

# Forest Gate Community Citizens' Assembly

1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Stratford Town Hall

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# Welcome

- Welcome to the Forest Gate Citizens Assembly annual review meeting
- Today is the 5th and last assembly of this current cycle of community assemblies

# Schedule



Schedule	Duration
Welcome	5
Introductions & Housekeeping	5
Video of Mayor's Speech	2
Introduction to Director, Story so far & Working Group Introductions	5
Presentation 1 - Projects & Service Improvements	15
Round 1 – Tables / Breakout groups	15
Presentation 2 - Whole cycle of Assemblies	5
Round 2 – Tables / Breakout groups	10
Plenary Report backs	10
Video on the Democracy Commission Recommendations	10
Next steps and feedback forms	5
Closing remarks & thank you by Cllr Charlene McLean	3
Total	90 minutes

# Housekeeping

- Fire exits and amenities
- Accessibility
- Refreshments
- Photography
- Table Hosts and Room Team

# Housekeeping

## Zoom

- **Functions:**
  - Mute/ Unmute – please remain muted when you're not speaking
  - The session will be recorded (except for breakout rooms) if you prefer not to be seen you can turn your camera off. Otherwise we'd love to see you!
  - Joining Breakout rooms for the discussion rounds
  - View options – gallery view is easiest to see everyone
- **Breaks – please take them when you need one.**

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# Opening Poll

- Which ward are you from?
- Have you heard of Newham's Democracy Commission?
- If so did you participate in it in anyway (at the events or the online discussion)?

# The purpose of today's assembly

- **To update you on:**
  - The Forest Gate Community Plan and the community projects delivered over the 12 months from April 2019 until March 2020
  - Ongoing service improvements
- **An opportunity for you to give feedback on:**
  - the projects and services improvements
  - the whole cycle of community assemblies
- **To give you a brief overview of the Democracy Commission recommendations**

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# Mayor of Newham

**Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz OBE**

Lead Member - Regeneration, Planning and Strategic  
Housing Delivery

[Video](#)

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# Introduction

**Mario Lecordier**

Interim Director for Highways, Parking  
& Sustainable Transport

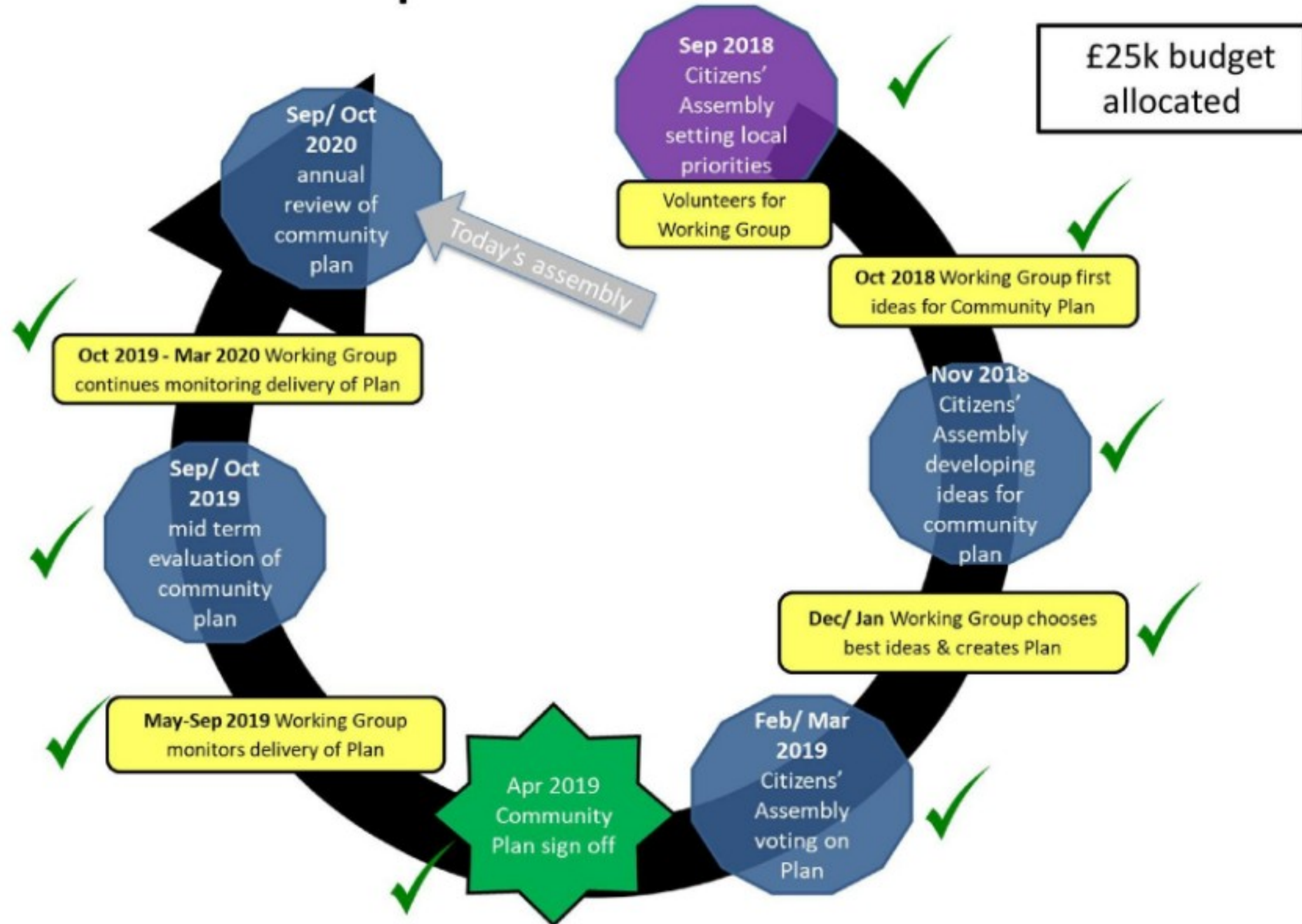
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# Introduction

