

WE ARE FOREST GATE & MARYLAND.



Forest Gate & Maryland Community Neighbourhood Resident Engagement & Participation

May 2023



INTRODUCTION

WARDS

Forest Gate & Maryland Community Neighbourhood is made up of the following wards:

Forest Gate North Forest Gate South Maryland

ABOUT THE AREA

This mainly residential area is bordered by Manor Park to the east, Stratford to the west, and is in close proximity to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. It is known for its Victorian and Georgian style homes and benefits from green spaces like Wanstead flats. It is a vibrant, active and multicultural neighbourhood and is one of the most ethnically diverse areas in England, with a constantly changing population.



TRANSPORT

Forest Gate and Maryland stations are located in Zone 3 on the Elizabeth line. Woodgrange Park and Wanstead Park stations are also nearby. With the recent development of Crossrail, Forest Gate and Maryland has seen an influx of new residents, including many young professionals and families.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community facilities and spaces in the neighbourhood include Forest Gate Library, Forest Lane Park, Forest Lane Lodge Community Centre, Forest Gate Community Garden, Forest Gate Learning Zone, Durning Hall and various places of worship.

Forest Gate is also known for its weekly resident-led Woodgrange community market, exhibitions by local artists at the library, Christmas Switch On event, annual Forest Gate Festival and Forest Gayte Pride.

RESIDENT VIEWS



Laura Glendinning

Our neighbourhood has a great little Saturday market, places to have something to eat and go out with friends, live music in pubs and independent cafés, a friendly library that has art exhibitions and space for community activities as well being a warm hub.

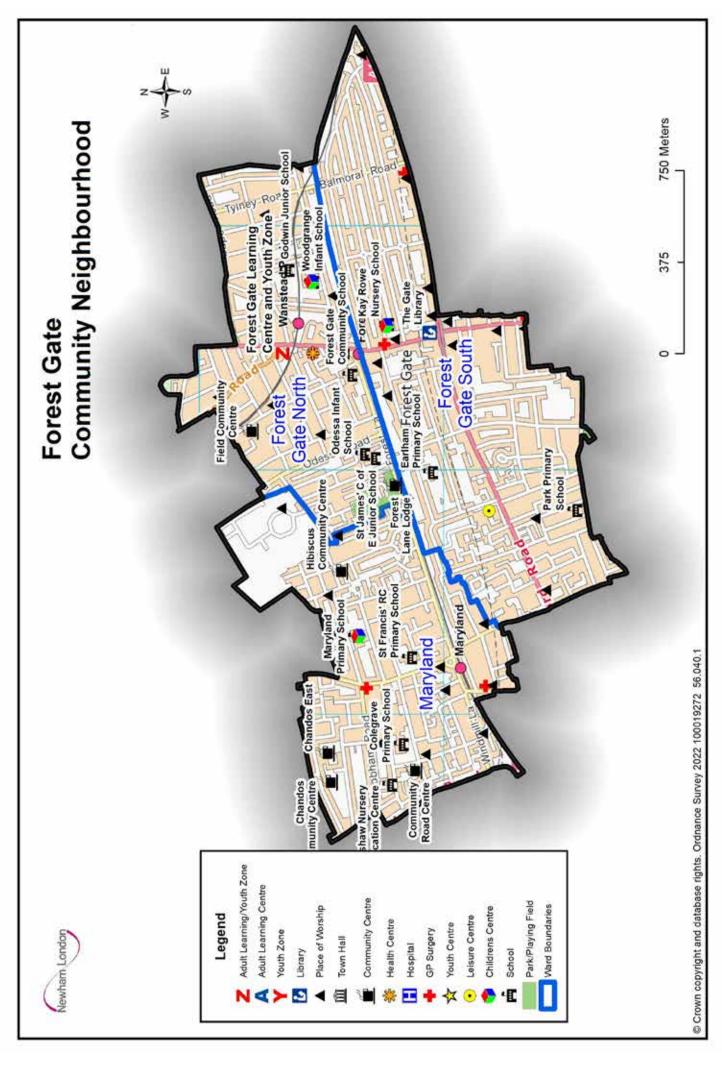
Wanstead Flats provide green open space for exercise and relaxation. There is lots of community goodwill where people have come together creatively – the Forest Gate Community Garden, Magpie Project, Forest Gate Festival and crochet sculptures in the marketplace. Although there is always more that can be done, I think our neighbourhood is welcoming.



