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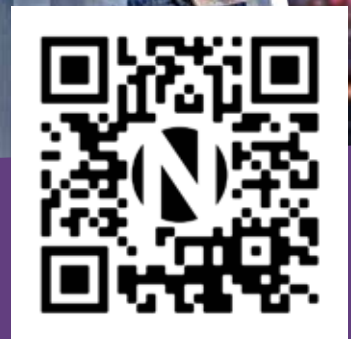
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Get ready for this year's summer of fun

CULTURE

Residents can once again enjoy hundreds of free activities these summer holidays with the council's Summer of Fun events programme.

Children, teenagers, young adults and families can look forward to a full timetable of hundreds of free activities including adventure play, arts and crafts, growing and planting, music and drama, sport, day trips, and more.

Many of the activities offer a free meal to all participants, supporting families who may be experiencing hardship, especially during the long

school break and when the cost-of-living crisis is impacting families.

The council will be offering more than 50,000 free meals to participants this summer.

The Victoria Park team will have nature-based and outdoor events throughout the school holidays.

Celebrate the start of the biggest global sporting event, the Olympic Games, and visit Idea Store Canary Wharf on 22 July to make your own Olympic torch.

Young creatives are invited to sign up for A Team Arts Education's summer art and design programmes titled 'Curiosity, Innovation and Creativity'. By exploring the themes

'yesterday', 'today' and 'new', young people will use their creativity to help reshape a greener and healthier future, as well as their own wellbeing.

The course series includes textiles crafts and design for ages 14 to 18, 'what is art and design?' for ages 11 to 13, create a sketchbook for ages 14 to 18, and film making and animation for ages 14 to 18.

All summer fun activities are free and open to all families who live, work or study in Tower Hamlets.

• **Timetable at towerhamlets.gov.uk/Summerevents**

A message from your Mayor

Summer is finally here – and what a summer it is going to be. We have a whole host of free activities our families can enjoy as part of our Summer of Fun.



Keeping children entertained for the whole six weeks' summer holiday is difficult for a lot of parents, and even more so if you are on a tight budget. Which is why every year we organise a variety of free activities for our young people to enjoy across the borough. Many also include a free meal to help parents who struggle during the holidays without free school meals.

As well as this, the council's resourceful deal with the All Points East organisers means we can hold a free community festival called In the Neighbourhood for all our residents to enjoy in Vicky Park. We are thrilled to be able to offer these events for our residents.

We are also excited to announce the launch of our new leisure offering, Be Well. Bringing the service in house means we can introduce many important improvements, as well as extending what we can offer, such as free swimming for girls and women and men over 55.

Investing in our services is a key priority for the council, which is why we are also investing £5m in our waste service, including hiring new staff and increasing fines for those who flytip. We are proud of our borough and it is a shame that some people are willing to dump their rubbish rather than dispose of it properly. We are committed to stamping this out and making sure our borough is a clean place for everyone to work, live and visit.

We hope you all have a lovely summer.

Lutfur Rahman
Executive Mayor

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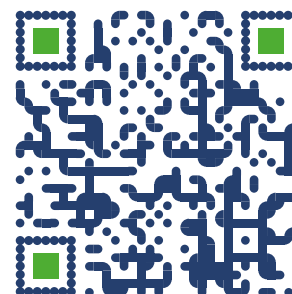
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Civic Awards celebrating residents' achievements

CELEBRATING OUR BOROUGH

The community came together to thank and celebrate those who have made a real impact to Tower Hamlets at this year's 24th annual Civic Awards.

Residents nominated their friends, co-workers and neighbours

to be recognised in four different categories, with the winners announced at a special ceremony at the Ecology Pavilion, Mile End, in April.

Nominations opened at the end of last year and the winners were chosen by a cross party panel, chaired by the Speaker of the Council, and included representatives from the

community.

Former Speaker of the Council, cllr Jahed Choudhury, handed out the awards.

He said: "This event is all about the borough and the people in it.

"People who do so much to enrich the lives of others, and bring credit to Tower Hamlets. This is an opportunity to recognise

those people. Tonight I would like to say to them thank you for all that you have done. As a society we rely very heavily on the goodwill of volunteers, who give their time freely for the benefit of others. I hope that this evening will go some way in demonstrating to you just how much you are appreciated."



All the winners with former Speaker of the Council cllr Jahed Choudhury who handed out the awards at the prize ceremony

Some of the winners of this year's Civic Awards included:



Forhana Begum

She works tirelessly helping others in our local community as well as other communities in the borough, including volunteering at a foodbank.

She gives advice and helps people with filling in forms, does shopping for the elderly and gives up so much of her own time.

Forhana provides support to many families and individuals wherever it is needed.



Friends of Meath Gardens

The group transformed the local park over the last decade, delivering a wide range of horticultural activities.

Achievements include attaining Green Flag status, installing CCTV, creating a new outdoor gym and renovating the playground.

The group serves as an example of the power of collaboration and community engagement.



Alan and his line manager from Whitechapel Gallery, Ewa, in the gallery's cafe

Support for those with learning disabilities to get jobs

BUSINESS AND GROWTH

Twenty Tower Hamlets residents who struggled to find a job have found paid employment with the support of the council's Local Supported Employment Initiative (LSE).

The programme supports people with learning disabilities and/or an autism spectrum diagnosis to secure, and keep, employment.

Based at the Workpath building in Canary Wharf, the team offer workshops, training and work

experience to help residents build their confidence and find employment opportunities.

To date, residents have successfully secured employment in a variety of roles such as IT support analyst, security officer, finance assistant and sales assistant.

Alan is a resident in the borough and, after joining the LSE programme, found a role as a Gallery Ambassador at Whitechapel Gallery.

Before starting at the gallery, Alan had been searching for a role for four years.

He said: "I'm glad that LSE were able to help me find a job so quickly as I hadn't had any luck before.

"I would definitely recommend them to others who want to get a job.

"I was able to do a job trial to show that I could do the role before they offered me a position.

"I was lucky to have my LSE job advisor, who was very helpful and successfully found me a suitable position."

Alan joined the LSE programme in October 2023 and started his role at the gallery in February 2024.

Martin Reyes, Head of People and

Culture at Whitechapel Gallery, said: "We were very impressed with the high-quality, skilled, loyal and hard-working candidates.

"The communication from the team was clear and prompt, and the team have been exceptionally proactive and helpful in enabling Whitechapel Gallery to pursue our Disability Confident commitment, as well as identifying other available resources, including training."

• **For more information about the scheme and how to get involved, email LSE@towerhamlets.gov.uk.**

Over 50s supported to start new business ventures



85 per cent of graduates felt confident to launch their ventures

A total of 49 Tower Hamlets residents have graduated from an over 50s business support programme, with 18 graduates also securing grants of £5,000 to help get their businesses off the ground.

The Business Futures Programme, delivered in partnership with Start Up School for Seniors, was aimed at residents aged 50 and over who have ambitions to start their own company.

Afia Khatun completed the course and successfully applied for £5,000 in funding. Afia, who has launched Film and Video East, said: "The course taught me the skills to start

a business, such as how to write a business plan and create a budget and a cashflow. I have also been provided with a business mentor to support me after the course ended."

Results from the programme show that 85 per cent of graduates felt confident in their ability to launch their ventures, and 70 per cent had a clear business plan in place.

• **Sign up to the council's business e-newsletter to hear about future schemes: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKTOWERHAMLETS/signup/24267>.**

Meet some of our traders this Love Your Markets month

Did you know there are 11 street markets in Tower Hamlets - more than any other London borough?

May was Love Your Local Market, a national event organised by The National Association of British Market Authorities to acknowledge and celebrate the value of local markets around the country.

Some of the borough's markets date back decades, such as Roman Road Market, which is one of the oldest known trading areas

in England, Chrisp Street Market which dates to the Victorian Times, and Petticoat Lane Market which has a rich history in textiles and was established in 1650.

And people from around the world continue to flock to the borough's markets..

Together, the markets are searched online an average of 45,170 times per month.

The markets are also award-winners. Petticoat Lane Food Court

won Small Speciality Food Market of the Year 2024, a title that Columbia Road Flower Market also won in 2022.

Cllr Shafi Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate, said: "Our local markets form an integral part of our local economy, but they also serve to support residents in many ways, from quality produce that sustains families to traders that provide a friendly conversation for someone

who may have had little human interaction.

"We need to celebrate the traders in particular. They often work long hours in less-than-ideal weather conditions.

"Due to the historic nature of the markets, some of our dedicated traders have been working for over 40 years but generationally for much longer, with some traders representing the fourth generation of trader in the family."

Meet some of our Tower Hamlets market traders:



Muhammed has had his clothes stall at Watney Market for more than 20 years and he also owns a shop across the road.

Muhammed said: "The customer knows the Watney Market name.

"I enjoy trading here because I get to see a lot of people.

"Some far away customers come in and I enjoy talking to them."

Muhammed trades Monday to Friday.



Linda has run Lindy Loo's Boutique in Roman Road Market for 45 years.

Linda said: "There's a nice little buzz down here. You still get loads of people that come down from afar, it's an East End tradition.

"I like being out in the fresh air, meeting all my old and new customers. I've got quite a few regulars here. There's a nice community among the traders. Not a lot of them have been here as long as I have but it's a new generation coming into the markets now. "

Linda trades on Thursdays and Saturdays and online at lindyloosboutique.com.



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You find it we fix it in 24 hours

Download council app to make our borough cleaner

CLEAN AND GREEN

The council has pledged to clean up reports of litter or flytipping within 24 hours - but needs you to help.

Residents are being asked to download the Find It Fix It app to report all issues all fly tipping and litter so the council can deal with these promptly.

The app, which can be downloaded for iPhones and Android phones, enables residents to quickly and easily report non-emergency issues, such as litter, potholes, graffiti and more.

This is part of the council's £5m investment in improving the waste service, including recruiting additional waste staff, providing upskilling and training for existing staff, providing more bins, and purchasing new equipment, including four new vehicles for

collecting flytipping and litter.

The council has an ambitious target to improve recycling across the borough through a dedicated campaign to engage and educate residents about recycling, reach young people through an educational school programme, and share recycling information through mosques and religious institutions.

Residents are also being asked to sign up as Street Leaders who help take responsibility for environmental issues to help keep our streets clean.

Volunteers:

- Have a direct line to report litter and flytipping for quick removal
- Organise neighbourhood clean ups with council support
- Are entered into a regular prize draw as a thank you.
- **Find out more information and sign up by emailing teamec@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

The new £5m investment will see:

- 72 new frontline waste staff
- 20 new waste vehicles
- 2 new mechanical street sweepers
- 155 current frontline sweeper staff trained by Keep Britain Tidy
- New afternoon cleansing of all parks in the summer months
- 115 high streets and main commercial areas being cleaned seven days a week, twice per day



Fines increasing

People responsible for fly-tipping, littering, graffiti, and other environmental offences in Tower Hamlets will now face higher fixed penalty notice (FPN) fines.

As part of the council's commitment to a cleaner and greener borough, the increase to FPNs will be an additional and more effective deterrent to reduce environmental crimes that are illegal, antisocial and a blight on the borough.

The changes mean:

- Littering, fly-posting and graffiti will now carry a fine of £500.
- Fly-tipping will now carry a fine of £1,000.

Last year (2023/24) there were 6,700 reports of fly-tipping in the borough. The estimated cost of clearance, disposal and investigation of those reported fly-tips was over £2million.

The council will be using its network of CCTV cameras to catch culprits.



You find it, we fix it

We will clean up any reports of litter and flytipping within 24 hours.

Download the app and get reporting



Lots of improvements to our green spaces across the borough

BOOST CULTURE AND LEISURE

Visitors to Gosling Gardens in Shadwell can experience new play and fitness opportunities, thanks to several improvements made by the council over the winter months.

Using funding from the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund, the council has installed a new junior and toddler playground in the park, including equipment that is suitable for children with additional needs.

A small outdoor gym which is suitable for all levels of users has been fitted, the multi-use games area has been refurbished, and the gardens also have new bins and

benches.

More work is planned to install new CCTV in the park.

Meanwhile, Brickfield Gardens in Poplar will see improvements with work to install a new junior and toddler playground and new outdoor gym scheduled.

Visitors to Pennyfields Park, Poplar, and Vallance Gardens, Whitechapel, can expect to see their play spaces overhauled before the school summer holidays.

