

IN FOCUS **GREEN STREET**

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Council cracks down on illegal tobacco sales

Newham Council is cracking down on the illegal sale of tobacco products to minors.

Many of the products are imported from Asian countries which do not comply with EU regulations and are not labelled correctly. It is illegal to sell tobacco to anyone under 18, not to have paid UK duty and to incorrectly label tobacco products.

Smokeless tobacco products such as chewing tobacco and snuff tobacco (powder that is sniffed) fall into this category, as well as tobacco that is smoked, for example beedies (a thin cigarette filled with tobacco flake and wrapped in a leaf) and shisha/hookah tobacco. These products are widely sold on Green Street and Katherine Road.

These tobacco products are addictive, have higher concentrations of cancer-causing chemicals than in cigarettes and can cause mouth cancer. In addition, paan (a tobacco leaf-based mixture that when chewed creates a red liquid which is spat out) leaves a



Illegal tobacco products confiscated by the council

dark red, blood-like stain which is difficult to remove and costs the council thousands to clean up.

In a campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of tobacco, regulate its sale and stop paan spitting, the council is inspecting businesses to ensure they are complying with EU trade regulations.

Since March, 7,000 illegal tobacco products have been seized from around 18 businesses along Green Street, Katherine Road and High Street North. Businesses

continue to be inspected and issued with information packs that educate businesses on the correct sale of tobacco.

The council will continue to monitor businesses that sell tobacco products to ensure they are correctly labelled and are not being sold to under-18s. If you are caught spitting paan in public you can be issued with an £80 Fixed Penalty Notice and if you are caught selling tobacco products to a minor you can face prosecution.

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Go green with your garden waste



Green fingered gardener or eco warrior – whatever your reasons, make sure you recycle your green garden waste.

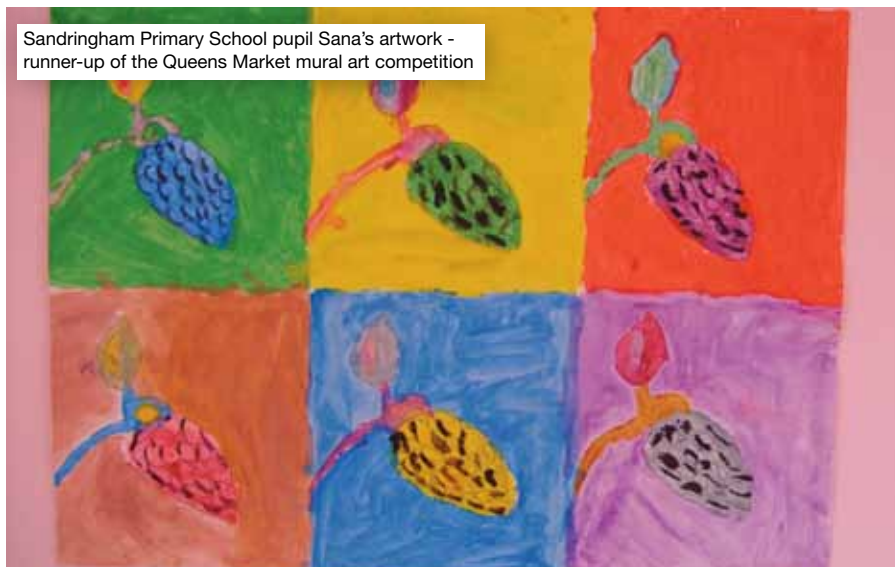
The council offers a FREE green garden waste collection to all residents. The service accepts grass cuttings, weeds, hedge trimmings, leaves, small branches and flowers.

All you need to do is place them in a black bag, leave them at the front of your property and call to arrange a collection. The waste will be picked up within five working days.

All garden waste is turned into compost at Jenkins Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre instead of being sent to landfill sites. So if you want to do your bit for the environment, make the most of this council service.

To arrange a collection or for more information, call 020 8430 2000 or book the collection online at www.newham.gov.uk and search for 'green waste'.

Sandringham Primary School pupil Sana's artwork - runner-up of the Queens Market mural art competition



E13 FUNTASTIC FAMILY FUNDAY

Mark it in your diary now – the E13 family funday is coming to you on Saturday 18 June, from 11am-2.30pm in Plaistow Primary School.

The FREE event will celebrate National Family Week by bringing families together to learn more about all the wonderful services and events in your area.