## **Murray Woodburn**

Principal Transport Planner (Major Projects), Highways & Sustainable Transport

# The story since September 2018



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## **Previous Assemblies:**

- 313 residents attended the 4 previous assemblies
- 10 Working Group Members
- 48 subsequent project group members
- Support from LBN services and stakeholders
- Service improvements

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# The top three priorities for Forest Gate

**Priority 1: Environment – Clean and Green**

**Priority 2: Community spaces and Celebrations**

**Priority 3: Crime and Anti Social Behavior**

## Forest Gate Community Plan: budget allocation

Potential projects	Cost	Chosen projects	Potential projects	Cost	Chosen projects
1. Crime and ASB Poster Competition and Marketing	£5,000		10. Environmental Business Engagement Project	£3,000	
2. Community Engagement and Accountability Package	£1,500		11. Friends of Forest Lane Park (also included elsewhere)	£500	
3. Positive Role Model Campaign	£4,000	£4,000	12. Gardening classes for Residents (also included elsewhere)	£1,000	
4. Parenting and Co-Parenting Workshops	£5,000	£5,000	13. Community Celebrations package	£8,000	£8,000
5. Forest Gate Enviromonth	£5,650		14. Party in the Park (also included elsewhere)	£6,000	
6. Enhanced Forest Gate Enviromonth package	£8,150		15. Forest Gate Public Arts Project	£8,000	
7. Forest Gate Bags for Life	£5,000		16. Forest Gate in Bloom (also included elsewhere)	£4,000	
8. Greening and Gardening package	£5,000		17. Supporting Communities	£2,000	
9. Enhanced Greening and Gardening package	£8,000	£8,000			
			<b>Total cost</b>		
			<b>£25,000</b>		
			<b>Money left from £25k</b>		
			<b>£0</b>		

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9. Enhanced Greening and Gardening package	£8,000	£9,439			
			<b>Total cost</b>		<b>£24,003</b>
			<b>Money left from £25k</b>		<b>£997</b>

# Volunteers

- **10 working group volunteers were originally chosen via the Citizens assembly:**

Dawn   Mary   Nick   Kate   George

Susanne   Jadene   Rachel   Janet   Michelle

- **48 subsequent working group volunteers:**
  - Greening and Gardening project group
  - Community Celebrations project group
  - Bloomin' Forest Gate project group
  - Parenting and Co-Parenting project group
  - Positive role model project group

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# Working Group



# Priority 1 Feedback

## Environment – Clean and Green

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## What has been delivered

- The adoption of green spaces
- Month long Bloomin' Forest Gate programme
- A Friends of Forest Lane Park developed
- Gardening lessons for residents delivered
- Helping Hands project created

# Project: Adoption of Green Spaces

## Key Facts

- Disused green spaces adopted and now thriving
- 21 project group members have been involved
- FG Community Garden a key delivery partner
- X2 raised beds commissioned for Upton Lane
- Forest Gate Youth Zone environment improved and beautified greatly

Project spend: **£4384.95**

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## Examples of Adopted Spaces

- Raised bed on the corner of Dames Road
- Long beds around the front and side of Forest Gate Learning Zone
- Raised beds outside Wanstead Park Station
- Bike Planters outside Forest Gate station and on Woodgrange Market

# Adoption of Green Spaces



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# Adoption of Green Spaces

## Outcomes achieved

- Residents are now better connected
- The areas adopted have been made to look more natural, beautiful and appealing
- The planting has been enjoyed by thousands of local residents and has encouraged more local people to make Forest Gate clean and green
- New skills and knowledge developed by those involved



# Project: Bloomin' Forest Gate

Bloomin'  
Forest  
GATE



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## Bloomin' Forest Gate Key Facts

- Thousands of spring bulbs gifted to local residents and planted locally during autumn 2019
- 143 residents signed up to plant and promote
- 41 separate events and activities planned across March including gardening lessons, musical performance, art exhibitions, green themed kids science clubs, daffodil knitting, community clean ups and much more

## Bloomin' Forest Gate Key Facts continued

- Logo designs were developed by a local artist and chosen by the BFG project group
- Almost all of the activities and events were delivered by local residents
- *The bad news: the program was stopped half way through March due to the Covid-19 lock down*

Project spend: **£2422.42**

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## Outcomes achieved

- Approximately 200 local residents involved in planting activities to improve the beauty of the local neighbourhood
- Perennial bulbs will bloom every year, so long term aesthetics of Forest Gate improved
- An increased number of local residents are more inspired to improve the look and feel of their neighbourhood

# Project: Helping Hands



## Key Facts

- Project aimed at helping those who cannot manage their street facing vegetation
- Project scope, process and methodology developed by Forest Gate Community Garden
- A number of local residents in need were referred by Adult Social Care and benefited from Helping Hands assistance
- **Project spend: £1000**

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# A Helping Hands Delivery Day



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## Helping Hands Outcomes Achieved

- Fully scoped and developed process in place
- Residents assisted and front garden improved
- Valuable lessons learnt from the project which would benefit future aspirations of a similar nature



# Gardening Lessons for residents



## **Free Greening and Gardening Class**

Join our experienced gardening tutor for this free class and be inspired to get greening in Forest Gate.