The playgrounds will be fully refurbished to include accessible equipment and there will be improvements to the Pennyfields multi-use games area.

All the work is due to be completed by July.



The new play equipment and gym in Gosling Gardens



Performances run every Sunday starting at 2pm until 28 July

Enjoy range of free music at Victoria Park bandstand

Enjoy free performances at the Vicky Park Bandstand on Sundays throughout summer.

Brought to you by Victoria Park Friends Group in partnership with Tower Hamlets Council and Savills Victoria Park, the season runs until Sunday 28 July, with performances

starting at 2pm each week.

The Victoria Park Bandstand season is also possible thanks to support from volunteers, the Victoria Park community rangers, and Victoria Park staff.

Richard Desmond, Chair of Victoria Park Friends, said: "Our

bandstand days bring the park community together.

"Most people hear music across the park and come to us serendipitously, but many join us regularly, building the friendships that create Victoria Park's unique community.

"Bring a blanket, your friends,

food and drink, dogs are welcome, and the playgrounds are a short walk away but no barbeques please."

• You can see the full line up of performers for this year's season at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/events



The winners Safaa, Elijah, and Juwariyah and deputy mayor Cllr Maium Talukdar with their certificates

Children design healthy lunches

HEALTH

Pupils across three schools in Tower Hamlets have been announced as winners of a school lunch recipe competition.

Primary school students were tasked with designing a healthy lunchtime meal, with the winning recipes set to be prepared and served as part of the borough's school lunch menu.

Many entries were received from pupils at schools across Tower Hamlets. The three winners are:

- Safaa, Year 2 at Wellington Primary School, with a vegetable soup with chicken recipe.
- Elijah, Year 4 at St Anne's and Guardian Angels Primary School, with a Puerto Rican chicken and rice recipe.
- Juwariyah, Year 5 at Cayley Primary School, with a Turkish roll recipe.

The winners were announced in school assemblies, where the

pupils received a certificate for their achievement.

Cllr Maium Talukdar, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning, said: "I want to extend a huge congratulations to the three winners.

"They've all done a fantastic job in designing healthy and delicious-looking meals for their young peers across our borough.

"Children in Tower Hamlets have higher than average levels of excess weight, so it's really important that we instil a solid understanding of what healthy eating looks like for our youngest residents.

"Getting children involved in the process of planning meals helps to nurture a positive relationship with food from a young age, which we hope will continue throughout their life."

The competition was run by the council's Healthy Lives team, which works with school staff, pupils, parents and governors to support children's health and wellbeing.



New mental health support phone line

People living in Tower Hamlets are now able to call 111 and select option 2 for support with a mental health crisis.

The new service, provided by the East London Foundation Trust (ELFT) and partners across North East London, provides urgent health advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week to people of all ages.

The line is handled by a fully trained and qualified mental health professional team based in ELFT's crisis hub in Tower Hamlets.

The team can offer on-the-phone brief psychological support and have access to key services and organisations that can offer mental health support.

Any residents who are already

known to ELFT should continue to contact their service how they have been doing so previously.

Anyone wishing to contact a mental health professional outside of hours – or those who aren't previously known to services – should contact 111 and select option 2.

If you are experiencing stress,

anxiety or feelings of low mood, you can also self-refer to Tower Hamlets Talking Therapies for mental health support, which provides a range of counselling services.

- For more information and support, visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/mentalwellbeing

In the Neighbourhood returns with

BOOST CULTURE AND LEISURE

Tower Hamlets residents can once again enjoy a host of free community activities after the council partnered with the organisers of music festival All Points East to use the infrastructure to host a festival of fun.

In the Neighbourhood returns to Victoria Park from Monday 19 August to Thursday 22 August, with lots of free activities and entertainment for the local community and beyond.

The council's deal with event organisers AEG means the All Points East stages, marquees and other infrastructure can be used for free for a community festival to support local businesses, culture groups and young people.

Everyone is welcome to join in and enjoy the varied activities in our award-winning park.

Last year, more than 20,000 residents enjoyed a number of free activities as part of the packed programme.

This year, there will be outdoor cinema, live music and entertainment, street food and pop up bars, theatre, arts, sports and wellbeing, children's activities and much more. Entry is free and tickets are not required. Participation in some activities will be on a first come first served basis.

- Visit: www.allpointseastfestival.com/in-the-neighbourhood/



The free community festival will take place from Monday 19 August until Thursday 22 August in Victoria Park



h host of free community activities



There will be outdoor cinema, live music and entertainment, street food and pop up bars, theatre, arts, sports and wellbeing, children's activities and more

WIN free tickets to All Points East



Last year's headliner Stormzy on stage. This year's headliners include Kaytranada and Loyle Carner

The council has partnered with All Points East 2024 to give Tower Hamlets residents the chance to win VIP tickets to the music festival for various days.

Headliners at this year's festival include Kaytranada, Loyle Carner, Mitski, and LCD Soundsystem.

To be in with a winning chance, go to www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/APE and answer the question:

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The new leisure service Be Well will bring a range of benefits to residents

Be Well with leisure upgrades

INVEST IN SERVICES

The management of seven leisure centres in Tower Hamlets has been brought in-house to the council, following the expiration of the contract with GLL (Better).

While leisure centres close across the country, Tower Hamlets Council is bucking the trend by investing in its leisure offer to promote healthier communities.

The new service, Be Well, will focus on a holistic view of health and wellbeing, alongside increasing participation and access for residents with a focus on women and girls, older adults, and people at risk of, or living with, a long-term condition.

It will offer a range of new benefits for residents, including:

- free swimming for women and girls over 16 and men over 55 (from summer 2024)
- access to six leisure centres under one membership
- new fitness equipment and class programmes
- health and wellbeing classes and programmes

- upgrades to centres including the spa at York Hall, a new spin studio at John Orwell and refurbished pitches at Mile End.

The new service will also maximise opportunities for residents to pursue a career in the leisure sector once vacancies are available.

The council is investing more than £55m in a new leisure centre and housing facility that will be built on the site of St George's Leisure Centre in Shadwell, providing more and better-quality leisure facilities alongside new homes for residents.

Lutfur Rahman, Executive Mayor of Tower Hamlets, Cllr Maium Talukdar, Deputy Mayor, and Cllr Iqbal Hossain, in his former role as Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation, joined local community groups to celebrate the official reopening of the leisure centres at a celebratory event on 7 May at Mile End Leisure Centre and Stadium.

Pupils from St Paul's with St Luke's Primary School, Tower Hamlets Community Disability Learning Service (CLDS), Olympic coach Christopher Zah, and athletes Hayley McLean and Columba Blango also joined the celebrations.



New alternative provision school to provide high-quality education

ACCELERATE EDUCATION

A new alternative provision school is set to open in Tower Hamlets, following a successful joint application to the Department for Education between Mulberry Schools Trust and Tower Hamlets Council.

The application was one of twenty successful bids for alternative provision free schools, announced

by the previous Government in its spring budget.

The provision, Mulberry Learning Village, will cater to students facing exclusion or those at risk of exclusion, or struggling to adapt in a traditional school setting.

It will operate as a therapeutic model with the goal of reintegrating students into mainstream education through high-quality intervention, support, care and close collaboration with families.

The new school will offer places for up to 100 children aged 5 to 19 years.

Jane Farrell, Chair of the Trust Board, Mulberry Schools Trust, said: "We are delighted to be partnering with Tower Hamlets Council to open an alternative provision school in the east of the borough, and we look forward to working with families, partners and the community in developing this outstanding provision that we can all be proud

of."

Dr Vanessa Ogden CBE, CEO, Mulberry Schools Trust, said: "The successful approval of Mulberry Learning Village marks a significant milestone for the Mulberry Schools Trust.

"The new school will align with our ethos of providing inclusive, high-quality education that empowers young minds and prepares them for a bright and fulfilling future."

Fun activities organised by Young TH



Young Tower Hamlets organised day trips and activities for Easter and International Women's Day

Young Tower Hamlets organised a range of free activities to celebrate International Women's Week and Easter, including beauty and sports sessions.

On Friday 8 March, they celebrated International Women's Day with a girls-only event at Columbia Road Youth Centre,

Attendees got involved in a range of activities, heard from influential women in Tower Hamlets and

enjoyed a DJ set.

Khadija Dirir, Lead for Environment for the Young Mayor team, opened the event with a speech.

She said: "Women are the unsung heroes of everyday life. From the mum who can magically fix everything with a hug to the backbones of leading nations.

"I stand here today, not just as your Deputy Young Mayor, but as a

young Somali woman. I am grateful for all the women in my life who have got me to this position.

"I am especially grateful for the women who are in front of me today. Happy International Womens Week!"

Young Tower Hamlets also hosted a variety of free activities over Easter. This included a range of activities and trips to ice skating, the cinema, the Van Gogh immersive experience

exhibition and Flip Out trampoline park.

• Young Tower Hamlets has also launched a new TikTok account. Follow @youngtowerhamlets. You can also find them on Instagram and X.

• Check out what's going on at Young Tower Hamlets at towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/education_and_learning/young-people/Whats-going-on.aspx

Library satisfaction soars

Satisfaction in the borough's library service has reached a record high of 95 per cent according to a new survey.

More than 800 residents who regularly use the Idea Stores and libraries were surveyed to find out what they thought of different aspects of the service including customer care, choice of books,

computer facilities and information provision.

Since 2018 when the last survey was carried out, all the satisfaction key indicators have increased with the biggest jumps in attractiveness of the library inside from 85 per cent in 2018 to 91 per cent and computer facilities from 68 per cent to 72 per cent.

Overall satisfaction with the service stood at 92 per cent in 2018 and has now risen to 95 per cent.

Idea Store Bow achieved the highest level of satisfaction, improving by 6 per cent from 2018. This can be attributed to the recent renovation works.

Many positive comments were also recorded in the survey. One

service user said: "This library has been my lifeline during a period of unemployment and depression."

Another commented: "Staff are fantastic. I've been going to story time for over a year, and they are so great with my toddler and very interactive. The library is always in great condition too with new books coming into stock regularly."



The £4million has been invested in a new CCTV control room and upgraded cameras across the borough

£4m to keep everyone safer

INVEST IN SERVICES

A new £4m investment will help catch criminals, support vulnerable residents and deter law breakers across Tower Hamlets.

Tower Hamlets Council is investing £895,000 to ensure the CCTV Command and Control Centre has the latest equipment including a bespoke, state of the art LED Video Wall Display Unit capable of monitoring 42 cameras at any time.

All 350 street-based cameras have been upgraded from analogue to digital, improving the image quality

and zoom function and to help track and catch those suspected of being involved in crime.

The network equipment and infrastructure has also been upgraded to support the new cameras. The work has been carried out in phases, and was completed in April 2024.

Since April 2022, the council's CCTV operators have helped in 403 arrests, including 21 wanted individuals and 102 for violence-related offences. They have also helped find 29 missing people since April 2022.

The CCTV operators work closely with the Met Police, sharing 1,546

images or information with the force.

Cllr Abu Talha Chowdhury, Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, said: "The council works closely with the police and other partners to ensure all our residents and visitors are kept as safe as possible.

"Our CCTV cameras are monitored 24 hours every day, so we have an extensive network to stop those involved in theft, vehicle theft, drug or traffic offences, anti-social behaviour, terrorism or environmental crime."

Detective Superintendent Vicky Tunstall said: "We are very fortunate to have an exceptionally close

relationship with our partners at Tower Hamlets Council.

"It is through this joint working that we see the dividends of combined and increased resourcing, joint objectives and shared expertise.

"A key element of ensuring community safety for our residents and communities is to provide a first class CCTV network across the borough to identify and locate those who impact negatively on the safety of our residents, businesses and the wider community.

"I welcome this new CCTV infrastructure and regard it as a key tool in maintaining public safety."

Share your views on how the council talks to tenants and leaseholders

A LISTENING COUNCIL

The council is carrying out a consultation for its tenants and leaseholders about resident engagement. This asks about the ways the council currently provides information to its residents and how it can improve two-way

communications.

It is part of the council's commitment to shaping its housing management services in a more transparent and accountable way, following the insourcing of Tower Hamlets Homes last year.

Services like repairs, maintenance and improvements, caretaking,

gardening and rent and service charge collections are now delivered by Tower Hamlets Council.

