

GREEN STREET » IN FOCUS

Covering Boleyn, Green Street
East and West

STUDENTS TRANSFORM COMMUNITY CENTRE GARDEN

A team of University of East London (UEL) architecture students have chosen to transform Katherine Road Community Centre garden as part of their final year project.

To help them revamp the garden, users of the centre applied for a council Go For It (GFI) grant and the industrious students have two weeks to come up with a design and work their magic on the garden with a budget of £1,000.

The students presented their ideas to users and councillors and when you read this, the work will be complete.

Community lead councillor, Sharaf Mahmood is excited about the plans. "The students have created an ambitious design for the garden. Up until now the garden has been underused but this makeover will encourage people to use it more," he said.

In a nutshell, the work that will be carried out includes:

- fruit trees planted at the front
- fruit, vegetables, sensory plants, trees and herbs planted at the back
- the surrounding walls will be given a fresh lick of colourful paint
- a ramp built at the back to make the garden wheelchair accessible.

Students Amardeep Bahia and Indeeep Mahal gave In Focus a tour of the garden explaining what changes they were making.

"Sensory plants will be planted to aid recovering stroke victims," said Indeeep, "and people can learn more about the

herbs they grow and what they are used for."

"We are just starting the regeneration of the garden and we want people who use it to carry it on," explained Amardeep.

Come and see the spruced up garden for yourself by dropping into Katherine Road Community Centre, Katherine Road, E6.

If you've got an idea that you think could benefit the community then why not apply for a GFI grant. For more information visit www.newham.gov.uk and search for 'Go For It grants' or call Stephen Collins on 020 3373 6019.

(front l-r) Cllr Rohima Rahman, Abdul Shakoor, Leonard Pringle and UEL students Martinos Panayides and (back l-r) Davud Farzullayev, Hasina Ahmed, June Smith, Sunita Chowdhury and Cllr Sharaf Mahmood



UEL students with their proposed designs for the garden

DON'T LET POTHoles DRIVE YOU POTTY

If you know of a pothole that's making you lose the plot report it to the council!

Since winter last year, more than 4,000 potholes have been repaired in Newham. The winter conditions caused a significant increase in potholes but the council is doing all it can to repair our roads and maintain safe streets.

Potholes are formed by water penetrating the asphalt surface of a road through cracks caused by traffic. When temperatures plunge, surface water freezes, expands and causes the surface to rupture, which causes the pothole.

In Green Street, streets such as Priory, Sherrard, Halley and Monega Roads were particularly affected by the bad weather. The council is doing its utmost to deal with the problem and is part-funded by the Department of Transport to tackle the potholes.

We want to hear from you if you spot a bad pothole in Newham. Tell us by reporting it online at www.newham.gov.uk/DoltOnline, calling 020 8430 2000 or letting your local councillor know.

CORRECTION

In the last issue of In Focus on p3, there was a story on Monega CPZ extension. The name of this CPZ has now changed to Green Street East CPZ. The contact number is 020 3272 2650 and email greenstreteastcpz@newham.gov.uk.



Hamara Ghar celebrate new garden

A cuppa of tea was the order of the day at Hamara Ghar sheltered housing as residents celebrated the opening of their new roof garden by throwing a tea party.

The party was organised to give the residents an opportunity to meet their local councillors and celebrate the unveiling of the new roof garden.

More than 80 people enjoyed a cuppa, chatted to their councillor and also had a chance to meet their local Safer Neighbourhood Team and discuss any community safety concerns they had.

The roof garden has containers full of flowering plants and herbs and staff are planning to start a gardening club for those at Hamara Ghar to give them the chance to grown their own.

Community lead councillor, Sharaf Mahmood, who helped in the organisation of the party said: "We want to ensure that Hamara Ghar residents are involved in the community and have the opportunity to have a say into the services that they want."

The flats are owned and managed by Newham Homes who work in partnership with Eastwards Trust, part of Genesis Housing Group.

Cannabis factory busted

A house in Boleyn which was being used to grow cannabis plants was busted by the Plaistow Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) in a recent raid.

The police, acting on a tip-off from a concerned resident, discovered 55 cannabis plants at the premises in Victoria Avenue.

A 32-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of cultivating the plants in the house.

PC Christine Fitzgerald from Plaistow North Safer Neighbourhoods Team said: "We have been successful in removing a

large amount of drugs off the streets of Newham, but we won't stop there. We need the support and information from our communities to continue to bring those involved in drugs and criminal activity to justice."

To report crime or anti-social behaviour call your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team:

• **Green Street West SNT, call 020 8217 4397 or email GreenStreetWest.snt@met.police.uk**

• **Green Street East SNT, call 020 8721 2526 or email GreenStreetEast.snt@met.police.uk**

Photo by Deep Green productions
(l) Silvia and (r) Mubin Sattar with their
father at a bug hunt in Central Park



Celebrate the new-look Priory Park

Priory Park has had a complete makeover thanks to Newham Council's £24m investment in improving parks and roads across the borough.

To celebrate the new-look park, the council have organised a mini playday on Wednesday 27 October from 12noon to 4pm.

Come and see the park for yourself and test out the new play equipment including the high level walkway and wavy slide.

On the day there'll be face painting, bouncy castles, wrecking balls and other fun stuff for children to do.

