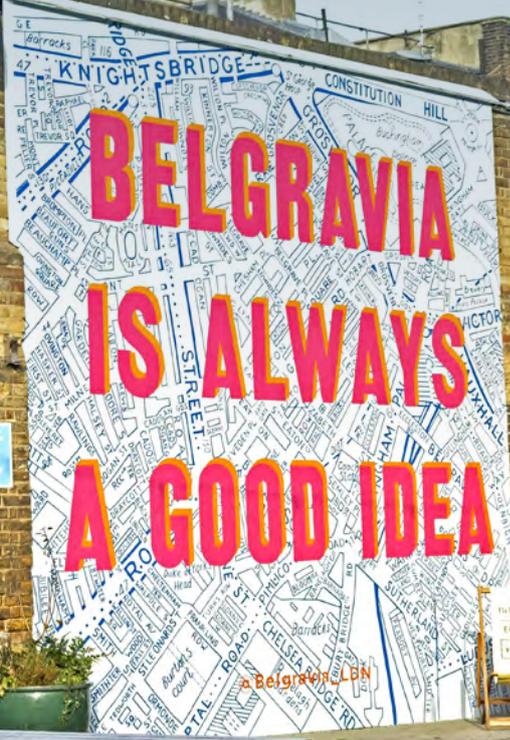


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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



George Waite
Chairman of
The Belgravia Society
and ESRA

We often refer to the need for better public consultation and there is no doubt that matters have improved, especially with major stakeholders such as Grosvenor Estates (Grosvenor) and Qatari Diar. Major projects such as Newson's Yard, Cundy Street, and Chelsea Barracks are prime examples of recent consultations, and whilst we do not always reach agreements, we all recognise the advantages of working together for the benefit of the community, our community, Belgravia.

It was therefore extremely disappointing to start the new year by receiving a pre-planning application for a 15m high telecoms mast in the middle of Eaton Square Gardens from a major mobile phone operator that had failed to consult. In fact, the application failed to properly identify the proposed location, failed to properly evaluate alternative potential locations, failed to provide technical information, failed to adequately notify local authorities, failed to mention that Eaton Square gardens are protected under the London Squares Preservation Act 1931 and that the surrounding properties are grade II* listed. All of which was hardly surprising when reviewing the application documentation, it became apparent that the phone operator's design team had not taken the time to visit the proposed location.

Formal observations have now been submitted by The Eaton Square Residents Association (ESRA) with a request to refuse

the application, and the legal position of the application is currently being reviewed by this Society. Major stakeholders such as Grosvenor and our local councillors support our request for refusal and there are recent examples of similar applications being rejected that we have drawn to the attention of WCC. However, there remains a real risk that the application will succeed, and we are therefore reliant on WCC's Planning Committee to refuse the proposal on the grounds that it will have a significant adverse impact on the character and appearance of the area and on the visual amenities of residential occupiers.

We are adamant that the application must be refused. It has already consumed an enormous amount of time and unnecessary cost that could have been avoided by consultation.

Whilst on the subject of consultation, I note that the matter of two articles previously published in this magazine (October and November editions) regarding the Park Lane cycle lane are being described as 'blinker misinformation'. We make every effort to check the information that we refer to and believe that it is important to present both sides of the argument. In the case of these two articles, one written by our local councillor, Cllr Rachael Robathan and one by myself, the allegation that was made was that TfL failed to properly consult on the scheme. Having now had the opportunity to talk with Cllr Robathan and read the responses from WCC and another amenity society (Knightsbridge Association), I must say that I see no reason to change the information that we published. Our argument was and remains that TfL failed to consult. Publishing information after the works are completed is not consultation and selecting who you share information with is not consultation. ▲

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If you get a notice of a planning application near you and you want advice, telephone our dedicated helpline: 07578 969509

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INVITATION TO THE NEXT SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING

We would be delighted for you to join our video meeting. Please let us know by email if you wish to be linked in info@thebelgraviasociety.com. We can only accept a limited number, so first come, first served.

Our next meeting is on
14th February 2023

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NICKIE AIKEN MP

YOUR PRIORITIES ARE MY PRIORITIES



Like so many Belgravia Society readers, I believe in a society that cares for everyone. That's why I'm working to tackle damp and mould in social housing and Housing Association properties head on. I've been inundated with emails, calls and letters from people in our neighbourhoods about housing concerns, particularly around repairs and major works. I've witnessed horror stories of mould taking over properties, or leaks going unrepaired. This cannot happen. Everyone deserves to live in a secure and stable home.