The intention of bringing these services back in-house was to help join-up housing and other council services to make it easier for residents to get what they need, plus give council tenants and leaseholders

a stronger voice into the council.

The consultation is open to all tenants and leaseholders

- **Take part at towerhamlets.gov.uk/resident-engagement with printed copies available in Idea Stores on request. The deadline to take part is Friday 16 August 2024.**

Change lives as a magistrate

COUNCIL NEWS

Applications are open for those interested in becoming a magistrate.

Magistrates are volunteers with no previous legal experience who make vital decisions on a variety of cases in the criminal court and family court, helping to protect, enhance and transform people's lives. Your level of education doesn't matter, but you must be aged between 18 and 74.

There is currently a recruitment round for magistrates which will be open until 15 July.

As well as this, for anyone interested in a magistrate role in the family court, applications will open on 26 August running until 23 September. A further recruitment round will open for those interested in a magistrate role in the criminal court, opening on 27 October and running until the 24 November.

Applications are particularly welcome from groups currently under-represented, including members of Black and Minority Ethnic communities, people under the age of 50, people from non-managerial or professional occupations, and people with a disability.

- **Find out more and apply online at: magistrates.judiciary.uk**



Hear from Tower Hamlets resident Joe about what it's like to be a magistrate:

How did you get into becoming a magistrate and what motivated you to become a magistrate?

While I was in secondary school, I participated in the magistrates' mock trial competition, where my class was given a sample case to prepare and act out in a magistrates' court. Ever since that day, I was fascinated by the magistrates' court and promised myself that I would apply to become one as soon as I was old enough.

How important is diversity to being a magistrate?

Magistrates' courts, and the magistrates who sit in them, are supposed to reflect the communities they serve so it is incredibly important. As one of the young magistrates in the country, and a member of the LGBT+ community, I am proud to represent a part of our community

that has historically not been well represented in our justice system.

How long have you been a magistrate?

I started in 2016 at the age of 22, so I've been sitting as a magistrate for just under nine years now.

What do you enjoy the most?

There are so many parts to the role of being a magistrate, but the one I enjoy the most is giving back to our local community and trying to help people who find themselves in a difficult situation, whether they are a victim, witness, or defendant. Every time I sit in court, I walk away with the knowledge that I have made a small difference.

If you work, how do you fit in the job with your work?

I work full time, but my employer gives me paid time off to sit as a magistrate as they see the value it brings to our local community, and to my skillset, which I can then apply in the workplace. I've found it incredibly easy to fit my responsibilities around my work, particularly as I know far in advance when I am going to be sitting.

What advice would you give to someone interested in becoming a magistrate?

Do it! We need more people like you to come forward and help deliver for our local community. On a practical note, first and foremost, go and watch some cases at the magistrates' court to see what it's like. Most people don't realise that you can watch cases in court from the public gallery, and there's no better way to understand what the role entails. Beyond that, visit www.icanbeamagistrate.co.uk

Explore 140 years of history

Visit History House 140, Oxford House's brand-new exhibition exploring 140 years of social history in East London.

From young Victorian social reformers tackling the great challenges of their day, to courageous nights spent in air-raided shelters and extraordinary stories of 1970s working-class activism, History House will take you on a journey through 140 years of social change in the East End.

This interactive exhibition features unseen archive material from Oxford House's archive, new short films and forgotten stories highlighting the diversity, energy and ideas of the East End and its extraordinary communities.

The free exhibition opens on 6 July and runs until the end of 2024. It is open Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm. Visit www.oxfordhouse.org.uk/



Explore 140 years of history in Tower Hamlets at a new free exhibition

98.3 per cent of children get their preferred primary school place

COUNCIL NEWS

A total of 98.3 per cent of children due to start primary school in September have been offered a place at one of their preferred primary schools - a higher proportion than last year.

The council received 3,000 applications to primary schools this year.

Of these, 92.3 per cent secured a

place at their first preference school, which is an increase compared to last year and above the London average of 89.1 per cent.

Also, 98.1 per cent secured a place at one of their top three preferences, which is also a small increase from last year and above the London average of 97.2 per cent.

Additionally, 92.5 per cent of pupils due to start secondary school in September have been offered a place at one of their preferred

secondary schools - also a higher proportion than last year.

The council received 3,076 applications to secondary schools this year. 71.1 per cent secured a place at their first preference school, which is a 6.1 per cent increase compared to last year. 89.5 per cent secured a place at one of their top three preferences, which is a 5.4 per cent increase from last year.

All primary and secondary school applicants received an offer of a

place at a Tower Hamlets school on National Offer Day 2024.

There are also enough places remaining at schools across the borough to accommodate new arrivals to the area. This year, pupils have benefitted from the new Mulberry Academy London Dock, opening for September 2024.

• Visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissions or email school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Remembering the murder of Altab Ali



Altab Ali was murdered in 1978 but his death mobilised the community to take a stand against hatred and intolerance

A ceremony of commemoration was held in the borough on Saturday 4 May to remember Altab Ali on the 46th anniversary of his murder.

Altab Ali, a newly married, 25-year-old garment factory worker,

had recently returned to the UK from Bangladesh.

Brutally murdered in a racist attack in 1978, he was on his way home from work in nearby Brick Lane when he was fatally stabbed

in the park in Whitechapel that now bears his name.

The racially motivated killing mobilised communities in Tower Hamlets to take a united stand against hatred and intolerance and

marked a significant turning point in east London's race relations.

Laying of wreaths, poetry readings and tributes formed part of the Altab Ali Day commemoration ceremony hosted by the council.

News straight to your phone with new WhatsApp channel

The council has launched an official Tower Hamlets Council WhatsApp channel.

This one-way broadcast platform lets you privately follow people, organisations, and individuals you want to get updates from.

Sign up to receive the latest community news, event reminders, and important local updates direct to your phone.

Once you've joined our channel, make sure to turn on notifications by tapping the bell icon at the top

of the screen so you never miss a message.

• To sign up, scan the QR code opposite using the QR function of your phone's camera. This will take you straight to the sign-up page.





Pledge winner Minara Uddin received her trophy from Cllr Abu Talha Chowdhury

Hate crime pledge winner announced

The winner of the council's anti-hate crime pledge competition has been announced.

Every year for National Hate Crime Awareness week, the council runs a contest to see who can secure the most new signatories to its pledge against hate crime.

This year's winner is Minara Uddin with 88 signatures. Minara has been a No Place for Hate Champion since 2019 and has also delivered hate crime awareness raising workshops to young people in the borough.

• You can find out more at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hatecrime

Six convicted for drugs and gun

FIGHT CRIME

Six men have been convicted for drug and firearm offences after police stopped a car in June last year.

The car was stopped by officers in Astoria Way, A14, on 12 June and was found to contain a Turkish Retay 9mm Self Loading Pistol, ammunition and a quantity of Class A crack cocaine and heroin.

Police arrested a man at the time and an address nearby was searched and significant quantities of crack cocaine and cash were recovered.

Following the discovery and arrest, a complex investigation was initiated by officers from Central East Command with assistance from OP Yamata, part of SC Specialist Crime Command.

They were able to establish that

the gun, ammunition, drugs and cash were being used by a violent Organised Criminal Network (OCN).

This OCN supplied Class A drugs to vulnerable drug users within the E14 area.

Two male adults were further identified as conspiring to possess a firearm with intent to endanger life, conspiring to possess ammunition with intent to endanger life and conspiracy to supply Class A drugs and one other male for conspiracy to supply Class A drugs. Another two male adults were identified as taking part in the wider conspiracy to supply Class A drugs within this OCN.

All of these six men were charged by police and were convicted on 20 February 2024 at Snaresbrook Crown Court with sentencing

adjourned until later in the year:

- Ibrahim Shofique of Paddle Steamer House, Pettacre Close, SE28
- Mashud Miah of Aurora Point 1, Winchester Square, SE8
- Muhibur Rahman of Corry House, Wades Place, E14
- James Greeno of Wharfside Point North, 262 Poplar High Street, E14
- Brian Murphy of Arundel Court, 82 Verney Road, SE16
- Can not be named for legal reasons

Miah, Rahman and Greeno were convicted of conspiracy to supply cocaine, conspiracy to supply heroin, conspiracy to possess a firearm with intent to endanger life, and conspiracy to possess ammunition

with intent to endanger life.

Shofique, Murphy, and the sixth man who cannot be named for legal reasons were convicted of conspiracy to supply crack cocaine, and conspiracy to supply heroin.

This activity forms part of Operation Continuum, an intelligence-led, phased operation by the police and Tower Hamlets Council established in response to ongoing reports of drug dealing, drug use and associated criminality in Tower Hamlets.

Acting Detective Inspector Sam Livesey said: "Drugs are inextricably linked to a high proportion of violent criminality and we will therefore continue to target perpetrators, seeking to bring them to justice while working jointly with colleagues from across the Met and the Tower Hamlets Local Authority."

Noisy neighbour on Isle of Dogs fined £5,000 and has equipment seized

A woman who was causing a nuisance by playing loud music has had her equipment seized and been fined.

Several residents complained about loud music coming from a property in Salford House, on the Isle of Dogs, where Stella Rayne lived.

Despite several letters and visits from Tower Hamlets Council's

Environmental Health Team, the loud noise continued.

Officers from Environmental Health successfully applied for a warrant to seize Rayne's equipment in July 2023, but the noise nuisance continued.

The council prosecuted Rayne for six offences of causing noise nuisance in breach of an abatement notice.

She was found guilty on all charges at Thames Magistrates' Court on 23 January and ordered to pay fines totalling £2,640, a victim surcharge of £1,056, and prosecution costs of £2,010.

One resident who had been impacted by the loud noise said: "Thank you for keeping me updated and to you and your team for being the only ones that have helped me

and listened. I really do appreciate it."

If you are disturbed by excessive noise, the noise service is available on 0207 364 5000. The noise team is available to respond from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and the out of hours Noise Response Service is available Thursday to Sunday from 8pm to 3.30am. Visit towerhamlets.gov.uk/noiseservice

126 people arrested as part of drug and ASB crackdown

More than 8,000 hours of patrols were carried out by police working on a task force to target drugs and anti-social behaviour in Tower Hamlets.

The partnership task force is funded by Tower Hamlets Council and sees extra police resources dedicated to tackling these two issues.

From April 2023 to December 2023 officers carried out 560 stop

and searches, seized 52 vehicles, carried out 60 nitrous oxide seizures, and gave out 155 anti-social behaviour warnings.

They also arrested 126 people, including 17 for possession of class A drugs, 13 arrests for possession with intent to supply class A drugs, four arrests for possession of class B drugs, and 12 arrests for possession with intent to supply class B drugs.

The officers engaged with 560

drug users and carried out 62 referrals to drug addiction recovery services.

Acting Chief Inspector Dave Hodges, Tower Hamlets Neighbourhoods, said:

“Drugs ruin lives and fractures local communities. Our Partnership Task Force (PTF) is a perfect example of how the Police and Local Authority are working together to create a community based approach

to crime-fighting and address the crime concerns of our communities.

“These results show the dedicated and targeted work that the Partnership Task Force has been conducting to disrupt and dismantle drug networks across Tower Hamlets.

“We will continue to tackle ASB hotspots and support those most vulnerable in society through the use of these multi-agency approach.”

Brick Lane bombings remembered 25 years on



Council and community partners, including Cllr Suluk Ahmed, remembered the three people who were killed and the communities which were affected

The council and community partners came together to commemorate the Brick Lane bombings 25 years on.

On 24 April, Cllr Suluk Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Equalities and Inclusion, community leaders, No Place for Hate Champions, and council representatives from the Hate Crime and enforcement teams joined anti-hate crime charity 17-24-30 National Hate Crime Awareness Week, police, and the public to

remember those affected.

In April 1999, the communities of Brixton, Brick Lane and Soho were targeted by a series of nail bomb attacks over 14 days.

Since 2010, April Acts of Remembrance have been held on 17, 24 and 30 April each year to remember the lost, to stand with those affected by the attacks and educate future generations to eliminate all forms of hate.

Three candles were lit, representing the three people killed in Soho, and the three communities of Lambeth, Tower Hamlets and Westminster which were united by the horrific attacks.

Volunteers talked to passers-by about what happened while handing out hate crime leaflets to encourage hate crime reporting.

The event also gave people opportunities to express their feelings

and be signposted to organisations that can provide further advice and support.

