

# IN FOCUS **STRATFORD AND WEST HAM**

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## Farewell to top class head teacher

Pupils, staff, parents and governors at Stratford's Carpenters School have said goodbye to popular head teacher Sheryll Alexander.

Sheryll has decided to leave the school in Friendship Way after more than ten years to pursue other opportunities elsewhere. She was showered with gifts including flowers, chocolates and a book containing examples of work from classes throughout the school.

Sheryll said: "This school will always be a part of me. I've had a fantastic time and shall miss the people most of all.

"Being at Carpenters has been more than a job. The staff and governors are good at what they do. The friends I have made have become more like family. I will be keeping an eye on the school from a distance."

During her time at Carpenters, the school has received improved ratings from the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills.

Inspectors say it has become a good school and has improved significantly. Their most recent



report said: "This is a consequence of strong leadership from the head teacher and senior staff, supported by increasingly effective governors."

They praised the school's strong contribution to the promotion of community cohesion and its willingness to grasp the opportunities from having the 2012 Olympic Stadium on its doorstep.

Sheryll added: "Our learning has been enriched in so many ways through strong partnerships the Olympic Games have allowed us to make with schools abroad and

visits from former Olympians. I am pleased the stadium legacy remains in the hands of West Ham United and Newham Council."

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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](http://www.newham.gov.uk) and search for 'green waste'.**



Residents get craft creative

## HOLDEN POINT OPENS ITS DOORS

Residents living in Holden Point sheltered accommodation block in Waddington Road opened their doors for one day to celebrate World Health Day.

Around 100 people attended and took advantage of free health checks, picked up some top tips on healthy eating and tried some new activities such as gentle chair-based exercises,

cake decorating and drawing.

Colegrave school pupils also took part in the event, sang songs and chatted with residents. They got a tour of the show flat, where they learnt about the benefits of sheltered housing.

People also got a bird's eye view of the Olympic Park at the Olympic Park Viewing Gallery and found out the latest on the Games news front.

## DON'T BE OUT FOR THE COUNT

Census collectors are going door-to-door in Stratford and West Ham to offer help with completing the forms and ensuring the questionnaires are returned.

The census is important for Newham in making sure that the borough receives a fair allocation of funding from central Government. It means the council can deliver the essential services that residents say are important, such as cleaner streets, better healthcare, community protection and education.

Each census form is worth at least £6,000 from the Government over

the next ten years. In previous years a census undercount of at least 20,000 has meant Newham has lost out on millions of pounds in funding.

The census collectors are warning people that they face the risk of a fine or prosecution should a form not be returned.

Posters are also going up around the borough explicitly warning that residents risk a £1,000 fine and a criminal record if the form is not completed.



### Correction

In last month's In Focus on page one we said that a £75 on-the-spot fine can be issued to anyone that allows dog fouling. It should have said £80. We apologise for the error.

# Boosting bike security

Show your two wheels some lovin' and take your bike to Stratford Regional Station for a check up from Dr Bike and get your bike tagged – so if it's stolen it can be tracked.

Newham Council in conjunction with the police are launching a series of events outside Stratford Station to tag and log bicycles for security. Police use special marking kits to tag your bike which, if stolen, helps them track its whereabouts.

The events are a one-stop-shop for bike tagging, getting a bike check-up from Dr Bike - a cycle mechanic, and information on safe cycling and cycle training courses.



Police and council staff and a cyclist at the first bike marking event at Stratford Station

The next bike security events are all from 4-7pm on the following dates: Tuesday 24 May; Wednesday 8 June; Friday 24 June; Monday 11 July; Friday 29 July;

Tuesday 2 August; Thursday 11 August.

Please bring a form of photo ID and a document with your current address on it to the event.

# No-go zone for troublemakers

Stratford Safer Neighbourhoods Team has joined forces with Newham Council to crack down on anti-social behaviour in Stratford town centre by creating a dispersal zone.

