

EBURY BRIDGE

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EBURY BRIDGE WELCOMES 2022

Although we're now well into the month of January we'd like to wish everyone a happy new year. Here's some of the things to look forward to in 2022.

- ▶ Our main contractor, Bouygues UK, took possession of the site on 8 November 2021. Since then, BYUK is establishing its welfare facilities and has begun to lay foundations. The team has also begun meeting residents and getting to know the community.
- ▶ Phase 1 has started and it's going to deliver the first 226 new homes of the redevelopment.
- ▶ Public Consultation for the Phase 2A design (the area around Bridge, Rye and Westbourne Houses) was held during December and was open to Ebury

Bridge Estate residents and the wider local community. We have collected the valuable feedback over the past few weeks, and were pleased to see so much positivity towards the emerging designs for this area. There will be further workshops and consultations with the team over the coming months.

- ▶ As building work continues there will be opportunities for new and exciting pop-up play spaces and facilities for residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy. Keep an eye out for how you can help us shape these new spaces in the coming months.
- ▶ We are launching new fun and educational initiatives at Ebury Edge with our partners, for you, while the construction takes place – stay tuned!

HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

With the major construction work now underway we want to reaffirm our commitment to supporting all residents and neighbours throughout the build. Our contractors have a large team on the estate to assist anyone with concerns.

We also want to remind all residents that the Ebury Bridge Regeneration Base is open, and the team is on hand to support you.

The Base is open from 10am to 4pm and you can call to make an appointment or pop in to reception.

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The Leader of the Council Rachael Robathan and Alex from the Ebury Bridge Estate

HOW EBURY RESIDENTS SAID GOODBYE TO 2021

Ebury Bridge Estate residents and Westminster City Council ended the year with a small but cheery Christmas event in the Ebury Edge courtyard space.

The event was sponsored by our contractors Bouygues UK, and it was our way to say 'thank you' to the Estate residents for their patience and understanding during the past year. We hope you enjoyed meeting the reindeers as much as we did as they brought their Christmas magic to Ebury!

YOUR RESIDENT LIAISON OFFICE ON SITE

The new Resident Liaison Office (RLO) is a dedicated space for you to raise any questions about the Ebury Bridge Estate development. Both Westminster City Council and BYUK are here to help and support you throughout the work. New signage will make the RLO office more visible to residents.

The new appointed Resident Liaison Officer is Lisa Ashworth from BYUK. Lisa will be available for in-person appointments on Monday and Tuesday, 10am to 2pm and contactable on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

- ▶ Surgery Times: **Monday and Tuesday, 10am to 2pm**
- ▶ Email and calls: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, lisa.ashworth@bouygues-uk.com, **07795 971064**



WORKS HAPPENING ON SITE

In the coming months, the Ebury Bridge Regeneration Project will continue with enabling works on site.

Specific works during the month will include:

- ▶ Installation of piling foundations for Blocks seven and eight (Phase 1) will continue throughout the month. Although both Westminster City Council and BYUK are committed to minimising any impacts on residents, this work can produce noise, so we will look to mitigate this wherever possible.
- ▶ By the end of January, BYUK is expecting to take delivery of two further piling rigs. This will enable it to complete these works in as short a time as possible. The machinery will be delivered out of working hours (before 7am or after 6pm) to avoid busy road times, but site works will remain between 8am and 6pm, as normal.
- ▶ A new electrical sub-station was installed behind Victoria House on 13 January and work is scheduled to last two weeks. During these works, we look to maintain access during out of hours but at some points during the day, diversions maybe in place.
- ▶ Between 14 and 25 of February it will be necessary to close Ebury Bridge Road to traffic. This is to allow the connection of the substation to the electrical main on the western footpath of Ebury Bridge Road.

PHASE 2A DESIGN PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The WCC regeneration team, Astudio Architects and Communities First welcomed residents during the first of the two public consultations for Phase 2A Design of the Ebury Bridge Estate renewal.

