

# IN FOCUS STRATFORD AND WEST HAM

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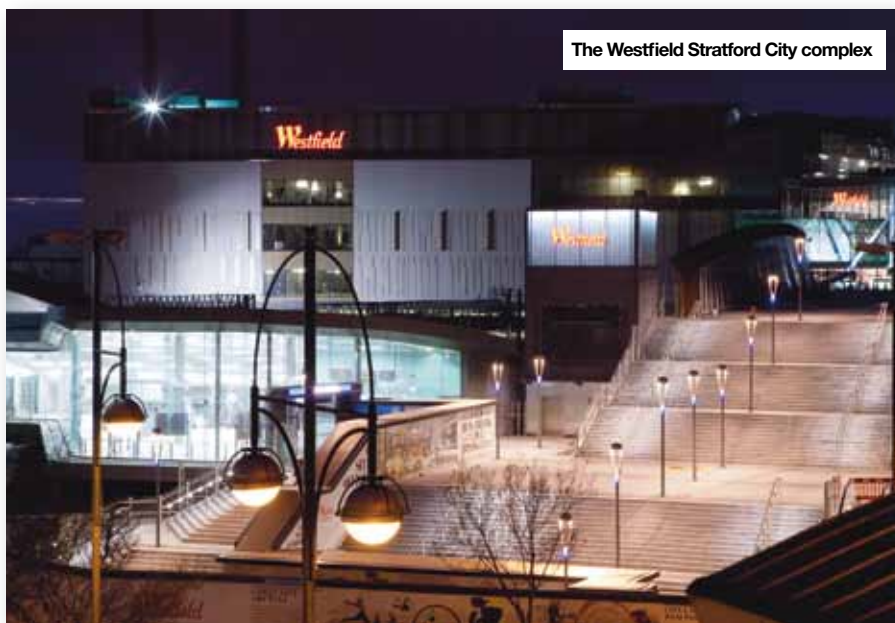
## HAVE YOUR SAY OVER PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES

Residents have been given extra time to comment on proposals to review parking restrictions operating in Stratford.

There are currently five Residential Parking Zones (RPZs) in the area, but with Westfield Stratford City set to open in September, Newham Council is looking to review the arrangements.

Councillor Richard Crawford, lead member for Stratford and West Ham community forum, said: "The RPZs were initially introduced to ensure everyday life for residents and businesses could be as hassle-free as possible and to prevent congestion in residential streets caused by all-day parking by commuters and construction traffic.

"However Westfield Stratford City will bring even more visitors to Stratford. To ensure that residents and businesses don't suffer, we are reviewing all five RPZs. People are receiving a questionnaire that can be filled out and returned by post or completed online."



The Westfield Stratford City complex

The council is looking at reviewing the hours and days the five zones operate. Currently there is a central Stratford RPZ, operating Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6.30pm. This is surrounded by four outer zones which operate Monday to Friday, 10am to 12noon.

Current operating hours were originally intended to prevent commuter parking and to limit the impact of the Olympic Park construction works. The zones were not designed to protect resident

or business permit holders from parking generated by the Westfield Shopping Centre or any likely impact due to the Games.

The council will be monitoring the impact of the new shopping centre during its first three months and consider how effective any changes are.

**The consultation period has been extended to 14 June. For maps and hours of operation for the RPZs or to fill in the questionnaire visit [www.newham.gov.uk/RPZ](http://www.newham.gov.uk/RPZ)**

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# Beware of Council Tax scam



Bogus telephone callers claiming to be from the council are fooling residents into handing over their bank details.

The scammers have been informing people that they are due a Council Tax rebate and need bank details to deposit the funds.

Customers who are legitimately due a rebate are informed in writing. The council would never ask for bank details over the phone and residents are urged not to provide this information to callers requesting it.

If you receive a call you're unsure about asking for bank details note down as much detail as possible and call Newham Council on 020 8430 2000 or contact the police on 0300 123 1212.

## SALUTE TO RON FOR LONG SERVICE



Cllr Manley, left, receives his award from the Mayor

West Ham ward councillor Ron Manley has been applauded for his 25 years of service to the people of Newham.

The recognition came during the annual meeting of the council at the Old Town Hall in Stratford.

Councillor Manley was presented with a photograph dating back to the 1970s of All Saints Church in Church Street, West Ham. Ron's children and grandchildren were baptised there.

Ron has represented West Ham

ward since 1986, apart from a brief spell in Custom House in 2002. He has chaired various committees including leisure, licensing, housing and planning as well as the Association for Public Service Excellence. He recently celebrated 50 years of marriage to wife Jean.

Mayor Sir Robin Wales said: "Ron is a really nice man; thoughtful, obliging and always putting the interests of residents first. It is a pleasure to work with him on the council."

## SCREENING IS A REEL BLOCK PARTY



Young Mayor Ali at the screening

Residents from the Carpenters Estate were invited to a special screening at Stratford Picturehouse of the hit movie comedy Attack the Block.