Zahra Jones

I am proud to live in Forest Gate. I feel lucky being so close to nature and local amenities.

I love how diverse and creative our neighbourhood and residents are. I'm amazed by the local people who play such an active part in the community and have had the opportunity to hear more about this at the local community assembly, which is helping to mobilise a range of community projects to make positive developments in the area. I am also enjoying being part of the assembly working group, an opportunity for residents to support the community assembly and residents' participatory processes.



FOREST GATE NORTH

CENSUS DATA 2021

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POPULATION: 10,987 (3.1% of Newham's population)

AGE

4 and under	773	7%	20-24	726	6.6%	65-74	578	5.3%
5-9	676	6.2%	25-34	1,963	17.9%	75-84	239	2.2%
10-15	808	7.4%	35-49	2,753	25.1%	85 and over	95	0.9%
16-19	500	4.6%	50-64	1,873	17.1%	100 and over	1	0%

ETHNICITY

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Asian, Asian British	or Asian	
Welsh	3,201	29.1%
Bangladeshi	1,537	14%
Chinese	45	0.4%
Indian	578	5.3%
Pakistani	721	6.6%
Other	320	2.9%

Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean			
or African	2,221	20.2%	
African	1,247	11.3%	
Caribbean	721	6.6%	
Other	253	2.3%	

Mixed or Multiple ethnic			
groups	662	6%	
White and Asian	127	1.2%	
White and Black African	124	1.1%	
White and Black			
Caribbean	176	1.6%	
Other	235	2.1%	

White	4,486	40.8%	
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern			
Irish or British	2,587	23.5%	
Irish	130	1.2%	
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	9	0.1%	
Roma	63	0.6%	
Other	1,697	15.4%	
Other	417	3.8%	
Arab	68	0.6%	
Other	349	3.2%	

RELIGION

No religion **2,208** 20.1% Christian **4,467** 40.6% Buddhist **35** 0.3%

Hindu **289** 2.6% Jewish **28** 0.3% Muslim **3,045** 27.7% Sikh **135** 1.2% Other **69** 0.6%

Not answered **713** 6.5%

GENERAL HEALTH



Very good **5,544** 50.5% ···

Good **3,708** 33.7% ••

Fair **1,245** 11.3% ...

Bad **381** 3.5% <u>...</u>

Very bad **110** 1%

FOREST GATE NORTH

QUALIFICATION

QUALIFICATION	NUMBER	
No qualifications	1,602	18.4%
Level 1 - 1 to 4 GCSEs grade A* to C , Any GCSEs at other grades, O levels or CSEs (any grades), 1 AS level, NVQ level 1, Foundation GNVQ, Basic or Essential Skills	849	9.7%
Level 2 - 5 or more GCSEs (A* to C or 9 to 4), O levels (passes), CSEs (grade 1), School Certification, 1 A level, 2 to 3 AS levels, VCEs, Intermediate or Higher Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate, Intermediate Diploma, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ, City and Guilds Craft, BTEC First or General Diploma, RSA Diploma	900	10.3%
Apprenticeship	341	3.9%
Level 3 - 2 or more A levels or VCEs, 4 or more AS levels, Higher School Certificate, Progression or Advanced Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Advance Diploma, NVQ level 3; Advanced GNVQ, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, ONC, OND, BTEC National, RSA Advanced Diploma	1,125	12.9%
Level 4 - degree (BA, BSc), higher degree (MA, PhD, PGCE), NVQ level 4 to 5, HNC, HND, RSA Higher Diploma, BTEC Higher level, professional qualifications (for example, teaching)	3,643	41.7%
Other: vocational or work-related qualifications, other qualifications achieved in England or Wales, qualifications achieved outside England or Wales (equivalent not stated or unknown)	270	3.1%

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY



Working as employee (including full time students)

4,041

46.3%



Self-employed/freelance (including full time students)

1,313 15%



Unemployed (including full time students)

