

# Ebury Bridge News

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## Since the last edition...

- We continue to listen to residents and businesses on the estate
- Housing conversations continue in the railway blocks to tackle overcrowding and meet previous rehousing commitments
- Drop-in sessions continue to be run at the Community Engagement Centre, including the First Call Housing Independent Advice, Housing Advice and Employment Advice
- The Community Engagement Team are now also available on Wednesdays at a later time from 5pm to 7pm



## Introducing a new look for eburybridge.co.uk

**eburybridge.co.uk** has been refreshed, hopefully making it more user friendly and easier to find the information you want. Have a look at let us know what you think. Visitors to the new site will be greeted with up to date information on the renewal of the Ebury Bridge Estate, with clear and easy to read text and links taking them straight to other pages of interest. Cllr Rachael Robathan said: "We have made sure this site can be used easily especially on mobile devices as well as more traditional computers. Encouraging as many people as possible to access the website whenever and wherever they want to, not only helps residents keep up to date but also enables us to deliver information on the questions that matter." If you do not have access to the internet at all, and would like to view the website, you can visit the Community Engagement Centre, where a computer is available for residents to access the website.



## Sir Simon Milton Westminster University Technical College and Foundation – Supporting Young people

When Sir Simon Milton, one of the leading and pioneering local government politicians of his generation, died prematurely in 2011 at a young age, the Sir Simon Milton Foundation was created to build on the success of his 'One City' policy – a landmark initiative that aimed to provide young people with jobs and training.

The Foundation is a co-founder of the Sir Simon Milton Westminster University Technical College just over the bridge. The school has just opened and is teaching its first 120 pupils in Year 10 (14 year olds) and Year 12 (6th formers). The school, in its state-of-the-art new building, will prepare young people from the city for engineering careers.

If you are interested to find out more, including how pupils enrol for future years, please visit: [westminsterutc.co.uk](http://westminsterutc.co.uk)

## Tell us about any anti-social behaviour, Westminster tells residents of Ebury Bridge

Prompt and detailed reporting of suspicious activities within void properties can help prevent any further damage to property which leads to anti-social behaviour on the estate. If you see suspicious activity which you think could present a threat to life or property, please report it to City West Homes when local enforcement officers can respond quickly. Call **0800 358 378**.

## Supporting Young People into work

Following on from this summer's A-level and GCSE results, young people are looking to the future and can often feel unsure of their next steps.

The Council has a range of support to help young people get their foot on the career ladder, gain work experience or find a training opportunity.

One such programme is the Council's Apprenticeship scheme which sees young people matched with opportunities at the council helping them gain practical skills and experience in the workplace.

Westminster Employment Service can also help those looking for seasonal jobs apply for a number of Christmas vacancies available.



For further details pop in to the Employment Advice Surgery held every Wednesday between 2pm and 4pm, at Community Engagement Centre, 1 Wainwright House.

## Senior Years Coffee Morning – Marking Silver Sunday

1st October marks the borough wide celebration of Silver Sunday. A range of activities are being held across Westminster to encourage older people to get out and collectively join in with a planned activity or event.

The Community Engagement Team are adding to the list of 'Silver Sunday' activities by hosting an event for the older residents of the Ebury Bridge Estate.

Personal invitations have already gone out to all senior residents living on the estate. However, if you have a neighbour or a relative living with you in your home who is 65 or older, but has not received an invite, please let the Community Engagement Team know as soon as you can.



## Business in Focus... Ideal Cafe

Salman Noureldin from Ideal Café has been serving the community for the last 18 years. He has seen a lot of change over this time, but has constantly remained a valued part of the Ebury Bridge Community. Working long hours to keep the wider community 'fed and watered', Salman always has a smile on his face and time to spend talking with his customers.

Salman knows many of the Ebury Bridge residents by name, and they often entrust him with receiving their parcels. Although Salman is uncertain about what the future holds for his business he remains willing to meet and discuss his concerns with the Council.

Salman said, "I have a lot of questions, but I am working with the Community Engagement Team and the Council to talk these through".

## Your questions answered.

### What costs will the council pay towards our move?

The council will ensure that residents are supported throughout the housing process should they be required to move as part of any renewal scheme. In addition secure tenants who are required to move are eligible for a home loss payment plus reasonable costs associated with the move.

### What will make this renewal process different from the last?

Learning from the experience of the previous scheme, as part of the design process we will ensure that options are tested to ensure they are viable. In this way a scheme that meets the aspirations of the residents and is deliverable is taken forward.

### Is refurbishment for the estate an option?

We do not have a preferred option at this stage. A refurbishment approach is one of the options that we will be exploring with residents.

### Will the new development be easy to access for prams, wheelchairs and the elderly?

Improving accessibility will be a feature of any new scheme which includes redevelopment of the estate.

### Why are the blocks in the original consented scheme being moved out?

The Council have committed to honouring the original rehousing commitments made to secure tenants living in Bridge, Pimlico, Mercer, Dalton and Hillersdon Houses. Any secure tenant who is rehoused is done so with the Right to Return.

## Preparing for the next stage – Phase 3: We are increasing our team

Following on from feedback within the community about the Listening Period, this has now been extended until the end of October. As the Community Engagement Team continue to listen to residents and collate their feedback, the council is also working to prepare for the next stage.

In order to explore all options for the estate, from refurbishment of the existing blocks through to building new homes, the council is expanding the team with additional members who specialise in design.

The team will work with residents to create a number of options for the future of the estate and respond to all the issues that are coming from the listening exercise. Members of the team will be in attendance at the 23 Sept community event as part of the listening period.



## Housing conditions

The Rehousing Team has now contacted all the households in the railway blocks, over a quarter of whom are living in overcrowded conditions, in order to honour its previous commitments and current pledges and tackle overcrowding on the estate.

If you wish to discuss your own housing circumstances, visit one of our Rehousing Advice Surgeries which continue to take place on Tuesday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm and Thursday morning from 10am to 12pm at the Community Engagement Centre located at 1 Wainwright House.

## Project Timeline – How are we doing?



## CEC Noticeboard

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTRE			
<b>Normal Opening Hours</b> Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm Late night opening on Wednesdays 5pm – 7pm	<b>First Call Independent Advice Surgeries</b> Monday 2pm – 4pm	<b>Housing Advice Surgeries</b> Tuesday 2pm – 4pm Thursday 10am – 12noon	<b>Employment Advice Surgeries</b> Wednesday 2pm – 4pm
Freephone: <b>0800 011 3467</b> Email: <b>eburybridge@westminster.gov.uk</b>			

## Be Part of Ebury Bridge News

We welcome articles, letters and information about upcoming local events or items of interest and offer free advertising for local businesses in the community.

If you would like to submit an article for inclusion in a future edition of Ebury Bridge News please email: **eburybridge@westminster.gov.uk** or call **0800 011 3467**

## Contact us

Please get in touch at:

### Ebury Community Engagement Centre

1 Wainwright House, Ebury Bridge Estate

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Wednesdays 5pm to 7pm

Phone: 0800 011 3467

Email: [eburybridge@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:eburybridge@westminster.gov.uk)

You can also keep track of the latest news on the Ebury Bridge website at: [eburybridge.co.uk](http://eburybridge.co.uk)

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