

## CUSTOM HOUSE & CANNING TOWN »» IN FOCUS

Covering Canning Town North,  
South and Custom House

# MAYOR SIGNALS START OF FIRST PHASE OF REGENERATION WORKS



(l-r) Cllrs Clive Furness and Conor McAuley, English Cities Fund chairman, Sir Michael Lyons and Sir Robin Wales at the ground breaking ceremony in Canning Town

**Mayor Sir Robin Wales and Custom House and Canning Town councillors signalled the start of the first phase of regeneration works in Canning Town at a ground breaking ceremony in Rathbone Market last month.**

The first phase of works on the Rathbone Market site will see 271 new homes built, to be completed by late summer 2012.

The market will continue to trade during the construction period. Stallholders have been relocated next to the remaining shops at the Percy Ingle's end of the market, bringing all the stalls and shops together during the works.

The town centre redevelopment is

part of a larger masterplan that will see the £3.7bn regeneration project encompass work to revamp Rathbone Market and the A13 junction, which has already begun.

The £600m town centre makeover covers a 16-acre site, around the size of eight football pitches, that stretches south of the A13 to Hallsville Road and Rathbone Street.

Executive member for regeneration and Custom House ward councillor, Conor McAuley, said: "This milestone is an important step towards moving the regeneration of Canning Town and Custom House forward.

"Despite the coalition government's cuts, we have lobbied hard to ensure that residents in Canning Town will reap

the benefits from job creation, better quality housing and a modernised thriving Rathbone Market."

The council continues to work with English Cities Fund, its development partner and London Thames Gateway Development Corporation to ensure the regeneration works steam ahead. Local lad, Sir Michael Lyons, originally from Cundy Road, who is English Cities Fund chairman and BBC Trust chairman, joined Sir Robin and councillors for the ground breaking ceremony.

In total more than 1,000 new homes, including affordable housing and around 60,000sqm of retail and offices will be built creating 500 jobs over the decade-long construction period.

# Ring in a green new year

Put recycling on the top of your New Year's resolution list and kick off 2011 with a green promise to make Newham a cleaner, greener place for everyone.

Thirty per cent more rubbish is produced over the Christmas holidays – here are some top tips to help you reduce your waste:

- put your wrapping paper, Christmas cards, plastic bottles, magazines and cans in your orange bag
- recycle your Christmas tree for free by calling the council to book a collection on 020 8430 2000
- take your empty glass bottles and jars to a recycling bank near you
- got a new piece of furniture for Christmas and want to get rid of the old one? The council can take up to six bulky items for free – book a collection by visiting [www.newham.gov.uk](http://www.newham.gov.uk) or call 020 8430 2000.

For more information on recycling visit [www.newham.gov.uk](http://www.newham.gov.uk)



(l-r) Custom House PCSO Elisangela Stevens and Nick Druiff take note of the work done by community payback offenders

## BIG PAYBACK FOR THE COMMUNITY

Justice has seen to be done after a team of offenders tidied up a popular walkway off Stansfeld Road after a resident requested the improvements through the Community Payback scheme.

Jake Russell Walk is looking cleaner after Community Payback offenders serving their sentence cleared overgrown vegetation. In all, 230 bags of leaves and ten bags of rubbish were collected. Bulky items, including mattresses and plastic chairs, were removed.

Resident Nick Druiff, who lives off Jasper Walk, regularly uses the walkway and noticed that a lot of rubbish was being dumped behind the trees. He requested that the area be tidied by nominating the Community Payback Scheme.

He said: "It's good to see the offenders put something back into the community."

Community Payback is a partnership between Newham Council, the Metropolitan Police and Probation Services. Low-risk offenders serve sentences that repay local communities as part of their punishment.

Since last January, offenders have worked more than 6,000 Community Payback hours completing 13 projects nominated by the public in Newham.

If you think there is an area which needs to be cleaned or improved by Community Payback you can nominate a site by:

- speaking to your ward councillor
- visiting [www.newham.gov.uk](http://www.newham.gov.uk) and searching for Community Payback.

## MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR

Residents flocked to talk to their local councillor at an event at the Swift Centre in The Memorial Baptist Church, Barking Road.

The council organised event is one of many to encourage the public to get to know their local councillor and to discuss any concerns or issues they might have.

More than 25 residents came to the event to talk about issues including parking and discussed proposed Dog Control Orders, which aim to prevent dogs causing chaos in the community.

Canning Town North Ward councillor, Clive Furness, said: "A councillor's role is to represent the public and make sure that people's concerns and issues are taken into account when important decisions are being made in the council."

The police Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) was also at the event giving out advice and personal safety alarms. Parking and community safety officers from the council were also on hand to answer questions.

**If you would like to organise an event where you can meet your local councillor call Tristan on 020 3373 1265 or email [Tristan.fluerty@newham.gov.uk](mailto:Tristan.fluerty@newham.gov.uk)**

## Dates for your diary – neighbourhood meetings

- **Canning Town Centre neighbourhood meeting**, Tuesday 11 January, 6.30pm at The Hub, Star Lane, E16
  - **Freemasons Road neighbourhood meeting**, Wednesday 19 January, 6.30pm at The Cundy Centre, Hartington Road, E16
  - **Fife Road neighbourhood meeting**, Tuesday 25 January, 6.30pm at Keir Hardie Church, Fife Road, E16
  - **Keir Hardie neighbourhood meeting**, Wednesday 26 January, 6.30pm at the River Christian Centre, Vincent Street, E16
- To find out more about the meetings, including which one is closest to you, contact Sam Clark on 020 3373 3538 or email [sam.clark@newham.gov.uk](mailto:sam.clark@newham.gov.uk)**

# Look back at 2010

Each month, In Focus brings you news of people, improvements and events in your area. Here we look back on a choice few of your favourite stories.

