

CHURCH STREET NEWS

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Bringing you the latest news from the neighbourhood of Church Street



NOW OPEN, CHURCH STREET'S NEW LEISURE CENTRE

We were delighted to host a community open day at the new Church Street Community Leisure Centre, managed by our partner, Everyone Active. The centre saw local schools, groups and individuals, of all ages and abilities, take advantage of the wide range of free activities available. [Read and see more from the event on page 2.](#)

We know a Fairer Westminster is one where our community and voluntary sector organisations are empowered to prosper. In this month's issue we focus on some of the services being provided by amazing local people and opportunities to access

services to support you, from health and social care services to encouraging physical activity.

If you are a local organisation and would like to feature in a future newsletter, please get in touch.



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GETTING ACTIVE AT LEISURE CENTRE OPEN DAY

Getting active was all part of the day, as local school children from King Solomon Academy, St. Edwards's Catholic School, the Gateway School and Christ Church Primary visited the new Church Street Leisure Centre.

Professional athletes, part of the council's Champions of the Future scheme, were in attendance, showcasing their skills and sharing top tips. The community also tried out free fitness sessions, basketball, pilates and women-only Zumba.

Facilities include a three court sports hall, a group fitness studio and a consultation room where healthcare professionals can refer residents to receive a tailored exercise programme to help deal with long term health conditions such as diabetes. Visit the Church Street Leisure centre at **1 Fisherton Street, NW8 8BF** or find out more at everyoneactive.com.

Local school children tried out a range of sports.



Are you an athlete looking for access to financial support and mentoring to help with training and development? If so our Champions of the Future scheme could be for you, visit www.active.westminster.gov.uk.



An accessible physical exercise session at Penfold Hub.

WINTER HEROES AT PENFOLD HUB

This month we want to celebrate our Winter Heroes, the amazing work being done by local community organisations working with Westminster City Council. Penfold Hub is one just one example in Westminster hosting community events in a warm, welcoming and safe venue.

During winter they have continued to support older residents through a series of health and wellbeing events. This includes a 'Lunch Together' session every Wednesday from 12pm to 3pm, which everyone is welcome.

Denis Kane, Penfold Community Hub Project Manager said "Penfold Hub is a wonderful welcoming place to drop into. You can get health and community information, as well as join in lots of exercise and social activities." For more information, visit: westminstercommunityinfo.org and search for 'Penfold Hub'.

ACCESS TO FREE CHILDCARE

Did you know that you can access free childcare provisions for non school age children? This includes 15 hours per week for all children aged 3 and 4, this increases to 30 hours for some eligible families. You can also get 15 hours when your child is 2 if you are on a low income or your child has an additional need.

This enables families to experience the support of a trained and registered childminder, nursery, children's centre or pre-school and children can receive high-quality early education that will help them to be school ready.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

To apply you will need to show a copy of your child's birth certificate and you will be asked to sign a declaration form.

TO FIND OUT MORE, YOU CAN VISIT:

fisd.westminster.gov.uk or call **0791625922**.



Early education AND childcare
for two, three and four-year-olds

15 hours
early education and childcare for eligible two-year-olds

15 hours
early education and childcare for all three and four-year-olds

30 hours
early education and childcare for eligible three and four-year-olds (extended entitlement)

For more information, contact Westminster Family Information Service (FIS)
Telephone: **07971 625922**
Visit: fisd.westminster.gov.uk
Email: bi-boroughchildcareearlyed@rbkc.gov.uk

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MEET MOSAIC: SUPPORTING CHURCH STREET COMMUNITY FOR OVER 15 YEARS

MOSAIC COMMUNITY TRUST

We are a community-led charity devoted to building community cohesion, creating stronger communities, and empowering women to be strong and active residents advocating for improved services for health and wellbeing, addressing health inequalities and access to culturally appropriate primary care services.

We run weekly drop ins for local women, including a breakfast club, empowerment and social awareness workshops and courses, mothers support groups, recycling activities and gentle exercises followed by therapeutic massage.



For more information contact Habiba **07422384264** or Louise **07462561885**. Find out more at www.mosaiccommunitytrust.org.uk

BRINGING HOUSING SERVICES TO YOUR DOOR

The housing services team is heading out again this year to visit estates across the City, as part of our Community Thursdays. We speak to residents about any issues you may have and help with any housing queries.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY THURSDAY DATES NEAR YOU:

- **2 March, 3 to 4.40pm:** Wharncliffe Gardens, Church Street (Alpha, Earl, Boldero Place, Broadley Street, Cotes House, Dicksee, Elmer, Glarus, Mulready, Sailsbury Street & Sheringham)
- **23 March, 3 to 4.40pm:** Church Street Estate and Fisherton Estate

To find out more, you can visit westminster.gov.uk/community-thursdays



Our team comes to you as part of our refreshed housing service for residents.

GET INVOLVED IN OUR CHURCH STREET MARKET STALL



Are you a community organisation working in or around Church Street? Would you like to promote your service or activities to the community?

If so, then join the Church Street Regeneration team at our monthly community market stall. This is a chance for you to showcase your project or organisation to the community.

The community market takes place on the 3rd Thursday each month. Check out our Facebook page at [facebook.com/mychurchstreet](https://www.facebook.com/mychurchstreet) for updates. The next event will be on **Thursday 16 March, 10am to 3pm.**



Our community market stall has been a regular feature at Church Street.

If you would like to take part in the community market, please email churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk

GREEN SHOPPING

Look out for our new sustainable reusable bags at Church Street! Over the coming months, we will be handing these out to businesses and traders in order to reduce single use plastics across Westminster's markets.

The bags are also eligible to collect points and rewards through our partners Raze for sustainable products.



If you are a local Westminster business and you would like to know more about how you can use the bag's advertising space to promote your business, then please contact the team at markets@westminster.gov.uk

FREE WARM HOME ADVICE

If you are over the age of 65, on a low income or with a long term health condition Westminster Council has two free services to offer residents to keep your home warm and live comfortably.

The Green Doctors can provide you with impartial energy advice on how to make your home more energy efficient and provide services such as draught-proofing, LED lightbulbs. Westminster residents who have received this service, have saved an average of £254.76 on their energy bills each year.

To find out more, call **0300 365 5003** for a free phone consultation or home visit. The Green Doctors is a service run by the national charity Groundwork and work with local authorities to make an impact with people who are most in need.



FIND OUT MORE

GO ONLINE

You can also keep track of the latest news on the Church Street website at churchstreet.org

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION

Please email us at churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk

SPEAK IN PERSON

Contact us to talk a member of our Regeneration Team at **020 7641 2968.**

You can also visit us at **Regeneration Base, 99 Church Street, NW8 8EY.** Open from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.