



**CANDLEWICK  
WARD TEAM**

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AN UPDATE FROM YOUR COMMON COUNCILLORS  
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## Candlewick is Lit!

It seems just yesterday that we gathered for our Ward Garden Party in the blazing July heat. It was in a chilly Abchurch yard that we came together to kick off the festive season!

We were thrilled to be joined by ward business colleagues and residents to light up our very first Community Christmas Tree (lit bright Green to mark the importance of our Greening Plan for the Ward). We enjoyed al fresco networking, all whilst being warmed by exceptional homemade mulled wine and delicious mince pies. We are so very grateful to Mirco and the

team at The Vintry and Harry and Nicky at Harry's Bar for helping to make the evening such a success and providing such amazing refreshment. And of course, to all of you who braved the cold to come out and celebrate our community and hear more about our plans for 2025.

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## Ward & Night-time Safety

We are grateful to our Ward Officer, PC William Skilling, and colleagues at the City of London Police for their proactive response to local businesses requesting special briefings and staff support, including Personal Safety Awareness and Domestic Violence training.

Together with our regular Cluster Panel meetings, this is a vital tool in building community awareness, deepening trust in our Police, and ensuring safety as we approach Christmas. Our world-class hospitality venues will see a surge in evening visitors, and we are pleased to support Operation Reframe – the City of London Police’s high-visibility, multi-agency operation to ensure people feel safe and find clear



pathways to refuge and support, if required.

On 28 November, we welcomed two new cycle paramedics to the Ward, focusing on the night-time economy. They operate from 6pm till late on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. During last year’s trial run, they provided a fast, specialist response to emergencies, including mental health crises, cyclist injuries, heart

attacks, and an escalator accident. We are pleased to announce this will now be a permanent arrangement, not just for the festive period.

If you or your company would like any training or support please contact James - james.stjohndavis@cityoflondon.gov.uk



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## ‘Dockless’ e-bikes

We have had a great deal of frustration caused by careless users of e-bikes in and across the Ward. This, despite our appeals to the operators to enforce the existing rules and ensure these bikes cannot be parked in unauthorised places where they are a hazard to pedestrians.

We continue to work with Planning and Transportation

Officers to swiftly remove recklessly parked bikes and together with a number of colleagues, introduced a Motion at the Court of Common Council to create a new enforcement approach to hold the operators to account.

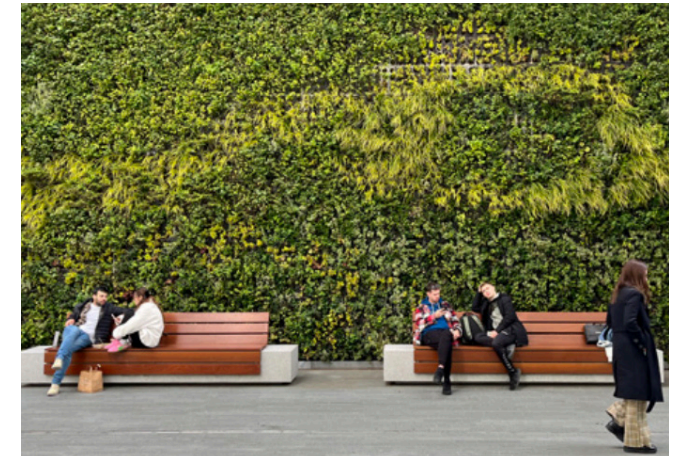
We are working with TfL, London Councils and London boroughs to implement a co-ordinated contract to manage dockless e-bikes to improve walkways for pedestrians, whilst increasing the quality and sustainability of these services. In the meantime, we now have a live reporting form for dockless e-bike

complaints: City Corporation reporting web form (<http://tiny.cc/2ymyzz>)

This will enable us all to notify the Streets and Walkways team immediately, where bikes are parked or abandoned in a way which obstructs walkways and causes potential hazards, notably for our less physically able colleagues and residents. As ever, if you do need help or assistance to report or address a concern, contact James through his email or call direct on his mobile (details on the back page) and he will ensure swift action is taken.

## A greener Candlewick

Readers of this newsletter will know and hopefully have seen our efforts over the past two years to ‘green’ our Ward. This has included the Flowers in the City Campaign, Flowerbox and Balcony Scheme and most excitingly, the new trees for King William Street which we eagerly anticipate arriving in the Spring.



Whilst we have very limited space, we have identified a number of spaces that could be used for another form of public greening, which we’re calling a ‘parklet’. (Image of the parklet site left) We are excited to announce that the first of these parklets will be in the ‘gap’ between 33 and 40 Gracechurch Street, just off Lombard Court which will in 2025 be totally transformed into a small green space with seating areas! (As per the image above)

We are in discussions to see further greening in the alleyways and courtyards through the partnership we have built between the Corporation, Eastern City BID, the Gardeners’ Livery and Ward Business Forum, something which would not have been possible without the commitment and support of so many of the businesses in the Ward.

# Monument Junction update

We wrote to you earlier in the Summer regarding the long-awaited and much campaigned for re-development of Monument Junction.

We were pleased that TfL met with us and accepted all of the

recommendations we made, many of which have come from listening to your thoughts and experiences having to use the junction on a daily basis.

The formal consultation will begin on 9 December and run for six weeks. We invite all those with an interest to join us at Guildhall on 23 January to discuss the proposed network of pedestrian crossings, pavement widening and better routes across all the roads at the junction, with the aim

of compiling and co-ordinating the feedback to the proposal for the Ward. We will be joined by TfL colleagues from the City Corporation so this will be a good opportunity to raise any other issues or concerns you, or your business might have. Do please let James know if you would like to attend the Monument Junction Upgrade meeting on 23 January - james.stjohn@davis@cityoflondon.gov.uk

# Public Realm Improvements

We are lobbying the Eastern City BID board which meets in December to secure further public realm improvements for Candlewick. This includes our plan for further walkway (raising the street level) and access improvements on Lombard Street (from Bank up to Gracechurch Street) and the Lanes which run off it towards King William Street.

We are expectant and confident that we will see further allocation in the 2025/6 budget.

We are also pleased to see the 'Ground Floor Use Summary' is now in development and the preliminary work has highlighted a number of excellent opportunities for further retail development in the Ward.

As work now begins at the TfL station/10 King William Street site, we have made progress in our push for the overhaul and replacement of the blue development hoardings around



the site on Cannon Street/ Abchurch Lane/King William Street. The hoardings around the site are now on the 'hit list' for full upgrade using 'visual storytelling' to improve the overall appearance of the building site whilst highlighting some of the remarkable Ward history.



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