All levels welcome, from beginner to experienced gardener.

The session will cover many topics including:

*Soil - what it is and how we care for it*

*Compost - What it is and how we use it and make it*

*Containers and pots - what are they how do they work when growing plants, sizes, types, practicalities*

*Watering - how much and when, do's and don'ts*

*Types of plants - annual, perennials, shrubs, trees, vegetables, fruit and herbs, bulbs*

*Growing plants in various locations - garden, balcony, patio etc.*

*Hanging baskets*

*Pest and diseases*

*Nutrients and feeding of plants for healthy growth*

*Questions and answers*

**When:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Time:** 11am-2pm

**Where:** The Gate Library (6-8 Woodgrange Road, E70QH)

**Booking:** Email [CN.Forestgate@newham.gov.uk](mailto:CN.Forestgate@newham.gov.uk) or call The Gate Library on 020 33730856

# Gardening Lessons Key Facts

- Gardening lessons were repeatedly requested directly via the Citizens Assembly
- First lessons took place in July 2019
- Lessons also commissioned to be delivered during Bloomin' Forest Gate, to complement the programme of activities
- Additional lessons took place in West Ham Park, Forest Gate Community Garden and The Gate Library
- **Project spend: £1132**

# Gardening Lessons Outcomes Achieved

- Local residents more confident and knowledgeable about planting
- Residents bonded and cohesion developed through planting, sharing tips and joint experience
- Informal learning additionally took place during community planting days

# Project: Friends of Forest Lane Park

## Key Facts

- Developed in response to the Citizens Assembly
- 4 meetings have taken place so far
- Aspirations and decisions around key areas of focus were thoroughly discussed and agreed upon
- Newham Conservation Volunteers commissioned to treat and repair the animal sculptures within the park
  
- **Project spend: £499.54**

# Friends of Forest Lane Park



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## Outcomes Achieved

- Improved understanding of local aspirations for the park
- New relationships formed between local residents and community groups
- Improved promotion and awareness of Forest Lane Park amongst the wider community, which is often underused

# Priority 2 Feedback

## Community Celebrations and Spaces

# What has been delivered

- Party in the Park
- Play Streets Promotional Event
- World Car Free Day Play Street Event



# Project: Party in the Park



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# Party in the Park

## Key Facts

- Working group decided that this would be a food and music festival
- 2 performance stages, art in the park activity, fruit picking with Newham Conservation Volunteers, art exhibition from local artist, children's games area, dedicated food zone
- Approximately 1000 people attended
- **Project spend: £6071.93**

Party in the Park: street stencils



Party in the Park: The Orchard Stage



Party in the Park: The Main Stage



Party in the Park: The Main Stage



## Party in the Park: Art Exhibition



## Party in the Park: Landscape Drawing



## Party in the Park: Fruit Picking with the NCV



## Party in the Park: Councillors and Catering



# Party in the Park Outcomes Achieved

- Increased awareness of Forest Lane Park
- New and unique opportunity for local performers and artists to perform in the park
- Increased cohesion of local residents meeting up and having a good time together
- Increased investment in the local economy, with the majority of providers, performers and suppliers coming from Forest Gate / LBN

# Project: Play Streets Promotional Event

## Play Streets: Promotional Event

A promotional flyer for a 'Party with Play-Streets' event. The flyer has a yellow background on the left side with text, and a photograph on the right side showing a child with animal face paint and a person painting a hopscotch on a street. The text on the yellow background includes the event title, date, location, and details about the activities and refreshments. The 'LONDON PLAY' logo is at the bottom left, and the 'Newham London' logo is at the bottom right of the flyer.

**Party with Play-Streets**  
Thursday 8th August, 4-7pm  
Forest Gate Library

Step into our super fun street scene at Forest Gate Library and discover the joy of Play-Streets. Enjoy live music, street poetry, street games and much more.

Meet representatives from London Play and Newham council to talk about Play Streets and how you too could create regular play streets on your road or around your school.

Refreshments will be available.  
Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

**LONDON PLAY**

FOREST GATE  
COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Newham London

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# Play Streets

## Promotional Event Key Facts

- Delivery partners included local residents, the LBN Highways department, Play Streets London and the Forest Gate Community Neighbourhoods team
- Activities included street games, children's craft, Play Streets information stall and face painting
- Approximately 250 residents attended the event
- **Project spend: £299.27**

# Play Streets: Promotional Event





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# Play Streets Promotional Event

## Outcomes Achieved

- Increased awareness of Play Streets amongst the local community
- More residents subsequently signed up to run play streets as a consequence
- Raised aspirations for members of the local community wishing to taken part

# Project: World Car Free Day

## Key Facts

- Event took place on Tylney Road in Forest Gate
- Partnership approach between local residents, Active Newham, LBN Highways team and the Forest Gate Community Neighbourhoods team
- Approximately 150 people attended the event
- **Project spend: £256.79**

## Play Streets: World Car Free Day

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Newham London

car free day

On World Car Free Day, leave your car at home and join your family, friends and neighbours across London and across walking, cycling, playing and car-free streets.

Enjoy car free streets on the 3 roads that will be closed across Newham. This is a day and hour when cars are not allowed to enter the streets. It is a fantastic time when you can walk, cycle, play and enjoy the streets in a car-free zone. It's a day when you can enjoy the streets in a car-free zone. It's a day when you can enjoy the streets in a car-free zone.

