



# Aldgate

## Message from Alderwoman Sue Langley

I'd like to welcome back Andrien Meyers as our Ward Deputy and welcome the new members of our fabulous Aldgate Team: Tim McNally, David Sales, Mandeep Thandi and Shai Umradia. I know they have great plans on how to better support our Ward and make it a great place to both live and work.

This is something I started before lockdown and as a team we are keen to progress it. If you would like to be directly involved in this, then feel free to nominate an individual to us and we can get a virtual team together to discuss ideas and start making it a reality.

One particular aspiration of mine is to try and make us the 'green ward' in terms of more benches, trees and small green spaces.

I look forward to working with our new Aldgate Team progressing our Ward!

**Sue Langley, Alderwoman**

## Deputy Meyers – Thinking Ahead

Having welcomed our new Councillors, we have decided that each of us will lead on a particular area – this would tie into our manifesto pledges of Engaging with Business Bounceback, Enriching Green Aldgate and Embracing Diversity.

During our campaign we spoke with and met many of you from business and also residents. We listened to your feedback, thoughts and views. The areas you mentioned to us will be our focus moving forward:

### Below are your contacts for:

1. Andrien Meyers: Business, Financial and Professional Services
2. Tim McNally: Housing and Children
3. David Sales: Culture and Communities
4. Mandeep Thandi: Environment
5. Shai Umradia: Policing and Planning

- Bring the vibrancy back to Aldgate Ward with a return of workers.
- As businesses adjust post-pandemic, ensure our Ward continues to attract new businesses and investment.
- Support the City's Green agenda. Support local businesses in becoming energy efficient.

- Work with residents, the community and schools to build skills and support young people in the area into work.
- Focus on the 'social' aspect of community programmes i.e., work with the local community to improve job prospects.
- Deal with local traffic issues, and consequent air pollution.
- Increase Police presence on the streets and address local crime issues i.e., cycle and/or mobile phone thefts.
- Address homelessness. Provide resources and services, including shelter.



Since being elected on March 24th your new Common Councillors: Tim McNally, David Sales, Mandeep Thandi, and Shai Umradia have been working to get familiar with the working of the City of London Corporation by attending induction, familiarisation, and specialist training sessions.

Each has joined a major committee – Tim has joined the Children and Community Services committee, Shai has taken Planning and Transportation, David Sales is leading on Licensing, and Mandeep on Port Health. They have been supporting Deputy Andrien Meyers who is leading on Finance.

On April 21st they were 'introduced' to Common Council and had the first meeting of the Civic Year 2022-2023.

## Networking Opportunities

All five of your Common Councillors are members of Aldgate Ward Club – an organisation which exists to bring together residents, workers and civic leaders in our ward in the City of London. The Ward Club is a perfect opportunity for networking and

for enjoying the company of people we might otherwise pass in the street.

Your Councillors, led by President of the Ward Club Shai Umradia CC, would welcome you attending any of the

Aldgate Ward Club events – and we have a programme of events coming up:

- City Walk 26 May
- Civic Lunch 14 June
- Beating the Retreat 5 July

### Plus More

Please get in touch by email [info@aldgate.org](mailto:info@aldgate.org) or visit [www.aldgate.org](http://www.aldgate.org)

# Salisbury Square construction underway



Anyone walking down Fleet Street recently will have noticed the scaffolding in place that shows building work continuing on the site of the new courts building and headquarters for the City of London Police.

The Salisbury Square development will incorporate an 18-court facility including eight Crown Courts, five Magistrates Courts

and five Civil Courts. It will be the first building to incorporate HM Courts & Tribunal Service 'Court of the Future' design principles.

The new City Police facility will see departments from existing COLP sites relocating along with its fleet vehicles and will be built to tackle fraud and economic crime in particular.

In addition there will also be a commercial development to the south of the site and a larger and much more usable and accessible public space with new east-west links through the site.

The development is designed to last for at least 125 years and will help to re-establish and reinvigorate this part of the Square Mile, famous as the former home of the newspaper industry. Upon completion, it is expected that it will support 2,500 jobs, of which 400 will be newly created across a range of sectors.

The development will be net carbon neutral in operation with highly durable facades and will use ground source heating and cooling systems in an all-electric strategy. It will also include public realm landscaping and a rooftop garden.