Whilst I have no authority over Westminster City Council, nor the ability to instruct them or residential housing providers to rectify problems, I am firm in my belief to be your advocate when ongoing problems are not dealt with in a timely manner.

I stood up for local people in the 16 years I was a councillor and have continued to do so since entering the House of Commons, making the case with the council and housing providers across the Two Cities to ensure their homes are safe and of good quality. I recently hosted a meeting with representatives of ten local social housing associations to discuss the challenges faced by the social housing sector and hold them to account on repairs. Unfortunately, Westminster City Council dropped out

before the meeting but I hope to arrange a meeting with them in the future.

I will continue to push for assurances on the steps being taken to address issues like damp and mould, to ensure everyone is living in secure and stable homes which they can be proud of.

Another priority of yours is to grow our economy. One effective way we can do that is by making a positive case to encourage workers back into central London. Not only do offices bring people together, but they ensure we can give our young people the very best start in their career.

On my recent walkabout on Elizabeth Street, I spoke to many of our local business owners about their concerns. Even though Belgravia is a thriving neighbourhood, home to thousands of local people, businesses are noticing reduced footfalls as commuters reduce their 'office-based' days. That's everyday spending lost out on which otherwise would have paid the wages of local people, allowing our incredible businesses to give back to their community; supporting that school leaver with their first job; sponsoring a community fair and making Belgravia the special place it is.

Belgravia is home to some of the most fantastic small and independent businesses, and I'm pursuing the positive case to ensure its long-term success. I will continue to work with the Government for a long-term strategy to ensure our neighbourhoods remain at the forefront of our economy. ▲

If you have an issue which you think I can help with, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Send me an email at **nickie.aiken.mp@parliament.uk**.

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TOSS A COIN

There are all sorts of ways of spending money.

We have credit cards, cheque books, we can do it online or in person. These are methods which do not require coins. There is even crypto currency and there have been difficulties with that, not to mention the electricity taken to generate them. A couple of crypto currency organisations have gone “bust”. Billionaire chairman of JP Morgan, Jamie Dimon, has called bitcoin a “hyped up fraud”. I think it is rather like the Emperor who has no clothes.

It seems the earliest coins that we know of are a phenomenon of the Iron Age. We are certain many were in existence in the Middle Bronze Age. They were used as means of payment and was known in Mesopotamia as early as the third millennium BC.

The first coins were made of electrum which is a mixture of gold and silver. Some were alloyed with silver and copper. The value of the coins depended on the weight and the metal from which they were made. Silver coins found in quantities indicated their widespread use as a means of payment. With modern technology,



researchers today can work out where they came from.

The use of coinage continued to develop. It was not unknown for coinage to be debased by mixing it with low value metals. When Henry VIII was short of money to pay for his wars against the French, or just generally short of money, the silver coinage, instead of being 100% silver, was only 30% silver. Many people refused to accept the debased silver since it did not represent the amount of money it was supposed to be worth.

Clipping coins was another way of counterfeiting coins. A tiny piece of a coin was removed from very many coins and eventually there was enough to make a new coin. This was a crime taken very seriously, the penalty for which could be death.

Today, the value of a coin is what it is claimed to be, notwithstanding the low value of its make up. Many people are now resorting back to coins and currency notes as it makes it easier to keep account of what they spend. Having actual currency in the form of notes or coins is a safe way to proceed.

Above: Royal Mint designs for the King's coins

Electron coin from Ephesus 520-500 BC



Some people these days think financial arrangements without physical currency is the best way forward. They prefer all payments to be made electronically, but that has its risks. At the moment, when government or other organisations want money from you, they have to ask you to send it by direct debit. You often hear from friends that more has been taken than justified. I'm sure some of you will remember the "haircuts" by certain foreign governments where percentages of money held in banks had been removed by the government. If all money is held only electronically, "the people" will lose control and be in the hands of an oppressive state or large organisations who can access funds and remove them.

So what is the future of coinage? We are about to see new coins in our own pockets with a head of the new King. It is the custom that when the Sovereign changes in the UK, the new Sovereign looks the opposite way to the previous one. The King will look to the left.

