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WELCOME FROM THE BISHOPSGATE WARD COUNCILLORS...

With the holiday season fast approaching, Bishopsgate's hospitality industry is in full swing. We encourage you all to 'shop local' to support the post-pandemic recovery many of our brilliant retailers, bars, restaurants and hotels still feel the effects of.

As it gets colder and support services take time off, please also keep an eye out for the vulnerable members of our community who may need to be shown some kindness.

Your Bishopsgate Ward Councillors



LOCAL RELIGIOUS GROUPS

St Mary Moorfields
www.pariah.rcdow.org.uk/moorfields

St Botolph Without Bishopsgate
www.botolph.org.uk

Bevis Marks Synagogue
<https://www.sephardi.org.uk/bevis-marks/>

You can help someone sleeping rough



This is the first step to ending someone's homelessness
Download the StreetLink app today



SOMETHING TO REPORT?

Report a Crime:
www.cityoflondon.police.uk

Noise Pollution:
call 0207 606 3030 (24 hrs)

Litter, fly tipping, graffiti, dumped bikes:
www.mycity.cityoflondon.gov.uk



CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAY SEASON...

This year, we were delighted to welcome a 67 foot sustainable Christmas tree - the tallest in London – as part of the Eastern City Business Improvement District's 'Festival of Light' campaign.

The trees 65,000 sparkling LED lights were illuminated on November 14th by renowned actress and author, Dame Joan Collins, in front of an audience entertained by a Dickensian choir and stilt walkers.

For a full list of Christmas events which you can participate in over the next few weeks, visit: www.thecityofldn.com



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BISHOPSGATE REMEMBERS...

The 11th November is the only day of the year when Liverpool Street Station falls silent, to mark Armistice Day. The Remembrance Day service pulls together community stakeholders from both the Bishopsgate community and the rail industry, organised by Chaplain to the British Transport Police, Michele Ashton, supported by Fr. David Armstrong, Rector of St. Botolph-Without-Bishopsgate and their wonderful choir.

100,000 of Network Rail's employees enlisted into the Armed Forces during World War I, of which roughly 20,000 were killed. The railways were critical infrastructure to support the mechanical and logistical response to war. Stations like Liverpool Street in London had become hugely symbolic, as places families and friends would say their farewells or jubilantly welcome back their loved ones. The Kindertransport initiative through Liverpool Street Station during World War II is also remembered through the statutes in the station.

Following the service, Bishopsgate Councillor, Ben Murphy, joined Network Rail's Station Manager, Sara Ashmore Barrios, to review the poppy themed livery to mark the occasion.

Poppy sellers working for the Royal British Legion at Liverpool Street Station have informed us that not only had the London Poppy Appeal's £1m target for day 1 of their fundraising campaign been exceeded by £250,000, but that Liverpool Street Station had raised more than £25,000 during the Remembrance campaign! This money goes towards supporting veterans in independent living, in their physical and mental wellbeing, in financial and employment support and in building networks and communities in civilian life so that our veterans can thrive after their military service ends.



'INFINITE ACCUMULATION' UNVEILED...

Bishopsgate Ward colleagues were delighted to see Yayoi Kusama's 'Infinite Accumulation' unveiled in Liverpool Street.

This new sculpture was co-funded by British Land and the City of London Corporation. It is the final artwork to be installed and commissioned by the Crossrail Art Programme for the Elizabeth line, the largest collaborative public art commissioning process in a generation.

At 10 meters high and 12 meters wide, the installation covers an area of approximately 100 meters in length. Its gleaming silver spheres soar above the ground and are highly polished to reflect everything around them.

If there is other types of street art you would like to see more of, let us know.

RECOGNISING EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE...

On World AIDS Day, Bishopsgate Councillors Ben Murphy and Tom Sleigh were delighted to nominate the Chief Executive of Terrence Higgins Trust, Richard Angell OBE, the charity's Director of Communications and HIV Services, Dominic Edwardes, and its National Advice Supervisor, Barbara Tinubu. Also nominated was Positive East's Executive Director Mark Santos.

In 2022 the City of London had the second-highest prevalence rate of HIV in England, and has consistently reported a higher rate of new HIV diagnoses than elsewhere in England over the past eight years. The City of London Corporation is actively supporting the UK Government's ambition to end all new HIV transmissions by 2030.





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1 BROADGATE TOPPING OUT...

British Land's leadership in the redevelopment of the Broadgate Estate in recent years has made it one of most attractive places to do business in London. With 11.6 million people travelling through it per hour, it is well positioned to capture the highest possible footfall 7 days a week, supporting the City of London's Destination City strategy.

Bishopsgate Councillors Simon Duckworth, Shraavan Joshi and Ben Murphy recently joined British Land, GIC, Sir Robert McAlpine and future tenants (JLL Real Estate) to celebrate the 'topping out' of 1 Broadgate, as the structural building process completes.

More than 70,000 tonnes of muck had been removed from the site and 5,000 pieces of re-used steel had been constructed. The site had housed up to 900 employees on site during the build and amassed 1.3 million man hours. It has also – pretty remarkably given construction inflation – remained on time and on budget!

When complete later this year, 1 Broadgate will create some of the most sustainable mixed-use space in London. As early adopters of the NABERS rating, British Land are also able to demonstrate long-term sustainability commitments to Bishopsgate.



WELCOMING NEW BUSINESSES...

Bishopsgate Councillors recently visited the new offices of Vorboss, who have relocated to 10 Exchange Square. Vorboss is London's only dedicated business fibre network and they are providing 10Gbps internet at a minimum, with capacity to ramp service provision up to 100Gbps.

Ensuring our capital has the infrastructure to support innovation and growth in a world of big data and high functioning tech to support the AI revolution is critical, if London is to remain the destination of choice for international investors.

We also got to meet some of their apprentices. There is a cultural ambition to ensure their workforce represents the diverse community within which they operate. Within their network build team, 1 in 3 employees are female engineers – the highest in the sector – and they have pledged to increase this to 1 in 2 by 2027.

Vorboss has their own training academy at a warehouse near Mile End. It was here that their team created a new Light Maintenance Vehicle (LMV), which recently won the City of London Corporation's sustainability award. This adapted cargo e-bike is powered by pedals, supported by a replaceable battery, and allows Vorboss's engineer team to navigate the streets of London with ease in an environmentally friendly way.

A really interesting visit and just one of the huge number of market-leading companies disrupting and innovating industry norms from the wonderful ward of Bishopsgate.



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MEET YOUR BISHOPSGATE WARD TEAM...

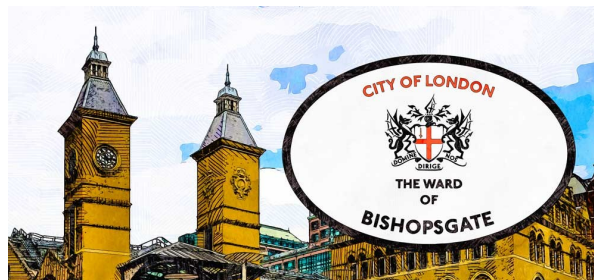
We appreciate the City of London can feel a bit overwhelming at times, and difficult to navigate. Our Alderman and Councillors have decades of knowledge and experience living and working in the area, so don't hesitate to reach out if you have something you would like our help with. Quite often, if we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



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JOIN THE LOCAL ACTION TEAM?

If you are interested in getting more involved in the work we do to improve the lives of Bishopsgate residents, workers and visitors, then please do get in touch at betterbishopsgate@gmail.com

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