

MANOR PARK » IN FOCUS

Covering East Ham North,
Manor Park and Little Ilford

Hello from Councillor Pat Sheekey

Welcome to In Focus. First of all, let me thank everyone who joined in the council's Plant for Life day and helped us reach the borough-wide target of planting 2,012 trees in Newham's Parks.

Read on to find a report from that event plus news of consultation in the Snowhill Estate, details of the upcoming Vaisakhi procession and photos of the winners of a great inter-forum sports event.

With advice on recycling and information on how you can become a walks leader in your area, this is another packed issue.

Enjoy the read!

**Community lead councillor,
Pat Sheekey**



Road revamps are a step in the right direction



Cllrs Khalil Kazi, Andrew Baikie (left) and Jo Corbett assess the plans with chief engineer Bill Neate, senior engineer Graham Dickerson and design engineer Shanthy Selvarajan

A multi-million pound plan to improve roads in Manor Park has been given the green light.

Dersingham Avenue is set to undergo extensive road improvements as the council works to address issues such as speed, road conditions and congestion.

Councillors were consulted on the improvements in March and further consultations are planned for ten other streets earmarked for improvement.

Residents will also be consulted and their views taken into account when finalising the design of the schemes.

The council's Capital Highways Renewal Fund will pay for the works and the aim is to improve life for residents, pedestrians and road users.

"The council is keen to ensure that our roads are as well kept as possible for residents and road users and these works are part of our commitment to that," said Little Ilford ward councillor, Andrew Baikie.

Residents had concerns about the condition of the road, congestion and speed of vehicles in Dersingham

Avenue, between Romford Road and Church Road.

Work to address as many local concerns relating to the street as possible begins soon with changes including:

- Raised tables, speed cushions and reduced carriageway widths using kerb build-outs to slow vehicles
- New bollards and pavement details to manage parking and traffic movement, particularly of buses
- More trees
- Dropped kerbs at crossing points
- Removal of old street signs
- New street nameplates
- New street lights
- New waiting restrictions at various junctions

The street will only be closed to traffic during the reconstruction of the road and for the shortest time possible. The 147 bus will be diverted through Sixth Avenue during this time.



Clean up after your dog

The council is urging residents to take responsibility for their dogs and clean up after them.

Under the Dog (fouling of land) Act 1996, it is illegal to allow your dog to foul on any open land accessible to the public.

Anyone found breaking that rule could face an on-the-spot fine of £80 or prosecution through the magistrates' court.

Community lead councillor, Pat Sheekey, said: "Please clear up after your dog. Fouling is not only a nuisance to the local community; it poses health and safety problems too as it can spread disease."

If you know anyone allowing their dogs to foul on streets, report it to the council's crime and anti-social behaviour service in confidence on freephone 0800 731 3300. For the removal of dog fouling, call 020 8430 2000.



Cllr Corbett with the Manor Park indoor athletics winners

SPORTING SUCCESS FOR MANOR PARK

Sporting champions representing Manor Park were among the victors at an inter-community forum sports competition for adults with disabilities in Newham.

The event saw competitors, including service users of the Greenhill Centre in Manor Park, take part in indoor athletics and boccia – a game similar to bowls.

Competitors were cheered on at Newham Leisure Centre by spectators, including Little Ilford ward councillor, Jo Corbett, who also handed out trophies to winners from Manor Park (athletics), Beckton (boccia) and East Ham (overall).

The event marked a one-year countdown to the 2010 Vancouver Winter Paralympics and was organised by Newham Council and the leisure trust, GLL.

Afterwards, Cllr Corbett said: "This community event was a real celebration of the inclusiveness of our borough and a great showcase of our determination to offer all our residents access to sport. Congratulations to everyone who took part."

Walk this way

If you would like to show off your area to others, why not become a walk leader?

We need more volunteers to lead our walks and add new walks to the area. Volunteers are supported by Newham Striders.

Free walk leader training will run on Wednesday 22 April at Beckton Community Centre, East Ham Manor Way, E6.

For more information call Paula Peaty or Obi Oniah on 020 8430 2000, email: paula.peaty@newham.gov.uk or turn to page 16 of the Newham Mag.



Cllr Sathianesan with guides from East Ham at the presentation. Photo courtesy of the Jack Petchey Foundation

GUIDES LEAD THE WAY

Girl guides from Manor Park have been recognised for their efforts and achievements over the last year at a special ceremony.

East Ham North ward councillor, Paul Sathianesan, presented medals and certificates at the London Over the Border Guides ceremony, which honoured guides and brownies from five boroughs, including Newham.

The guides, part of the East Ham Division which covers Manor Park, East Ham and Beckton, also received cash

awards for their packs from the Jack Petchey Foundation.

Jack Petchey awards grants to projects that inspire young people. Cllr Sathianesan said: "These guides are a credit to the borough and these awards will inspire and motivate other young girls to join. I was delighted to be able to present them with their awards."

To find out more about girl guiding in East Ham contact Division Commissioner, Linda DeLaunay, on 020 8472 0300.

Digging deep for our parks

Residents and councillors rolled up their sleeves and pulled on their gardening gloves to help plant 300 trees at a special council event in Plashet Park – which saw the council reach its target to plant 2,012 trees in the borough's open spaces this year.

The Plant for Life event saw 20 residents of all ages plant mixed native hedgerow trees featuring dog rose, field maple, hazel and wild cherry.

