

CHURCH STREET NEWS

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BRINGING NATURE TO YOUR DOORSTEP

Trees, plants, play areas and quiet spots are all part of the improvements at Broadley Street Gardens which we are excited to announce is now open to the community to enjoy. The work marks the completion of the first phase of the Green Spine between Samford Street and Bell Street, bringing better pedestrianised public spaces.

Why not take a visit and see all the Green Spine has to offer, and hopefully enjoy summer weather to match? Look out for events and activities we will be hosting in the Green Spine as we celebrate this latest addition to Church Street!

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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 – Friday, 10am – 4pm.



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A ROUTE TO THE GREEN SPINE

The finishing touches have been made and the transformation complete. Step by step we've been working hard to bring a range of enhancements along the Green Spine. Take a look at what's new and changed...

✂️ GROUND AND TREE PLANTING

🚶 WIDER AND BETTER FOOTPATHS

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🎪 STAGE AND SEATING AREA

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🏋️ OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT

HAVE A LOOK AT OUR NEW GREEN SPACES



Each section of the Green Spine has been landscaped to provide a range of activities

CHURCH STREET LEISURE FACILITY COMING SOON!

A new leisure facility, as part of the Luton Street development, will shortly be opening to the community this summer.

The Church Street Community Leisure Centre will support a varied programme of sports and activities, whilst enhancing the health and quality of life for local people of all ages. The sports include 5-a-side Football, Volleyball, Futsal, Basketball and Badminton. There will also be a community room able to host a variety of events and classes ranging from yoga to pilates, community meetings, children's parties and soft play.

We have also designed the centre to be fully inclusive and to include a 'Changing Places' facility allowing

users with complex disabilities and their carers to fully access the facilities. Users will also have access to a consultation room for a Physical Activity Referral Scheme, whereby healthcare professionals can refer residents to receive a tailored exercise programme to help deal with long-term health conditions.

The facility will be run for the council by Everyone Active, which manages our leisure facilities across Westminster.

To ensure local residents can get active for less, accessible concessionary rates to Westminster residents will be available through an ActiveWestminster Card. We will provide further updates on the opening of the centre in our future newsletters.



COMING THIS SUMMER

The hall will be ready for a variety of sports

YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY AT LISSON GREEN

It was a hive of activity around Lisson Green Estate with local families recently enjoying a Youth Activity Day.

There were lots of activities for the whole family to take part in, including planting with Hammersmith Community Garden Association adding some colour to the gardens, face painting and henna, and a football tournament hosted by London Tigers, a charity that empowers communities through sports. The event was organised by Westminster City Council in collaboration with Lisson Green Tenants and Residents Association.

It was great to see so many residents on the day and a chance for families to come together and have some fun. A big thank you to Desi Lunchbox for providing refreshments, and to Salim and Ahmed from the Church Street market fruit and vegetable stall for providing fruit.

To find out more about future events, you can visit the Whats' On page at churchstreet.org or visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/mychurchstreet



The Lord Mayor with the owners and chef of Shtaura

LORD MAYOR VISIT TO CHURCH STREET

Our Hamza Taouzzale recently visited the places and people he knows so well as a local resident, albeit in a very different role as the youngest and first Muslim Lord Mayor of Westminster.

Visiting several locations around Church Street, including the library, Four Feathers Youth Club and King Solomon Academy, it was the market that he would often visit with his mum buying local produce that provides one of his earliest memories "around age four standing here next to my mother while she picked out vegetables". A visit was also made to a favourite place to get a snack, Shtaura Falafel Restaurant.

You can read a full feature about the Lord Mayor's visit and what makes Church Street so special to him in the online magazine at hyphenonline.com



Local families enjoying Youth Activity Day at Lisson Green Estate

THE COMMUNITY BIKE SHOP THAT'S TRANSFORMING LIVES

A community bike shop on Church Street, set up by Westminster City Council in partnership with Groundwork London and Cycle Confident, is providing opportunities for those most in need in Westminster.

The shop, called 'Westminster Wheels', is providing opportunities for out-of-work residents to train as bike mechanics and be paid the London Living Wage while they are learning.

Throughout the six-month programme, the trainees work alongside experienced bike mechanics refurbishing old bikes – of which 80% are sold at affordable prices to generate income for the shop, and 20% are donated to the local community.

One trainee currently at the shop is 22-year-old Shakeim who attended a taster day and then went on to complete his City & Guilds Level 1 in bike mechanics. "Working at Westminster Wheels has helped me learn how to fix bikes," he says. "It has also taught me customer service skills, teamwork and has increased my self-confidence".

MORE THAN 80 BIKES HAVE BEEN DONATED TO LOCAL PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY



Starting out on two wheels. Over 60% of trainees are now in full-time employment

For Chris Whiteley, who recently completed his work placement, Westminster Wheels "has absolutely changed my life. I went from having no idea or what to do with my life to finding a career that I could happily spend the rest of my life doing."

Find out more about Westminster Wheels by visiting the shop at 41 – 45 Church Street, calling **0203 302 7767** or visiting **westminster.gov.uk**



Get growing at Lisson Green

PLANTERS COME TO PADBURY GARDENS

Two new community planters have now been installed that are free to use for residents to plant and grow their own vegetables. Working with Lisson Green Tenants and Residents Association, it was identified that there was a need for planters that can be open for all to use, not just those who have existing allotments.

We would welcome residents to use, share and look after this space with each other. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at **churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk**

THE WINDRUSH GENERATION: UNSUNG HEROES EXHIBITION

On Tuesday 22 June 1948, the HMT Empire Windrush docked at Tilbury Dock carrying more than 500 members of the Caribbean community, who were set to begin their new lives in the UK.

The Windrush Generation came to London between 1948 and 1970 by invitation from the British Government to rebuild a nation ravaged by war. The music, food and culture they brought forms a vital part of British culture today.

To celebrate the contributions made by the Windrush Generation, Westminster City Council is hosting an exhibition at **Queen's Park Library, 666 Harrow Road, W10 4NE** until **15 August 2022**.

For further information, visit **westminster.gov.uk/windrush**

