

EBURY BRIDGE

NEWS



BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF EBURY BRIDGE



Children enjoy their time at the new resident-led nursery in your new community centre

CARLY'S ANGELS AT EBURY EDGE

The new community space at Ebury Edge has welcomed its first group of regular young visitors.

Carly's Angels is an Early Years childcare playgroup run by longstanding Ebury resident, experienced childcare professional and familiar face on the estate, Carly Taplin.

While many activities are currently restricted by the lockdown guidelines, the small playgroup has set about making use of the community hall and the space to play. Initially running on two days a week for a trial period, the group's set-up has been given full approval by children's services inspector Ofsted

Local charity the Pimlico Toy Library has kindly donated tables, chairs and toys to support the nursery in its early stages. Carly is very happy with her group's new spot.

"We are so pleased to have this space in Ebury Edge. Thank you to everyone involved in helping me to make this happen", she says.

Although currently at full capacity, Carly's Angels welcome contact from parents interested in their children attending. To register your interest email carlys_angels@yahoo.com

Please note, the nursery is subject to availability and priority is given to those locally.

We understand the value a regular childcare provision brings to a local community. Over the coming months we intend to work closely with both Carly and other members of the Ebury Bridge community in establishing a permanent early years setting.

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ST BARNABAS' NEW LOOK PLAYGROUND UNDERWAY

When local Primary School St Barnabas started a fundraising campaign to raise money for a new playground, our contractors Bouygues UK were happy to help.

After meeting their target for fundraising, St Barnabas were able to hire contractors to design and build their new look playground. Bouygues – the principle contractor for Phase 1 of the redevelopment and delivery of new homes at Ebury Bridge – contributed a significant amount towards the project. This is an example of how the regeneration is benefiting not only the Ebury Bridge Estate, but the local area too.

Many other residents and organisations in the local community and further afield also helped St Barnabas' ambitions to become a reality with their generous donations. Lauren Castle, Headteacher of St Barnabas School, says *"We are delighted that work has begun on transforming our Early Years outdoor area. This space will enrich the pupils' learning experience and provide a safe space for children to enjoy the outdoors all year round"*.

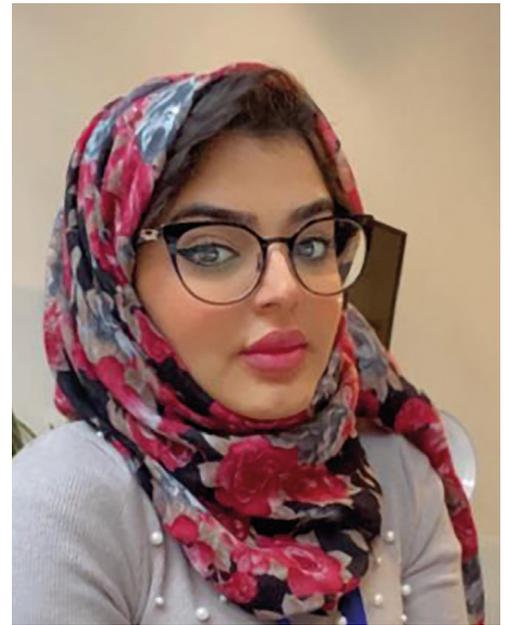
Take a look at a progress picture below to see how the project has come along.



MEET REMAH

Remah Karem is the newest member of the Ebury Bridge team.

Remah has joined as Project Regeneration Officer for the existing estate. She has plenty of experience working on housing projects and has previously worked for Westminster City Council in the Housing Services team. Remah said *"I've received a warm welcome off all of the team, and I'm thrilled to be working on such an ambitious and fantastic scheme. I'll be here to work on the existing Ebury Bridge Estate, looking after the existing homes during each stage of the redevelopment."*



Remah Karem

LAYING SOLID FOUNDATIONS

The new homes built at the new Ebury Bridge will be high quality, energy efficient and well insulated.

However, just as important as the homes is how the new neighbourhood is managed, both by the staff you see on the ground and those working behind the scenes. With many more people moving to the neighbourhood, we want the new Ebury to set the highest standards in estate regeneration and to do that we are working on a list of services that will make the future neighbourhood run like clockwork. Below are just some of the new services you can expect to enjoy at the new Ebury;

- ▶ A concierge service (increased security)
- ▶ Landscape maintenance
- ▶ A dedicated onsite management team
- ▶ An Ebury responsive repairs team

Over the coming months we will share with you the full specification, facilities and proposals for the services for the renewed Ebury Bridge development.



