

IN FOCUS **GREEN STREET**

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GREEN STREET SHOULDN'T BE ORANGE

Offenders were made to pay their dues by cleaning up the unsightly mess left behind by paan lovers, as part of a scheme called Community Payback.

Unpleasant rusty-orange splats and smears are increasingly appearing in and around Green Street. These horrible stains are caused by people chewing a leaf-based mixture called paan, which they unhygienically spit out, resulting in ugly, difficult to remove stains.

In recent months, the problem in Green Street has increased dramatically. Following the clean up, the council's street scene enforcement team will be targeting people who think spitting paan on our pavements is acceptable, and handing those who are caught on the spot fine of £80 for littering, rising to a maximum of £2,500 if prosecuted.

Community lead councillor for Green Street, Riaz Mirza said: "Paan stains create the perception that Green Street is a dirty and unhealthy place but also generates thousands of pounds worth of damage to local property, businesses and homes."



Cllrs Mirza (l) and Shillingford oversee the paan clean up

The noticeable rise in paan usage in and around Green Street also has serious health implications. Traditionally, chewing paan, a mixture of nuts and spices, wrapped in a betel leaf, is considered a palate cleanser and breath freshener by members of the Asian community. The dangerous addition of tobacco, particularly substandard tobacco illegally imported from the sub-continent, is also seeing a rise in

mouth and throat cancer in the area.

"There are many downsides to the increase of this anti-social habit," added Cllr Pearson Shillingford. "We are very frustrated by the permanent staining of local pavements, street furniture and properties and also very concerned by the serious health implications that come hand-in-hand with this significant rise in the use and abuse of tobacco based paan."

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Keeping Newham safe



Historically, residents and visitors to Newham have congregated in Green Street to celebrate Pakistani Independence Day.

These celebrations tend to be unorganised and spontaneous. The police and the council will be working in partnership to ensure the safety of the public.

On Saturday 14 August, there will be an increased police presence in and around Green Street and, in exceptional circumstances, there may be some road closures. The police will be filming activities and all revellers will be dispersed at 11pm. Everyone is expected to comply with these police safety directions.

This approach aims to minimise safety risks by discouraging celebrations in Green Street - an already busy location, unsuitable for hosting celebrations or large public gatherings.

If you have any queries about this year's celebrations contact the Green Street Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team on 020 8721 2526.

Newham Council and Police would like to wish everyone celebrating the day an enjoyable and peaceful experience.

Advisors can help you reduce your energy costs



FREE ENERGY SAVING OFFER

Residents in Green Street East ward will soon be able to benefit from a London-wide scheme to help save energy and money on fuel bills and reduce carbon emissions in their homes.

Newham Council is working with London Warm Zone to offer residents FREE home energy checks. If you live in Green Street East ward you can book a visit from a qualified home energy advisor, who will show you exactly where your home is losing energy and what you can do to stop

it, saving you up to £200 on your annual energy bills. They can also arrange free or discounted loft and cavity wall insulation, dependent on your circumstances. You'll also receive a pack of free energy and water saving devices worth up to £75.

Advisors will be knocking on doors in Green Street East from 15 August to offer residents a home energy check. Alternatively, you can book your free visit by calling freephone 0800 978 8332, or book on-line at www.londonwarmzones.co.uk

RESIDENT PARKING ZONE COMES TO GREEN STREET EAST

After receiving support from local residents, the implementation of the new Resident Parking Zone (RPZ) in Green Street East is due to begin this month. Works to put it in place are expected to last four to six weeks, with the Zone going live on 12 September.

Due to the nature of the works, it may be necessary to restrict parking for a limited time in the following roads to enable work to take place: Finden, St Dunstons, Ratcliff, Sandringham, Henderson, Halley, Monega, Strone, Sherrard and South Esk roads. Notices will be erected before works begin to allow residents to keep specified areas clear.

The RPZ will operate 8am to 6.30pm, Monday to Saturday. It is designed to give priority to residents and customers of local businesses. Short stay parking bays, providing free parking for a limited period, will encourage quick turnover of parking spaces, while additional bays will be shared with permit holders on a first-come, first-served basis.

Residents and businesses within the new RPZ should all have received information and permit application forms. For more information visit www.newham.gov.uk/rpz

IT WAS A SUPER SUMMER

The Mayor, Sir Robin Wales, attended the recent Super Summer festival and had lots of fun meeting the residents of Green Street.