- Victims of hate crimes can contact 08081 689291 for support.
- For more information on hate crime services in the local area, support and how to report hate crimes, visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hatecrime

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More than 1,500 illegal vapes and illicit tobacco seized

FIGHT CRIME

More than 1,500 illegal single use vapes and illicit tobacco have been seized during a two-day operation in Tower Hamlets.

Officers from Tower Hamlets Council's Trading Standard's Team carried out two days of action on 13 and 14 March, seizing cigarettes and vapes worth more than £11,500 and 165 pouches/tins of smokeless chewing tobacco and 1.2kg of hand rolling tobacco which breached the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016.

Trading Standards Officers had the assistance of a tobacco detection dog provided by Wagtail Specialist Search Dogs.

During the operation, officers also found suspected unsafe cosmetic products including a Surma eye liner which may contain a substantial amount of lead or toxic metals which could cause blood poisoning.

All products were seized for further examination and investigations are now pending against the retailers.

The illegal cigarettes and tobacco products seized included suspected counterfeit and cheap foreign-labelled smuggled products that breach Trading Standards legislation and are also non-duty paid so they cannot be legally sold



A tobacco detection dog helped officers find the illegal and illicit tobacco and vapes

in the UK.

The contents of all cigarettes are harmful and contain around 4,000 different chemicals, including known carcinogens. However, as the ingredients of illegal tobacco is unknown it may contain further dangerous ingredients.

A large number of vapes which contained a tank capacity that exceeded the legal limit were also seized.

Each vape was equal to the nicotine content of around 233 cigarettes and didn't meet statutory labelling and information requirements.

Trading Standards Officers have advised customers that before buying any beauty products to check the labelling on either the product or the box, making sure it contains a list of ingredients, name and address of the manufacturer or supplier and a batch number.



There were 132 counterfeit watches seized by Trading Standards

Prison for selling £700,000 worth of counterfeit watches

A man selling £700,000 worth of counterfeit Rolex, Omega and Hublot watches has been given a prison sentence.

Tower Hamlets Council's Trading Standards officers found 132 counterfeit watches as well as straps, boxes and bags, when they inspected 5 Star Trading Ltd, Goulston Street, in 2017.

During the course of the inspection, shop owner Baldeep Singh Arora attempted to leave with a box of watches but was stopped.

On 25 January 2024, he was sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment, suspended for two

years for one offence under s.92 Trade Marks Act 1994 relating to six Omega watches, three Hublot watches, nine Cartier watches, and 103 Rolex watches.

A second charge, relating to another 141 watches, was ordered to lie on file.

There is now a proceeds of crime investigation into his finances, which means he could be ordered to pay back any money he has made from illegally selling the watches.

Baldeep Singh had previously been prosecuted by Tower Hamlets Trading Standards Service for similar offences in 2003 and 2008.

Top attractions to enjoy with the

From people to places, the TH_IS campaign celebrates everything that is great in our borough. To join the campaign, and find out more about Tower Hamlets, visit towerhamlets.is

With the cost-of-living crisis understandably meaning many of us are worried about how we will entertain our children - and ourselves - this summer, the council has put together a list of the top five attractions in Tower Hamlets which cost less than £1.

Airport queues, lost passports, bored kids - leave them all behind and enjoy a cracking summer staycation right here in Tower Hamlets without breaking the bank.

We are lucky to live in a borough with such a great variety of museums, attractions, and events.

Even if the weather isn't quite feeling summery, there are a range

of things to do.

Alongside this list, don't forget there is also our Summer of Fun events which take place throughout the summer holidays for free. Many activities also include a free lunch, and they are suitable for all ages.

There is also a programme of events called In the Neighbourhood at Vicky Park, which uses the All Points East infrastructure to provide a packed schedule of free activities including cinema screenings, music and arts and crafts.

There is no need to head abroad this summer - everything you need to keep everyone entertained is right here in our borough.

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forces to promote Tower Hamlets as a visitor destination, to attract investment and talent, and to celebrate our communities.

Called TH_IS, it's a campaign that tells the story of the culture, history, communities and opportunities in our borough.

• For more information about the campaign, and to take part in our quiz, visit towerhamlets.is.



Keep the family this summer in TH

our borough. In this summer edition, we are focusing on the best - and cheapest - activities. Visit towerhamlets.is

Top ways to keep the whole family entertained these holidays for under £1

1

Canada Square Park Summer Film Club

Whether its rom-coms, Bollywood, singalongs, or cult classics, this free outdoor film club runs throughout the summer. Saturday morning family films are a wonderful way to start the weekend. Just bring sun cream and a picnic. canarywharf.com/whats-on/film-club



2

London's Farms

Tower Hamlets has three city farms which make for a great family day out. Mudchute Park and Farm, Pier Street, Isle of Dogs London E14 3HP. Every day, 9am-4pm. Park closes at dusk. Stepney City Farm, Stepney Way, E1 3DG. 10am-4pm Tuesday-Sunday, and bank holiday Mondays. Spitalfields City Farm, Buxton Street, is open Tuesday to Sunday from 10am to 4.30pm.



3

Young V&A

Young V&A is the museum where families can imagine, play, and design. It's magical place for children, and mums and dads can relive their childhoods through the toys they once played with. Young V&A, Cambridge Heath Rd, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PA. Daily: 10am-5.45pm. Galleries close from 5pm



4

Crossrail Place roof garden

One of London's largest roof gardens with roof-high exotic plants. Hidden pathways will take you to peaceful benches and mini beaches. Or simply take in a show in the amphitheatre. Open daily until sunset. Crossrail Place, above Canary Wharf Elizabeth Line station,



5

Tower Bridge and the Tower of London

Although not quite free, entry is only £1 for Tower Hamlets residents. Tower Bridge offers a glass floored walkway and incredible machine rooms. Or get up close to the crown jewels at the Tower of London. Adults need to bring photo ID and proof of address with them to the ticket office. Visit their websites for terms and conditions.



Tower Hamlets a 'Tree City of the World'



CLEAN AND GREEN

Tower Hamlets has been designated as a 'Tree City of the World' for the third year in a row due to the extensive greening work taking place in the borough.

Since being recognised last year, Tower Hamlets Council has planted more than 2,440 new trees, with more than 380 of those being planted on streets, more than 290 trees for housing estates, and more than 1,770 trees planted across parks.

In total, the council has planted more than 5,500 trees since first being recognised in 2021.

This has been helped by the £1 million pledge made by the council to plant a minimum of 1,000 new trees over a three-year period. The other trees are funded through a mix of capital and external grant funding, as well as donations by local residents and businesses.

The council is also working closely with its partners to deliver community-led tree planting across parks. Trees for Cities, which regularly facilitates tree-planting and tree maintenance events across the borough, has recently hosted several planting events. This has seen 150 new trees planted in Mile End Park, 20 in Victoria Park and 10 in Tredegar Square Gardens.

Tower Hamlets residents and local businesses have also sponsored 200 trees with the council and Trees for Streets since 2021.

Alongside this recognition, the council was shortlisted for Keep Britain Tidy's Climate Action in Practice Award for its dedication to tree planting

- For more information about trees in Tower Hamlets, visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/trees.
- For more information on Trees for Streets, visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/treesforstreets

More than 2,440 new trees have been planted this year

2,200 new electric chargers

More than 2,200 new electric vehicle chargers will be installed across Tower Hamlets over the next two years.

In total, there will be 2,245 chargers installed from 2024 to 2026 which will be made of a mix of charging point types including

45 rapid chargers. These charging points will be delivered through a range of supplier and government grant funding.

This aims to ensure that Tower Hamlets is ready for the future and has the proper infrastructure to support cleaner, greener travelling

as the number of electric cars on the roads continues to increase.

In the past five years, demand for electric chargers has soared, with the ownership of electric vehicles in the borough increasing by 121 per cent compared to the previous five years.

Currently, there are 327 street

lighting column charging points and 23 fast charging electric vehicle points in the borough.

The new installation programme, approved by Cabinet in February, will significantly increase the provision of electric vehicle charging.



An artist's impression of how the new estate in Stepney will look

407 new Stepney council homes

HOMES FOR THE FUTURE

The council's largest housing development scheme has been approved, providing 407 much-needed new homes, a community centre and more.

Under the scheme, Harriott, Apsley and Pattison Houses and the Redcoat Community Centre will be demolished to make way for several new 4-8 storey buildings. The development also includes communal gardens, car parking and secure cycle and refuse storage.

Members of the Development Committee accepted the planning application at their meeting in June.

The amended application incorporates the latest building safety standards announced in 2023, ensuring all flats have a secondary means of escape and other measures to improve fire safety.

The proposed community centre is also relocated, to become a stand-alone facility.

Cllr Kabir Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding, said: "This is a really important application for Tower Hamlets that will see a significant number of new council homes built and a big investment in the Stepney area.

"The planned re-development

includes a mixture of homes, including larger family sized homes to help address serious overcrowding in our borough.

"The council has committed to delivering 4,000 new homes and this scheme will go a long way toward us achieving our goal."

In the last financial year, 1,064 new social-rented homes have been delivered and 646 affordable homes given planning permission.

Between January and March, the council housed 161 overcrowded families and was able to prevent 40 per cent of the families who presented as homeless from having no accommodation.

The council has several other housing schemes underway across the borough.

Here are updates on the progress of key projects:

Alfred Street, Bow

This scheme is for three, four-bedroom houses, and one, two-bedroom accessible bungalow being built on a disused garage site behind Harris House. It is in the final stages of construction and due to be completed by July 2024, with families set to move in the following month.

Walter Terrace, Stepney

This is another scheme where disused garages have been knocked



The proposed mosque and community centre

down and replaced with family-sized homes. This scheme will provide four, four-bedroom homes and is part of the council's Project 120, which builds fully adapted homes for families living with autism. These are due to be completed by July 2024.

Nora Smyth House, Bow

The scheme has 17 homes and a seven-bedroom supported housing accommodation for vulnerable adults. Work is underway and it is due to complete in August. It has been named after Nora Smyth, the suffragette, philanthropist and photographer who dedicated her personal wealth and artistic talent to social justice.

Heylyn Square, Bow

This scheme is in the final stages and due to be completed in July. Heylyn Square is an eight-storey building that will provide a mix of 32 homes. It will also have space for shops on the ground floor, a children's playground, car parking and landscaping.

Wickford Street, Bethnal Green

This involves the demolition of a building and garages to make way for 33 new homes across two buildings. The first, a part-two, part-three and part-six storey building will have 15 homes, and the second, a part-three and part-five storey building will have 18 homes, private communal areas and secure cycle storage. The first phase of the scheme is due for completion in early 2025.

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From a home for penguins to a home for East Londoners

HISTORY

Tower Hamlets is home to many interesting, ground-breaking social housing estates. You may live on them, near them, or walk past them; but are you aware of the history behind the names of estates and blocks?

Roman Road's Cranbrook Estate was built by Bethnal Green Borough Council, a forerunner of Tower Hamlets Council, between 1961 and 1968. The site was previously occupied by Victorian terraces, workshops and a large factory. The aim was to provide safe, high-quality, and affordable housing for families.

Architects Francis Skinner, Douglas Bailey, and Berthold Lubetkin designed the estate. Lubetkin is one of the most well-known architects of the time, famous for designing the penguin pool at London Zoo.

Home to sculpture and coats of arms

Originally, the six tower blocks were built with a coat of arms above each entrance door. However, over time they all went missing. Replacements all now sit in the original shield alcoves on the boundary wall, overlooked by the famous bronze sculpture, 'The Blind Beggar and His Dog'.

The blind beggar

Legend has it that the Blind Beggar of Bethnal Green, Henry de Montfort, was wounded and blinded at the Battle of Evesham in the wars with France in 1215. He was reduced to begging around Bethnal Green crossroads. His daughter, Bessy, was courted by a number of suitors. All but one abandoned her because of her humble origins. The fourth married her anyway and was gifted a dowry by the still-rich de Montford.

Twin names

Six of the tower blocks were named for the European towns twinned with Bethnal Green Borough:

- Velletri House: Velletri is a commune of the city of Rome, Italy
- Offenbach House is named after the German City



Cranbrook Estate was built between 1961 and 1968

- St. Gilles House is named after Saint-Gilles, a municipality south of Brussels, Belgium
- Alzette House is named after Esch-sur-Alzette, a town in south western Luxembourg
- Modling House: Mödling is a town south of Vienna, Austria
- Puteaux House: Puteaux is a western commune of Paris, France.

