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The regeneration of Canning Town and Custom House has reached a significant stage.

We've recently been given the go-ahead to demolish the tower blocks in Fife Road.

This means we can get on with the first phase of the redevelopment and you will soon start to see some activity in this area.

We welcome your comments about how to make this a better place to live.

You can do this by a number of ways, such as, coming to the weekly drop-in sessions on Thursdays at the Regeneration office in Freemasons Road, or come along to one of the neighbourhood groups and consultation events that will be taking place in the near future.

The regeneration process does take time and we do appreciate your patience.

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redevelopment update

Residents in the Fife Road area were invited to an event to find out more about the first phase of the regeneration and to feed back any comments.

The day was organised by the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project; tenants' friends, Dome; developers Countryside Properties and registered social landlords William Sutton.

People who attended said what they liked best about the proposals were the choice of homes, the low rise dwellings, plans for Keir Hardie School and the play area.

What they liked the least was waiting for the demolition and building work to start, insufficient car parking

spaces, inadequate through routes and the layouts of some of the rooms in the proposed plans.

Additional comments included:

"I think that this area south of Newham Way has been dying for this programme and I am glad to see it is taking place."

"Open the school five to nine for parents to attend training with a crèche."

"Would be happy to see things moving."

Further events that focus on specific parts of the redevelopment will be organised in the future.

The Mayor and Cabinet approved the demolition of the tower blocks in the Fife Road area at their meeting in October. An order will be placed with Countryside Properties to carry out the work.

Talking computers reach out to visually impaired

Access to library services has recently been improved via a new computer suite at Canning Town Library.

The computers are equipped with Dolphin Supernova software which allows users to magnify text and images, change foreground and background colours and read scanned text aloud.

Visitors will also find new height adjustable desks that are suitable for wheelchair users. The entrance doors to the library have been automated to give greater access to people using electric scooters.

Free training in the use of the new software will soon be available.

For more information, visit Canning Town Library, Barking Road, phone: 020 7476 2696 or email: helen.allso@newham.gov.uk



ICT librarian, Andrew de Heer (left) explains the computer's functions to Hector Carter who is joined by Deputy Mayor Councillor Christine Bowden and Cllr Neil Wilson, executive adviser for inclusion and equalities

Get free advice to boost your career prospects

Elite, East London into Training and Employment, will provide residents with free advice and support in



finding and applying for jobs and training courses.

Advisers can help with job applications, preparing for interviews and locating training programmes as well as identifying childcare services.

They can also provide advice and support once you have obtained a job to help you progress up the career ladder.

THE SESSIONS ARE HELD AT:

Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project office,
20 Freemasons Road, Custom House
every Thursday until December 14
2pm to 4pm

If you cannot attend but would like to make an appointment to see one of the Elite advisers, phone 020 7055 3570.

The service is part of the weekly drop-in sessions organised by the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project.

Every Thursday, from 10am to 4pm, you can come and find out about the regeneration in the area, get up-to-date information about the project and how to get involved in making the area a better place to live.

regenerate



Managers from Pinnacle PSG have been given the challenge to create a sensory garden at a disused site in Radland Road.

Initial plans have been submitted by residents, which are being developed by the team.

Work began at the end of October to turn the disused area into a fully accessible communal garden that can be enjoyed by everyone.

The scheme is financed by Pinnacle PSG, with additional funding from sponsorships from local organisations, including the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project.

Pinnacle also hopes to involve Hallsville Primary School, which is situated near the site, and charities in creating the space and preparing for the grand opening.



Woodland gets a new lease of life

Groundwork East London (GWEL) and Newham Council have secured funding from the London Woodland Grant Scheme to restore Ashburton Woodland on Freemasons Road, opposite Canning Town Recreation Ground.

The project will enable local people to participate in maintaining the two acre site.

Once the initial management plans have been approved, GWEL will provide training for local job seekers in basic green skills to help clear paths.



For more information, speak to any of the staff who will be on site from November, or contact:

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Come and tell us what you think about proposals to improve the Ashburton Woodland and Canning Town Recreation Ground.

The feedback we receive will ensure the developments meet the needs of local people and will help us to progress plans further.

Wednesday November 22
4pm to 7pm
Rosetta Primary School
(main hall),
Sophia Road

There will be young children's activities and entertainment.

Light refreshments will be available.

For more information contact the Newham Park Service on 020 8430 2000 or email: yourparks@newham.gov.uk

Fresh fruit and veg at your doorstep

A mobile food store stops at Paragon Close, near Fords Park Road, every Monday from 10am to 11am.

Fresh fruit and vegetables are available at affordable prices.

If you are pregnant, have children under four years old, are disabled or are housebound, you may qualify for free home delivery.

The service is provided by the Community Food Enterprise, which is supported by the Newham Food Access Partnership.

For more information, phone 020 7511 9014 or email info@community-food-enterprise.org.uk



Government minister launches dental care initiative in Canning Town

Health Minister Rosie Winterton visited the Appleby Health Centre to launch a national scheme to encourage families with young children to get into the habit of brushing their children's teeth regularly with fluoride toothpaste.



