



Farringdon Within

Welcome to your new team for Farringdon Within

Welcome to this early summer edition of the Farringdon Within Newsletter. Following the recent City of London elections in March 2017, we are delighted to introduce your new team of Common Councilmen elected for this 4 year term. Now that the elections are over we will be getting back to business as usual representing both businesses and residents for the ward of Farringdon Within across the committees of the City of London. The committee system allows us to cover all aspects of work needed to run the square mile from Finance committee to Open spaces. There are:

- 31 Committees
- 47 Sub-committees
- 12 Regulatory & Consultative Committees
- 14 Working Parties & other groups
- 'Grand' or 'Ward Committees' – Each Ward is entitled to appoint one or two Councilmen to sit on each committee.

- Membership of all other committees is by election in the Court of Common Council
- 70 Outside bodies

The Court of Common Council meets 9 times a year in order to oversee and vote on the work of the committees. Through all of this we maintain the issues raised to us by voters at the forefront of our work.

It is our commitment as a team to keep you informed and to be available to you and to do that we will carry on issuing these newsletters and also post regularly on our website. We also will be coming up with new ways to keep in touch but for the short term we will use our standard meet the voters session on 11th July 6pm-8pm.

We are each here as your representatives and look forward to hearing from you on your queries and concerns.

Farringdon Within – The City of London

- Divided into Within & Without in 1394
- 3rd largest ward by voters
- North & South sides
- Old Bailey, Holborn Viaduct, Ludgate Hill
- Stations: City Thameslink, Barbican, Crossrail Farringdon East
- 9 livery companies: Apothecaries, Butchers, Cutlers, Farmers, Fletchers, Founders, Information Technologists, Spectacle Makers, and Stationers & Newspaper Makers
- New developments: Goldman Sachs, New Ludgate, Barts Square
- By far the best City ward!



Keeping in Touch

Our Website:

www.farringdonwithin.org

Please do visit us at: www.farringdonwithin.org where we keep you up to date with news, events and issues.

Do send us any ideas on what you would like to see more of on the site as Graeme who runs the site is planning to refresh and relaunch the site over the summer, making the most used features more accessible and up-to-date. In the meantime, it will continue to provide be used as a notice board for Ward information and events, and current contact information on all your elected members.



City advice is a free advice service that

offers confidential and impartial advice to help people in the City of London manage their everyday problems.

Expert advisors are qualified to advise on:

- Welfare benefits
- Debt
- Legal issues
- Consumer rights
- Employment rights
- Family and relationship problems

City advice is available to anyone who lives, works or studies in the City of London Square Mile (or City of London Corporation Estate).

For Farringdon Within the advice service is based at The Neaman Practice on Fridays 2-5pm, to make an appointment please contact your GP or the receptionist at 15 Half Moon Court, London, EC1A 7HF.

For more information visit: www.toynbeehall.org.uk/city-advice

Meet your Common Councilmen

Do come and join your common councilmen on 11th July 6pm-8pm at Guildhall in order to raise any issues or queries, or just to say hello.

Refreshments will be served.



New network on the way

The City of London Corporation has announced a deal that will deliver a free, public access WiFi network, offering internet access anywhere within the Square Mile.

The multi million pound project is one of the largest investments in wireless infrastructure ever seen in London.

Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL) has been awarded a major 15-year contract to roll-out and manage the City of London's new wireless network in conjunction with O2. The new network will deliver wireless services across all mobile networks for City businesses, residents and visitors.

CTIL will build 4G mobile "small cells", which will be housed on City street furniture such as lampposts, street signs, buildings and CCTV columns to provide enhanced mobile coverage at street level, and ensure that the City is best placed to become an early adopter of 5G which is widely expected to become available in 2020.

CTIL will partner with O2 in building the WiFi network which will be free for the public to use. It will be fully operational by Autumn 2017.

The network will be more technically advanced than those found in other leading global financial centres, including New York. State-of-the-art equipment will provide speeds and see users able to enjoy high bandwidth services like video-calling and video on demand over free City WiFi following a one-time only registration.

