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## SMART CITY LIGHTING IMPLEMENTATION (Graham Packham)

The City of London Corporation is nearing completion of the implementation of innovative, LED street lighting technology in the Square Mile. The first of its kind in London, the technology uses state of the art equipment that can be used to dynamically change the way that urban spaces are lit in real time, with the ability to alter light levels and colours at different times during the night.

The new system also provides remote monitoring and operating capabilities which can be set up to enhance the night time appearance of notable buildings and the ambience of the City's historic alleys, while reducing operational costs, significantly improving energy usage and helping tackle light pollution (see picture right).

The roll-out has attempted to optimise the balance between darkness and street and commercial lighting needs, while ensuring that the important role that lighting has on crime prevention and reinforcing road safety is fulfilled.



**Shoe Lane Underpass**

It is planned to trial the use the new system to set local light profiles to mirror the time that busy nightclubs close, or nighttime transport hub activity peaks, to deliver temporary high light levels to discourage anti-social behaviour. In addition, direct access will be provided to the City police to enable them to temporarily trigger higher levels of street lighting in response to serious night time incidents.

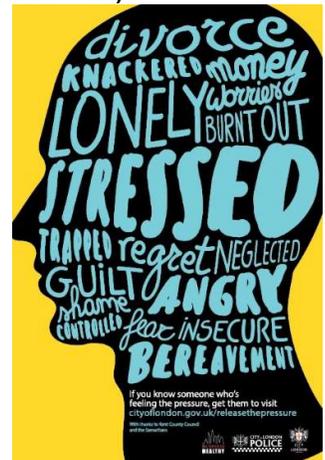
## WARDMOTE – WEDNESDAY MARCH 18 SHOE LANE LIBRARY

Wardmotes are Ward meetings that take place on an annual basis outside election years to allow constituents to meet their elected representatives. The meetings provide an opportunity for residents and workers to raise concerns and ask questions of their Alderman and Common Councillors. Members will also give updates on work they have been doing over the year and provide details of relevant news. We hope to meet with you at the Library on Wednesday March 18 at 6pm.

## RELEASE THE PRESSURE AT THE DRAGON CAFÉ (Henrika Priest)

The pioneering model for stress relief in the Square Mile continues this year. **The Dragon Café in the City takes place at Shoe Lane Library fortnightly on Wednesdays with sessions between 12.00 noon – 7.30 pm.** It is completely free and provides a unique offering of events that mixes staples of yoga, chess, and massages, with a variety of workshops and activities to promote relaxation, interest and imagination, all designed to release the pressure, break the stress cycle and build resilience. These are open to anyone working or living in the City of London and you don't have to register or book in advance, just drop in for as little or as long as you can. **The next session is on Wednesday 4 March. – check out the upcoming programme on the website:**

<https://www.dragoncafeinthecity.com/>



## WARD MEMBER SURGERIES - SHOE LANE LIBRARY

We will be holding Ward Surgeries at Shoe Lane Library at 1pm on the following dates. March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>. These all coincide with Dragon Café sessions. Please feel free to stop by and raise any issue that you have about any City of London services with us, and we will do our best to help. No appointment is necessary.

## Castle Baynard Resident

March 2020

Your voice on  
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### OLD DEANERY REFURBISHMENT (Graham Packham)

Residents may have noticed that building work has recently been completed at the Grade 1 listed Old Deanery (housing church offices and the residence of the Bishop of London Sarah Mullally) opposite St. Paul's Cathedral. But are probably unaware of the complexity of the process to renovate the wall at the front of the building.



The Old Deanery was built in 1672-3 following the Great Fire as the clergy house of the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral. Originally, the house was bounded by a screen wall together with a shop and house.

The existing screen wall was built in 1760 following demolition of the previous wall and buildings. The siting of the house behind a wall is a now rare example of a high status building typical of the City in the medieval and post Fire period. It is unusual that a wall is listed Grade 1 in its own right. There are two mature protected London plane trees in the courtyard which is paved in a distinctive pattern with Purbeck stone and granite setts.

Before the recent work the wall was shored up and was in very poor structural condition, leaning out towards the road with numerous horizontal cracks. The London Plane trees were significantly contributing to the instability, with the southernmost tree trunk leaning against the wall.

The refurbishment works included careful deconstruction of the wall to allow for a new foundation beam (incorporating tree root growth pockets) and mini piles constructed while retaining and protecting the adjacent London Plane trees. The wall was then faithfully reconstructed on its existing footprint to match the existing details and pruning works were carried out to the two trees.

### DISTURBED BY NOISE IN THE SQUARE MILE? (Henrika Priest)

We know how very badly one can be affected by persistent noise – whatever source it comes from, if you are affected, be it from a pub, club, road works, construction site or other sources, you should call the **City of London's Corporation's Pollution Team on 0207 606 3030** for any noise in progress. For advice you can email the team on [publicprotection@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:publicprotection@cityoflondon.gov.uk) (please note that response to emails is not immediate).

An "out of hours" noise response service is also available so you can call the same number 24/7 throughout the year. **Ideally call while the noise problem is happening as this gives officers a much better chance of experiencing the problem and taking immediate action**, also have ready as much information as possible, i.e. nature of the noise, if it is recurring; times when it occurs with typical durations, how the noise affects you and the address of the premises from where the noise originates. Also please remember to contact us if you have any questions, ongoing problems or issues with your complaint.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: CITY-WIDE RESIDENTS' MEETINGS | WEDNESDAY 20 MAY AT GUILDHALL

The next City-wide residents' meetings will be held on Wednesday 20 May at Guildhall at two slots: 12.30 – 2.30 pm, and at 6.30 – 8.30 pm. Refreshments will be available in the first half hour of each meeting. This is your chance to ask questions to elected members, senior officers from the City Corporation and City of London Police.

You will receive a letter directly from the City Corporation about this event in due course.