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UNISON had a meeting earlier this year in relation to what facilities and support was being provided for street cleaners.

UNISON was informed of the following:

Street Cleaners begin work at 7am and finish at 3:10pm. This includes a fifteen minute break and a lunch break from 11 to 11:45am. 3 to 3:10pm is allocated to personal washing.

On Saturdays Street Cleaners work a four or an eight hour shift.

Council vehicles drive the Street Cleaners to the start of their round and pick them up, although some prefer to use their own transport.

There is a cafeteria and shower facilities at the depot. The Street Cleanse teams are given a list of toilets in the Borough that they can use. This includes a list of Council toilets, both in buildings such as Libraries and public ones (see list below).

The Street Cleaners have mobile phones, which they use to call the office if they have problems.

They are split into five teams, each of which has a Supervisor who tours his or her area during the working day and checks routinely on their team members.

Town Centre Managers have an assistant.

Street Cleaners are issued protected gloves and footwear, which are replaced when necessary.

Street Cleaners receive safety training on induction and annual refresher courses. These include one on dealing with aggressive members of the public.

If workers have to work in close proximity to fast flowing traffic, a procedure is in place whereby Transport for London will manage traffic flow in the area to minimise risk.

When a snow fall occurs the Street Cleaners are taken off their normal duties and work in teams on snow clearance. They have been issued with snow chains for footwear.

The Street Cleanse workers are issued with Weils Disease Cards. This gives advice on protecting against this hazard and can be presented to medical professionals informing them that the worker is at raised risk.

Council Staff Access to Toilet facilities

Public Conveniences

Cat Hill EN4
High Road, Whetstone N20
Friern Barnet Road N10
Stanhope Road N12
Ballards Lane N3
Bell Lane / Brent Street NW4
Watling Avenue HA8

Library Sites

Edgware, Hale Lane HA8
Graham Park, The Concourse NW9
Golders Green, Golders Green Road NW11
Hampstead Garden Suburb, Market Place N2
Childs Hill, Cricklewood Lane NW2
Hendon, The Burroughs NW4

LBB Sites

Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4
NLBP, Oakleigh Road South N11
Barnet House, High Road, Whetstone N20
Hyde House, The Hyde NW9
Mill Hill Depot, Bittacy Hill NW7

Parks

Victoria Park
Victoria Recreation
Lyttleton Park
Cherry Tree Park
Mill Hill Park
Childs Hill Park
Basing Park
Hendon Park
Edgware Park
Friary Park
Oak Hill Park – Pavilion Café

Others

Tesco, Tilling Road NW2

Hendon Tip, Claremont Way NW2

Brent Cross Shopping Centre, Prince Charles Drive NW4

Great North leisure Park, Finchley High Road N3

Arts Depot, Ballards Lane N12

Chicken Shed Theatre, Chase Side N14

Country Gardens G/Centre, Daws Lane NW7

RAF Museum, Graham Park Way NW9

The majority of Local Cafes have public toilets as do the big Superstores & Retail Outlets.