Classical history

Modling in Austria was home to Beethoven's favourite pub. Composer Schonberg also lived there.

Streets ahead

Five blocks were, like the estate itself, named after former streets on the site which were closed for the construction of the estate. Harold, Norton, Ames, Doric and Longman houses were all named after streets of the same name. Mace Street, which forms a figure of eight shape through the estate was also a reincarnation of the name of a former street on the site.

Local politicians

The final three blocks were named for married couples who were local politicians:

Holman House was named for Percy Holman MP, Member of Parliament for Bethnal Green from 1945 to 1966 and Dorothy Holman,

Member of the London County Council for Bethnal Green (1952-1955 and 1958-1964);

Tate House was named for Councillor and Alderman Henry Edward Tate J.P 1925-1964 who was Mayor (1934-1936) and Councillor and Alderman Beatrice Lilian Tate (1934-1964) who was Mayor 1949-1950 and a London County Councillor (1949-1961); and Stubbs House was named after Councillor and Alderman Henry James Stubbs J.P. (1934-1964) who was Mayor 1944 to 1945 and Alderman Lilian Alice Stubbs (1945-1949 and 1957-1964).

Many thanks to Chris Weavers for the information in this article.



Three Labour MPs have been elected to the Tower Hamlets constituencies

General election results

COUNCIL NEWS

Tower Hamlets has three newly-elected Members of Parliament, following a General Election which took place on Thursday 4 July.

Rushanara Ali, of Labour, has been elected as the Member of Parliament for Bethnal Green and Stepney, while Apsana Begum, of Labour, has been elected as the Member of Parliament for Poplar

and Limehouse.

In Stratford and Bow, which includes the three Tower Hamlets wards of Bow East, Bow West and Bromley North, Uma Kumaran, of Labour, has been elected as Member of Parliament for the constituency.

Stephen Halsey, Acting Returning Officer and Chief Executive of Tower Hamlets Council, said: "First of all, I would like to say congratulations to our

newly elected representatives and I look forward to working closely with you.

"Running elections involves an incredible amount of hard work by the council, working closely with the Metropolitan Police, the Electoral Commission and many others and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved and worked so diligently from the early planning stages, through to polling day and

the count."

• Visit towerhamlets.gov.uk/vote

The General Election took place just a few weeks after residents were called to the polls to take part in the Mayor of London and London Assembly elections on 2 May, where Unmesh Desai, Labour, was elected as Assembly Member for the City and East constituency.

• For more information visit londonelects.org.uk/results-2024

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Find out more:
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/beacouncillor



Make a difference in your area

Council supporting "Be a councillor" campaign to encourage everyone to make a difference

The council is supporting the Local Government Association (LGA) "Be a councillor" campaign to help highlight the work of local councillors and encourage people to consider taking up the role in their local areas.

As the LGA campaign states: "We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the communities they serve to put themselves forward for election.

You don't need any experience or special qualifications. Your life experience, everyday skills, passion and commitment to people and communities are vital, and it's important that councils reflect the local population."

There are roughly 17,000 councillors in England, elected to local councils to represent their own local communities.

They can stand as candidates

associated with political parties, or as independent candidates.

To find out more about the LGA campaign including practical information, resources and case studies from across the country, visit www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor

The council will also be providing local information and support for Tower Hamlets residents and you can keep up to date with that at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/beacouncillor

4 in 5 young children in Tower Hamlets have been protected from Measles with two doses of MMR

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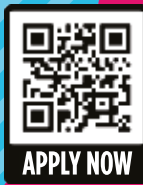


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Celebrating our musical past

Discover the extraordinary story of popular music in the East End at the upcoming exhibition *Cockney Rebels: Popular Music in Tower Hamlets, 1624-2003* at Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives.

From Elizabethan ballads to the birth of grime, this first-of-its-kind exhibition will take visitors on a journey spanning four centuries, exploring how the East End and its people have inspired and shaped popular music.

Featuring an array of more than 100 rare and unique items such as broadside ballads, sheet music, paintings, posters, records, tapes, and ephemera, it will cover a diverse range of musical styles divided into four chronological sections.

The first section takes a deep dive into the roots of popular music in the East End, from folk songs and sea shanties to the Victorian music halls and pub singalongs.

The second explores the influence of migration and American popular culture in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including klezmer,

jazz, swing, and calypso.

The third section focuses on the rock 'n' roll years from the 1950s to the mid-1970s, taking in pop, mod, psychedelia, glam rock and more.

The final section covers everything from punk, disco, soul, and reggae in the late-70s, through post-punk, goth, dance, Britpop, and Asian underground to the early grime scene at the turn of the millennium.

Famous names such as Lionel Bart, Helen Shapiro, Small Faces, Fleetwood Mac, Billy Ocean, and Dizze Rascal will be showcased alongside Max Bacon, Stepney Sisters, Bow Gamelan Ensemble, and Joi Bangla Banned.

Cockney Rebels is on show until February 2025 and will include a full programme of events which is due to be announced shortly.

• **For more information on this exhibition and to see more upcoming exhibitions, visit www.ideaastore.co.uk/local-history**



Folk ballads, jazz, punk and grime all feature in this new exhibition



Learn about the heritage of countries in South Asia

Mark South Asian Heritage Month

The council is planning a series of free and ticketed events for South Asian Heritage Month this summer, to celebrate and raise the profile of British South Asian history, arts, culture and heritage.

Established by the South Asian community in the UK in July 2019, the month, which runs from 18 July to 17 August, aims to honour and celebrate South Asian history and culture.

The Grand Trunk Project, The Partition Commemoration Campaign, City Sikhs, and Faiths Forum for London worked together to establish the initiative.

It is an opportunity for everyone to appreciate and learn new things about the heritage of countries in South Asia.

• **For further details, visit southasianheritage.org.uk/ or towerhamlets.gov.uk/events**

Young V&A unveils major new creative installation

Young V&A in Bethnal Green has unveiled its first major creative installation, *Lost and Found Yokai*, which sees umbrellas lost on London's trains, Tubes and buses transformed by a host of contemporary artists and designers into a 'parade' of yokai.

Visitors this summer can hear sounds of supernatural Japan come to life, in the new work from sound artist and designer Yuri Suzuki, in partnership with design and research studio Very Very Far Away.

The installation celebrates Young V&A's current exhibition, *Japan:*

Myths to Manga, which runs until 8 September.

It draws from traditions of yokai, a class of supernatural beings and entities that abound in Japanese folklore, literature, art and popular culture, in particular, the *kasa-obake* or umbrella monster.

Yokai Onomatopoeic Machine, a new sound and sculpture work, where sounds of supernatural Japan come to life through colourful horn-shaped sculptures, complements the installation.

• **Find out more information at www.vam.ac.uk**

Exhibitions

Rainbow Film Festival posters

After a quarter of a century, the film festival is back in the borough, with a display of iconic film posters.

Until 29 July

Brady Arts and Community Centre, 192-196 Hanbury Street, Whitechapel E1 5HU
rainbowfilmsociety.com



Rainbow Film Festival

Illuminating the Archive: A Book of Hours for Robin Hood Gardens

This exhibition by Judit Ferencz comprises hand-made books and booklets which trace the lifecycle of the East London council estate Robin Hood Gardens (1972). Judit's onsite drawing practice documented everyday life on the estate in the years leading up to demolition.

Until 26 July

Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives, Bancroft Road, E1 4DQ
First floor landing



Illuminating the Archive

To Be Free! A Retrospective (1970-2023)

This is Gavin Jantjes largest solo presentation in the UK to date, bringing together more than 100 prints, drawings, and paintings, many of which have never been shown in the UK before.

Until 1 September

Admission: £12.50 (Standard ticket); £9.50 (Concessions)
Galleries 1, 4, 8 & 9
Whitechapel Gallery, 77 - 82 Whitechapel High Street, E1 7QX
whitechapelgallery.org

Shadwell Printmakers Exhibition

A showcase of work created throughout the year during classes and workshops run at Shadwell Print Studio.

8 July-30 August

Brady Arts Centre, 192-196 Hanbury Street, Whitechapel E1 5HU



Shadwell Printmakers

Thick, Stretchy, Sticky Space

The first solo exhibition by artist Fran Hayes features digital paintings and video works that delve into speculative landscapes, inspired by damaged ecologies, science-fiction, and the uncanny.

Until 14 July

IMT Gallery, Unit 2/210 Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green, E2 9NQ
imagemusicstext.com

The By You Tapestry Exhibition

In April 2020, as the world faced isolation from the pandemic lockdowns, community organisation Stitches in Time called on contributors across the world to embroider scenes of their lockdown experiences. Featuring 275 textile pieces contributed by 190 people, and with support from Arts Council England, the scenes have been put together to make a 26-metre-long tapestry.

Free entry

Until 1 August (Thursdays and Fridays, 1-4pm and Saturdays 10am-4pm)

Schools and Community Space, Tower Hill, Tower of London EC3N 4AB
stitchesintime.org.uk/by-you-tapestry-exhibition

Bow Open

Bow Arts' annual show highlights the talent and diversity of art being made across the charity's studios, as well as by their artist educators. This year's curator is visual artist Lindsey Mendick, who has invited submissions with the title "A

Personal Treasure."

The exhibition will be accompanied by an event programme, including chances for visitors to take part in hands-on workshops run by Bow Arts artists.

Until 25 August

Free. Opening Hours: Tues to Sun, 10am-4pm

Nunnery Gallery, Bow Arts, 181 Bow Road, E3 2SJ
bowarts.org



Bow Open

Festivals and fairs

GDIF

Greenwich + Docklands International Festival (GDIF), London's award-winning annual festival of free theatre and performing arts features a programme of theatre, circus, dance and performance art inspired by the theme All Change.

23 August-8 September

Across public spaces in East London, the Royal Borough of Greenwich, and the City of London.

festival.org/gdif/



Greenwich and Docklands Festival

Wapping Police Station open and community engagement Day

A fundraiser for the London Retired Police Dogs Trust. Meet retired and serving police dogs, see police equipment and vehicles on display, learn about the mounted police branch and horses, view the marine museum and much more.

28 September, 10am until 3pm

Wapping Police Station and Wapping Rose Gardens, 98-102 Wapping High Street E1W 2NE



Met police open day

Cemetery Park Summer Fair

Friends and the whole community are invited to this year's annual event which includes fun activities, informative tours, stalls for local makers, delicious food and drink and of course a chance to find out more about the work the Friends do at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park. **Saturday August 31, 12pm-5pm**
Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, Southern Grove, Mile End, E3 4PX

Events

Parent and Baby East End History Club

A chance to meet other parents, enjoy a cuppa and look through a unique collection of maps, photographs, newspapers, pamphlets and much more. Toys will be available for children ages 0-5 with a mini kiddie's brunch and refreshments including tea and coffee

10am-11.30am on the first Friday of every month, term time only

Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives, Bancroft Road, E1 4DQ
ideastore.co.uk/local-history

Tower Hill Market

Uncover irresistible street eats at Tower Hill's vibrant new food spot with over 28 stallholders, street food from Taiwan to Philadelphia, local artists and live performers.

Thursdays 11am-4pm.

Tower Hill Terrace, Tower Hill, EC3N 4EE

The Lost Lionesses

The true story of the first ever unofficial England Women's team, who played at the World Cup in Mexico in 1971. The Lost Lionesses played at the Azteca Stadium in front of 90,000 people. When they returned to England, they were banned from football.