CONSTRUCTION HAPPENING NOW AND IN THE COMING WEEKS

As the cold weather descends on the estate there is no let up in the construction work at Ebury Bridge.

As you now will know, Pimlico House is part of the construction site – evident by the hoarding and scaffolding surrounding the block. Demolition of the block is underway, as John F Hunt is busy stripping the roof and chimneys. We will keep you updated as work progresses at Pimlico House.

Hoarding has been placed around the eastern boundary wall for the demolition to the wall to commence in the coming weeks. This current work will not cause any disruption to residents on the estate.

Work is expected to start to remove the foundations of Hillersdon House. John F Hunt are using a method to minimise vibration and sound on the estate.

Thank you in advance for your understanding during construction.



Work to Pimlico House progresses

SAY HELLO TO SHANE

Andrew Gayle, who prefers to be called Shane, works for John F Hunt on the Ebury Bridge site.

Shane's formal job title is Traffic Marshall, but he is definitely not limited to just managing the traffic. You may have noticed Shane around the estate; he has a broad skillset when it comes to working in a construction environment and can do just about anything he puts his mind to. Shane has an infectious personality and beside his day job he is always helping residents where he can. No matter how busy Shane is, he will always stop to greet residents, so next time you are around the estate, look out for Shane and say hello!



Shane (Andrew Gayle)

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE

On 28 January 2020, emergency works were undertaken by John F Hunt to fix an underground water pipe which had burst and was causing a leak.

To fix the pipe as soon as possible, the water supply to the north side of the estate was switched off temporarily that afternoon.

We understand that this will have caused inconvenience to residents at Ebury and we wanted to offer, first of all an apology, but also our thanks to you for being patient and resilient while this emergency work took place and the water supply was out temporarily.

We will continue to keep in close contact over work happening at Ebury. Find out what you can expect to see in the coming weeks on the next page.

DOYLE WHAM'S TIME AT EBURY EDGE

We spoke to Doyle Wham, Westminster residents and former tenants at Ebury Edge, to see what their experience was like. Here's what they said:

What do Doyle Wham do?

We are the UK's first and only contemporary African photography gallery, launched in September 2020. We curate solo and group exhibitions that aim to highlight the incredible diversity of Africa's photography scene today.

Who do you work with?

We work primarily with young, Africa-based photographers in their 20s. We find most of our artists through Instagram and then ask to exhibit them. Our collaborators so far range from Abuja Art Week in Nigeria to the Wynwood Art District cafe in Walthamstow (London). If you would be interested in working together or think your home or workspace could be brightened by photography, get in touch!

How did you find working in the Ebury Edge space?

There was great energy at Ebury Edge, which was especially welcome in this

challenging business environment and the spectre of lockdowns. There was a lot of on-site support from both Meanwhile Space and Westminster City Council that made it feel like a tight-knit community in a short space of time. It was also convenient for us personally as we live locally but wouldn't have been able to afford an exhibition in the area without this opportunity.

Would you recommend Ebury Edge to other independent businesses?

Definitely! It's a really rare chance to test your business idea without committing to long-term rental. You would also be joining an exciting community of other business owners.

What was the highlight of your time at Ebury Edge?

This would have to be witnessing the transformation of all the other retail units. We were only the second business to move in, so we got to see them go from empty boxes to fully fledged stores (and learn some new DIY skills along the way) in just a few weeks.



Doyle Wham

COVID-19 VACCINE

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 65 or over or are clinically extremely vulnerable, you can now book your COVID-19 vaccination appointment without needing an invitation letter by visiting the NHS vaccination website or calling NHS 119, free of charge.

Please book and attend your appointment. You can book your appointment at a vaccination centre or a community

pharmacy. The COVID-19 vaccination sites are run by NHS professionals and have extra measures in place to keep you safe during your visit. If you would prefer to receive the vaccine at a GP surgery, please wait to be contacted.

We know many of you will have questions about the vaccine and are concerned about the safety of the vaccinations.

Read the full FAQs on our website for more information by clicking here – westminster.gov.uk/vaccinations

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