Newham Council has declared a Climate Emergency and as part of this is committed to taking positive and inspiring action.

enjoy car free streets

As part of World Car Free Day in Newham there will be road closures in your local area that is closed all day. Enjoy activities, including traditional street games, art and craft, quizzes, activities, arts and crafts, singing, reading and much more. It will be an opportunity for you to have more time to enjoy and get involved with your local community.

Community Neighbourhood	Event Time	Location / Street name	Post code
Green Street	10am-4pm	Green Street and Church Road	E7 6PL
Warner Park	10am-4pm	Warner Square	E7 6PP
Custom House and Canning Town	10am-4pm	Highway Road	E16 1JF
Westford and West Ham	10am-4pm	Westford Road	E16 3PQ
Westford and West Ham	10am-4pm	Westford Broadway	E16 3QA
Barkston and Royal Docks	10am-4pm	Kingfisher Square	E6 5DZ
East Ham	10am-4pm	Platform Road	E6 3JH
Forest Gate	10am-4pm	Tilney Road	E7 6LH
Plaxton	10am-4pm	Highgate Road to Church Road	E11 2PW to E11 2WQ

## Play Streets: World Car Free Day



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# Play Streets: World Car Free Day



# World Car Free Day Outcomes Achieved

- Increased awareness of Play Streets amongst the local community
- Increased experience of Play Streets for the lead residents, make future events more likely
- Increased opportunity for Active Newham volunteers

# **Priority 3 Feedback**

## **Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour**

# Project: Parenting and Co-Parenting

## Workshops

### Key Facts

- Parenting and co-parenting workshops and network, that aimed to support parents to identify, address and resolve parenting concerns around challenging behaviours of school aged children
- Strong steering group developed, incorporating delivery partners, youth workers, parents and working group members



# Parenting and Co-Parenting Workshops

## Key Facts Continued

- Project group members carried out a questionnaire of local parents during the Party in the Park event in September 2019, to ascertain local need and opinion
- Delivery of parenting workshops in partnership with Headstart and Triple P
- Full commissioned delivery (including bolt ons & themed coffee mornings) was prevented by Covid-19 lockdown
- **Project spend: £4935.92**

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# Workshop publicity

London Borough of Newham  
**FOREST GATE**  
COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD

## EARLY START

Teen Triple P - Group for Parents

Free for  
Newham  
parents

**Moving from primary school to secondary school is a big step!**  
**But there are things you can do to help your child adjust and settle quickly.**

Positive Parenting Programme for parents of teenagers aims to make parenting easier and offers suggestions and ideas to help you promote your teenagers development.

**Venue:** Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre  
 4-8 Woodgrange Road E7 0QH

**Dates:** Group 1: 2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th March & 20th April  
 Group 2: 22nd 29th April 6th 13th 20th May & 3rd June

**Time:** Group 1: 1pm to 3pm Group 2: 5:45pm to 7:45pm

**To book a place:** complete a Booking Request form at [earlystartgroup.com/parenting](http://earlystartgroup.com/parenting) or call 0203 373 3101

A free 9 week course for parents of children aged 9 to 16 years

## Being a Parent Courses

Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC)

Light refreshments provided!

**Delivered for Parents by Parents:** The course helps parents learn practical communication skills for everyday life & bring up confident, happy and co-operative children. You will leave this course feeling better able to:

- Help others by sharing your experience as a parent
- Support your children as they move from primary to secondary school
- Create a calm and peaceful family life

Where	When	Session Time
<b>Rokeby School</b> Barking Road, E16 4DD	Tuesdays 21 <sup>st</sup> January – 24 <sup>th</sup> March	09:30 – 11:30am
<b>Little Ilford Youth Zone</b> Church Road, Manor Park, E12 6JT	Tuesdays 21 <sup>st</sup> January – 24 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00 – 12:00pm
<b>Dersingham Primary School</b> Manor Park, E12 5QJ	Wednesdays 15 <sup>th</sup> January – 18 <sup>th</sup> March	09:00 – 11:00 am
<b>The Gate Library</b> 2-6 Woodgrange Road, E7 0QH	Wednesdays 29 <sup>th</sup> January – 1 <sup>st</sup> April	10:30-12:30 Free crèche provided
<b>Britannia Village Community Centre</b> 65 Evelyn Road, West Silvertown, E16 1TU	Thursdays 23 <sup>rd</sup> January – 26 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00 – 12:00am
<b>Southern Road Primary School</b> Plaistow, E13 9JH	Fridays 24 <sup>th</sup> January – 27 <sup>th</sup> March	09:15 – 11:15pm Free crèche provided

For more information contact: HeadStart Newham T: 020 3373 8600  
 E: [Headstart.ProgrammeTeam@ncwham.gov.uk](mailto:Headstart.ProgrammeTeam@ncwham.gov.uk)  
 W: [headstartnewham.co.uk](http://headstartnewham.co.uk)

# Parenting and Co-Parenting Workshops

## Outcomes Achieved

- Parents provided support to cope with challenging behaviour
- Parental support networks developed by workshop providers
- Child-Parent bonds improved and developed

# Project: Positive Role Model

## Campaign Key Facts

- Project aimed at raising the aspirations of local young people and encouraging positive life choices
- Marketing campaign, focused on a broad range of successful local role models, all of whom grew up in Newham and faced challenges along the way
- Project working group developed, incorporating youth workers, delivery partners, working group members and the Forest Gate Community Neighbourhoods team