The event is organised by the E13 Learning Community, a collection of eight schools in Green Street, Plaistow and Stratford, in conjunction with Newham Council.

Come and see the artwork that

was created for the Queens Market Mural project and get your creative juices flowing in an art workshop to create more art to be displayed in venues around Green Street, such as libraries and community centres.

You'll also be able to pick up a copy of the Green Street shopping guide, which gives you the lowdown on all the great shops in Green Street, so you can shop smart and shop local.

E13 family funday, Saturday 18 June, 11am-2.30pm, Plaistow Primary School, Junction Road, E13.

DON'T BE OUT FOR THE COUNT

Census collectors are going door-to-door in Green Street to offer help with completing the forms and ensuring the questionnaires are returned.

The census is important for Newham in making sure that the borough receives a fair allocation of funding from central Government. It means the council can deliver the essential services that residents say are important, such as cleaner streets, better healthcare, community protection and education.

Each census form is worth at least £6,000 from the Government over

the next ten years. In previous years a census undercount of at least 20,000 has meant Newham has lost out on millions of pounds in funding.

The census collectors are warning people that they face the risk of a fine or prosecution should a form not be returned.

Posters are also going up around the borough explicitly warning that residents risk a £1,000 fine and a criminal record if the form is not completed.



Find out about the future of Hammer's Boleyn Stadium



West Ham United is inviting residents and businesses from Green Street to hear about the football club's plans to move to the Olympic Stadium.

It's your chance to find out more about what could happen to the existing stadium and to voice your views and suggestions.

The free event on Tuesday 17 May has two different time slots. Residents can drop-in from 5-7.30pm and businesses from 7.30-9.30pm. You can access the stadium via the main entrance in Green Street.

For more information call Ian Tompkins on 020 8586 8116 or email itompkins@westhamunited.co.uk

CHILDREN'S CENTRE GETS GLOWING OFSTED REPORT

The Shrewsbury Children's Centre was given a boost after it received a glowing report from Ofsted inspectors.

The Sure Start children's centre in Shrewsbury Road opened in October 2007. This was the centre's first inspection and it received an overall outstanding mark – the highest a school or children's centre can get.

One parent quoted in the report said: 'This centre is amazing; it is a lifeline for many people in our community'.

It was also noted that: 'The highly



motivated and hardworking staff make the centre a vibrant and exciting place to be in'.

The centre offers a year-round, one-stop-shop for a wide range of services that support parents, mums-to-be and young children, ensuring every child gets a good start in life.

For information on courses and

activities at the centre call 020 3373 6050.

The Shrewsbury Children's Centre is in 2 Shrewsbury Road, E7 and is open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, and the first Saturday of each month from 11am-1pm for children and young people with special needs.

Spotlight on... What's on in Newham

From the Newham London Run to four spectacular nights of free entertainment under the stars at Central Park – Newham is the best place to be for top FREE events.

Don't be caught crying into your cup of tea when you've found out you've missed one – note down the dates and keep your eyes peeled on your In Focus, the Newham Mag and www.newham.gov.uk/whatson for the latest up-to-date listings.

To you give you a taster of what's on the menu for this summer here are some important dates.



Boogie nights at last years Under the Stars in Central Park

Forget it and regret it – dates for your diary

- Sunday Fun Day, Sunday 29 May, 12noon-6pm – fun for all the family at Stratford Park, around the town centre and in the Old Town Hall
- Mayor's Newham Show and Carnival - Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July – this annual event kicks off with a colourful carnival that'll make its way around East Ham and yes – the beach is back again this year
- Under the Stars, Thursday 25 to Sunday 28 August, Central Park, East Ham – four nights of top live entertainment
- Guy Fawkes Night, Saturday 5 November, live entertainment and fireworks on Wanstead Flats

WHAT'S ON GREEN STREET

Find out about the future of West Ham United Club's ground drop-in session

Tuesday 17 May
For residents, 5-7.30pm
For businesses, 7.30-9.30pm
West Ham United Football Club
Green Street, E13
(read p3 for more details)

Save a life - this is a first aid session run by the British Red Cross

Monday 13 June
1.30-3.30pm
Shrewsbury Children's Centre
2 Shrewsbury Road, E7
For information on courses and activities at the centre call 020 3373 6050.

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
William Davies Primary School, Stafford Road, E7

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