576

6.6%



Retired 801 9.2%



Student 607 7%



Looking after home or family 658

7.5%

Long-term sick or disabled 304 3.5%



Other 426 4.9%

OCCUPATION



Managers, directors and senior officials

569 10.6%



Professional

1,058 19.7%



Associate professional and technical **722** 13.5%



Administrative and secretarial **435** 8.1%



Skilled trades **581** 10.8%



Caring, leisure and other services 462 8.6%



Sales and customer services **381** 7.1%



Process, plant and machine operatives **353** 6.6%



Elementary 800 14.9%

FOREST GATE SOUTH

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POPULATION: 17,774 (5.1% of Newham's population)

AGE

4 and under	1,190 6.7%	20-24	1,353 7.6%	65-74
5-9	1,168 6.6%	25-34	3,404 19.2%	75-84
10-15	1,326 7.5%	35-49	4,403 24.8%	85 and 6
16-19	876 4.9%	50-64	2.577 14.5%	100 and

65-74	894	5%
75-84	413	2.3%
85 and over	171	1%
100 and over	2	0%

ETHNICITY

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Asian, Asian British (Welsh		44.8%
Bangladeshi	3,989	22.4%
Chinese	98	0.6%
Indian	1,881	10.6%
Pakistani	1,402	7.9%
Other	585	3.3%

Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean			
or African	3,079	17.3%	
African	1,772	10%	
Caribbean	876	4.9%	
Other	431	2.4%	
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Mixed or Multiple ethnic			
groups	892	5%	
White and Asian	175	1%	
White and Black African	198	1.1%	
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Caribbean	238	1.3%	
Other	281	1.6%	

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English, Welsh, Scottish, Irish or British	Northe 2.344	ern 13.2%
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Irish	97	0.5%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	6	0%
Roma	116	0.7%
Other	2,489	14%
Other	796	4.5%
Arab	176	1%
Other	620	3.5%

RELIGION

No religion **2,557** 14.4% Christian **5,724** 32.2%

Buddhist **100** 0.6% Hindu **600** 3.4%

Jewish **26** 0.1% Muslim **7,214** 40.6%

Sikh **340** 1.9%

Other **97** 0.5% Not answered 1,117 6.3%

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GENERAL HEALTH



Very good **8,884** 50%



Good **6,103** 34.3%



Fair **1,943** 10.9%



Bad **643** 3.6%



Very bad **202** 1.1%

FOREST GATE SOUTH

QUALIFICATION

QUALIFICATION	NUMBER	%
No qualifications	3,085	21.9%
Level 1 - 1 to 4 GCSEs grade A* to C , Any GCSEs at other grades, O levels or CSEs (any grades), 1 AS level, NVQ level 1, Foundation GNVQ, Basic or Essential Skills	1,282	9.1%
Level 2 - 5 or more GCSEs (A* to C or 9 to 4), O levels (passes), CSEs (grade 1), School Certification, 1 A level, 2 to 3 AS levels, VCEs, Intermediate or Higher Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate, Intermediate Diploma, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ, City and Guilds Craft, BTEC First or General Diploma, RSA Diploma	1,452	10.3%
Apprenticeship	436	3.1%
Level 3 - 2 or more A levels or VCEs, 4 or more AS levels, Higher School Certificate, Progression or Advanced Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Advance Diploma, NVQ level 3; Advanced GNVQ, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, ONC, OND, BTEC National, RSA Advanced Diploma	1,789	12.7%
Level 4 - degree (BA, BSc), higher degree (MA, PhD, PGCE), NVQ level 4 to 5, HNC, HND, RSA Higher Diploma, BTEC Higher level, professional qualifications (for example, teaching)	5,507	39.1%
Other: vocational or work-related qualifications, other qualifications achieved in England or Wales, qualifications achieved outside England or Wales (equivalent not stated or unknown)	543	3.9%

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY



Working as employee (including full time students)
6,089
43.2%



Self-employed/freelance (including full time students) 1,931 13.7%



Unemployed (including full time students) 939 6.6%



Retired 1,197 8.5%



Student 1,140 8.1%



Looking after home or family
1,341
9.5%



Long-term sick or disabled **593** 4.2%



Other **861** 6.1%

OCCUPATION



Managers, directors and senior officials **801** 10%



Professional 1,467 18.3%



Associate professional and technical **971** 12.1%



Administrative and secretarial **593** 7.4%



Skilled trades **877** 10.9%



Caring, leisure and other services **695** 8.7%



Sales and customer services **745** 9.3%



Process, plant and machine operatives **548** 6.8%



Elementary **1,323** 16.5%

MARYLAND

CENSUS DATA 2021

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POPULATION: 12,455 (3.5% of Newham's population)