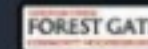
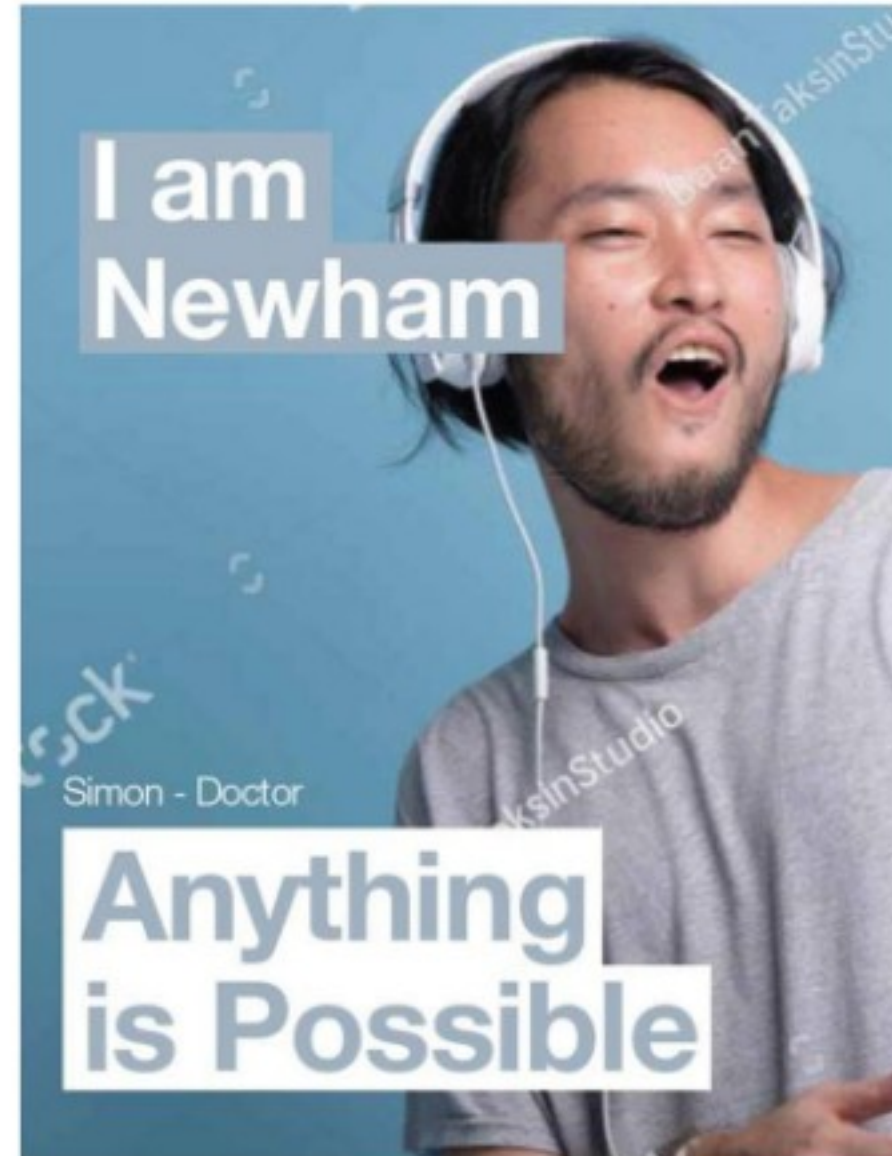
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# Positive Role Model Campaign

## Key Facts Continued

- A youth focused market place event with inspirational key note speakers, information stalls and workshops developed
- Project delivery interrupted by Covid-19 lockdown
- Project development is still underway and photo shoots are taking place
- **Project spend: £3000**

# Campaign poster tests



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# Micky: a local role model



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# Positive Role Model Campaign

## Outcomes Achieved So Far

- Project working group developed
- Role models approached and signed up
- Youth event format developed and stakeholders in place awaiting the green light

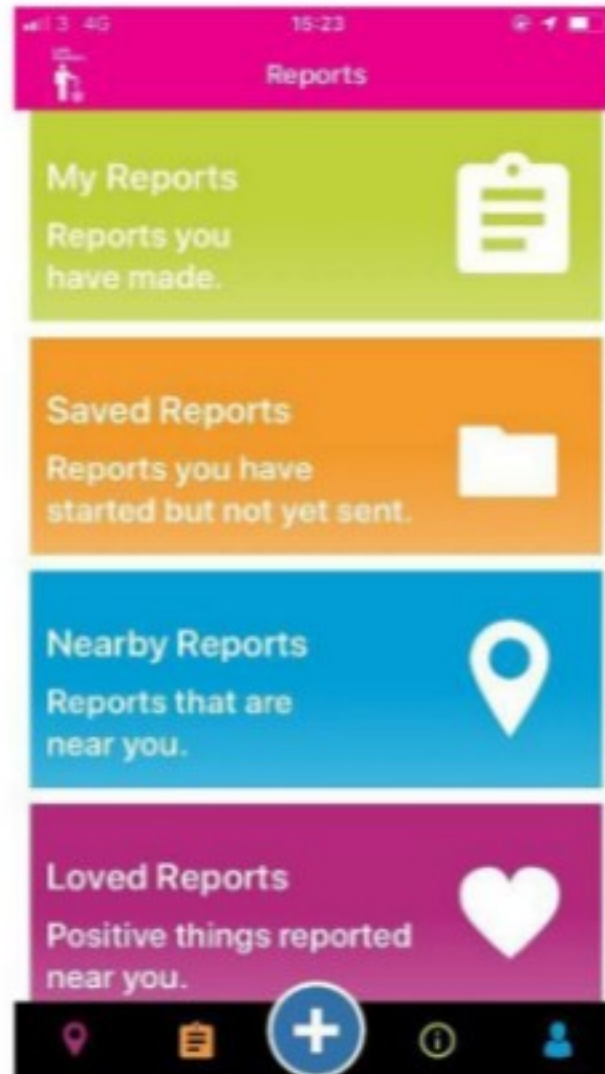


# Community Plan

## Service Improvements

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# Love Newham App



**Love Newham App** – Has relaunched.  
Still called Love Newham but comes via the Love  
Clean Streets App.

Can now recognise non Newham land and therefore  
not mark jobs as “done”

