

# E16 NEWS



## Welcome to the March issue of the E16 News.

This is the first newsletter since my appointment as Director of the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project.

This is an exciting and busy time. The tower blocks in Fife Road are being demolished now and the first block in Silvertown Way will be coming down soon.

ECF, the developers for the town centre, will be starting consultations in the summer and plans showing what the area will look like are due at the end of the year.

London & Quadrant Housing Trust is currently preparing the sites for new housing schemes in Crediton Road, Tarling Road, Vandome Close, Rogers Road, Fords Park Road and Butchers Road.

There will also be new games areas for young people in Keir Hardie Park and Fords Park Road.

One of my key priorities for the project is to improve the way we consult and work with residents, community groups and businesses.

We have set up neighbourhood groups so that we can work with you on tackling issues, such as anti-social behaviour and we will also be starting a youth forum and business forum.

There will be lots of opportunities to get involved. Details will be available in future issues of the E16 News.

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# Update on Neighbourhood Groups

## The second round of Neighbourhood Group meetings recently took place.

These meetings give you a chance to let the council and police know about your concerns about crime, anti-social behaviour, street cleansing and green spaces.

Examples of the issues raised by residents and the actions taken by the council and police include:

- putting a stop to incidents of anti-social behaviour in the changing room building in Keir Hardie Park



- increased patrols by the Safer Neighbourhoods Team and police surgeries, with more planned for the future

- a project to improve lighting in streets and housing blocks is currently being implemented
- everyone who reported incidents of anti-social behaviour was contacted directly by Newham Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Unit.

There are four Neighbourhood Groups: Fife Road, Freemasons Road, Keir Hardie Park and Town Centre.

Since October we have reached more than 100 residents through these meetings and we always welcome newcomers.

Details of the next meetings will be in the April issue of E16 News.

If you would like to receive information about neighbourhood groups and invitations to future meetings and events, contact Sam Clark on 020 8430 5450 or email: [sam.clark@newham.gov.uk](mailto:sam.clark@newham.gov.uk)

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RESIDENTS CHARTER

Members of the Residents Steering Group (RSG) are being consulted on the proposed changes to the Residents Charter.

Last June, the RSG and the council agreed that the current Charter should be reviewed as it had been in operation for two years.

Your rights as a resident will remain and the suggested improvements will make them clearer.

One key proposal is to look at the way the council consults with residents on the regeneration proposals. Based on experience and legal advice, it might be better to consult on an area by area basis rather than through one organisation.

A summary of all the changes and a copy of the revised Charter will be presented to the Mayor and his Cabinet on March 22 for their decision.

An update will be included in the April issue of E16 News.

If you would like a copy of the revised Charter, please contact Sonja Kvalheim on 020 8430 3131 or come to the drop-in sessions at 20 Freemasons Road on Thursdays from 10am to 4pm.

## Residents survey reveals satisfaction with re-housing service

Residents friend, DOME Consultants, wrote to the people who have moved as part of the regeneration to find out their views on the service they received.

In the independent survey, 85 per cent said their move went smoothly, while 70 per cent said they are happy with their new home.

Most tenants (82 per cent) felt the regeneration team were helpful throughout their move, with 79 per cent saying their options had been clearly explained to them.

The majority of people (90 per cent) also indicated that they had been informed of the compensation to which they are entitled, while 78 per cent said they received the financial help they needed. However, 15 per cent said they felt they did not receive the financial help they needed for moving and we are looking to improve on this.

More than half the respondents (57 per cent) who moved away from the Canning Town and Custom House area expressed an interest in coming back, with two people adding they wanted to be kept informed of the progress of the redevelopment.

Councillor Conor McAuley, Newham's executive adviser on regeneration and chair of the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project Board, said: "It is great to know that so many residents are



satisfied with the service they received. It is also very welcome news that many residents want to return to the area after the regeneration is completed.

"We are making every effort to minimise any inconvenience during this period and are extremely grateful to everyone for their patience and co-operation."

To find out more about the regeneration in Canning Town and Custom House, visit the weekly drop-in session which is held every Thursday from 10am to 4pm at 20 Freemasons Road, Custom House.

Information is also available on the website [www.newham.gov.uk](http://www.newham.gov.uk).

## Children learn about pathway to adulthood

Pupils from Oasis Nursery School in Burke Street went on a journey of discovery when they visited the Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green.

