Allan: **07774 647099**

Secretarial Support

Mitch Carolyn. Typing, Word, Shorthand, Excel, book-keeping. Recommended by VRARA Committee
carolynem@clara.co.uk
0207 2234783 & 079413 98130

Shoe Repairers

SEAN'S SHOE BOX (WAS-Kensington Shoe Repairers), MOVED to 159 Gloucester Road (just before Old Brompton Rd) Lots of residents recommend - shoe and leather repairs and key cutting at reasonable prices.
Sean: 07864 253322

Scaffolding

ORS Scaffolding Eastons recommend this small reliable and flexible company
Steve: **07814 815077**

Short Term Lettings

London Perfect Friendly, quality agency to rent your home or flat when you're away. Local company, careful management by Barb Davies
manager@londonperfect.com
www.londonperfect.com

Ivy Lettings short term stays extra guests. Lovely local flats & houses
www.ivylettings.com
0207 3494015

Solar Panels

SOLARTHERM Giorgio Garuzzo recommends for installing Solar Panels and Tesla Battery
info@solartherm.co.uk
01268 552868

Surveyor

Richard Birchall 17 St Albans Grove Surveyor with particular expertise in party wall and basement issues. Recommended
www.surveyors.co.uk
0207 7279739

Trainers

Darren Wilson A fully qualified personal trainer who works out of the studio gym at the Fraser Suites, Queensgate Terrace. Andrew Arends comments "excellent personally tailored sessions and very good for general fitness and rehabilitation."
darrenwilsonpersonaltraining@gmail.com
07833-454032

Maria Galovicova; very good and nice; personalizes training for your needs. Maddy B recommends.
07414 573173

Annie Murphy Twenty Two Training Gym
linda@twentytwotraining.com

Tree Surgeons

Northcott Trees Rowena Winkler has used Peter Northcott for many years now and explains he is knowledgeable and gives good advice on tree surgery.
07770 391850

Modern Arboricultural Services JP Berthoin was very happy with this Company. Good, clean competitively priced and considerably cheaper than TreeCare, (preferred by the Borough)
0208 2009992 & 07725 952675

TPA Professional tree surgeon, free quotations and advice, fully insured, no job to big or small. Lynden Easton highly recommends Thomas Arnold, precise, fast & well priced Pruned our tree beautifully.
01322 515969 & 07424969108

Upholsterer

Chandler and Peacock 4 Pennine Parade, NW2 1NT Upholstery, curtains, blinds & fabrics, bespoke beds & French polishing. Lynden Easton & Lindsey Maunder highly recommend the excellent work
www.Chandlerandpeacock.com
Alan Cornish 0207 9370451
07920 249733

KCRA and VRARA's January 2024 Very Useful Services and Tradesman's List

Window Cleaning

RFM window cleaner Honest, good worker and reliable recommended by Mary Buckley
Steven Rocha:
0208 5786505 & 07941 162040

BDM The Vittorias have used them for years. Give excellent service and very reasonable. **Elie Dangoor also recommends**
07957 199608

Daniel Window cleaner and Odd Jobs The Gomer's recommend:
07901 328170

DJ Cleaning Contractors. Considered excellent & trustworthy by The Grove and Gallery 19.
Keith Miles 07437 053390

Mr. Kimpson & Sons. Chris Dixon commends Mr Kimpson and his 2 sons, clean his windows in an hour and a half at very reasonable prices
07860 450720

Steve Kelly. Ginger Irvine has used for a number of years.
0207 7712794 & 07831 498383

CC Window Cleaning Many locals have used Colin Camilleri
www.ccwindowcleaning.co.uk
07958 695554

Colin Fry. The Grammaticus family recommends.
0208 6485343 & 07958 335881

Mike Colville. Quentin Williams likes.
07939 339832

Wood & Parquet Flooring

Parquet Flooring Low prices, all brands. Good advice recommended by the Willems. Huge selection! A lot cheaper than shops.
www.flooringsales.co.uk
0203 0442044

Eric. Willems used Eric to lay wood flooring bought from flooringsales.co.uk. Best around, expert advice, fair prices, excellent craftsman.
0208 8751260

FARMER'S MARKETS IN KENSINGTON

There are 3 Farmer's Markets in the Kensington area. They are all managed by London Farmers Markets (www.lfm.org.uk).

- 1) **Kensington High Street Market, Phillimore Walk,** next to the Town Hall. Open Sunday mornings 10am - 2pm.
- 2) **Bute Street, South Kensington,** Saturday mornings from 9am - 2pm. Smaller than High Street Kensington and Notting Hill, some of the better stalls sell there too.
- 3) **Notting Hill Farmer's Market, Fox Primary school, Edge Street.** Formerly in the car park behind Waterstones, it is now on the grounds of the school around the corner. Open Saturday mornings 10am - 2pm.

Recommended by a local resident who comments:

"Beyond the sense of community the markets provide, I see them as the source of the best quality fruit and vegetables in the area.

The LFM rules are, the farms must be local which means customers get excited by what produce is in season. The cherries and strawberries currently available are fantastic."