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## Recyclable waste service trial

- Newham's Waste and Recycling team will be delivering a service trial in selected areas across the borough, including parts of Forest Gate
- As part of this service trial, residents can add additional items such as glass bottles and jars, plastic tubs, pots, trays, aerosols and foil paper to their recyclable waste, which will be collected weekly
- For more information visit:

[www.newham.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-waste](http://www.newham.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-waste)

# Low Traffic Neighbourhood

- Forest Gate, Maryland and South Leytonstone area are currently piloting a Low Traffic Neighbourhood
- 6 month pilot currently underway
- Amongst other things the LTN aims to improve air quality, road safety and reduce noise in residential areas

# Low Traffic Neighbourhood

- For more information visit:  
[www.newham.gov.uk/transport-streets/low-traffic-neighbourhood](http://www.newham.gov.uk/transport-streets/low-traffic-neighbourhood)



# SHAPE NEWHAM

- Newham Council are investing £1.5m to create 18 imaginative and original public art and public space projects across eight of its town centres including Forest Gate and Maryland
- For more information visit:

[www.shapenewham.co.uk](http://www.shapenewham.co.uk)



- the programme is a long-term commitment to facilitating change in Newham's high streets through co-governance and collective action
- If you would like to ask any questions or be added to the mailing list, please email: [newhamhighstreets@newham.gov.uk](mailto:newhamhighstreets@newham.gov.uk)
- Alternatively call 08008611424, from Monday to Thursday, between 11.00 - 16.00

# What are your thoughts on the projects that have been delivered?

Recycling when its going start and where its going to be

very good things are happening in Forest Gate

Nice to see things being done in forest gate. I feel I can get involved and make a change.

Currently the recycling project says weekly but is fortnightly presently when will it start to be weekly

Improving Front Garden is a good project

really good to see getting things done

The gardening projects were ok as far as it went

Parenting programme and blooming forest gate went really well. So please that it is continuing online

Blocking of the roads could be causing more pollution because cars are having to take long routes



# What are your thoughts on the projects that have been delivered?

Lots of information in the library about the projects.

Lots more on line activity is needed

Greenway garden still going-on

It was useful at the time - it made the area look nicer with emphasis on education and nature inc involvement of children.

We now need to look at new priorities and shift to 'what is necessary'

Online is good, more noticeboards, use third sector organisations are needed

To promote more activities need more noticeboards

Enjoyed planting the bulbs that I got from the library

Growing own produce and maintaining the orchard

# What are your thoughts on the projects that have been delivered?

The library is a great hub

Focus on Green Spaces, environment and nature

Projects which help older people, lonely or isolated to get involved and improve well-being

Enjoyed party in the park really brought the community together

The idea of the role models is a really good idea and should be borough-wide

Playstreets - the bulb planting was great and engaged with lots of residents. Need to be more ambitious

Include people from all backgrounds and to encourage those who may be less interested or limited access

How are we marketing the ideas - not everyone is hearing about the project or the outcomes

some of the projects are not projects they are events - where is the sustainability; all the projects should have a sustainability criteria

# What are your thoughts on the projects that have been delivered?

community neighbourhoods really supported us as residents

Libraries - How to maximise learning from communicating and reaching audiences alternatively

What a huge range of projects; I'm surprised that so much could have been delivered in such a short period of time

Being mindful of inclusion and diversity in all projects

It have nice to see more projects for older people

LTN - strong opinions on both sides

I participated in a few and was involved in organising play streets - the support provided was very good. We also planted some bulbs near the church and the flowers looked really really nice. It was a big improvement. I think that a lot has been done

I was part of Bloom in Forest Gate Project and I ran the Science workshops where we made perfume and all the projects were fabulous. The whole team at FGCNC are supportive

Reinvestment in Forest Gate please

# What are your thoughts on the projects that have been delivered?

Ruma - Bloom in Forest Gate, my team have delivered several workshops which have contributed to the project. We are trailing the recycling in forest gate at the moment

I love all the planting that has gone on, I run Woodgrange road and love all the planting

The planters felt like they were imposed on us and we didn't have much say about it but we are the ones who have been taking care of them and communicating with the garden with any issues - would have liked more ownership and involvement

Forest gate park, join us to take care of it

I live in Chestnut Avenue and have been enjoying the flowers on my road.

Working group wanted to prioritise Forest gate south but it did not materialise, moving forward this is an area to focus on. We all would love to have planting.

I wasn't part of the CAs from the beginning and just heard of this recently. I became aware because of the planters put outside of where I live. There were mixed feelings about the planters, they seemed to become tables and chairs for impromptu party

I also think that green project planting is fantastic which happened in Forest gate North, more for South please

I really thought the Bloomin Forest Gate was a great thing, unfortunately the Flower Power event that I was involved in was cancelled.