AGE

4 and under	786	6.3%	20-24	1,094	8.8%	65-74	603	4.8%
5-9	652	5.2%	25-34	2,693	21.6%	75-84	320	2.6%
10-15	750	6%	35-49	3,000	24.1%	85 and over	120	1%
16-19	542	4.4%	50-64	1.890	15.2%	100 and over	1	0%

ETHNICITY

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Black, Black British,

Asian, Asian British Welsh		26.3%
Bangladeshi	1,488	12%
Chinese	188	1.5%
Indian	602	4.8%
Pakistani	650	5.2%
Other	341	2.7%

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or African	2,650	21.3%	
African	1,580	12.7%	
Caribbean	797	6.4%	
Other	273	2.2%	
Mixed or Multiple ethnic			
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groups	696	5.6%	
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White	5,197	41./%
English, Welsh, Scottish,	Northe	ern
Irish or British	2,340	18.8%
Irish	110	0.9%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	12	0.1%
Roma	149	1.2%
Other	2,586	20.8%
Other	639	5.1%
Arab	146	1.2%
Other	493	4%

RELIGION

No religion **2,443** 19.6%

Christian **5,332** 42.8% Buddhist **123** 1% Hindu **326** 2.6%

Other

Jewish **20** 0.2% Muslim **3,133** 25.2%

1.9%

233

Sikh **69** 0.6%

Other **94** 0.8% Not answered **914** 7.3%

GENERAL HEALTH



Very good **6,139** 49.3%



Good **4,300** 34.5% ••

Fair **1,437** 11.5% .:

Bad **429** 3.4% ...

Very bad **151** 1.2%

MARYLAND

QUALIFICATION

QUALIFICATION	NUMBER	%
No qualifications	2,054	20%
Level 1 - 1 to 4 GCSEs grade A* to C , Any GCSEs at other grades, O levels or CSEs (any grades), 1 AS level, NVQ level 1, Foundation GNVQ, Basic or Essential Skills	878	8.6%
Level 2 - 5 or more GCSEs (A* to C or 9 to 4), O levels (passes), CSEs (grade 1), School Certification, 1 A level, 2 to 3 AS levels, VCEs, Intermediate or Higher Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate, Intermediate Diploma, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ, City and Guilds Craft, BTEC First or General Diploma, RSA Diploma	1,090	10.6%
Apprenticeship	352	3.4%
Level 3 - 2 or more A levels or VCEs, 4 or more AS levels, Higher School Certificate, Progression or Advanced Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Advance Diploma, NVQ level 3; Advanced GNVQ, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, ONC, OND, BTEC National, RSA Advanced Diploma	1,320	12.9%
Level 4 - degree (BA, BSc), higher degree (MA, PhD, PGCE), NVQ level 4 to 5, HNC, HND, RSA Higher Diploma, BTEC Higher level, professional qualifications (for example, teaching)	4,196	40.9%
Other: vocational or work-related qualifications, other qualifications achieved in England or Wales, qualifications achieved outside England or Wales (equivalent not stated or unknown)	374	3.6%

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY



Working as employee (including full time students) 4,983

48.5%

Self-employed/freelance (including full time students)

1,488

14.4%



Unemployed (including full time students)

658

6.4%



Retired

869 8.5%



Student 772 7.5%



Looking after home or family 655 6.4%



Long-term sick or disabled 357 3.5%



Other 482 4.7%

OCCUPATION



Managers, directors and senior officials **603** 9.3%



Professional 1,249 19.3%



Associate professional and technical **768** 11.9%



Administrative and secretarial **434** 6.7%



Skilled trades **741** 11.5%



Caring, leisure and other services **554** 8.6%



Sales and customer services **576** 8.9%



Process, plant and machine operatives **380** 5.9%



Elementary 1,165 18%

OUR PARTNERS

We work closely with partners including voluntary, community and faith sector (VCFS) to connect with the local community. Partners deliver vital services such as food banks, befriending services, and advice. We collaborate on joint initiatives, activities and events to enhance community cohesion and improve the lives of local residents. Some partners have been successful in applying for People Powered Places (formerly Community Assemblies) funding and are pivotal in delivering these projects.

