



Queenhithe



Queenhithe's New Sheriff



The office of Sheriff (or Shire Reeve) predates that of the Lord Mayor by at least 400 years and was in past times known as the Portreeve. Originally a representative of the King, the Sheriffs primary roles today are to support the Lord Mayor and represent the City of London.

Alastair is the fourth Aldermanic Sheriff from Queenhithe since the early 20th century. The Ward's most recent previous Sheriff, who later became Lord Mayor, was Sir Alexander Michael Graham GBE. Still hale and hearty at 84

and living in retirement in Hertfordshire, Sir Michael was Lord Mayor in 1990-91.

Queenhithe Alderman Alastair King has taken office for the ensuing year as one of the two Sheriffs of the City of London. A long-time resident of Queens Quay, the new Sheriff will reside at the Old Bailey for his shrieval year alongside Siena and Florence, his two Italian greyhounds.

Alastair moved to Queenhithe in 1991. He was elected to the Court of Common Council, the governing body of the City of London, in 1999 and was appointed Deputy to the Alderman in 2006 and elected Alderman in 2016 and re-elected unopposed in 2022. He sits on numerous committees, including Planning and Transportation, and he is active in the Ward where he regularly hosts walkabouts and surgeries.

After a degree from Bristol University, Alastair qualified as a solicitor and practised in London and Asia with leading law firm Baker McKenzie. Today he owns two City-based financial service companies, both FCA regulated.

The City of London owns and runs the Central Criminal Courts, and the Sheriffs look after the historic building as part of their duties and they traditionally live there during their year in office.

The Aldermanic Shrievalty is customarily a stepping stone to the Mayoralty.

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Queenhithe Councillor plants tree in honour of late Queen

Caroline Haines, Councillor of Queenhithe, planted a tree on the riverbank by Swan Lane in the company of City dignitaries as part of a nationwide programme to honour the late Queen with a Green Canopy.



Caroline, who is Master Educator and Chair of the City of London's Education Board and Open Spaces, was joined by Masters, Clerks and Liverymen of the City's Liveries.

River Threat Returns

Just when we thought we had seen off the Ocean Diva – a giant party boat that threatens to turn the River Thames into a floating tavern and disco for up to 1,500 revellers – its operators have moved down river to apply for a licence from the borough of Newham. This would enable the mega party boat to dock near the City of London airport from where it could ply the Thames up and down past our riverside homes. Its latest application for a licence has attracted almost 1,000 objections, and the City of London Corporation has added its voice to those who oppose it. A hearing is due in Newham on 22 & 23 February 2023.

In October 2020, the City of London's Planning and Transportation Committee unanimously rejected an application for the Diva to use Swan Pier located between London Bridge and Cannon Street Railway Bridge. Issues were raised about managing so many passengers embarking, disembarking, and dispersal, with major concerns around public nuisance, crime and disorder and public safety.

Construction begins on justice and policing hub

The City of London Corporation, the Ministry of Justice and the City of London Police have celebrated the start of construction on a 45,785 sqm civic scheme to boost the justice system's work to crack down on fraud.

Funded and delivered by the City Corporation, the Salisbury Square Development on Fleet Street will house the City of London Law Courts and a state-of-the-art headquarters for the City of London Police and is due to be completed in 2026.

With 18 courtrooms, the City of London Law Courts will combine magistrates, civil and crown courts in one flagship facility. The courts will harness new technology and modern ways of working to try economic crime cases.

As the lead force investigating cyber and economic crime nationally, the new headquarters will equip the City of London Police with the tools needed to face the challenges of 21st century policing.

Home to 2,500 jobs – 400 of which will be newly created – the scheme will generate an estimated £51m in productivity benefits (Gross Value Added) per year.



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or visit
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityadvice

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Green light for refurbishment plan

The City Corporation has resolved to approve the refurbishment and extension of Cripplegate House, which will create 15,471 square metres of high-quality, Grade A flexible office floorspace together with a new community and cultural space.

The refurbished and extended building at 1 Golden Lane – proposed by Castleforge – will add an extra 2,485 square metres of space to the existing site to meet continuing strong demand from occupiers in the Square Mile.

The scheme will form part of Culture Mile, with the community

and cultural space at ground level set to be combined with new public artwork and murals around the site. This will be accompanied with other public realm and lighting enhancements around the site.

It will be designed to high sustainability standards, incorporating a significant element of integrated urban greening, climate resilience and energy efficiency. The scheme targets BREEAM 'Outstanding' and adopts Circular Economy principles. A total of 222 long stay and 14 new short-stay cycle parking spaces will be provided to encourage active travel.



On the ball

Portraits of the Euro 2020 England men's football squad and its manager, Gareth Southgate, are being shown at the City Corporation's Guildhall Art Gallery.

From Harry Kane and Jude Bellingham to Bukayo Saka and Raheem Sterling, the free exhibition, 'This is England', features

the most successful men's national team since the winners of the World Cup in 1966, after reaching the final of Euro 2020.

Artist Matt Small's paintings, which are on loan from Moniker Foundation and managed by JG Contemporary, will be on display in the Temple Room at the gallery.

The artworks celebrate the diversity of what it means to be English today and recognises the players' superb teamwork and admirable stance on equality, inclusivity, and racial injustice.

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. If you are a City worker, you can request a vote at your organisation at www.speakforthecity.com

Voter registration forms 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.

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

Statement of community involvement

The City Corporation is to ask people for their views on a new Statement of Community Involvement setting out how engagement and consultation will take place with the Square Mile's communities on planning applications and planning policy matters.

The revised Statement of Community Involvement replaces one previously agreed in July 2016. It incorporates consultation and engagement lessons learned during the pandemic, when new and innovative ways to communicate with stakeholders were introduced effectively.

This includes making provision for online and hybrid meetings and consultation events, the use of new presentational techniques such as 3D modelling and the use of QR codes.

These will be utilised alongside more traditional methods to increase engagement in planning matters.

The City Corporation continues to encourage developers to consult with local communities ahead of taking their proposals forward by submitting a formal planning application. To ensure this is done well, draft guidance for developers on the City Corporation's expectations has also been prepared for consultation.

Both the Statement of Community Involvement and the developer engagement guidance will be issued for public consultation then brought back to the Planning and Transportation Committee for further consideration and formal approval.



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Who We Are



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Planning and Transportation, Finance, Markets Board.

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Education Board (Chair), Open Spaces (Deputy Chair), Policy and Resources, City of London Academy Trust, Epping Forest and Commons, Children and Community Services, Culture Heritage and Libraries Committees, and City of London Boys, City of London Primary Academy Islington (COLPAI).

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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.

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Thames Path Creeping to Completion

City contractors are putting the finishing touches to the Thames Path through the under crofts of our riverside buildings from where it will link to the completed section around Queenhithe Dock and the new Westin Hotel, and plans are advanced to have it declared a City Walkway – a prerequisite before it can be opened to the public. It may just be ready for footfall by the end of the year ... but after so many delays, don't hold your breath.

