



# Queenhithe

## Riverside Walkway to open by Year End



The final section of the Thames Path in the City of London, set back a few months by the Covid pandemic, is now due for completion by the end of the current year.

Extensive design work has been completed for the section under Globe View, with careful consideration given to safety and to ambient lighting that will ebb and flow with daylight and night time. Art work and a high finish, including

metallic grilled panelling on a central pillar, will set off the yellow stone brick and create a welcoming passage with plenty of open vistas.

This western section, starting at Broken Wharf, will link with the walkway to the east around our historic hythe under Queens Quay and the new hotel.

Provided all goes to plan, the work will commence in September.



## Homeless Update

Queenhithe's long-term homeless resident, who has slept rough outside Queen's Quay for several years, has finally been taken into care. The City of London Homelessness Team has arranged for him to be looked after and for support to be put in place so that he does not return to rough sleeping.

Councillor Caroline Haines, who worked on the case, said she was hopeful that the removal of hoardings and the general tidying up as the hotel development nears completion will discourage any further rough sleepers.

## Unintended Consequences of Busking across the River

Southwark, our neighbouring borough across the Thames, thought they had come up with a great idea for dealing with the noise of buskers – they instructed their street entertainers to turn their amplifiers towards the river. That worked wonders for Southwark, but it simply exported the unwelcome sound to the north bank – much to the discomfort of City residents living by the riverside.

Repeated approaches to Southwark council officers have failed to resolve the problem, and so leader of the City of London Corporation, Catherine McGuinness, has written to her opposite number in Southwark, Cllr Kieron Williams.

"I understand that advice has been given to buskers on how they should orientate themselves – with amplifiers pointing towards the Thames and thereby, inadvertently, increasing the impact on City of London residents with noise from these pitches," the City Corporation's Chair of Policy & Resources wrote.

"Over the last two years, City of London members, officers and residents have expressed concern to officer colleagues at Southwark over the disturbance from this activity. At the moment, no suitable solution or mitigation has been found and I wonder if I could make representations to you to help find a suitable, permanent solution ... you will appreciate that this is having a detrimental impact and causing distress to our residents in the City."

A response is still awaited. Councillor Brian Mooney raised the issue at a Port Health and Environmental Services Committee and was assured by officers that the City was exploring all options to deal with the problem, including – with suitable measured evidence – legal action.

# Securing the City's future over the medium term

Research has shown that, over the medium term, economic and social trends are changing demands on urban centres. These trends have been accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response, the City of London Corporation's Recovery Taskforce has published its report *Square Mile: Future City*, setting out the City Corporation's five-year action plan.

These plans will see the Square Mile evolve to be the world's most inclusive, innovative and sustainable business ecosystem: an attractive place to invest, work, live and visit.

The Recovery Taskforce, along with partners Oliver Wyman, consulted more than 4,500 members of the public, and 250 senior leaders to develop a series of recommendations

The recommendations will ensure that the Square Mile offers:

- a world class business ecosystem of thriving businesses, benefitting from unmatched innovation and growth opportunities.
- a vibrant offer with exceptional retail, hospitality, culture, tourism and recreation opportunities.
- outstanding environments including collaborative, flexible workspaces; safe, attractive public realm, and resilient, sustainable infrastructure.

**Together these actions, carried out in collaboration with our partners, will contribute to a vibrant and thriving City, a diverse and sustainable London, and a globally-successful UK.**

Read more at [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/squaremilefuturecity](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/squaremilefuturecity)



## Celebrating reopening in the City

May saw the City begin to reopen in line with the Government's third stage of easing lockdown restrictions, with a series of events marking the return of its indoor hospitality, cultural and heritage institutions based across the Square Mile.

The Lord Mayor, William Russell and Policy Chair of the City of London Corporation, Catherine McGuinness celebrated the return of well-known institutions with visits including the Barbican, the Museum of London, the London Mithraeum, Tower Bridge visitor space and the Tower of London.





# Extension for applications to Recovery Grant Fund

City firms now have until 30 June 2021 to apply for funding to help recover from the impact of COVID-19.

The grant fund is money made newly available by the City Corporation to SME businesses trading primarily within the City of London.

Grants will be based on the individual business requirements after a financial evaluation but will not exceed £100,000 per business.

The City Corporation is aiming this support at SME businesses that have their trading premises primarily in the City of London since at least 5th November 2020 and who serve the general public through an in-person service through retail, hospitality, medical (eg doctors, physiotherapists, dentists, opticians) or leisure sectors.