Some key partners that we work with include:

Forest Gate Learning Zone

Provides a range of adult learning classes as well as local youth services for teenagers.

Woodgrange Baptist Church

Runs a foodbank, a lunch club for elders, and a range of services for local families.

Emmanuel Church

An active community resource, providing a safe haven, foodbank and a range of other community services.

Minhaj Mosque

Serves the local community with a range of classes, community initiatives, events and activities.



Woodgrange Saturday Market

Provides local stallholders the opportunity to sell a range of produce and arts and crafts to the local community.

Forest Gate Community Gardening Group

Provides residents with the opportunity to develop gardening skills through volunteering.

Forest Gate Festival Group

Plans and delivers the annual street festival in Forest Gate which attracts around 3,000 visitors each year.

Durning Hall

Hosts a number of local culturally specific community groups. It also has rooms for hire.



Artists' groups

Forest Gate Library provides an exhibition space for independent local artists.

Hibiscus Centre

Is a friendly space for young and older members of Afro-Caribbean Community, which provides events and activities.

NEIGHBOURHOOD INITIATIVES



The Up Garden

This community project has re-purposed a disused laundry yard, turning it into a sustainable community garden. It has transformed the site into a safe and tranquil space. This partnership project has been led by a local resident. Community stakeholders also play a role in the ongoing maintenance of this project.

Exhibition Space at The Gate Library

The library offers flexible exhibition space to local and borough-wide, established and up-and-coming new artists. This successful initiative has proved popular among the local community and attracts audiences from far and wide. The library also offers collaborative working between artists and the local community.

NEWHAM RESIDENTS SURVEY 2023

We will run a new survey that will provide measurement for our eight priorities as part of our Building a Fairer Newham Corporate Plan. The plan will inform how we deliver our key priorities for the next four years.

The Newham Residents Survey 2023 will provide robust measurement of the outcomes relevant to a survey methodology. It will help us to demonstrate and measure the impact of our Corporate Plan. Alongside this, the results from the survey will allow us to understand residents' attitudes and needs, and their satisfaction with the Council and services we deliver. The survey will question a representative sample of residents at a Newham level. We expect at least 1,500 Newham residents to be surveyed across our eight Community Neighbourhood Areas with one of the areas split into two, making a total of nine geographic areas to consider for sampling. The survey will run from May to August and the results will be published later in the year.

PEOPLE POWERED PLACES

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES ARE NOW







People Powered Places is London Borough of Newham's flagship programme of participatory budgeting.

Previously named Community Assemblies, the programme has become one of the largest participatory budgeting initiatives in the UK since its launch in 2018. It has delivered lasting transformation funding more than 200 projects that have had real impact on the borough, including by improving engagement between the Council and residents.

People Powered Places 2023-25, will be a two-year cycle with another £1.6 million of Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding allocated across Newham. Each neighbourhood will be allocated £200,000 for the two years.

People Powered Places is part of the Council's commitment to build a "People powered Newham and widening participation" and is fundamental to delivery of the London Borough of Newham's four-year Corporate plan 'Building a Fairer Newham'.



KEY DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

May 2023	Residents decide on local priorities.
June - July 2023	Residents discuss solutions to improve their area.
June - August 2023	Residents and local organisations come up with a project proposal to receive funding. Residents can apply for up to £5,000 and local organisations (VCFS) can apply for up to £20,000.
October - November 2023	Residents vote for their favourite projects.
January 2024 - January 2025	Successful projects are delivered by residents and local organisations with support from Newham Council.
May - June 2025	We celebrate our achievements.

Anyone who lives, works or learns in Newham can take part.

PROJECTS FOR 2022-23

Between 2022 and 2023, each Community Neighbourhood was allocated £100,000 funding for that year to spend on improving the area. Residents had a chance to co-produce local priorities, apply for funding and vote for their favourite projects on Newham Co-create.

In Forest Gate & Maryland, twelve projects were voted for between 2022 and 2023.

PEOPLE POWERED PLACES

Clean, green E15 – making Maryland a place to grow

This community-led project

has created a food growing area and upgraded existing planters at Henniker Point in Maryland.



