Line the Streets to celebrate the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay. If this sounds right up your street, sign up to be a Local Leader at london2012.com/localleaders
Your moment to shine
Between 19 May and 27 July, the Olympic Flame will travel through more than 1,000 of our villages, towns and cities. It will pass within 10 miles of 95% of people in the UK, Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey.

Let’s get out and celebrate. Pull on your trainers and paint your face gold. As a Local Leader, it’s time to rally your mates and bring your community together.

Cheer on the Olympic Flame!
From fancy dress to bells and bunting you can celebrate the Torch Relay in all sorts of ways.

Here are five ideas to give you some inspiration. Whatever you do, gather your neighbours, friends and family and make the most of the Torch Relay. This is your moment to shine!

Tell Tom!
If you’re lining the streets and want people to know, tell Tom. He’s in our Local Leaders team and can put the spotlight on your event. He could put it on our website to help inspire others, or even ask you for a quote. Just TellTom@london2012.com

Local Leader Keith Brignell from Portesham

‘I’m coordinating groups in Portesham, Dorset for the arrival of the Olympic Flame. We’re having a village fête with bands, flags and bunting to greet it as it passes.

‘I’m asking people to plant beds of golden marigolds all along the route. There’ll be a cross-country fun-run, and the evening will finish off with an open-air barn dance once the Flame has moved on.’
Checklist
Some hints and tips to help you welcome the Torch.

Months in advance

- Save the date. Go to london2012.com/linethestreets to find out when the Olympic Flame is passing near you. Then get the word out early to your friends and family with our Save the Date cards.
- Choose a good spot. Your team will thank you for finding somewhere that’s just a short sprint from the loos.
- Pick a time for your event. It will be busy at the start and end of the day, so to space things out you might want to go sometime in the middle.
- Put up your Line the Streets posters. Make sure everyone knows where and when to meet.
- Get the green-fingered among you to grow golden marigolds. Have a look at our great tips on page 10.
- Sort your celebrations. What do you want your group to do on the day? How about a tea party before the Flame arrives, or a barn dance afterwards? Is there an evening celebration in your area?

Two weeks to go...

- From 10 May you can download our Join In app. Use it to double-check your dates and stay ahead of last minute changes.
- Go to london2012.com/linethestreets to see who your local Torchbearers are, and download a poster to support them.

A few days before

- Line the Streets with bunting – check out our tips on page 6.
- Get your group making ‘Flame shakers’ and hats – there are instructions on the next page.
- Remind everyone to start planning Flame-themed snacks.
- Send out your reminders about fancy dress. Go for gold clothes and face-paint and stand out from the crowd.

On the day...

- Get your group to their spot about an hour before the Torch reaches your location. There’ll be plenty to see before the Torchbearers arrive.
- If you can, stand on the left hand side of the route. You’ll be nearest the Torchbearer that way.
- Come prepared for any weather. There won’t be any extra shelter, so remind people to bring sun hats and sun cream – and possibly an umbrella.
- Line the Streets and get ready to cheer!
Make some noise
Music is guaranteed to get the crowd going.

Rohan Seilman, Local Leader in Edinburgh, Scotland

‘My samba band, ‘Move to the Pulse’ is getting ready to Line the Streets when the Torch comes through. We’ll be playing versions of Chariots of Fire and Keep on Running. We will follow the Torch as it travels through the city.’

Jeff Merrifield, Local Leader in Shetland, Scotland

‘I will be running the first Shetland Jazz Festival to coincide with Line the Streets when the Flame passes through Shetland. Music performed will be drawn from the five continents associated with the Olympic Rings and the Games.’

Pupils of Stanley Primary School, Teddington

The pupils of Stanley Primary School are making Flame maracas for when they Line the Streets.

Find out how to make your own on the next page.

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Flaming maracas
Challenge all your friends and neighbours to see who can make the most noise.

Get started
- What makes a great maraca? Have a look at some existing designs, modern and traditional.
- Size and shape matter. Dive into the recycling bin and see what you can find. Small water bottles make excellent rattlers.
- Blow up two balloons, each to the size of an orange. Then layer them with papier-mâché. Tip: for a strong surface, use about five layers of small strips, all about 12cm long and 2cm wide.
- Use cardboard tubes for the handles. You could aim for a triangular shape, like the London 2012 Olympic Torch.

Here’s how
- Cut three parallel slits into the end of each tube, about one-third of the way up the full tube length.
- Fold back the slit pieces, and fix them to the maraca with tape and papier-mâché layers.

Pitch perfect
- Different fillings make different sounds. Salt or sand will be quite quiet. Dried beans or macaroni will make more noise.

Watch the video
Watch Dick and Dom making maracas on this video. Visit the Line the Streets website london2012.com/linethestreets

Flame maracas and hats made by the pupils of Stanley Primary School.

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Bring out the bunting
Challenge your neighbourhood to make gold and white bunting. The more the merrier!

Cathryn’s ‘how to’ guide

Step 1
Make a triangle template from the card.

Step 2
Put your template on the fabric and draw around it with the pencil. You’ll need two triangles for each bunting.

Step 3
Pin all the pairs together with the ‘right sides’ of the fabric facing each other.

Step 4
Take each pair and sew along the two longer pencil lines. Leave the short sides open.

Step 5
Trim all the corners, but don’t cut the stitching. Then turn each flag the right way out. Use a pencil to push the corner through, so it makes a nice point. Iron each flag flat.

Step 6
Lay out your bias binding. Leave about 60cm free at one end, and lay one flag on the tape, about half way up. Fold the tape over the flag and pin in place.

Step 7
Keep going until all the flags are pinned to the tape. Leave another 60cm at the other end, then cut the tape.

