

E16 NEWS



Welcome to the May issue of E16 News. This is an exciting and busy time. Two of the tower blocks in Fife Road have now been demolished and work is starting on the third and final tower block. Plans for the new homes and the school are being developed. Details of the proposals will be in a future issue of E16 News.

The existing overall plan (masterplan) for the area has been in place for a number of years. A lot has happened since it was agreed, including the announcement of the Olympics and the new developments along the docks. We are therefore looking to update the masterplan and ideas are currently being developed. We will be seeking your views in June.

One of my key priorities for the project is to improve the way we consult and work with residents, community groups and businesses. The neighbourhood groups are becoming more popular and you can read an update inside. We acknowledge that the way in which we have involved local people in the redevelopment could be improved. Residents have been concerned that they do not receive enough information, while some people find big meetings intimidating. Following consultation on the residents' charter the council has agreed a new approach. Instead of working with just one group, in future we will talk to residents on an area by area basis as the development progresses. We won't hold big meetings but will talk to people individually and in small groups, in a variety of ways and on issues that matter to them. I will be writing to residents to explain the changes to the charter in more detail.

There's lots happening in the area. Take a look at the 'What's on' page to see how you can get involved.

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Neighbourhood feedback

Feedback from the third round of Neighbourhood Group meetings was very positive.

Increased attendance at the meetings suggests there is growing confidence in the council's response to the issues that local residents tell us about. Some examples of the types of issues that have been raised are shown below.



<p>YOU SAID... You wanted the chance to get more involved in the plans for improvements to Keir Hardie Park.</p>	➔	<p>WE DID... After extensive consultation among residents and schools, the final masterplan was presented at the recent Keir Hardie Neighbourhood Group meeting.</p>
<p>YOU SAID... You were concerned about incidents of anti-social behaviour involving young people and pointed out that there was very little for young people to do in the area.</p>	➔	<p>WE DID... We employed a full-time community sports coach who is working towards increasing the amount of organised sport for young people as well as running sport programmes during school holidays.</p>
<p>YOU SAID... You were concerned about street lighting in some of the streets in the area and the impact this has on people's safety.</p>	➔	<p>WE DID... A programme to improve the lighting in many of the problem areas was carried out in March 2007.</p>
<p>YOU SAID... Littering on the streets and dog fouling are both big problems in the area.</p>	➔	<p>WE DID... The council's Public Realm team has made progress on these issues, receiving positive feedback from residents. An independent study shows that Newham Council is close to achieving their targets on street cleansing. Dog litter bins have been installed in parks in the area.</p>
<p>YOU SAID... Incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) were common and that the Safer Neighbourhoods police were rarely seen in the area.</p>	➔	<p>WE DID... Newham Council's ASB Unit has carried out a number of investigations based on reports from residents. However many incidents are still not being reported. You can report incidents by calling free on 0800 731 3300.</p> <p>Many of you will also have met members of your Safer Neighbourhoods Police Team who have increased patrols in areas where you think it's needed.</p>

Since October 2006, more than 150 people have attended our four Neighbourhood Groups. You don't have to be a council tenant to take part. These groups focus on quality of life issues for **all** local residents.

For more information call Sam Clark (Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration) on 020 8430 5450.

LATE SPRING BANK HOLIDAY REVISED RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES



NORMAL DAY OF COLLECTION	REVISED DAY OF COLLECTION
Monday May 28 (Bank Holiday)	Tuesday May 29
Tuesday May 29	Wednesday May 30
Wednesday May 30	Thursday May 31
Thursday May 31	Friday June 1
Friday June 1	Saturday June 2

For all enquiries on recycling and FREE green garden rubbish collection
www.newham.gov.uk/services/recycling
Recycling@newham.gov.uk 020 8430 2000

Family fun in Fords Park



More than 200 people turned up to the fun day on April 5 at Fords Park in Fords Park Road.

The event was organised by Reed Partnership, together with Pinnacle psg, Youth House and the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project.

There were stalls where people could find out about jobs and training opportunities, meet their Safer Neighbourhoods Police Teams, find out about proposals for improving the park as well as sign up to join the scouts.