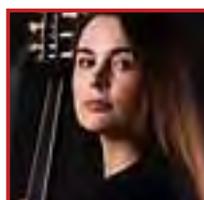
If you are in doubt about something, even about the future, toss a coin. ▲



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THE IMPORTANCE OF EVIDENCE – THE RECOGNITION OF REALITY

BY MARY REGNIER-LEIGH

Some of you may remember the article in our November issue relating to the Park Lane cycle lane. Our Chairman set out the reality of its unwelcome presence. He suggested very practical ways in dealing with the problems caused by the cycle lane which would benefit everyone.

In our October magazine, Cllr Robathan gave facts about the scheme coming into operation. She asked readers to respond to the TfL's consultation on whether the respondents wanted it to stay or not. There was no direction as to what that response should be.

We have received a missive stating that we provided blinkered misinformation in our magazine on the cycle lane. I challenge the correspondent to provide the evidence. The correspondent may not like our approach or agree with us, but it is based on fact and evidence. Ability to recognise reality when it is genuine is concerning when a difference of view becomes “blinkered misinformation”.

I have personally observed that the cycle lane seldom has many cyclists on it – usually less than a handful. Figures given by TfL, in the face of what I saw,

seemed fanciful. TfL have dropped claims of thousands of daily users or indeed given any figures recently that I could find for users. However, observations suggest that there is less traffic in Park Lane but still jams are created as a result there is increased pollution as vehicles make a much slower progress up a narrowed road. This results in so many drivers looking for other routes. However, it has not stopped vehicles coming into central London. They have simply been displaced, creating traffic and pollution in surrounding streets mainly for residents. This happens across the capital, blocking streets that are not designed for through traffic.

My experience as a bus user, it that there are often delays to get around Hyde Park Corner before reaching Park Lane itself, because of the vehicles backing up to

get into it. The correspondent mentioned above, has shared with us a copy of a joint letter he wrote to Westminster Council supporting the current arrangements for the Park Lane cycle lane (inter alia). The joint author is a councillor and a member of the new administration. The letter extols TfL supporting greater use of public transport and contains the following: “we believe tangible improvement of bus performance is vital to meet the needs of Westminster residents and visitors.” Is this in praise of the same TfL responsible for cutting bus services across London including the number 11 bus, which is a vital service for people visiting one of the 5 hospitals along its route.

We do not tell people how to think or what to think. We take pride in ensuring that we check our facts. ▲





IAN FLEMING CREATOR OF JAMES BOND

His Eton housemaster disapproved of Fleming's 'attitude, hair oil, owning a car and relations with women'. He left Sandhurst with gonorrhoea, his mother sending him to an Austrian language school run by a former British spy whose daughter he romanced. She then got him into Reuters as a sub-editor and threatened to cut his trust fund until he ended the relationship. Sent into banking, then stockbroking, he was unsuccessful in both.

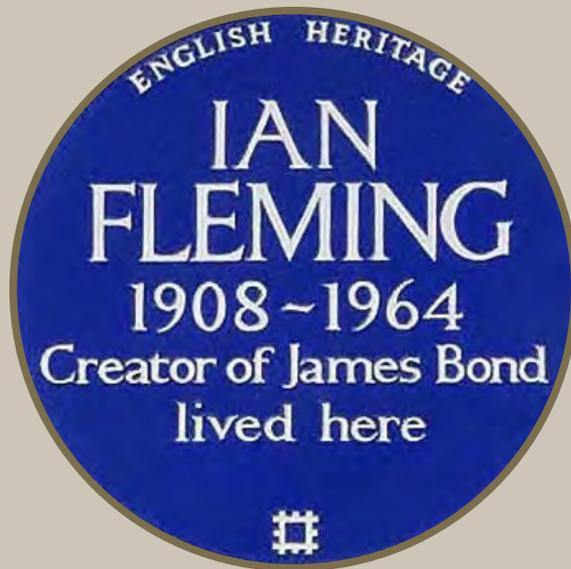
Ian Fleming was recruited in 1939 by the Director of Naval Intelligence, despite having no obvious qualifications for the job, but proved himself an invaluable liaison with the Secret Services.

One Fleming idea (not a very nice one) used a corpse dressed as an airman, despatches in its pockets, dropped on the coast, supposedly from a failed parachute.

'I understand there is no difficulty in obtaining corpses at the Naval Hospital, but it would have to be a fresh one.'

In 1942, Fleming formed No 30 Commando to seize enemy documents. Trained in unarmed combat, safe-cracking and lock-picking, they resented Fleming calling them his "Red Indians", however successes in Sicily and Italy won the trust of naval intelligence, who formed 'Target Force', to secure documents after capture of large towns, ports, etc., in enemy territory which he used in *Moonraker*.

