

IN FOCUS BECKTON

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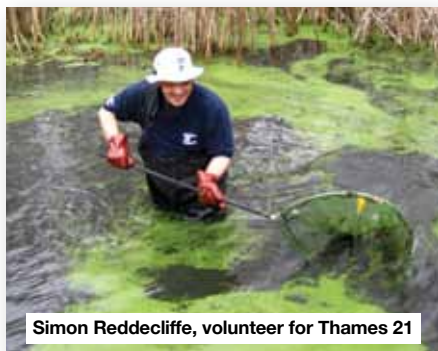
HELP CLEAN UP BECKTON POND

Volunteers are needed to help improve Beckton Pond by taking part in special regeneration events.

Waterways charity Thames21 is looking for local people to take part in the clean-ups as part of the East London River Rescue project. This projects aims to enhance waterways in Newham and Tower Hamlets.

A recent event held earlier this month was a big success with the pond being cleared of weeds, making it healthier for wildlife. Pathways to the pond were also cleared to ensure residents can easily access the area and seating has been installed.

Simon Reddecliffe is a Newham resident who has been volunteering for Thames 21 for over a year. He said: "You don't need any particular



Simon Reddecliffe, volunteer for Thames 21



Volunteers cleaning up Beckton pond

skills to volunteer - you just need to be a pleasant, nice person, have a general interest in the wellbeing of the planet and like being outdoors. We're only tenants on this planet so we have to look after it.

"I've learnt so much in less than a year. Without volunteers they couldn't do the work that they do and they really appreciate you. You feel part of a family."

Future regeneration days are planned for Saturday 22 October and Wednesday 23 November. The events are suitable for the whole family but parental supervision is required for anyone under 16. All equipment is provided but old clothes should be worn.

Anyone wishing to take part can contact Rita Serra on 07554 402 772 or email rita.serra@thames21.org.uk

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Let's get the party started

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Newham Council is hosting an event to help residents from the Green Street community forum area get into the party spirit and be part of the celebrations for the 2012 Games.

The event at the Old Town Hall, Broadway, Stratford, on Saturday 8 October is open to anyone who has big ideas for bringing the community together or who wants help in arranging their own celebration.

Mayor Sir Robin Wales said: "We are organising an exciting programme of events for the whole community next year. We want people to be part of our events or organise their own.

"Hosting an event is the perfect way to bring the whole community together, so if we like your idea we could support you with funding. We will show the world we know how to party."

There are two sessions on 8 October from 10.30am-12.30pm or 2-4pm. To reserve your place at either email 2012party@newham.gov.uk or call 020 3373 3793.



FREE FOOTBALL FOR LADIES

Female football fans are being invited to take part in free sessions organised by Women United Football Club.

The sessions are the result of a grant from FreeSport, the Mayor of London's sports legacy programme and are open to all ages.

No previous experience is required and all participants need to take part are comfy clothes, flat shoes and a bottle of water.

Sessions will take place every Monday between 6pm and 7.30pm at Kingsford Community School, Kingsford Way, E6 5JH.

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GCSE SUCCESS FOR KINGSFORD SCHOOL

Pupils from Kingsford School are celebrating another year of excellent GCSE results.

The school which is located on Kingsford Way received 62.5% of 5 A* to Can improvement on last year's results by 16%.

Community lead councillor for Beckton Ayesha Chowdhury said: "I would like to congratulate all our students for their hard work and impressive results. Big thanks to parents and staff as well for their support. These results are well deserved."

Councillor Quintin Peppiatt, executive member for children and young people, said: "I'm delighted that our schools continue to show improvement in their results. It is a testament to the hard work of the borough's head teachers, teachers and staff. It is lovely seeing so many excited faces and knowing that our pupils will go on to do some excellent things in the future. This is the real face of young people in London."

More police patrols in Beckton

Newham police are increasing the amount of patrols in Beckton following concerns from residents about anti-social behaviour.

Residents should see an increased police presence at times when there have been problems reported.

Beckton community lead councillor Ayesha Chowdhury said: "We are committed to working with the Safer Neighbourhood Team to reduce the level of anti-social behaviour in Newham. The increased number of patrols will mean the police are more visible at times when residents say they are needed."

Any residents who witness crime or anti-social behaviour are encouraged to call the police Safer Neighbourhood Team on 020 8721 2040 or email Beckton.Snt@met.police.uk

For emergencies call 999 and for non-emergencies 101. You can also call the council's anti-social behaviour hotline on 0800 731 3300.



INVESTING IN OUR LIBRARIES

Our libraries are vital in providing opportunities for people to learn and come together.

Unlike many other local authorities across the UK, we will not be closing libraries. In fact, we will be delivering a programme of investment in libraries across the borough between now and 2014 to transform them into one-stop-shops where residents can come to educate themselves and their children, and make transactions with the council.

The programme is committed to the following within our libraries:

- > No library closures in Newham.
- > Compact self serve kiosks that will make payments and service booking easier and quicker.

- > No reduction in book stock.
- > No reduction in the free family events programme.
- > No reduction in computer facilities with internet access.
- > Bright, modern facilities which make the most of the space in each building.

The first to benefit is Canning Town Library which re-opened on 15 September. Changes include 16 computers, a modern study area and four self serve kiosks. The improvements have meant that the majority of the services currently offered by Canning Town LSC can now be accessed from the library. For this reason, the cash office will no longer be available in the current LSC building



from 1 October 2011.

Other upcoming improvements include Beckton Globe Library which is being refurbished and closed on 17 September to re-open spring 2012. Improvements to this library will include 22 computers (eight more than previous), a number of self-service kiosks that will make payments and service booking easier and quicker, the same free family events programme and bright modern facilities. As with Canning Town Library, some of the services currently provided from Beckton LSC will be provided from the library once reopened.

For more details about Newham's libraries please see www.newham.gov.uk/libraries

Spotlight on... Safer Neighbourhood Teams



Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNTs) are about policing at a local level: residents working with police and partners to identify and tackle issues of concern in their neighbourhoods.

Following consultation with residents, from 30 September, your SNT will be changing. Under the changes SNTs will remain responsible for addressing local crime and safety concerns. There will be no reduction in the number of police constables (PCs) and police community support officers (PCSOs) within SNTs, so every ward

will still have at least five, some six.

However, SNTs can now share officers with their neighbouring wards in times of need. During these times, wards that are supporting their neighbours will have a minimum of one PC and one PCSO from its dedicated team to make sure there is still a permanent uniformed presence in every ward.

SNTs will also play a role in tackling anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhoods.

You can get involved with your local SNT by going to www.met.police.uk/teams/newham

WHAT'S ON BECKTON

Yoga Classes

Every Wednesday, 10am – 12noon at Beckton Globe Sports Hall.
Mats provided.
Everyone welcome
Cost: £2 per session payable in advance for the term
Contact Olwyn on 020 8534 3652 for more details.

Nordic walks in the evening

Every Thursday, 5.30pm – 6.30pm.
Meet at Will Thorne Pavilion, Beckton District Park South, Stansfeld Road, E16
Nordic walking is twice as effective as ordinary walking, using poles to work the upper body muscles.
Taster sessions available on request.
All equipment is supplied.
To book your place or for more information contact Joan or Bee on 020 8586 8858.

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 2920 or email chris.bennett@newham.gov.uk
To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. marie.collier@newham.gov.uk



Ayesha Chowdhury



David Christie



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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 or call 020 3373 0437.