

PARSONS NORTH

NEWS

BRINGING YOU THE LATEST FROM THE PARSONS NORTH DEVELOPMENT



Celebrating Parsons North reaching its highest point

PARSONS NORTH REACHES SUMMIT

The construction team celebrated the recent ‘topping out’ of Parsons North. Our contractor Osborne worked through challenges caused by Covid-19 to reach the highest point of the new building. We are delighted to see final shape of the building come to life.

To mark the occasion Cllr Rachael Robathan (Leader of the Council) visited the site to view the progress up close, along with Cllr Melvyn Caplan (your Ward Councillor and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Regeneration) and Cllr Matthew Green (your Ward Councillor and Cabinet Member for Business and Planning). Cllr Robathan said:

“I attended the ground-breaking ceremony for Parsons North nine months ago when the site was a hole in the ground, so it’s fantastic to see the progress that has been made in hitting this milestone, despite the huge upheaval from Covid-19. The team has worked extremely hard to keep on site and to continue building new homes which our residents desperately need”.

The whole Parsons North team have worked hard to ensure the site continues to be safe and operational. Thanks to this hard work, the development is still on track to be completed by 2021. You can see before and after images overleaf.



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SITE WORKING HOURS

Normal working hours are:

Monday – Friday:
8am – 6pm

Saturday:
8am – 1pm

WHAT'S COMING UP ON SITE

In the coming weeks you will see Osborne focusing on the external structure of the building. Their main tasks will be:

- ▶ Brickwork for the external walls
- ▶ Building services infrastructure such as water mains and electricity supply
- ▶ Roof works to enable the building to be weatherproof

We do not expect these works to be especially noisy, however feel free to contact your Resident Liaison Officer Curtis Donovan, if you have any questions.

The first picture shows you Parsons North as it was in March when the lockdown was called and construction across the country stalled. In the second photo, you can see the site on 29 June, showing just how much work Osborne have managed to get done in this difficult period.



The site as was in March 2020



The site in June 2020, as the development reached it's highest point

CHECKING IN WITH YOU

The Lockdown has been hard for many. Parents have been challenged with juggling childcare, home education and work, whilst many living alone have been left feeling isolated. We want to check-in to let you know you're not alone, and ensure you're accessing the help you need.

Curtis Donovan, your Resident Liaison Officer, has been busy the past few months phoning residents to offer a friendly ear and listen to how they've been coping. Here is what some people said:

"The calls have been helpful because I live so close to the construction site and naturally I have a lot of questions. It's useful to be able to speak to someone who can help you and convey what residents are feeling to the builders" – Ms Kazman, Parsons House resident

"The phone calls lately have been a personalised service and a real boost – they made me feel positive and not alone. I feel part of what is happening locally and my views are taken onboard" – Miss Dejanovic



Photo of Miss Dejanovic, Crompton House resident

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Westminster has lots of great activities to keep you active and entertained this summer. We have selected just a few of the options on offer – learn more by subscribing to the MyWestminster newsletter at bit.ly/subscribemywestminster

Event	What	When	Learn More
Music Summer Programme	Over 70 workshops and courses ranging from storytelling and music for 0-5s, to family singing in Arabic.	Monday 27 July – Saturday 8 August	triboroughmusicclub.org/events
The Screen Film Community is running a special film project for young people aged 14-21	A chance to learn how to produce film and TV programmes with industry professionals.	Monday 17 – Friday 21 August, 1pm – 4pm	Kate.Herron@TheScreenCommunity.com or telephone 07703 312296
Paddington Rec summer clubs	A range of summer holiday clubs and week-long football and tennis camps.	Tuesday 21 July – Friday 28 August, 10am – 12pm / 1pm – 3pm	Contact Everyone Active at everyoneactive.com or telephone 020 7644 6880
Get active in nature this summer	Read 'Naturally Active' booklet which has some fun activities that children and families can do safely in and around their local green spaces.	All Summer	Read our Naturally Active booklet to learn more. You can find printed leaflets in libraries and community centres or download the digital version here: westminster.gov.uk/change4life-families

SAFELY OPENING UP WESTMINSTER

We would like to thank you for the spirit you have shown. The sacrifices we have all made, going without seeing loved ones has helped save lives.