The three and four year-olds learnt about what life was like for children in the past as well as the changes they faced as they grew up.

The visit was part of Citizenship Week, organised by the South West Newham Education Action Zone.

This year's theme, Growing Up in Newham, offered children the chance to look at the changes they undergo as they grow up and the opportunities that are available to them when they reach adulthood.



Also at the museum was an exhibition about the picture book character, Miffy, who is celebrating her 50th birthday. The children took part in activities that involved reading a book, drawing a picture and dressing up as Miffy.

The children were also given disposable cameras to keep a record of their day. Returning to school, they made a display showcasing everything they saw and did on the visit.



**To find out about free places at Oasis Nursery School, contact Julie on 020 7474 5263.**

## Fancy a holiday? Or maybe some extra cash for the family?

**If you smoke, you could be spending more than £1,800 a year on cigarettes.\***

Why not start saving and quit smoking?

You can get help, advice and Nicotine Replacement Therapy **every Thursday from March 8 to April 26 anytime between 5.30pm to 7.30pm**  
**Community Links**  
**105 Barking Road**  
**(opposite Rathbone Market)**

You can get free advice and support from a trained adviser for at least the first four weeks of your quit attempt.

Nicotine Replacement Therapy, such as gum and patches, is free if you are entitled to free prescriptions, otherwise the normal prescription charge applies.

For more information contact Newham Stop Smoking Service free on 0800 013 1673 or email: [stopsmoking@newhampct.nhs.uk](mailto:stopsmoking@newhampct.nhs.uk)

\*Figures based on purchasing 20 cigarettes per day at £5 per pack.



## Youngsters take time out to get active



On the final day, there was a football tournament where players had the opportunity to put into practice what they had learnt during the week.

Councillor Pat Holland presented medals to the winners and all the participants.



The young people who took part told us they wanted to see more organised activities, where they can get a chance to learn as well as have fun.

More than 75 children and young people headed to Canning Town Recreation Ground during the half term week to take part in free sports activities.

The youngsters, aged from seven to 17, received a medal and a goodie bag for taking part in sports including athletics, basketball, handball and football.

There will be more activities during the Easter school holiday. To find out more, contact Abul Hussain, community sports coach, on 07854 954738 or 020 8430 2484.

# Youth project receives extra cash from police



The South Canning Town Detached Youth Project has received extra funding, thanks to the South Canning Town Safer Neighbourhoods Police Team.

The police team helped the youth project bid for money from the Police Recovered Properties Fund, which will help to finance some of their activities.

The South Canning Town Detached Youth Project reaches out to young people. The outreach workers will go to wherever young people hang out, such as on the streets, in parks and stairwells of buildings.

The project also provides group work during the winter and these take place at Youth House in Fords Park Road.

The young people are involved in devising the 12 week programme where each group explores issues that are important to them.

The programme culminates with a residential weekend where the young people use their newly-gained skills.

Sergeant Micallef and his team were invited to Youth House by the young people for a barbeque to say thank you for their support.



**The Safer Neighbourhoods Team offer security marking of bikes, mobile phones and other personal property. To find out more, contact your local team:**

**Sergeant Lisa Butterfield**

Canning Town North 020 8721 2038

**Sergeant Steve Micallef**

Canning Town South 020 8721 2840

**Sergeant Trevor Barnes**

Custom House 020 8721 2039

## Free Prize Draw

Fill in the following questionnaire for a chance to win £200 worth of shopping vouchers

1. Are you aware of Newham Council's Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour hotline number 0800 731 3300?

Yes  No

2. Have you reported any anti-social behaviour in the last year?

Yes  No

3. Who did you report the anti-social behaviour to?

- The council's Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Unit
- Other council service
- The police
- Other (please state)

4. If you have experienced anti-social behaviour but have not reported it, please state why.

- Not sure who to report it to
- No faith in the council
- Didn't think any action could/would be taken
- Afraid of repercussions
- Have not experienced anti-social behaviour
- Other (please state):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick if you wish to be included on the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project mailing list for information about the project

### YOU CAN SEND COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES TO:

E16 News prize draw  
Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project  
20 Freemasons Road, London E16 3NA

Or hand in to staff at the Canning Town Local Service Centre on Beckton Road (near McDonalds).

**The deadline for entry is Friday April 13.**

# Easter at Bow Creek Ecology Park

Join the Easter Bunny Hunt at Bow Creek Ecology Park and East India Dock Basin and win prizes.

