

# CHURCH STREET

## NEWS



BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF CHURCH STREET



Image showing design of Carrick Yard homes and landscaping

## INTRODUCING CARRICK YARD

**T**he name of the new buildings on the Luton Street site has been agreed: they will be known as Carrick Yard. The name is inspired by both an influential local painter – Andrew Carrick Gow – and the area’s industrial past.

Carrick Yard will provide 59 new affordable homes and 109 homes for private sale. The new three-court sports hall and community areas will be available to the whole community and will provide a flexible space for a variety of leisure activities. There will also be state-of-the-art landscaping, creating new green spaces for the residents and community to enjoy. Three new townhouses will also be built as part of the programme on Fisherton Street alongside improvements to some surrounding buildings. The name Carrick Yard will be used on hoardings around the site over the coming months.

## WINTER WELLNESS FESTIVAL

**Church Street is hosting a Winter Wellness Festival and you are invited.**

We have a fabulous day of free activities, performances and food from local suppliers for our Church Street community on Sunday 16 February from 12 – 4pm.

Let’s brighten up this winter Sunday with wellness activities like yoga, fencing, mindfulness meditation, henna, massages, cooking classes and more. Music will be bustling through the streets from the Triangle where many of the performances and activities will take place.

We are looking forward to feeling well and warm with you through this mid-winter patch. Keep your eyes peeled for posters around Church Street.

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## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

**C**llr Rachael Robathan has been selected as the new Leader of Westminster City Council. In her role as Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Cllr Robathan has been the biggest advocate of the Church Street project.

While Rachael will continue to be involved with Church Street we'd like to welcome new Cabinet Member Cllr Melvyn Caplan to the project. A big thank you to Rachael!

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**A**s well as bringing better homes and facilities to the community, the construction works taking place across the ward are also bringing opportunities for employment, training and skills development.

The range of opportunities will include both construction and office-based roles. We will let you know as job opportunities come up.

If you are actively looking for a new job, please speak to our employment coaches Glenroy and Sarah. They are based at the **Regeneration Base at 99 Church Street** and you can get in touch with them at [churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk) or on **020 7641 2968**.



## COUNCIL SECURES 47 NEW HOMES AT LYONS PLACE

**W**ith plans for Site A formally taking shape, Westminster City Council has recently secured 47 newly built homes in Lyons Place. 37 of these new homes are being added to the council's social housing stock and 10 are being offered on a shared ownership or shared equity basis.

Westminster City Council remains committed to keeping residents as close to Church Street as possible throughout the regeneration and Lyons Place represents a significant step towards this. Developers Almacantar have created high quality homes at Lyons Place, just a five-minute walk from Blackwater, Cray, Ingrebourne, Lambourne and Pool Houses (Site A). Each home features a balcony or outdoor space, a heat recovery system and extensive storage space.

All 37 homes will be handed over to the council in the coming weeks. To find out more, contact your relocations officer.

## COME ON IN!

**F**rom early February, the Regeneration Base will open until 7pm every Wednesday and on one Saturday every month. This will make it easier for you to come and talk to us if you are not around during working hours.

Once a month our employment coaches will be available on the Wednesday evening, and the residents' independent advisor will continue to run drop in sessions and pop up events in the neighbourhood.

### Hours are as follows:

- ▶ Monday, 9am – 5pm
- ▶ Tuesday, 9am – 5pm
- ▶ Wednesday, 9am – 7pm
- ▶ Thursday, 9am – 5pm
- ▶ Friday, 9am – 5pm
- ▶ Second Saturday of the month 10am – 2pm



## GRAB A FLYER AND GIVE US YOUR VIEWS ON DELIVERING THE NEW SITE A

**A**s the council moves forward with Site A of the Church Street regeneration, we're looking for your views on how to deliver the new homes and conveniences.

The team have put together some possible strategies: a developer led strategy, a partnership strategy and a direct delivery strategy. We would like to hear your views as part of a 'best value' consultation under Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999.