Upon demobilisation in 1945, he oversaw the *Sunday Times*' worldwide network



of correspondents, taking three months holiday every winter in Jamaica.

Fleming wrote his debut novel, *Casino Royale*, there within two months in 1952, from his own adventures, distracting himself from marriage to his pregnant girlfriend, calling it his “dreadful oafish opus”. The unenthusiastic Jonathan Cape published it, and was surprised when three printings were needed to cope with the demand.

The first five books got decent reviews, but, in 1958, Fleming was attacked for a ‘strongly marked streak of voyeurism and sado-masochism (and) total lack of any ethical frame of reference.’

A month later, *Dr No* reviewers rounded on Fleming: ‘Without doubt, the nastiest book I have ever read...three thoroughly English, unhealthy ingredients: the sadism of a schoolboy bully, the mechanical, two-dimensional sex-longings of a frustrated adolescent, and the crude, snob-cravings of a suburban adult...Fleming has no literary skill.’

He went into personal and creative decline, and Ian’s mood of weariness and self-doubt was beginning to affect his writing, as witnessed in Bond’s thoughts.

In 1961 sales increased dramatically after *From Russia, With Love* was listed among John F. Kennedy’s 10 favourite books, decisive in making Fleming the biggest-selling crime writer in the US.

“I write for about three hours in the morning ... and between six and seven in the evening. I never correct anything and I never go back to see what I have written. By following my formula, you can write 2,000 words a day.”

‘Bond pandered to Britain’s inflated and increasingly insecure self-image, flattering us with the fantasy that Britannia could still punch above her weight’, Fleming’s insider view of intelligence providing a last hurrah for the vanishing Empire.

AUTHOR’S NOTE

Ian Fleming also lived at 16 Victoria Square (1953-64) which was more suited to a blue plaque, but the owners refused to have it. It was also refused at 22 Ebury Street. Fleming lived there from 1936-40 and bought the lease from Oswald Mosley!

Finally, it was installed after both his adored brother, Peter (‘much better looking!’) and his son, Nicholas, who had campaigned for it, had died. ▲



REPORT FROM CLLR ELIZABETH HITCHCOCK

Happy New Year. We have had a busy start to the year with a bulging postbag of correspondence related to waste and dumping. These issues can become cumulative, waste begets more waste and some people think that it is acceptable to leave their rubbish on the pavements and next to (but not in) bins. This can be waste of any sort, including dog waste.

The unsightliness and lack of cleanliness of our streets and pavements seems to have become much worse over the past several months, and we are making cabinet members and officers aware of the state of our streets, and we are committed to turning the situation around. The best way to do this is either to get in touch with any of us or to use the brilliant *Report It* website from Westminster City Council (www.westminster.gov.uk/report-it). A wide range of problems can be reported on the website and then a case number is generated to track the progress and resolution of the problem.

We have an excellent City Inspector, John Whelan, who is very much on the case of making sure Belgravia is pristine and calling out those who illegally dump their rubbish. With regard to dog waste, it is becoming a huge problem. These are dogs that live locally, but whose owners or those who look after the dog for the owner will not pick up after it. Dog waste can be deposited in any normal (not recycling) Westminster City bin. If there is a lack of bins in your area, we can work to find a suitable location for one. We will continue to leaflet to spread the word about dog poo, but ultimately it is up to dog owners to act responsibly.





We do have some good news on waste – Westminster City Council’s food waste recycling will soon be rolled out in Belgravia. There will be a kerbside service for individual households and small mansion blocks with off-street space for the storage of 23 litre bins and a communal service for larger mansion blocks and estates. Look out for a mailing from the council as well as delivery of an instruction leaflet and a small food

waste collection bin. It is an important part of the recycling programme. We will be monitoring the situation closely to ensure the service is convenient for residents and doesn’t detract from the cleanliness and amenity of the area. Most of us have become very adept at recycling all sorts of items: paper, plastic, tins, glass, clothes and small electrical items, and now we can recycle food waste, as well. ▲

Please do get in touch with myself, Cllr Tony Devenish or Cllr Rachael Robathan on the following emails if we can be of help:

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BIRD COUNT

BY SARA OLIVER

It is that time of year again in January and February when we focus on the RSPB #BigGarden Birdwatch. By the time you read this it may be over, but it serves as a reminder for next year and it is a great way to enjoy the outdoors in the middle of winter.