The move follows local businesses' complaints about groups of troublemakers congregating in the area and being anti-social.

A dispersal zone can disperse groups of more than two people and tell those who do not live in the area to leave and not return for up to 24 hours.

Anyone who refuses or breaches the notice can be arrested, and if convicted, face up to three months in prison or pay a fine of up to £2,500.

The zone, which came into affect last month and will last for six months covers all roads around the one way system in Stratford, including the bus and train stations and Meridian Square.



It bans young adults aged 16-21 who have been making life a misery for residents and businesses in the area.

**To report anti-social behaviour,**

**call the Stratford Town Centre team on 0208 217 5030 or call the council's 24-hour ASB free phone hotline 0800 731 3300.**

## Stratford RPZ reminder

In last month's In Focus we said that there are five Residential Parking Zones (RPZs) in Stratford which are being reviewed. If you

live in one of the five RPZs you should have already received a questionnaire asking you about your views on the RPZ. Please fill out the questionnaire and return it

using the FREEPOST envelope or you can complete it online at [www.newham.gov.uk/RPZ](http://www.newham.gov.uk/RPZ) Forms must be returned by Tuesday 31 May.

## Spotlight on... What's on in Newham

**From the Newham London Run to four spectacular nights of free entertainment under the stars at Central Park – Newham is the best place to be for top FREE events.**

Don't be caught crying into your cup of tea when you've found out you've missed one – note down the dates and keep your eyes peeled on your In Focus, the Newham Mag and [www.newham.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.newham.gov.uk/whatson) for the latest up-to-date listings.

To you give you a taster of what's on the menu for this summer here are some important dates.



Boogie nights at last years Under the Stars in Central Park

### Forget it and regret it – dates for your diary

- Sunday Fun Day, Sunday 29 May, 12noon-6pm – fun for all the family at Stratford Park, around the town centre and in the Old Town Hall
- Mayor's Newham Show and Carnival - Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July – this annual event kicks off with a colourful carnival that'll make its way around East Ham and yes – the beach is back again this year
- Under the Stars, Thursday 25 to Sunday 28 August, Central Park, East Ham – four nights of top live entertainment
- Guy Fawkes Night, Saturday 5 November, live entertainment and fireworks on Wanstead Flats

## WHAT'S ON STRATFORD AND WEST HAM

**The Big Lunch – residents of Chandos, Colegrave and Chobham Roads are hosting a Big Lunch and invite you to come along. Bring a dish to share. Lots of fun activities on the day**

Sunday 5 June  
1-4pm  
Chandos Road Open Space  
Chandos Road, E15

**Police bike marking – police will be tagging bikes for FREE so that they can be traced when stolen**

Tuesday 24 May  
4-6pm  
Outside Stratford Station  
(see p3 for more details)

**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.gov.uk](http://www.newham.gov.uk)**

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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 6045 or email [laura.beswick@newham.gov.uk](mailto:laura.beswick@newham.gov.uk)  
To email your local councillor write [firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk) e.g. [richard.crawford@newham.gov.uk](mailto:richard.crawford@newham.gov.uk)



Richard Crawford



Charlene McLean



Terry Paul



Freda Bourne



John Gray



Ron Manley

### Stratford and Newtown Ward

Every Saturday  
10.30am  
St John's Church  
Stratford Broadway, E15

### West Ham Ward

Cllr Bourne  
Second Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Rokeby Community Centre,  
Rokeby Street, E15  
Fourth Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Vicarage Lane Community Centre,  
Vicarage Lane, E15

Cllr Gray  
Third Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Rokeby Community Centre,

Rokeby Street, E15  
Second Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Vicarage Lane Community Centre,  
Vicarage Lane, E15

Cllr Manley  
First Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Rokeby Children's Centre, Rokeby  
Street, E15  
Fourth Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Leather Gardens TA, 1st Floor,  
Brassett Point, Abbey Road, Stratford, E15

**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.