Forest
Gate and
Maryland
Environmental and
Sustainability
Network

This project provides coordination and support to residents and local groups that are running environmental or sustainability projects.



Wayfinding wall murals

These creative murals guide the community to local play areas and the newly created

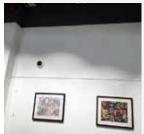
in Forest Gate North.

to local play areas and the newly created community green space, Up Garden,



Light

This project has improved the lighting in the community exhibition space in Forest Gate Library.



Let's Repair

This project has so far delivered two workshops to help local residents repair clothing and re-purpose electrical items.



Play area and green oasis in the town centre

This project has turned the southwest section of the



churchyard in Emmanuel Church into a play area and a welcoming, restful space for the public.

Dance for Wellbeing – linking arts and healthcare services in Forest Gate

This project ran wellbeing workshops weekly at Forest Gate Learning Zone for adults over 60 and those recovering from stroke.



This project supports local food banks by delivering surplus food from local supermarkets.



Safer Pavements, Greener Pavements

This project installed planters to prevent cars from parking on pavements and pathways and to improve pedestrian access to footpaths.

Get in touch with nature

This project, empowers anyone working with children to feel comfortable delivering outdoor nature focused sessions.

Ashok's
Vision –
youth led
nature and
biodiversity
multi
project

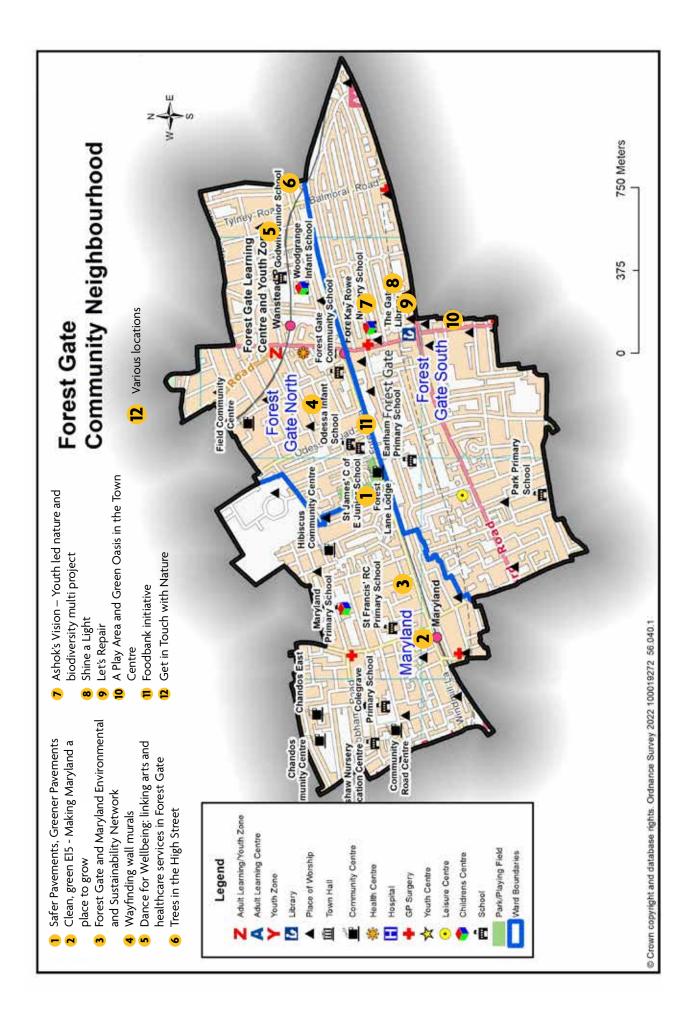


This project delivers weekly outdoor learning and planting sessions for young people at Woodgrange Market as well as dedicated mental health training.

Trees in the High Street

This project grows sustainable trees in planters along the high street to ensure a greener environment.

MAP OF COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY PROJECTS



LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Councillors are elected by the community to decide how the council should carry out its various activities. They represent public interest as well as individuals living within the ward in which they have been elected to serve a term of office. They have regular contact with the general public through council meetings, telephone calls or surgeries. Surgeries take place regularly and provide an opportunity for any ward resident to talk to their councillor face to face.

FOREST GATE NORTH

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