



Tower



How the City gives back

charities as well as many businesses who give back to their community. The Cystic Fibrosis Trust are based at 1 Aldgate and have a vision of a brighter future for everyone with cystic fibrosis through funding research, driving up standards of care and supporting people with the condition and their loved ones.

Meanwhile the Fairtrade Foundation have their offices on Minories. They provide independent certification of the trade chain for products, help grow demand for fairtrade products and raise awareness of the need for fairtrade.

Churches and livery companies are some of the longest standing community organisations in the ward. The Bakers' Company provides scholarships and prizes for young people in the baking industry, and endeavours to encourage them to become first-class tradesmen and women. The Clothworkers' Company continue to support textiles, principally through educational grants, fostering the development of technical textiles and colour science, and support for the nation's textile heritage.

Our churches, St Olave's on Hart Street and All Hallows' by the Tower support homeless charities and the Tower Hamlets Foodbank.

Examples of how companies in Tower Ward give back vary. For example, the Nationwide building society branch are volunteering for the First Love Foundation who provide advice and support for those in crisis in Tower Hamlets.

On a larger scale Zurich Cares donates over £3 million a year to organisations across the UK. In London they support six charities: MIND in Haringey, Immediate Theatre in Hackney, The Soup Kitchen on Tottenham Court Road, KEEN London which provides sports activities for disabled children, Ashford Place Dementia Café in Willesden Green, and The Diana Award's anti-bullying programme in London.

We hope that you've been inspired to get involved with City Giving Day.

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City Giving Day on 25 September 2018 is an annual opportunity for businesses to unite to celebrate and showcase their charitable and volunteering efforts with employees, clients, suppliers and the public.

Whether you're a small business or a large corporation, City Giving Day will provide you with a chance to engage with your employees, recruit volunteers, to have fun,

raise money and showcase your charity partners. In fact, it can be anything you want it to be.

This year over 200 companies have already signed up to participate and there's a wealth of information and resources on the website, do take a look: www.thelordmayorsappeal.org/cgd

Here in Tower Ward we are home to

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

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



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



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.

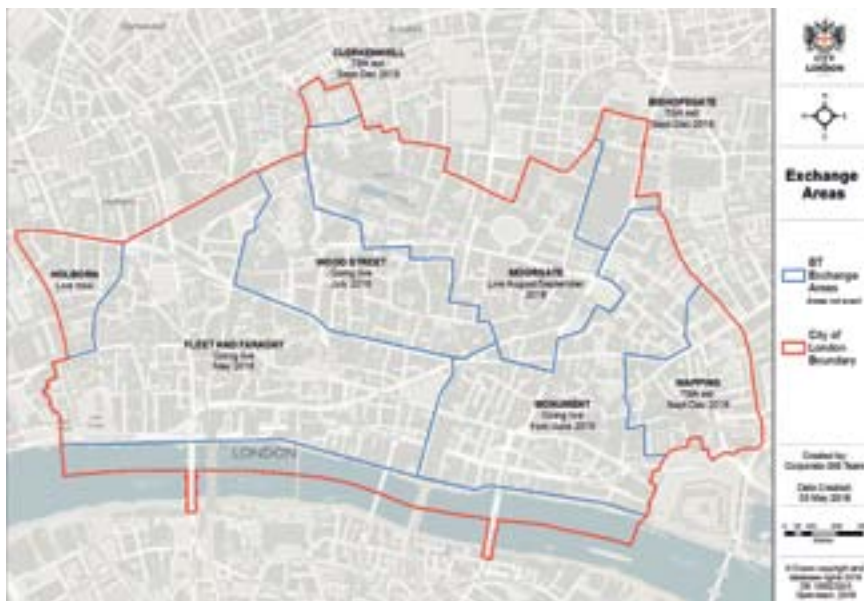
The City Corporation has been busy over the last few months, reviewing and updating its data protection policies and procedures, and taking all necessary steps to ensure it fully complies with the new legal requirements for processing the personal data of its customers, clients and staff (data subjects).

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

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/dataprotection
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/privacy
or by emailing 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
or contact 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





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 Licensing Committee (Former Chairman)
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 Policy & Resources Committee
 Audit & Risk Management Committee

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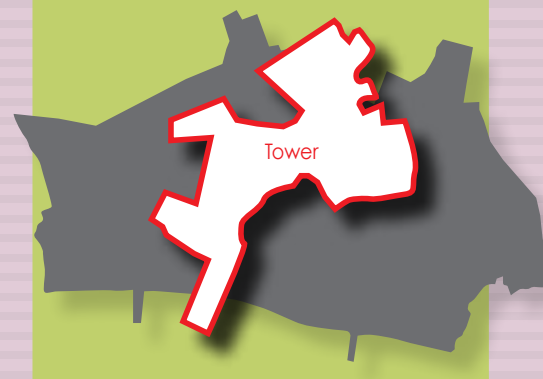
Committee Appointments:

Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee
 Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee (Deputy Chairman)
 Port Health & Environmental Services Committee
 Audit & Risk Management Committee

CONTACT YOUR TOWER WARD TEAM

If you would like a meeting with us to discuss any issues in Tower Ward or the City of London, use any of the contact details shown opposite or write to us at –

Member Services
 City of London Corporation
 Guildhall
 London EC2P 2EJ



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

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If you want to be very local – keep an eye on the new crowd funder for community projects in Aldgate #OurAldgate, which is being supported by the City Corporation, further information on spacehive.com. The City Corporation also supports London wide projects with grants of around £20 million a year through the City Bridge Trust.

Your Alderman and Common Councilmen would be very happy to support your efforts for City Giving Day so do drop us a line with your plans.

If you sign up for a future City Giving Day Breakfast (14 June or 4 September) at Mansion House, you will have an opportunity to meet and hear from previous participants about how City Giving Day supports their CSR activity, as well as hearing more about our plans for 2018.

Email cgd@thelordmayorsappeal.org if you would like to attend.

TOWER WARD NEWS

Tower Ward is bidding a fond farewell to the Reverend Oliver Ross, Area Dean of the City of London and Rector of St Olave's on Hart Street. After many years of service in the City he will be taking up a new position as Vicar of Malmesbury Abbey and lead incumbent for the North Wiltshire Mission Area in the Diocese of Bristol. The Alderman and Common Councilmen would like to warmly thank Oliver for all of his support over the years and his hospitality, providing the venue for our annual ward motes. Oliver is very proud of his time in the City and is looking forward to a new and different life in Malmesbury.