



BISHOPSGATE

WARD ANNUAL REPORT 2026

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MEET YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES



Alderman Kawsar Zaman

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Member of the Livery, Environmental Services and Audit and Risk Management Committees.



Deputy Benjamin Murphy

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Ben is Chair of Corporate Projects and Procurement and also leads on the Natural Environment. He is a Board Member of the City of London Police.



Deputy Tom Sleigh

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Tom is Chair of Planning and Transportation, responsible for matters relating to buildings and safe movement of people.



Simon Burrows

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Simon was elected in 2025 and contributes to a range of City Committees, including technology, HR and Community Services, building on his City career experience.



Karina Dostalova

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Elected in Bishopsgate in 2025, Karina sits on the Communications & Corporate Affairs, Culture, Heritage & Libraries and Hampstead Health Committees. She is a sports champion.



Simon Duckworth, OBE DL

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Simon is Deputy Chair of the City Bridge Foundation. Member of Finance, Investment, Port Health and Gresham Committees. Armed Forces & Veteran's Champion and HM Lieutenant for the City.



Shravan Joshi, MBE

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Shravan sits on several committees including Policy & Resources, Planning & Transportation and Investment Committee. He also sits on several school and charity boards.

BISHOPSGATE WARD NEWS

£1.2BN LIVERPOOL STREET STATION REDEVELOPMENT APPROVED

The City of London Corporation has approved a £1.2bn redevelopment of Liverpool Street Station to secure the long-term future of Britain's busiest rail hub. The project will deliver a fully accessible, state-of-the-art station with new commercial, cultural and public spaces.



It will provide modern offices, a wide range of shops and cafés, and improved pedestrian routes supported by extensive landscaping and greening.



SAFE CITY BUS LAUNCHED

A mobile welfare hub, the Safe City Bus, is being introduced with the Eastern City BID beside the Liverpool Street Station taxi rank on Thursday–Saturday evenings year-round. Staffed by two City of London Police officers and a medic, and supported by volunteers such as the Samaritans and

NHS mental health nurses, it will offer visible assistance to vulnerable people. The service provides directions, phone charging, medical help and crime-prevention advice, supporting a safer night-time economy, particularly for women and girls.

2 FINSBURY AVENUE 'TOPPING OUT' CEREMONY

Bishopsgate representatives attended the topping-out of 2 Finsbury Avenue, featuring dual high-rise towers and set to become one of the Square Mile's largest offices. The project delivers major social value, and will welcome Citadel and Citadel Securities in 2027.





DESTINATION CITY

Destination City is the growth strategy for the Square Mile. It aims to make the City a globally attractive place for business, attract workers back to the office, be an inclusive and welcoming destination for the next generation of talent, and be a destination where people want to live, work, learn and explore.

Get involved with Destination City!

- Find out more about what's on in the City using our calendar of events at **cityofldn.com**
- Are you part of an organisation within the Square Mile with an initiative or project that supports our Destination City ambitions? Consider applying to the **Destination City Partnership Fund**
- Find out more about **Step Up Mentoring**, a new London-wide mentoring scheme funded by the City Corporation, focussed on care leavers aged 16–30

Sign up to the Destination City bulletin to receive monthly updates: cityoflondon.gov.uk/destinationcity



The City Belonging Project is a City of London Corporation initiative to create a more inclusive Square Mile by strengthening connections between City workplaces, their staff networks, and the wider community.

Learn more about upcoming events and get involved: belongingproject.city



GIVE AND TAKE DAY

The City's Recycling Team runs five Give and Take events each year, where you can donate unwanted items and pick up something new for free. From books and clothes to kitchenware and furniture, these popular events help reduce waste and support the local community. Open to residents and non-residents. Keep an eye on our website for dates and locations.

cityoflondon.gov.uk/recyclingevents



BISHOPSGATE WARD

What's in a name: Bishopsgate was one of the eastern gates, named after St Earconwald, a 7th-century Bishop of London, and marked the start of Ermine Street, the ancient road to York.

Did you know: The National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck (RNLI), was founded by Sir William Hillary on 4 March 1824, at a meeting at the City of London Tavern in Bishopsgate. Since then, they have saved over 146,000 lives.



The popularity of Lime and Forest bikes as a way for people to travel in the City means that even a small proportion of users parking dockless bikes inappropriately can cause significant issues.

We are trialling a new approach to enforcement of dockless bikes by issuing fixed penalty notices to Lime and Forest if they do not remove their bikes after we have reported an obstruction.

Our aim is to reduce problems with dockless bikes blocking pavements and to increase compliance with the requirement for these bikes to only be left in designated bays.

bit.ly/report-dockless-bike

AN INVITATION TO THE BARBICAN

One of the world's most distinctive cultural destinations is right on your doorstep. The Barbican Centre presents over 5,000 performances, events, screenings, and exhibitions each year, bringing theatre, music, cinema, dance, and visual arts together under one roof.

