

EBURY BRIDGE

NEWS

BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF EBURY BRIDGE



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Community Futures Group inside their new community meanwhile space at Ebury Bridge

October saw the colourful completion of the new community space Ebury Edge. As the space gears up to officially open, we're inviting you to have a look around...

Work started earlier this year on the temporary small business neighbourhood that would come to be known as Ebury Edge (a nod to its predecessor Edgson House). Although it was a challenging feat, progressing the development throughout lockdown, the meanwhile space is now here and we're getting it ready for the residents of Ebury Bridge Estate and the wider community to enjoy.

Because of COVID-19 a low-key opening ceremony took place earlier last month, where the team and members of the Ebury Community Futures Group were able to thank the contractors who built the facility. We'd now like to invite local residents to come and have a look around to see what's in store when fully open.

After lockdown ends and when it is safe to do so, if you would like to have a tour of your new community space, then register your interest with us by emailing eburybridge@westminster.gov.uk or phone the office on **0800 011 3467**.

Ebury Edge is a multi-use meanwhile space, which will include offices, studio and retail spaces for local people and businesses, kickstarting start-up businesses. When the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted it will also be a space for local residents to hold parties for special occasions.

We look forward to the community checking out and visiting the new community space at Ebury Bridge. To learn more about Ebury Edge or get in touch with the team, please visit eburyedge.com

FIRST TENANTS ARRIVE AT EBURY EDGE

We'd like to introduce Fat Macy's, who will be the café operator with a variety of drinks and meals on offer from breakfast through to dinner. Fat Macy's works with young Londoners living in temporary accommodation. They provide a pathway towards independent living by inviting them to train with their chefs and front of house team to deliver culinary events and catering across London, and now at Ebury Edge.

Meg Doherty Founder of Fat Macy's said "Fat Macy's is absolutely delighted to be part of this incredible project, and we can't wait to join this vibrant and beautiful Pimlico community. This opportunity will enable us to grow and develop our training programme, while sharing our delicious food with the community and the people of Pimlico."



Fat Macy's celebrate the opening of Ebury Edge

A NEW COAT OF PAINT FOR ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL

On 16 October 2020, Councillor Jacqui Wilkinson, Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Regeneration, visited St. Barnabas Primary School to meet with the Headteacher, John F Hunt and the local company completing the redecorating work.

John F Hunt managed the redecoration, providing a new coat of paint for the hallways, classrooms

and playground at your revamped learning hub. John F Hunt made a promise to hire a local business to come into the school and complete the works, giving back to your community.

The redecorating took place over the past month, across weekends and during the half term, ensuring the work did not interfere with your vital education.

We hope you all like St. Barnabas' new look!



Cllr Wilkinson and Headteachers of St Barnabas School meet John F Hunt and the local contractor completing the redecorating work

WHAT LIES BENEATH EBURY BRIDGE?

As we prepare for the new homes at Ebury Bridge, a specialist team have been exploring the ground which lies below your feet. This 'archaeological assessment' looks at the history and heritage of the area and looks to preserve items of historical significance. In this article, we'll show you what the team has found and give you a history of the land the estate sits on...

Location

Starting off, Ebury Bridge Estate is located between Victoria Railway Station and River Thames in Pimlico, South Westminster...but you already knew that.

Dipping our feet in the water

At a shallow depth of up to 3 metres, the ground will likely include remains from just after the medieval period (AD1485 -1700) all the way up to present day, including remains of past housing. In addition to this (and probably something a bit closer to our time than steel swords and armour), there will be remains from the 19th century Grosvenor Canal, which was originally part of the mid-18th century but short-lived Chelsea Water Works. Where the canal used to flow can be seen by where the bridge has been bricked up – close to Bridge House.



Going back a little further

Dating back to 1614, before it became the homes of today, Ebury Bridge was once a marshland, known as Hollow Meadow. Here lay osier beds, which is a fancy name for where Willow Trees are planted. The strong, durable wood from Willows were used to make baskets and fish traps. The soil of Hollow Meadow was soft and organic, containing untapped minerals. For much of its history the area didn't have many residents – due to its wet landscape – until around the 19th century when the land was reclaimed and developed.

The River Thames wasn't alone

The River Thames carved through London, East to West. But it wasn't alone, as River Westbourne and River Tyburn ran along the 'Pimlico junction' onto the Thames river motorway through and past the Estate many years ago. From inspections, there were several former water channels, which would have contributed to the wet landscape.

What we expect to find

The digs have confirmed what our experts expected to find such as;

- ▶ To the east, remains of the former Grosvenor Canal walls and features of the 19th century canal wharf-side buildings and cobbled yards.

As work continues to progress at Ebury, we are sure to uncover more about the heritage of your Estate and share these stories with you. We expect to find;

- ▶ To the west, remains of 18th and 19th century buildings, telling an interesting story of historical industrial and local social uses
- ▶ Evidence of Roman to Medieval aged agriculture
- ▶ Prehistoric Paleolithic age (also known as the Old Stone Age, between 100,000 years ago and 10,000 B.C.) materials in the soil, from the ancient floodplain at Ebury which bordered the River Thames.

WINTER WARMER

As Christmas approaches, we'd like to take the opportunity to celebrate as a community. As the cold nights roll in, we want hold a Winter Warmer event, which will see us deliver hampers straight to your door. The hampers will have a selection of food and token gifts.

We understand that with the situation we find ourselves in this year, the event we were planning to hold had to be changed based on government advice and the introduction of restrictions.

This is an event where we can come together for Christmas in spirit!



KEEPING EBURY CLEAN

We have noticed an increase in fly tipping throughout the Estate, which is illegal under criminal law. Perpetrators can be issued with a fine of an unlimited amount for fly tipping in Westminster.

Please note, that we provide a waste collection service for large items which are harder to dispose of. The service costs £30 for up to 6 items, with each additional item costing £5 each. We aim to complete your collection within 10 working days.

If you get housing or council tax benefit, this service is free. However, qualifying residents are limited to 1 concession collection of up to 6 items every 90 days.

For more information, please visit our website at westminster.gov.uk/residential-bulky-waste



Rui helping to keep your Estate clean and tidy

NEW POP-UP RETAIL

You may have noticed two empty shops on Ebury Bridge Road. We're busily preparing them for some new retailers to join the parade. Watch this space for the new arrivals.



Current retail down Ebury Bridge Road

STAYING SAFE AND CONNECTED

We appreciate that the lockdown period can be difficult. We encourage you to speak up, either to us (using the contact details to the right) or someone you hold dear, if you are feeling lonely or concerned about COVID-19. Your health, wellbeing and safety remains our priority, therefore please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

AN UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION AT EBURY

John F Hunt have completed the demolition of Wellesley, Wainwright, Dalton, Mercer and Hillersdon House, including the breaking of the ground floor slab work on each block.

Processing and sorting of the debris from the demolished blocks for crushing is continuing on site. This will enable us to reuse the materials at the new Ebury, practising more sustainable methods of construction.



Construction work progresses at Ebury

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