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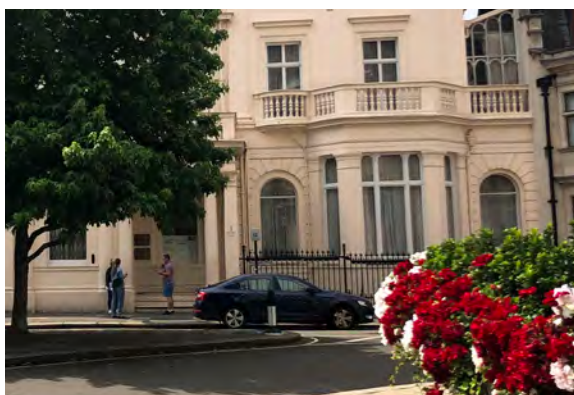
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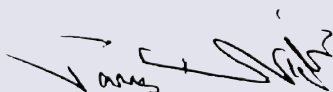
Welcome to our first quarterly magazine where you will find our local news and contact details to keep at hand.

The BRA is your locally recognised, not-for-profit amenity society, founded in 1972. We are not affiliated to any political ideology and exist to promote the conservation and sympathetic enhancement of our uniquely attractive and picturesque environment in Belgravia.

Since inception, we have been at the forefront of daily life, supporting residents and businesses. We work closely with our local councils, Grosvenor, The Metropolitan Police, TFL and both the Belgravia and Motcomb Street Traders Associations, to name but a few, to maintain and improve the high standards of our community as well as to provide help and advice to residents. We engage in community matters from building development, to crime prevention, policing and noise pollution. We are routinely consulted on all licensing, traffic, planning and environmental issues and are here to guide you and lobby on your behalf if necessary. We are committed to the promotion of a greener environment and to the protection of London's historic gardens squares.

By engaging with stakeholders, the BRA aims to provide a forum and a voice for local residents, and enable them to build a welcoming and sustainable neighbourhood.

I look forward to meeting you at one of our forthcoming events which you will find advertised on our website: www.belgraviareidents.org.uk.



James Wright
Chairman



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NICKIE AIKEN MP

Working for local people to be at the heart of the planning process

The Cities of London & Westminster are open, go out and explore your neighbourhood. Throughout the Summer, I'm looking for the Two Cities' best photographer. That's why I've launched my Summer Two Cities Photography Competition in Memory of Neil Jelley. Neil was a well-known Westminster resident and photographer who sadly died earlier this year. The competition is open to all ages from 4 years and above. I am delighted that I have been able to secure a brilliant team of judges: renowned journalist, Dominic Lawson; committed youth worker and CEO of Caxton Youth Organisation, Rachel Akehurst; distinguished photographer, Gemma Levine – and myself! I hope that I can invite the winners and runners up to a special awards ceremony in central London in the Autumn (restrictions allowing). Visit www.nickie.news/summersnaps to find out how to get involved.

I trust that you have received my Reporting Back newsletter which outlines some of my work and campaigns over the last few months. If you haven't already, please take a look, and visit my website to see more of what I'm up to across the Two Cities. nickie.news/ReportingBack.

As we begin to return to our usual way of life, I plan to be out and about much more. I will be holding public meetings and regular street surgeries across Belgravia and around the cities of London and Westminster. I hope to meet you on my travels around Belgravia and the Two Cities. If you spot me, please come and say hello. I wish you a happy and healthy summer. ■

If you would like to contact me about any issue or concern, email nickie.aiken.mp@parliament.uk or call 020 7219 4553. You can also find me on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @twocitiesnickie.

In July, I met with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government, Robert Jenrick MP, to discuss the current planning reforms going through the House. Whilst I welcome some aspects of the planning reform proposals, I am firm in my belief that local people and councillors must be engaged throughout the whole process.

I am specifically pushing for greater public engagement, allowing local people and councillors to have a say in the planning process from beginning to end; digital engagement but not the use of algorithms, to ensure the process is open and accessible for as many people as possible to get involved; and a building on time clause with a time limit of 18 months following the discharge of planning conditions for work to commence on site.

