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Message from the Mayor

After the excitement of the general election, I have been wasting no time in making the case to our new Government for more local government funding in Newham; and showcasing what local councils do for people to transform lives.



Housing, economic growth and wealth creation are central to our new Government's programme of change, so I've been contacting new Ministers to give them examples of the progress Newham is making – such as delivering 1,012 homes residents can genuinely afford in the past two years.

The work we are supporting in the Royal Docks will ultimately deliver 9,000 new homes and 2,620 jobs. The Carpenters Estate alongside our Custom House and Canning Town regeneration schemes are also great examples of how we are delivering genuinely affordable homes while turning around previously neglected neighbourhoods. And I was delighted to attend two more 'topping out' ceremonies for new developments in West Ham and Manor Park in the past few weeks which you can read about in this summer edition of the We Are Newham magazine.

That's why this edition covers a bunch of stuff that we've been getting on with at the Council for you and all Newham residents! It is two years since being re-elected as your Mayor of Newham back in 2022 and we're gearing up to deliver more as we continue building a fairer Newham and show progress for our people - for whom it's my privilege to serve. As your Mayor, you put your trust in me because I promised to fight your corner; make sure the Council delivers for you; take action on the things that matter to you and your family; and change our borough for the better, including improving our neighbourhoods and high streets through more investment and better council services.

Reported fly-tipping has already reduced by a third to the lowest levels in London. We are galvanising civic pride across the borough to keep our neighbourhoods clean with the rallying cry of Let's Love Newham! We're delivering more and more new homes, and are nearly halfway to delivering my promise of 1,500 new homes by 2026, that's on top of the over 1000 homes our people can afford that we have started since May 2018.

But with the housing crisis, where we in Newham saw a 16% rise in homelessness applications just last year, the growing costs of temporary accommodation and demands on children and adult social services; council budgets are under severe pressure; compounded by 50 percent of cuts in central government funding since 2010.

While we welcome the new Government's emphasis on building new homes, the sheer scale of the crisis means that we can't simply build our way out. More imaginative and innovative solutions are needed; and I'll be making sure that we present our ideas to the new Government of how, with national help, we can do just that for our people locally, here in Newham.

Until the next edition, have a great summer!

Rokhsana Fiaz OBE
Mayor of Newham
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2024 - UPCOMING EVENTS

Please visit www.newham.gov.uk for more information.

EVENTS

18 JUL -17 AUG SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH	28.07 The Queen of My Dreams Film Screening	03.08 Sounds of South Asia
17.08 Finale: Desi Daydreams	30 AUG WINDRUSH DAY 'RITES OF PASSAGE' FINALE	GDIF 25-26.8 ParkWorks 29.8-1.9 World Kiosk 7.9 Dancing City
OCT BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Reclaiming Narratives	NOV ISLAMOPHOBIA AWARENESS MONTH Seeds of Change	10 NOV ARMISTICE DAY 11 NOV REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
11-18 NOV INTER FAITH WEEK	16 NOV CIVIC CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON	DEC CIVIC AWARDS

Celebrating South Asian Heritage Month 2024



Enjoy South Asian Heritage Month in Newham once again, as we mark this important month-long celebration of the South Asian diaspora and the significant contributions they make to both Newham and the UK. Starting on the 18 July and continuing until the 17 August, South Asian Heritage Month (SAHM) brings a vibrant mix of events across Newham, this year under the theme of 'Free to be me'.

SAHM is a celebration of the heritage of people with roots in the South Asian countries of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, and the Maldives. Unlike most commemoration months, it takes place annually across July and August in recognition of the traditions of the South Asian solar calendar and the several significant dates that are marked during this period.

So far, we have had the 'Chai Chronicles: A Talk with the Curators' which was held on 27 July at Forest Gate Community Garden. Offering local residents insights from Shaheen Kasmani while they were able to sip tea brewed from local herbs. She talked about the creative process she undertakes as a curator and cultural producer of amazing artistic stuff. Kids also got creative at the 'Design Your Own Teapot' workshop led by Maryam Huq at Forest Gate Library.

There have also been the 'Stories of Independence from Empire' oral history project, collaborating with Subco Trust and I Say RAAR to produce a short film capturing the stories of South Asian elders about their experiences of independence from colonial rule. Throughout four

reminiscence sessions across July and August, elders are sharing their memories and personal stories through artistic and creative activities, including group discussions and individual interviews. The film will premiere on Thursday, 15 August, at Subco Trust's Independence Day event, so book your tickets via the SAHM website.

