

# EBURY BRIDGE

## NEWS



BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF EBURY BRIDGE



Leader of the Council, Rachael Robathan, switches on Christmas lights at Ebury Edge with residents of Ebury Bridge

### A SPECIAL THANKS, FROM US TO YOU

**As we reach the end of 2020, we'd like to take the time to say a special thank you to our residents and neighbours for your patience and understanding as the construction work was delivered on the Estate. We understand that that this year has been difficult for everyone, but with your help a huge amount of progress has been made in preparing the Estate for the delivery of the new homes.**

Huge strides – during difficult times – have been made, highlights include: the safe rehousing of many residents off Ebury Bridge; the demolition of the first Phase of buildings; submission of the planning application for the scheme; and the completion of the new

meanwhile space, Ebury Edge. This has been a team effort, and we give credit to the Ebury Bridge community for working hard with us throughout the year to reach these milestones.

Next year should see the 'first spades in the ground' and work starting on the first 226 new homes in Phase 1. There is also a lot to look forward to as the Ebury Edge facility which will formally open its doors to residents and visitors.

We will also get a better picture of what the new homes will look like and start to talk to households. This will be an exciting time in the project, as we start to see the new Ebury Bridge come to life.

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## EBURY WINTER WARMER

**W**ith the festive season upon us we're inviting you to celebrate, at a social distance, as a community with a Winter Warmer event. This time will be a little different to past events, but with our brand new Ebury Edge facility we can enjoy ourselves in a safe way.

This year, we're bringing delicious street food to Ebury Bridge. Tongue 'N Cheek are an independent street food merchant, with a wealth of experience serving the people of London. The company have built a strong reputation and in 2013, they won Best Sandwich at the British Street Food Awards.

To compliment your hot meal, we're providing the 'afters' as we know everyone's always got room for dessert. Courtesy of Fat Macy's, the new Ebury Edge café operators, special hampers with sweet treats inside will be on offer.

We're also lighting up a Christmas tree at Ebury Edge, and a special 'Winter Wonderland' light show is being placed in the courtyard of the new meanwhile space for all to see and enjoy as you walk past!



## WORKS UPDATE

**I**n December, you will still see plenty of work happening on various sites across the Estate.

JF Hunt have been undertaking Phase 1 ground investigation work and have extended their Hillersdon House site, which saw the hoarding be moved to the edge of the playpark. Part of the Estate road has now been permanently closed for public use.

Enabling work – which is happening across the site – is done to make sure the ground foundation level is safe and secure, for the new homes being built.

All residents have safely moved out of Pimlico House. This block will become part of the construction site, as John F Hunt prepare for the next phase of work to begin. Hoarding and scaffolding will be put up around Pimlico House in the coming weeks.

In the new year we plan to make a pedestrian access gate at the North end of the park to replace the main gate which is now behind the hoarding. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.



Work progresses at Ebury

## RELOCATION OF THE FOODBANK

**O**ver the next few weeks, we will be helping Mike and the Foodbank team relocate to a new temporary premise on the Estate. The Foodbank will move to a new space on the plot of land where Wainwright House used to be and will have all the storage and facilities the Lodge currently has.

We know how important the work Mike and his team carry out in the community and we will continue to support the Foodbank, including with their relocation.



The Foodbank team delivering their service on the Estate

## AN UPDATE FROM THE EDGE

**Y**ou may have noticed some new faces and some familiar faces in and around Ebury Edge over the last few weeks. The first tenants of the units have started to move in and soon will be opening their doors to the first customers.

Longstanding Ebury Bridge resident Kevin O'Brien (pictured), has been helping the new businesses with all their decorative needs – and a fine job he's done too!

The Fat Macy's team have been busy preparing for our Christmas Winter Warmer event and are hoping to provide a takeaway service by the end of this month.

A pottery start-up, Clay Habitat, have moved in and are already offering a range of unique pieces for sale – perfect Christmas gifts. Knitwear outfitters Her.o are a Pimlico based startup offering a range of stylish knitted products including decadent Cashmere socks!

Feel free to pop down and have a look as more tenants move in.



## KEEPING SAFE AT CHRISTMAS

**P**articularly at this time of year, we want to encourage our residents to take special care. The festive season can sometimes bring extra hazards into your home which can lead to accidental fires.

Accidental home fires have reduced by 21% over the past five years but despite this reduction calls to 999 to report fires still increase in December and January.

All too many people experience accidents caused by anything from ill-placed Christmas trees to faulty fairy lights, overloaded power boards and sockets to unattended candles – prevention is key. In addition to this, please make sure your smoke alarm is tested and working. Let us all enjoy this time of the year safely.

## SPREAD SOME JOY

**F**or parents, why not get your kids involved in the Love Through The Letterbox campaign this Christmas by sending a letter, card or drawing to an elderly relative or neighbour to show that you are thinking of them.

Receiving something personal in the post could make their day! We've enclosed a handy activity sheet to get you going and don't forget to share your involvement with the hashtag [#LoveThroughTheLetterbox](#)



## GET A COVID-19 TEST NEAR YOU

**D**id you know the council has three semi-permanent walk-through testing centres are open seven days per week 8am – 8pm at the following locations:

- ▶ Greenside Community Centre
- ▶ Grosvenor Hall
- ▶ Lydford Tenants and Residents Hall

Anyone with symptoms can book an appointment by calling **119** or by heading to the NHS website. If you are unable to book a test through the NHS there are a limited number of testing slots that the Council are able to book on your behalf.

Please call Westminster Connects on **020 7641 1222** (9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday).



A testing slot will be booked on your behalf. A testing slot should be made available within 24 hours of you calling us. Please only call this number if you are unable to book via the NHS. More information can be found here: [westminster.gov.uk/CovidTest](https://westminster.gov.uk/CovidTest)

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## EBURY REGENERATION BASE CLOSED OVER CHRISTMAS

**T**he Ebury Bridge Regeneration Base will be closed from 24 December up until 4 January, where we will open once again for the new year.

If you are to experience any issues or have any concerns and questions about construction works, then please contact the out of hours number on **07739134702**.

You can still contact the Housing Services Repairs team on **0800 358 3783**, who will be providing an emergency service

throughout the Christmas period. South Area Service Centre will remain open over Christmas, on an **appointment only basis**. To ensure your safety, contractors wear a face mask and gloves, keep their distance, observe good hand hygiene, and clean all work areas.

We hope you have a lovely festive break, filled with joy and food. From the team here at the Base, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