1. A site is transformed into a temporary community growing and events space and named Growing PlacE16

2. More than 1,300 merrymakers attended Thrive 2010 a free council-organised event to keep you in the know about all the regeneration changes in your area



1. Sarah Braithwaite oversees the transformation of the site into a community growing space

2. (centre) Mayor Sir Robin Wales and (back l-r) Cllrs Conor McAuley, Marie and Bryan Collier, Paul Schafer and Gavin Pearson and residents Layla, Millie, Lacy and Liza have a go on the jigsaw puzzle at Thrive



3. Cllrs Marie Collier, trader Dawn Pethers, customer Lesley Deal, market development manager Roy Wayne and Cllr Paul Schafer at Rathbone Market



3. Coalition government cuts looked like the regeneration of Rathbone Market might not go ahead but then the council received funding from the London Homes and Communities Agency – securing Rathbone Market's fate

4. Star Park shines bright after a total makeover, new play equipment and natural features

## Get in touch

\* If you have any news you want to tell In Focus, email [infocus@newham.gov.uk](mailto:infocus@newham.gov.uk) or call 020 3373 2684



4. Enjoying the outdoors: pupils from Star Primary School take a trip through the rope climbing valley watched on by (l-r) Cllrs Clive Furness, Marie Collier and Paul Schafer in Star Park

# SPOTLIGHT ON...

## CAFÉ RELOAD

**If you're looking for a place to unleash your unbridled talent then look no further than Café Reload based in Unusual Coffee café in Western Gateway.**

Café Reload is not a venue but a group of creative types that meet regularly to showcase talent or take part in workshops in Warehouse K, a stone's throw away from Custom House Docklands Light Railway (DLR).

The idea came about when Custom House resident and graphic designer Dorothy Dela Cruz and other members of her church youth group held a one-off performance event for young people.

"The event was such a success that we decided to turn it into a regular gig," said Dorothy.

Initially, Café Reload was held in different venues around the borough but the group are currently holding shows and workshops at the Unusual Coffee café. "I really love the cosy feel of the place," said Dorothy.

"A usual session lasts for about two hours. We invite guests to perform for



the first hour and then for the second hour we have an open mic session, which is open to any young person, who wants to perform," she explains.

If performance isn't your thing, then you can get involved in the workshops that Dorothy organises. In the past few months there have been a design and a singing workshop and there are plans for poetry, guitar and music writing workshops.

The next event will be on Friday 11 February at 6.30pm and will have a valentine theme.

**If you would like to take part in the open mic session call Dorothy on 07763 658 118. Café Reload is based in Unusual Coffee café, Unit R5, Warehouse K, E16 1DR. Entrance cost: £2**

## WHAT'S ON CUSTOM HOUSE AND CANNING TOWN

**Get back in shape with these FREE health walks**

Mondays and Thursdays  
10am at Canning Town Recreational Ground  
Prince Regent Lane, E16  
Meet inside the park near outdoor gym equipment  
Call Paula Peaty on 07789 500768 or email [getactive@newham.gov.uk](mailto:getactive@newham.gov.uk) for more information

**Winter craft - Children aged five-12 years are invited to light up the New Year by working with Waste Watch to make lanterns from recycled items.**

Thursday 13 January, 4-6pm  
Canning Town Library  
Barking Road and  
Custom House Library  
Prince Regent Lane, E16  
For more information call Canning Town library on 020 3373 0854 or Custom House library on 020 3373 0855

**For even more things to do check out the What's On calendar on the Newham website, where you'll find listings for more than 6,000 events:**

[www.newham.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.newham.gov.uk/whatson)

**If your group has an activity to promote please contact us on 020 3373 2684 or email [infocus@newham.gov.uk](mailto:infocus@newham.gov.uk)**

## MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

**Councillors out and about:** If you would like a councillor to visit your community organisation, school, place of worship, meeting or event please call 020 3373 1265 or email [tristan.fluerty@newham.gov.uk](mailto:tristan.fluerty@newham.gov.uk)  
To email your local councillor write [firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk) e.g. [marie.collier@newham.gov.uk](mailto:marie.collier@newham.gov.uk)



Marie Collier



Clive Furness



Paul Schafer



Bryan Collier



Michael Nicholas



Alan Taylor



Patricia Holland



Gavin Pearson



Conor McAuley

### Canning Town North Ward

**Cllr Collier and Cllr Schafer**  
Every Monday (alternating)  
10am  
7a Avondale Court  
Avondale Road  
Canning Town, E16

**Cllr Furness**  
First and third  
Friday of the month  
6-7pm  
Helping Hands  
42 Balaam Street, E13

### Canning Town South Ward

**Cllr Collier**  
Second and fourth Monday  
of the month  
10am-12pm Canning Town  
Local Service Centre  
3 Beckton Road, E16

**Cllr Nicholas**  
First and third Thursday  
of the month

10.30am-12.30pm  
Keir Hardie Methodist Church  
14 Plymouth Road, E16

**Cllr Taylor**  
First and third Thursday  
of the month  
6-7.30pm  
Trinity Community Centre  
Bothwell Close, E16

### Custom House Ward

First Saturday of the month  
**Cllr Holland**  
Second Saturday of the month  
**Cllr Pearson**  
Third Saturday of the month  
**Cllr McAuley**  
10-11am  
St Joachim's Catholic School  
Shipman Road  
Custom House, E16

**Need to talk to Mayor Sir Robin Wales?** Being an elected mayor, Sir Robin is directly accountable to you. Look out for Question Time times and dates in the Newham Mag, visit [www.newham.gov.uk/mayor](http://www.newham.gov.uk/mayor) or call 020 3373 0437.