Businesses and workers are invited to step inside and experience the Barbican first-hand. A personal visit offers a guided tour of the Centre and its iconic Conservatory, insight into our cultural and community work, and an introduction to how businesses engage with the Barbican – from inspiring staff to hosting clients and enjoying enhanced access to our world-class programme. To arrange a visit, contact Holly Wayman on holly.wayman@barbican.org.uk.

barbican.org.uk/whats-on



FINSBURY CIRCUS GARDENS

The City's oldest and largest public park reopened following extensive restoration. The renewed space offers new pathways, expanded planting, generous seating, and an inviting "urban forest" layout that brings a richer sense of nature into the Square Mile. Biodiverse planting islands, refreshed lawns, and the restored Grade II-listed drinking fountain blend historic character with thoughtful modern design. Today, the gardens provide workers, residents, and visitors with a calm, revitalised retreat in the heart of the City.



DISCOVER THE CITY ON FOOT

See the Square Mile in a whole new light with a guided walk led by expert City Guides. Whether you're curious about hidden alleyways, iconic architecture, or the stories behind London's most historic streets, these friendly walks offer a fun and easy way to get to know the City better. Step outside, explore, and uncover the secrets woven into every corner of the Square Mile.

For an introduction to City Guides:
belonging@cityoflondon.gov.uk

CLIMATE ACTION

Amid the City's pace, green changes are transforming how it feels to move around. New planting and tree-lined streets are creating more tranquil, cooler streets, and more inviting places to walk. Last year alone we improved 2,500m² of climate resilient greenery – totalling over 17,000m² since 2021. These improvements can cool streets by up to 6°C and, alongside a 24% drop in carbon emissions since 2017, are quietly improving air quality and preparing the City for the future.

CITY OF LONDON POLICE

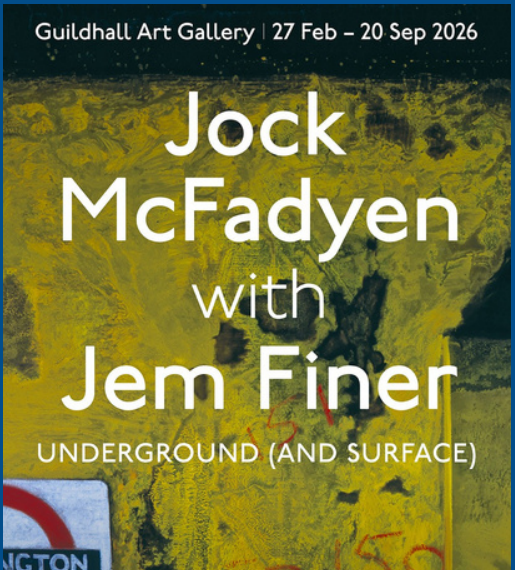
The City of London Police work across the Square Mile to keep you safe whether you are a resident, worker, business or visitor. Our Policing Plan for 2025 to 2028 (link below) sets out how policing will be delivered over the next three years.

Engaging with our communities is central to our neighbourhood policing model. Our Dedicated Ward Officers (DWOs) work closely with local partners and local communities to identify, understand and respond to the issues that matter to you, as well as providing a visible local presence.

See our website for upcoming cluster panel meetings which provide an opportunity for you to sit down with Police and Corporation officials to explore how we can work together, as a community, to create a safe place for us all to live, work and visit.

bit.ly/col-policing-plan
cityoflondon.police.uk

Your local Dedicated Ward Officers:
PC Adam Chandler
PC Deniz Kara
PC Jack Bose
PC Sho Ahmed Suvo
Contact us at liverpoolstreet.cluster@cityoflondon.police.uk



Step into the sensory world of the London Underground at Guildhall Art Gallery. This new exhibition, running until 20 September, brings together Jock McFadyen's large-scale Tube station paintings, revisiting his Underground series from the late 1990s, with a layered soundscape by Jem Finer of The Pogues crafted from field recordings on the Northern and Central lines. Image and sound intertwine to transform familiar sights and everyday noises into a striking, otherworldly experience, inviting you to see and listen to the Underground like never before.

The exhibition continues with McFadyen's expansive cityscapes and early works featuring people, offering a counterpoint to the shadowed subway interiors. Admission is Pay What You Can.

thecityofldn.com/jockmcfadyen



BORROW MORE, BUY LESS: THE 'LIBRARY OF THINGS' ARRIVES SOON

Fed up with buying things you don't use often? Now there's a way to save money and stop unnecessary waste. The Library of Things is a new local lending service opening inside Barbican Library, giving you access to useful items, from power tools and cleaning equipment to sewing machines and sound systems, for a small fee. Sharing keeps items in circulation, reduces clutter and cuts carbon.

Visit libraryofthings.co.uk to find out more



The EC BID exists to enhance the daily experience of those who work in and visit the City's tall building cluster. We engage stakeholders to deliver high quality, responsive and hyper local initiatives aligned with the area's status as a leading business district.

Five projects from our Public Realm Vision are complete or underway; our meanwhile use programme has supported 245 creative jobs and welcomed over 8,800 visitors; more than 13,000 people attended our events in 2025; 2,187 benefited from community grants; 106 were treated by our cycle medics; and £200k+ was invested in additional street cleaning.

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