

E16 NEWS



Spring seems well and truly here and what a wonderful time of the year. Hopefully you can now appreciate the extra planting that has been carried out around the area and also the two gardens in Pollards Close and Radland Road that were created by the Pinnacle team before Christmas, which are looking very beautiful.

We have now completed more than 700 kitchen and bathroom refurbishments in the Pinnacle properties, which is well ahead of our target. Interestingly, the favourite choice of colour has been for the beech units, black worktop and grey flooring. There are some very smart kitchens in our properties now.

We have started doing some external works which you may have noticed, such as repainting fences, railings and external walls and renewing roofs and windows.

We are also refurbishing the garages so that we can make them all available for letting.

We officially opened our new office in Nelson Street Studios recently and are now settled in well while business continues as usual.

I hope you enjoy this edition of E16 News which is packed full of useful information.

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Tower block demolition celebrated

Newham Mayor Sir Robin Wales and Alan Cherry CBE DL, Chairman of Countryside Properties, launched an event to mark the demolition of Wood and Pattinson Points, the tower blocks on Fife Road.

Countryside is the company that is contracted to demolish the empty buildings and is also the preferred developer for the site.

Speaking at the event, Sir Robin said: "An enormous amount of work is going into transforming this area and this is the first major step towards achieving the regeneration that we have planned.

"Second best is not good enough for the people of Newham. We want the very best environment and opportunities for young people and residents already living in the area, and it is great to be able to work with Countryside Properties to achieve this."

Alan Cherry said: "Our aim is to radically improve the social, economic and education prospects for the people of Newham. This scheme offers extremely high standards of planning and design and will set the standard for the area. We are looking forward to making Canning Town and Custom House a place where people will really enjoy living and working."

Children from Keir Hardie Primary School Council

spoke about how they researched the history of the local area and came up with some suggestions for names for the new scheme. Their favourites were 'Old Ferdinand' after the West Ham football brothers, and 'Cherry Point' after 'Cherry Island', which was the area's name in the 1800s.



The event was hosted by Councillor Conor McAuley, Newham's executive adviser on regeneration, who is also chair of the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project Board.

Once completed, the redevelopment project will provide around 600 new mixed tenure homes together with new school buildings and playground for Keir Hardie Primary School and community facilities.

The scheme will include medium and low rise apartments, maisonettes and houses. The properties will be managed by William Sutton Housing Association.

Pinnacle opens new office

Residents of homes managed by Pinnacle have a new place to access housing maintenance and estate services.

Residents Association chair, June Varney (below), officially opened the new office in Nelson Street Studios.



Steve Bonvini, manager of the Canning Town PFI project, said: "Our new office will be a one stop shop for the local community to access housing maintenance and estate services as well as a 24/7 help desk."

"While we are only two years into the PFI contract, we have already made a major contribution to the improvement of the area and the response from residents has been overwhelmingly positive. By moving to this new office, we'll be able to continue offering a truly responsive service for residents."





Neighbourhood groups go on fact finding visit

Members of the neighbourhood groups went to the West Ham and Plaistow New Deal for Communities (NDC) area to find out how residents have benefited from the regeneration.

The visit enabled the Canning Town and Custom House residents to look at examples of the community working together during the major redevelopment of the NDC area, which stretches from North Canning Town to Plaistow.

Neighbourhood group member, Veronica Sibson, felt the visit was very beneficial. She said: "Visits like these encourage us all to work together and make the area a better place to live."

NDC Chairman, Jim Ludlam said: "It was good to meet what was a really nice bunch of people who share an interest in the area they live in. As they left they said how good it was to see what a community can achieve and they hoped they could achieve a similar standard."

The neighbourhood group members saw the housing improvements on the Brookes Estate and new community buildings such as Grassroots in Memorial Recreation Ground and The Hub in Star Lane.

Residents are welcome to come to the next neighbourhood group meetings

Keir Hardie Park

Tuesday April 17, 6.30pm
Hallsville Primary School, Radland Road

Fife Road

Tues April 24, 6.30pm
Keir Hardie Methodist Church, Plymouth Road

Canning Town Centre

Tues May 1, 6.30pm
River Christian Centre, Vincent Street

Freemasons Road

Tues May 8, 6.30pm
Regeneration Office, 20 Freemasons Road

Residents can raise issues such as crime, anti-social behaviour and the environment directly to the police and council at the meetings.

To find out more about neighbourhood groups, contact Sam Clark on 020 8430 5450 or email: sam.clark@newham.gov.uk.

Talking animal bins promote environmental responsibility

Primary and nursery schools in the regeneration area have been given bins in the shape of bears, penguins and chicks to encourage children to dispose of their litter properly.

The novelty bins, which were provided by the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project, have a voice box inside, so whenever a person throws rubbish into them, they will speak.

Councillor Pat Holland, Newham's community lead member and Helen Fisher, Director of the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project, presented Edith Kerrison Nursery School in Sophia Road with their new chick and penguin bins.

Councillor Holland said: "Litter on the streets and open spaces is not only very unpleasant and a nuisance, it is also damaging to the environment and to wildlife.

"The animal bins are a fun way of encouraging children to get into the habit of disposing of litter in a

responsible way."

Head teacher Ann Childs said: "We aim to encourage children at an early age to take care of the environment and disposing of litter thoughtfully is an important part of this."

The bins were funded through the Government's Safer and Stronger Communities Fund, which is aimed at tackling crime, anti-social behaviour, empowering communities and improving the condition of streets and public spaces.