The feedback received will assist the design process and enable Westminster City Council and the architect's team to develop the design. We will keep you up to date about the second round of the Phase 2A Consultation.



Phase 2A building area and public consultation in December 2021

A LIVELY AND DEVELOPING COMMUNITY AT EBURY EDGE

We know that 2021 has been a difficult year for all but we are happy to say that Ebury Edge has been a destination for many over the past months and without your support and presence this would have not been possible.

Several workshops, art markets and Community events took place in the community space and community courtyard, allowing residents and the wider public to enjoy an inclusive and cheerful space like Ebury Edge.

Look out for the upcoming events and activities, including the **open day at Ebury Edge on 28 January 11am to 1pm**, to see the space and discuss how you might be able to get involved in your local community.



MEET MARIAH AND Ee, THE TWO NEW ENTRIES AT EBURY EDGE

Mariah, new retail unit tenant

Offering flowers and plants, Wild Cottage creates bespoke bouquets to celebrate life's most important moments in style. We also like to show the latest trends in home decor.



Art exhibitions are also held to encourage the general public to be engaged with the Kindness Studio. The programme has been well received and was awarded a certificate of achievement from the London Westminster library. The Kindness Studio is part of the Somerset House Exchange.

Exhibition Plan

Every week there will be an interchanging exhibition focusing on certain themes with different artists, Ee will host several exciting activities over the next seven weeks, stay tuned!



Ee, new incubator unit tenant

The Kindness Studio encourages kindness through art. Ee believe in using art to educate the next generation to be kind and love planet earth. It's the aim of the project to encourage the next generation to raise awareness of the future of the planet through art. The studio organises art workshops for children and adults.

Workshops

There will be free weekly meditation/calligraphy workshops for adults and free upcycling craft workshops for kids.

All Westminster residents can get **30% off** on all workshops (except Natalie's workshop) with the promo code on the website thekindnessstudio.org/book-online

WESTMINSTER UNIVERSITY ARCHITECTURAL STUDENT JOINS ASTUDIO ARCHITECTS TEAM

Astudio Architects welcomed Becki Weller, a part one student from the University of Westminster's School of Architecture. Here's what she had to say about her time with them this week.

How have you found the week?

I was very excited to join Astudio for a week and it has been a great experience! The team has been really welcoming, and it has given me a great insight into Astudio's collaborative ethos. I have highly enjoyed learning about the current projects on site and in the studio, especially the Ebury Regeneration Scheme and developments for the amodular system.

Furthermore I have observed that Astudio are eager to adapt in order to tackle climate issues and the changing world.

What work have you been involved with during the week?

I have been supporting Astudio with their Kew Gardens 'Tree-house' competition entry. This has been an extremely interesting project and a great chance to develop my design skills in real-life terms. The team has been really interested and supportive of my ideas. I have loved the whole experience!

What benefits do you think can be realised from working and learning in practise?

I believe the key benefit is it gives you the opportunity to engage with people with diverse skill sets and experiences. I have especially realised that it is extremely beneficial to be physically in the office environment in order to easily collaborate and learn from each other as much as possible.



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Our main contractor on site, Bouygues UK, is hiring

Welfare cleaner on the Ebury Bridge Estate site wanted!

If interested, please contact Lisa Ashworth at lisa.ashworth@bouygues-uk.com or call 07795 971064.



NORDIC WALKING PROGRAMME

Sponsored by Westminster City Council, Communities First and YB Limited, the free Nordic Walking Programme is a great chance to get active after the festive break, enjoy walks in good company and explore new places.

To participate in the 12-week Nordic Walking Programme, email Adam Thornton at athornton@communitiesfirst.uk.com or call 07429 393972.

Important details:

- ▶ Equipment supplied
- ▶ Weekly sessions: 1pm - 2.15pm
- ▶ Venue: St James's Park, Birdcage Walk, London SW1A 2BJ
- ▶ Meeting point: Sullivan's Plaque
- ▶ Limited places available

