



SUMMER PARTY NEWS

FUNDING AWARDED FOR 2026

Good news is that we have applied and been granted funding for the Barbican Association Summer Party next year.

The cake sale at this year's party raised **£854.27** for St Luke's.

A big thank you came from them to all who took part in the event.

St Luke's will designate this donation to their newly opened community shop.

"We are thrilled to launch the St Luke's Community Shop & Café – a more sustainable and empowering food project designed to support local residents on low incomes. For just £5 a week, members can choose a basket of fresh food and essentials, while also gaining access to a welcoming space to connect, seek advice and feel supported. This initiative is a true community effort and we are especially grateful to the Barbican residents for donating the proceeds from their recent cake sale to help bring this project to life."

THE BARBICAN ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

Join with either of these links:

<https://barbicanassociation.co.uk/membership/>

<https://bit.ly/jointheba>

or you can scan the following QR code:



JOIN the BA

Dr David Preston

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SOME OF THE FOOD AVAILABLE AT THE NEWLY OPENED COMMUNITY SHOP AT ST LUKE'S

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PACKED RESIDENTS MEETING

FROM THE ONE SILK STREET CAMPAIGN GROUP

It was standing room only at St Giles on a rain-soaked 22 October evening as over 200 residents and neighbours from Golden Lane and Heron rallied against two new Silk Street office towers due for a planning decision early 2026. People from every part of the estate came to be briefed on how to use objections in the most legally relevant way in terms of valid planning points. Deadline for objections is 12 November.

The new twin towers will loom over the Barbican Centre, Speed, Ben Jonson, Cromwell, Andrewes, Willoughby, Gilbert, Frobisher, Brandon and Heron. Gardens, highwalks, lakes, and the Conservatory will have their daylight substantially impacted. The towers will be visible right across the estate and hit Whitecross Street. Air above Silk Street and The Brewery Conservation Area will be grabbed.

Expert advisors and volunteers highlighted inappropriate height and mass; harm to heritage; loss of daylight and sunlight; harm to residential amenity – we will be overlooked in rooms from terraces and with huge light pollution – the noise from years of demolition and build will echo over the estate, but are not grounds for a planning objection, and neither is cut in property values. The damage to the world-renowned Barbican Estate and Centre will directly hit the heritage and culture of the City, hardly helping Destination City! Over 77,000 tonnes in CO2e will be emitted during construction.

Residents asked and gave ideas on how best to counter what is surely the greatest threat to the Barbican in 50 years: our team urged a high number of objections – people within households can submit individual objections; get friends and contacts to support our @silkstreetcampaign, and with funds. Media is also being briefed.

The Silk Street Campaign wants a visionary world class scheme right for its locality. People left the meeting with a determination to campaign to counter this truly damaging huge scheme. Please go to: www.planning2.cityoflondon.gov.uk/online application: **25/00829/FULEIA** and **25/00830/LBC** for objections and see recent communications for more information.

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BARBICAN REPORTING COMMITTEE

JOIN THE GROUP

We are seeking three volunteers to join the Barbican Estate Office Reporting Committee, following recent vacancies.

The BEO Reporting Committee plays an important role in supporting Dan Sanders (the Director of Property & Estate Management) to ensure that the Barbican Estate Office (BEO) operates effectively, transparently, and in the best interests of leaseholders. It provides oversight of service delivery, performance, and communication across the Estate, helping to drive continuous improvement in the management of the Estate.

The BEO Reporting Committee Terms of Reference (February 2025) provide more information about the committee's purpose and responsibilities. The committee meets once every four to six weeks, and members are expected to read the meeting papers in advance to contribute fully to discussions.

All leaseholders, residents and Wallside freeholders ("Residents") are warmly encouraged to apply and we would particularly welcome volunteers with experience in legal or property management fields, as these skills would be especially valuable to the committee's work.

