

# IN FOCUS BECKTON

September 2011

## CREDIT SUISSE BECKTON PARK CHALLENGE TAKES PLACE IN SEPTEMBER

More than 400 people are expected to take part in one of the biggest runs ever held in Beckton.

The Credit Suisse Beckton Park Challenge will take place on 18 September in Beckton Park and there's still time to take part for any residents interested. The race is open to anyone, whether you're a marathon runner or looking for a new way to keep fit, with three different race distances to suit all abilities and ages.

These are:

- > 3km junior run for ages 9-13 which will start at 9.15am (entry free)
- > 5km run for ages 13+ which will start at 10.15am (standard £10/UKA Affiliated £8)
- > 10km run for ages 16+ which will start at 10.15am (standard £12/UKA Affiliated £10)

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Register for the Beckton Park challenge

Community lead councillor for Beckton, Ayesha Chowdhury, said: “I am very pleased this park challenge is taking place in Beckton. With less than a year to go before the Olympics, this is an excellent opportunity to showcase the sporting talent we have in Newham.”

All participants who finish the race will receive a t-shirt, participation medal and free membership to Run England. The first 100 applicants who live in any of the host boroughs will be entitled to free entry into

either the 5k or 10k runs.

The race has been organised by leading financial services provider Credit Suisse, and is supported by Newham Council, East End Road Runners, the Run! Project, Run England, Sport England and the Host Boroughs for the London 2012 Games.

**To enter you can register online at [www.credit-suisse.com/becktonparkchallenge](http://www.credit-suisse.com/becktonparkchallenge) before 14 September. For further information go to [www.runbritain.com](http://www.runbritain.com)**

### CONTACT US

If your group has an activity to promote please contact us on: 020 3373 2684 or email [infocus@newham.gov.uk](mailto:infocus@newham.gov.uk)



## Community praise



Mayor Sir Robin Wales has praised Newham's community for the way residents have responded to appeals for information following the recent unrest.

A special edition of the Newham Mag, containing CCTV images of those involved in disturbances in Newham, has generated a number of arrests and numerous warrants. Around a third of the images have been identified thanks to information from residents.

Sir Robin said: "What we saw taking place in Newham and elsewhere across the country is completely and utterly unacceptable.

"Thankfully our borough was not as badly affected as others in London and elsewhere, because of the strength of togetherness and cohesion in our community."

**If you can identify anyone involved in the disturbances call Newham Police on 020 8217 5481 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. More images can be seen on page 10 of the Mag and online at [www.newham.gov.uk/cctv](http://www.newham.gov.uk/cctv)**

## Adult learning opportunities at the Beckton Globe

Wanting to learn a new skill, improve your computer skills or develop your career? A wide range of adult courses are on offer at the Beckton Globe.

There are courses for different needs and lifestyles, daytime, evening and weekend which are all available from September onwards. Tuition and exam fees vary.

Courses at the centre in Kingsford Way include the following:

Course	Day	Time	Duration
Computing for adults with learning difficulties/disabilities	Tuesday	am	10 weeks
Computing for everyday use – beginners	Thursday		
Computing for senior citizens	Thursday	pm	10 weeks
Learn to touch type	Friday	am	6 weeks
Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint – Level 1 OCR Award	Saturday	day	6 weeks
Digital photography and image manipulation – beginners	Tuesday	pm	10 weeks
Design your own leaflets	Thursday	am	3 weeks
Floristry – Level 1/2 NCFE	Thursday	pm	1 year
Flower arranging – beginners	Wednesday	pm	10 weeks
Balloon design beginners	Saturday	day	2 weeks
Jewellery making – beginners	Wednesday	pm	10 weeks
Knitting for pleasure – beginners	Thursday	pm	10 weeks
Curtain making – beginners	Tuesday	pm	10 weeks
Back, neck and leg massage – beginners	Wednesday	pm	10 weeks
Cake decorating – beginners	Tuesday	am	10 weeks

**For information about enrolling on any of these courses or for a full brochure of learning opportunities throughout the borough please call Newham Adult Learning Service on 020 3373 4030.**



# NETWORK AND CONNECT

If you want to have a say in shaping Beckton's future while meeting others in your community then make sure you don't miss an upcoming networking event.

Visitors to the event will be able to touch base with local councillors, Ayesha Chowdhury, Alec Kellaway and David Christie, and find out what issues are being worked on and what's going on in your community.

If you haven't been before, then come along and meet your councillors, who will be on hand to discuss any issues or ideas you may have for the future of Beckton.

The event will have a particular focus on youth provision in Beckton, so if you are involved in providing services for young people, or have views on what services should be provided, make sure you attend.

The Beckton Networking Event will take place on Thursday 8 September from 6pm to 7.30pm at the Beckton Community Centre. To confirm your attendance and to find out more call Chris Bennett on 020 3373 2920 or email [chris.bennett@newham.gov.uk](mailto:chris.bennett@newham.gov.uk)



## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BECKTON GLOBE LIBRARY

The council is transforming the way we deliver our services to ensure we provide the best quality and value for money for our residents. We will be offering better access to services by giving you new ways to do business with the council, allowing us to make savings by operating from fewer buildings.

As part of this transformation, we are investing in our libraries

by refurbishing many of them and introducing enhanced self-service options for residents that will make your transactions quicker and easier. Canning Town Library is the first to be fully refurbished and will re-open mid September.

Next in line will be Beckton Globe Library, which will be temporarily closed for refurbishment from 5.30pm on Saturday 17 September

and will re-open Spring 2012. The refurbished library will provide:

- > quick access to services and information based around your needs
- > services in a clean, bright and friendly environment
- > face to face advice for other council enquiries.

**For more information or to reserve items, visit our website at [www.newham.gov.uk/library](http://www.newham.gov.uk/library)**

## 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 BECKTON

### **Beckton Pond Park Regeneration Day**

Wednesday 14 September

Join Thames21 for a regeneration day as part of the East London River Rescue Project. We're aiming to improve this spot for visitors by creating a sitting area, removing litter and managing vegetation.

10am - 1pm, Andrewes Gardens, Beckton, E6 5GT

For more information please contact Rita Serra on [rita.serra@thames21.org.uk](mailto:rita.serra@thames21.org.uk) or call 07554 402 772

### **Free Salsa classes for beginners**

Come and have lots of fun and learn new steps as our instructors show you how.

Mondays, 7pm – 8pm

The Discovery Centre, Jenkins Lane, Beckton, IG11 0AD

For further details contact Niyi Olayode on 07525 860 472

**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 2920 or email [chris.bennett@newham.gov.uk](mailto:chris.bennett@newham.gov.uk)

To email your local councillor write [firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk) e.g. [marie.collier@newham.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://www.newham.gov.uk/mayor) or call 020 3373 0437.