Residents in the City Corporation's 12 central London housing estates will also benefit from a new high speed internet service after plans to expand fibre optic broadband were given the green light earlier this year.

New state of the art equipment will be installed which will provide speeds of up to one gigabit at affordable prices, and see users able to enjoy high bandwidth services like video on demand.

The new broadband services will be rolled out across the City Corporation's social housing estates, which stretch across seven London boroughs including the City of London, Hackney, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark and Tower Hamlets housing more than 7,500 residents.

Up to five internet providers per estate will

be invited to bid for the opportunity to connect and will be selected based on affordability and quality of service. The City Corporation has asked potential providers to include reduced payment options for residents on low incomes and benefits.

Protecting yourself or your firm from cybercrime

After this article was written the NHS was hit with a ransomware cyber attack which reinforced the importance of people or firms taking steps to try to avoid this type of attack:

- Install system and application updates on all devices as soon as they become available.
- Install anti-virus software on all devices and keep it updated.
- Create regular backups of your important files to a device that isn't left connected to your network as any malware infection could spread to that too.

For more detailed help go to: getsafeonline.org/cityoflondonpolice



Upgrade for eShot

And the City's new WiFi network will come in handy for picking up our monthly eShot when you're on the move.

It's design is being refreshed, with a careful eye on mobile use, so it will be even easier to find out what's going on in the Square Mile.

Events, activities, exhibitions, architecture, news and special offers are all part of the package so subscribe now to discover the best of what the City has to offer.

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/eshot

Aldgate area improvements

Change to the Aldgate traffic layout are now complete with work on the major uplift to the area as a whole scheduled for completion by December of this year. Highway improvements include pedestrian crossing points and easier navigation of bus services.

There is now two-way traffic on Aldgate High Street, St Botolph Street, a section of Middlesex Street and Minories. A section of Middlesex Street has also been closed to traffic at the junction with St Botolph Street.

The highway changes are also enabling the creation of two new public spaces – Aldgate Square and Eastern public space.

The overall aims of the Aldgate Highway Changes and Public Realm Improvements Project are to:

- enhance safety for road users
- improve cycling routes
- improve pedestrian routes and connections
- introduce more greenery
- create new public space for events, leisure and play
- improve lighting in the area

Sitting within Aldgate Square and complementing the two heritage listed buildings on either side, the Portsoken Pavilion will complete the scheme. A social enterprise operator will run the facilities inside providing a new hub promoting events, leisure and play.



Designs of the times



The City of London never stands still and nowhere is that more true than in the construction of new buildings.

The City has always been a centre for ground breaking architecture and many of its buildings have become icons not just of London but of the UK as a whole. With this in mind, the City Corporation has updated its Designs of the times self-guided walk leaflet to include the latest additions to the City's architecture.

New entries include London Wall Place, 5 Broadgate, 100 Bishopsgate, the Scalpel and Bloomberg Place. The City walk route has been devised to take you through the Square Mile and from start to finish should take you about 90 minutes at an average walking pace.

Pick up a copy at Guildhall reception, the City Information Centre opposite St Paul's Cathedral or download it from the self-guided section of this page:

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/walks



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Who We Are

**Alderman Vincent Keaveny:**

As Alderman for the Ward I am very happy to welcome back our Ward Councilmen who were successful in seeking re-election and I look forward to working with the three new members of our Ward team. Along with my Aldermanic committees, I continue as a member of the Planning & Transportation Committee and have recently joined the Freedom Application Committee and the governing body of one of the City's historic institutions, The Honourable Irish Society. I am also a Governor of the City of London School. I am contactable on 07909 684907 and by email: vincent.keaveny@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

**Richard Regan, Deputy:**

I am very grateful to all voters who re-elected me to serve the Best Ward in the City! I serve on Police, Economic Crime, Port Health and Environment, Establishment and Livery Committees and am a Governor of the City of London Girls school and King Edwards' School Witley. I am particularly concerned to ensure our City is safe, crime is reduced, traffic pollution in every sense is reduced and Road safety for all is improved. Please contact me on any matter at reguk@yahoo.co.uk or on 07899 062429.