You must demonstrate that

- the business has suffered a significant financial impact directly attributable to the COVID-19 Pandemic
- it remains viable and that it has a



reasonable chance of surviving in the short term.

- the business has taken steps to reduce its costs as far as practical and has taken up all available grants/loans
- the business has actively engaged with its landlord and agreed a rent-free period or a reduction in rent
- that prior to 5th November 2020 the business satisfies at least two of the

following three criteria and pays the National Living Wage

- Turnover: Less than £5m
  - Employees: Fewer than 50
  - Net Assets: Less than £250k
- that the business has registered with the City of London COVID-19 Compliant Accreditation Scheme

**Find out more and apply at:**  
[cityoflondon.gov.uk/recoverygrantfund](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/recoverygrantfund)

## Speak for the City: Local Elections 2022

**HAVE YOUR SAY!**

Next year sees local elections in the City of London. Uniquely, both residents and City workers are able to vote. As we work to build back from the pandemic, it's never been more important that your views – or those of your organisation – help shape the City's future.

Electoral registration forms will be sent out to residents and workplaces in August and must be completed this autumn for you to have a vote in next year's elections. If you are a City Worker, please make sure we have the right details for your organisation by completing the City Workplace Register at [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/workplaceregister](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/workplaceregister)

There are 100 elected representatives on the Court of Common Council, our main decision-making body. The City Corporation is working to encourage more people, especially those from diverse backgrounds, to consider standing as candidates, in order that we better reflect the City we serve. If you are interested in finding out more, please email [electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk)



## Culture and commerce working together in the City

In February, the Culture and Commerce Taskforce (Chaired by the Lord Mayor and led by the City of London Corporation with Culture Mile) published a report providing recommendations for stronger collaboration between the culture and business sectors to boost London's economy as it recovers from the pandemic.

The City of London Corporation is the fourth largest funder of heritage and cultural activities in the UK and invests over £130m every year.

In partnership with the Culture and Commerce Taskforce, New Diorama Theatre and British Land have launched NDT Broadgate. A 20,000 sq ft rehearsal complex, this offers free space to independent artists for a year, in a world first. NDT Broadgate will be a testbed for how culture and commerce can work together for mutual benefit to accelerate London's recovery.

**For more information:** <https://newdiorama.com/broadgate>



## Free advice

City Advice is a free advice service for people who live, work or study in the City of London. They offer confidential and impartial advice to help people manage a wide range of everyday problems.

They can help with redundancies and employment rights; housing and rent arrears; welfare benefit issues; community care and family; Council Tax and other money or debt problems; and issues surrounding COVID-19.

**City Advice is funded by the City Corporation and delivered by Toynbee Hall. Call 020 7392 2919, email [city.advice@toynbeehall.org.uk](mailto:city.advice@toynbeehall.org.uk) or visit [www.toynbeehall.org.uk/cityadvice](http://www.toynbeehall.org.uk/cityadvice)**



# Queenhithe

## Who We Are



### Queenhithe Team

Queenhithe has a team representing the Ward at the City of London Corporation – Alderman Alastair King, his Deputy, Councillor Brian Mooney, and Councillor Caroline Haines. We also have a Police Community Support Officer, Rosamund Sweet. They welcome contact from anyone who works or lives in the Ward, and they pride themselves on getting things done.

**Alderman Alastair King**  
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#### Committees:

Finance, Planning & Transportation  
Culture Heritage & Libraries  
Children's Services Committees  
Bridewell Hospital (King Edward's School)  
Samuel Wilson Loan Trust

**Deputy Brian Mooney**  
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#### Committees:

Chief Commoner and Hospitality Working Party  
Planning and Transportation  
Markets, Port Health  
Environmental Services

**Councillor Caroline Haines**  
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#### Committees:

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  
City of London Boys, City of London Primary Academy  
Islington (COLPAL).

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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

## Trading through the Pandemic

Neleen Strauss, owner of High Timber Restaurant, has finally reopened and is as thrilled as her customers. "It is such a relief to see our loyal and smiling customers once again, it is like welcoming family back."

Neleen is hopeful a boom is coming. "After the long lockdown, there is only room for growth," she says. High Timber is one of three restaurant/bars in the ward, along with the Samuel Pepys and the Locke at Broken Wharf Aparthotel. All three stand to gain hugely as the footfall increases along the Thames Path when the walkway around Queenhithe is completed.

