

IN FOCUS BECKTON

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CALLING ALL BECKTON RESIDENTS – LET’S GET THE PARTY STARTED

With the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee around the corner and the 2012 Games approaching fast, we want next year to be full of entertainment, excitement and opportunities.

Following on from the success of the Royal Wedding and St George’s Day street parties, Beckton residents are invited to a special event to look at how they can throw their own party to celebrate in 2012. Funding for events may be available through our Inspiring People Grant which offers one-off payments of £250.

Community lead councillor Ayesha Chowdhury said: “Whether you want to hold a street party, your own X Factor or mini Olympic Games, our events experts have the knowledge to make it happen. We have already seen this year how, with a little help



Children from Beckton Primary at their party earlier this year

from the council, residents with small ideas have made big changes to their community. I would like to see all Beckton residents helping to plan parties for next year and I look forward to taking part in many of the events already planned.”

The Let’s Get the Party event for Beckton will be held at Gallions Primary School on Thursday 10 November between 6pm and 7.30pm. Advice will be available on the following:

> Hiring a venue

- > Planning an event
- > Event licensing
- > Health and safety
- > Road closures
- > Parking
- > Promoting your event.

To book a place please call Chris Bennett on 020 3373 2920 or email chris.bennett@newham.gov.uk

Event ideas can also be submitted via an application form at www.newham.gov.uk



CONTACT US

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Cash is no longer king



Newham Council is introducing less expensive, quicker and more convenient ways for people to interact with it. As part of this, the council is proposing to remove all council cash offices by the end of the year.

If you usually pay by cash, the council is providing guidance and support on alternative ways to pay. These include telephone and internet banking by debit or credit card or standing order. Free internet access is available in all Newham's libraries.

Customers who use Allpay cards will still be able to make cash payments for rent and Council Tax at any post office or retail outlet that displays the PayPoint symbol.

Easy to use self-serve kiosks which make payment transactions easier and quicker have been installed in the newly refurbished Canning Town Library, with Manor Park, North Woolwich, Green Street and The Gate Library next in line for the new technology later this year.

Visit <http://www.newham.gov.uk/cashless> for more information.



IT'S A DOG'S LIFE IN BECKTON PARK

Pet pooches of all shapes and sizes turned up at Beckton Park earlier this month to take part in a dog agility session.

The special event was organised by Newham Council in partnership with canine charity the Dogs Trust. Dogs who attended demonstrated their agility and intelligence by running through tunnels, weaving through poles and jumping hurdles. Free microchipping was also offered which is essential in case pets are lost and need to be identified.

Newham Council has recently finished consultation with residents about extending dog control orders to cover all land which is open to the air and is accessible by the public irrespective of who owns it.

The results of this consultation will be available soon. Check the Newham Mag and www.newham.gov.uk for updates.

Cllr Ayesha Chowdhury, centre, with members of the International Food Group



BECKTON COOKERY GROUP ACHIEVES FOOD SAFETY ACCOLADE

An international food group based in Beckton has successfully completed food safety training.

The group was set up by community lead councillor for Beckton, Ayesha Chowdhury, to teach women who she had met through surgeries and community groups new cookery skills. Every member of the group has now achieved a level 1 award in Food Safety Awareness from the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.

Cllr Chowdhury presented the certificates to the group at Beckton Community Centre. She said: "This is an excellent initiative and all members have thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills. We are now looking for the group to develop healthy food products they can make and possibly sell."

The group meets regularly at the Beckton Community Centre. To join the group email Hafsa Islam on shukrity2000@yahoo.co.uk

END OF THE ROAD FOR RACERS ON ROYAL ALBERT WAY

Royal Albert Way will be closed on Saturday nights as the latest deterrent against racers gathering there.

This is the latest joint initiative between Newham Council and Beckton Safer Neighbourhoods Team following complaints about car racing and large groups of people meeting there. The road will now be closed every Saturday night until Sunday morning.

A dispersal zone has already been introduced giving the police and Newham Council enforcement officers the power to disperse groups of more than two people. They can also tell those who do not live in the area to leave and not return for 24 hours.

Anyone who refuses or breaches the notice can be arrested. It is punishable on conviction of a custodial sentence of up to three



months and/or a fine of up to £2,500. The order is operational in and around Royal Albert Way and will run until Sunday 1 January 2012.

CLr Unmesh Desai, cabinet member for crime and anti-social behaviour, said: "This kind of racing is dangerous and these people have no consideration for those who live nearby. We will not tolerate this kind of behaviour and we will take tough enforcement action to put a stop to this kind of reckless driving. These

initiatives will help deter racers from meeting here and hopefully put an end to the problems reported by local residents."

For further information about this initiative please contact the Beckton Safer Neighbourhoods Team on 020 8721 2040 or email beckton.snt@met.police.uk

Report anti-social behaviour in confidence by calling the council's free hotline on 0800 731 3300.

200 residents take part in Beckton Park Challenge

The first Credit Suisse Beckton Park Challenge was a big success with more than 200 residents taking part.

The running event open to people of all ages took place on 18 September in Beckton District Park South. It was funded by Swiss bank Credit Suisse and the East End Road Runners to improve access to sporting activities in east London ahead of 2012. It was also supported by Newham Council, the Run! Project, Run England and other host boroughs of the 2012 Olympics.

Participation was encouraged through the allocation of 100 free places to residents of the host boroughs. It was also supported by over 40 volunteers including 15 from Credit Suisse.



Runners take their marks

Spotlight on...Get ready to vote - Young Mayor elections 2011

There's been a record-breaking number of applicants competing for the chance to become Newham's next Young Mayor.

Fifty-one candidates are perfecting their public speaking and are canvassing their electorate to vote for them in elections taking place in secondary schools and colleges on Wednesday 2 November.

The hopefuls are out promoting what they stand for and, if elected, how they would improve the borough for young people.

Go online to meet this year's candidates and watch their video manifestoes by visiting www.newham.gov.uk/elections

This year's Young Mayor and Deputy Young Mayor will be announced



on Thursday 3 November; runners-up will become youth councillors. They represent all 11 to 18-year-olds who live or study in the borough voicing major issues and an opportunity to influence big decisions.

If you're aged 11 to 18 and live or study in Newham then vote in the election

on Wednesday 2 November. Polling stations will be located at secondary schools and colleges. Residents who study outside the borough can vote at Old Town Hall, Stratford, Broadway, E15, and Newham Town Hall, Barking Road, E6, by bringing proof of their name age and address.

Visit www.newham.gov.uk/elections to find out all you need to know about this year's campaign. Follow the Young Mayor on Twitter; [ym_newham](https://twitter.com/ym_newham)

WHAT'S ON BECKTON

Yoga Classes

Every Wednesday, 10am-12noon
Everyone welcome. Mats provided.
Cost: £2 per session payable in advance for the term.
Beckton Globe Sports Hall,
Kingsford Way, E6
Contact Olywn on 020 8534 3652
for further information.

Zumba Fitness

Every Saturday, 10-11am
Come join Zumba fitness classes for a fun way to burn calories and get fit.
All classes are £5
St Mark's Community Centre,
218 Tollgate Road, E6
For more details contact Elaine
on 07961365674
www.moveandgroove.org.uk

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 2920 or email chris.bennett@newham.gov.uk
To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. marie.collier@newham.gov.uk



Ayesha Chowdhury



David Christie



Alec Kellaway

Beckton Ward

Every Saturday, 10- 11am (alternating)
Beckton Library
Beckton Globe, 1 Kingsford Way Beckton, 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 or call 020 3373 0437.