

Ward Update • Cheap

Spring 2024



It's an honour to represent the Ward of Cheap and to work together as a united team of active local representatives. We look forward to meeting City workers, businesses and residents at our Wardmote – an ancient meeting of citizens in the City of London to explain what we have done over the past 12 months to help accelerate economic growth and ensure the Square Mile remains internationally competitive and locally vibrant.

Robert Hughes-Penney as our Alderman supports the Lord Mayor's work as ambassador for the City; recently he joined the Anglo-Irish Sovereign Wealth Fund meetings at Mansion House, and gave the Lord Mayor's opening address at the 10th Livery Education conference.

Alastair Moss focused his time on chairing the City of London Corporation's Corporate Services Committee securing a staff pay settlement and EDI refresh. He was also re-appointed on the Cheapside Business Alliance board – promoting Cheapside as a vibrant place.

Nick Bensted-Smith has focussed on improving the efficiency of the City's finances and investments. He chairs the investments for the City affiliated school, Christ's Hospital. Within the Ward of Cheap the focus has been on helping a variety of workers, firms and livery companies with day-to-day issues.

Tijs Broeke has worked hard to get a new square near the old BT building approved. As Vice Chair at the City Corporation he deputised for the Police Chair and represented the City in Parliament.

Keeping the City Safe

A key priority for Tijs Broeke - supported by the Ward of Cheap team - remains to ensure we keep the City safe, as deputy chair of the City's Police Authority Board. Our efforts have been successful. Last year the City Police relaunched its cycling capability to help combat phone snatching, as well as other offences like, shoplifting, drug and road offences. The cycle response unit is highly visible, approachable and able to quickly get through areas inaccessible to vehicles. In July 2022, there was a record high of 148 mobile phones stolen. In July 2023 the police reduced the number dramatically to 44. This shows a back to basics approach of neighbourhood policing works.



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Updates from the City of London Corporation



City Elections 2025

The City of London Corporation runs the Square Mile, acts as the representative voice of the UK financial and professional services industry and provides a range of services across London and beyond. We are governed by 100 Common Councillors and 25 Aldermen.

The next elections for all Common Councillors will be held in March 2025 – those wishing to vote will need to re-register, either as a City resident or through your workplace, this coming autumn. If you would like to vote by post, please email electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk to request an application form.

If you are interested in learning more about your elected officials and their work, feel free to attend the wardmote, details of which are in the letter attached. Find more information on standing in City elections at www.speakforthecity.com/stand



Connecting employee networks and building community

We have recently launched the *City Belonging Project*, our initiative to build a more inclusive Square Mile by improving links between staff networks, create and promote events and foster a greater sense of community.

From City receptions to mark Pride, Eid and Chanukah to more than forty Black History Month events in the Square Mile, our regular email is filled with information of interest to you and your colleagues.

We are also working to provide walking tours for new starters and support City-wide networks for particular communities.

Please ensure the relevant people at your workplace, especially those involved with employee networks are signed up at www.belongingproject.city and contact belonging@cityoflondon.gov.uk if you want to get in touch.





Things to do in the City

We have launched a new website, showcasing exciting events and activities across the Square Mile, from food, drink and family fun to unrivalled heritage, arts and culture. This is part of our *Destination City* vision to make the Square Mile a world-leading leisure destination for residents, workers and visitors. Visit the website and sign up for updates at www.thecityofldn.com



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