## Key milestones

- Demolition Jan 2022
- Pre-Construction Service Agreement Feb 2022
- Main Contract Award Sep 2022
- Main Construction Oct 2022
- Practical Completion Mar 2026

[www.salisburysquaredevelopment.co.uk](http://www.salisburysquaredevelopment.co.uk)

## Don't lose your vote



City of London elections are your way to help shape the future of the Square Mile. Unlike elsewhere, both workers and residents can vote and you must re-confirm your registration each year. You are not kept on the register automatically. Businesses and other premises should have received the City Workplace Register, which they are legally required to complete – this can be done at [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/workplaceregister](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/workplaceregister).

Voter registration forms will then be sent out from late August onwards and must be received by 16th December. If you would like to receive this by email or have any questions, please contact [electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

While the next election for all Common Councillors will not be held until 2025, elections for Aldermen and by-elections may be held at any time. If you are passionate about the City and are interested in standing for election in the future, please find out more at [www.speakfortheCity.com/stand](http://www.speakfortheCity.com/stand)

## City Advice – helping people manage everyday problems

With interest rates going up, inflation rising and utilities' costs soaring, it can be easy to fall into financial difficulties.

City Advice can provide you with free, impartial, confidential, debt advice on all kinds of debt problems. From advice on credit or store cards to council tax arrears, mortgage problems, court fines or bankruptcy.

We can assist you in sorting out your debts, go through the options for dealing with your debts and your creditors as well as helping you understand and cope with:

- Bankruptcy
- Debt relief orders
- Individual voluntary arrangements
- Administration orders

City Advice advisors also offer a confidential and impartial service and are qualified to advise on:

- Consumer and employment rights
- Welfare benefits
- Housing and legal issues
- Relationships
- Health and wellbeing

The level of help will depend on your enquiry and the type of advice and help you need. A detailed assessment of the problem will give City Advisors a better understanding of the situation and will be able to offer tailor made advice. You can then decide if you prefer to take action yourself or let City Advice act on your behalf.

City Advice is a free advice service



for people who live, work or study in the City of London.

**Get in touch (Monday – Friday 10am-1pm and 2-4pm) via telephone 020 7392 2919,**

**text 07432 658 083 or email [city.advice@toynbeehall.org.uk](mailto:city.advice@toynbeehall.org.uk)**

[www.toynbeehall.org.uk/cityadvice](http://www.toynbeehall.org.uk/cityadvice)



# Summer of Fun

There's a packed programme of activities for all this summer in the City.

While the Platinum Jubilee may have ended you have until the end of September to enjoy Superbloom at the Tower of London. Its moat has been flooded with millions of flowers to create a vibrant 'sea' that will continuously evolve from June to September, changing colours and patterns over the summer.



Also available until the end of September (Fridays and Saturdays at 2pm) is a City Guides Walk "A Right Royal City". During this walk you will discover the trials and tribulations, pomp and celebrations of the kings, queens, princes and princesses who have left their mark on the City of London over the centuries.

Running until December is a Jubilee exhibition at St Paul's Cathedral "St Paul's, the Monarch and the Changing World" which explores the grand ceremonial occasions held at the Cathedral to commemorate the Royal Jubilees of four British monarchs: George III, Victoria, George V and Elizabeth II.

By the time you receive this newsletter Sculpture in the City will have returned – the 11th annual outdoors exhibition that uses the urban realm as a rotating gallery space.

July sees the return of the ever-popular City Beerfest – the annual charity beer festival in Guildhall Yard that raises money for the Lord Mayor's Appeal which also offering excellent beer, good food and live music.

Also that month will be Feria de Londres and FestLatAm – international fiestas celebrating Spanish and Latin American culture, with incredible global cuisine, fun entertainment and a party atmosphere across three days.

Now on at the Museum of London is Harry Kane "I want to play football". This is an exclusive, free display celebrating one of the city's sporting heroes – the world-leading striker and England captain Harry Kane. Through his story of persistence, hard work, resilience, and sporting achievement, this free display curated in collaboration with Harry Kane will aim to inspire the next generation, encouraging visitors of all ages to be their best and never give up on their dreams. Rarely-seen personal items, family photos and iconic objects will document Harry's career so far: from his first club, to winning golden boot awards and being named England captain.



Inspired! Is still running at Guildhall Art Gallery – a new exhibition drawn from the Guildhall Art Gallery's permanent collections which examines ways in which visual artists have taken inspiration from the literary arts – poetry, plays, novels, and also music.