The cake decorators showed-off their latest creations, whilst there were plenty of other opportunities to see dance performances, drums, a martial arts display and even a showcase of Green Street community forum's finest talent.

Stalls were hosted by a number of local services who offered you help to stop smoking, get a job or even to hone your artistic skills.

If you'd like to be considered for inclusion in the soon to be revealed Green Street Gallery spot in Queens Market submit your works of art to shabana.qadir@newham.gov.uk or call on 020 3373 1267.



L-R: Cllrs Rohima Rahman and Riaz Mirza, Sir Robin and Cllrs Sharaf Mahmood and Nirmal Chadha



You've pulled! Sir Robin give the tug-o-war a try



Carriages with class



Little drummer boy leads the band

QUEENS MARKET SUMMER EVENT

If you had fun at Super Summer, keep Saturday 20 August free for the Queens Market Summer Event. There will be fun for all the family with face

painters, a clown and a magician.

There will also be an opportunity to meet your local councillor and find out more about council services.

For more information on the Queens Market Summer Event email roy.wayre@newham.gov.uk or call 020 8475 8971.

Spotlight on... Under the Stars

The sand from the beach at the Mayor's Newham Show may have been swept away but we're already gearing up for Newham's next free extravaganza - the musical spectacle that is **Under the Stars**.

If you enjoy jazz, eastern influenced beats, rock or classical melodies, look no further than Central Park, East Ham, where every night from Thursday 25 August to Sunday 28 August, you can enjoy four nights of music that's guaranteed to get your hands in the air.

What has become the Glastonbury of Newham opens with the cool, laid-back sounds of jazz provided by the world renowned saxophonist Courtney Pine and a host of other amazing headline acts.

The sound of the dhol drum takes over on Friday as BBC Radio 1 DJ Nihal presents a night of Eastern Beats. Bhangra sensation H Dhami is back by popular demand and this time he's joined by his father's legendary Bhangra group, Heera, who will be headlining the night.

On Saturday, we will rock you with performances from the Queen tribute band, Queen on Fire, who'll be joined



by twelve piece live band, MIB who, at the Royal Wedding, entertained more than 300,000 revellers in London's Hyde Park.

As always, on Sunday, Under the Stars ends on a high note, with the relaxing sounds of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. As well as classical renditions the audience will be treated to a dazzling firework finale.

Under the Stars
Thursday 25-Sunday
28 August, 7-10.30pm
Central Park,
High Street South, E6
All Under the Stars events are
FREE. For the full line-up visit
www.newham.com/summer

WHAT'S ON GREEN STREET

Queen's Market Summer Event

Saturday 20 August
 Green Street, E13
 There will be a variety of activities and entertainment for the whole family and you can also find out more about local services.

WHU Kickz

11-18 year olds
 Tuesdays
 5-8pm
 Priory Park MUGA, E6

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 1267 or email shabana.qadir@newham.gov.uk
 To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. jo.corbett@newham.gov.uk



Jo Corbett



Riaz Ahmed Mirza



Pearson Shillingford



Nirmal Chadha



Sharaf Mahmood



Rohima Rahman



Mukesh Patel



Rustam Talati



Harvinder Singh Virdee

Boley

Cllr Corbett
 Second Saturday of the month,
 10.30 - 11.30am
 Priory Park Centre,
 106 Parr Road, E6

Cllr Ahmed Mirza
 Fourth Saturday of the month
 (except bank holidays)
 10 - 11am
 Priory Park Centre,
 106 Parr Road, E6

Cllr Shillingford
 Third Friday of the month,
 6 - 7pm
 Priory Park Centre,
 106 Parr Road, E6

Green Street East

Cllr Chadha
 Second Saturday of the month, 10.30am - 12pm
 Katherine Road Community Centre, 254 Katherine Road, E7
 Fourth Saturday of the month, 10.30am - 12pm
 St Edmund's Parish Church 464 Katherine Road, E7

Cllr Mahmood
 First and third Saturday of the month, 10am - 12pm
 Katherine Road Community Centre, 254 Katherine Road, E7
 Second and Fourth Saturday of the month, 10am - 12pm

Cllr Rahman
 Second Friday of the month, 10am - 12pm
 Katherine Road Community Centre
 Third Friday of the month, 10am - 12pm
 Katherine Road Community Centre, 254 Katherine Road, E7

Green Street West

First, second and third Friday
 6 - 7pm
 Elmhurst Primary School
 Upton Park Road, E7

Fourth Friday
 6 - 7pm
 Upton Centre
 Claude Road, E13