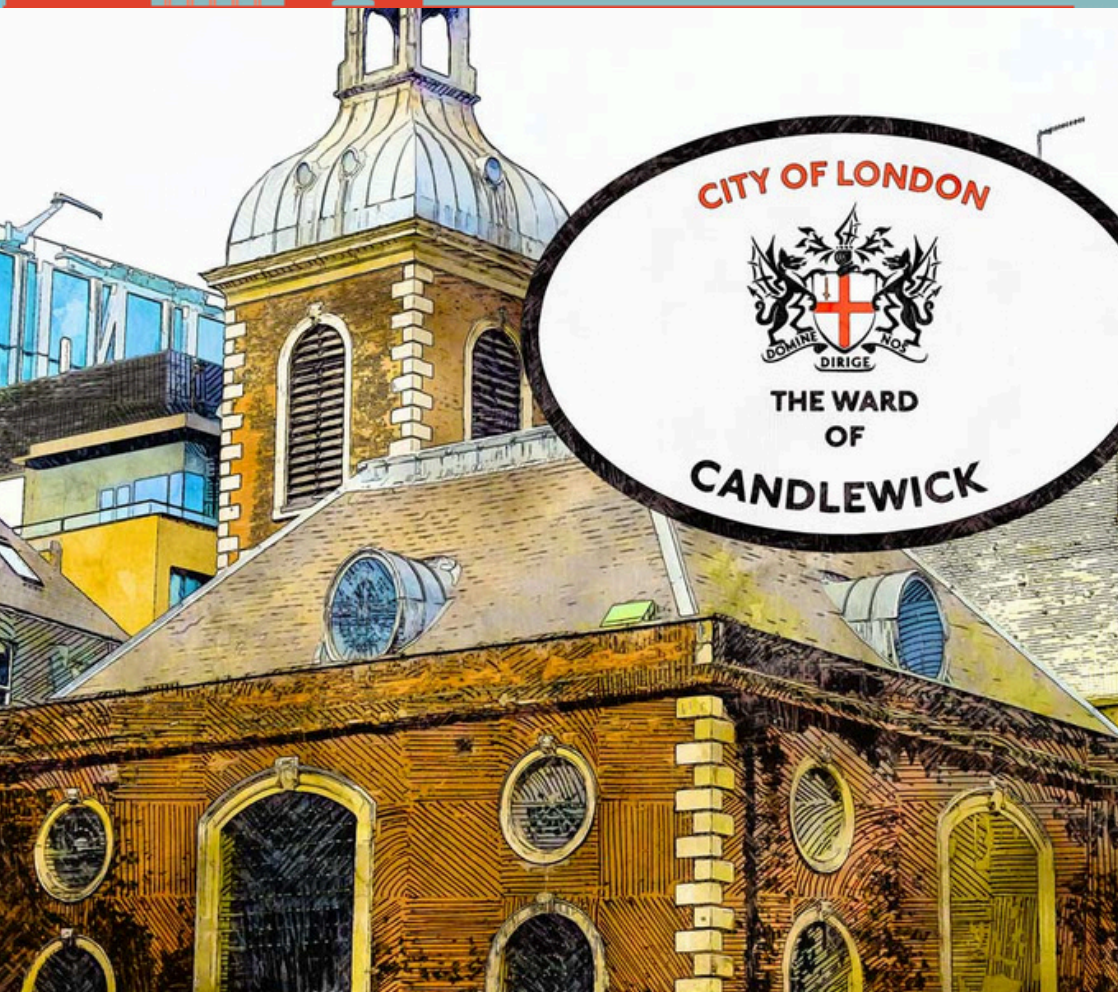




CANDLEWICK

WARD ANNUAL REPORT 2026

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MEET YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES



Alderman Professor Emma Edhem
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Emma Edhem is a City of London Alderman and Durham University Professor in Practice, specialising in space, law and geopolitics. She chairs the OpenUK Space Advisory Board, advises on defence and security, serves on policing committees, leads key City institutions, and provides international governments with strategic counsel while speaking globally on contemporary issues.