I am proud that, during my time as Leader of Westminster City Council, I made it my personal mission to ensure local people were at the heart of the planning process. I am keen to build on my work, to ensure local people and councillors are kept actively involved throughout the whole process. I had a positive discussion with Robert Jenrick MP, and I'm pleased that he shares my beliefs that you, the local people of Belgravia, should be able to have your say over the planning applications you are affected by. If you agree with me, please show your support at www.nickie.news/Planning.



GLA ASSEMBLY MEMBER TONY DEVENISH

“ Thank you for the huge honour in re-electing me as your London Assembly Member for three more years.”

To all BRA Members, after five years as your AM (Assembly Member), I'm humbled and honoured to have been re-elected once the votes were counted on Friday 7th May. It was a close result. Well done to Labour's Councillor Rita Begum, who cut my majority substantially, down to just over 2000 votes. Whether BRA readers voted for me or not, please be assured I WORK FOR YOU – to hold the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to account, the Met Police and Transport for London. Of course, I'm also one of your Westminster City ward councillors – so I doubly work for you!

Do please watch my speech at the count via this link:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jt2CdM5pEI.

*Councillor Tony Devenish AM
GLA Assembly Member for West Central
(LB Hammersmith & Fulham, RB Kensington
& Chelsea and City of Westminster)*

The Mayor/GLA Election campaign lasted (on and off through Brexit and COVID) for over 900 days from September 2018 upon my re-selection and that of my Party's Mayor of London candidate, Shaun Bailey. Anyone with self-awareness and an articulate and educated constituency (that's you, ladies and gents!) allows plenty of food for thought. In this column, I thought I'd focus on these points.

Crime really matters

Shaun Bailey was right to place Sadiq Khan's less than impressive record on crime under the spotlight during the campaign. Well done to Shaun for a far better result than the cynical media predicted. I have now joined the London Assembly's Police & Crime Committee (PCC), chaired by Shaun. So, I am one of the ten of the 25 Assembly Members charged with meeting with the Met Police and the Mayor's team at least fortnightly to keep Londoners safe over the next three years.

The disgusting scenes close to the Israeli Embassy during May means work started very quickly, within days of my re-election. The PCC re-appointed the Deputy Mayor for Policing with conditions to ensure both the Met and Mr Khan are more responsive to Londoners' concerns on crime.

Global Climate conference

Our Environment matters more and more to all of us as we approach the COP26, global climate conference this November in Glasgow. I am delighted to say, I was also elected to the Assembly's Environment Committee and I'm Deputy Chairman. If one issue overshadowed my first five years, it has been 'squaring the circle' on keeping traffic flowing to stem congestion whilst championing active Green measures. I'm conscious that fighting Super Cycle Highways has been the Marmite issue of my first term. I'm committed to do more, along with both RBKC and Westminster Councils, Government and everyone to make progress. Again, the devil is in the detail. That means measures that work, not always what Mr Khan sees as electorally popular with certain special interests.

Transport remains the Mayor's Number One power

As we come out of COVID, TfL have received their third multi-billion-pound bailout. I remain committed to ensure central London recovers economically as quickly as possible, which means transport and Wi-Fi connectivity remains paramount. The Congestion Zone must return to weekdays and not evenings, nor weekends, as Sadiq Khan promised a week before polling day. Please see my petition on the congestion zone extension here: www.tonydevenish.org.uk/campaigns/reverse-congestion-charge-expansion.

Planning/housing

I remain a committed localist: our local boroughs, in our case, Westminster/RBKC (not the Mayor) must determine planning applications with close public consultation of Residents Associations such as the BRA. Mr Khan has plenty of taxpayers' money to build affordable housing all over London without building what Prince Charles once rightly labelled 'carbuncles'. I was re-elected to the Housing Committee of the London Assembly.

Jobs, jobs, jobs

Mr Khan has stolen the Prime Minister's slogan. The jury is out whether Mr Khan will do anything useful to aid the economic recovery. He has started with the commitment to build bridges with the Government and I very much welcome the change of tone. I will continue to hold him to account on this, working with business and on all the above issues and much, much more!

Thanks to your Chairman, James Wright, and all the BRA Committee: local eyes are so important for an AM.