# What are your thoughts on the projects that have been delivered?

Play streets - would have loved to have known about that, a lot of our residents wouldn't let their children go to the library alone so we wouldn't have seen advertising. Now I am plugged into the community more I hope that I will feel more involved

Traffic control boxes, everyone needs to look after it. Some have been pulled out. Give a shout to people who urinate around the trees. A collective shout will have more impact

Planting brings a smile to everyone's face, if we all help and maintain these planters, it will give a chance for plants to grow. More participation from us local residents is needed

I am an art teacher and was heavily involved in Party in the Park and the Bloomin Forest gate Launch event.

Pilot projects that can now be built upon

I was part of the role-model campaign and thoroughly enjoyed that - it was great to give something back to community. it was disheartening that there weren't a lot of the younger age group able to contribute towards the project -

In terms of the scope of projects delivered based on small budget has been incredible - much of this testament to residents and volunteers who have made this happen

The helping hands project was a fabulous project which worked with Adult social care and other partners to help isolated and elderly adults and that was great.

The Helping Hands project was a good project which can go a long way and should be continued.

# What are your thoughts on the projects that have been delivered?

A huge thanks to all residents from Murray Woodburn, with all the help with planting. You can put your own plants in planters, remove the rubbish. It is yours to take care of.

Lots of volunteers dropped out of role models project

First year of project and this will go on - some of bulbs planted were walked on / driven over - more signs, this is a learning process

Butting heads with older people on working group on a project for young people - more young people should have been involved in planning

Community ownership is required for programmes

How many parents and families joined in the project. Better communication so that more residents are aware of the programmes

Meeting people at the assemblies is something which I will cherish.

I work for an organisation which will be moving into Newham in the next 2 years, all the projects which I have seen are mind-blowing, I am really hopefully that it continues.

Advertisement was provided through local schools - families should have been aware

# What are your thoughts on the projects that have been delivered?

It will great if these initiatives carry on, more investment

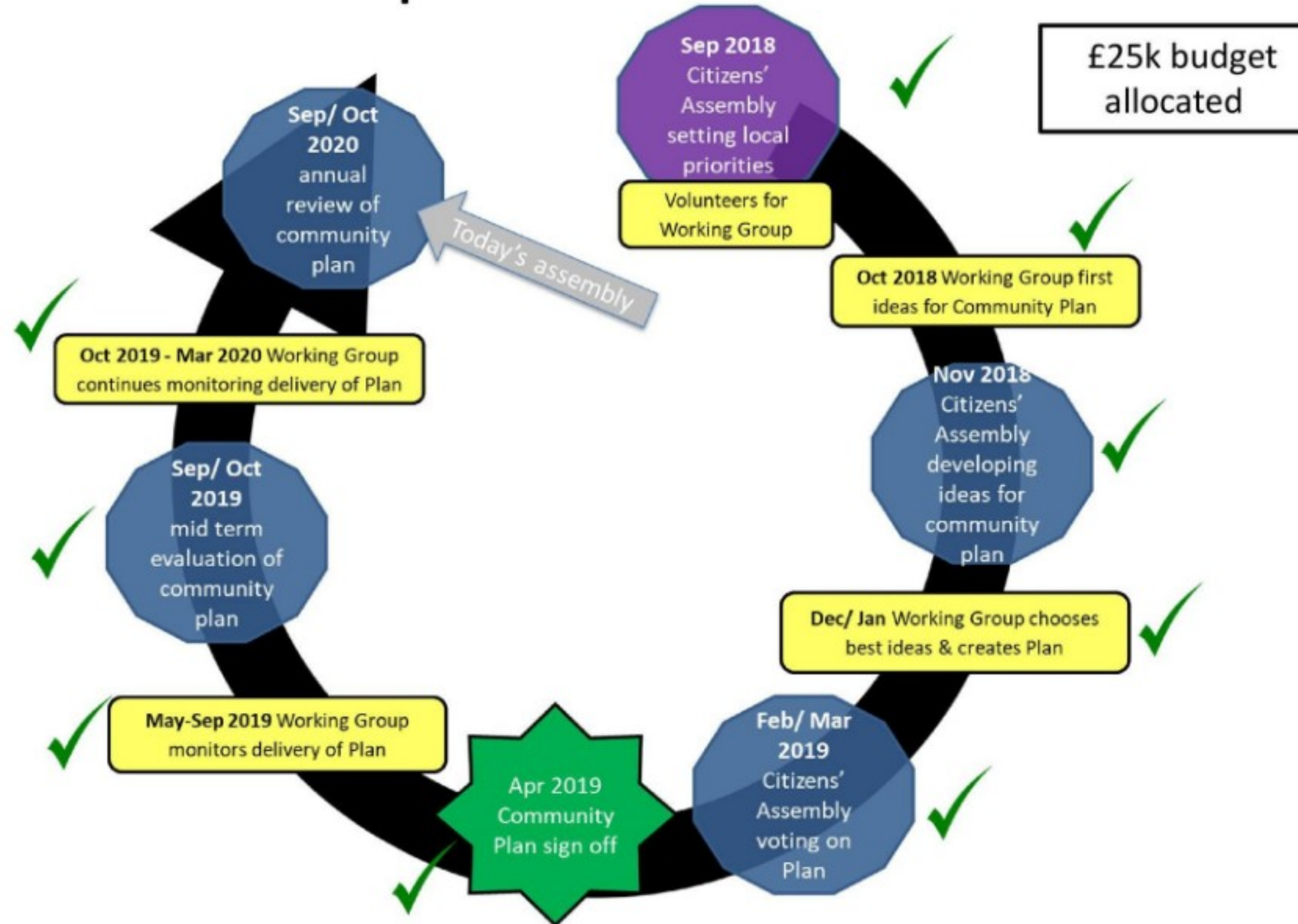
Query about the LTN trial - redirected to add a comment in the comment box.

