



Working for a better BISHOPSGATE



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WELCOME FROM THE BISHOPSGATE WARD TEAM

This month, we have launched our 'Bishopsgate People' video interview series, introducing some of the business and community leaders in the local area. We have also provided updates on some of the issues you have raised with us like dockless e-bikes littering pavements, or the unsightly blue plastic street furniture lining Bishopsgate. The City's Policy Chairman shares the work underway to prevent fraud and economic crime and we celebrate new investment at 2 Finsbury Avenue from Abu Dhabi based Modon Holding.

Your Bishopsgate Ward Team



WORKING ARRANGEMENTS POLL...

We recently polled how many days per week you are expected to be working from a physical office location.

The results were:

1-2 day per week:	9%
3-4 days per week:	70%
Every day:	17%
We're fully remote:	4%

LONDON CAREERS FESTIVAL

The London Careers Festival has returned to the Guildhall this month, with the aim of connecting young people with employers from across the Square Mile. This event helps young people explore the different pathways available, including apprenticeships and further education.

For more information visit www.londoncareersfestival.org.uk or email lcf@cityoflondon.gov.uk

SOMETHING TO REPORT?

Rough Sleeping:

www.thestreetlink.org.uk

Noise Pollution: call 0207 606 3030 (24 hrs)

Litter, fly tipping, graffiti:

www.mycity.cityoflondon.gov.uk

Report a Crime:

www.cityoflondon.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/

SECURING FOREIGN INVESTMENT...

2 Finsbury Avenue on the Broadgate Estate has just broken the record for the largest office deal in Europe for the past year.

With a partial pre-let to Citadel announced, the building is on course to complete in 2027, providing a total of 750,000sqft of prime office space as well as brilliant public amenities and community space for local resident communities across Islington, Hackney and the City.

Uniquely for London, it comprises dual high-rise towers: the 36-storey East Tower and the 21-storey West Tower and a 12-storey podium which will link the towers via a 7,000 sq ft winter garden and includes green spaces, leisure and a range of publicly accessible areas.

2 Finsbury Avenue is designed to operate on 100% renewable electricity. Utilizing high-efficiency heat pumps and chillers for water cooling, it will be part of a highly efficient energy system.

Bill O'Regan, Group CEO of Modon Holding, explained: "The quality and leasing potential of 2 Finsbury Avenue together with the experience and reputation of our partners, made this a compelling entry for Modon into the London real estate market."

Simon Carter, Chief Executive, British Land, said: "The establishment of this new Joint Venture is a vote of confidence for both Broadgate and the City."



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CELEBRATING SPORTS & LEISURE...

The City of London has a long history of supporting sport and physical activity, from celebrating major sport events, to delivering projects and initiatives to encourage our residents and workers to undertake a more healthy lifestyle.

In addition to cycling, running and walking, the City Corporation's open spaces, offer a number of sports and leisure attractions, including:

- ⇒ [Hampstead Health](#): athletics track and lido at Parliament Hill, open water swimming, cricket, rugby, football and bowling
- ⇒ [Queen's Park](#): tennis and pitch and put
- ⇒ [Epping Forest](#): the second largest collection of grassroots football pitches in Europe, golf clubs, cricket pitches, boating lakes, angling and horse riding
- ⇒ [West Ham Park](#): paddleboard, tennis, cricket and football

Within the Square Mile, the City owns the [Golden Lane Health and Fitness](#), which is due to undergo a £10m refurbishment. We welcome your thoughts, ideas, and feedback on the project.

You can participate in the survey from 20th February to 20 March 2025: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/health-and-wellbeing/golden-lane-sport-fitness



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2025...

The Prince and Princess of Wales joined the Holocaust Day Memorial Trust at Guildhall on 27th January, to mark the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

The event was attended by over 50 Holocaust survivors who each lit candles to 'Light The Darkness', as a act of both remembrance and renewed pledge continue to fight prejudice.

At the Kindertransport Memorial at Liverpool Street Station, photographic panels were displayed from The Yad Vashem Exhibition entitled "Auschwitz A Place On Earth", which depicts the only known visual representation of the arrival of a transport of Jews at Auschwitz-Birkenau. Visitors brought photographs of family and others they identified with who were affected by the holocaust. Candles were lit and attendees said a few words and/or lit a candle in their memory.

The atmosphere at these events was reflective and sombre, with emotions apparent as attendees met up with both old and new friends, and reflected on what happened. The Kindertransport memorial, which commemorates nearly 10,000 Jewish children who arrived at Liverpool Street Station between 1938-1939, trying to escape persecution, provided a poignant focal point and setting for the evening. The children were placed in British foster homes, hostels, schools, and farms. Often, they were the only members of their families who survived the Holocaust.

As the world sees continued conflict in many places, let us not forget the lessons from the Holocaust.