The last five years have seen: 2016 Mayor/GLA Elections, 2017 General Election 2018 local elections, 2019 last European UK Election and another General Election and the Mayor/GLA Election on 6th May 2021. Next May we have the London Borough elections, BUT please don't leave it until then to have your say – do please get in touch. ■

Mayor's Question Time Future Dates

9th September, 10am and
14th October, 10am

You can view these meetings on Live Mayoral webcasts which are available to watch at a later date. For regular updates, follow me on social media, as follows:

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**Leader of Westminster
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As you read this, Belgravia residents should at last be enjoying the first month out of lockdown restrictions since March 2020. The Belgravia community tea I went to on 6th July was an early welcome back to the lively community I love in my ward.

But while there is optimism in the air, these have been tough times in Westminster. Throughout the pandemic, the City Council has endeavoured to keep our services running as usual – keeping the streets clean, the vulnerable looked after and our Westminster Connects volunteers ensuring nobody has been overlooked.

As we return to a post-lockdown world, it is time to rebuild our City, and the council has innovative plans in the pipeline to do that.

One of the newest and most eye-catching is the Marble Arch Mound – a 25-metre man-made hill which now stands next to the famous monument of the same name. This structure, covered in grass and trees and with commanding 360-degree views of London, is the newest tourist attraction in London. I enjoyed a sneak preview visit recently and can safely say it is a stunning vantage point – once you have climbed its 130 steps – from which to see the capital.

Inside, the hollow structure is home to a café, shop and exhibition space. The council is working with Marks & Spencer as its exclusive food partner for the venue while an art gallery called W1 Curates will stage exhibitions.

The Marble Arch Mound is a good investment for Westminster. We will be able to cover almost all of the construction and operating costs over its six-month lifespan from ticket sales and sponsorship – much of which has already been committed – and the Mound is part of a much bigger plan to revitalise the West End's economy. The aim is that people visiting the Mound will head into the West End for eating out, perhaps taking in a gallery or a show, and visiting our unique mix of shops.

BRA readers may also have seen the recent announcement about the creation of two pedestrian-friendly piazzas either side of Oxford Circus. These are part of the ongoing £150m redevelopment of the Oxford Street District and part of the drive to make the area more attractive to those who visit and live locally. For Westminster residents, there will be clear benefits from the Oxford Street District overhaul – cleaner air, more green space and easier access for pedestrians and cyclists.

“ I recommend having a look at the events calendar on our website; it is bursting with things to do in the West End ...”

Another council initiative I know is of keen interest to residents is al fresco dining. I am so pleased that local people backed the beleaguered hospitality trade during the depths of lockdown and gave us their approval for temporary pop-up dining areas, in Belgravia's case, in Elizabeth Street and Eccleston Street. With the return of indoor dining and the lifting of social distancing, the current raft of temporary licences will run until the end of September. After that, we will look at requests for al fresco dining on an area-by-area basis – and they will only go ahead with the support of residents. So let me, here and now, thank Belgravia residents who have backed us and helped to support those 80,000 people who work in Westminster's hospitality industry.

You will have noticed traffic levels creeping back up in Belgravia and across Westminster, and the last thing anybody wants to see is a return to pre-pandemic levels of air pollution. Westminster suffers some of the poorest air quality in the country and we are taking action to combat that. The council is leading the way with initiatives like the diesel surcharge scheme, the Schools' Clean Air Fund and investing in electric vehicle infrastructure. We recently installed Westminster's 1,000th electric vehicle charging point and we are on track to deliver a further 500 chargers by April 2022.



The Marble Arch Mound

In the height of summer, I hope BRA readers are managing a break of some kind. For anyone staying in Westminster, I really recommend having a look at the events calendar on our website. It is bursting with things to do in the West End, from sculpture tours to culture trails and music performances. Our *Inside Out* art exhibition, developed in partnership with the most famous institutions in the art world, puts performances and artworks into public areas for everyone to enjoy. Also, our sorely missed *West End LIVE* returns in September – an established highlight on the theatrical calendar which provides a free weekend taster of West End shows in Trafalgar Square.

