

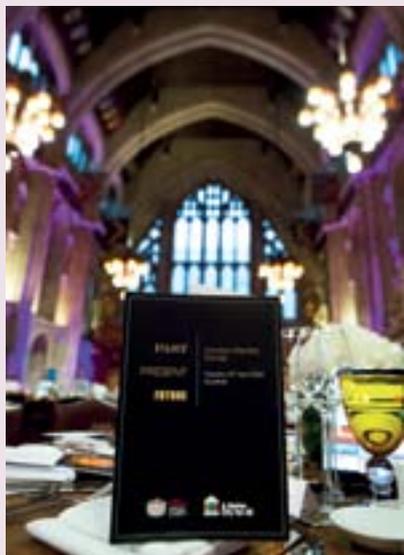


# Lime Street

## A squeeze of Lime

Many thanks to all 530 of you who were able to attend the inaugural London Insurance Market dinner in Guildhall on 10th April. Heralded by state trumpeters and presided over by our own Alderman, Lord Mayor Charles Bowman, the event celebrated over 110 years of strong Anglo-USA insurance relations and sought to raise funds for the three mental health charities supported by the Lord Mayor's Appeal. In addition, 10% of net proceeds were given to the Embracing Puerto Rico disaster relief campaign. Powerful presentations given by Tim Campbell, first winner of The Apprentice and Hannah Kate Smith of RSA were accompanied by superb food and wine and followed by an entertaining auction compered by Humphrey Butler. The evening proved enormous fun and raised an extraordinary total of £295,000 for the charities. The committee has been besieged with requests for a repeat event perhaps in 2020.

Amongst the auction prizes were 37 successful bids to abseil down



London Insurance Market Dinner

photo courtesy of Karla Gowlett



Undershaft Garden

the Cheesegrater on Friday 14th September also in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal. Be there or be square – or certainly on the slant. Expect to hear more from those 37 brave bidders who have volunteered to take on the challenge on the day. They may be sitting next to you in the office!

After months of rework the garden outside the Aviva building reopened in April and coincided with the arrival of some unseasonably warm, summer-like weather only for winter to make a brief cameo appearance a few days later. The garden is a huge improvement on its predecessor and with Wimbledon almost upon us, we can expect to see the yellow deckchairs out in full force and the density of EC3 sandwich consumption on the up.

Later in September there will be another first-time event – this time a Lunchtime Streets event in St Mary Axe. Between 11am and 2.30pm

from 17th until 23rd September the street will be closed to make room for seated lunch areas, market stalls, music, dance and artwork. Do give us feedback on the initiative whether good or bad. We and the City Corporation would like to know your views as we pursue our aim to make EC3 not just a safer working environment but one which offers additional attractions to all those who live and work here.

On a more sombre note, plans are also moving ahead to hold an open-air Remembrance Day service outside 1 Undershaft on Friday 9th November. Intended as a one-off event to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War One the hope is to stage an interdenominational service to remember those many people associated with businesses in the ward and further afield who lost their lives or experienced so much suffering during and after what is still often described as The Great War. More details will follow.

# Aldgate Square is open for business (and pleasure)



By the time this ward newsletter is distributed, the new-look Aldgate Square will be open to the public, ahead of its formal public opening on 4 July.

This project has taken several years and involved major changes to the highway layout and public realm improvements. The main aim was regeneration of the

area for the benefit of business and the local community. And the area has had more greenery introduced alongside a new public space and improved lighting – making the area more inviting – a place for people to linger, socialise and enjoy. Safety for road users has been enhanced including new cycle routes and pedestrian access.

A significant new addition is the Portsoken Pavilion, a steel and glass building housing a social enterprise café operated by Kahaila and providing a new hub promoting events, leisure and play.

While Aldgate Square is the centerpiece of this transformational scheme (sitting between Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School and St Botolph without Aldgate Church), it has been joined by an

eastern public space at the junction of Middlesex Street and St Botolph Street.

Changes to the traffic layout were completed early in the project timeline. The finished area provides new pedestrian crossing points and allows easier navigation of bus services.

The project has introduced two-way traffic on Aldgate High Street, St Botolph Street, a section of Middlesex Street and Minories. It has already had a significant impact by helping to bring air pollution at the nearby Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School below the legal annual limit for the first time since monitoring began in 2003.  
[cityoflondon.gov.uk/aldgatearea](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/aldgatearea)

**Stop press: An Aldgate Square Festival will be held on 15-17 June celebrating all the area has to offer including music, activities, talks, performances and a children's area.**

**It's free to enter and open to all.**  
[cityoflondon.gov.uk/aldgatesquarefestival](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/aldgatesquarefestival)



## City small businesses: do you qualify for rate relief?

The City Corporation is encouraging small businesses to check if they are missing out on business rate tax relief.

If you're a City business whose sole or main property has a rateable value of £12,000-£15,000 you could be eligible to get a reduction in your business rates of up to 100%. Properties with a rateable value of £12,000 or less get a 100% reduction in their rates bill.

If you meet the eligibility criteria and aren't currently in receipt of rate relief, please contact the City Corporation business rates section.