Movie buffs enjoyed *The Queen of My Dreams* by Fawzia Mirza on 28 July at Roof East, a comedy about a mother and daughter coming of age in two eras. For theatre lovers, Khayaal Theatre's storytelling was held on 29 July, which brought Central and South Asian tales to life. August kicks off with 'Wellbeing in the Garden' on 2 August, a wellness session. Enjoy 'Sounds of South Asia', a mini-musical extravaganza on 3 August in Green Street. On 10 August, Applearc Arts hosts 'Stories of Freedom in Spoken Word & Music,' featuring Bengali folk and contemporary sounds by Khiyo and all about our celebration of culture and heritage from our Bangladeshi community. Fashion meets history on 13 August at East Ham Library with a mini fashion show featuring South Indian clothing. Dev Patel's 'Monkey Man' screens on 15 August, offering an exciting story of vengeance. The festivities wrap up on 17 August with 'Desi Daydreams,' a trip back to the 1980s South Asian rave scene at Old Town Hall Stratford; where we will also announce who will be the recipient of this year's South Asian Heritage Month Pioneer Award 2024.

All events are free for residents, but booking is required. Don't miss out, reserve your spot at newhamsouthasianheritage.org

People Powered Places

Transforming Newham Together

In April 2023, Newham launched People Powered Places, the UK's leading participatory budgeting programme. This initiative empowers residents to directly influence their neighbourhoods' development. In May 2023, over 700 residents came together to choose three priorities for each of the eight community neighbourhoods based on the Council's strategic themes.

By June 2023, 'Our Solutions' events were in full swing. These workshops helped 699 residents explore and refine project ideas to address their chosen priorities. The energy and creativity was evident as neighbours collaborated to bring their visions to life.

During the summer 2023, we opened the door for funding applications and received a total of 366. Individuals could apply for grants of up to

£5,000, while voluntary, community and faith organisations could seek up to £20,000, thanks to the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL). The excitement continued from October to mid-November 2023 with a public vote campaign, where 10,000 residents voted on which projects deserved funding.

The results were astounding, £1.6 million was allocated to 120 projects, with each of the eight community neighbourhoods receiving £200,000. Beckton & Royal Docks and Custom House & Canning Town received an additional £80,000 from the Royal Docks Team.

By June 2024, the 'Our Projects' events showcased the progress of these initiatives. 763 residents gathered to celebrate the incredible achievements and the tangible impact on their communities.



Summer Fun 2024

Our exciting summer programme is filled with a variety of activities, guaranteed to keep you entertained over the holiday.

There is lots on offer for all ages, in every part of Newham, including rowing, football, coding, gardening, arts and crafts, trips to the seaside and much more.

We are delighted Shipman Youth Zone is now open and their summer programme enhances the offer already available at the other zones in Newham. Read more about this on page 8.

Our fantastic libraries are also once again taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge so check out the activities they have planned, centred around being a Marvellous Maker, helping you unlock the creativity within.

For those youngsters eligible for our Holiday Activities and Food Programme, we have lots of great events where you can also get a free meal and snacks as well as having fun with your friends and even learning a new skill.

Visit www.newham.gov.uk/summerguide for more information.

Spotlight on Kensington Primary's Multilingual Café in Manor Park.

People Powered Places' 120 projects are amazing, and a standout example is Kensington Primary's Multilingual Café in Manor Park.

Assistant Headteacher Soofia Amin recognised the need to value home languages. With a £20,000 grant, she established a Multilingual Cafe, offering high-quality first-language books and multilingual events. This initiative not only enriches children's linguistic skills but also strengthens family ties and community diversity.

Year 2 child: "It's a calm and quiet place to come and read and makes us smart! Get Involved!"

Year 3 child: "This library has my home language Gujarati, which makes me happy"

Year 4 child: "I like the multilingual library because there are so many languages and countries, and we can learn new things"

Curious about local projects or want to get involved?

For more information, please visit www.newham.gov.uk/peoplepoweredplaces

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for Children and Young People



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New Shipman Youth Zone now open!

Pioneering Shipman Youth Zone opens with exciting summer programme.

The brand new Shipman Youth Zone is now open, representing an £8 million investment and taking Newham Council a step closer in our goal to making the borough the best place in the country to grow up.