To tell us your thoughts, you can email [churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk) or hand in a feedback form to the Regeneration Base. To find out more about the strategies, come along to our drop-in session on **Thursday 13 February, 11am – 1pm at 35 – 37 Church Street.**

Visit [churchstreet.org](http://churchstreet.org) to find out more.

## UPDATE FROM THE PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

**W**elcome to the first Church Street News of 2020. As you will have seen already, we've started the year on the front foot. Work continues to build the newly named Carrick Yard, new homes will shortly be available to secure tenants from Site A at Lyons Place and we have a community day coming up in February.

Carrick Yard on Luton Street represents a major milestone for the renewal project, providing 168 new homes in the area, 59 of which will be affordable, a community hall, a three-court sports hall and the first section of the new Green Spine. We believe that by embracing the community, we can enhance London living for all, creating a sustainable community that will last long into the future.

Lyons Place meanwhile, is a brand-new development the council has purchased from developers Almacantar. I was lucky enough to get a sneak peek in January and can tell you first hand that flats are of an outstanding quality. We will always seek to keep as many residents in the area as possible while work is carried out and this will allow more Site A tenants to remain in the immediate community.

On a slightly different note, you may have seen the council has elected Cllr Rachael Robathan as its new Leader. Cllr Robathan's previous role was as Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Regeneration, where she oversaw the work at Church Street, so rest assured that the regeneration will continue as planned!

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns about the programme you can visit us at 99 Church Street or contact the team using the details on the back page.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Serena'.

Serena Simon, Programme Director for Church Street



Cllr Rachael Robathan (centre) visits Lyons Place with Serena (third from right) and ward members Cllr Aziz Toki and Cllr Aicha Less (both right)





## BE SCAM AWARE – NEVER SHARE YOUR BANK DETAILS

Residents in Lambourne House have reported receiving suspicious phone calls claiming to be from their bank asking for personal details, such as full names, addresses and bank account numbers. In some instances, callers have even suggested that their 'colleagues' will come to residents' homes to collect problematic bank cards.

In all cases, these are scams. Banks will **never** contact you asking for this information and never collect your card. It's important to recognise fraudulent telephone calls for what they are. If you feel unsure, hang up immediately and contact your bank using the number on the back of your card – **NOT** the number which originally called you.

To report suspicious calls, contact Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or **actionfraud.police.uk**. To find out how you can help stop scams in your local area, visit **friendsagainstscams.org.uk** to take part in their online training.

## CHURCH STREET SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS CONTACT POINT

Our local Met police Safer Neighbourhood Team will be available at 31 – 33 Church Street at the following times. Please come and discuss any local issues.

- ▶ Friday 21 February, 12 – 1pm
- ▶ Friday 28 February, 2 – 3pm
- ▶ Friday 6 March, 2 – 3pm
- ▶ Friday 13 March, 12 – 1pm
- ▶ Friday 27 March, 12 – 1pm

## UPGRADES TO PITCH LAYOUT

Following approval at Committee, market pitches will be standardised to 3m x 3m, giving most traders an increased pitch size. To ease customer navigation, pitches will now have clear markings with pitch numbers visible.

These improvements will take place over two Sundays in February so as to reduce disruption to usual trading. These changes will upgrade the look and functioning of the market for the benefit of traders, residents and local businesses.

## KEEPING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE AND HEALTHY: CHURCH STREET PARENTS AND CARERS GATHERING

Ensuring good health and safety of our children and young people is important to all of us! It becomes easier if we share our experiences and are more aware of the helpful support that is available in the neighbourhood.

Parents and carers from Church Street ward are invited to come together for a relaxed lunch afternoon on **Monday 24 February (11am – 2 pm)** at **Church Street Library** to find out more about:

- ▶ Safety in the neighbourhood
- ▶ Support for families
- ▶ Health and Wellbeing for children
- ▶ Future opportunities for young people
- ▶ Local spaces and activities

For more information, contact Muskaan Khurana at **0750 6202 574** or **mkhurana@westminster.gov.uk**

## CONTACT US

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