

Cheapside environmental strategy

The City of London has agreed a strategy for transport and environmental enhancements in the Cheapside area, covering Cheapside itself, Poultry and the numerous side streets and spaces off it. Several of these streets have already been enhanced, or schemes for enhancement have been approved or are under construction.

The existing transport provision and public realm in Cheapside is generally poor. Cheapside has an overly generous carriageway width which tends to increase the dominance of motor vehicles. There is a noticeable lack of street trees and greenery. There is a need to improve the safety and convenience of the travelling public, especially those in buses and those on pedal cycles.



Artist's impression of Cheapside/New Change junction

The provisional timetable is:
January – July 2010 – highway improvements works at the Cheapside/New Change junction.

January – September 2010 – Western Cheapside
Winter 2010 – Spring 2011 – Eastern Cheapside.

The strategy includes –

- Widening the footways on both sides of Cheapside in order to accommodate the increased numbers of pedestrians generated from new retail and office floor space.
- Servicing will be restricted to service bays within buildings and to off-carriageway loading bays.
- The junction of Cheapside and New Change will be modified to simplify the layout. This will provide convenient crossings and make it safer for all users whilst maintaining current traffic capacity.
- The widened footways will provide space for tree planting and seating. The number, type and positions of the trees are subject to underground services and any impact on views of listed buildings being acceptable.
- High quality materials will be used throughout including York stone and granite.
- Measures to improve cycling facilities including cycle parking.

Cheapside Initiative

The environmental strategy supports and is co-ordinated with the Cheapside Initiative which seeks to reposition Cheapside to local and London audiences as a retail and leisure destination and reinforces Cheapside's status as the City's premier high street. There has been very strong interest from a range of retailers particularly in the One New Change development which will provide the retail anchor for the area.

The aim of the Initiative is to manage a co-ordinated approach to development, generating a step change in visitors' perceptions of Cheapside by creating a strong business and retail voice for the area. Long term benefits will be established for existing businesses, as well as attracting new ones into the area.

The Initiative was launched on 30 April and now has its own website www.incheapside.com



New makeover for wards policing

In Spring 2008 the City of London Police had a full review of its structure and one of the key findings to emerge was the need to address the way it delivers wards policing.

The review highlighted several advantages to merging the Snowhill and Bishopsgate wards policing units. It was found that if the force was able to pool its resources it could provide a higher level of service to the community. Under the restructure more supervisors will join wards policing, providing more direction and supervision of staff. This should lead to a better use of resources and proactive operations to tackle community issues and engagement opportunities.

The restructure presented an ideal opportunity to change the original groupings of wards into four clusters - North, South, East and West. Supervisors with specific skills in areas such as licensing consultation or proactive



operations will be appointed to lead each section.

Office watch meetings are now incorporated into the resident cluster meetings allowing local business representatives and residents to come together to discuss community issues with wards policing. The scheme has

been running for eight years and it promotes a safe and crime free office environment.

The force believes that it will be able to offer a better service to the local community when all the proposed changes in wards policing are implemented.

Help at hand

With the economic downturn affecting all of us, knowing where you can turn for help and advice can make all the difference.

Whether you are a resident or run a small or medium sized business (SME), the City of London Corporation's website may be able to point you in the right direction for support. Bringing together resources from different areas of the website in two dedicated pages they can direct you to information on all sorts of useful topics.

On the residents' page you can find details of employment and training, debt and benefit advice and health and leisure. On the SME page you can find links to employees' skills, affordable workspace, money matters and the City Corporation's supply chain.

More information

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/support



Train more, gain more

For a business to be successful it needs to be able to compete, and to compete it needs to train its staff. In these challenging times, businesses need every advantage and research shows that businesses that do not train their workforce are more than twice as likely to fail as those that do.

The City of London's Adult Education section can help boost performance and keep companies ahead of the competition through Train to Gain, a new Government programme. If you are a private sector business with less than 250 employees you can access free training to help ensure that your staff have the right skills.

Level 2 and 3 National Vocational qualifications are available in team leading, customer service, business administration, management, security services, information technology and cleaning and support services. English and maths for business is also on offer (worth thinking about when one in 10 workers suffers from poor basic skills). The programmes are a combination of open learning, on-site one-to-one assessments and practical group study sessions.

For further information, details of course schedules or to discuss requirements call Monica Irvine on 020 7332 3911 or email monica.irvine@cityoflondon.gov.uk



Broaden your mind

Bishopsgate Institute is a cultural institute based in an impressive Grade II listed building in central London. Just two minutes walk away from Liverpool Street station and Spitalfields Market, since 1895 it has provided an independent meeting place for people with shared interests to learn about a vast array of subjects.

Over the years visitors have been able to further their own learning in an enjoyable way, free from the pressures of work or formal environments. Enjoyable learning remains at the core of its mission and the Institute offers a diverse range of activities in one beautiful historic building.

These include a Courses for Adults programme which offers over 125 different courses three times a year; Bishopsgate Library with its important collections on the history of London and the labour, co-operative, free thought and humanist movements; and an exciting programme of cultural events which range from music concerts and illustrated talks to debates and poetry.

More information

www.bishopsgate.org.uk



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Ward website

The Ward website www.cordwainer.co.uk provides a valuable source of information on the Ward. The news section keeps businesses and residents up to date with developments in the Ward.



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Bow Churchyard

The work to transform Bow Churchyard into a landscaped garden was due to be completed at the end of May. Much of the work has been done including paving with York Stone and planting new trees. The centrepiece will be an elegant and uncluttered hard paved area using granite setts, the design being influenced by the Mesquita Church in Cordoba, the Spanish town from which Cordwainers derive their name. However, the contractor ordered the wrong granite setts. In the short term the whole area will be paved in York Stone. In September the centrepiece is being laid with the correct granite setts.

New Ward Constable

Cordwainer has a new Ward Constable, PC Audrey Prosper. She can be contacted on 020 7601 2452
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Ward of Cordwainer Club

Mark Boleat is the new Chairman of the Ward of Cordwainer Club. He was elected at the AGM 24 March. Mark is one of Common Councilmen for the Ward. The Reverend George Bush is the new Deputy Chairman. Following the meeting the guest speaker at the lunch was Sir George Young MP, the Chairman of the House of Commons Committee on Privileges.

The Club's activities for the remainder of this year are -

- 4 June** Members' informal lunch in Bow Bells House
- 2 July** Visit to the Old Bailey
- 14 November** Lord Mayor's Show (The Club has a stand in Bow Churchyard)
- 11 December** Annual Lunch

Membership of the Club is open to anyone with an interest in the Ward. Details are available from the Secretary, John Staniforth on 020 766 3644 or JStaniforth@Kingstonsmith.co.uk.

Ward members take on new roles

Following the recent elections to the Court of Common Council, Cordwainer's representatives have taken on new roles. Sheriff George Gillon has been elected to the Police Committee and the Livery Committee. Mark Boleat has been elected to the City Bridge Trust Committee. George Gillon retains his Chairmanship of the Property Sub-Committee of the City Lands and Bridge House Estates Committee. Mark Boleat was re-elected as Chairman of the Markets Committee, and has also been elected Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, succeeding Sir Michael Snyder.