**Clare James, Deputy:**

I am delighted to have been appointed a Deputy for the Ward of Farringdon Within and I am looking forward to working closely with our residents and businesses over the next 4 years. As well as being Chairman of the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls, I currently serve on Finance, Investment, Hampstead Heath Queens Park and Highgate Wood and Barbican Residential Committees and a number of related Sub-Committees. I can be contacted on 07973 640507 and at clare.james@cityoflondon.gov.uk

**Karina Dostalova:**

I am honoured to have been elected to represent the ward of Farringdon Within for another term and look forward to being in touch with you on your thoughts and issues for the ward. My committees currently include Chairman of Hampstead Heath, Queens Park and Highgate Wood, Finance, Finance Sub Corporate Assets, Projects Sub, The Health and Wellbeing Board and The City Bridge Trust. Please do contact me on 07850 211811, www.karinacityofldn.com or karina.dostalova@cityoflondon.gov.uk if you have any queries or concerns.

**Ann Holmes:**

First, many thanks to all who voted in the recent elections. Second, an assurance that, as one of your Councilmen, I will seek to act in the best interests of all who live and work in Farringdon Within, regardless of how or whether they voted. Much of my time continues to be taken up by ward matters, especially those concerning development and construction issues. I chair the Barbican Residential Committee, and otherwise focus on educational matters or those concerning the performance of elected members. I am a member of the Education Board and the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee, a governor of the City of London School for Girls and the City of London Academy, Islington and chair of the City of London Primary Academy, Islington. I am a member of the Standards Committee, the Member Privileges Sub Committee, the Member Development Steering Group and the Guildhall Club House Committee. Please contact me via: ann.holmes@cityoflondon.gov.uk, www.annholmes.city, Mob: 07970 016162

**Graeme Smith:**

I am delighted to be able to continue to help represent our ward and city, and am looking forward to working for everyone working or living in Farringdon Within. As Chairman of the Open Spaces & City Gardens and West Ham Park Committees, as well as Deputy Chairman of Epping Forest & City Commons, I have a particular interest in the 4,500 hectares of historic and natural open space that the City owns or maintains for public recreation and health. Call 07711 790 321 or Email Me@Graeme.London or Twitter [@GraemeCity](https://twitter.com/GraemeCity).

**Tom Anderson:**

Thank you for electing me! I feel very lucky not only to work in the Square Mile but also call it my home. I am also really grateful that so many voters have taken the time to tell us their suggestions on how to make the City a better place for everyone. My particular interests are around pollution and mental health, and I would value any suggestions about how we can make progress in these areas. Please keep in touch. My email is thomasanderson.farringdon@gmail.com.

**Matthew Bell:**

Having lived in the ward for the last six years, I am very much looking forward to being a part of the council on behalf of my friends and neighbours, both known and unknown. The election was a fascinating experience and I am now keen to do whatever is needed to ensure that what requires protection is protected and what requires change is changed. Farringdon Within and the immediate surroundings are going through intense change now and over the next few years and this is an exciting time for the ward and an exciting time in which to be a Councilman. If there is anything that you would like to discuss regarding our ward or our City, then please contact me at matthew.bell@cityoflondon.gov.uk

**Christopher Hill:**

Thank you for electing me as a member of your Common Council team. I now sit on both the committees responsible for air quality issues; Ports Health and Environment and Planning and Transportation. If you would like to know more about this issue please contact me by phone or e mail and I would be delighted to discuss. I have also been elected to the Investment Committee (Property Investment Board) which provides oversight of the Corporations property investment portfolio.

CONTACT US

To write to any of your Members, to let us know if you wish to receive this newsletter by email in future, or to inform us if you wish to be taken off the distribution list write c/o

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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

You will find all the latest news affecting our Ward at our website www.farringdonwithin.org.