And finally, Open House returns September 8-21 offering the chance to explore outstanding architecture, hidden gems, and guided tours across the City of London.

**Keep up to date on all these events and more by visiting [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do) and where you can also subscribe for regular updates.**

As this issue was going to press, the City Corporation announced a package of measures designed to boost the vibrancy of the Square Mile, drive forward its recovery from the pandemic and increase its attractiveness to talent.

A key element of 'Destination City' will be to enhance the Square Mile's leisure offer with a £2.5 million annual investment and an exciting events programme including outdoor festivals, music, art, education, sport and wellness.

## Beech Street Zero Emissions Scheme



The City Corporation recently ran an 18-month traffic experiment on Beech Street to improve air quality. The experiment restricted polluting traffic from using the Street as a "through route" whilst still allowing access for zero emission capable vehicles and for any vehicle type that was accessing a property on Beech Street.

The City Corporation will soon be consulting on whether it should reinstate the zero emission restrictions as a permanent measure. It will also be capturing views on the Barbican and Golden Lane area as part of a healthy street-wide approach to improving air quality, local streets and public spaces. This is early engagement to help us develop a plan for reducing through traffic in the area by encouraging the use of cleaner vehicles and there will be further consultation in the future as plans for individual projects are developed.

**The consultation will be launching shortly. To take part, review historical data or attend an informational meeting about these initiatives visit [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/beecheestreet](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/beecheestreet).**

## Pedestrian Priority Streets

**The City Corporation is working to enhance the comfort and safety of people walking in the Square Mile. To make pavements wider, provide more space for people walking and reduce crowding we need to restrict access for motorised traffic on some streets.**

**In the Summer of 2020, we temporarily provided more space for people walking to improve social distancing. We are now keeping some of these changes in place as traffic experiments. This will enable us to test their effectiveness and gather feedback.**

**If you would like to find out more about the Pedestrian Priority Streets, take part in the consultation or sign up for updates, please visit [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/streets/pedestrian-priority-programme](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/streets/pedestrian-priority-programme)**



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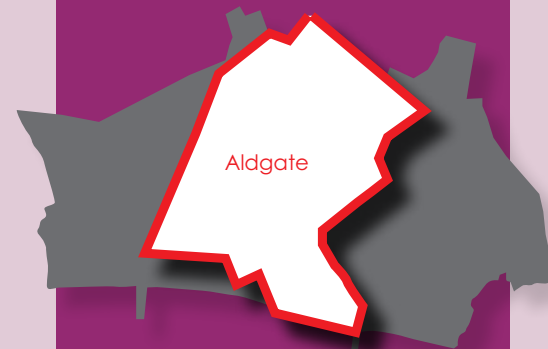
## Who We Are



Members for Aldgate Ward from left to right: David Sales CC, Mandeep Thandi CC, Andrien Myers CC,

## CONTACT US

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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

# Thank You Party

The first Ward Surgery and drop-in session on April 27th was combined with our Thank You party at "The Alice" on Leadenhall to thank constituents and voters.

We are committed to monthly Surgery sessions where Aldgate residents and companies can come to raise any issues or concerns with us. We will alternate between in-person events and Zoom sessions and details of our surgery times will be communicated to all on our website [www.aldgate.org/surgery](http://www.aldgate.org/surgery)

Your Aldgate Team are committed to continuing to engage with all of the businesses and residents of Aldgate – and we are happy to visit any company who would like us to visit to update you on what's happening at the Guildhall, or to hear any issues you wish us to take up on your behalf please email [info@aldgate.org](mailto:info@aldgate.org)



## City Giving Day 2022

27 September at 7:00am-8:00pm



City Giving Day is a simple but impactful initiative that enables City companies and employees to celebrate and showcase their philanthropic and volunteering achievements and encourage others to get involved.

Whether you're a small business or a large corporation, City Giving Day on Tuesday 27 September will provide you with a chance to engage with your employees, recruit volunteers, to have fun, raise money and showcase your charity partners/charitable giving.

You can organise your own events or you could sign up to take part in one of the City Giving Day events organised by or on behalf of The Lord Mayor's Appeal:

- Tour de City static Wattbike challenge
- City Walk • Treasure Hunt • Quiz Night

**For further information or to register for City Giving Day 2022 please email [cgd@thelordmayorsappeal.org](mailto:cgd@thelordmayorsappeal.org)**