

CHURCH STREET

NEWS



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Your new Church Street Community Leisure Centre will be open to all as part of the Luton Street development project

PLANNING OUR COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR ALL

As featured in our January newsletter, 2022 will mark an exciting year for Church Street with many housing projects and community facilities coming to completion.

Across the Church Street Regeneration Programme, community infrastructure has been carefully considered and developed to ensure it meets the future needs of the area. This includes making our facilities both affordable and accessible. This autumn, as part of the Luton Street project, a new leisure centre will be built for public use. The facility will include a sports hall and a dance studio/community room as part of our commitment to increase opportunities and participation in physical activity.

Within future proposals for Site A, there will be a renewed and flexible use library. The library will have areas for community events, meeting rooms, IT, studying, and quiet reading rooms. On Site B, our plans feature a dedicated community space that

we will work with local people to develop for a range of activities. Enterprise is also an essential part of our plans across Church Street. Within Site C as well as the Church Street Triangle project, these uses will create new shopping and community destinations within Church Street.

At the later stages of the Church Street Regeneration Programme, a health and wellbeing hub is proposed, which was supported during consultation to improve access to local health services.

Of course, these community facilities are all part of our ‘whole place’ approach to the regeneration of Church Street that includes but is not limited to new housing, market improvements and promoting greater sustainability. Why not take a look at our enclosed Sites A, B and C key facts summary booklet to see how one of our largest proposed projects in the area will provide multiple benefits for the Church Street Ward.

KEY COMMUNITY FACILITY FACTS



Current communal space: 5,419sqm / Proposed communal space: 7,382sqm



5,664sqm of play space across the project



248sqm of new community enterprise space at the Church Street Triangle project



Leisure centre open seven days a week for activities such as badminton, basketball, football, gymnastics, exercise classes and community use hire



Over 3,000sqm of green space across the development at Sites A,B and C



Approximately 1,311sqm of enterprise space at Lisson Arches

NO REST FOR THE WICKET!

It was certainly an innings to remember as members of our Church Street Youth Voice took to the crease at Lord's this month.

Following in the footsteps of batting talisman Joe Root, young people enjoyed a taste for the home of cricket, with a tour of the ground and plenty of tricky deliveries to contend with.

The outing also included a well-earned break for lunch in the famous Lord's Pavilion, while a creative session developed ideas on how young people can continue a successful partnership with local sporting organisations such as Marylebone Cricket Club for the benefit of the Church Street ward.

A huge thank you goes to the team at Lord's who welcomed us behind the scenes. The Church Street Youth Voice is an initiative run by the Church Street regeneration, to enable local young people to become more involved in their community and the projects in the regeneration.

If you are interested in getting involved and are a young person 11 and over, please contact us at churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk



Howzat for a day out? The Youth Voice are put to the test at Lord's



The Westminster Women's Cycling group

BOOSTING CYCLE CONFIDENCE

During periods of lockdown in early 2021, you may have been eager to learn a new skill, look to re-energise, and enjoy your local green spaces.

Started in the summer of 2021, the Westminster Women's Cycling group enabled a group of over 30 women to do exactly that. Now 25 sessions in, the group established by Shama Sutar-Smith, Zsu Nemeth, Mahbuba Khan and Sadia Moh, has proved not only great for fitness but also for reducing loneliness and for promoting an environmentally friendly way to travel.

The project has seen excellent outcomes in developing cycle confidence and other personal benefits. Rabab said:

“ I started learning cycling as a beginner, and it was amazing. From the physical benefits to the mental ones – cycling has been a great experience for me. I was one of those people who thought they would never be able to cycle because I had no balance or coordination. But thanks to my cycling sessions, I can now ride without falling off! ”

So whether you are a beginner or an advanced cyclist why not find out more about our courses at westminster.gov.uk/cycling. Sessions take place locally at Westbourne Green Open Space with an instructor from our partner Cycle Confident.



YEAR OF THE TIGER CELEBRATED AT CHURCH STREET

A celebration of colour, performance and arts came together at Church Street for Chinese New Year on 3 February.

Included amongst the standout performances was a dramatic Lion dance, a tradition in Chinese culture and other Asian countries to bring good luck and fortune. It was great to see a fantastic turnout and thank you to everyone who was there.



Year 2 children from Christ Church of Bentinck Primary School were joined by Cllr Acton for the celebrations

SUPPORTING OUR RESIDENTS WITH THE RISING COST OF LIVING

It's no secret that 2021 was financially challenging for many people across the country.

Unfortunately, with energy prices set to increase along with inflation, we understand that many of our residents are worried about their financial future, and some are experiencing economic hardship.

In response, the council decided to use funds received from central government to help residents over this winter period. In December, residents who receive housing benefit or Council Tax support were identified and given a Sainsbury's voucher to help meet their food and essential needs. In total, 2,786 vouchers were sent out.

To continue this initiative, the council and Westminster Citizens Advice have come together to create the

'Westminster Local Hardship Fund'. The fund helps vulnerable residents with essential household costs by giving them supermarket vouchers. Visit Westminster Local Hardship Fund - Westminster Citizens Advice Bureau Service (westminstercab.org.uk) to find out if you or your family are eligible.

Support for our residents doesn't end there. The council has created a dedicated webpage that details a range of support and guidance available to those who are struggling with their energy bills or would like to know how to cut their energy use.

Visit westminster.gov.uk/help-and-support-rising-energy-costs

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Market Trader Wi-Fi

If you're a market trader at Church Street you can now apply to the council's Digital Street Markets project. The application can be found on our website businesswestminster.com/digital-place/digital-street-markets

For any questions related to the rollout of this new network, please contact the Digital Place Team at digitalplace@westminster.gov.uk

Change of Traffic Management on Church Street

The existing Traffic Management Order (TMO) on Church Street has been amended under emergency circumstances due to safety concerns for the public and the cleansing operators in the market. The TMO between Penfold Street and Edgware Road now applies between 10am and 7.30pm and additional gates are now in place to prevent motor vehicles from entering this busy market section.

Green Spine Play Equipment

We are currently working on a solution to prevent noise disturbance from an item of play equipment that has been reported on the Green Spine to nearby residential properties. We thank you for your patience while we address this issue and we will keep residents updated on progress.



Recent cleaning at Venables Yard, please do your part to keep the area tidy

Venables Yard Clean-up

We continue to coordinate clean-ups of Venables Yard from abandoned waste, parked vehicles, commercial trolleys and unauthorised storage of equipment - all causing public nuisance. If you are using this space please keep to agreed waste arrangements. Part of our future regeneration plans involves building better facilities for parking and storage for local businesses and traders.

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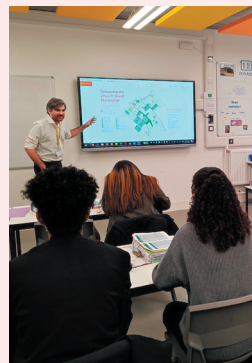
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CLASS OF CHURCH STREET

It was back to school for our regeneration team as we visited a year 12 A level geography class at King Solomon Academy.

Led by Engagement Manager Lukas Holden, the students learned about the regeneration process for a unit called 'Changing Places', which looks at an in-depth study of the local area.

The students, many of whom have lived in the local community their whole lives, were presented with an overview of the Church Street regeneration programme and asked questions on a range of themes from housing to the environment, the market and culture. We thank the school for their time, and it was great to see students so passionate about their local area and their studies that will begin to form their future after King Solomon.



The Y12 geography class at King Solomon Academy are taken through the regeneration plans