The carbon-neutral building offers an abundance of activities and opportunities in an exciting space that has been finished to the highest possible specifications. It has been co-produced with the young people who already call the building their home

and will host an exciting summer programme over July and August. On site, there is a custom-built sports hall with equipment for basketball, volleyball, football and many more activities, a music studio for budding musicians, a multimedia suite with a green screen for film production, and a fitness and wellbeing suite offering opportunities to keep fit and healthy. The centre will also offer services for babies, toddlers and their families as it will operate as a Family Hub.

Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz OBE said: "I remember the old Shipman Youth Zone from when I was a Ward Councillor and how valued it was by

everyone who used it, despite the dilapidated condition it was in. I made a commitment to those young people that we would deliver a new youth zone that was as ambitious as they were, and I'm over the moon with the results. Together with the co-located Family Hub, it stands as a beacon of our commitment that Newham will be the best place for children and young people to thrive."

Shipman Youth Zone is open six days a week. Visit [newham.gov.uk/shipmanyouthzone](https://www.newham.gov.uk/shipmanyouthzone) for more information and to find out more about its summer holiday programme.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge Returns to Newham libraries!

The eagerly anticipated Summer Reading Challenge is back at Newham libraries, bigger and better than ever.

From June to September, children in Newham are invited to dive into a summer of fun and earn rewards for their reading and embark on a marvellous reading adventure. For every book they read, they will earn stickers and prizes and can rate and review their books in a special collector folder.

Upon reading six books or more, they will be awarded a Marvellous Maker medal and a certificate in the autumn term. All primary school children in Newham are automatically enrolled, so they just need to visit their local library to #KeepUpTheChallenge.

In addition to reading, kids can enjoy free activities such as arts and crafts, theatre, and creative coding sessions. To sign up for these summer activities, visit [newham.gov.uk/libraryevents](https://www.newham.gov.uk/libraryevents)

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity for your children! Stop by your local Newham library today to kickstart the Summer Reading Challenge and create unforgettable memories this summer.



Groundbreaking fostering hub now open

Newham urgently needs more foster carers and is working in partnership with five other London boroughs to recruit more people who can help provide a caring home for a young person in need.

Newham Fostering Service is now part of Local Community Fostering, a consortium which also includes Waltham Forest, Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Tower Hamlets.

The new service will work in partnership across London with the aim of recruiting more foster carers, improving the recruitment experience and the outcomes for foster carers and the children and young people they care for.

We are recruiting foster carers for all age groups and will be holding a series of online meetings for residents who want to find out more. Residents who are interested can meet a foster carer, hear about their fostering journey and have a chat about what it is like fostering for Newham.

The benefits of fostering for Newham include 24 hour support, a setting up grant of £750, a weekly allowance of up to £511.68 and exemption from paying council tax. The next online meeting will take place on Thursday 8 August between 11am and 12noon. To register, please email, fosteringrecruitment@newham.gov.uk

In person meetings: You can also find out more about fostering at drop-in sessions every month at Forest Gate Library, 6-8 Woodgrange Road, Forest Gate in Room 2 between 3pm and 5pm.

Come along after you have finished the school run, there's no need to book. **Dates of Meetings:** 21 August, 18 September, 16 October, 20 November, 11 December.



To register, please email FosteringRecruitment@newham.gov.uk
For more information about Local Community Fostering, visit [newham.gov.uk/fostering](https://www.newham.gov.uk/fostering) or call 020 8496 3437

Babies love reading!

Parents and carers in Newham can kick start their babies' reading habits from the earliest age through our collaboration with BookTrust, the country's largest children's reading charity. Through their Bookstart scheme, 3,555 baby packs are gifted annually through our Health Visitors and Children's Centres to parents, coordinated by the Newham Libraries Development Team.

The Bookstart baby packs include a free book, a finger puppet and information to help families with babies from 0-12 months to experience the joy of reading together. Reading with your youngest helps build strong relationships and develops communication skills – and it's fun! We hope this project will start a lifetime love affair with reading. To support this journey, all of our libraries offer free rhyme times and story times for babies and toddlers too. For further information contact library.activities@newham.gov.uk



Neighbourhood Small Grants Programme

The Council launched its Neighbourhood Small Grants programme in June 2024 to empower residents and grassroots community groups seeking funding to create new community-based activities.

We want to encourage positive changes in local neighbourhoods, prioritising small, new and emerging local community groups that have not received grants or have had limited success in securing funding.