I look forward to meeting lots of residents around Belgravia over the coming weeks and returning to these pages in the autumn. ■

Approval for the Cundy Street Development



by Cecile Sealy

Following months of fruitful discussions with Grosvenor to bring the development of Cundy Street away from the pavement line and scale it down in height, the BRA is pleased that the culmination of our efforts resulted in Westminster City Council's (WCC) approval of a scheme which reflects our conversations with Grosvenor, based on the concerns raised by our residents.

This application was discussed at length between ourselves, Grosvenor and WCC, at a later stage involving the residents of Mozart Terrace and

Ebury Street. A new design has evolved and the approved version, which protects the level of daylight and sunlight currently afforded by the homes in Ebury Street and Mozart Terrace, is a satisfying outcome for all parties.

As we continue our constructive collaboration with Grosvenor, Westminster Council and other stakeholders, the Belgravia Residents' Association is grateful for the high standards and due diligence employed by Grosvenor and WCC in their processes in assessing applications. ■



*Above: Cundy Street
Below: Cundy Street proposal*



Removal of 50 street barriers at Ebury Street/Eccleston street

TRAFFIC UPDATE



by Clive Knott

Lower Belgrave Street/Ebury Place

Using Westminster's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), the BRA last year secured funding to improve the junction at Ebury Street/Upper Belgrave Street. The traffic signals will shortly be removed and changes made to the cycle lane and pavements. Upper Belgrave Street leading to Buckingham Palace Road will be made into a one way street for cars with an addition of a cycle lane, and improvements outside St Peter's Primary School will enhance the safety for children and parents.

Following a meeting at the end of June with WCC, plans are in the final stage for approval and the scheme is expected to start late summer, completing by Christmas once a consultation has been completed regarding the new one way system. The scheme will also increase the pavement space for local amenities.

Traffic noise in Belgravia: Fast Cars and Acoustic Cameras

Following the introduction by Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to introduce acoustic noise cameras, the BRA has been active and lobbying to raise the ongoing issue of residents being plagued by noise and inconsiderate drivers using our streets as racetracks. We are pleased to announce that in July, Westminster Council will be fitting two of these cameras. Possible sitings of the cameras are Exhibition Road and Waterloo Place (still to be confirmed). After a short pilot, WCC may introduce them in other areas and the BRA has already asked for cameras to be placed in Belgrave and Upper Belgrave streets where this is seen as a significant issue. Do contact us and share your comments if you wish for additional – or fewer – cameras to be installed in Belgravia.

Park Lane — Marble Arch Cycle Lane

The BRA has been campaigning to remove the temporary cycle and bus lane installed between Hyde Park and Marble Arch at the start of the pandemic. Since restrictions continue to be lifted, the backlog of traffic and congestion around Hyde Park has built considerably with journey times taking as long as 15 minutes by car. StreetScape/TFL have been investigating our concerns and we are pleased to report that TFL will be reducing the width of the bus lane between Brook Gate and Cumberland Gate, creating two traffic lanes rather than one, as per the current situation, to help traffic flow more smoothly in the Hyde Park Corner area. This work will be carried out overnight and the BRA will continue to apply pressure to completely remove the cycle lane which would divert cyclists to the existing cycle lane in Hyde Park.



Junction changes at Ebury Street/Lower Belgrave Street

Gas Works disruptions

Cadent will be carrying out the following gas repairs starting in mid-June 2021 and which are expected to last until the end of October 2021

Belgrave Square:

- ▶ reducing the south-western side of Belgrave Square to one lane from Monday 21st June for approximately 16 weeks.
- ▶ reducing Wilton Terrace to one lane from Monday 12th July for approximately 6 weeks.
- ▶ reducing Belgrave Square to one lane on the corner of Chesham Place from mid-July for approximately 6 weeks.
- ▶ closing the north-eastern corner of Belgrave Square to its junction with Upper Belgrave Street/Chapel Street from mid-August for approximately 6 weeks.

Our pavements need care

Work will be taking place shortly to repair the artificial rectangular slate which was damaged after utility works nearly two years ago in Elizabeth Street. The BRA once again has been pressuring WCC to reinstate the road surface at this location.

We are pressing WCC to improve both sides of the pavement on Ebury Street, between Elizabeth Street and Eccleston Street. ■

POLICE MATTERS

by Cecile Sealy



E-Scooters

During our Police Ward panel July meeting, a determined emphasis was put on the topic of illegal e-scooters, currently on the verge of becoming a widespread residents' safety concern. In a nutshell: private e-scooters are illegal. The only legal manner to use an e-scooter is to rent one from an authorised operator via an App.

