

IN FOCUS EAST HAM

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COUPLE FINED £4,000 FOR POOR HOUSING CONDITIONS

A husband and wife of Kempton Road, East Ham, were prosecuted at Stratford Magistrates' Court for failing to carry out their management duties on a property they owned in St Olave's Road in East Ham.

Council officers visited the property in July and found it dirty and worn, posing a risk to the health and safety of the five people renting it. The bathroom facilities were limescaled and unhygienic, kitchen cupboards were falling apart and smoke detectors were not working. The garden was also overgrown, with mattresses dumped in it.

The couple were found guilty on all 24 counts of poor management. They were ordered to pay £4,000 and the council's court costs of £600.

Deputy mayor and executive member for housing and customer service, Cllr Andrew Baikie, said: "This prosecution shows we will



Examples of the squalid conditions



take action against landlords who allow their tenants to live in dangerous and unhygienic conditions. Our residents deserve to live in safe, uncrowded properties and this is why we are cracking down on landlords who do not maintain their properties to a good standard."

The council is also currently consulting all private tenants,

landlords, residents and businesses on licensing proposals. The proposals aim to improve the standards of rental accommodation in the borough and follow a successful pilot of a Neighbourhood Improvement Zone (NIZ) in Manor Park.

To view details of the proposal and share comments go to www.ors.gov.uk/survey/newham

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TAKING DODGY GOODS OFF OUR STREETS



Trading standard officers have seized a number of unsafe iPhone car chargers in High Street North. The 16 faulty plugs were uncovered in routine checks on traders in the area and tests on the items highlighted that there was little or no protection from electric shock as the products were poorly insulated, posing a massive health and safety risk.

In addition the chargers did not have the correct markings or safety information and failed to maintain the voltage levels stated on their packaging.

East Ham Central ward member Cllr Unmesh Desai said: "We will continue to remove unsafe and hazardous items like this from our streets."

"There are businesses selling items that they know fail to meet the proper safety regulations. This is not acceptable and we will take action against them."

If you have any concerns about Newham traders or the service they provide, contact the council's trading standards team on 020 3373 9937.

Ward councillors at the East Ham Business Network event



EAST HAM'S BURGEONING BUSINESS NETWORK

East Ham community four councillors Ted Sparrowhawk, Mary Skyers, Omana Gangadharan and Lester Hudson were out and about in High Street North with town centre manager David Palmer Barnes and council officers to promote the Business Network.

The network gives businesses the opportunity to network, help local businesses tackle the issues in their area, identify what improvement they would like to see, inform traders of their rights and responsibilities as well as outlining the council's support.

A stall was also on hand to provide information on Active Community Team volunteering, Let's Get the Party Started and councillor surgeries.

Cllr Skyers said: "The Business Network is a great opportunity for us to work with local traders to improve the area. We really need to hear their views and how they want to see the area improved."

If you'd like to join the East Ham Business Network, please contact town centre manager David Palmer Barnes on 020 3373 1529.

PEOPLE URGED TO GET FLU JAB

Residents from across the East Ham community forum area are being encouraged to take up the offer of a free flu jab if they are eligible for one.

Every year around 8,000 people in England and Wales die from flu and as winter approaches people are at risk of developing serious complications from the seasonal condition.

People being offered the seasonal flu vaccine are those aged 65 and over, pregnant women, adults and children from six months living with long term health conditions, people in residential or nursing homes,



those who care for an older or disabled person and all frontline health and social care workers.

Wall End ward councillor Omana Gangadharan said: "The best way to avoid flu is to get immunised

and you can do this by making an appointment with your GP or antenatal clinic as appropriate."

More information is available by visiting www.nhs.uk/flu



If you're interested in clearing up your area, are green fingered and want to make new friends, then the Greenway planting event is for you.

The planting day will not only give you the opportunity to meet your local councillors and neighbours but you'll also have the opportunity to tidy up the greenway as well as plant trees and help encourage natural habitat for wildlife.

There will also be information on how to play your part for the environment by recycling your garden and household waste as well as ensuring your property is kept safe.

The event will take place on the Greenway, near Stokes Road, East Ham.

For more information about this event, please contact Kim Vasa on 020 3373 3578.

Spotlight on... Remembrance Sunday



Mayor Sir Robin Wales will join residents, East Ham community forum councillors and members of the Royal British Legion in commemorating Remembrance Sunday on 13 November.

The Mayor will lay a wreath on behalf of the people of Newham at the cenotaph in Central Park, High Street South, East Ham, during a service starting at 10.55am. People are asked to gather at Newham Town Hall at 10.15am for a 10.35am procession with members of the Royal British Legion along High Street South.

Sir Robin said: "We pay homage to all those that have died in the line of duty. We must never forget what they have done for us."

Elsewhere chair of the council,

Councillor Amarjit Singh, will attend a service at St Mark's Memorial in the grounds of Brick Lane Music Hall, Factory Road, North Woolwich, at 10.55am. It will be preceded by a Royal British Legion parade at 10.30am from nearby Constance Street.

In nearby Canning Town, deputy chair of the council, Councillor Michael Nicholas, will lay a wreath at St Luke's Memorial in Tarling Road, Canning Town. A service of remembrance, lead by the Rev David Wade, will begin at 10.30am.

There is also a service at All Saints West Ham Parish Church, Church Street, West Ham, at 10.45am, conducted by the Rev Stennett Kirby. A wreath will be laid by Deputy Mayor Councillor Andrew Baikie.

WHAT'S ON EAST HAM

Nordic walking

Meet on the Greenway on

Tuesday mornings. Call for more information and to arrange an induction: Joan or Bee on 020 8586 8858/8853

Get Growing Club

Parkside Gardening runs a weekly gardening club food growing activities, training in horticultural skills, volunteering and work skills experience. Every Friday from 11am-1pm. All ages welcome but children under 16 have to be accompanied by adults. Meet by the Bowling Green Pavilion, Central Park, 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 3578 or email kim.vasa@newham.gov.uk
To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. kevin.jenkins@newham.gov.uk



Kevin Jenkins OBE



Rev. Quintin Peppiatt



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Mary Skyers



Ormana Gangadharan



Lester Hudson



Ted Sparrowhawk

East Ham South Ward

Cllr Jenkins
Every Saturday (except bank holidays), 9.30-11am
Brampton Primary School, Masterman Road, East Ham, E6

First and third Saturday of the month (except bank holidays), 1- 3pm
Roman Road Primary School, Roman Road, E6

Cllrs Peppiatt and Shah
Every Saturday (alternating), 10am
Vicarage Lane Primary School, Vicarage Lane, East Ham, E6

East Ham Central Ward

Cllrs Corbett and Desai
Every Friday, 5.30-6.30pm
Committee Room 3, Newham Town Hall, Barking Road East Ham, E6

Cllr Skyers
First Saturday of the month, 10-11am
The Hartley Centre, 267 Barking Road East Ham, E6

Wall End Ward

Cllr Gangadharan
Second Saturday of the month, 10am-12noon

Cllr Hudson
Fourth Saturday of the month, 10am-12noon
Altmore School, Altmore Avenue, East Ham, E6

Cllr Sparrowhawk
First and third Saturday of the month 10.30am-12noon
Nelson Primary School
Caretaker's house, Napier Road East Ham, 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.