

NORTHOLT WEST END

Neighbourhood **NEWS**

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New lease of life for Yeading Lane shoppers

Regeneration of the Yeading Lane shopping parade is nearly complete. The work will include incorporating two local ward forum funded schemes to address concerns raised by local people.



There is additional lighting, new paving, new stop and shop bays and the long awaited resurfacing of a large part of Yeading Lane itself.

While the surveyors, engineers and workers are on site, they will also consult those residents living near the proposed kerb build out at the junction Tangmere Gardens and Watery Lane

- and also the planned road humps in Tangmere Gardens. Both of these projects have been included at the suggestion of the ward forum that has also agreed to provide the funding.

These additional schemes are designed to discourage speeding on this part of the public highway.



Future Ward Forum Meetings

Tuesday 6 March 7pm Northolt Library, Church Road

Tuesday 26 June 7pm, St Raphaels or Viking Primary School

Thursday 25 October 7pm Northolt Library, Church Road

Tuesday 5 March 2013 7pm Northolt Library, Church Road

Meetings are from 7 – 9pm, for agenda details go to www.ealing.gov.uk/wardforum

Getting our older people going



The ward forum recommended funding £3,100 to run keep fit sessions at Northolt Library to encourage people over 50 take up a more active lifestyle.

In response to comments from users, the gentle aerobic sessions are now held on Thursdays from 10-11am.

The majority of people attending come from Northolt West End ward. The keep fit session was promoted at an event held at Northolt Library in January and it is hoped those people who showed an interest will become regular participants.

Comments from participants include:

“You get to exercise, you meet people and it’s fun”

“My doctor has always said to me I need to exercise but I just haven’t been able to find exercise that has been suitable for me, until now”

“Just in four weeks I feel better and find I am able to exercise for longer without a break”

For more information contact
Lovely Vaid on:
07725 190573 / 07956 981233.

Slowing traffic down Yeeding Lane and Church Road



You may remember that we featured Chantelle Nayyer’s winning picture in our last newsletter and it was a proud moment to see our budding road safety campaigner and her classmates take to the streets to see her design, specially adapted, being put up in Yeeding Lane.

Over the next few weeks, signs will also be put up along Church Road to remind road users it is a 30mph road.



Dovetailing services....

The Dovetail Centre serves the Northolt West End community through the work and activities of its volunteers. It provides opportunities and a meeting place for local people and enables them to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and new skills by taking part in the running of the centre and its projects.

In the past the centre has provided a range of opportunities including youth

drop-ins, a toddler group, an over 60s programme, an after-school club, and summer activities programme.

For the past four years, work with West London YMCA has been directed to teenage children. However, after many requests from parents and the grant of £2,500 from the ward forum, the centre has set up a children's club for those ages eight to 12. They hope that this will fill a gap in the existing services

and believe that engaging children at a younger age will help them as they grow older.

The Dovetail Centre Children's Club sessions are held from 5-7pm for children in years three to six and has been advertised through local schools. The club started in September and will run to April 2012.

...and the making of the mural



Another £1,600 from the ward forum was spent on producing a mural for the Dovetail Centre. Teenagers came together in workshops to create a large piece of artwork 1.2m high by 14m wide. The young people generated ideas, created and produced their own designs using art materials and even sprayed on parts of the final design. Professional artists completed the mural to give it a good quality finish.

The young people worked their designs onto t-shirts that they took home from the workshop.

The project gave young people an introduction to mural art, experience of working together to produce a collaborative project, discussions focusing on the differences between illegal and responsible art and releasing their own creativity, making them aware of their own capabilities and exposing them to working with different materials.

A final challenge is to find a way to permanently display the mural.

Traffic congestion around West London Academy (soon to be called the Alec Reed Academy)

People who attended the October ward forum heard that a planning application was approved in July 2011. The plans are to replace the school's temporary high school classrooms and storage space and expand the primary school to meet rising demand.

Although the council understands that there would be disruption for local people, it will be time limited and improvements to the academy would bring lasting benefits to the wider area.

Since the work has started, the council has appreciated the particular frustration of residents. The ward councillors have met with the council's transport planning officers, the school and the project manager to look for resolutions to concerns raised.

A couple of things to bear in mind during this disruptive time:

- during term time people dropping off their children at the school are given 5 minutes grace to park on single yellow lines between 8-9.30am and 3-4.30pm
- the John Chilton school minibuses can use the bus lanes

Officers are also looking into the option of restricting entry for motor vehicles from the Ruislip Road into the Lime Trees estate during the morning peak times. However, the introduction of such a system will be only be implemented subject to the outcome of the public consultation being conducted in early spring. If supported, the work would be carried out over the summer and the ban will have to be policed and CCTV enforcement is recommended.

What is a ward forum?

Ward forums are your chance to bring matters that affect you to the attention of the council. The forums are also an opportunity for the council to consult on projects and policies affecting local people.

Since ward forums started in 2008, they have also delivered a range of improvements around the borough. Examples are:

- Community support – grants for community activities and events
- Environmental improvements – tree planting and renovations to local monuments
- Facilities for young people – new equipment in play areas, Scout hut improvements
- Traffic and highways – traffic calming, cycling schemes
- Parks and open spaces – fencing, litter bins and flower beds
- Community safety – alley gating, additional street lighting

Ward Forums are now an important part of the council's dialogue with its residents.

news in brief

- 1 You asked for a mobile CCTV unit to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour near the Kittiwake underpass. We are putting one in.
- 2 You asked for a bin in Yeading Brook Meadows at the Kingshill Avenue entrance and another bin put in Down Way Park and playground. We've put them in.
- 3 You asked for yellow lines on Byron Way and Clifford Close to modify inconsiderate parking behaviour. We've put them in.

updates

Parkour sessions for teenagers aged 13-19 started at the West London Academy in February. Parkour is an activity that involves a range of moves, including running, vaulting and jumping, as a way of using the urban environment as a site for physical training. For more information contact Albie Stadtmiller 07960 595660

coming up

A Northolt Community Football League was started during the February half term at the West London Academy – convenient for children living near Viking Primary School, the Rectory Park and Hindhead Gardens.

For more information contact Krishan Puran on 020 8326 7030 or by email kpuran@brentfordfcst.com

Safer Neighbourhood Team Northolt West End

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In an emergency always dial 999. In a non emergency call 0300 1212.

Envirocrime

Tel: 020 8825 6000 Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm Report it online at www.ealing.gov.uk Email: customers@ealing.gov.uk for litter, abandoned vehicles flytipping, graffiti removal, and flyposting.



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SURGERIES

(Except August and December):

First Wednesday of month
9.30–10.30am
Viking Community Centre,
Radcliffe Way,
Northolt
UB5 6HW.

Fourth Saturday of month
10–11am
Northolt Library
Church Road,
Northolt
UB5 5AS.