

# IN FOCUS EAST HAM

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## IMPROVING OUR SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

Work is under way to upgrade Brampton and Vicarage primary schools with £11m of improvement works being carried out by the council's contractor Laing O'Rourke.

The upgrades to the schools will provide pupils with new facilities and an improved learning environment. The funding has been set aside from Newham's basic need allocation and capital maintenance programme.

The refurbishment of Brampton Primary School will include a new two-storey building which will house a learning resource centre and a staff area. A new administration building will be constructed and this will also be part of the new entrance to the school. In addition, a new double height sports hall with additional rooms will be built



A computer generated image of what the new entrance at Brampton School will look like

and minor refurbishments will be made to some classrooms.

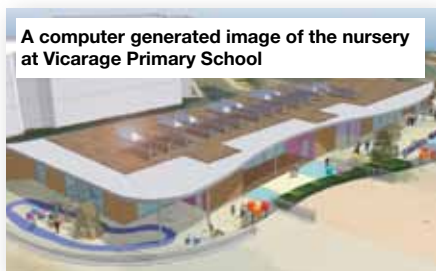
Vicarage School will have its existing sports hall extended and a new kitchen installed within it. A new nursery and an outdoor play area will be built to accommodate a larger intake of children, with the old nursery refurbished and turned into an administration building.

To increase the number of classrooms within the current Edwardian school building, a two-

storey stair and lift will also be built. A number of classrooms will also be reconfigured to change the use of rooms.

Community lead councillor Lakmini Shah, said: "These refurbished schools mean we can carry on meeting the needs of our local children.

"We are committed to continually improving the quality of schools and we will carry on providing the best possible education as well as the facilities."



A computer generated image of the nursery at Vicarage Primary School

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## Newham's got talent

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Talented singer Tanyel Hassan did East Ham community forum proud after she was named the overall winner of the Newham Talent Quest.

Tanyel took to the main stage last month at the Mayor's Newham Show and competed in front of thousands of people in East Ham's Central Park. Tanyel represented East Ham in the final of the Newham Talent Quest, the culmination of contests held in each of the nine community forums.

The winners from each area went on to battle it out to become the borough's hottest talent. Newham's Young Mayor Ali Mohamed supported the quest and he and fellow Youth Council members had the tough choice of choosing an overall winner.

Tanyel received an engraved glass winner's trophy. Community lead councillor Lakmini Shah said: "Tanyel did us proud, her performance on the day was superb. She's a real talent and a deserving winner."



## SAVE YOURSELF SOME MONEY – GET RECYCLING

Last year, Newham residents saved £370,000 by recycling – and now's the time to save even more.

If you're not sure what can and can't be recycled in East Ham, the postcode locator on the Recycle for London website has all this information in one handy place.

Simply visit [www.recycleforlondon.com](http://www.recycleforlondon.com) and type in your postcode for a full list of materials you can recycle

in your recycling bin or orange bag, as well as details of your nearest recycling banks. Use these banks to recycle things like glass, textiles and batteries.

You can also find all information about our free bulky waste collection service; green garden waste service and Jenkins Lane Refuse and Recycling centre at [www.newham.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.newham.gov.uk/recycling)

## PRESCRIBING BETTER HEALTH FACILITIES



Blackberry Pharmacy on High Street South celebrated its new look shop with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The pharmacy, owned by Dushyant and Bina Patel, has been contributing to the health and wellbeing of East Ham residents for 25 years. The official opening of the improved shop was attended by customers, Councillor Quintin Peppiatt, Stephen Timms MP and health and pharmaceutical professionals.

The pharmacy doesn't only dispense medicine. Services offered include emergency contraception, chlamydia testing, smoking cessation and a medicine usage review for all patients who are diabetic, asthmatic or take regular medication for conditions such as high blood pressure.

Dushyant Patel said: "It is worth the hard work and the investment we have put into the pharmacy as it has a positive effect on the community and it improves the appearance and perception of the area."

You can see the revamped pharmacy at 9 High Street South, E6.

# Summer of fun in Central Park

This summer, if you're at a loose end or have run out of ideas to keep the kids occupied, pop down to one of the borough's oldest parks.

Central Park is running a number of activities and there's something for everyone to enjoy.

## Green Flag Raising Ceremony

Central Park has once again been awarded a prestigious Green Flag award!

On Thursday 25 August, before Under The Stars, join us to raise the flag.

Meet at the main gates to the bowling green at 6.30pm.

Call 020 3373 9296 or email [parks@newham.gov.uk](mailto:parks@newham.gov.uk) for more information.

## Green Fingers

Get Growing Club

Walks, talks on food and herb growing, plants and seeds swap.