I have been reminding readers to participate for a few years now via the Belgravia Society magazine, and hope that some may be taking part each year. You do not have to live in the country, and you do not need a garden to participate. The RSPB have been organising the Big Garden Birdwatch for 40 years. This allows them and us to understand more about birds and how to look after them. Let's help them this year by counting the birds we see in and around Belgravia.

So, how do you prepare for a Big City Bird watch? Here are a few pointers featured on a YouTube video I found online and sponsored by the RSPB.

You do not have to live in the country, or have a garden in order to participate in the RSPB #BigGarden Birdwatch.

First: Survey a suitable area (and try to stick to it), where there are some trees and vegetation nearby. Maybe your local square gardens or park, such as St James or Hyde Park. You could even try and observe from your own garden or terrace/balcony if you have one. If there are no birds in sight then so be it; it may indicate the health of Belgravia's birds and contribute to the state of the London Bird population. Every observation counts to get an overview of big city bird populations.

Second: Set yourself up with a cup of tea and a reference book or online chart. Write down in a notebook every bird you see over the course of an hour. It is exciting to see what birds you can identify, apart from pigeons.

Third: Count the birds you see in your patch. Stay still and let the birds come to you. For example, blue tits and great tits

are constantly moving in the cold snap. It would really help if you have a bird feeder to make sure to feed them at this time as they will be needing it to keep warm and active. A blackbird or two – or three – and tally them up.



A taste of what you might see in your chosen area: Coal Tit, House Sparrow, Robin, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Goldfinch, green parrots (noted visiting Belgrave Square in recent years) and pigeons.

Once you have totted up your sightings, please submit them to the Big Garden Bird Watch. It is a nice

and relaxing way to see what is going on outside and to just appreciate the nature all around you. Happy Birdwatching! ▲

www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/birdwatch-take-partrewildingbelgravialondon.com

UPDATES ON DEVELOPMENTS

GROSVENOR GARDENS HOUSE



A liaison meeting is due on 1st February. In the meantime, the bus stop opposite is closed again while cabling work is carried out. It is not expected that the bus stop will open until mid to late February. Would-be passengers need to walk up to the Wilton Street bus stop.

CHELSEA BARRACKS



Simon Davie attended a meeting at Chelsea Barracks and informs us:

1. A new Spanish restaurant is opening in April next to the Chapel. This should be very popular in the summer with seating outside in very pleasant surroundings.

2. The Chapel is now run by The Princes Foundation (princes-foundation.org/garrison-chapel). They have done a marvellous job restoring the Chapel which is well worth a visit between 11am-4pm weekdays. Contact the Manager, Rosie Alderton (rosie.alderton@princes-foundation.org).

3. Phases 1-3 of the development have been finished. 50% of the town houses have been sold and 95% of the apartments.

4. Next building is phase 8 which will be completed in 2024.

5. The remaining phases will hopefully be completed by 2030.

6. There are ongoing sculpture exhibitions around the Chapel.

7. Theo Fennell Jewellers have opened their shop opposite the Chapel. They should do well when the Restaurant opens.

THE PENINSULA HOTEL

It is some 10 years since we first heard Grosvenor tell us about the prospect of a hotel on the site of 1-5 Grosvenor Crescent. On Wednesday 14th December the final meeting of the Peninsula construction liaison group took place. The updates for the hotel have now passed from Soundings, the PR company who had



been dealing with the liaison group, to Lydia Varaona. Lydia is the Director of Residences pre-opening office, at the Peninsula Hotel. We are assured that the London Peninsula values relationships built with us all as individuals. As mentioned at the meeting, by way of thanks, The Peninsula London will be contacting you to invite you to a pre-opening visit and guided tour in March 2023. You will hear more about this from Lydia in due course.

As the Peninsula will stay in touch with us, if you do not wish to be contacted again, you are asked to let Lydia know at lydiavaraona@peninsula.com.

Lydia has told us she received notification that, as part of the Westminster City Council's plan to upgrade the streetscape in Grosvenor Crescent, you will possibly notice increased activity on Halkin Street (during the permitted times) until their activity has been completed. The use of Halkin Street for waste removal is estimated to last for the next three months, as will the closure of Grosvenor Crescent, when this will be reviewed. We hope there will not be any delays.

We understand that WCC did not consult with the community over this or the Peninsula.

