

IN FOCUS FOREST GATE

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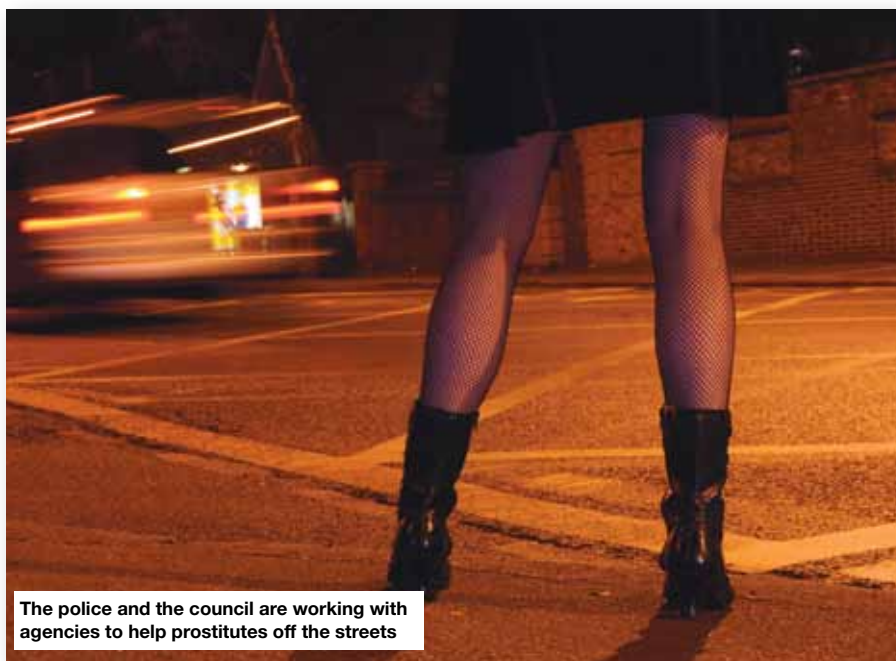
A safe exit for sex workers

Newham Council's community safety team and the Police are working together to rid the streets of prostitution.

Prostitution recently came out at the top of residents' concerns. As a result, the council and the police are tackling hotspot areas around Romford, Dyson, Hamfrith and Worland Roads.

In the past year, the police and the council have:

- targeted kerb crawlers in several crackdowns. Kerb crawling (driving around looking for prostitutes) is an offence, and can result in being arrested and a fine of up to £200. So far, 47 acceptable behaviour contracts have been issued – a voluntary agreement between the police and the kerb



The police and the council are working with agencies to help prostitutes off the streets

crawler not to commit the offence again. If the kerb crawler breaks the agreement, he will be fined.

- 43 anti-social behaviour (ASB) notices and support packs, nine ASB orders and three injunctions have been issued to street workers

- mobile CCTV will be installed, lighting improved and vegetation cut back in the hotspot areas to monitor criminal activity.

Any fines that the police collect go into supporting the street workers

to find a way out of the trade. When a prostitute is cautioned she is offered support through different organisations working with the police.

The police monitor the progress of each cautioned street worker. If she is not engaging with the support organisations, the police will pursue enforcement.

To report crime and ASB call the council's 24-hour hotline on 0800 731 3300.

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Go green with your garden waste



Green fingered gardener or eco warrior – whatever your reasons, make sure you recycle your green garden waste.

The council offers a FREE green garden waste collection to all residents. The service accepts grass cuttings, weeds, hedge trimmings, leaves, small branches and flowers.

All you need to do is place them in a black bag, leave them at the front of your property and call to arrange a collection. The waste will be picked up within five working days.

All garden waste is turned into compost at Jenkins Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre instead of being sent to landfill sites. So if you want to do your bit for the environment, make the most of this council service.

To arrange a collection or for more information, call 020 8430 2000 or book the collection online at www.newham.gov.uk and search for 'green waste'.

FOREST GATE FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION



Sylvia and Andy were last year's winners of the Forest Gate Festival Front Garden competition

Calling all green-fingered gardeners for this year's Forest Gate Festival Front Garden competition! Show us your garden and you could be in with the chance of winning some top prizes.

No front garden is too small, whether it's at the front of a house, bungalow or flat and you can plant in the ground, window box or a container. Winners will be announced at the Forest Gate Festival on Saturday 9 July.

Gardens will be judged on general layout, cleanliness, lack of weeds and pests and how plants and vegetables are arranged. Only one entry per household is allowed.

If you meet the mentioned criteria you could be in with a chance of winning a gardening voucher from Smallholder's Garden Centre in Woodgrange Road. The first ten entrants to get their application in will receive a voucher from the gardening centre worth £5.

Pick up an application form now from The Gate Library in Woodgrange Road or Durning Hall in Earlham Grove. The competition is only open to Forest Gate residents. For more information or to request an application form email syed.haque@newham.gov.uk or call 020 3373 1540.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ATHERTON CENTRE MAIN POOL

The main swimming pool at the Atherton Leisure Centre in Romford Road is to close temporarily while repairs are carried out to the ceiling.

