

BLACKWALL REACH

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The Reach gets community mural makeover

The Reach Community Hub has been decorated with murals of the local community and Swan staff.

The artwork by Ash Fields from Our Tiny Windows is part of a wider revamp of the popular facility in Blackwall Reach.

The mural was completed at the end of last year.

Ten-year-old Mahfuz, who features on the artwork, said: *“I think my photo being on The Reach hub is fantastic because it is really colourful and looks really cool. I also think it is really good because my picture is in a place where all my friends could see. We could also see it from our school.”*

Swan customer, Suraiya Akthar, also has her image on the mural. She added: *“I think it looks amazing, a great addition to the neighbourhood. I feel very proud of it, seeing everyone’s faces up there. Thank you Swan for celebrating the community through this mural.”*

Earlier this year, The Reach also benefited from a deep clean and repainting of the inside, completing the makeover of the hub.



Holiday activity clubs return to The Reach

Young people were back at The Reach this Easter half-term for games and activities as well as a healthy nutritious meal.

The programme ran in partnership with London Tigers and was funded by the Blackwall Reach Trust.

The holiday camp is aimed at young people aged six to 16 years old. More than 160 hot meals were provided to over 50 young people.



Food pantry continues to provide for residents

More than 160 people have registered for access to the food pantry at The Reach.

In partnership with Tower Hamlets Council and Family Action, residents with a low income are offered access to a food pantry. By paying a weekly fee of £3.50, and working with support services such as debt, welfare and benefits advice agencies, members are given the opportunity to buy redistributed food at a lower cost.

To sign up or for more information, please email thefoodstore@towerhamlets.gov.uk with your name, address, postcode and contact details.





The King's Coronation Grant Fund

To mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, 10 successful applicants were awarded grants up to £500 and a party box.

The grants and the party box will give the successful groups and organisations the opportunity to stage their own celebration across the Coronation weekend (5-8 May).

From Blackwall Reach, the London Tigers and Osmani Trust were both successful in securing funds.

Food preservation workshops at The Reach

We will be hosting Food Preservation Workshops at The Reach Community Hub to help our customers reduce food waste.

During the workshops, those taking part will learn how to make their fresh ingredients last longer and improve their food management by converting it into jams, chutneys and pickles.

The project will be delivered in partnership with three amazingly talented South Asian women. The four sessions will take place once a month on Saturday between May and July, from 11am to 1pm.


To find out more contact Community Development Officer, Gaurangi Patel, at gpatel@swan.org.uk



FOOD PRESERVATION Workshop

Join us & learn how to turn your leftover ingredients into jams, chutneys and pickles.

 Saturday 29 April
Saturday 20 May
Saturday 17 June
Saturday 15 July

 11am to 1pm

 The Reach Community Hub,
11 Oliphant St, E14 0GB

To book your place contact
Nasima on: 07454 111 833

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First new homes completed in Wayfare House

The first 69 new homes on Phase 2 of Blackwall Reach's Parkside West development have been completed.

Residents have moved into the homes in Wayfare House, the block located closest to Poplar High Street, and feedback about the design and quality of the new homes has been positive.

Gosnold House on Cotton Street will be the next block to complete this spring. The remaining two blocks will be completed later this year.

Earlier this year we wrote to residents who are being rehoused into new rental homes to update them on progress. We also offered them the opportunity to move into the next available block, Gosnold House. Interest in Gosnold House has been strong following viewings earlier this month. We will soon be in touch with these residents with more information.

Landscaping works are progressing well with the outside areas taking shape, providing well designed green spaces around the buildings and the newly landscaped Millennium Green as a public park for residents and locals to enjoy.



Blackwall Reach Newsletter set to go digital

After the next edition, which is due out in the summer, this newsletter will only be available in a digital format. Now, more than ever, it's vital that Swan does all it can to reduce its carbon footprint. Reducing the amount of print we produce is a small change that will have a big impact in terms of making our ways of working greener.

However, we do understand that some of our customers still need hard copies of this newsletter, so we are happy to provide these on request at information@swan.org.uk

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