

EBURY BRIDGE

NEWS

BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF EBURY BRIDGE



Thomas and mum Theresa meet Lord Mayor Cllr Ruth Bush

EBURY RESIDENTS WIN BIG AT #MYWESTMINSTER COMMUNITY AWARDS

Members of the Ebury Bridge community were out in force for this year's #MyWestminster Community Awards, with three well-known faces from the estate picking up commendations!

Mike Smith picked up the top prize for Voluntary Contribution to the Community for his work with One Big Family, helping homeless people and providing a weekly food bank.

Pimlico Million were awarded an Outstanding Contribution to the Community Award for the opportunities the group has provided residents across south Westminster, while Thomas, pictured above, was Highly Commended for his work selecting holiday activities for young people on the estate.

A huge congratulations to all our winners and thanks to everyone who submitted a nomination.

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A WELCOME RETURN TO YOUR INDEPENDENT TENANT AND LEASEHOLD ADVISOR

Communities First have been selected to continue working as the Independent Tenant and Leasehold Advisor (ITLA) on the estate. Many of you will have already met Louis Blair, pictured, and Ian Simpson whose roles are to provide advice and support to residents and leaseholders separately from the council.

Having worked on the estate since the start of the scheme, the previous ITLA contract came to a close at the end of June and the terms of the ITLA were updated to ensure you get the advice you need throughout the regeneration. Two residents kindly gave their time to assist with the interviewing process and we're delighted to see Louis and Ian back on the estate.

As before, council tenants can get advice on rehousing options, tenancy and rehousing rights, compensation issues and rent and service charge policy. Leaseholders can expect advice on the buyback process, equity share and loan options, new home options, valuations, compensation, the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process and your rights. They can also provide advice and support to private tenants, those living in temporary accommodation and business owners.



But that's not all; given the changes to the estate over the last two years, Louis and Ian's role has been adjusted to include the following:

- ▶ Advice and support for business units on Ebury Bridge Road
- ▶ Specific legal advice and signposting to legal advisors where necessary
- ▶ Advice and support around benefit claims
- ▶ Capacity building training
- ▶ More presence on the estate, including a dedicated space

Louis and Ian can be contacted on **0300 365 7150** or by emailing ebury@communitiesfirst.uk.com. Both are available for home visits or to join you when you meet with Westminster City Council.

"BEACH ON THE BRIDGE" IS COMING TO EBURY

The beach is coming to the Ebury Bridge Estate! The Ebury Bridge Engagement Team and Westminster Housing Services will be setting up a pop-up beach on the estate's football pitch, with local organisations and council services.

"Beach on the Bridge", as named by the Community Futures Group, will be taking place between 20th – 21st August and is free for all residents and neighbours, with events activities for all ages. To find out more, or hold a stall, email eburybridge@westminster.gov.uk or call **0800 011 3467**.





BIG TURNOUT FOR THE PIMLICO MILLION FUN AFTERNOON

The Community Engagement Team was proud to support the Ebury Bridge Fun Afternoon on Sunday 14th July, organised by Pimlico Million. The brainchild of local resident Sheila, it was a fantastic opportunity for residents to have more family friendly fun on their doorsteps. Highlights included:

- ▶ Safari Pete's wildlife show which brought a range of exotic creatures to the estate including a crocodile, owl, and meerkats
- ▶ Space Camp arts and crafts, where children made cosmic-themed artwork
- ▶ Children showing off their footy skills at the sports pitch while getting coached
- ▶ Green-fingered fun while potting plants
- ▶ Listening to and playing traditional African drums
- ▶ Outdoor afternoon tea at the lodge

It was great to see so many families on the estate enjoying fun in the sun. We look forward to seeing you all again at the August Pop-up Beach!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SHEDS ON THE ESTATE

As we prepare for the clearing of Phase 1, all sheds on the Ebury Bridge Estate will soon need to be emptied and returned to Westminster City Council. All residents currently holding a shed should have received a letter informing them that a Notice of Seeking Possession (NoSP) will shortly be served. The NoSP gives 28 days to remove all belongings prior to handing the shed keys back to the council.

If you have a shed and have not received a letter or require support finding somewhere to move your items please contact the South Area Contact Centre on **0800 358 3783** or email **housing.enquiries@westminster.gov.uk**

UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE VISITS ARUP

Students from the Sir Simon Milton University Technical College (UTC) were treated to an in-depth look at how design partners Arup are working to create the new Ebury Bridge Estate.

UTC students were given a guided tour around Arup's offices, presented with the current plans for the estate and given a masterclass in good design to help foster the next generation of leading architects.

To get your own look into some of the design principles on offer, visit the Ebury Bridge Studio, 9 Ebury Bridge Road, on Mondays (11am – 3pm), Wednesdays (3.30 – 6.30pm) or Fridays 11am – 3pm).



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MEET THE TEAM – RACHAEL HOOKWAY

This month the Ebury Bridge
Renewal Project welcomes a new
face to the team.

Rachael Hookway has joined
as an Assistant Development
Manager. Rachael brings extensive
regeneration experience having
worked in the London Borough
of Barking and Dagenham on
their ambitious regeneration
plans. Rachael also spends her
free time helping disadvantaged
members of the community.

EDGSON HOUSE UPDATE

As you will have seen, work bringing down Edgson House is continuing at pace! Contractors Syd Bishop & Sons have now removed everything above the fourth floor and lowered the scaffolding covers so you can see some of the work that has taken place.

Dust, noise and vibration levels continue to be monitored, with no breaches to report this month.

