



# Ledbury Estate

## Newsletter

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## Ledbury Consultation – The Result

Thank you to all of you who completed the survey about whether to include the TRA Hall in the redevelopment plans for the towers. The results of the survey, overseen by Open Communities, are now in.

Of the 58 votes received, 45 (79%) voted in favour of the hall being included in the redevelopment plans.



In addition to new homes, the project will also include the re-provision of a new and improved TRA hall for the benefit of the Ledbury community along with new trees and other landscaping improvements.

The project team will continue to consult with the Ledbury Resident Design sub-committee throughout the design process and will be sharing details about a workshop focussing on play space in the coming weeks.

## Door Entry Systems to Sarnsfield House & Skenfrith House restored this week

The work to the Sarnsfield House & Skenfrith House door entry systems completes this week.

This means on Thursday 29 July 2021, we will be switching the doors back on. Make sure that you have collected your new fobs and if you have one take it with you otherwise getting back into the block may be difficult.

Once the work has been completed, the Ledbury Team will be organising the Service Charge refunds.

## Old Kent Road Ward Meeting

The next Old Kent Road meeting will be discussing building a more resilient community, creating more employment and improving public health after Covid.

The meeting will be held through Zoom on Thursday 29 July 2021 at 6.30pm. All residents of the Old Kent Road area are invited.

You should register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkcOmoqTMpHtHdmC0FE3qwOYM4RqT1gez7>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. For more details contact our Empowering Communities Development Officer Gill Kelly at [gill.kelly@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:gill.kelly@southwark.gov.uk)

## Mail order Deliveries

More and more people are shopping online. If you are shopping online you should ensure that there is someone at home to take in your parcels, as they cannot be left on the communal landings.

## Free summer activity programme available in Southwark

Parents and carers throughout Southwark may be eligible to benefit from a free holiday clubs programme for children and young people over the school summer break. The Government's Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) will be available throughout the region this summer.

Backed by a nationwide investment of up to £220 million, the expanded programme ran initially during Easter in all local areas and is also scheduled for the Christmas holidays in 2021. It will enable children and young people to enjoy fun activities with friends and learn and develop new skills. The local programme is due

to launch in Southwark later this month and is targeted at those who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

The Government's investment in the HAF programme will build on the foundations laid by Southwark Council, sporting organisations, charities and the voluntary sector during the successful programme over the Easter holidays. This initiative is running alongside the £200 million funding announced in February to provide summer schools to help pupils who have experienced the most disruption as a result of the pandemic.

The Southwark events run from the 26 July to 23 August. Parents and carers who think their children and young people might benefit from free holiday clubs should visit [www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun) for guidance on how to apply.

### Roadmap moves to Step 4

England moved into Step 4 of the roadmap on Monday 19 July.

This means from Monday 19 July:

- Capacity restrictions for large events are lifted
- Limits on numbers of guests at life events like weddings is lifted
- Limits on social contacts are lifted
- Remaining businesses can re-open



It is still a legal requirement to self-isolate if you are told to do so by NHS Test & Trace.

However is essential that we take these steps carefully and sensibly.

- It is expected and recommended people continue to wear face coverings in crowded places
- You must continue to self isolate if you are told to do so by NHS Test & Trace.
- Consider limiting close contact with people you do not live with.

If you plan to travel do so safely and plan ahead. You should continue to wear a mask (unless exempt), wash hands and maintain social distancing when out in public.

To see how this will impact council services please go to [www.southwark.gov.uk/roadmap](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/roadmap) for more information.

For more information on the current guidance see the government website at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### Help us Keep Southwark Safe

If you think, you **have** any of the COVID-19 symptoms you and anyone living with you should self-isolate immediately and book a test by calling 119 or visiting [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

Symptoms include:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

If you have symptoms, you and anyone you live with **must** stay at home and self-isolate until you get your results. It is now a legal requirement to self-isolate if you have had a positive test or if you are told to self-isolate by the national test and trace service.

If you think self-isolating could be difficult for any reason support is available. Visit the council's website for more information [www.southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus).



## Keep testing

One in three people could be carrying the COVID-19 virus without showing any symptoms. As part of coming out of lockdown safely everyone should be getting tested regularly – even if they don't have symptoms. Home tests are now available for FREE to every household in the UK.



There are a number of ways you can get a test:

- There are now 45 community pharmacies in Southwark offering home test collection, including 10 who offer assisted testing. The map below shows all the current provision: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
- Tests can also be collected from 9 Southwark libraries – you can find the list at [www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/get-a-free-covid-19-test/book-a-test-if-you-don-t-have-symptoms/community-collect](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/get-a-free-covid-19-test/book-a-test-if-you-don-t-have-symptoms/community-collect)
- Home delivery is available for home testing – to apply go to [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)
- There are two mass testing sites at London Bridge and Peckham:
  - London Bridge Station, St Thomas Street Exit, SE1 9QU
  - 21-23 Bournemouth Road, Peckham, London, SE15 4UJ
- Tests can also be booked at [www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/get-a-free-covid-19-test/book-a-test-if-you-don-t-have-symptoms/mass-testing?](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/get-a-free-covid-19-test/book-a-test-if-you-don-t-have-symptoms/mass-testing?)