## New club sessions start in the autumn

Café in the Park (close to Bartle Avenue entrance)

Free and open to all. Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult. Please book your place on 020 3373 9296 or email [parks@newham.gov.uk](mailto:parks@newham.gov.uk)

## Central Park Bowling Club free taster sessions

July – September, Wednesdays,

4pm-7pm

All welcome, under-16s must be accompanied by an adult

Contact John Deemer on 01268 786 615 or



email: [parks@newham.gov.uk](mailto:parks@newham.gov.uk)

## Newham Striders led walk

Every Monday and Thursday 1.30-3pm

Meet by the Memorial in Central Park led by qualified volunteer walk leader  
Contact Stanley on 020 8472 1886 or 07858 404 578

For upcoming events in Central Park visit [www.newham.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.newham.gov.uk/whatson)

## Sheila's Yummy Mummy Buggy fitness club

Fitness exercises and walk around



the park for mums with toddlers. Mondays (except Monday Bank Holidays), 10am-11.30am meet by Café in the Park (close to Bartle Avenue entrance) £2 per session, Age: 16+ Contact 07908 614 958 or email [spoleon@aol.com](mailto:spoleon@aol.com) for more details.

## Under the stars

Fantastic free four-day musical extravaganza

Thursday 25 August Jazz night, Friday 26 August Eastern Beats, Saturday 27 August Queen tribute and Sunday 28 August Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra and fireworks.

Café in the Park summer school holiday season

Monday-Sunday, 10am-7pm

For more information, contact 020 8430 2000 or email: [parks@newham.gov.uk](mailto:parks@newham.gov.uk)

## Running club

Every Saturdays 10-11:30am meet at Café in the Park, closest access from Bartle Avenue

For more information contact Bisi on 07979 261 647 or email: [olabisi.imafidon@ntlworld.com](mailto:olabisi.imafidon@ntlworld.com)



## Spotlight on... Newham People's Panel

**If you've got a lot of opinions on local issues, there is now an even easier way to have your voice heard. The Newham People's Panel is a new way for residents and visitors to make an impact on how the borough is run – and you won't even need to leave your sofa to get involved!**

Visit [www.newhampanel.com](http://www.newhampanel.com) to find out more. Register as a member and the rest is plain sailing. We'll send you surveys on a range of topics; some surveys will include the opportunity to be entered into a prize draw.

Most surveys will take about ten minutes to complete. There will also be polls where you can log on and simply answer a quick question.

We want your thoughts on hot topics. This can be anything from employment to the cleanliness of your area, what leisure facilities you need, to what you want to see from the 2012 Games legacy.

Anyone aged over 16 can become a member of the panel

and you could be a resident or a visitor to Newham.

There may be some topics you're more interested in than others, so you can pick and choose which surveys you want to take part in. You will receive a summary of the results from each survey you complete and may be invited to give your opinion in future group interviews or focus groups – where you will probably be paid or receive vouchers for your help.

### Become a member of the Newham People's Panel

To sign up to the panel, visit [www.newhampanel.com](http://www.newhampanel.com) and fill in a short registration form.



## WHAT'S ON EAST HAM

### Under the Stars

Four free nights of music in Central Park

From 25-28 August, gates open at 6.30pm

All performances are free

For more information see the Newham Mag or visit [www.newham.com/summer](http://www.newham.com/summer)

### Circus Stars reading sessions, ages four-12

Sign up for the summer reading challenge, talk about the books you're reading, take part in book-based activities or get help with your reading at East Ham Library, High Street South, on Thursday 25 August and 1 September from 2-3pm.

**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](http://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 3578 or email [kim.vasa@newham.gov.uk](mailto:kim.vasa@newham.gov.uk)

To email your local councillor write [firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk) e.g. [kevin.jenkins@newham.gov.uk](mailto:kevin.jenkins@newham.gov.uk)



Kevin Jenkins OBE



Rev. Quintin Peppiatt



Lakmini Shah



Ian Corbett



Unmesh Desai



Mary Skyers



Ormana Gangadharan



Lester Hudson



Ted Sparrowhawk

### East Ham South Ward

Cllr Jenkins

Every Saturday (except bank holidays), 9.30-11am  
Brampton Primary School, Masterman Road, East Ham, E6

First and third Saturday of the month (except bank holidays), 1- 3pm

Roman Road Primary School, Roman Road, E6

Cllrs Peppiatt and Shah

Every Saturday (alternating), 10am  
Vicarage Lane Primary School, Vicarage Lane, East Ham, E6

### East Ham Central Ward

Cllrs Corbett and Desai

Every Friday, 5.30-6.30pm  
Committee Room 3, Newham Town Hall, Barking Road East Ham, E6

Cllr Skyers

First Saturday of the month, 10-11am  
The Hartley Centre, 267 Barking Road East Ham, E6

### Wall End Ward

Cllr Gangadharan

Second Saturday of the month, 10am-12noon

Cllr Hudson

Fourth Saturday of the month, 10am-12noon  
Altmore School, Altmore Avenue, East Ham, E6

Cllr Sparrowhawk

First and third Saturday of the month  
10.30am-12noon  
Nelson Primary School  
Caretaker's house, Napier Road East Ham, E6

**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.