The great lions we have seen on computer images of the hotel outside the pedestrian entrance on the Grosvenor Place entrance are now in place. They are carved out of white marble and very impressive. You will see from our photo that they are blindfolded. I understand that this is traditional, and the blindfolds will be removed as they greet the first guests. We look forward to it. ▲



Sir Martyn Lewis speaking at the Belgravia Awards

BELGRAVIA AWARDS

On 24th January the tenth Belgravia Awards was held in the Berkeley Hotel. The principle sponsors were Grosvenor and Handelsbanken. It was Grosvenor who instituted the awards and the Berkeley Hotel hosted the ceremony.

There were a number of other sponsors too, some offering a sample of their products/stock. All contributed to making the evening a great success. The room was packed. A large choice of canapés were on offer, as were drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. This was a real opportunity to meet and greet our local friends.

The event was presented by Sir Martyn Lewis who is a local resident. You will remember that he was a television journalist as well as a news anchor. He founded the charity YouthNet in 1995 and went on to support a number of other charities. He was awarded a CBE and later knighted in 2016.

There were nine categories and all the winners are great representatives of our community – indeed, as are those who did not win were also great representatives of the community.

We do want to mention the winner of the



Helene Oratore, George Waite and Slavica Waite at The Belgravia Awards

“At your service” category, Bally Singh. We were pleased to write about him when he had just come to Belgravia and just taken over “Charles” in Lower Belgrave Street, and were pleased to introduce him to the community then. We are absolutely delighted that he has been recognised as the winner of the “At Your Service”

category for all the work and care he puts into his shop and the amazing diversity of the stock he holds.

I am sure everyone enjoyed the evening, and we thank Grosvenor and the other sponsors and contributors. We look forward to next year. ▲



Bally Singh, winner of the 'At Your Service' Award



Left to right: Cllrs Rachael Robathan, Tony Devenish and Elizabeth Hitchcock

COMMUNITY NEWS

FROM KNIGHTSBRIDGE & BELGRAVIA COUNCILLORS

ELIZABETH STREET – BAN ON COACHES



Starting on 25th January, the council will be consulting on a Traffic Management Order banning coaches from using Elizabeth Street. This is something your Councillors have been campaigning on for some time and, if supported by local people, the ban can be in place by March. As much as possible we need to keep heavy vehicles on major arterial roads, not on narrow streets in our residential areas.

PRESSING SADIQ KHAN FOR MORE POLICE



Policing in London is the responsibility of the London Mayor, Sadiq Khan. We are increasingly concerned that, although our local policing team in Knightsbridge & Belgravia is excellent, we desperately need more police presence on our streets. This has been exacerbated since the closure of the Belgravia Police Station.

We are also now seeing increasing numbers of residents hiring private security firms. This should not need to happen and we are calling on Sadiq Khan to ensure an adequate police presence in our area.

We are working with our local MP, Nickie Aiken, to lobby the Mayor of London, who is in charge of our police, and the Westminster Borough Commander to ensure we see more police on patrol and to take a proactive, zero tolerance approach to tackle all crime.

Remember, it is very important that anyone who witnesses or is the victim of a crime reports this [online](#) or by calling 101. If crimes aren't properly registered it doesn't give an accurate picture of the need for more police resource in the area. In an emergency always call 999.

Editor's Note: Do click on "online" in the above paragraph as it will give you details of reported crime. Remember a lot of crime goes unreported and we need to report it.

FOOD WASTE RECYCLING



Westminster City Council's food waste recycling will soon be rolled out in Knightsbridge & Belgravia.

It is very important that anyone who witnesses or is the victim of a crime reports it, either online or by calling 101 or 999.

Communications about food waste recycling from Westminster City Council are expected to start this week. Look out for leaflets and food waste containers.

Cllr Elizabeth Hitchcock said: "This is a huge step forward in the council's mission to be greener and more environmentally sustainable. Food waste should not be going into landfill but dealt with in an ecologically appropriate way. Food waste recycling is a very welcome addition to Westminster's recycling services."

The Council has to provide this service by the end of March. It's important in terms of being able to improve recycling rates across the City and make it an easy option for people. However, it needs to be implemented in a way which works. We have asked exactly how this will be put in place in Knightsbridge & Belgravia, and we will keep you informed. We will be monitoring the scheme closely to make sure residents have the information they need and are able to access it in a way that is convenient for them and doesn't detract from the overall cleanliness and amenity of the area. ▲

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Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts made:

Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.

- Today In the past 4 years In the future



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Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the Charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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ADDRESS

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