A blacksmith held sessions for children to make metal ornaments and an Easter bunny handed out chocolate eggs to visitors.

There was also a barbeque, bouncy castle, face painting and balloon artist.

Congratulations to Elizabeth England of St Thomas Road who won a stereo in the prize draw.



Police get footballing lesson

A five-a-side football match between young people and police officers from the Canning Town South and Custom House Neighbourhoods Teams took place at the fun day.

The youngsters beat the police officers 10-2. It is hoped the tournament will become an annual event, so the police have a year to improve their footballing skills.

For more information about sports activities, contact community sports coach, Abul Hussain, on 07854 954738 or 020 8430 2484.



Rathbone update

English Cities Fund (ECf), developers for Rathbone Market has begun to draft proposals for the new town centre development. The scheme will provide an improved market within a new civic square, with more shops, offices and housing.

Although work is not due to start until late 2008, ECf is expected to submit a planning application for the scheme by the end of 2007. There will be an extensive public consultation period from early summer which will help to inform the design of the scheme as it progresses.

The council and ECf are keen to ensure that retailers, residents and customers all obtain the best scheme for the Canning Town area.

Both the council and ECf believe it is essential to support existing traders to retain a shopping centre while the works take place and wish to encourage



them to locate within the new development. Further details will follow in future copies of E16 News.

For more information contact Mark Brown (ECf) on 0845 262 0138 or Helen Woolard (Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project) on 020 8430 4564.

Skiing in the snow

Students from Eastlea Community School in Exning Road recently went on a trip of a lifetime to the French Alps, Valloire.

The youngsters learnt the basics of skiing. Many of the students found the trip to be personally challenging yet rewarding. All achieved the French ski school grading and many of the Year 11 students will put this towards their GCSE PE exam.

One student said: "I have avoided using my spending money on this trip so I can put down my deposit for next year. Skiing is the best thing ever." Another who is leaving school at the end of the year has asked to come along next time as a helper.

Deputy head teacher, James Howarth, said: "Not only was this a fantastic opportunity for all those involved, but a great way to spend a week. Since coming back, there has been a fantastic increased intensity to many of the students' attitudes towards their schooling. This was an opportunity not to be missed and we are currently looking for part funding for the next trip."



The students took part in a minimum of four hours activity each day. As well as skiing, they also experienced sledging, ice skating and bowling.

One student said: "It is amazing how fit we are. Everybody is tired but when you are enjoying yourself you find the energy from somewhere. At home I would have just been sat indoors watching TV or playing computer games."

Easter sports activities prove a winner

A feast of sports activities held during the Easter school holidays scored a bullseye, attracting more than 530 local young people aged seven to 17.

The menu of sports on offer included football, basketball, tag rugby, hockey, handball and tapeball cricket. Prizes were up for grabs as young people took part in tournaments held at Keir Hardie Park and Canning Town Recreation Ground.

Councillor Pat Holland, Community Lead Member for Custom House and Canning Town helped present prizes to the winning teams. She said: "What a wonderful opportunity for the young people this was. In the current climate, where gang culture is making the front pages, it is great for them to take part in a positive activity and be supported by older ones who really want to change things."



Your Safer Neighbourhoods Teams in action



Custom House Safer Neighbourhoods Team PCSOs Demir and Ikram were on cycle patrol when they spotted a car being driven in Hooper Road by an underage driver. They saw the driver stop the car and run into a nearby house. The car had been reported stolen. The young person was arrested on suspicion of the theft of the vehicle.

An armed robber who held betting shop staff at gunpoint was sentenced to a total of 8½ years. A man was sentenced at Snaresbrook Crown Court after pleading guilty to armed robbery at the shop in Fife Road. He was sentenced to 6 years for the armed robbery and 2½ years for possession of a firearm.

His arrest came after Safer Neighbourhoods Officers PC Davies and PCSO Ahmed of the Canning Town South Team were on cycle patrols when they spotted him in the area.

To contact your local Safer Neighbourhoods Teams:

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

PRIZE DRAW WINNER

Congratulations to Teresa Maltby from Hooper Road who is the lucky winner of the prize draw from the March edition of E16 News.

She receives shopping vouchers worth £200.

