

EBURY BRIDGE

NEWS



BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF EBURY BRIDGE



We welcomed residents from near and far to Ebury Lights

CHRISTMAS CRACKER AT EBURY BRIDGE

You may have noticed something slightly different about the estate recently. Over the last two weeks, the plot where Edgson House once stood was transformed into a festive extravaganza. Adorned with an array of Christmas illuminations, stalls and a temporary ice rink the 'Ebury Lights' event could be seen from far and wide.

Over 1,300 local residents visited the event and enjoyed ice skating, crafts, Christmas fayre, Carol-oke, Santa's grotto and reindeers, St Barnabas School Choir and much, much more.

Cllr Rachael Robathan, Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Regeneration, had the honour of switching on the lights with young Ebury Bridge resident Alexander, which officially kicked off the festivities. Turn the page to read more about the festive spectacular.

Everyone on the Ebury Bridge team would like to wish you all very warm seasons greetings and a happy new year.

SHARE YOUR ENERGY BILLS AND WIN A PRIZE

The new homes on the estate will be more energy efficient and will reduce energy bills. To compare just how much cheaper bills will be, we'd like to compare your current bills with projected bills of the future. For the first five households who provide copies of their bills we will give them £25 in shopping vouchers. Contact us on 0800 011 3467 to make an appointment.

We've completed work measuring the size of the existing flats so we can compare them with the designs of the new homes.

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Ebury Lights

THANKS FOR COMING TO EBURY LIGHTS

While temperatures dropped, the crowds awaiting the official opening of the Ebury Lights event weren't going to be put off. As the gates opened, children took to the ice while St Barnabas school choir serenaded the crowds.

Thursday 5 December saw the start of the eight day event in which over 1,300 visitors enjoyed a host of festive activities. This was the first of the meanwhile events to take place at Ebury Bridge with work on the semi-permanent 'Ebury Edge' taking place in the new year.

Ebury Lights was a celebration of the Ebury Bridge community spirit which was plain to see as residents from all walks of life came together for some pre-Christmas fun.

Below: Lord Mayor Locum Tenens Cllr Christabel Flight and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Regeneration Cllr Rachael Robathan kicked off the festivities

Right: Families enjoying the wide range of activities



DELIVERING PHASE 2 MORE QUICKLY

During the pre-planning consultation, local people told us to speed up renewing Ebury Bridge Estate, delivering new homes quicker where possible. This would minimise disruption and help residents return to a permanent place to call home faster than expected.

We've been analysing how to speed up the new scheme and found that by focusing on an area to the north of

How we can help you move quicker

- ▶ A move to another home within the estate temporarily, and decorated to a high standard – for both secure tenants and resident leaseholders.
- ▶ Support with a temporary move to a new home away from the estate, decorated to a high standard, still within Westminster – for both secure tenants and resident leaseholders. This option will allow residents to avoid building work disruption on the estate while new homes are built.
- ▶ If preferred for secure tenants, we can facilitate a permanent move to a new council home in Westminster which will be decorated to a high standard.
- ▶ We can provide assistance for leaseholders to remain in home-ownership while new homes are built. This is by helping with purchases off the Ebury Bridge Estate and paying stamp duty on the temporary home and on the return to the estate.
- ▶ We can find private rented sector properties in the area for leaseholders while new homes are built, at no additional costs to what you pay now.
- ▶ If leaseholders prefer a permanent offsite move but require additional support with purchases, we can assist with equity loans – where required.

the estate, building lots of new homes could begin a year earlier than originally scheduled. This would continue to require personalised support for tenants and leaseholders in identifying appropriate alternative accommodation, either on the estate or elsewhere in Westminster.

We'll contact households in the new year to start the conversation on how we can accelerate delivery of new homes.

- ▶ We can provide bespoke support for Temporary Accommodation tenants.

We would be happy to discuss opportunities further with you. Get in touch with us using the contact details listed at the back of this newsletter if you would like to consider any of these options.

Rehousing has already worked very well for some Ebury Bridge Estate residents, as Mohammed Eisa found. There are similar opportunities still available, so don't miss out. Get in touch if you'd like to discuss your options.

Mohammed said:

“*In 2018 the council helped me move from Ebury Bridge Estate to a very good quality temporary home nearby. I was very impressed with the range of available housing choices, and the help to move provided by the council.*

*I was pleased to get a larger flat more appropriate for my family's needs, while still having the right to return to a home on the new estate.”***”**

EBURY EDGE CONSTRUCTION WORK TO START IN JANUARY

The council plans to start building Ebury Edge, a vibrant community space filled with shops, a community café, work spaces, a hall and gardens in the new year. Following planning permission being granted in the summer, hoarding went up in December, with construction due to begin in early January 2020.

Ebury Edge is due to be completed by mid-2020, and then open for around four years. Head to eburyedge.com for more information and to register your interest in taking some of the new business and community space.



Concept image of Ebury Edge



We remain committed to partnering with the community as the renewal progresses

COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS UPDATE

We have been working with the CFG and we're pleased to launch the new Ebury Bridge Community Commitments document

- ▶ **The role of our Community Futures Group** – The resident group steering key decisions about the renewal and setting standards for future housing management.
- ▶ **New housing opportunities** – Our guarantees when arranging appropriate permanent or temporary housing while the renewal progresses.
- ▶ **Affordability** – Ensuring the estate continues to be affordable for existing residents.
- ▶ **Social value** – Residents will play a key role identifying social value priorities, endorsing a dedicated community fund.
- ▶ **Economy** – How we'll support Ebury Bridge businesses while the renewal progresses.
- ▶ **Sustainability** – An ambition to reach excellent environmental standards.
- ▶ **Relocations** – Supporting households who are moving.
- ▶ **Housing management** – Ensuring good management of existing estate.

Head to eburybridge.org/community to view the Community Commitments document or look out for your copy through the door.

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REVISED REGENERATION BASE OPENING HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS PERIOD

The Ebury Bridge Regeneration Base will be closed from **1pm on Tuesday 24 December 2019 until 10am on Monday 6 January 2020.**

For estate or tenancy related matters during this time please call Freephone **0800 358 3783**. We've got a new concierge team on the estate to help continue tackle anti-social behaviour. Colleagues from Kendall Facility Management continue to patrol the estate between 7am and 7pm every day.

Call **999** if an emergency is taking place which needs police, fire or ambulance help. In case of a non-emergency which might need help from the police, you can call **101**.