A key feature of this programme is to support community spaces, including community buildings, libraries and open spaces such as parks. This will provide a safe and welcoming place especially for families with small children, the elderly and those who may be lonely or socially isolated.

Small grants can transform communities, particularly by reaching out to those who have been traditionally underserved by different sorts of funding.

Please visit the Council's webpage to find out more about upcoming Community Grants.

www.newham.gov.uk/communitygrants

Celebrating National Co-Production Week

We celebrated this year's National Co-Production Week from 1 - 5 July with a series of engaging events hosted by Newham's Co-Production Team and co-produced and delivered by residents. The highlight was the main event that was held at Highway Vineyard Church E15 on 11 July which featured a marketplace of adult social care-related services. The event included individuals and groups sharing the significant contributions they have made to improve services in Newham in the past year. Staff and residents took part in a panel discussion on 'what is missing' in our co-production practices. For more information about Newham Co-production, visit

www.newham.gov.uk/coproduction or contact: Co-productionteam@newham.gov.uk

Man Talk: Eat & Connect lunches now happening in Plaistow

Discussing wellbeing can be hard for some men, but it gets easier when you're supported by others facing similar challenges. The council has funded 'Man Talk: Eat & Connect' lunches designed to do exactly that.

Many men still struggle with the stigma surrounding mental and emotional wellbeing, making it hard to acknowledge their issues, seek help, or speak openly about them.

Funded by Newham's People Powered Places, Ayati Mind, a mental health organisation targeting men of colour, and Christ Church Newham URC, are offering a safe and welcoming space where men can connect and build wellbeing awareness. These sessions are perfect for men looking to share experiences, learn coping strategies, and improve wellbeing in a supportive environment.

Participants will benefit from:

- Building connections: connect with other men in your community for peer support.
- Open-dialogue: discuss wellbeing issues openly and without judgement to help combat feelings of isolation, anxiety, stress, depression etc.
- Improved wellbeing: gain valuable tools and strategies for managing stress and boosting mental health.
- Delicious lunch: enjoy a free tasty meal.

Upcoming Dates: 14 September & 16 November

Free limited tickets available. Reserve your spot now at www.ayatimind.com/events

Celebrating 20 years of volunteering

Last month we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the annual National Volunteers week, highlighting the vast array of volunteering opportunities in Newham. It's all part of our collaborations with our voluntary, community, and faith sector partners (VCFS) and we used the opportunity to celebrate 20 years of our volunteer programme here in Newham.

Our Resident Engagement & Participation Team went to Carpenters & Docklands Centre food bank to show our support to local projects and lead by example. We helped prepare and sort food, made 150 food bags, and even delivered some furniture to a resident nearby.

The team also visited Ascension Church, Shree Kutch Satsang (SKS) Swaminarayan Temple, Ramgharia Sikh Gurdwara, and Masjid Ibrahim & Islamic Centre, to acknowledge faith-based volunteers who are often our unsung heroes of our community. We were delighted to meet volunteers and present them with certificates for their achievements. For more information and to get involved in volunteering in Newham, visit www.newham.gov.uk/volunteering



Recognising autism and supporting autistic people

Over the last year, we have worked with autistic residents, their families and carers and other stakeholders including those from local businesses, the education sector, the Metropolitan Police and the NHS to develop Newham's first joint Adult and Children's All-age Autism Strategy (2024-2026).

There are six priority areas, as outlined in the National Autism Strategy. They include improving understanding and acceptance of autism within society; supporting more autistic people into employment and tackling health and care inequalities for autistic people.

Through the Autistic Resident Advisory Group (ARAG) we will continue to shape and improve the lives of autistic people in Newham. If you are interested in getting involved please register at: www.newham.gov.uk/arag You can also watch our video featuring autistic professionals who live or work in Newham sharing their lived experiences of working by visiting www.newham.gov.uk/autismvideo

By talking about autism, we are recognising autism and showing our support for autistic people.

Carer friendly pledge for businesses

Join us in showing your commitment to Newham's unpaid carers

If you are part of a company or organisation that has an influence on the lives of carers in our borough, we would like you to join our Carer Friendly Newham programme. By doing so, you will be showing your support for our unpaid carers – and your commitment to helping those who give up their time to look after friends and loved ones. By signing up you will be featured on our website and receive dedicated branding, allowing you to promote yourself as a 'Carer Friendly Newham' organisation, and ensuring your customers are aware of your actions and values.