Look out for new prize draws in future editions of E16 News.

And the winner is...



Rosetta Primary School won the School of the Year at Newham's Stars of Excellence Awards.

Staff from the school in Sophia Road picked up their award from Newham Council's Chief Executive, Dave Burbage, at a special dinner held at the Brick Lane Music Hall in Silvertown.

The school achieved their recognition for making great progress through their dedication, effort and teamwork.

Head teacher, Geoff Hadlow, said: "Rosetta winning the School of the Year award 2007 has been a marvellous accolade for the pupils, staff team, governors and community. It's an award that we are all immensely proud of, and actually surprised to have won, when you consider all of the excellent achievements that are replicated in schools across the authority.

"We realise that our recent judgement by Ofsted that we are an 'outstanding school' was a major contributory factor in Rosetta receiving the award. Both the inspection judgement and the School of the Year award really are a testament to the hard work by everyone involved with Rosetta and has been an uplifting experience for us all."

TENANTS RE-HOUSED

Some facts and figures

- ✓ 230 tenants have been re-housed by the regeneration team to date
- ✓ Over 50% have moved from a flat or maisonette to a house or bungalow
- ✓ 25% have increased the number of bedrooms in their property
- ✓ More than 30% have moved to properties within the Canning Town and Custom House area

All tenants moved voluntarily and no legal action was required. Tenants were able to bid for properties through Choice Based Lettings, with unlimited choices.

The regeneration team continues to work with tenants to find suitable properties and ensure their move goes as smoothly as possible.

Regular updates will be in future issues of E16 News.

For further information or to discuss your re-housing requirements contact Cecile Duerinckx on 020 8430 4605, Yvonne Weekes on 020 8430 6095 or Scott Riches on 020 8430 6333.



Go for it community funding

If you have an idea that brings local people across diverse communities together for shared activities and build a community fit for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, then you can apply for a *Go for it* grant of up to £2,012.

The *Go for it* grants programme has funded more than 100 great ideas that have made a real difference in Newham. Success stories include:

- New City PTA Saturday Morning Family Cycling Club enables people of all ages and abilities to have a go at cycling by borrowing bikes from the project in a safe and supervised environment.
- St John's Community Centre international dance events provides taster sessions of different styles of dancing, the project brings together people from different cultural backgrounds to share their common love and interest in dancing.
- The Newham Green Gym enables residents to carry out nature conservation activities at East Ham Nature Reserve, which not only helps to improve their health but also the environment.

To apply for a grant, you can download an application form and guidance from the Newham Council website www.newham.gov.uk, telephone 020 8430 2433 or email goforit@newham.gov.uk

what's on

Pinnacle estate walkabouts and inspections

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

Free careers and training advice

Every Thursday, 2pm to 4pm

Early Start

5-9 Freemasons Road

May 24

June 7, 21

Regeneration Project office

20 Freemasons Road

May 17, 31

June 14, 28

No appointment necessary

Contact Elite on

020 7055 3570

Area Tenant Liaison Committee

Thursday May 24

6.30pm to 9pm

Trinity Centre

Bothwell Close

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 186 137

Keep Fit for Over 40s

Every Saturday,

9.30am to 10.30am

Keir Hardie Methodist

Church, Fife Road

Contact Alan Partridge

on 020 8472 2805

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

Fit Club Mile Walk

Sunday May 27, 10.30am

Memorial Recreation Ground,
Memorial Avenue

Contact Helen McGinley on

020 8430 6905

Free football coaching

If you're aged eight to 18, simply turn up and join in:

Every Wednesday, 5-7pm

Canning Town Rec, Freemasons Road

Every Thursday, 5-7pm

Scud Park Ball Cage, Tant Avenue

Every Friday, 5-7pm

Fords Park Ball Cage, Fords Park Road

For more information call Sham on 020 8556 5973.

Ashburton Woodland Green Fun Day

Saturday May 12, 11am-4pm

Rosetta Primary School

and Ashburton Woodland

Contact Sam Clark on 020 8430 5450



FREE DANCE CLASSES FOR THE OVER 60s

Every Wednesday

11.30am to 12.30pm

Keir Hardie Methodist Church,

Fife Road

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

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