You can help your parks team beautify the park by planting spring-flowering bulbs or Go Wild on a bug hunt and discover what little creatures live in the park. Alternatively, make Mother Nature proud and make jewellery from twigs and leaves.

**Celebrate the re-opening of Priory Park
Mini playday
Wednesday 27 October, 12noon-4pm
Priory Park, Parr Road, E6.**

CINEMA HISTORY PROJECT COMES TO QUEENS MARKET

An exciting cinema history project is coming to Queens Market and will take you back to a bygone era when Green Street was a cinema-goers paradise.

Green Street has been chosen by the organisers of Fashion in Film to showcase one of six reinvented Kinetoscopes at Queens Market.

The area was chosen by the organisers of the festival because in the early 1900s Green Street had a rich cinema history and was home to around eight cinemas.

The Kinetoscope, invented by Thomas Edison, was one of the earliest devices through which the public could view the moving image. It was a peephole machine that contained a short 35mm film reel.

The festival is now recreating this viewing experience using cutting-edge digital technology and will show a different selection of late 19th and 20th century archival films about fashion and history.

Come and see the device for yourself at Queens Market from Monday 15 November until Tuesday 30 November.

The project received some funding from Newham Council's Go For It (GFI) grant programme. (see p1 for more details on how you can apply for a GFI.)

If you are interested in the project and would like to get involved through volunteering call 020 8430 2000 and ask for Newham Volunteers or email volunteers@newham.gov.uk

Courtesy of U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Edison National Historic Site



SPOTLIGHT ON...

WARD PANEL MEMBERS

Do you want to play an active role in helping to keep your area safe? If the answer is yes, then you should consider becoming a ward panel member.

The Green Street area is divided into three wards; Boleyn, Green Street West and Green Street East. Each ward has its own dedicated Safer Neighbourhoods Team that work hard to keep your area safe.

But they can't do all this work on their own without the support and help they get from ward panel members. These are ordinary residents who live or work within the ward. They meet four times a year with the police to discuss the community's concerns on crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) and they help set the police's priorities.

The purpose of the ward panel is to agree a realistic course of action to address the issues raised by the community and find lasting solutions.

Parvinder Bhumber from St Stephen's Road became chair of the Green Street East ward panel nine months ago. He feels that the



Parvinder Bhumber – Green Street East ward panel chair

panel has been successful. "We've helped tackle ASB outside a fast food restaurant in Katherine Road, fly-tipping problems have been resolved and we've helped highlight drug problems and the reduction of drugs," he said.

"I listen to what people's concerns are when I'm out and about in the community and feed them back to the police.

"Becoming a ward panel member is a great way to play an active part in making your area safe."

If you would like to become a panel member or would like some more information please contact Sergeant Richard Martin on 020 8217 5383/ 07880 780 999 or email Greenstreeteast.snt@met.police.uk

WHAT'S ON GREEN STREET

Celebrate the re-opening of Priory Park Mini playday

Wednesday 27 October
12noon-4pm
Priory Park
Parr Road, E6
(see p3 for more details)

Kinetoscope – see the history of Queen's Market through the lens of a 19th century reinvented peep machine!

Monday 15 November until Tuesday 30 November
Queens Market
Green Street, E13
(see p3 for more details)

For even more things to do check out the What's On in Newham calendar, where you'll find listings for more than 6,000 events visit www.newham.com If your group has an activity to promote please contact us on: 020 3373 2684 or email: infocus@newham.gov.uk

MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Councillors out and about: If you would like a councillor to visit your community organisation, school, place of worship, meeting or event please call 020 3373 1267 or email shabana.qadir@newham.gov.uk. To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk



Jo Corbett



Riaz Ahmed Mirza



Pearson Shillingford

Boleyn

Jo Corbett 10 - 11am
Second Saturday of the month
10.30 - 11.30am
Priory Park Centre,
106 Parr Road, E6

Riaz Ahmed Mirza
Fourth Saturday of the month (except bank holidays)
Pearson Shillingford
Third Friday of the month
6 - 7pm
Priory Park Centre,
106 Parr Road, E6



Nirmal Chadha



Sharaf Mahmood



Rohima Rahman

Green Street East

Nirmal Kaur Chadha
Second Saturday of the month, 10.30am - 12pm
Katherine Road
Community Centre,
254 Katherine Road, E7

Sharaf Mahmood
Fourth Saturday of the month, 10.30am - 12pm
St Edmund's Parish Church
464 Katherine Road, E7

Rohima Rahman
Second Friday of the month
10am - 12pm
Katherine Road
Community Centre

254 Katherine Road, E7
Second and Fourth Saturday of the month, 10am - 12pm
William Davies Primary School, Stafford Road, E7

Sharaf Mahmood
First and third Saturday of the month, 10am - 12pm
Katherine Road
Community Centre,
254 Katherine Road, E7



Mukesh Patel



Rustam Talati



Harvinder Singh Virdee

Green Street West

First, second and third Friday
6 - 7pm
Elmhurst Primary School
Upton Park Road, E7

Fourth Friday
6 - 7pm
Upton Centre
Claude Road, E13

Need to talk to Mayor Sir Robin Wales? Being an elected mayor, Sir Robin is directly accountable to you. Look out for Question Time times and dates in the Newham Mag, visit www.newham.gov.uk/mayor or call 020 3373 0437.