

EBURY BRIDGE

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New COVID-secure playground for Early Years Learning

ST. BARNABAS' UNVEILS THEIR EARLY YEARS OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA

On Wednesday 24 February, we welcomed Councillor Heather Acton, Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration to Ebury Bridge for a tour of the preparation for the new homes, the new meanwhile space, Ebury Edge and the completed COVID-secure outdoor area at St. Barnabas' Primary School and Nursery.

The outdoor classroom will give the children a new space to learn, interact and have fun. A big thank you to our principle contractor at Ebury, Bouygues UK, for their generous donation towards the project. In the February edition, we showed you a picture of how the playground looked before the school and contractor were preparing the outdoor area to be reconstructed. We are now delighted to reveal pictures of the new, finished outdoor classroom, above!

On her tour, Councillor Acton had the opportunity to see the work in progress on site and sample the refreshments and flowers of Fat Macy's.

REMEMBERING COCO

We would like everyone to join us in taking a moment to remember Coco; Socorro Diaz, who sadly passed away recently.

Originally from the central American country of Nicaragua, Coco made Ebury Bridge her home in 2004. Many people saw Coco as their 'Ebury mum' due to her caring nature for young and old alike. An ardent fundraiser, Coco was regularly involved in the Nicaraguan ambassador's annual gala event which raised money for central American children living in the UK. Coco also raised money for families of overseas nationals living in London.

Coco was loved on the Estate by so many for her vibrant personality. Coco, who lived in Doneraile House, was a longstanding resident at Ebury and will be sorely missed by the community, but will live long in the memories of Ebury residents.

Our thoughts are with Coco's family, friends and those who knew her around the Ebury Bridge Estate, during this time.



EASTER GRILL AT EBUARY EDGE

The smell of a barbecue is a sign that warmer weather is coming and a chance for us to have fun and spend more time outdoors.

As government guidelines begin to ease, we're planning for an Easter Grill at Ebury Edge, which will be the first of the outdoor (al fresco) eating events happening over the coming months. It's a chance for us all to come together (at a social distance), enjoy some delicious food and look forward to the summer ahead.

On Friday 2 and Saturday 3 April 2021, Ebury Bridge Estate residents will benefit from special promotions on food provided by Fat Macy's in the courtyard of Ebury Edge.

More news on this soon!



Ebury Edge's courtyard

AN UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION WORK AT EBUARY

Welcome back to your construction update, keeping you informed on progress happening on site by our contractors, John F Hunt. Here's what you can expect to see now and in the coming weeks on site:

Hillersdon House Foundations

John F Hunt are currently removing any underground structures that were built before the construction of Hillersdon House. These structures go back to the time that Ebury was a wharf. This will allow building work of the new homes to start as soon as possible. The boundary of the construction site includes the Lodge (next to Doneraile House), where the contractors are surveying the ground for further obstructions to be removed.

If you have any questions or concerns, then please do not hesitate to contact us either by phone on **0800 011 3467** or via email at eburybridge@westminster.gov.uk

Eastern Boundary Wall

Hoardings have been placed around the boundary wall next to the railway and work in this area is underway. This shouldn't cause any disruption to residents.



Eastern Boundary Wall

MEET TOM, YOUR RESIDENT LIAISON OFFICER

We'd like you to meet Tom Seath, your Resident Liaison Officer (RLO), if you haven't already.

Tom's role on the Ebury Bridge project, as RLO, is to listen to and understand residents' needs or concerns in the relation to construction work John F Hunt undertake – keeping a constant open dialogue between residents and John F Hunt's site team. As well as working with residents, Tom also collects environmental data using noise, dust and vibration monitors on site. The recorded data is then sent to the council for review to ensure John F Hunt's work at Ebury remains within the strict council guidelines.

If you have any questions about construction work coming up then get in touch with Tom, either via mobile on **07971 729662** or email at tom.seath@johnfhunt.co.uk

COMMUNITY FUTURES GROUP

Throughout lockdown the Community Futures Group has continued to meet using online meeting software. Below is an update on some of the areas the group has been working on.

Shaping the future management service

Throughout the last three years of consultation residents have told us they want a dedicated, high quality management service based on the estate. This is a team to manage the new leisure, play, work spaces, public squares, security and concierge and parcel collection, among other new additions.

Any change in management provider will be in full consultation with the whole community. To begin this process, the CFG have been working on what a new estate management service could look like and the likely costs to residents.

Local Lettings

Should planning permission be granted in the spring, work will start in earnest on the new homes. We will shortly begin consultation with the CFG and residents on how the new homes will be allocated.

This is called a 'local lettings plan' and will see who is given priority for the new Ebury homes (after the existing community are rehoused).

Leaseholder customer journey

We have also been in close contact with CFG members to help explain the process for leaseholders who are selling their property to the council.

Two members of the CFG have assisted in documenting their experiences of the sales journey and this has been captured in a document that will be distributed soon.





Dolly working at the Foodbank at Ebury

THE FOODBANK TEAM

While Mike Smith – manager of the Foodbank – was recovering from illness, his fantastic team (including Dolly, pictured above) have been exceptional in holding the fort and ensuring the Foodbank carries on serving the local area.

The team have now partnered with Whole Foods and allplants, meaning they have new products, such as vegan boxes, at the Foodbank.

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A VITAL FRIEND OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Along Ebury Bridge Road lie local heroes. From plasters to medicines, Greens Pharmacy have remained open, serving the local community throughout the pandemic.

While others are staying at home to keep themselves and everyone else safe, Greens Pharmacy's team carry on working hard to make sure residents can receive their prescriptions and other essentials. They are going far and beyond their normal duties, to deliver to those most vulnerable who are shielding at home.

We are confident you will support us in saying a big thank you to your local chemist team.



Jessel outside Greens Pharmacy

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COVID-19 VACCINE

Are you over 50 and not had your COVID-19 vaccination yet? You can now book online at nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine or call NHS 119 to book your vaccination appointment.

The COVID-19 vaccine has been proven to be safe and effective at reducing the chance of you suffering from coronavirus.

If you are aged 50 or over, clinically vulnerable, a health and social care worker, live or work in a care home, or are the main carer for someone at high risk, you can book your COVID-19 vaccination appointment without needing an invitation letter by visiting the NHS vaccination website or calling NHS 119, free of charge.

The sooner we are all vaccinated, the sooner we can get back to normal.

For more information and to have your vaccination questions answered, visit westminster.gov.uk/vaccinations