If you'd like to be considered, please send a note of interest to Dan via email, including a short supporting statement outlining your background, what you'd bring to the role, and whether you are a leaseholder, resident or Wallside freeholder. Please send these by Friday 14 November. If there are more than three volunteers, an election will take place.

The current resident representatives on this committee are Jo Boait, Sandra Jenner, Robert Bexson, Jim Durcan, and Sally Spensley. They are all happy to speak with anyone who might be thinking about volunteering. If you would like to hear more about what being a member of the committee involves, please contact Mia Blainey via email who will make the arrangements: mia.blainey@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

We look forward to hearing from Residents who are keen to contribute their time and expertise to help the BEO Reporting Committee fulfil its role.

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Jo Boait

Chair of the Residents' Consultation Committee
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ASB REPORTER

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

There were only 9 reported ASB incidents during September as compared to 21 reported for the same period last year.

Totals by house and their percentage of the total were as follows:

House	Incidents
SPEED	4 (44.4%)
BEN JONSON	2 (22.2%)
SHAKESPEARE TOWER	1 (11.1%)
BUNYAN COURT	1 (11.1%)
BRETON	1 (11.1%)

The type of ASB activity reported on was as follows:

Parkour	3 (33.3%)
Vehicle nuisance/noise	2 (22.2%)
Public urination	1 (11.1%)
Intimidating behaviour	1 (11.1%)
Vandalism/graffiti	1 (11.1%)
Roller skating	1 (11.1%)

A report based on 12 months data June 2021 to June 2022 together with findings & recommendations of the Barbican Estate Security Committee has been provided to appropriate Corporation Members & Officers and discussions are ongoing – as an initial outcome a Task/Finish Joint Action Group was formed and met, just once, in December 2022.

This group has since been replaced with a new “ASB Strategic Meeting”. Unlike the previous group, however, this is not an open meeting – Decision taken in February 2023 for BEO’s Residents Service Team to produce an information leaflet for residents, revisiting and advising them of who to contact, for which type of anti-social behaviour. Not produced.

Dan Sanders, Director of Property & Estate Management for the Barbican has advised that other proposals are now being considered and should be formulated in the near future.

Meantime, please continue to report any anti-social behaviour you may witness occurring across the estate. Any crime, such as phone, bag or laptop snatching should be reported directly to the City of London Police and not included in the ASB Reporter.

Please remember that the intention of the ASB Reporter is purely to gather evidence of anti-social behaviour. Therefore, if you witness an ASB incident please use the website to record the event but if immediate action is also required then you should follow normal procedure such

as calling the Police on 101 (or 999 but only if URGENT); Barbican Estate Office; City Noise Team etc. If it is the City of London Police that you call, it is essential that you are provided with a reference/case number – please include this case number in the “action taken” section of the ASB Reporter. **IF YOU DO NOT**, this incident will not be “officially” counted and the police will assume that no additional measures or activity is required.

David Bradshaw

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FUTURE PROOFING THE BARBICAN

CLIMATE CHANGE

In June, the Barbican Association held a workshop to discuss the priorities for the Barbican Association. One of the priorities that came out of this process was “Future Proofing the Estate”, with a key focus on reducing energy consumption in the interest of cost, comfort and carbon ‘net zero’.

In the October Update we canvassed for those with expertise and experience with retrofitting insulation, roofs, windows, heating and the like, especially for listed buildings to join a working party, and we were delighted that three new members have come forward.

As these aims are similar to those of the RCC Climate and Zero Carbon Working Party, an approach was made and it has been agreed that it would be most efficient to join forces. The RCC Climate and Zero Carbon WP had undertaken much work under the Chairmanship of Ted Reilly but has not met since he left the Barbican and having a wider group of volunteers involved is seen to be a benefit to residents. This is timely in light of the AMBUE project which is being sponsored by the City Energy Team and the BEO, involving sensors and drones to generate calibrated energy models to assess potential measures for residents and the BRC and RCC to consider in due course.