Step 8
Carefully sew along the whole length, taking out all the pins as you go. You could also sew a loop at each end to hang the bunting with.

You’ll need
- Fabric
- Bias binding tape – however long you want the bunting string to be
- A sewing machine or needle and thread
- Scissors
- Pins
- A pencil and ruler
- One piece of sturdy card

I live in the City of London and I made all the bunting to decorate my wedding last summer, I’m going to be making more bunting to line my street and celebrate the arrival of the Olympic Torch.
Celebrate with snacks

Ever eaten a Flame ‘cone-cake’? Now’s your chance. Challenge your whole street to create Flame-inspired recipes.

Flame cone-cake recipe

Method

✓ Step 1
  Heat your oven to 190°centigrade/380° Fahrenheit.

✓ Step 2
  Mix the butter and sugar together, then add both eggs.

✓ Step 3
  Sieve the self-raising flour into the bowl.

✓ Step 4
  Mix everything together, adding cocoa powder for chocolate cake.

✓ Step 5
  Pour the mixture into flat bottomed ice-cream cones. Make each one about three-quarters full.

✓ Step 6
  Bake on a tray in the pre-heated oven for about 20 minutes.

✓ Step 7
  While they’re baking, cut flame shapes out of the icing. Paint them with food colouring to make the flames.

✓ Step 8
  Take the ‘cone-cakes’ from the oven. Let them cool right down.

✓ Step 9
  Once they’ve cooled, decorate with frosting.

✓ Step 10
  Wrap your flame-effect icing paper all around the top.

You’ll need

✓ 120g/4oz butter
✓ 120g/4oz sugar
✓ 120g/4oz self-raising flour
✓ 2 eggs
✓ Yellow and red food colouring
✓ A tub of frosting
✓ Small, flat-bottomed ice-cream cones
✓ Cocoa powder
✓ Rolled-out icing

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Thanks to Local Leaders Rue and Jessica Quarrington for this recipe.
Flame ice lollies
Get your Local Leader preparations licked.
Ask everyone to make their own luscious lollies and bring them along.

**Be inspired by the Flame**
Use any combination of red, orange and yellow fruit to make these tasty treats. We’ve gone with strawberries, oranges and pineapple.

**How to make**

**Step 1**
For the red layer, puree the strawberries with a blender. Sieve out any seeds and pour into the ice lolly moulds so they’re 1/3 full. Freeze for 1 ½ hours. (You can add a little honey if you like things sweet.)

**Step 2**
Repeat this process with the orange and then the pineapple, making sure you freeze before adding each layer. If the puree’s a little thick, add a splash of orange or pineapple juice to the layer.

**Step 3**
Take along to the Torch route and enjoy!

**You’ll need**
- Ice lolly moulds
- 75g/3oz pineapple chunks
- 75g/3oz orange pieces
- 75g/3oz strawberries
- 250ml/10 fl oz fruit juice

**Top tip**
For a quick and tasty way to take the heat off the streets, make your own Flame ice creams. Just fill a cone with orange, mango, strawberry, or another ‘fiery’ coloured ice cream.
Get dressed up
Get the children to make and wear a Flame hat or paint their faces gold to celebrate the Torch Relay.

Make a flame visor

You’ll need
- A paper plate
- Scissors
- Glue or sticky tape
- Paint, glitter, crayons, etc for decoration

What to do
Step 1
Cut into the rim of the plate, then cut an oval out of the centre for your head to fit through. Tip: cut it smaller than you think to start with. You can always make it bigger until it fits on your head.

Step 2
Glue or tape the rim together at the back. Adjust it to fit.

Step 3
Decorate your flame design.

Make your own crown or headdress

Use stiff card for the headband, flame shape or crown.
Decorate with bright golds, oranges, yellows and reds.
Try using tissue paper, foil, cellophane, paints or crayons.

Bright sparks
The children of Stanley Primary School plan to Line the Streets in Olympic Flame-inspired hats.

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Decorate an old hat

Use fabric markers or paints to liven up old hats, or create a flame design on coloured paper and glue it to the brim.

Fiery face paint
Really stand out from the crowd. Paint your face with orange, gold and yellow flames like Jack and Lola and their friends Ollie and Jake.

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Grow for gold
Get your whole street to plant golden marigolds for when the Olympic Torch Relay comes to town.

How to grow your lucky marigold

Step 1
áticas best to start marigolds off indoors, anytime from March. You can move them outside after the last frost.

Step 2
áticas Fill your pots with peat-free compost, and sow your marigold seeds about half a centimetre deep.

Step 3
áticas Water well, and keep your compost moist. Seedlings should pop up after a week or two.

Step 4
áticas Move the young plants outdoors after the last frost, usually around May. Give each one about 15cm (6 inches) of space in well-draining soil with extra compost for growth. Choose a nice location in the sun or part shade, and water well.

Step 5
áticas Your marigolds should do well without too much fuss. They like moist soil, so water them when they’re dry. Add an organic general-purpose fertiliser to give them a mid-season boost. Take out any weeds, and pinch off seed-heads to encourage more flowers.

Top tip

You can also get hardier English or ‘pot’ marigolds, called Calendula. They’re grown the same way, except you can sow them outdoors to begin with, either in pots or garden soil. Try the Bonanza Yellow variety for flowers all through the summer.

Did you know?

The Ancient Greeks believed marigolds were a sign of good luck.

Flowers (Tagetes)

- Gem series, like the ‘signet group’ variety, Golden Gem
- Boy series, like the dwarf French group variety Golden Boy
- Antigua series, like the African group variety Antigua Gold

A golden greeting

Keith Brignell is Growing for Gold and asking his neighbours to line the Torch Relay route with golden marigolds in Portesham, Dorset.

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