Newham is very citizen lead which is brilliant.

Keep engagement and the momentum going

I love all the planting, I run Woodgrange market and it all looks really good- laura

# The story since September 2018





# What feedback do you have on this whole cycle of assemblies & how do you think we can design & improve future assemblies?

There needs to be better ways of communicating with different people as we have the same suspects at meeting

More resource to be put into this as the budgets limit the project viability

The assemblies were very enjoyable

It was useful to have the opportunity to take part and make decisions

Makes a positive impression if the Mayor is there

Surprised lots has happened in such a short space of time

Need to see more leadership and senior figures

the libraries are so important as it captures updates on the projects.

Personal approach to inviting people really helps - Well done Ian!

# What feedback do you have on this whole cycle of assemblies & how do you think we can design & improve future assemblies?

Looking back if the minutes of the steering/focus group were circulated to everyone; there could have been an opportunity to feedback before projects start

Its good that we are having face to face meetings its a worry that there might be a move to having all meetings online

Need more information about planning. Needs not jut to be in the Newham Recorder

Its been helpful and does involve residents. A good balance of listening and doing.

The CA is like the connective fruit at the centre and activities and sessions spread out from this.

The lunch is really good idea

The 2 year time line has been very good

There needs to more opportunities for feedback during the process

Need easier navigation to find what you need on the council website

# What feedback do you have on this whole cycle of assemblies & how do you think we can design & improve future assemblies?

Keep both live and on-line meetings

Notice of meeting there should be a way for people to sign up to a mailing list by themselves

I felt there was a need for more updates in between the projects - I only knew about what was happening on my project but no progress reports on other projects

better representation of the Newham demographics .eg young people, South Asian communities

Thought being given to link up all of the work that we are currently delivering - all working together to same aims but more that we can do to join things more coherently

Good notes and minutes from working group from Ian

Role model works

I think it is great that Newham is leading the way, but how do we reach the hard to reach communities. Give opportunities to other people not same faces.

It is logical, getting opinions, priorities and delivering projects

# What feedback do you have on this whole cycle of assemblies & how do you think we can design & improve future assemblies?

Working group members selected at random - going forward will those groups remain the same / will more people be invited / will we start from scratch?

I haven't really been involved, I went to an assembly a couple of years ago. I'm keen for CAs to be run as independent bodies rather than consultation exercises.

Using different modes of publicity, less typing/more visual, and using big advertising props such as Bus stops billboards.

I agree that it is the usual suspects but one of the good ways of spreading the word is via the Green Shots projects, The planting opens up conversations on the road. Talking to more people

The publicity for the Assemblies looked complicated was not inviting. More visual publicity for the diverse communities.

18 month cycle would work better as it is not always possible to deliver programmes in 12 months

It seems to have worked quite well. I will be disappointed if this process stops. Keep it going

HAs brought community together but much more important regen stuff that community could be involved in

I am hoping in the next round we can engage younger people more directly.

# What feedback do you have on this whole cycle of assemblies & how do you think we can design & improve future assemblies?

Sometimes it's the people who shout the loudest that get heard - issues with process

Smaller outreach sessions/ information stall three months before the assemblies in the cafes and parks

I was involved from the beginning, I think the cycle should be 2 years instead of 18 months as the process around getting projects together takes time.

I have attended assemblies this year, I had n idea about it prior to this. Library projects such as Yoga and Science, the library team can come promote the assemblies to the attendances.

Focus groups

More can be achieved with volunteers and shared resources. An idea for working with more projects. Funding could be allocated to voted projects and we could work on other ideas separately

Amazed that we only had £25K - need bigger budgets if we are going to do big things - too limited

There were other projects which were good. Give a chance to small groups to get involved and chose projects which can happen on the side and smaller different ways. It is more viable idea to achieve more within the allocated funding and other funds

I am interested to hear more about the youth assemblies

# What feedback do you have on this whole cycle of assemblies & how do you think we can design & improve future assemblies?

smaller and more frequent meeting to provide feedback to residents

Maybe there is something to learn from the Covid process. Has the Council learnt anything from reaching out to the isolated residents who benefited from HelpNewham, is there any skills we could use.

Breakdown of budget will help us understand how the cost can be reduced

# Comments from breakout groups



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# Democracy Commission Recommendations video

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# Next steps

You can give further feedback for:

- The independent evaluation of the whole process of community assemblies and the Democracy Commission Recommendations via Focus Groups and events
- If you'd like to be involved in one or both of these please leave your contact details on the feedback forms or email [CitizensAssemblies@newham.gov.uk](mailto:CitizensAssemblies@newham.gov.uk)
- The evaluation will inform the start of the new process coming later in 2020 – look out for details via: [www.Newham.gov.uk/citizensassemblies](http://www.Newham.gov.uk/citizensassemblies)

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# Please fill out your evaluation form

A few key messages whilst you do this:

- Woodgrange Market
- Library is open, come and see us
- **Black history month starts today**

For more information and to see the programme of events go to:

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# Closing Remarks

**Cllr Muzibur Rahman**

Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities

**Thank you for attending!**