16- 20 July

The Space, 269 Westferry Road, Isle of Dogs E14 3RS
Tickets £16, Concession £12
space.org.uk/event/the-lost-lionesses/



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- CLr Saied Ahmed, Resources and the Cost of Living
- CLr Kabir Ahmed, Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
- CLr Abu Talha Chowdhury, Safer Communities
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HARMONY
BENGALI NEWS

407 new Stepney council homes in Stepney get the go ahead - page 29

কাউন্সিলের বৃহত্তম হাউজিং ডেভেলপমেন্ট স্কিম অর্থাৎ নতুন বাড়ি নির্মাণের বিশাল এক পরিকল্পনা অনুমোদন লাভ করেছে। এই প্রকল্পের আওতায় স্টেপনি এলাকায় ৪০৭টি নতুন ঘর এবং কমিউনিটি সেন্টার সহ অনেক ধরনের অবকাঠামোগত উন্নয়ন প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়িত হবে।

এই স্কিমের আওতায় স্টেপনির হ্যারিস্ট এ্যাপসলি এবং প্যাটিসন হাউজ এবং রেডকোট কমিউনিটি সেন্টার ভেঙ্গে ফেলে এই স্থানে ৪ থেকে ৮ তলা বিশিষ্ট অনেকগুলো ভবন নির্মাণ করা হবে। এছাড়া থাকবে সর্বসাধারণের জন্য গার্ডেনস, কার পার্কিং ও নিরাপদে সাইকেল রাখার সুবিধা এবং আবর্জনা স্টোরেজ সুবিধা। ডেভেলপমেন্ট কমিটির সদস্যরা জুন মাসে অনুষ্ঠিত তাদের সভায় প্ল্যানিং এপ্লিকেশনটি গ্রহণ করেন।

সংশোধিত অ্যাপ্লিকেশনটিতে ২০২৩ সালে ঘোষিত সর্বশেষ বিল্ডিং সুরক্ষা মানগুলিকে অন্তর্ভুক্ত করা হয়েছে, যাতে জরুরী সময়ে ফ্ল্যাট

থেকে দ্রুত বের হয়ে আসার উপায় এবং অগ্নি নিরাপত্তা উন্নত করার জন্য অন্যান্য ব্যবস্থা রয়েছে তা নিশ্চিত করা হয়েছে। প্রস্তাবিত কমিউনিটি সেন্টারটিও স্থানান্তরিত করা হবে।

কেবিনেট মেম্বর ফর রিজেনারেশন, ইনকুসিড ডেভেলপমেন্ট এন্ড হাউজিংবিডিং, কাউন্সিলর কবির আহমেদ বলেছেন, “এটি টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের জন্য সত্যিই একটি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ প্র্যানিং এপ্লিকেশন যা স্টেপনি এলাকায় উল্লেখযোগ্য সংখ্যক নতুন কাউন্সিল মালিকানাধীন বাড়ি নির্মাণ এবং একটি বড় বিনিয়োগ নিশ্চিত করবে। আমাদের বারাতো ওভারক্রাউডিং সমস্যা (ঠাসাঠাসি অবস্থায় বসবাস করা) মোকাবেলা করতে সাহায্য করার জন্য বড় আকারের পরিবারের উপযোগী ঘর সহ বিভিন্ন সাইজের ফ্ল্যাট নির্মাণ এই পরিকল্পনার অন্তর্ভুক্ত রয়েছে।”

কাউন্সিলর কবির আহমেদ বলেন, “কাউন্সিল ৪,০০০টি নতুন বাড়ি সরবরাহের জন্য প্রতিশ্রুতিবদ্ধ এবং

এই প্রকল্পটি আমাদের লক্ষ্য অর্জনের দিকে অনেক দূর এগিয়ে নিয়ে যাবে।”

গত আর্থিক বছরে কাউন্সিল ১,০৬৪টি নতুন সামাজিক-ভাড়া বাড়ি সরবরাহ করেছে এবং ৬৪৬টি সাশ্রয়ী মূল্যের বাড়ি নির্মাণের প্ল্যানিং এপ্লিকেশন অনুমোদন দেওয়া হয়েছে। জানুয়ারী থেকে মার্চের মধ্যে, কাউন্সিলে ১৬১ জন ওভারক্রাউডেড পরিবারকে ঘর দিয়েছে এবং ৪০ শতাংশ পরিবারকে আবাসন না থাকায় গৃহহীন হয়ে পড়ার ঝুঁকি থেকে বাচাতে সক্ষম হয়েছিল।

বরা জুড়ে কাউন্সিলের আরও কয়েকটি আবাসন প্রকল্পের কাজ চলছে। এগুলো হলোঃ

আলফ্রেড স্ট্রিট, বো

এই স্কিমের আওতায় হ্যারিস হাউসের পিছনে একটি ব্যবহৃত গ্যারেজ সাইটে তিনটি, চার বেডরুমের বাড়ি এবং একটি, দুই বেডরুমের অ্যাক্সেসযোগ্য বাংলো তৈরি করা হচ্ছে। এটি নির্মাণের চূড়ান্ত পর্যায়ে রয়েছে এবং চলতি জুলাইয়ের মধ্যে

শেষ হওয়ার কথা রয়েছে। এরপর পরিবারগুলি এখানে স্থানান্তরিত হবে।

ওয়াল্টার টেরেস, স্টেপনি

এটি আরেকটি স্কিম যেখানে ব্যবহৃত গ্যারেজগুলি ভেঙে দেওয়া হয়েছে এবং আধুনিক নির্মাণ করা হচ্ছে পরিবারের আকারে। এই স্কিমটি চারটি, চার বেডরুমের ঘর প্রদান করবে এবং এটি কাউন্সিলের প্রকল্প ১২০-এর অংশ, যা অটিজম আক্রান্ত পরিবারগুলির জন্য সম্পূর্ণরূপে অভিযোজিত বাড়ি তৈরি করে। এগুলি জুলাই ২০২৪ এর মধ্যে শেষ হওয়ার কথা।

নোরা স্মিথ হাউস, বো

স্কিমটির অধীনে নির্মিত হচ্ছে ১৭টি বাড়ি এবং দুর্বল প্রাপ্তবয়স্ক লোকদের সহায়তায় একটি সাত বেডরুম বিশিষ্ট সাপোর্টেড আবাসন। এর নির্মাণ কাজ চলছে এবং আগস্ট শেষ হওয়ার কথা রয়েছে। এর নামকরণ করা হয়েছে নোরা স্মিথের নামে, যিনি ভোটাধিকারের জন্য আন্দোলনকারী, জনহিতৈষী এবং ফটোগ্রাফার ছিলেন এবং যিনি তার ব্যক্তিগত সম্পদ ও

শৈল্পিক প্রতিভা সামাজিক ন্যায়বিচারের জন্য উৎসর্গ করেছিলেন।

হেইলিন স্কোয়ার, বো

এই প্রকল্পটি চূড়ান্ত পর্যায়ে রয়েছে এবং চলতি জুলাই মাসেই শেষ হওয়ার কথা। হেইলিন স্কোয়ার একটি আট তলা বিল্ডিং, যেখানে থাকবে বিভিন্ন আকারের ৩২টি ফ্ল্যাট। এর নিচতলায় দোকান, বাচ্চাদের খেলার মাঠ, গাড়ি পার্কিং এবং ল্যান্ডস্কেপিংয়ের জায়গাও থাকবে।

উইকফোর্ড স্ট্রিট, বেথনাল গ্রিন

দু’টি বিল্ডিং জুড়ে ৩৩টি নতুন বাড়ির তৈরি করার জন্য এই সাইটে একটি বিল্ডিং এবং গ্যারেজ ভেঙে ফেলা হচ্ছে। প্রথমটি, একটি পাট-টু, পাট-প্রি এবং ৬ তলা বিল্ডিংয়ে ১৫টি বাড়ি এবং দ্বিতীয়টি, একটি পাট-প্রি এবং পাট-ফাইভ বিল্ডিংয়ে ১৮টি ফ্ল্যাট থাকবে। থাকবে কমিউনাল এরিয়া এবং নিরাপদ সাইকেল স্টোরেজ। ২০২৫ সালের প্রথম দিকে এই স্কিমের প্রথম ধাপটি শেষ হওয়ার কথা।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসকে নিরাপদ রাখতে সিসিটিভি-তে ৪ মিলিয়ন পাউন্ড বিনিয়োগ £4m to keep everyone safer - Page 19

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস বারাজুড়ে নজরদারি বাড়াতে সিসিটিভি খাতে ৪ মিলিয়ন পাউন্ড বিনিয়োগ করায় এখন অপরাধীদের ধরতে সাহায্য করবে, অসহায় বাসিন্দাদের সহায়তা করবে এবং আইন ভঙ্গকারীদের বাধা দেবে।

ও ধরতে সাহায্য করবে।

নতুন ক্যামেরাগুলোকে সহায়তা করার জন্য নেটওয়ার্ক সরঞ্জাম এবং অবকাঠামোগে আপগ্রেড করা হয়েছে। কাজটি পর্যায়ক্রমে সম্পাদিত হয়েছে এবং এপ্রিল ২০২৪ পুরো প্রজেক্টের

বিনিয়োগ টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসকে আরও নিরাপদ করতে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা পালন করবে। বারার সার্বিক নিরাপত্তা নিশ্চিত করা কাউন্সিলের প্রধান অগ্রাধিকারগুলির মধ্যে একটি।” কাউন্সিলের কমিউনিটি সেফটি



সিসিটিভি কমান্ড অ্যান্ড কন্ট্রোল সেন্টারে একটি উপযুক্ত ও অত্যাধুনিক এলইডি ভিডিও ও ওয়াল ডিসপ্লে ইউনিট সহ সর্বাধুনিক সরঞ্জাম নিশ্চিত করতে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিল ৮ লাখ ৯৫,০০০ পাউন্ড বিনিয়োগ করছে। এর ফলে দিনের যেকোনো সময় একযোগে ৪২টি ক্যামেরার মাধ্যমে বারাকে পর্যবেক্ষণ করা সম্ভব হবে।

এছাড়া বারার ৩৫০ টি রাস্তা-ভিত্তিক ক্যামেরার সবগুলোকে অ্যানালগ থেকে ডিজিটালে আপগ্রেড করা হয়েছে, এর ছবির গুণমান এবং জুম ফাংশন উন্নত করা হয়েছে এবং অপরাধের সাথে জড়িত সন্দেহভাজনদের ট্র্যাক করতে

কাজ সম্পন্ন হয়েছে।

সিসিটিভি অপারেটররা লন্ডন মেট্রোপলিটান পুলিশের সাথে ঘনিষ্ঠভাবে কাজ করেন এবং, পুলিশের সাথে এ পর্যন্ত ১,৫৪৬টি ছবি বা তথ্য বিনিময় করেছেন।

নির্বাহী মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, “মূলত বসবাস, কাজ এবং ঘুরে বেড়ানোর জন্য একটি নিরাপদ জায়গা হচ্ছে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস, কিন্তু লন্ডনের অন্য সকল বরারার মতো আমরাও অপরাধীদের থেকে মুক্ত নই। আমাদের সিসিটিভি ক্যামেরা এবং অপারেশন সেন্টারের আধুনিকায়নে এই ৩ দশমিক ৯ মিলিয়ন পাউন্ড

বিষয়ক কেবিনেট মেম্বর, কাউন্সিলর আবু তালহা চৌধুরী বলেছেন, “আমাদের সকল বাসিন্দা এবং ভিজিটরদের যতটা সম্ভব নিরাপদ রাখতে পুলিশ এবং অন্যান্য অংশীদারদের সাথে ঘনিষ্ঠভাবে কাজ করে যাচ্ছে কাউন্সিল। আমাদের সিসিটিভি ক্যামেরাগুলি ২৪ ঘন্টা নজর রাখছে গোটা বারার ওপর। তাই চুরি, যানবাহন চুরি, মাদক বা ট্রাফিক সংক্রান্ত অপরাধ, অসামাজিক আচরণ, সন্ত্রাসবাদ বা পরিবেশগত অপরাধের সাথে জড়িতদের তৎপরতা রুখতে আমাদের একটি বিস্তৃত নেটওয়ার্ক সর্বদা সচল ও সক্রিয় রয়েছে।”

ম্যাজিস্ট্রেট হিসাবে জীবন পরিবর্তন করুন

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ম্যাজিস্ট্রেট হতে আগ্রহীদের জন্য শীঘ্রই আবেদনপত্র খোলা হবে।

ম্যাজিস্ট্রেটরা হলেন এমন কেউসেবক যাদের পূর্বের কোন আইনি অভিজ্ঞতা থাকার প্রয়োজন নেই। যারা ফৌজদারি আদালত এবং পারিবারিক আদালতে বিভিন্ন মামলার গুরুত্বপূর্ণ সিদ্ধান্ত নেন, মানুষের জীবন রক্ষা, উন্নত এবং পরিবর্তন করতে সহায়তা করেন। আপনার শিক্ষার স্তর কোন ব্যাপার না, তবে আপনার বয়স ১৮ থেকে ৭৪ এর মধ্যে হতে হবে।