Deputy Christopher Boden
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Chris is retired having worked his whole life in the City in the freight forwarding industry. He was a director of the last Ships' Agent to be based in the square mile. Chris continues to serve on the Conduct Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales. In the City Corporation, Chris serves on the Environment & Port Health, Pensions, Audit & Risk Management and Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committees. Having seven years service as the District Council Leader where he lives, Chris brings valuable experience to the City Corporation's local government function.



James St John Davis
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James is Chief Risk Officer of Candlewick-based asset management firm, Hampden. He is a risk and governance specialist, with over 15 years' experience in the Lloyd's and London Market. James is involved in several Candlewick-based or orientated projects including the Business Community Partnership, Ward Business Forum, Eastern City BID and the Flowers in The City campaign. James sits on the Court of Common Council and the Finance, Culture & Civic Affairs Committees. He Chairs the City's Natural Environment Board and the West Ham Park Committee and is also a member of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee and Epping Forest & Commons Committee.

CANDLEWICK CONNECTIONS – BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

Come and start your day on **21 April from 8:30am** with a networking breakfast at VWV in the heart of Candlewick Ward.



CANDLEWICK WARD NEWS

Candlewick has long been a hub for commerce and community. We are continuing that tradition by bringing together individuals in our local business community for an informal morning of conversations and connections over breakfast. Whether you want to forge new partnerships, exchange insights with fellow business leaders, or connect with the community before the workday begins, we look forward to seeing you there.



GREENING CANDLEWICK

James St John Davis and Chris Boden are delighted to welcome the first of 10 new trees for Candlewick, the first to be planted in over a century.

IT'S OFFICIAL: WE HAVE THE BEST COFFEE AND BREAKFAST IN THE CITY!

You will have no doubt spotted some of the growing number of glowing column inches about Candlewick. We send our warmest congratulations to Matt and his team at Lazy Coffee (Abchurch Yard) and Fergal and his team at The Wolseley City (Monument Junction) who've won the City AM Toast Awards for Best Coffee and Best Breakfast in the City of London respectively. This is remarkable achievement given the crowded, high-quality list of nominees and testament to the dedication and service to all of us in the Ward, and the wider City. Bravo and very well deserved!



CLEMENT'S LANE, A NEW HOTEL, RESTAURANT & CAFÉ BAR FOR CANDLEWICK

Full planning permission and listed-building consent has been granted for the transformation of 27–28 Clements Lane, the Grade II-listed Victorian site in the heart of Candlewick. The building is set to be transformed from office space into a luxury 180-key hotel that celebrates heritage through sensitive adaptation and contemporary craft.



The scheme will convert the existing structure into a hotel with a publicly accessible lounge, restaurant, café and bar at ground level. The project will revitalise a currently underutilised building while supporting the City's Destination City initiative to promote a more active, mixed-use Square Mile. At street level, the proposals reinvigorate Lombard Court and St Clement's Court with new active frontages, accessible entrances and an animated public realm. The adaptive reuse of an existing service door as a dedicated bar and restaurant entrance will add vibrancy, improve passive surveillance and bring a renewed sense of discovery into one of the City's most characterful lanes.



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



CANDLEWICK WARD

What's in a name: Candlewick takes its name from Candlewright (Candlewick) Street, the historic name for part of today's Cannon Street.

Did you know: Candlewick's southern boundary curves along Arthur Street to London Bridge and includes the site of the Great Fire of London's origin, commemorated by the Monument.



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



GET TO KNOW THE CITY

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.



Guildhall Art Gallery | 27 Feb – 20 Sep 2026

Jock McFadyen with Jem Finer

UNDERGROUND (AND SURFACE)

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

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 Harry Gorrod
PC Manjit Kambo
PC William Skilling

Contact us at monument.cluster@cityoflondon.police.uk



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



WELCOME TO THE EASTERN CITY BID

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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