

ELTHORNE PRIDE



The FREE newsletter for residents of the Elthorne Pride area

May 2015

YOUR BIG LOCAL

Welcome to the Elthorne Pride newsletter. We want to give you an up-date on what we have learnt from talking to local residents about how you would like the Big Local funding to be spent. We also want to let you know about the next steps, and to invite you to get involved in planning exactly how the money will be used.

Big Local is an exciting opportunity for residents to use £1m over the next 10 years to make a lasting, positive difference to their community. It's about bringing together all the skills, energy, ambitions and talent to be found in local individuals and groups to make the area an even better place to live.



Maria Gonzalez (left) and Janet Keighley (right), who are working with us to complete the consultation stage.

MESSAGE FROM THE ELTHORNE PRIDE STEERING GROUP

The feedback you have given us so far includes lots of good ideas for ways of spending the £1m Big Local funding to change our area in positive ways. We need your feedback on these ideas, including suggestions for things that might not have been thought of up to now. This newsletter shows you how to do this.

We also really need more people to become involved in the next stages of this exciting project. We need to complete the consultation stage by the end of June. Only then can we write the plan which the funder needs to approve before we can start spending the money on the activities that you want to see happen.

We have recently taken on two people to support us

to make sure we hear from everyone who wants to contribute before we start developing the plan. Over the next couple of months Janet Keighley and Maria Gonzalez will be talking to people in the neighbourhood to make sure that the ideas for spending the funding that go into the plan are the ones that local people want. Between them, Janet and Maria have over 13 years' experience of working with Islington's different communities. They already know quite a few people in our area, but they are looking forward to getting to meeting many more.

Please let us know your views, and get involved in Elthorne Pride. There are lots of different ways to become involved – from joining the Steering Group, suggesting an activity you want to see funded, through to getting involved in running an activity.

We need to connect with as many resident voices as possible to help us create a vision that works for our community over the next ten years and beyond.

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THE NEXT STEPS

Feedback to date has shown us that residents like a lot of things about the neighbourhood, but that the main improvements that you have said you want to see involve:

Creating a stronger community including:

- activities that bring people together, including different generations

What you said you want to see:

"It's a friendly neighbourhood though more community activities would help it to sustain itself."

"It would be nice to have a social thing where all ages can get together."

Benefiting children and young people including:

- improvements to facilities for young children (e.g. better playgrounds)
- improvements to facilities for young people
- activities for young people and teenagers
- support for teenagers and young people to develop their skills and improve their employability, e.g. improving their literacy and numeracy; training opportunities; careers advice.

What you said you want to see:

"More things for the young people...Something they could learn from like music, art things they could listen and enjoy, sports are good but arts also."

"Not just tangible things but workshops and training for young people to build skills."

"To create an opportunity for

young people to thrive."

Improving the economic outlook for Elthorne residents including:

- projects that help people into employment and training
- projects that help people set up in business, including community businesses
- projects that bring investment into the area and improve residents financial position, e.g. through Credit Unions.

What you said you want to see:

"Better employment opportunities for locals."

"Not just tangible things but workshops and training for young people to build skills."

Improving the environment including:

- developing community gardening projects
- improving landscaping and planting in open spaces

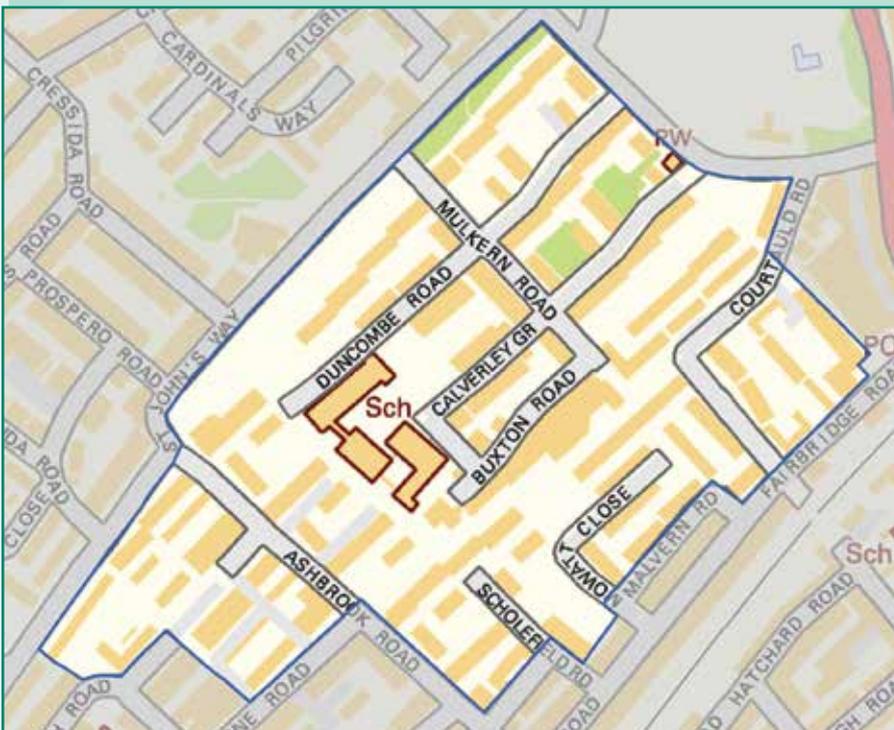
What you said you want to see:

"Open spaces could do with some gardens on them."