## Local Police sessions

PC Imogen Thomas and PCSO Felix Adeyanju make up the local Old Kent Road Ward Police team.

They have requested that any crime must be reported if it is an emergency to **999**, and for non-emergencies to **101**. The team can also be contacted by emailing **oldkentroad.snt@met.police.uk** or by telephone on **020 8721 2436**, or they can be tweeted at **@MPSOldkentRoad**

## Ledbury Towers Repairs

All repairs for the Ledbury Towers should be reported by calling **0800 952 4444**.

Repairs can also be reported by email at [repairs@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:repairs@southwark.gov.uk).

## Housing update

All residents in the tower blocks will have to leave their homes while their blocks are demolished and the new homes are built. All permanent tenants have the right to return to the estate.

Please note that properties are not allocated according to the time you bid. They are allocated by our colleagues in the allocations team according to Southwark Council's lettings policies. Ledbury Towers permanent tenants are in Band One, and the properties are allocated by how many stars each applicant has, then by application date and finally by your tenancy date.

If you need help with bidding or you think your application can attract stars because you or someone else in your household is working or carrying out voluntary work for more than 16 hours a week, do not forget to come in and see the Ledbury Team for help.

We have 183 permanent empty homes as many tenanted households have moved into new homes, and 16 leaseholders sold their properties back to the council. Of course those tenants who have moved retain the right to

return.

207 properties were initially refused by tenants who had viewings. However many of these have already received further offers and many residents have already moved into their new homes. No permanent tenant from the Ledbury Towers will be suspended from bidding if they choose to refuse a property.

### **Resident Services Officer for the Ledbury Temporary Accommodation properties**

Sophie Hopper is the Resident Services Officer for the Temporary Accommodation properties in the Ledbury Towers. You can contact Sophie on **020 7525 0682** and her email address is [sophie.hopper2@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:sophie.hopper2@southwark.gov.uk)

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### **Resident Services Officer for the Ledbury low-rise properties**

Charmain Bynoe is the Resident Services Officer for the Ledbury Estate (not including the Towers). You can contact Charmain on **07944 071576** and her email address is [charmain.bynoe@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:charmain.bynoe@southwark.gov.uk)

All repairs should be reported by calling **0800 952 4444**. Repairs can also be reported by email at [repairs@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:repairs@southwark.gov.uk).

### **Resident Service Officer for Sylvan Grove**

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All repairs for Sylvan Grove should be reported by calling 0800 952 4444. Repairs can also be reported by email at [repairs@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:repairs@southwark.gov.uk).

### **Resident Services Officer for Churchyard Row**

Debbie Ming is the Resident Services Officer for Churchyard Row. You can contact Debbie at [debbie.ming@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:debbie.ming@southwark.gov.uk) or on **07932**

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As a reminder all repairs for Churchyard Row should be reported by calling **0800 952 4444**. Repairs can also be reported by email at [repairs@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:repairs@southwark.gov.uk).

### **Warning about bottled gas**

It remains vitally important residents do not bring any bottled gas or gas appliances into the tower blocks as we have been advised that the buildings will not withstand the force of a gas explosion.

Fire wardens will also be monitoring to check that no gas canisters are brought into the buildings.

### **Reminder on oxygen cylinders**

One of the issues that could jeopardise safety is the use of oxygen cylinders in the blocks. This means that no visitors to the blocks will be able to come in if they require an oxygen cylinder. From the home visits we have carried out it is clear that, at present, no current resident has the need to use an oxygen cylinder.

However no one knows what their health will be in the future. If an issue arises with your health that means that you will need to have use of an oxygen cylinder, please speak to your doctor and then let your Resident Service Officer (whose contact details are in this newsletter) know immediately so we can work with you to ensure your health needs are catered for.

Non-resident leaseholders are being asked to make sure their tenants in the block are also aware of this issue.

### **Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisor**

The Tenants and Residents' Association and the Ledbury Action Group agreed the appointment of Neal Purvis from Open Communities as the Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisor for the Ledbury Estate.

You can contact Neal, or the rest of the Open Communities team, on **0800 073 1051**.



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### Ledbury webpage

Don't forget! Everything we have issued to residents, including these newsletters and answers to frequently asked questions, are uploaded to our website at [www.southwark.gov.uk/Ledbury](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/Ledbury)

### The Ledbury Team

You can contact the Ledbury team at the Ledbury TRA Hall by calling **020 7732 2757** or **020 7732 2886**. Please e-mail the team at [Ledburyhousingteam@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Ledburyhousingteam@southwark.gov.uk)



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