On 28th June Westminster Council adopted the decision to press ahead with the trialling of e-scooters' parking places throughout the City of Westminster. This trial, run by TfL, is experimental at this stage and designated places will only be available to rental e-scooters provided by TfL. WCC plans to join the trial in August. During the meeting, Cllr Hitchcock added that Westminster Council recognises the benefits as well as the dangers potentially associated with the use of e-scooters, hence, the scheme, at this stage, is a trial.

The streets identified for the implementation of e-scooters' parking spaces in and around Belgravia include:

- ▶ Belgrave Square
- ▶ Churton Street
- ▶ Curzon Street
- ▶ Eaton Square
- ▶ Ebury Square
- ▶ Exhibition Road
- ▶ Gillingham Street
- ▶ Moreton Street
- ▶ Rutland Gate
- ▶ St James's Street
- ▶ Sutherland Street

The space provided for e-scooters' parking on these locations varies between 2m and 5m. Pending its monitoring and further appraisal, this trial may be retained on a permanent basis.

The rental of authorised e-scooters provided by three operators – namely Dott, Lime and TIER – will cost between £3.25 and £3.40 for a fifteen minute ride: a standard fee of £1 for unlocking is charged by all operators, followed by a £0.15/minute (Dott and TIER) and £0.16/minute (Lime). These e-scooters are only allowed to ride on roads.

For more information, please visit tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/electric-scooter-rental-trial.

The regulations issued by the Metropolitan Police for the use of e-scooters are as follows:

Privately owned E-scooters

Privately owned E-scooters are illegal to use on public roads, cycle lanes and footpaths. They can only be legally ridden on private property with the consent of the land owner. Privately owned E-scooters will continue to be subjected to existing legislation under the Road Traffic Act and are viewed much in the same way as any other powered 2 wheeled mechanically propelled vehicles (mini-moto, Moped, scrambler bike, etc.) People who ride privately owned E-scooters on the public road, etc, risk being considered for the offences of riding/driving with no insurance and not in accordance with their driving licence. In short, they could expect 6 to 9 points on their licence or, if they do not have a licence, the points would be applied to a ghost licence ready to be applied should they ever apply and obtain a UK driving licence.

E-scooters are mechanically propelled vehicles and anyone driving one whilst intoxicated may be committing an offence. However, any offences regarding drink/drug driving are likely to fall under Section 4 Road Traffic Act 1988.

Government trial scheme

Only E-scooters part of the official scheme will be afforded exemption from the current legislation, once an operator has been selected for the London trial they will provide easily recognisable scooters for hire. The speed of the E-scooters will be limited

to 12.5 mph and the area they operate in will be controlled via geo fence technology – i.e. they won't work outside of a specific agreed area.

For the hire scheme E-scooter trial all riders will be required to be 16 or over and have either a provisional or full driving licence although there will be no specific category that covers the device.

Hired E-scooters should not be ridden on the pavement. But you should expect to see them in the road or in cycle lanes.

Further details can be found by using the links below:

www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters

www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users

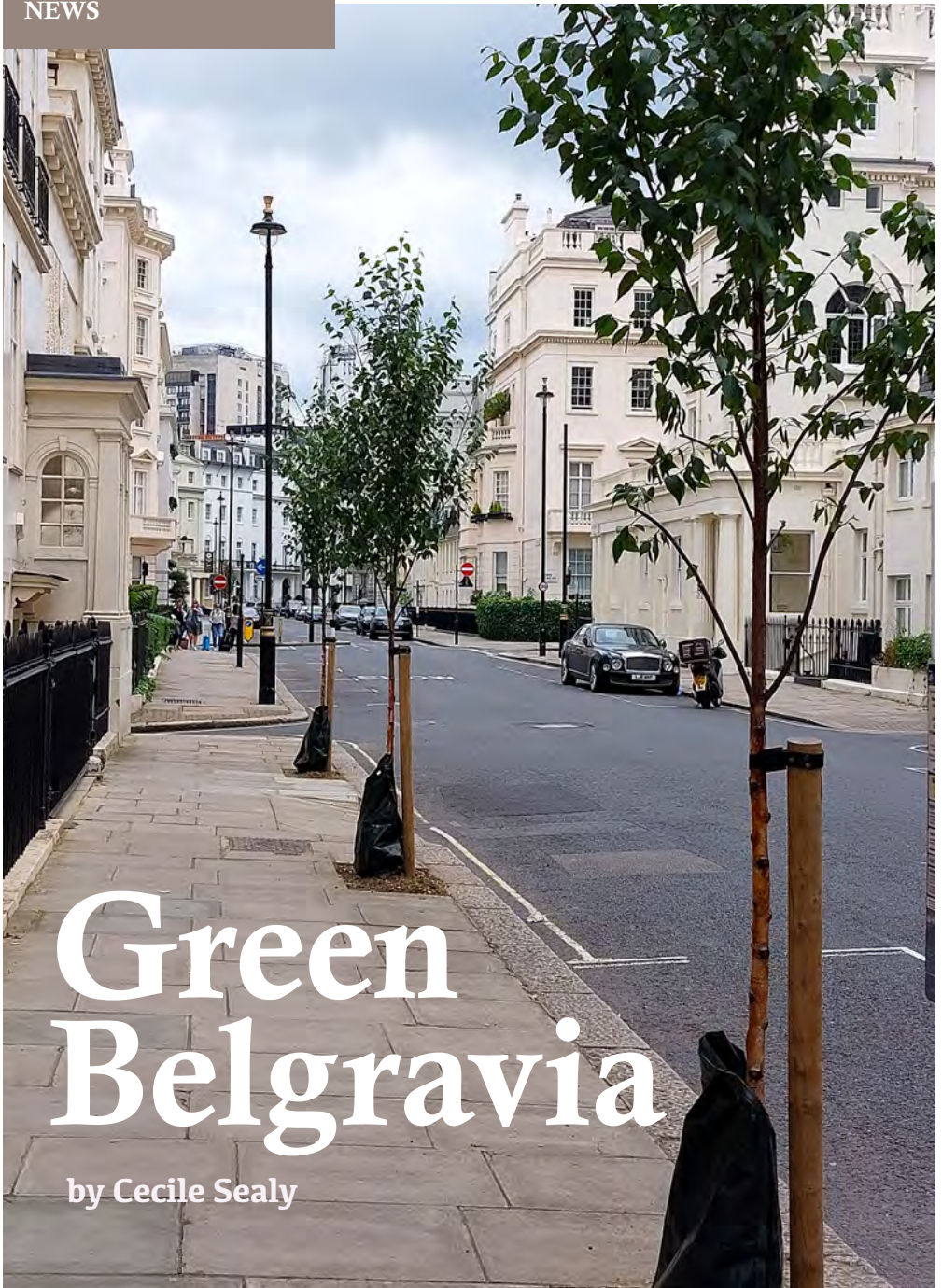
As normal activity resumes, so do robberies

Perhaps unavoidably, the latest statistics from the Metropolitan Police show a clear parallel between the easing of lockdown and a spike in robberies and thefts around Belgravia.

Worthy of note are the thefts of high-value watches – perpetrated by and large on e-scooters or bikes – and 'table-surface thefts', from al fresco diners on cafés and restaurant terraces. You are advised to keep your belongings out of reach and preferably not on the table. If you wish for a more detailed breakdown of police activity in your street, please go to www.Police.uk where you can search your area by postcode or street name.

Belgravia is expanding

From May 2022, the boundaries of Belgravia will change and include an area currently held under the umbrella of Churchill Ward. We will keep you updated of these changes as they happen. (See last page for a map of Belgravia and Wards.). ■



Green Belgravia

by Cecile Sealy



Belgravia trees

Hot on the heels of the BRA's application for Community CIL funds to purchase and plant trees in the streets of Belgravia last Autumn, Westminster Council has embraced our initiative and, at the end of the planting season last month, WCC's Arboricultural team had managed to carry out the site surveys and implement the planting of over 30 trees in Belgravia's main corridors. WCC acknowledged that, in recent years, Belgravia had not been given the attention it deserved, in terms of greening the borough. WCC has mentioned that they are "looking forward to planting more trees in Belgravia, next season." Do get in touch with us if you think that your street deserves more trees and we will ensure that your location is on the list to be considered and surveyed this Autumn for that very purpose.