If you would like to join the 'City Jewish Network', or explore our other faith networks please visit: www.belongingproject.city





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CELEBRATING BISHOPSGATE PEOPLE...

As a predominantly business centred ward in the City of London with a constant churn of staff, it can sometimes be a struggle to build a sense of community amongst so many different organisations. Your Bishopsgate Ward Team have, therefore, been challenging ourselves to find different ways to communicate with you all and are delighted to launch 'Bishopsgate People'.

This video interview series is an informal chat with some of the key stakeholders living and working in Bishopsgate. Each person outlines the role they play in our community and shares some details you may not be aware of.

If you have someone you would like to hear more from, or, if you would like to participate in an interview yourself, do drop us a line.



Tom Sleigh
Councillor, Bishopsgate Ward

Francesca Canty
CEO, Bishopsgate Institute

Tom Sleigh sits down with the CEO and Artistic Director of Bishopsgate Institute, Francesca Canty, to discuss the role the charity plays in the community today and the many different services you can access at the Institute.

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Simon Burrows
Bishopsgate Ward Team

Father Chris Vipers
St. Mary Moorfields

Simon Burrows sits down with Bishopsgate resident and priest of the only Catholic Church in the City of London, St Mary Moorfields. Farther Chris Vipers talks about the Church being a place of sanctuary for those of all faiths and none.

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Shraavan Joshi
Councillor, Bishopsgate Ward

Charles Begley
City Property Association

Shraavan Joshi sits down with the Chief Executive of the City Property Association. Charles Begley talks about the work he is doing to entice new investors into the Square Mile as part of their growth agenda and ensure the City remains a global business hub.

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Tom Sleigh
Councillor, Bishopsgate Ward

Sarwar Khan
Head of Government Relations, Salesforce

Tom Sleigh sits down with the Head of Government Relations at Salesforce. Sarwar Khan highlights the fact Salesforce is the world's largest enterprise software company, with a desire to support the local community through their 'Ohana Floors initiative.

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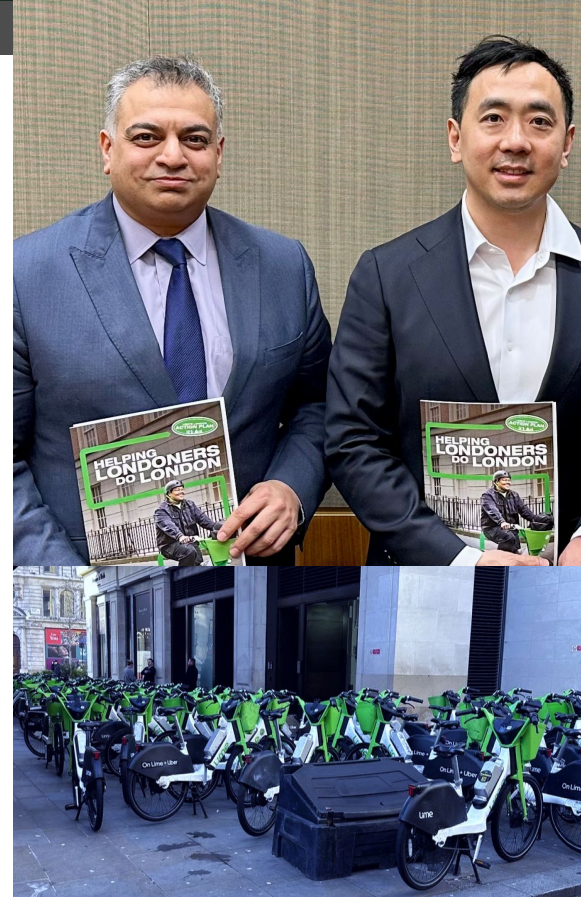
ADDRESSING ISSUES WITH DOCKLESS E-BIKES...

Bishopsgate Councillor, Shравan Joshi, recently met with the CEO, CFO and UK Director of American transportation company, Lime.

The company has seen remarkable success, with an 85% increase in trips from 2023 to 2024 and a 61% rise in total riders. With 16 million journeys taken during London's commuting hours in 2024, their presence on the streets is undeniable—but so too are the challenges posed by bikes cluttering our pavements.

Lime have reinforced their commitment to being a collaborative partner in the city and have announced a £20 million action plan to address key concerns including:

- ⇒ At least 70 additional on-street patrollers focused on high-usage areas to clear obstructive bikes and redistribute them more effectively.
- ⇒ Real-time AI trip-end photos to prevent bad parking immediately, rather than addressing it after the fact.
- ⇒ Enhanced GPS accuracy and new Bluetooth beacons for better bike placement.
- ⇒ Rider incentives to encourage parking in less congested areas.
- ⇒ In-app destination entry to direct users to the nearest designated parking spot.
- ⇒ Funding new parking bays in the City through Lime's Parking Infrastructure Fund.
- ⇒ A dedicated private land parking taskforce to collaborate with building owners and utilize underused cycle parking spaces.