Did you know every person in the UK throws away their own body weight in rubbish every seven weeks?







RECYCLING IS EASY.

You can dispose of the following items at recycling banks:

	mixed paper & card	including light card eg cereal boxes and directories, except Yellow Pages
	food & drink cans	food and drinks cans
	mixed glass	glass bottles and jars
	plastic bottles	plastic drinks and detergent bottles



THERE ARE TEN RECYCLING BANKS IN AND AROUND THE REGENERATION AREA:

						
Silvertown Way , opposite Canning Town Station	✓	✓	✓			
Rathbone Market , Barking Road		✓	✓			
Tarling Road , near St Luke's Church	✓	✓	✓			
Custom House Library , Prince Regent Lane	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Cundy Park , Prince Regent Lane	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Freemasons Road , near Coolfin Road	✓	✓	✓			
Barking Road , near the former Cumberland School	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Beckton Road , near the Local Service Centre	✓					
Trinity Road , off Hermit Road	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Cranberry Lane , off Manor Way	✓	✓	✓			



Some households have an orange bag kerbside weekly collection service and there are plans to extend it to all homes. Bags are delivered every three months but if you need more, you can pick up a roll from a library or Local Service Centre.

If you are starting to mow the lawn or trim the hedge, it's easy to get rid of your garden waste.

- You can compost it. Newham residents can buy a compost bin at a huge discount by calling 0845 1306090 or online www.getcomposting.com/newham. Prices start at £4 and delivery is free.
- You can arrange a free collection by telephoning the council on 020 8430 2000.

You can also take green garden waste and other items such as cardboard, white goods eg fridges, metal, paper, textiles, car batteries, wood, oil, rubble, cans and tins, glass, plastic bottles to the Jenkins Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre.

The centre is located off the A13, near the Showcase Cinema and is open 7am to 5.45pm every day except Christmas Day. Please bring proof of Newham residence such as a council tax bill.

For more information log onto www.newham.gov.uk or telephone 020 8430 2000.



Nip that habit in the bud

There is still time to get free advice and support to quit smoking:

every Thursday till April 26
anytime between 5.30pm to 7.30pm

at Community Links
105 Barking Road
(opposite Rathbone Market)

A trained adviser will help you for at least the first four weeks of your quit attempt.

Nicotine Replacement Therapy, such as gum and patches, is free if you are entitled to free prescriptions, otherwise the normal prescription charge applies.

For more information contact Newham Stop Smoking Service free on 0800 013 1673 or email: stopsmoking@newhampct.nhs.uk

Shining a light on safety

Residents were asked in previous issues of the E16 News to make suggestions about the areas they felt needed brighter lighting.

Improvements have been made to street lighting in:

- Lowe Avenue
- Fife Rd
- Plymouth Rd
- Charford Rd
- Exeter Rd
- Brent Rd

Let us know if the lighting in the streets and housing blocks near you could be improved.

Contact Sam Clark
tel: 020 8430 5450
email: sam.clark@newham.gov.uk

Free sports activities during Easter

Following the success of the half-term sports activities in Canning Town Recreation Ground, more is planned for the Easter school holiday in April and will also include football sessions in Keir Hardie Park.



THE ACTIVITIES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ANYONE AGE SEVEN TO 17.

Monday April 2 to Wednesday 4

Keir Hardie Park
10.30am to 12.30pm
Football

Canning Town Recreation Ground
1.30pm to 3.30pm
Tennis, tag rugby, Kiwi cricket, hockey



Thursday April 5

Fun day at Fords Park
11am to 3pm

Tuesday April 10 and Wednesday 11

Keir Hardie Park
10.30am to 12.30pm
Football

1.30pm to 3.30pm
Canning Town Recreation Ground
Tennis, tag rugby, Kiwi cricket, hockey



Thursday April 12

Keir Hardie Park
11am to 3pm
Easter Cup Football Tournament



Friday April 13

Canning Town Recreation Ground
11am to 3pm
Multi-Sports Tournament

Abul Hussain, community sports coach for the area, will be co-ordinating the activities.

To find out more contact Abul on 07854 954738 or 020 8430 2484.

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

April 12, 26

May 10, 24

June 7, 21

Regeneration Project office

20 Freemasons Road

April 19

May 3, 17, 31

June 14, 28

No appointment necessary

Contact Elite on

020 7055 3570

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 186137

Mayor's Surgery

Monday April 9, 10.30-11.30am

Community Links, 105 Barking Road

Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration drop-in sessions

Every Thursday, 10am-4pm

Canning Town and Custom House

Regeneration Project, 20 Freemasons Road

Area Tenant Liaison Committee

Thursday May 10

6.30pm to 9pm

Trinity Centre

Bothwell Close

Thursday July 5

6.30pm to 9pm

Cundy Centre

Hartington Road

Quit smoking sessions

Every Thursday until April 26

5.30pm to 7.30pm

Community Links, 105 Barking Road

FREE DANCE CLASSES FOR THE OVER 60S

Every Wednesday 11.30am to 12.30pm

Keir Hardie Methodist Church, Fife Road

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Freemasons Road

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20 Freemasons Road

Easter holiday

free sports activities

Monday 2 - Thursday 12

Football, tennis,
tag rugby, Kiwi cricket,
hockey and Easter Cup
Football Tournament.

See page 5 for times and venues.

Contact Abul Hussain on 07854 954738
or 020 8430 2484



Easter bunny hunt

Saturday April 7

10am to 3pm

Bow Creek Ecology Park

and East India

Dock Basin



Telephone: 020 8988 7566

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

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