Green Belgravia starts at home

Individual green initiatives are being undertaken by residents, including planting wildflowers in their own outdoor spaces, such as the wild poppies pictured here. The vibrant display of these wild poppies is proving attractive to passers-by, as well as

honeybees (which do not sting) and help promote and incorporate some biodiversity in our urban neighbourhood. Every single window box, every front or rear garden, roof terrace, or other green area which attracts honeybees, butterflies, or birds, will bring consequential benefits to the quality of the environment throughout our entire community. Enjoy your green spaces and let us know about them! ■



The Planning Business



by Randa Hanna

The BRA has had a full 'in box' of online applications, the biggest of which has been Cundy Street (see p.9). Cundy Street quarters will provide 88 affordable homes, as well as specialist senior housing for up to 170 people and 75 open market homes. The BRA had the initial application deferred before Grosvenor resubmitted the amended plans to reduce the impact of the formerly proposed building.

Planning was also achieved by Grosvenor for a boutique hotel on Ebury Street, converting existing buildings to form, not only a hotel, but also a restaurant on the ground floor, opening onto Eccleston Yards.

In brief, other development projects by Grosvenor:

The works on the old Audi garage are in full swing. These redundant large garage premises are situated near the Arrivals Hall of Victoria coach station. The building is being converted into offices and restaurants. The BRA has been liaising with Westminster Council on the finishes of the buildings to ensure that the character and heritage of the area are being respected.

Newson's Yard on Pimlico Road, which was the old timber yard and operation for Travis Perkins,

sees its works largely on time, and Grosvenor are now looking to lease the varying units created there. The proposal will provide high quality retail on the ground floor and nine residential units on the upper floors.

A consultation is under way to improve access to the Eccleston Yards outlets by making the entrances more attractive and noticeable. Design work is progressing, following results from the first consultation. Grosvenor are working on a theme of 'urban oasis' based on public feedback.

The small derelict building at no 35 Elizabeth Street is being demolished and will be rebuilt as residential flats with a small retail kiosk unit at ground floor level.

And finally, there are plans to turn the former flower shop adjacent to restaurant 'La Poule au Pot' on Pimlico Road into a café, and negotiations with neighbours are ongoing.

On a less positive note, the BRA are disappointed that Grosvenor's Mews Upgrade Programme has seemingly ground to a halt, largely as a result of changes within Grosvenor's own structure.

We will carry on chipping away at this issue on everyone's behalf. However, as is often the case, funding remains the predominant concern. ■

Residents Support



by Cllr Elizabeth Hitchcock

It has been a very difficult eighteen months or so, since the start of the pandemic, and some of our activities as councillors have had to be curtailed. Before the pandemic, we were hosting street surgeries several times a year in Knightsbridge and Belgravia. The format is a good one, and it is a way of getting to see residents face-to-face and listening to any concerns they may have. Very often at these types of surgeries problems, such as broken or loose paving stones or blocked drains can be shown to us, whilst we are out on the streets of Knightsbridge and Belgravia. But there are other types of issues that are brought to our attention – namely, illegal waste dumping and planning enforcement concerns.

These surgeries are advertised via our social media channels and we inform the Belgravia Residents' Association and other local amenity societies when they will be taking place. Now that restrictions have come to an end, we are looking forward to having more street surgeries, starting in the autumn, and being able to see our residents in person.

Jonathan Whelan is our Senior City Inspector and we will have him with us at our street surgeries. If he is unable to attend, it will be someone from his department. He is our first port of call to deal with many issues. He is often patrolling the streets of the ward and is usually the first to spot something that isn't quite right and needs addressing.

“ We are looking forward to resuming our street surgeries ...”

Another way to report problems is via the Westminster City Council's 'Report It' website. Using this system is a fast and easy way to let the council know of a particular problem – whether it be to do with planning, waste, recycling, licensing, roads and potholes, animals, street signs, parks, or another aspect of city living. A reply email is generated with a case number and then a further email is sent when the issue has been resolved.