Find out if your business qualifies and apply via:  
[cityoflondon.gov.uk/raterelief](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/raterelief)



# General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Data Protection legislation in the UK has changed, with the introduction of the GDPR on 25 May 2018 and a new Data Protection Act. This new legislation is designed to enhance the rights of individuals regarding the use of their personal data by bringing data protection compliance into the modern digital age.

It also introduces new, rigorous, requirements for all organisations, in relation to the reasons for processing personal data, and the manner in which it is processed.

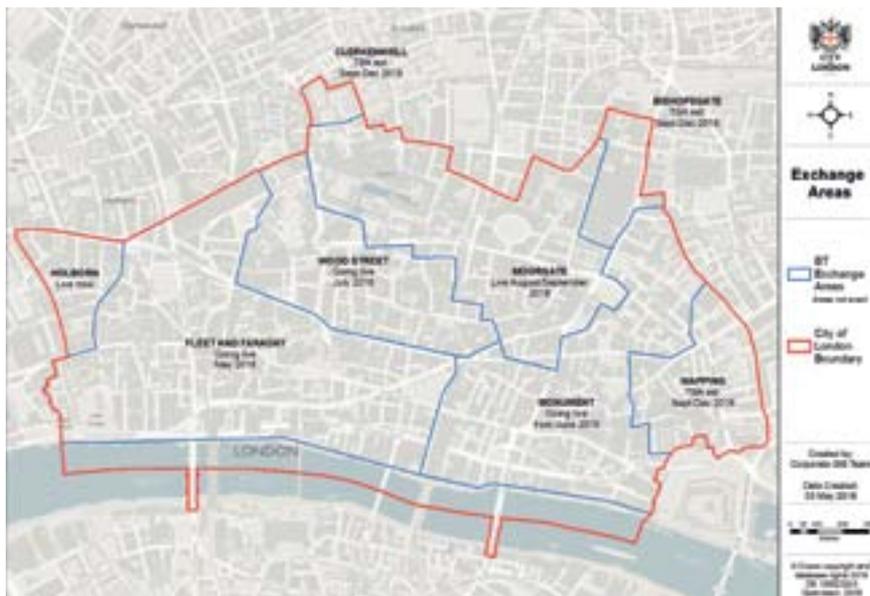
The City Corporation has been busy over the last few months, reviewing and updating its data protection policies and procedures, and taking all necessary steps to ensure it fully complies with the new legal requirements for processing the personal data of its customers, clients and staff (data subjects).

Updated information, including our new data protection policy and full privacy notice, is available at:

[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/dataprotection](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/dataprotection)  
[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/privacy](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/privacy)  
or by emailing [information.officer@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:information.officer@cityoflondon.gov.uk)



## High fibre for the City



Until recently broadband speeds in the City have been amongst the slowest in the UK, affecting small business tenants who cannot afford dedicated fibre optic leased lines.

However Openreach is now seeking to roll out "Fibre To The Premises" to every building in the Square Mile **at no cost to the landlord**, offering faster speeds of up to 1 gigabit per second at affordable prices for businesses and residents.

Openreach will use existing ducting to access buildings, avoiding street works to install the new fibre infrastructure into basements. This work will require landlord consent in the form of wayleave and Openreach will need to undertake a quick building survey.

Openreach will undertake a phased roll out across the City shown on the map.

**Residents and business tenants interested should visit**  
[cityoflondon.gov.uk/fibrebroadband](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/fibrebroadband)  
or contact [cpat@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:cpat@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

## Car park spaces at Smithfield Rotunda

Did you know? You can hire car parking spaces during weekdays and weekends at a reasonable cost.

Smithfield Rotunda, located in West Smithfield is manned 24 hours per day, with good lighting and within easy walking distance for most of the recipients of this newsletter.

For more information on hiring and pricing details, please contact the [Smithfield.Market@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:Smithfield.Market@cityoflondon.gov.uk)





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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.

## COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE CITY OF LONDON

### Annual Reception for Voters

We were delighted to once again hold our annual reception for our voters on 26th February and this year we were very lucky to have the event hosted by MS Amlin on the 45th floor of 122 Leadenhall Street (The Cheesegrater) with amazing views across the City. Around 80 of our voters were in attendance and we also invited some of our Planning Officers from the City of London Corporation gave a presentation on building matters within the Ward with an opportunity for questions.

We were also very lucky that the Lord Mayor, Charles Bowman, was able to make time in his very busy diary to speak with our voters.

We really value the opportunity to meet with our voters on a face to face basis but we are always available via the details at the top of this page should you wish to contact us.



## Summer in the City



Hopefully we are going to have a glorious Summer and this is an opportunity for all of us to expand our lunchtime horizons. In this respect you might like to take a short walk to visit the Guildhall Street Food Market. There are more than 20 stalls serving up a variety of dishes from around the world. It is also an opportunity for our voters to see Guildhall and where your elected representatives are based in their City of London Corporation duties. It is only a 10 minute walk from Leadenhall Market and definitely worth a visit.

**For more details please visit [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/guildhallyard](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/guildhallyard)**

**For many other events taking place across the City during the summer do visit [www.visitthecity.co.uk](http://www.visitthecity.co.uk)**