You will also be sent regular updates on our Carers Strategy, support tools and upcoming events. For more information, visit www.newham.gov.uk/carfriendly and to sign up, visit www.newham.gov.uk/carfriendlyform

You can find more information about the support available to carers in Newham at www.newham.gov.uk/carers or contact our carers support service (Newham Carers Community) for a discussion on **020 3954 3143** or email info@newhamcarerscommunity.org.uk



5 ways to a healthier life



You can now access the latest health and wellbeing information, as well as details of more than 100 local support services, in one helpful booklet! The 5 Ways to a Healthier Life tool has been created by us, in partnership with the NHS, to help support your health and wellbeing.

The booklet provides details on a range of topics, including:

- Healthy body – such as keeping active, weight management and diabetes.
- Healthy mind – including support for anxiety, loneliness and bereavement.
- Healthy money – considering financial support, help to get a job, fill in forms and more.
- Healthy home – featuring support to stay independent, get online and housing support.

You can pick up a printed copy at one of our Well Newham Hubs. For more information, and to view the online copy, visit www.wellnewham.org.uk

Newham's leisure centres

You may already be benefitting from our new and improved offer at our leisure centres following a change in management in April. If you aren't, why not pop into one of our centres and speak to a member of staff about the activities and facilities available, to help improve your health and wellbeing.

Since GLL, operating under the *Better* brand, took over, our three sites have been refreshed and rebranded; two have extended their weekend opening times; and the types of available memberships have also increased.

This means you can continue to enjoy all of the existing activities previously offered. Free swimming for under-16s and over-60s still remains in place with the correct membership.

The changes also apply to our plans to support residents to be more active from social walks and holiday programmes to specialised activities for young people, the elderly, those with disabilities and women!

We will continue to ensure all customer feedback is taken onboard by GLL to continuously improve services as part of our new 10 year contract with them.

Contact

For information about memberships, how to access a free Newham Resident Card and the offers available, visit better.org.uk/newham

For details of upcoming holiday programmes and activities, visit better.org.uk/newham-community

For any questions or queries, please either visit your local centre, email customerservices@gll.org or visit the Help Centre via better.org.uk/contactus



Staying healthy during the warmer weather

While many of us are looking forward to basking in the sunshine, higher temperatures can be a concern for some. On hot days, we can all look out for neighbours, relatives and friends who may be more vulnerable. That includes older people, those living alone or in care homes and residents with serious long-term illnesses. For the elderly and those with underlying health conditions, there is advice on how to stay safe and get help if needed on the NHS website.

During extended periods of hot weather, residents are also reminded of the dangers of fires. Barbecues should be especially monitored. Please note, Newham Council does not allow any barbecues or fires in our parks or open spaces.

Some of you may be due to go on a holiday abroad, particularly as children have now broken up from school. If you are planning to leave the UK, please do consider the importance of vaccinations. You may well need to get protected against some of the serious diseases found in other parts of the world. Try to plan ahead. Some vaccines involve a number of doses spread over several weeks or months. If possible, visit your GP at least six to eight weeks before you are due to travel. You can find further information about travel vaccines on the NHS website.

For more information, visit www.wellnewham.org.uk/advice/summer-wellness Remember, if you have any concerns, our Well Newham Hubs operate all year round. For details of upcoming Hubs, visit www.wellnewham.org.uk

WELL NEWHAM
For a healthier you

Newham London

Save the date! Ageing Well Festival

Saturday 5 October, 10am-4pm,
Forest Gate Community School, Forest Lane, E7 9BB

Everything is free!

On the day you can expect:

- Health MOTs and vaccination clinics
- Information from AskSARA, BT and EE, Dementia Support Service, Frames of Mind, Our Newham Money, Newham Volunteers and Transport for London
- One-to-one clinics, including on concessionary travel, parking and Pension Credit
- Archery
- Bikeworks
- Dance and exercise tasters, including Bollywood dance, chair-based exercise and Zumba
- Glass Painting
- Virtual Reality Headsets
- Music
- International Food Court (African and Caribbean, Chinese, Eastern European, South Asian and Pie & Mash)

For more information, email AgeingWell@newham.gov.uk or call 020 3373 0730 (weekdays, 10am-4pm)

newham.gov.uk/AgeingWellFestival

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Celebrating Well Newham

Well Newham has been supporting residents to help improve their health and wellbeing for over a year now. Rishi Bhagi, our Well Newham Hub manager reflects on all that's been achieved and our future plans to continue offering vital help for all our residents.