Richard Setchim has agreed to become Interim Chair of the Climate and Zero Carbon Working Party, with David Preston acting as secretary. A meeting is being arranged for those who have expressed interest and previous members of the RCC Climate and Zero Carbon WP will also be contacted.

Richard Setchim

Interim Chair of the Climate and Zero Carbon Working Party

CAR PARK CHARGES

A REMINDER

There was some recent confusion, so to clarify, we've confirmed with the BEO that there is no change to the existing arrangement - your contractors and visitors will continue to receive 5 hours of free parking.

HOUSE GROUPS

CONTACT DETAILS

You can also find these on the Barbican Association website at barbicanassociation.co.uk/about-the-barbican-association/whos-who/

House Group Representatives

House Group	Chair	BA Rep	RCC Rep
Andrewes House	Jim Durcan	Graham Wallace	Lionel Meyringer
Ben Jonson House	Fiona Lean	Helen Hulson	Fiona Lean
Brandon Mews	Andrew Tong	Humfrey Brandes	Andrew Tong
Breton House	Fred Rodgers	Andy Hope	Andy Hope
Bryer Court	John Taysum	John Taysum	John Taysum
Bunyan Court	Julia Robinson	Julia Robinson	Gordon Griffiths
Cromwell Tower	Alan Budgen	Paul Moriarty	Lucy Sisman
Defoe House	Committee	Martin Farebrother	Helen Hudson
Frobisher Crescent	Stephen Ellis	Linda Partridge	Sally Spensley
Gilbert House	Annette Rudkin	Annette Rudkin	Dave Taylor
John Trundle Court	Miranda Quinney	Miranda Quinney	Pauline Fasoli
Lambert Jones Mews	Richard Collins	Richard Collins	Claire Hersey
Lauderdale Tower	Kurt Bredenbeck	Alberto Garcia	David Lawrence
Mountjoy House	Martin Luff	Martin Luff	Stuart Lynas
Seddon House	Jane Smith	Jane Smith	Robert Bexson
Shakespeare Tower	Sandy Wilson	Sandy Wilson	Sandy Wilson
Speed House	Graham Spickett-Jones	Graham Spickett-Jones	Frits van Kempen
The Postern +	John Holme	John Holme	John Holme
Thomas More House	Brendan Barnes	Brendan Barnes	Rodney Jagelman
Wallside	Nicola Baker	Nicola Baker	Nicola Baker
Willoughby House	Fionnuala Hogan	Fionnuala Hogan	Petre Reid

+ No formal House Group

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CALL TO ARMS

The Barbican Association (BA) is a Recognised Tenants' Association, representing all residents of the Barbican Estate. The prime focus of the BA is to serve residents, and to ensure the Estate remains a wonderful living environment. Over the last years there have been many challenges, some relating to the upkeep of the Barbican itself and others, from outside the Estate, involving inappropriate and overbearing developments being proposed, gaining planning consent and being constructed. These challenges are unlikely to disappear in the coming years.

Consequently, the BA needs to be a strong and forceful body. It is important that we have a robust membership; this enables us to truly represent the interests of residents.

Our decision to move off standing orders has led to some people inadvertently dropping off membership. So, if you wish to be represented and to take advantage of the many benefits of membership, we are asking you to please review your membership status and join or rejoin the BA. Equally if you have neighbours or friends in the Barbican who are not BA members, please use this note to help persuade them to join.

It is easy to join/rejoin by following this link:

<https://barbicanassociation.co.uk/membership/>

or this quicker link:

<https://bit.ly/jointheba>

or you can scan the QR code:

You will need a credit/debit card to pay the £5 annual fee. If for whatever reason you seek alternative ways of payment please contact the Membership Secretary for details.



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BARBICAN ASSOCIATION DISCOUNT SCHEME

A list of organisations offering discounts or other incentives to Barbican Association members. **If you are not already a BA member, make sure you join the Barbican Association to qualify - for most of these just one visit will more than cover your annual BA membership subscription cost.**



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