"More open space, trees and light needed on the ex-Birbeck pub end."

Are these the sort of things you want to see?

What sort of things should be done to make these things happen? - for example, what kind of activities do young people want, e.g. what sort of activities would really bring



Map showing the Elthorne Pride Area

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the community together, or really help young people?

Do you have any other ideas for how the £1m should be spent? Ideas might include activities that improve resident's health and wellbeing, or projects to help older people.

We really want to hear from you, and there are a number of ways you can let us know what you think, and find out more about Elthorne Pride:

Please complete the short questionnaire that comes with this newsletter to tell us your ideas about how the money should be spent. There are a number of ways you can return your completed questionnaire to us:

Come to an event, a meeting or a get together, where you can give us your completed questionnaire and talk to us about your views. We will also have further copies of the questionnaire available. Please see 'Dates for your Diary'

Big Elthorne Representatives plan to be going door-to door around the estates in mid-May, along with representatives from *Help On you Doorstep on Wednesday 27th May.*

Please talk to us then if you are around, and either return the questionnaire or complete one with us then and there.

Look out for boxes especially for returned questionnaires placed around the estate – e.g. in TMO offices - and in

Caxton House Community Centre.

Just hand your questionnaire to Janet or Maria when you see them around.

If you have internet access you can find the questionnaire on our website

www.elthornepride.com on the 'Have Your Say' page. You can then download the questionnaire and email it to: janetk@building-assets.co.uk

We need your ideas, NOW! Your ideas could mean a huge difference to your neighbourhood.

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!



Tell us your views

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ABOUT BIG LOCAL

The Elthorne and surrounding estates are one of 150 neighbourhoods across the country that have been chosen to receive £1m over 10 years.

Residents of the Elthorne, Grovedale, Partington Close and Bowerman Court estates have the opportunity to decide how this money should be spent. We don't have to apply for this money – it's definitely there for us.

We just have to show the funder, the Local Trust, that we have clear plans for spending the money in ways that will make a real difference to the area and its people.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF ELTHORNE PRIDE SO FAR

Our Think Out Loud Design Challenge saw the young people attending Mount Carmel School designing a logo for Elthorne Pride, which now adorns all our publicity.

We ran a Community Christmas Fair, with a Pearly King and Prince, a ukulele band, dancing and great food where we talked to people to find out about the changes they wanted to see on the estates.

Our Community Chest has given small grants to local people and groups for them to get on with work that benefits the area. So far a housing co-op has improved a small area of land with attractive planting, a community garden ran an event at Halloween, and a local ceramicist will be offering free places on a programme to learn pottery making in the near future.

Look out for more opportunities to meet us in the future!

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THE BIG LOCAL PATHWAY

Big Local schemes are asked to follow a set of steps, and to do certain things by specific dates. You don't have to finish one step before you can take the next one, and **Elthorne Pride** has already done some of steps 1, 2 and 3.



Over the next couple of months we have to get to step 4, so that the plan and the

other information required (a local profile of the area and a vision setting out how you want the area to be transformed) can be written between July and September 2015, ready to start the really great step of starting the activities – step 5!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BIG DOOR KNOCK

On **Wednesday 27th May** Elthorne Pride representatives will be calling on all households in the area, along with representatives from Help on Your Doorstep. We want to hear your views about how the funding should be used, and to talk to you about becoming involved in Elthorne Pride. Help on Your Doorstep aim to put people in touch with services that can help them, and would like to talk to you about ways in which they might be able to help you. Look out for our leaflets coming through your door, and please talk to us when we call on you on the 27th!

ELTHORNE PRIDE STEERING GROUP

AGM, June 1st, 6pm

at Caxton House Community Centre, St. John's Way, N19. People are needed to join the Steering Group – consider being elected at the AGM. Please contact Janet or Maria or members of the Steering Group to find out what's involved in this interesting role.' See 'Contact Details' for how to get in touch.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUN DAY

Thursday May 21st, 3 – 6pm

Information, stalls and fun activities for all the family and community both inside

and outside St. John's Community Centre, 133 St John's Way, N19. Organised by the Holland Walk Area Housing Office. **Please visit the Elthorne Pride Stall.**



*We want to hear from you
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HILLRISE FESTIVAL

Saturday August 15th, 12 noon – 4pm

at Caxton House Community Centre, St. John's Way, N19. Lots of activities, fun and great food. **Please visit the Elthorne Pride Stall.**

CONTACT DETAILS

If you would like to find out how you can get involved or how to have your say, you are welcome to contact Janet or Maria on email:



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See our website
www.elthornepride.com
for news and information about Elthorne Pride