Well Newham launched in June 2023. In three words, can you describe the first year?

I would say the three most relevant words are community, wellbeing and accessibility.

What can Newham residents expect at a Well Newham Hub?

They will have access to a person they can talk to about a range of issues, from health concerns to what we call determinants of health, which are issues that can affect wellbeing. For example, money, stress and food. Residents can also develop active solutions with the Hub.

If accessibility is an issue, how can residents benefit from the service?

We have Hubs in every library in the borough as well as attending community locations and events so there should be an opportunity to talk to a Well Newham Advisor without having to go far. We try to ensure every location we're at is physically accessible too, and work with the Language Shop to provide translation and interpretation when necessary – but as a team we speak lots of languages too!

What has the feedback been from those who've used the Hubs?

We have received amazing and positive feedback. Residents have expressed relief that someone was there to listen to them and highlight the extensive support and resources available.

For more information, visit www.wellnewham.org.uk or call **020 8430 4831**.



Our recycling revolution starts with you

In June 2024, we introduced important changes to waste and recycling collection services for residents living in houses and houses split into flats. These changes were put in place to improve the efficiency of waste collection and promote better recycling habits:

- New collection days
- Bins collected from the edge of properties
- Assisted collections for those unable to move their bins
- Non-collection of recycling bins containing incorrect items
- Non-collection of waste outside bins

Enhancing the efficiency of waste collections

Like other councils across London, Newham residents must now place bins out for collection. Bins should be put at the boundary of the property. This helps our hardworking collection crews empty more bins and reduces our vehicle emissions.

For those who need assistance in moving their bins, the Council offers an assisted collection service, ensuring bins can still be collected from any location at the front of the property.

To apply, visit www.newham.gov.uk/AssistedCollections

Know what you can recycle

You can now use your orange-lid bin to recycle every week.

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Yes please

 <small>Glass bottles and jars</small>	 <small>Tin foil and foil trays</small>	 <small>Aerosols</small>	 <small>Mixed paper and cardboard</small>	 <small>Food tins and drinks cans</small>	 <small>Plastic bottles and packaging</small>
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No thanks

 <small>Nappies</small>	 <small>Textiles, clothes and shoes</small>	 <small>Any items contaminated with food</small>	 <small>Food waste</small>	 <small>Black bin bags</small>
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Recycling more and binning less

Under our new 'no side waste' regulation, only waste inside the bins will be collected. Collection crews will not pick up any waste left around the bins or bins with lids that do not shut. This encourages residents to minimise waste and maximise their recycling, ensuring all waste fits within the bins.

The council's waste improvements have already led to a significant increase in Newham's recycling rate, from 21% in 2020 to 25.6% in 2023. The Be Bin Day Ready campaign aims to maintain this progress by simplifying collections and enforcing tougher rules on excess and incorrect waste.



Changes to waste collection services



Not on the pavement



No side waste



Bin lids shut



Put your bins at the edge of your property



Handles facing towards the road, where possible

Waste collection services have changed for all residents who live in houses and houses split into flats. By bringing your bin to the edge of your property, you'll be helping our hardworking collection crews. Bins should be placed as close to the pavement as possible, for example, next to your gate, at the end of your drive. Please don't put them on the pavement. Crews will only now collect bins left at the edge of your property. So follow our guide and be bin day ready!



For further guidance, visit newham.gov.uk/BeBinDayReady or scan the QR code # **BeBinDayReady**

Council estates improvements

We are improving 21 council estates across the borough as part of our major estate improvement programme. This is all part of our plans to make our neighbourhoods great places to live. The investments we are making will improve council homes on our estates and include:

- Vibrant green spaces and safe play areas for children and young people
- Robust security gates to improve safety
- Brand new estate lighting
- Clearing guttering to prevent damage to our council homes

We know that littering continues to be one of the main concerns for residents. With your support, be part of our community collaborations. Already we have carried out eight litter picking events and want to organise many more with our residents.

The Repairs Contact Centre is now led by the Council's Housing services team, with staff working with the repairs team to provide all the support you need. We have also made sure that our repair vans are always fully stocked with the right materials to complete any repair job, so they are completed on the first visit.

