

CHURCH STREET NEWS

Bringing you the latest news from the neighbourhood of Church Street

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH NEW FAMILY-SIZED HOMES

Residents in Church Street are already starting to benefit from our Fairer Westminster strategy which commits to prioritising council homes for social rent. New homes in Church Street contribute to over 100 new social rent homes completed across Westminster in the early part of 2023. Not only is this tackling the acute shortage of truly affordable housing in the City, it is providing secure, high quality and much needed family sized accommodation.

[Read more of what our residents have to say on page 2](#)

CHANGING LIVES WITH FAIRER HOUSING

In a Fairer Westminster, we want to make sure we actively deliver on our commitments to provide genuinely affordable homes. This means that we rehouse more residents from our waiting list by building the homes which are desperately needed. We're also listening to our residents' stories about the positive impact these new homes can bring.

At our recently completed Fisherton Street scheme we talked to the Mghati family who recently moved into their new home.

"Moving into my new home has been a life-changing experience for my family. The children finally have the space to learn, grow, and play. I don't think I could have dreamt it like this, we are just normal people, average council tenants. The children now have their own rooms, and this space has, and will, keep our family unit together"

We wish the Mghati family and other residents who have recently moved into their new home in Church Street many happy years ahead.



A space to learn at their new home

Fairer Housing

TRULY AFFORDABLE HOMES ACROSS CHURCH STREET



Sites A,B & C, the council's largest regeneration scheme, will see over 1200 new homes built across 3 sites, with over 50% of these affordable. With over £600m of investment in the area, the socio-economic transformation at the centre of Church Street will provide opportunities for residents for generations to come.



New homes at Lisson Arches will provide modern supported living accommodation for elderly residents living in nearby Penn House. Once fully occupied, 59 older Westminster residents will benefit from the state-of-the-art scheme.



26 homes are being built at Ashbridge Street, whilst two townhouses at Shroton Street are now occupied by families. All of these homes are at social rent levels.



Interiors of Ashbridge and Shroton Street homes which provide highly sustainable, low-energy homes for families most in need.



Cllr Matt Noble, Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Regeneration and Renters at Westminster City Council



In October last year, we told the people of Westminster that we really care about building genuinely affordable, family-sized homes which meet the needs of our residents – part of our commitment to building a fairer city for everyone.

The waiting time for a family-sized social rent home in Westminster – and across London as a whole – is massive. With the completion of these new homes we're seeing the difference they make to the lives of families. This is just the beginning of our truly affordable housing delivery programme and I'm looking forward to more families moving into their new homes.



JOIN IN WITH THE ANNUAL CHURCH STREET FESTIVAL

The HAFS Academy Church Street festival returns on Sunday 14 May for a day of fun for the whole family. It's a great way to bring the community together with plenty of activities, food and community information. We look forward to seeing you there!

BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

CHURCH STREET FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 14TH MAY 2023 12-6PM
CHURCH STREET, NW8 8EU

FREE ENTRY

FACE PAINTING | HAND HENNA

FAIRGROUND RIDES | CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

FOOD STALLS | BOUNCY CASTLE

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ADVISORY SERVICES | HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

For more information contact
shussain@hafsacademy.org.uk

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WORKING TOGETHER FOR A FAIRER WESTMINSTER

Join us at Westminster Cathedral Hall on Thursday 25 May at 6.00pm for our next Westminster Together event. Westminster Together is an opportunity for an open and honest community conversation with the Leader of the council, Cllr Adam Hug. It's your chance to talk about the issues that affect your life in Westminster, the changes you want to see and find out more about what council services can do for you. Sign up to attend in person or virtually at www.westminster.gov.uk/about-council/westminster-together



WESTMINSTER RESIDENTS WHO RENT WITH US

We launched the Rent Support Fund to help social housing tenants struggling with rent payments, we have set aside the sum of £1m to support our tenants who are not entitled to full benefits.

The Council's Rent Support Fund has been created specifically to help those in financial difficulty. If you need assistance call **0800 358 3783** to speak to an income officer or visit our website at: www.westminster.gov.uk/rent-support-fund

THE CHURCH STREET ANTIQUES FAIR
LONDON NW8

100+ DEALERS
ART. ANTIQUES. DESIGN. VINTAGE
FOOD STALLS. LIVE MUSIC & FREE ENTRY

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 2023
11AM-5PM

@THECHURCHSTREETANTIQUESFAIR

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FAIRER

The Antique and Art Dealers of Church Street and Alfies Antique Market supported by Westminster City Council/Church Street Regeneration (@churchstreet)

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CHURCH STREET ANTIQUES FAIR!

After a four-year hiatus, the much-anticipated fair is making a comeback! Organised by The Church Street Antiques and Art Dealers' Association and Alfies Antiques Market in partnership with Westminster City Council, the one-day event will be a celebration of art, antiques, vintage and design.

The antiques fair will bring together the very best of Church Street, promoting local diversity and raising the profile of Church Street as a London destination for all.

Church Street Market, Sunday 11th June 2023, 11am to 5pm FREE ENTRY.

For more information: www.churchstreetantiquesfair.com or email thechurchstreetantiquesfair@gmail.com



From Left to Right: Stuart Love, Chief Executive of Westminster City Council, Jibrail Taleouine and Tashin Chowdhury from the Church Street Youth Voice and Mohamed Taleouine

YOUTH VOICE ATTEND IFTAR EVENT

Members of the Church Street Youth Voice attended an Iftar event at Lord's Cricket Ground. An Iftar is the fast-breaking evening meal of Muslims in Ramadan. Jibrail said of the event:

“ I enjoyed the international cricketer Mohammed Abbas giving his stories about his time as a Muslim in cricket. He spoke about his experience all over the world. I also liked the talk from Imam Kaber on the virtues of fasting and why Muslims fast during the month of Ramadan and a lovely Quran citation from Iman Omar, all within a warm environment. ”

FREE CAREER ADVICE



Westminster Employment Team will be hosting a series of five standalone webinars for residents looking for employment from 22 May. The webinars will introduce residents and community organisations to employment support and assistance covering a range of career advice including effective job searching, creating a winning CV and successful interviewing.

If you would like to find out more about these webinars and how to take part, you can contact our employment coach at sandrews@westminster.gov.uk or call **07951 430 196**.

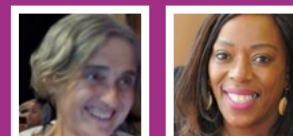
GET INVOLVED WITH A NEW CHURCH STREET COMMUNITY REGENERATION GROUP



Would you like to be involved in a new Church Street Regeneration group that will work alongside the council on a regular basis? We are committed to continually involving residents and the local community in the regeneration across the Church Street Programme. The group will build an active relationship with the project officers, and will accompany the Church Street Regeneration and its projects.

If you would like to express your interest, you can call us on **0202 7641 2968** or email us at churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk

INDEPENDENT ADVICE ON REGENERATION FOR CHURCH STREET RESIDENTS



Public Participation, Consultation & Research (PPCR) is your Independent Resident Advisor for Church Street, providing free independent and confidential advice to tenants and leaseholders on the implications of regeneration plans. Please feel free to contact Pamela or Janet on Freephone **0800 317 066** or email info@ppcr.org.uk.

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.