বর্তমানে ম্যাজিস্ট্রেটদের জন্য একটি নিয়োগ কার্যক্রম চলছে, যা ১৫ জুলাই পর্যন্ত খোলা থাকবে।

পাশাপাশি, পারিবারিক আদালতে ম্যাজিস্ট্রেটের ভূমিকায় আগ্রহী

যে কেউ, ২৬ আগস্ট থেকে ২৩ সেপ্টেম্বর পর্যন্ত আবেদন করতে পারবেন। ফৌজদারি আদালতে ম্যাজিস্ট্রেটের ভূমিকায় আগ্রহীদের জন্য আরও একটি নিয়োগের রাউন্ড খোলা হবে ২৭ অক্টোবর এবং চলবে ২৪ নভেম্বর পর্যন্ত।

কৃষ্ণাঙ্গ এবং সংখ্যালঘু নৃতাত্ত্বিক কমিউনিটির সদস্য, ৫০ বছরের কম বয়সী ব্যক্তির, নন-ম্যানোজারিয়াল বা পেশাজীবী লোক এবং প্রতিবন্ধী ব্যক্তিদের সহ বর্তমানে কম প্রতিনিধিত্ব করা গোষ্ঠীগুলি থেকে আবেদনগুলিকে বিশেষভাবে স্বাগত জানানো হয়।

আরও জানুন এবং অনলাইনে আবেদন করুন: magistrates.judiciary.uk

‘কাউন্সিলর হোন’ প্রচারাভিযান

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স্থানীয় কাউন্সিলরদের কাজ হাইলাইট করতে এবং লোকদেরকে তাদের স্থানীয় এলাকায় ভূমিকা নেওয়ার বিষয়ে বিবেচনা করতে উৎসাহিত করতে লকাল গভর্নমেন্ট এসোসিয়েশন বা এলজিএ এর “কাউন্সিলর হোন” প্রচারাভিযানকে সমর্থন করছে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিল।

এলজিএ তাদের প্রচারণায় বলেছে: “আমাদের সমস্ত পটভূমি এবং অভিজ্ঞতার লোকদের প্রয়োজন যারা নিজেদের কমিউনিটির প্রতিনিধিত্ব করতে নির্বাচনের জন্য এগিয়ে আসবে। আপনার কোন অভিজ্ঞতা বা বিশেষ যোগ্যতার প্রয়োজন নেই। আপনার জীবনের অভিজ্ঞতা, দৈনন্দিন দক্ষতা, আবেগ এবং মানুষ ও কমিউনিটির প্রতি অঙ্গীকার অত্যাবশ্যক, এবং এটি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ যে কাউন্সিলগুলি স্থানীয় জনসাধারণের

প্রতিনিধিত্ব নিশ্চিত করে।”

ইংল্যান্ডে প্রায় ১৭,০০০ কাউন্সিলর রয়েছে, যারা তাদের নিজস্ব স্থানীয় কমিউনিটির প্রতিনিধিত্ব করার জন্য স্থানীয় কাউন্সিলে নির্বাচিত হন।

তারা রাজনৈতিক দলের সঙ্গে যুক্ত প্রার্থী বা স্বতন্ত্র প্রার্থী হিসেবে দাঁড়াতে পারেন। সারা দেশ থেকে ব্যবহারিক তথ্য, সংস্থান এবং কেস স্টাডি সহ এলজিএ এর এই প্রচারাভিযান সম্পর্কে বিস্তারিত জানতে, ডিজিট করুনঃ www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor

কাউন্সিল টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের বাসিন্দাদের জন্য স্থানীয় তথ্য এবং সহায়তা প্রদান করবে এবং আপনি www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/beacouncillor-এ গিয়ে নিজেকে আপ টু ডেট রাখতে পারেন।

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৪ জুলাই বৃহস্পতিবার অনুষ্ঠিত সাধারণ নির্বাচনে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস-এ তিন জন নতুন সংসদ সদস্য নির্বাচিত হয়েছেন।

বেথনাল গ্রিন অ্যান্ড স্টেপনির সংসদ সদস্য নির্বাচিত হয়েছেন লেবার পার্টির রুশানারা আলী এবং পপলার অ্যান্ড লাইমহাউস আসন থেকে সংসদ সদস্য নির্বাচিত হয়েছেন লেবার পার্টির আপসানা বেগম। নবগঠিত স্টার্টফোর্ড এন্ড বো সংসদীয় আসন, যার মধ্যে বো ইস্ট, বো ওয়েস্ট এবং ব্রমলি নর্থ - টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের এই তিনটি ওয়ার্ড রয়েছে, সেখান থেকে লেবার পার্টির উমা কুমারান সংসদ সদস্য নির্বাচিত হয়েছেন।

ভারপ্রাপ্ত রিটার্নিং অফিসার এবং টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিলের প্রধান নির্বাহী, স্টিফেন হ্যালসি বলেছেন, “প্রথমত, আমি আমাদের নবনির্বাচিত প্রতিনিধিদের অভিনন্দন জানাতে চাই এবং আমি আপনাদের সাথে ঘনিষ্ঠভাবে কাজ করার জন্য উন্মুক্ত। নির্বাচন পরিচালনা করতে কাউন্সিলকে অবিশ্বাস্য পরিমাণ কঠোর পরিশ্রম করতে হয়, মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, নির্বাচন কমিশন এবং আরও অনেকের সাথে ঘনিষ্ঠভাবে কাজ করতে হয়। নির্বাচন সূষ্ঠভাবে আয়োজনে প্রাথমিক পরিকল্পনার পর্যায় থেকে ভোটের দিন এবং



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সাধারণ নির্বাচনের কয়েক সপ্তাহ আগে ২ মে অনুষ্ঠিত লন্ডনের মেয়র এবং লন্ডন এসেম্বলি নির্বাচনে বাসিন্দারা ভোট দেন এবং সেই নির্বাচনে সিটি এবং ইস্ট নির্বাচনী এলাকার জন্য লন্ডন এসেম্বলি সদস্য নির্বাচিত হন লেবার পার্টির উনমেশ দেশাই।

আরও তথ্যের জন্য ভিজিট করুন: londonelects.org.uk/results-2024

কাউন্সিল কিভাবে ভাড়াটে এবং লিজহোল্ডারদের সাথে কথা বলবে সে সম্পর্কে আপনার মতামত শেয়ার করুন

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এই মাসে, কাউন্সিল তার ভাড়াটিয়া এবং লেজহোল্ডারদের জন্য রেসিডেন্ট এনগেইজমেন্ট বিষয়ে একটি পরামর্শ (কনসালটেশন) পরিচালনা করছে। এই জরিপে কাউন্সিল বর্তমানে তার বাসিন্দাদের কীভাবে তথ্য সরবরাহ করে এবং কীভাবে এটি দ্বিমুখী যোগাযোগ উন্নত করতে পারে সে সম্পর্কে জানতে চাওয়া হয়।

গত বছর টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস হোমসকে সরাসরি কাউন্সিলের অধীনে নিয়ে আসার পর (ইনসোর্সিংয়ের পরে), আরও স্বচ্ছ এবং জবাবদিহিমূলক উপায়ে তার আবাসন

ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিষেবাগুলিকে রূপ দেওয়ার জন্য কাউন্সিলের অঙ্গীকারের অংশ হচ্ছে এই গণপরামর্শ বা কনসালটেশন।

মেরামত, রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ এবং উন্নতি করা, দেখভাল করা, বাগান করা এবং ভাড়া ও সার্ভিস চার্জ সংগ্রহের মতো পরিষেবাগুলি এখন টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিলের সরাসরি নেতৃত্বে করা হচ্ছে।

এই পরিষেবাগুলিকে অভ্যন্তরীণভাবে ফিরিয়ে আনার উদ্দেশ্য ছিল আবাসন এবং কাউন্সিলের অন্যান্য সার্ভিসগুলি সহায়তা যাতে বাসিন্দাদের সহজেই পান এবং

কাউন্সিলের ভাড়াটিয়া ও লিজহোল্ডারদের কাউন্সিলে আরও শক্তিশালী বক্তব্য রাখার সুযোগ নিশ্চিত করা।

এই কনসালটেশন সব ভাড়াটে এবং লিজহোল্ডারদের জন্য উন্মুক্ত

আইডিয়া স্টোরে গিয়ে অনুরোধ করলে তারা প্রিন্ট করা কপি সরবরাহ করবে। আগ্রহীরা towerhamlets.gov.uk/resident-engagement - এই ওয়েবসাইটে গিয়ে কনসালটেশনে অংশ নিতে পারেন। অংশ নেওয়ার সময়সীমা শুরুবার ১৬ আগস্ট ২০২৪।

নতুন মানসিক স্বাস্থ্য সহায়তা ফোন লাইন New mental health support phone line - page 11

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে বসবাসকারী লোকেরা এখন ১১১ নম্বরে কল করে অপশন ২ সিলেক্ট করে মানসিক স্বাস্থ্য সংকটে সহায়তা পেতে পারেন। ইস্ট লন্ডন ফাউন্ডেশন ট্রাস্ট (ইএলএফটি) এবং উত্তর পূর্ব লন্ডন জুড়ে অংশীদারদের দ্বারা সরবরাহ করা নতুন এই সার্ভিস, সকল বয়সের লোকেরদের জন্য দিনে ২৪ ঘন্টা, সপ্তাহে সাত দিন জরুরি স্বাস্থ্য পরামর্শ প্রদান করে থাকে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের ELPIT-এর ক্রাইসিস হাব ভিত্তিক একটি সম্পূর্ণ প্রশিক্ষিত এবং যোগ্য মানসিক স্বাস্থ্য পেশাদার দল দ্বারা এই হেল্পলাইনটি পরিচালনা করা হয়। দলটি ফোনে সংক্ষিপ্ত মনস্তাত্ত্বিক সহায়তা দিতে পারে এবং মূল পরিশেবা এবং সংস্থাগুলিতে অ্যাক্সেস পাওয়ার পরামর্শ দেবে যা মানসিক স্বাস্থ্য সহায়তা দিতে পারে।

যে কেউ অফিস খোলা থাকার সময়ে বাইরে মানসিক স্বাস্থ্য পেশাদারের সাথে যোগাযোগ করতে ইচ্ছুক, বা যারা আগে এই সার্ভিসের সাথে পরিচিত নন - তাদের ১১১ নম্বরে যোগাযোগ করা উচিত এবং অপশন ২ নির্বাচন করা উচিত।

আপনি যদি স্ট্রেস, উদ্বেগ বা বাজে মেজাজের অনুভূতি অনুভব করেন, তাহলে মানসিক স্বাস্থ্য সহায়তার জন্য আপনি টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস টকিং থেরাপিতেও নিজেকে রেফার করতে পারেন, যা বিভিন্ন ধরনের কাউন্সেলিং পরিষেবা প্রদান করে।

আরও তথ্য এবং সহায়তার জন্য, www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/mentalwellbeing দেখুন।

বারাজুড়ে স্থাপন করা হবে ২,২০০টি নতুন বৈদ্যুতিক চার্জার 2,200 new electric chargers - page 28



আগামী দুই বছরে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস জুড়ে ২,২০০টিরও বেশি নতুন বৈদ্যুতিক গাড়ির চার্জার ইনস্টল করা হবে।

২০২৪ থেকে ২০২৬ সাল পর্যন্ত ২,২৪৫টি চার্জার ইনস্টল করা হবে যার মধ্যে ৪৫টি দ্রুত চার্জার সহ চার্জিং পয়েন্ট ধরণের মিশ্রণে তৈরি হবে। এই চার্জিং পয়েন্টগুলি সরবরাহকারী এবং সরকারী অনুদান তহবিলের একটি পরিসরের মাধ্যমে স্থাপন করা হবে। এর লক্ষ্য হল টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস ভবিষ্যতের জন্য প্রস্তুত এবং রাস্তাগুলিতে বৈদ্যুতিক গাড়ির সংখ্যা ক্রমাগত বাড়তে থাকায় পরিচ্ছন্ন, পরিবেশ বান্ধব ভ্রমণকে সমর্থন করার জন্য উপযুক্ত পরিকাঠামো রয়েছে তা নিশ্চিত করা।