**SATURDAY APRIL 7 10AM TO 3PM**

There will be a walk for all the family, which takes in the sites at Bow Creek and East India Dock.

Bow Creek Ecology Park is located behind Canning Town Station.

For more information and to book places, contact The Waterworks on 020 8988 7566.



The park provides a tranquil place to relax in a very urban landscape.

It provides an essential open and recreation space for communities and includes an outdoor classroom which is used by school and youth groups.

The site was officially opened to the public in June 2006.

The park is a bloom of flowers and buzzing insects during the summer months. The ponds are full of life, with newts and water scorpions. The surrounding tidal river attracts flocks of waders such as redshank when the mud is exposed.

The site was operated by the Thames Iron Works and Ship-building Company from 1846 until 1912.

When the Port of London Docks closed in 1981, the site became neglected until it was incorporated into plans by the London Docklands Development Corporation to create an ecology park, together with the redevelopment of the East India Dock Basin.



Bow Creek Ecology Park and the East India Dock Basin have been managed by the Lee Valley Regional Authority since 1998.

## Tap your toes and shake your hips

Try some new dance styles, keep fit in a creative and fun environment and meet new people at the free dance classes for people over 60.

**Every Wednesday, 11.30am to 12.30pm  
Keir Hardie Methodist Church, 14 Fife Road  
No experience necessary and no need to book.**

The classes are organised by Smiling More Often, a project aimed at improving the physical and mental wellbeing of older people in Newham, and East London Dance.

Members of Leap of Faith, East London Dance's performance group for people over 50, will support people to get active and show how beneficial dance can be.

Leap of Faith member, Cindy Dawkins-Lloyd, says, "Dancing has broadened my horizons and given me a reason for living. I love meeting new people and look

forward to helping on the project where I can, encouraging others to move however small and seeing them smile."

**For more information contact East London Dance on 020 8279 1050.**



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# what's on

## Pinnacle estate walkabouts and inspections

Every Friday, 2pm – Nelson Street Studios, Nelson Street

## Free careers and training advice

### Early Start

5-9 Freemasons Road  
March 22

### Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project

20 Freemasons Road  
March 15, 29  
2-4pm

No appointment necessary  
Contact Elite on  
020 7055 3570

## Walking groups

Keir Hardie walking group  
Every Wednesday, 1pm  
Keir Hardie Methodist Church  
Fife Road

Custom House walking group  
Every Friday, 10.30am  
Ascension Church,  
Baxter Road

Contact Bob Bicheno  
07950 186137

## Mayor's Surgery

Monday March 12, Monday April 9  
10.30-11.30am  
Community Links, 105 Barking Road

## Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration drop-in sessions

Every Thursday, 10am-4pm  
Canning Town and Custom House  
Regeneration Project, 20 Freemasons Road

## FREE LEGAL ADVICE ON EMPLOYMENT AND CONSUMER ISSUES

Every Wednesday, 6.30pm to 8pm  
Community Links, 105 Barking Road

## Quit smoking sessions

Every Thursday  
From March 8  
to April 26  
5.30pm to 7.30pm  
Community Links  
105 Barking Road

## FREE DANCE CLASSES FOR THE OVER 60S

Every Wednesday  
11.30am to 12.30pm  
Keir Hardie  
Methodist Church,  
Fife Road

## Make new friends at the warm centre

Trinity Community Centre, Bothwell Close  
Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
9.30am to 3.30pm. Until Friday March 30  
Telephone 020 7366 6048 or 020 8430 2486

## Careers and Jobs Live 2007

ExCeL,  
Custom House  
Sunday March 25  
11am to 5pm  
Monday March 26  
10am to 4pm

## Easter bunny hunt

Saturday April 7  
10am to 3pm  
Bow Creek Ecology Park  
and East India  
Dock Basin

Telephone: 020 8988 7566

## Area Tenant Liaison Committee

Thursday March 15  
6.30pm to 9pm  
Cundy Centre  
Hartington Road

Thursday May 10  
6.30pm to 9pm  
Trinity Centre  
Bothwell Close

Thursday July 5  
6.30pm to 9pm  
Cundy Centre  
Hartington Road

Thursday September 13  
6.30pm to 9pm  
Trinity Centre  
Bothwell Close

Thursday November 8  
6.30pm to 9pm  
Cundy Centre  
Hartington Road

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

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