



Castle Baynard Newsletter

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ROUGH SLEEPERS IN CASTLE BAYNARD WARD MULTI-AGENCY OPERATION RESOLVES WARD SITE ISSUES

The Lord Mayor's Show | Sat 9 Nov

On **Saturday 9 November**, the Lord Mayor's Show, a three-mile-long procession, **dating back more than 800 years**, and one of the nation's **most spectacular events involving some 6,500 participants, 70 floats, 20 military and civilian bands, business floats, community groups and charities**, will make its way from Mansion House, and through the ward up Fleet Street towards Royal Courts of Justice. For more information, check out lordmayorsshow.london

REMINDER | City Question Time!

Venue: City of London School for Boys

Date: Tuesday 22 October

Time: 5.30 – 7.30 pm

Please register by using the QR code below or via email

residents@cityoflondon.gov.uk

The final CQT for 2024 will take place on Tuesday 4 December.



Rough sleeping has increased across Greater London as well as the Square Mile, and Castle Baynard Street in the ward has been the site of a rough sleeping encampment which, in recent months, has grown significantly to over 20 tents. Our commissioned outreach services have been visiting the site regularly to assist and engage with the occupants. Following a serious incident on Wednesday 18 September, resulting in the injury and hospitalisation of one of the occupants, it became apparent that safety at the site had deteriorated. Many of those who were previously resisting offers of assistance changed their minds and we were able to place them in emergency accommodation.

On Thursday 10 October, City of London officers along with a wider group of partners carried out a multi-agency operation to improve the safety and cleanliness of the site. Officers from the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Team were joined by colleagues from Parks and Open Spaces, Cleansing, City of London Police and Thames Reach. Outreach workers clearly communicated the plans to the owners of the tents in the days prior to the operation. Any abandoned tents were removed to safe storage from where they can be retrieved by their owners if they wish. The number of tents is now greatly reduced, and the cleanliness of the area much improved.

Ward councillor Henrika Priest, who sits on the Rough Sleepers & Homelessness Sub-Committee, commented that the commissioned outreach services visit rough sleepers every day across the Square Mile to work through complex issues to secure lasting solutions. She emphasised that it's vital therefore to report anyone seen sleeping rough immediately via <https://thetstreetlink.org.uk/>, or in complex cases to contact us directly.

Don't forget to register to vote by 30 November!

You must be on the ward list to vote, which needs to be completed every year – **you don't stay on it automatically – and voter registration is now open until Saturday 30 November. Scan relevant codes below.**

I'm a City resident

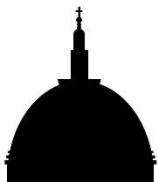


I'm a City worker



Registration of worker voters

If you or your organisation own or rent a physical workplace in the City with a freehold or lease, then you're eligible to register voters based on the size of your workforce. **Scan City worker QR Code.**



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City elections March 2025 | Castle Baynard prospective candidates

In preparation for next year's City elections, we're very pleased to introduce you to three prospective candidates who'll be joining the current team of **Mary Durcan, John Griffiths, Michael Hudson, Graham Packham** and **Henrika Priest**.



George Godfrey

George is a Senior Manager at Sayers Butterworth LLP, a firm of accountants in the Ward. **He has a passion for supporting SMEs, especially those in the City.** As Hon Secretary of Castle Baynard Ward Club, George plays an integral role connecting the Ward's residents and workers whilst showcasing its cultural heritage. **George's love for history brings him to the City daily and has inspired him to participate in civic events, such as the Lord Mayor's Show. If elected, George will use his financial expertise at the Corporation.** George is Treasurer at the Guild of Young Freemen, and a Freeman at both the Chartered Accountants' Company and the Ironmongers' Company.

Paul has been a Common Councillor and Lead for SMEs at the City of London Corporation since 2022. Founder & Director of multiple real estate companies, he has led key projects such as the 'Constructing Science' standards for life science real estate. Paul holds degrees in Psychology, Quantity Surveying, and a Masters in Construction Law from King's College London, with published work in construction law. **He serves on boards including Heart of the City and the City of London Chamber of Commerce and led the Lord Mayor's Connect to Prosper programme for 2023/2024, achieving significant successes in one of the main initiatives.**



Paul Singh



Debra Witt

Debra has been a resident in Castle Baynard for over 25 years, working in international finance and international tax for multi-national firms in the USA, Europe, and Asia, as well as the UK. Originally from the US, she has chosen to make the UK her permanent home. **She is active in matters affecting residents, such as licensing applications, cleanliness and the safety of the streets in the Ward. Debra is on the Board of the block of flats where she lives and believes in creating a stronger social network for residents across the historic area surrounding Fleet Street.** She is excited to be a prospective candidate for the Common Council and the opportunity this would bring to have greater voice and influence for residents in the City.

Annual Shoe Lane Library Quiz | Wednesday 13 November

A fun quiz for all, with prizes to be won!! Bring your own drinks and nibbles!

Only £3 per person with proceeds going to Positive East with support of the City of London Staff Networks. Book at the Shoe Lane library desk, or email shoelane@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Something to report?



Rough sleeping: thestreetlink.org.uk

Noise pollution: call 0207 606 3030
(24-hour service)

Litter, fly tipping, graffiti, dumped bikes:

https://mycity.cityoflondon.gov.uk/service/Fault_reporting

Contact us directly:
enquiries@castle-baynard.org.uk