গত পাঁচ বছরে, বৈদ্যুতিক চার্জারের চাহিদা বেড়েছে। টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে বৈদ্যুতিক গাড়ির মালিকানা আগের পাঁচ বছরের তুলনায় ১২১ শতাংশ বৃদ্ধি পেয়েছে। বর্তমানে, বারাতো ৩২৭টি রাস্তার বৈদ্যুতিক খুঁটিতে চার্জিং পয়েন্ট এবং ২৩টি দ্রুত চার্জিং ইলেক্ট্রিক চার্জিং পয়েন্ট রয়েছে।

ফেব্রুয়ারিতে কাউন্সিলের কেবিনেট দ্বারা অনুমোদিত নতুন ইনস্টলেশন প্রোগ্রামটি বৈদ্যুতিক গাড়ির চার্জিংয়ের সুবিধাকে উল্লেখযোগ্যভাবে বৃদ্ধি করবে।

নতুন WhatsApp চ্যানেলের মাধ্যমে সরাসরি আপনার ফোনে খবর

News straight to our phone
with new WhatsApp
channel- page 21

কাউন্সিল একটি অফিসিয়াল টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিল হোয়াটসঅ্যাপ চ্যানেল চালু করেছে।

এই একমুখী সম্প্রচার প্ল্যাটফর্ম আপনাকে ব্যক্তিগতভাবে ব্যক্তি, সংস্থা এবং ব্যক্তিদের অনুসরণ করতে দেয় যাদের কাছ থেকে আপনি আপডেট পেতে চান।

আপনার ফোনে সরাসরি সাম্প্রতিক সম্প্রদায়ের খবর, ইভেন্ট অনুস্মারক এবং গুরুত্বপূর্ণ স্থানীয় আপডেটগুলি পেতে সাইন আপ করুন। আপনি কোনও নিউজ মিস করতে না চাইলে, আপনি আমাদের চ্যানেলে যোগদান করার পরে, ক্রিনের শীর্ষে থাকা বেল আইকনে ট্যাপ করে

বিজ্ঞপ্তিগুলি চালু করতে ভুলবেন না। সাইন আপ করতে, আপনার ফোনের ক্যামেরার কিউআর ফাংশন ব্যবহার করে পাশের কিউআর কোডটি স্ক্যান করুন। এটি আপনাকে সরাসরি সাইন আপ পৃষ্ঠায় নিয়ে যাবে।



যত্রতত্র আবর্জনা ফেলার জরিমানা বাড়িয়েছে কাউন্সিল Increased fines to tackle waste crime - page 9

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে যত্রতত্র আবর্জনা ছুড়ে ফেলা বা ফ্লাই-টিপিং, লিটারিং, গ্রাফিতি বা দেয়াল লিখন এবং অন্যান্য পরিবেশগত অপরাধের জন্য দায়ী ব্যক্তিরা এখন থেকে সর্বোচ্চ অংকের ফিঞ্চড পেনাল্টি নোটিশ (এফপিএন) জরিমানার সম্মুখীন হবে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসকে একটি পরিচ্ছন্ন ও সবুজ বার হিসেবে গড়ে তুলতে কাউন্সিলের প্রতিশ্রুতির অংশ হিসেবে, আর্থিক জরিমানার পরিমাণ বৃদ্ধি বেআইনি, অসামাজিক এবং বারার জন্য ক্ষতিকর পরিবেশগত অপরাধ কমাতে একটি অতিরিক্ত এবং আরও কার্যকর প্রতিবন্ধক হবে। পরিবর্তনগুলির মধ্যে রয়েছেঃ

- ফ্লাই-টিপিংয়ের জন্য সর্বোচ্চ জরিমানার পরিমাণ ৪০০ পাউন্ড থেকে ১০০০ পাউন্ড পর্যন্ত বাড়ানো হয়েছে। তবে নোটিশ পাওয়ার পর নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে জরিমানা পরিশোধ করা হলে ৫০০ পাউন্ড ডিসকাউন্ট দেয়া হবে।
- লিটারিং এর জন্য এখন সর্বোচ্চ জরিমানা হবে ৫০০ পাউন্ড জরিমানা হবে, যা আগে ছিলো ৮০ পাউন্ড (প্রারম্ভিক ডিসকাউন্ট পেমেন্ট ২৫০ পাউন্ড)
- ফ্লাই-পোস্টিং এবং গ্রাফিতি উভয় ক্ষেত্রে সর্বোচ্চ জরিমানার পরিমাণ ৮০ পাউন্ড থেকে বাড়িয়ে ৫০০ পাউন্ড করা হয়েছে (প্রারম্ভিক ডিসকাউন্ট পেমেন্ট ২৫০ পাউন্ড)
- যে পরিবারগুলো দায়িত্বশীল ভাবে তাদের বর্জ্য নিষ্পত্তি করতে ব্যর্থ হয় (যা ডিউটি অব কেয়ার অপরাধ হিসাবে পরিচিত) তাদেরকে সর্বোচ্চ ৬০০ পাউন্ড জরিমানা করা হবে, যা আগে ছিলো ২০০ পাউন্ড (প্রারম্ভিক ডিসকাউন্ট পেমেন্ট ৩০০ পাউন্ড)

নতুন, বর্ধিত জরিমানা ২০ মে কার্যকর হয়েছে। উল্লেখ্য, কাউন্সিলের কেবিনেট ২৭ মার্চ ২০২৪-এ ফিঞ্চ প্যানাল্টি নোটিশ জরিমানা বাড়ানোর প্রস্তাব অনুমোদন করে।

কাউন্সিল উন্নত বর্জ্য ব্যবস্থাপনা, পুনর্ব্যবহারযোগ্য এবং ক্রিনজিং পরিষেবাগুলিতে বিনিয়োগ অব্যাহত রেখেছে। এপ্রিল মাসে লিটার এবং গ্রাফিতির স্বাধীন পর্যবেক্ষণ শুরু হয়, 'কিপ ব্রিটেন টাইড'র সাথে অংশীদারিত্বে পরিচালিত হয়।

U diyaar garow xagaagan madadaalada ee sanadkan



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USEFUL INFORMATION SERVICES AND CONTACTS

Advice

Account 3 (welfare and debt advice)

3 Birkbeck Street, E2.
020 7739 7720
www.account3.org.uk

Age UK East London

82 Russia Lane, E2.
Caxton Hall, Caxton
Grove, E3.
Royal London Hospital
14F Wards.
info@ageukeastlondon.
org.uk
www.ageuk.org.uk/
eastlondon
020 8981 7124

Bromley by Bow Centre

St Leonard's Street, E3.
020 8709 9700

Carers Centre Tower Hamlets

21 Brayford Square, E1
OSG
enquiries@ccth.org.uk
www.ccth.org.uk
020 7790 1765

Citizens Advice Bureau

32 Greatorex Street, E1.
020 7247 1050
towerhamlets@eastend-
cab.org.uk
www.eastendcab.org.uk

Island Advice Centre

Island House, Roserton
Street, Isle of Dogs, E14.
020 7987 9379
www.island-advice.org.uk

Legal Advice Centre

University House,
104 Roman Road, E2.
020 8980 4205
www.legaladvicecentre.
london

Limehouse Project

789 Commercial Road,
Unit 2, St Anne Street, E14.
020 7538 0075
www.limehouseproject.
org.uk

Praxis (New Residents) Immigration, benefits and general advice

Pott Street, E2.
General Helpline:
020 7729 7985
Immigration advice:
020 7749 7608
www.praxis.org.uk

Tower Hamlets Community Advice Network

thcan@island-advice.org.
uk
www.thcan.org.uk

Tower Hamlets Law Centre

Unit 1, St Anne's Street,
E14. 020 7538 4909
www.thlc.co.uk

Careers

Adult education services

Shadwell Centre,
455 The Highway, E1.
020 7364 5665

WorkPath

Employment and Skills
Centre, 55 Upper Bank
Street, E14. 020 7364 3727
workpath@towerhamlets.
gov.uk

Young WorkPath/Tower Hamlets Careers Service

Employment and Skills
Centre, 55 Upper Bank
Street, E14.
youngworkpath@
towerhamlets.gov.uk

Council

Town Hall

160 Whitechapel Road,
London, E1 1BJ.
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk
General enquiries
020 7364 5000

Debt

Fair Money Advice

18 Ashwin Street, E8.
020 3475 8811
www.fairfinance.org.uk

Island Advice Centre

Island House, Roserton
Street Isle of Dogs, E14.
020 7987 9379
www.island-advice.org.uk

Toynbee Hall Advice Service

28 Commercial Street, E1.
020 7392 2953
advice@toynbeehall.org.
uk
www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Health & wellbeing

Alzheimer's Society

Robinson Centre, Mile
End Hospital, Bancroft
Road, E1.
020 8121 5626

BYM Bangladesh Youth Movement Women's Centre of Excellence

Whitechapel Centre, Units
1 & 2, Myrdle Street, E1.
020 7377 8668
www.bym.org.uk

East London Parkinson's Support Group

hello@parkinsons.org.uk
0808 800 0303

Free home fire safety advice

08000 284428

Health hotline

020 7364 5016

Healthwatch Tower Hamlets

Mile End Hospital, Ban-
croft Road, E1.
0800 145 5343
info@healthwatchtower
hamlets.co.uk
www.healthwatchtower
hamlets.co.uk

LinkAge Plus

Toynbee Hall, Commercial
Street, E1.
020 7392 2913

Reset

Tower Hamlets Drug and
Alcohol Service
183 Whitechapel Road, E1.
020 3889 9510
reset.towerhamlets@
cgl.org.uk

Safe East (under-19s)

compass.towerhamlets
yphws@nhs.net
020 3954 0091

Stop Smoking services

www.quitrightth.org
020 7882 8230

Tower Hamlets Advocacy Real

020 7001 2170
hello@real.org.uk

Housing

Choice-based lettings

020 7364 2826

Homeless service

020 7364 7474
Out of hours
020 7364 4079

Homeseekers

www.thhs.org.uk

Housing advice

020 7364 3558

Repairs

0800 376 1637 ext 1

Tower Hamlets Homes

020 7364 5015

Idea Stores and libraries

Bow

Gladstone Place, E3.

Canary Wharf

Churchill Place, E14.

Chrisp Street

Vesey Path, E14.

Whitechapel

321 Whitechapel Road, E1.

Local History Library and Archives

277 Bancroft Road, E1
localhistory@
towerhamlets.gov.uk
Visit www.ideastore.
co.uk/home

Leisure centres

John Orwell Sports Centre

Tench Street, Wapping, E1.
020 7488 9421

Mile End Park Leisure Centre and Stadium

190 Burdett Road, E3.
020 8709 4420

Poplar Baths

170 East India Dock Road,
E14. 020 3795 0599

St George's Leisure Centre

221 The Highway, Wap-
ping E1. 020 7709 9714

Tiller Leisure Centre

Tiller Road, Isle of Dogs
E14. 020 7987 5211

Whitechapel Sports Centre

55 Durward Street, E1.
020 7247 7538

York Hall Leisure Centre

5-15 Old Ford Road, E2.
020 8980 2243

For the latest information
and updates, including
details of opening hours or
temporary closures, visit
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk
or www.better.org.uk

Parent & child

Family Information Service

30 Greatorex Street, E1.
fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk
020 7364 6495

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

If a child is at risk of harm:
020 7364 5006 (option
3, open Mon to Fri, 9am -
5pm)
020 7364 4079 (out of
hours emergency duty
team)

Tower Hamlets National Childbirth Trust

0300 330 0700
www.nct.org.uk

Report it

Anti-fraud (housing and tenancy related fraud)

0800 528 0294

Black Women's Health and Family Support

020 8980 3503

Childline

0800 1111

Domestic Violence Team

0800 279 5434

Environmental

Protection (Noise) Team

020 7364 5000

Haven Whitechapel (sexual assault referral centre)

020 3299 6900 /
020 3299 1599

Karma Nirvana (honour-based abuse helpline)

0800 5999 247

Men's Advice Helpline

0808 8010 327

National LGBT domestic abuse helpline (Galop)

0800 999 5428 /
0300 999 5428

Non-emergency crimes

101 Textphone

18001 101

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline

0800 800 5000

Respect (for perpetrators)

0808 802 4040

Rights of Women

020 7251 6577

Samaritans

116 123

Shelter

0808 800 4444

Tower Hamlets Mediation Service (free service for council tenants and leaseholders)

020 7364 7474

Victim Support Tower Hamlets

0808 168 9291 /
0808 168 9111

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