Fire door checks are also underway to ensure your communal areas and front doors are as safe as possible. Please allow council officers to carry out these important visual checks which shouldn't take more than five minutes. If you're not in and we miss you, we'll send you a letter so that we can make further attempts to carry out this important check.

We want to hear your views about what improvements you want to see, so don't forget to check out our Local Areas Forums and Housing Fun Days to share your opinion.

If you have any issues relating to your home, don't forget to contact your housing liaison officer at **hloteam@newham.gov.uk** or call the contact centre on **020 8430 2000**.



Delivering new homes

The regeneration of our three large estates in Newham is progressing well with significant milestones achieved to deliver the new housing and neighbourhood improvements needed in Stratford, Canning Town, and Custom House.

Carpenters Estate

We have achieved the following so far this year:

- Approval of the whole £1bn masterplan which will deliver 2,152 homes, more community spaces, travel connections and more.
- Opened the new Stratford station underground entrance at Gibbins Road.
- New murals and a summer programme packed with activities ahead of the main development work, which will deliver two new playgrounds, a community café at Dennison Point and a new hub at the former Tenant Management Organisation office.
- And finally, the much-awaited compulsory purchase order confirmation for James Riley Point that means we expect enabling works can start later this year.

Carpenters is becoming vibrant and bringing important improvements and opportunities to benefit our residents in the place they love and live.

Canning Town and Custom House

Having already secured planning permission, the construction of affordable homes is progressing well. Progress includes:

- At Custom House, 90 homes will be ready in 2025 with 60 more homes due to be ready in 2026. The contractor has been appointed for the subsequent phase of the regeneration which will deliver 734 homes.
- At Canning Town, the first 147 affordable homes will be ready in 2026. Residents are currently voting on the rest of the masterplan proposals co-designed with the community and the result will be announced by the 30 July. A 'Yes' vote is the next step towards an up to 1,700 home masterplan for the area.

Our plans for this estate regeneration include:

- 50% genuinely affordable homes with 500 new family homes.
- Secure lifetime tenancy for households living in temporary accommodation.
- Better connected and safe streets, enabling more active travel within the wider area.
- High-quality, spacious, and comfortable homes with private outdoor space and secure access.
- Range of options for resident homeowners to continue to own a new home in the Canning Town Estate.

For more information or if you have any queries, please email regeneration@newham.gov.uk



New homes in Manor Park

As part of the council's Affordable Homes for Newham programme, Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz OBE went to visit one of our latest housing schemes over at the old Greenhill Centre in Manor Park.

The new homes being built will be to the highest environmental Passivhaus standards, helping to reduce energy need and reduce energy bills. So all good for the planet and good for the pocket as well!

In total three new buildings, designed by renowned architect Hamworth Tomkins, will be delivered with a replacement gym and substantial landscape improvements. The scheme will also include 56 homes at London Affordable Rent and 25 low-cost shared ownership homes, partially funded by the GLA. That's great news for Newham residents and families.



3,800 new homes coming to West Ham

Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz OBE attended an event to celebrate completion of phase one of a new housing development in West Ham called TwelveTrees Park.

The new TwelveTrees Park scheme will deliver at least 3,800 new homes, a new school, new footbridges and a new entrance to West Ham station. It's part of the wide array of collaborations we have as a council with house builders, the GLA and government housing agency, Homes England, because we want to deliver more homes our people can afford.

TwelveTrees Park development is a joint project between Berkley Homes, Newham Council, the GLA, Homes England, and Peabody. Plans are also underway to submit a new application for more homes, potentially taking the scheme to 4,600 homes.

It marks a major milestone in housing delivery in Newham, which will deliver homes our residents can afford and create a new part of London in our borough, as well as helping to tackle London's housing.



Help shape Newham

Newham's Local Plan is the Council's key planning document used to assess planning applications as well as plan for regeneration and development. We are inviting you to have your say.

Our Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19), which is at consultation stage until the 6 September, sets out our long-term vision and strategy for inclusive growth, regeneration and development across the borough to 2038, including delivering over 50,000 new homes. It will deliver an affordable housing target on each development of 50% social rent, subject to viability. This is about providing for the homes we need, but also setting our place vision for how we want the borough, our town centres and neighbourhoods, to grow and thrive for the benefit of those who live, work, study and visit Newham.

The refreshed plan aims to deliver our key objectives: inclusive growth, delivering a fairer Newham and addressing our climate emergency. The Local Plan includes policies on: design, high streets, inclusive economy, housing, climate, transport, neighbourhoods and social infrastructure. The plan also includes details of 45 site allocations.

