

# CHURCH STREET NEWS

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Bringing you the latest news from the neighbourhood of Church Street



## PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND MOUNT ANVIL APPROVED

**I**n our previous newsletter, we mentioned the upcoming decision about the Joint Venture partner for Site A on Church Street. We are pleased to announce that Mount Anvil, who have a 32-year track record in building high-quality homes, public spaces and community facilities in Central London been appointed. Mount Anvil were appointed following a rigorous 18-month selection process.

Delivering Site A, this phase will begin the neighbourhood’s long-term regeneration. 429 new homes will be built, 171 of which will be for social rent, an increase of 73 compared to the current buildings. These new homes will also be well-designed, high-quality, sustainable and energy-efficient.

Church Street residents played an active part in reviewing the developer’s proposals including the Co-Chair of the Church Street Regeneration

Community Group, Safira Afzal. Safira said:

“I was the community representative actively involved in the procurement process of Joint Venture partnership with Westminster Council for Site A. My role involved making sure the process was fair and transparent, fit for purpose and ensured the right company was shortlisted before finally selecting a winning tender; who was able to deliver the contract ensuring they leave a legacy for future generations to be proud of. This was an eye-opening experience. Something I would not hesitate to be involved with again. I gained valuable insights into the working of our local council both at grassroots and strategic level.”

The regeneration of Site A is part of our commitment to creating a Fairer Westminster by building more social rent homes. You can find out more at [churchstreet.org.uk](http://churchstreet.org.uk)

### COME ALONG AND SEE OUR PROGRESSED PLANS FOR SITE A

Since the launch of the Joint Venture Team between Mount Anvil and Westminster City Council, the Team has been further progressing the plans for Site A. The Team would like to talk to residents, stakeholders, and businesses on this work. The exhibition will take place on Monday 20 May from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at 35/37 Church Street.



# WHO ARE OUR NEW JOINT VENTURE PARTNER?

**M**ount Anvil is a residential and mixed-use developer with over 32 years of experience working with central London local authorities and housing associations.

Over the past five years, Mount Anvil has constructed close to 2,000 high-quality, tenure-blind homes across London, with a further pipeline of 3,800 homes. They are an owner-managed business that delivers a long-term legacy to communities and residents.

Their achievements have been recognized with the 2023

Developer of the Year award at the prestigious RESI Awards, among numerous Health & Safety accolades.

From day one of the Partnership, Mount Anvil has pledged £1m to ensure a lasting legacy through employment and skills initiatives and wider social value opportunities. They have also expressed their ambition to deliver more council homes for social rent on-site A, without increasing the height of the planned buildings. More about who Mount Anvil are is available on their website – [www.mountanvil.com](http://www.mountanvil.com)



## COME AND JOIN CHURCH STREET FESTIVAL

**H**AFS Academy will be hosting their annual Church Street Festival on Sunday 12 May. It will be another fun-filled day for the whole family to enjoy. There will be face painting, hand henna, fairground rides and children's activities as well as food and drink.

This is a great community event and a chance for everyone to come together.

This is a free event organized by HAFS Academy and funded by the council.

To find out more about community funding, take a look at our website for more information.

[www.westminster.gov.uk/leisure-libraries-and-community/grant-funding-opportunities](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/leisure-libraries-and-community/grant-funding-opportunities)



## ARBEIT STUDIOS

**G**Arbeit Studios is delighted to invite you to their second Church Street Open Day on 14 May, from 11am to 3pm.

This event offers an opportunity to see the available space, tell them what you do and look for, and learn more about the plans for this site.

To RSVP, kindly email us at [info@arbeit.org.uk](mailto:info@arbeit.org.uk) with the subject line 'Church Street Open Day.'

When responding, please include your name, occupation, or proposed use of the space.





## MEET CHARLES CURTIS, A RESIDENT OF DAVENTRY HOUSE

**I**t's been just over six months now since the residents of Penn House moved to their new homes at Daventry House. Daventry House has provided 60 new community supportive homes and was completed in August 2023. This a landmark scheme for older adults and a business enterprise building for the council.

We spoke to one of the residents to see how he is settling in. Charles Curtis, moved into a top-floor flat at Daventry House. He said "Penn House was a difficult place to live and life has generally improved in the new building. I wanted the flat on the top floor because you get such great light, I see the sunrise and the sunset from here, I am very fortunate that I have what I have here."

The view from his window is a panorama of London, from Wembley Stadium to the London Eye. Daventry House has been shortlisted for a Design Award 2024.



Let's play outside!

# ACTIVE STREETS PROGRAMME

The impact of opening up streets for children to play and for the community to get together has shown to build a higher sense of trust and belonging, allowing people of all ages and walks of life to connect with each other and lead active, healthy and happy lives.

**FOR SUMMER STREET PLAY  
SUBMIT APPLICATIONS  
IN  
MAY**



## STREET PLAY

Street Play offers a one-off road closure for children and families to play in streets at specified day(s), times and locations. This can be up to three one-off sessions within a 12 months period.

## ACTIVE STREET PROGRAMME

**A**pply for your Street Play session today and activate your street!

This programme is designed to open up residential streets across Westminster for play, creating space for physical activity right on your doorstep, enabling active travel, improving air quality and increasing the number of people who know their neighbours.

Visit [active.westminster.gov.uk/activestreets](https://active.westminster.gov.uk/activestreets) website which guides you through the process for Street Play applications:

Get your application in ASAP to activate your street this summer!

# CHURCH STREET NEWS ROUND UP

## NEXT BUSINESS FORUM

Our next Church Street Business and Traders Forum will take place on Thursday 13 June, 6pm to 7.30pm at 35-37 Church Street.

This will be our second Business Forum and an opportunity for you to find out more about Site A regeneration. We look forward to seeing there.

Contact us at [churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk) if you'd like to attend.

## CPO UPDATE

Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) is progressing and notices will be going up around Church Street in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, you can contact us at [churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk)



## DID YOU KNOW?

**C**hurch Street Library was designed as part of the post war development of Church Street. It's first home was at 94 Lisson Grove from 1890-1898. Church Street Library was originally part of a shopping precinct on the south side of Church Street changes left it isolated behind shops and had to be accessed through a dark alley.

The first Librarian was Olive Cooper. She supervised the opening to the public on 14 August 1967. There were 10,000 adult and 5,000 children's books. The official opening was on 26 October 1967 by the Lord Mayor.



Church Street Library today

## FIND OUT MORE

### GO ONLINE

You can keep track of the latest news on the Church Street website at [churchstreet.org](http://churchstreet.org)

### IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION

Please email us at [churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk)

### SPEAK IN PERSON

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

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