Once again, please do let us know if you have issues in your neighbourhood that you are concerned about and we can ask that they are looked into, and to keep a close eye on them. We are here to help. ■

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OUT & ABOUT

by Cecile Sealy

*Al Fresco dining
in Belgravia*

No matter how tranquil and bucolic its streets may seem, Belgravia is a dynamic community, continually evolving and offering something fresh. At any given time, in any corner of the borough, new trends, new concepts, original pop-up shops materialise, offering visitors and residents, a fun experience.

This vibrant community coexists alongside our traditional venues which carry on providing long-awaited performances and spectacles, which signal

the changing of the seasons and are enjoyed by all. The Royal Parks have announced their forthcoming events in Hyde Park until the end of the year, from Van Gogh Alive to the Half Marathon, Swim Serpentine and the Winter Wonderland. Dates and locations below:

Van Gogh Alive: ongoing until 6th September

Swim Serpentine: Saturday 18th September

Race for Life: Sunday 26th September

Half Marathon: Sunday 10th October

Hyde Park Winter Wonderland: Nov-Jan inclusive



“ This vibrant community coexists alongside our traditional venues...”

For the latest news on how to enjoy Belgravia and where to go, Grosvenor has recently launched a new, state-of-the-art, go-to website, continually providing a fountain of real-time, detailed information on everything happening in our neighbourhood, including wellness, food and drink, art and culture, late night shopping, home interiors... and much more.

If you wish to keep-up with Belgravia's vibrant scene, you will discover it there. Please visit belgravialdn.com and belgravialdn.com/brand-directory/whats-on.

Follow [@belgravia_idn](https://www.instagram.com/belgravia_idn) on Instagram, for updates and live content.

Enjoy Belgravia

Belgrave Square Gardens' membership is available to anybody who lives in the Grosvenor estate. Yearly individual membership for 2021 is £307 for singles/ couples and £472 for families. In addition, an administration charge of £66 and a key deposit charge of £62 apply to all new members.

Residents of Belgrave Square are not required to pay for the gardens' membership fee. For more information and how to apply, please visit www.grosvenorlondon.com/properties/gardens/belgrave-square. ■



Map showing the location of North and South Carriage Drives and the Triangle Car Park



TWO CITIES PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

This summer, go
and explore your
neighbourhoods,
or go further afield
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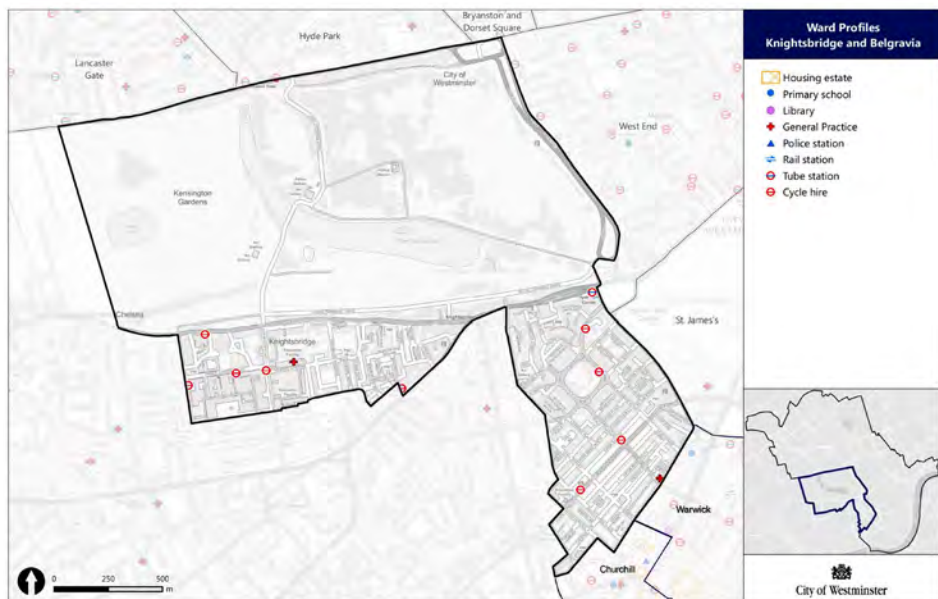
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