As the city opens up, it remains vital to follow the guidelines. Please continue to socially distance, and isolate if you or someone you live with develops symptoms.

The council wants to get the city moving again safely, and has been working with partners to implement:

- ▶ 'School streets' where the main road outside the school has more pedestrian (or walking) and cycle space at peak times.
- ▶ New signage to encourage social distancing

- ▶ More cycle racks and better cycling links
- ▶ A new campaign to encourage people to shop locally

You can now meet in small groups (of no more than six people), exercise for longer, and use more of our local businesses.

Our parks are opening up, so why not take a stroll and enjoy some of the outstanding green spaces that make Westminster a lovely place to call home? You can relax in Regent's Park or Hyde Park, as well as smaller local spaces like Paddington Green and Rembrandt Gardens.



GET CREATIVE WITH CITY LIONS!

Got more time on your hands thanks to Covid? Why not join City Lions – a club for young people living or attending school in Westminster. City Lions is here to connect you with exciting creative opportunities local to you. If you've ever wanted to explore backstage at a theatre, learn about being a fashion designer or an architect, then City Lions is for you! You'll be able to get exclusive access to the city's most interesting and exciting creatives who will give you an insight into their careers, whilst giving you the opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends.

Due to the pandemic, City Lions is currently operating in a virtual capacity, but we hope to be running physical events and workshops as soon as it is safe to do so. Why not check out what you can get involved in over the coming weeks:

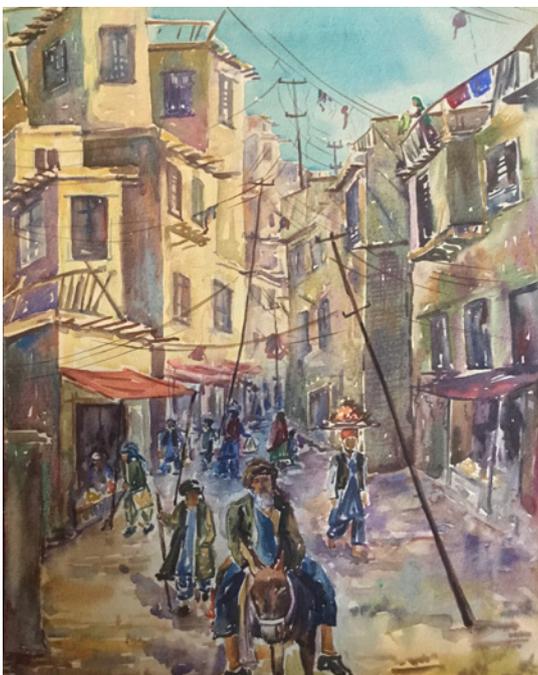
CITY LIONS LIVE! – EVERY THURSDAY 7 -9PM

Join us every Thursday evening between 7-9pm, where we will be bringing you a chilled social space to meet new and old friends and attend workshops with professional creatives which will expand your idea of what creativity is, boost your confidence and build new skills.

Each week there will be two different workshops for you to enjoy as well as time to get to know everyone and make new friends!



CITY LIONS CREATIVE CHALLENGES – 24 JULY – 28 AUGUST 2020



Art by Creative Challenge winner Omar, aged 15

It's not easy being stuck at home is it?

Here at City Lions we are challenging you to be creative while socially distancing. Each Friday, we will be setting a creative challenge to keep you entertained over the weekends - **with a £25 e-voucher (of your choice) up for grabs** for the winner of each challenge!

The challenges will be sent out via email by 4pm each Friday and the deadline for submissions will be 6pm the following Thursday. The winner will be announced as the next challenge is set.

Good luck – be as creative as you like, there are no rules! Creativity is all about thinking outside the box... Sign up at citylions.org



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