Councillors, Newham Volunteers and London Wildlife Trust staff also joined in the day, which included bouncy castle fun from Community Links and recycling tips from Newham Council.

Afterwards, East Ham North ward councillor and Deputy



Councillors Andrew Baikie, Pat Sheekey, Sukhdev Singh Marway, Paul Sathianesan, Ayub Korom Ali, Jo Corbett and Kay Scoresby join residents, staff and volunteers on the day

Civic Ambassador, Paul Sathianesan, praised the efforts of those who dug deep on the day.

"This is a special place for many residents so we were delighted to see so many people make such a big effort to help brighten the park," he said.

Sikh celebration

The annual Nagar Kirtan procession to celebrate Vaisakhi will leave from Dashmesh Darbar Gurdwara in Rosebery Avenue on Sunday 26 April at 1pm.

The religious procession sees thousands of Sikhs hand out free food and refreshments along High Street North, Romford Road, Green Street, Plashet Grove before returning to Rosebery Avenue.

Some roads could be closed on the day so keep an eye out for roadside notices for more details.

East Ham North ward councillor, Sukhdev Singh Marway, said: "This event is not exclusively for the Sikh community so I hope residents and visitors will join in."



Have your say



Pat Halligan of Newham Homes (left) and Cllrs Amarjit Singh, Kay Scoresby and Ayub Korom Ali discuss the proposals at the site

Proposals to tackle anti-social behaviour by transforming a section of unused land into a games area are up for consultation in the Snowhill Estate.

The estate, just off High Street North, has been beset by anti-social behaviour and the idea behind the games area is to encourage those involved to put their time to better use.

Consultation begins on the proposals this month and councillors, Newham Homes and Newham Council want to find out what residents think about building the games area next to Manor Park Community Centre.

"We are determined to tackle anti-social behaviour and are keen to hear what residents think about this proposal, so I hope people will put their ideas forward," said Manor Park ward councillor, Kay Scoresby.


The development is likely to include lighting, fencing, paving and landscaping and Newham Homes will maintain the area afterwards.

For more information contact Sonia Stewart on 020 8430 4571.

Recycle more

When it comes to recycling, orange is the new black, but are you feeding your orange bag with the correct materials?

You can only recycle plastic bottles (eg squash, fizzy drink and water, detergent, shampoo, plastic milk bottles) in your orange bag. Yoghurt pots and lids, margarine tubs, plastic meat trays, cling film and plastic bags cannot be recycled in your orange bag because they are made from inferior plastics.

You can collect more orange bags from your Local Service Centre (LSC) or library. If you are disabled or have a physical impairment and cannot get to your LSC or library you can ask for more bags to be sent to your home by calling  020 8430 2000.

For more information on recycling visit www.newham.gov.uk/Services/Recycling

SPOTLIGHT ON...

MANOR PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Did you know that you can find karate classes or a nursery place for your child or hire a hall for a special occasion all in one building?

The Manor Park Community Centre offers an array of activities and services open to everyone in the community.

Check out karate classes suitable for all age groups on Mondays from 7-9pm or join the English Pensioners Group from 10am-3pm for a cup of tea and catch up. Learn English with the Tamil Pensioners Group, who meet on Thursdays from 10am-3pm.

If you're looking for a nursery, look no further than Wisdom Kids. It's open from 8am-6pm and offers wrap around care and education for two to five-year-olds in a fun and creative environment.

Wrap around care means that if your child is attending school but you are at work until 6pm, the nursery will pick your child up after school and take your child to the nursery until you can pick him or her up.



Wisdom Kids nursery supervisor (second left) Yasmin Harif and Nursery Nurse (right) Jacqueline Prabhakaran get busy with the children in making art!

The nursery is currently having work done to improve the indoor and outdoor play areas with new flooring to create a designated messy area, where children can paint, use sand and water to make art and crafts. Storage is being created for arts supplies and a canopy to provide shelter for children to enjoy outdoor play opportunities.

If you would like to find out whether you qualify for a free space at the nursery call 020 8478 2805. For more information on activities at the Manor Park Community Centre call 020 8514 0903 or pop in to the centre on 524 High Street North, E12.

WHAT'S ON MANOR PARK

Karate classes

Mondays 7-9pm

Manor Park Community Centre
524 High Street North, E12
Call 020 8514 0903 for more information

The power of positive parenting seminar (for parents/carers of two to 12-year-olds)

Tuesday 21 April
9.15 - 11.30am

Susan Lawrence Centre
Lawrence Avenue, E12
Phone 020 8430 2157 to book a place

For even more things to do check out the What's On in Newham calendar:
www.newham.gov.uk/whatson

If your group has an activity to promote please contact us on: 020 8430 3544 or email 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 8430 3055 or email john.wymanwhite@newham.gov.uk



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East Ham North Ward

Every first Friday
of the month, 6 - 7pm
Katherine Road
Community Centre
254 Katherine Road
Forest Gate E7 8PN
Councillor Pat Sheekey

Every Saturday
(alternating)
10.30 - 11.30am
Kensington School
Kensington Avenue
Manor Park E12 6NN

Manor Park Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)
10 - 11.30am
Manor Park Local Service Centre
685-689 Romford Road
Manor Park
E12 5AD

Little Ilford Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)
10 - 11am
Jack Cornwell
Community Centre
Jack Cornwell Street
Manor Park E12 5NN

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 8430 2107.