This is our final round of consultation before the Local Plan is submitted to Central Government for examination. Find out how to have your say and attend one of our events by visiting Newham Co-Create, simply scan the QR code below, or visit your local library to view the documents.



Have your say before 5pm on 6 September 2024 localplan@newham.gov.uk
newham.gov.uk/LocalPlanReview

All on board! New Stratford Station entrance opens at Carpenters Estate

The new Gibbins Road entrance to Stratford station opened in early July providing direct access for the first time from the Carpenters Estate. It will help reduce walking time by up to 20 minutes for residents, visitors and businesses entering one of the country's best connected transport hubs and busiest stations from the Carpenters Estate.

It's a major milestone in our wider plans for the 28-acre Council-led Carpenters Estate restoration scheme where we will deliver over 2000 homes with 50 percent at social rent levels. It supports our Stratford Vision for the wider area, for instance by opening up new routes into the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and East Bank venues and supports our strategic outline business case

to central government where we are working to secure investment for the improvement and expansion of Stratford station as passenger numbers are set to grow more and more.

The new entrance has been funded by £1m of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding by Newham Council, alongside £3.8m funding from the London Legacy Development Corporation.

New seating and bicycle racks outside the entrance will support active travel in and around the station and Stratford town centre and give a vital boost to our ambition for Stratford to become London's first-ever Green Zone.



Advice and support for residents and businesses

The Council's Our Newham service is here to help and support all residents, and during 2023 we helped more than 15,000 local people. From helping residents maximise their income to kick-starting career journeys, find out how Our Newham service can help give you the boost you need.

Our Newham Money offers support for those struggling with the pressures of the cost of living as well as confidential advice and support on debt, employment rights, benefits, income maximisation and much more.

Our Newham Work offers a range of advice and guidance to help residents secure sustainable employment. This ranges from identifying exciting career options, support with writing job applications, preparation for attending interviews and training to enhance your existing skills, including accredited qualifications.

Our Newham Business & Enterprise is dedicated to supporting business growth and innovation in Newham. The team provides a wide range of services for businesses and entrepreneurs including business start-up support, expert business advice, commercial and affordable workspaces.

Our Newham Youth provides employability support and skills training for young people aged 16-24. Our team of specialist advisors offer comprehensive guidance, from mentoring to arranging employer access sessions and career fairs. As a result of the team's hard work, Newham is in the top 20% nationally for supporting young people into employment, education and training.

So we can better support residents with any ongoing challenges, we are undergoing a transformation into a unified Our Newham services. All Our Newham services can now be accessed at the Our Newham office in Stratford, providing a one-stop where:

- Residents can receive advice and support for employment options
- You can get support and advice to improve your financial security
- Employers across London can place their vacancies to recruit staff
- Businesses can access growth opportunities
- You can get support and advice on employment rights
- Young people can get career and financial advice

Find out more at www.newham.gov.uk/ournewham or come and visit us at **112-118 The Grove, E15 1NS**.

Your new MPs and Ward Councillors

Following the recent General Election on the 4 July, the three Members of Parliament (MPs) who now represent Newham for the following constituencies are:



Find out more about your MPs and Parliament at: www.parliament.uk/business/commons/

East Ham: Sir Stephen Timms MP, Labour Party
Stratford & Bow: Uma Kumaran MP, Labour Party

West Ham & Beckton: James Asser MP, Labour Party

Following the two by elections on 4 July the two new Ward Councillors are:



Forest Gate North ward: Liz Cronin, Labour Party
Maryland ward: Melanie Onovo, Labour Party

Following the two by elections on 18 July the two new Ward Councillors are:



Beckton ward: Blossom Young, Labour Party
Little Ilford ward: Aktharul Alam, Labour Party

Find out more about the Council and your Ward Councillors at www.newham.gov.uk/council

"AS ARTISTS, WE SEEK HUMAN CONNECTION THROUGH OUR ART. NEWHAM IS A PLACE THAT SUPPORTS ARTISTS AND ALLOWS US TO CONNECT WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES. IT PROVIDES PLATFORMS AND SPACES FOR ARTISTS TO ENTERTAIN, EDUCATE, INFORM, AND CELEBRATE THE COMMUNITY'S RICH TAPESTRY OF TALENTS."

Sohini Alam

Lead vocalist, Khiyo

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