The movie is about a group of teenagers who defended their block from scary outer space creatures. Many of the film's action scenes were shot in and around the estate and dozens of residents were used as extras.

The free screening was arranged by Newham Council's film office as

a thank you to those on the estate for their patience and co-operation during last year's shoot.

Young Mayor, Ali Mohamed, who introduced the film, said: "I'd like to thank everyone on the estate who showed patience while filming was under way. Without them the film would never have made it to the big screen."

The council also arranged work experience for six teenagers with the film's producers, Big Talk Pictures.

# Fun for all is a lark in the park



Cllr Crawford and the Mayor meet residents



Black Eagles amaze with their acrobatics



Hula hoops delight at the Old Town Hall



Walk this way with stilt walkers in Stratford Park

Stratford and West Ham councillors Richard Crawford, Freda Bourne and Ron Manley, plus Mayor Sir Robin Wales, were among more than 23,000 people who enjoyed the Stratford Sunday Fun day.

The council-run event included activities for all ages and abilities. There was cycling, football and basketball in Stratford Park as well as children's fun with face painting, mask making, arts workshops, bouncy castles and fairground rides. Stilt-walkers and jugglers roamed the park.

In the Old Town Hall there was music and dance while at the shopping centre there was the Mamma Mia Italian food market along with crafts and jewellery. The Theatre Royal Bar put on music.

Community forum lead councillor Richard Crawford said: "The day was a great success. The council will continue to provide events like the Sunday Fun Day where people can come together to meet each other, develop friendships and strengthen community spirit."

See the Newham Mag for more pictures.

## Have say on Games route plans

Transport for London is consulting Stratford residents over the impact of the Olympic Route Network and Paralympic Route Network.

The networks are roads linking competition and non-competition venues for the Games. They will enable 55,000 key participants such as athletes, officials and media to travel safely, securely and efficiently between venues and their accommodation.

A number of Games lanes are set to be introduced in Stratford High Street and the town centre, which could

mean only official vehicles will be able to use these roads from 6am to midnight. General traffic will need to use other lanes when the Games are taking place.

There could also be road closures, bus stops moved, diversions and cyclists may have to use footpaths. They are expected to operate from mid July to mid September 2012.

**For information on how the proposed changes could affect Stratford read the Newham Mag or visit [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk) to comment on the plans.**

## Spotlight on... new look Newham.com

If you don't already know about Newham.com, it is worth a click – and now even more than before, as we've given it a makeover.

Newham.com is the website that's all about the borough, minus the council business. It's a handy hub for all things Newham, and now it's even handier.

No longer will you need to wade through loads of search results for things to do in your area, or remember individual web addresses for local hotspots – you can just add Newham.com to your favourites and it's all been done for you. If you've just moved to the borough it's a great way to get an overview of what's on.

The new-look site has been divided into easy-to-use sections: live, visit, work, invest and business. Under each of these you can find lots

of sub-sites, each of them packed with information about your area.

We've launched a new community page under the 'Live' section where local groups can promote their



activities. If you run a local group, get in touch using the details below.

We're also helping visitors out with information on the tourist offers in the borough, detailing where to stay, things to see, where to eat out and shop.

If you're looking for work we have some information on writing a good CV, job search dos and don'ts and how volunteering can help you.

Local businesses should also keep an eye on the site as we will be adding more and more to this section over the coming months.

**If you've got something to add to Newham.com, get in touch by emailing [info@newham.com](mailto:info@newham.com) or calling 020 3373 2752.**

## WHAT'S ON STRATFORD AND WEST HAM

### Cycle security -

the police and council will be property marking bicycles for free so they can be traced if stolen  
Friday 24 June  
4-7pm  
Outside Stratford Station

### Joan Littlewood art

**competition** - give your views on the two shortlisted designs until 17 June at Stratford Town Hall. Feedback forms available at reception.

**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 6045 or email [laura.beswick@newham.gov.uk](mailto:laura.beswick@newham.gov.uk)  
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Richard Crawford



Charlene McLean



Terry Paul



Freda Bourne



John Gray



Ron Manley

### Stratford and Newtown Ward

Every Saturday  
10.30am  
St John's Church  
Stratford Broadway, E15

### West Ham Ward

Cllr Bourne  
Second Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Rokeby Community Centre,  
Rokeby Street, E15  
Fourth Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Vicarage Lane Community Centre,  
Vicarage Lane, E15

Cllr Gray  
Third Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Rokeby Community Centre,

Rokeby Street, E15  
Second Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Vicarage Lane Community Centre,  
Vicarage Lane, E15

Cllr Manley  
First Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Rokeby Children's Centre, Rokeby  
Street, E15  
Fourth Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Leather Gardens TA, 1st Floor,  
Brassett Point, Abbey Road, Stratford, E15

**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.