

IN FOCUS **GREEN STREET**

February 2012



NEW WAYS TO PAY

Newham Council's Local Service Centre based cash offices at Stratford, Manor Park and East Ham will cease to operate on 2 March. From this point onwards, you will no longer be able to use a cash office to make a cash, cheque, debit or credit card payment. If you are a cash office user you will need to find alternative ways to pay.

Alternative safe, quick and easy payment methods include paying online via the council's website or over the telephone using a debit or credit card, setting up a direct debit or a standing order.

All Newham libraries have free internet access and a member of

staff can offer you help with using self serve kiosks and making payments online.

Customers can also use a cash payment card (Allpay) to pay rent or Council Tax at a post office or outlet displaying the Paypoint logo.

Allpay outlets near you can be found at:

- > Upton Food and Wine,
6 Station Parade, E13
- > Kquality Stores,

53 Queens Market, E13

- > GJ Food and Wine,
464 Green Street, E13
- > Eastside News,
382 Green Street, E13
- > N R News, Ticket Hall, E13
- > St Stephens Parade Post Office,
6 St Stephens Parade, E7
- > Barking Road Post Office
774 Barking Road, E13

**To make a payment on-line
visit www.newham.gov.uk/payit**

CONTACT US

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ROYAL SALUTE FOR COMMUNITY STALWART

Resident Ron Webb has been awarded a Duke of Edinburgh award in recognition of his years of involvement with the scheme.

Long-serving volunteer Ron has been involved in community matters for a many years in the Green Street Community forum area.

His many varying roles have included school governor, trustee, director, family support and Active Community Team (ACT) volunteer.

Ron was also nominated for the outstanding Citizens award by Newham Council in 2001 and invited to have lunch with The Queen at her Golden Jubilee in 2002.

Ron, whose wife has also been involved in volunteering, has been a



Cllr Rahman, left, with Ron and Cllr Patel

great support to him over the years. He said: "I am proud and delighted that I was nominated for the award."

He was congratulated by Green

Street forum councillors Rohima Rahman and Mukesh Patel.

Councillor Rahman said: "It is an honour that is richly deserved."

DORSET ROAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



Cllr Chadha, second right, with Dorset Road Garden Group members Ken Stiles, Janet Vickers, Abdul Shakoore, Gurpreet Chadha and Leonard Pringles

Green-fingered residents are getting ready to transform a former fly-tipped site in Dorset Road into an oasis of greenery.

Vacant land has been earmarked by Newham Council for local residents to create a temporary community garden.

People have already started discussing what they would fill it with. Potatoes, strawberries, okra and a wild garden with herbs and flowers are on the cards.

The residents also hope to involve local schools in the project. The Dorset Road Garden Group was recently awarded a council Go For it Grant for the community project.

Green Street East ward councillor Nirmal Chadha said: "This will be a great way to get to know neighbours, improve our area and get fit and healthy."

If you would like to know more about this project and how you too could be involved in the project contact 020 3373 1267 or email Shabana.qadir@newham.gov.uk



DANGEROUS ELECTRICAL LEADS SEIZED IN SWOOP

One thousand laptop leads that could electrocute and cause fires have been seized in a swoop in the Green Street area.

The leads, in a package destined for a house, were confiscated at Stansted Airport.

It was a joint operation by Newham and Essex councils.

The leads did not have proper protection against live parts or proper insulation. A laboratory test on one sample, carried out for Trading Standards, revealed dangerous circuits and lack of safety markings.

Safety experts fear they could cause fire.

Trading Standards suspect these laptop chargers are circulating across the UK and Europe. Officers believe they are being imported illegally from China.

Greens Street ward councillor Rohima Rahman

said: "Make no mistake these were dangerous leads. Computer users – many of them children – could have been put at risk.

"We take crime very seriously in Newham and this was a crime. We simply won't tolerate it. It is totally unacceptable – and we won't accept it.

"The prompt and proactive action by our Trading Standards service has ensured that unsuspecting users are not maimed or risk electrocution.

"These were destined for Upton Park and could have been circulating across the borough. Thanks to our officers this has been nipped in the bud. We will remain ever vigilant for other dangerous items. Our enforcement never stops."

Report unsafe goods to Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or www.consumerdirect.gov.uk

BANKERS BRING CHEER

A team of volunteers from Deutsche Bank swapped calculators for paint brushes to spruce up Katherine Road Community Centre.

The big-hearted bankers painted the community hall and spruced up the outdoor garden at the centre.

And as a special surprise they presented the centre with a surprise £1,000 cheque.

The move came after a meeting involving local councillors and service users, who decided to paint the grey wall inside the garden area.

Sadly, rain dashed the five volunteers' hopes of painting the wall – so they got stuck into the hall instead. And as they were about to leave they presented the centre with the cheque.



Spotlight on... Let's get the Party Started!

Make 2012 a year to remember with your chance to nominate someone for an Inspiring People Reward or celebrate by holding a community event - and it's all FREE!

If you want to celebrate the London 2012 Games or the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with your families, friends and neighbours we'll show you how easy it is to make it happen.

Newham Council is giving residents the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £250 to organise their own community event. This could be anything from a street party to a cake making competition, a talent show to a craft session. The sky's the limit so get your thinking caps on and contact 2012party@newham.gov.uk with your ideas.

And it doesn't stop there. Do you know someone who you believe deserves FREE tickets to the London 2012 Games?



This is your chance to make that special someone feel really special. Have they done something really outstanding, have they made just a little difference to someone else's life, do they need a little boost to their own life, are they housebound and would benefit from this 'once in a lifetime' opportunity? Nominate them and turn a dream into reality. You can find out more by visiting www.newham.gov.uk/inspiringpeople or turn to page 15 of the Newham Mag to read about our latest winner.

WHAT'S ON GREEN STREET

Queens Market trading times

(closed Saturdays and Mondays)
Tuesday-Friday, 9am-6pm
Sunday, 12noon-6pm

Homework Club

All young people aged 7-14 can get free study support at their local library (school term only)
Green Street Library,
337-341 Green Street, E13
For more information call 020 3373 0857

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