



Queenhithe

Welcome to our latest Ward Newsletter which brings you an update on two new hotels in Queenhithe and good news for both motorists and pedestrians.

Thames Court Footbridge Open in 2019



Thames Court Footbridge, which has been closed since October 2016, is now scheduled to re-open in early 2019. The privately built crossing, which is the Ward's only direct link to Mansion House Underground Station, has been purchased by the City, but before it can be put back into service it has to undergo repairs in order to pass

stringent structural and safety tests. These are costing more and taking longer than anticipated, and therefore there has been slippage in the target to have the bridge re-opened by the end of this year. It is estimated that people who work and live in the Ward use the bridge on average 10 times a week.

Annual Ward Meeting

Every year, the city's 25 wards hold formal meetings called Wardmotes where residents and workers are invited to meet and put questions to their elected representatives. Although this is partly a ceremonial occasion there is plenty of opportunity to engage with your Councillmen.

Queenhithe's Wardmote will take place at Painters' Hall, Little Trinity Lane, EC4, at 12 noon on Wednesday 20th March 2019, and all are welcome.

Riverside Walkway Open in 2020

The final link in the City of the Thames Riverside Walkway is now expected to be completed in 2020 – some 20 years behind schedule! The section around Queenhithe dock is being put in by the developers of the new hotel that is replacing Queensbridge House and is due for completion in March 2020. The City has an agreement with the developer that does not allow the hotel to be occupied until the walkway around the dock is completed. Development of the section threading around Globe View and Sir John Lyon's House and Broken Wharf, which was stalled pending construction of the hotel, will recommence in early 2019. The City Public Realm team has been working on initial design options to refurbish Globe View walkway. Design development will resume in early 2019, and options include widening openings, lighting improvements and use of reflective materials to bring as much light into the internal walkway as possible. Other alterations being investigated are the slimming down of the existing large columns and minimising corners to remove dark spots to create an inviting environment where people feel safe. The City of London Corporation is funding this section, and residents and local stakeholders will be fully consulted at every stage to feed into the design development. On completion the riverside path will be formally declared a City Walkway before it is finally opened to the public.

Good News on Upper Thames

Plans to close the west-bound lanes of Upper Thames Street between Southwark Bridge and Temple for up to six months next year have been shelved. Cadent, the utility company building the new super-sewer, say they can now almost certainly work round and re-case an old gas mains without this drastic road closure.





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Who We Are



Queenhithe Team

Queenhithe has a dedicated team representing the Ward at the City of London Corporation – Alderman Alastair King, his Deputy, Councilman Brian Mooney, and Councilman Caroline Haines. They welcome contact from anyone who works or lives in the Ward, and they pride themselves on getting things done.

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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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New Hotel at Queenhithe Dock in 2020

The new five star hotel overlooking Queenhithe Dock is taking shape – a glass-fronted building replacing the old brick-clad Queensbridge House. The main eight-storey building by the river is scheduled to be topped out in December 2018 or January 2019 and structural work on the bridge deck over Upper Thames Street is expected to be finished in February 2019.

Due for completion in June 2020, the hotel will have 222 bedrooms, and associated dining and leisure facilities. There will also be nine separate residential apartments.

Contractors are keeping local residents and businesses informed, and if you are interested in receiving updates, please contact Queensbridgehouse@fourcommunications.com



New City hotel in Broken Wharf House by 2020

The scheme at Broken Wharf to create a Locke Hotel (www.lockeliving.com) comprising 113 rooms with a restaurant lounge and gym, has begun.

The contractor Bennetts Construction limited, took possession of the site in October 2018, and they are due to complete their work on transforming and refurbishing the existing office block by February 2020. The new hotel will cater to the corporate traveller, predominantly of City workers seeking extended stays for business.

The contractor has undertaken to engage with local stakeholders and building representatives to ensure that any disruption is mitigated, and the developer is aware of the importance of a strict delivery regime and the mitigation of noise associated with the works. Bennetts Construction have been entrusted to provide a comprehensive management plan for the site while it is under development.

If you need to contact the developers, you can email Anthony McDermott at Anthony.mcdermott@bennettc.co.uk or call him on 0207 014 5490.