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The Brushing for Life initiative will see health visitors and other health care professionals distribute free packs containing Colgate toothpaste, toothbrush and a leaflet on oral hygiene to families with young children when they visit their local health centre.

The staff also give advice to parents on the care of their child's teeth.

Walk your way to health

Walking is the cheapest form of transport and exercise.

Studies show that walking can:

- reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- lower blood pressure and reduce high cholesterol
- help to control body weight
- enhance mental well-being
- help flexibility and co-ordination and prevent falls

Joining a walking group will help you to get fit and is also a great way to make new friends.

THERE ARE TWO GROUPS IN THE AREA:

The Keir Hardie group was started by local resident Alan Partridge and meets for weekly walks every Wednesday, starting at 1pm from Keir Hardie Methodist Church, Fife Road.

The Custom House group consists of members of the Ascension Church social club run by Sybil Nightingale. The walks take place every Friday at 10.30am from the church in Baxter Road.

The walks are at a very moderate pace and may include stopping for a cup of tea or coffee.

They take a variety of routes, most of them within Newham. Some walks take place outside the borough and this will involve getting on a bus or train.

If you have a medical condition which could be adversely affected by taking up activity it may be advisable to ask your doctor first.

For more information, contact Bob Bicheno, the Newham Striders Co-ordinator, on 020 8271 1345.



Bob Bicheno and walking group

Introducing your new Safer Neighbourhoods Team Sergeant



Sargent Steve Micallef has joined the Canning Town South Safer Neighbourhoods Team. He leads a team of two constables and three police community support officers.

Safer Neighbourhoods Teams work with local people and partner organisations, including the council, to identify and tackle issues of concern in their neighbourhood.

The teams can be contacted:

CANNING TOWN NORTH:

Sgt Lisa Sheehan tel: 020 8721 2038
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CUSTOM HOUSE:

Sgt Trevor Barnes tel: 020 8721 2039
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Clamping down on crime and anti-social behaviour

Members of the council's anti-social behaviour and Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project teams joined forces with the Metropolitan Police to visit the Silvertown Way and Clarkson Road area with the Together bus.

The team visited properties that are due for redevelopment, including Newton Point, Hughes Terrace, Sparke Terrace and Montesquieu Terrace.

Parks Constabulary Officers were also on hand to demonstrate the new mobile CCTV van.

Councillor Conor McAuley, Newham's executive adviser on regeneration and chair of the Canning Town and Custom House

Regeneration Project Board, said: "People are beginning to see signs of the physical regeneration of the area as properties become empty.

"During this time, there will still be people living in these areas and the council, police and other organisations are committed to providing a normal service to these residents. This includes making sure crime and anti-social behaviour does not impact on their quality of life."



THIEVES BEWARE SmartWater's here

Canning Town residents will be the first in Newham to receive SmartWater, the latest crime prevention tool to reduce burglary.

SmartWater is a forensic fluid that, when applied to valuables, provides the police with a liquid DNA should they be stolen.

SmartWater is dabbed or painted onto valuables and is virtually impossible to remove. Each brush stroke contains a forensic fingerprint or reference number that is unique to your household and which is registered on SmartWater's national database.

Stolen goods coded with SmartWater can be linked directly to the crime, often long after the event. Police use a special light to locate the solution, which cannot be seen in normal light.

You can code anything, from your television to tools and garden furniture. You can even code jewellery and sentimental items.

Each kit comes with self adhesive labels to apply to your valuables and the inside window of your house. When applied, these act as an immediate warning to the would-be thief.

In a pilot scheme in Sutton in Surrey, burglary in the area was reduced by 90 per cent.

Safer Neighbourhoods Teams will be visiting residents with the SmartWater kits and giving demonstrations on how to use the fluid.

Police will also be visiting boot sales and pawnbrokers on a regular basis to scan items for the presence of SmartWater.

what's on

South Canning Town and Custom House Area Tenants Liaison Committee

Thursday November 9, 6.30pm • Cundy Centre, Hartington Road

Special ATLC meeting on crime and anti-social behaviour

Thursday November 16, 6.30pm
Cundy Centre, Hartington Road

Elite careers and training advice

Every Thursday, 2pm-4pm
20 Freemasons Road, Custom House

Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project drop-in sessions

Every Thursday, 10am-4pm
20 Freemasons Road, Custom House

Mayor's Surgery

Monday November 13, 10.30am
Community Links, 105 Barking Road

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



Remembrance Sunday

Sunday November 12, assemble at 10.30am, two minute silence at 11am

War memorial, St Luke's Church

Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project Partnership Board

Monday November 20, 6.30pm
Community Links, 105 Barking Road

Canning Town and Custom House PFI resident panel meetings

Tuesday November 28, 7pm
River Christian Centre, Vincent Street

London City East Partnership estate walkabouts

Tuesday December 19, 11am
New Century House, St Luke's Square

Pinnacle estate walkabouts and inspections

Every Friday, 2pm
New Century House, St Luke's Square

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm



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