The council takes health and safety very seriously and the work cannot be done while the pool is in use. Entry to the rest of the building and the use of other facilities will continue as normal.

The work is planned to start on May 3 and could take up to 13 weeks but we can assure customers that the main pool will re-open as soon as possible. We would like to thank users for their patience while the work

is carried out and apologise for the inconvenience this closure will cause.

Activities and clubs that currently take place in the main pool will switch to the smaller training pool or to leisure facilities at:

- Balaam Leisure Centre, Balaam Street, Plaistow
- East Ham Leisure Centre, Barking Road, East Ham
- Newham Leisure Centre, Prince Regent Lane, Plaistow

For further information about leisure and entertainment in Newham visit www.newham.gov.uk or call 020 8430 2000.

Kay Rowe Nursery opens its doors



Prianga has her facepainted by Noor Sher

Kay Rowe Nursery in Osborne Road opened its doors to Forest Gate for an open day, to give people a taster of what the children's centre does.

Youngsters had an opportunity to try facepainting and messy play, and Kay Rowe Nursery café was selling

tasty treats for hungry folk. There was also Indian dance. Workplace was also on hand to offer employment advice to anyone who needed it.

Head teacher Anne Kibuuka said: "We invited the community in to see what we do, which includes

everything from family support, outreach and health promotion to try out activities in the nursery school, as well as our classes."

To find out more about Kay Rowe Nursery call 020 8534 4403 or email info@kayrowe.newham.sch.uk

Rastamouse in da house

Author Michael de Souza shared his tales about the coolest crime-busting mouse in the world – Rastamouse - with children at Woodgrange Infant School in Sebert Road to launch the school's book week.

Pupils were treated to a full day's

workshop with the children's writer, famous for his CBeebies adaptation of his books about Rastamouse.

As part of the workshops, children aged three to seven learnt how to rhyme, 'Rastamouse stylee', and got to dress up and act out the



Michael signs copies of his books



Cllr Scoresby and Woodgrange Infant pupils act out Rastamouse with Michael De Souza

Rastamouse stories with the author.

Deputy head teacher, Maria Lewington, said: "It was a fabulous event. Michael gave the children 100 per cent and it was an amazing way to get even the most reluctant readers and writers engaged in enjoying and participating in something that tapped into their interest."

Community lead councillor, Kay Scoresby, joined in with the children and at the end of the day, the author signed copies of his books.

Spotlight on... Forest Gate Festival

One Saturday in July every year, Osborne Road is taken over by musicians, dancers and festival-goers to celebrate all that's wonderful about Forest Gate.

This year Forest Gate Festival is coming to you on Saturday 9 July. Now in its twelfth year, it has grown and become more popular thanks to the hard work of Forest Gate Festival members, councillors and volunteers.

"There are lots of really positive things about Forest Gate. It's a great place to grow up and live and the festival is all about highlighting this and celebrating the area," said Forest Gate Festival member of almost 12 years, Radhika Bynon.

A recent addition to the festival is Forest Gate's Got Talent – a showcase of Forest Gate's talented singers, musicians and dancers. If you would like to be part of the showcase, then make sure you go along to the next auditions Saturday 21 May, 12-3pm in Durning Hall, Earlham Grove and on Thursday 26 May, 4-7.30pm in the Hornbeam Hall in Forest Gate

Community School, Forest Lane.

If you can't make it on the day, don't worry, tune into local community radio station NuSound Radio 92FM and soak up the good vibes.

If you would like to have a stall at the festival, you can pick up an application form from either Durning Hall in Earlham Grove or The Gate in Woodgrange Road. The cost is £15 per stall.

For more information or to help out as a volunteer email syed.haque@newham.gov.uk or call 020 3373 1540.



Emmanuel the Magnificent wow the crowds at last year's festival with their acrobatic tricks

WHAT'S ON FOREST GATE

Starpad – a nightclub run by and for people with learning disabilities

Every third Wednesday of the month, next event is on 18 May 7-11pm

Cost: £5 on the door

Forest Gate Hotel

105 Godwin Road, E7

For more information call Richard on 07951 256 979

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Durning Hall, Earlham Grove

and Thursday 26 May, 4-7.30pm

Hornbeam Hall

Forest Gate Community School

Forest Lane, E7

For more information email

Sally Rogers at sally.rogers@community-links.org

For even more things to do check out the What's On in Newham calendar, where you'll find listings for more than 6,000 events visit www.newham.com

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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 1540 or email syed.haque@newham.gov.uk

To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. shama.ahmad@newham.gov.uk



Shama Ahmad



Paul Brickell



Ellie Robinson



Akbar Chaudhary



Leanora Cameron



Winston Vaughan

Forest Gate North Ward
Every Saturday (alternating)
10.30 - 11.30am
Durning Hall
Earlham Grove
Forest Gate, E7

Forest Gate South Ward
Every Saturday (alternating)
except Bank Holiday weekends
10.30 - 11.30am
The Gate, 4 - 20 Woodgrange Road
Forest Gate, E7

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 or call 020 3373 0437.