These measures are welcomed and complement the legislation the City is supporting through London Councils and Transport for London.



IMPROVING BISHOPSGATE'S PUBLIC REALM...

In 2010 TfL introduced bus gates and banned turns at points along the Bishopsgate corridor to prevent through traffic crossing the City. This reduced the overall level of traffic, improving bus journey times and conditions for cyclists, whilst allowing TfL to widen the footway in certain locations using temporary materials.

The scheme was made permanent in 2023, and TfL have since been working on proposals to replace the areas of extended footway demarcated by blue barriers. Your Bishopsgate Ward Team have made it clear that the temporary furniture has impacted on the public realm for too long and have required frequent re-adjusting. TfL assure us that they are finalising proposals with a view to starting on site in early April 2025.

The works will include:

- ⇒ Removal of all sections of extended footways currently demarcated with blue barriers and replacement with semi-permanent materials to the same extents.
- ⇒ TfL are proposing an improvement to drainage to prevent areas of ponding, which we know has been an issue.
- ⇒ Any utility covers will be raised to the level of the new footway to allow for easy access in any future works.
- ⇒ The works are likely to take place over night and may require closures or directional working of short stretches of Bishopsgate to allow the works to take place in small sections.



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CONFRONTING THE 'SILENT EPIDEMIC' OF FRAUD - CITY OF LONDON POLICY CHAIR

Fraud is a 'silent epidemic' affecting millions and costing billions. While it rarely captures headlines like other crimes, its consequences are just as damaging. It undermines public trust, weakens our economy, and leaves millions of victims in its wake - Including businesses that face significant financial and reputational damage.

The City of London Police (CoLP), as the national lead force for fraud, plays a crucial role in the policing response. But no single entity can solve this challenge alone. To tackle it, we need a clear, unified response from government, law enforcement, and industry. Fraud is a global challenge. It demands international collaboration, innovation and unified enforcement to disrupt criminal networks that operate across borders.

Private sector collaboration

The private sector is on the front line of this fight. Banks, tech companies, telecoms, and other industries have the capabilities and responsibility to act.

Initiatives like the Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit, led by the financial sector in collaboration with CoLP, have saved over £750 million and show what's possible when industry takes a proactive stance. But there is more to be done. Companies profiting from online services must take more responsibility for fraud prevention, implementing stronger measures to detect and disrupt scams on their platforms to stop fraudsters exploiting digital platforms. Businesses must leverage their expertise against the fraudsters - before the government is forced to intervene with stronger regulatory



The City Corporation's role

The City Corporation is leading efforts to combat fraud with initiatives like the APP Fraud synthetic dataset to refine anti-fraud technologies, the AI Innovation Challenge accelerating solutions to tackle fake identities, and partnerships advancing digital verification solutions that could prevent £3 billion in fraud losses by 2030. Innovation and collaboration with the private sector can help the UK lead in tackling fraud.

Strengthening policing

Fraudsters are increasingly sophisticated, using technology to operate at speed and across borders. The City Corporation is supporting efforts to close this gap, investing over £600 million in new facilities and technology as part of the Sailsbury Square development. But tackling fraud requires more investment in policing, with better training, advanced technology, and stronger intelligence-sharing between agencies. Measuring impact is critical. Every police service in the country must be held accountable for how it tackles fraud. HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services should explicitly assess fraud prevention and investigation as part of their reviews, so all police services take this equally seriously.

Targeting the profits of crime

Fraud is driven by profit and so we must target its financial underpinnings. Strengthening asset recovery mechanisms is essential - not only to compensate victims but to disrupt criminal enterprises. Recovering and reinvesting the proceeds of fraud into policing and prevention would send a clear message: crime does not pay. By depriving fraudsters of their ill-gotten gains, we can weaken their operations and reinvest resources into protecting the public.

A national priority

Government, businesses and law enforcement must unite to build a system that prevents fraud before it happens, holds perpetrators to account and restores confidence in our digital and financial systems.

Fraudsters exploit the shadows, preying on gaps in our defences and complacency. Tools like Cyber Griffin - which offers free services to help businesses and individuals protect themselves from cybercrime - show how collaboration can empower people to fight back.

By working together, we can ensure fraud is a crime that is relentlessly pursued and prevented at every turn. The stakes - diminished economic growth - are too high to settle for anything less.

Article written by Christopher Hayward, Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee, City of London Corporation



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MEET YOUR BISHOPSGATE WARD TEAM...

We appreciate the City of London can feel a bit overwhelming at times, and difficult to navigate. Our team have decades of knowledge and experience living and working in the area, so don't hesitate to reach out if you have something you would like our help with. Quite often, if we don't know the answer, we will know someone who does!



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