



Walbrook

Alderman John Garbutt appointed High Sheriff of Greater London



Alderman for Walbrook Ward, John Garbutt, was appointed by Her Majesty the Queen in April this year as High Sheriff of Greater London. The last time a City of London Alderman was also a Sheriff for the rest of London was 125 years ago in 1895 when Sir George Faudel-Phillips held the office.

The origin of this title is the same as that of the City Sheriffs. Both derive from "Shire Reeve" (guardian of the shire), a term known to be in existence well over a thousand years ago. The office of Sheriff is the most ancient of all civic roles and, as such, has offered the longest continuous service to the

Crown. Like the City Sheriffs, the High Sheriff is part of this continuum.

Before 1889, the Sheriffs of London had always been the City Sheriffs because "the City" was London. They were also Sheriffs for Middlesex. In that year the County of London was created, and the Sheriffs were separated into those representing the City and the equivalent Sheriff for the County of London covering the part of London outside the City.

With the County of London's abolition in 1965, Greater London was created out of what was inner London,

Middlesex and parts of Surrey and Kent at that time. By way of the Local Government Act of 1972, as the breadth of the role covered all 32 boroughs outside of the City, it stated that "the Sheriffs appointed for a County or Greater London should be known as High Sheriffs." There is now a High Sheriff appointed by way of Royal Warrant annually for all 55 Counties of England and Wales.

Today, the High Sheriff of Greater London (HSGL), is the Sovereign's personal appointee for the "County" in law and order. They are nominally responsible for all matters relating to the Judiciary and the Rule of Law in Greater London, excluding the City. It is an independent, non-political appointment whose ambit covers the following main areas:

- The Royal Courts of Justice, including the Queen's Bench, Family and Chancery divisions of the High Court
- Criminal/Crown Courts around Greater London – nine in total
- Prisons – eight in total
- Metropolitan Police
- Charities supporting the justice system

The HSGL has somewhat similar overarching responsibilities to the City Sheriffs, but also some notable differences. As can

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Major City projects continue despite COVID-19

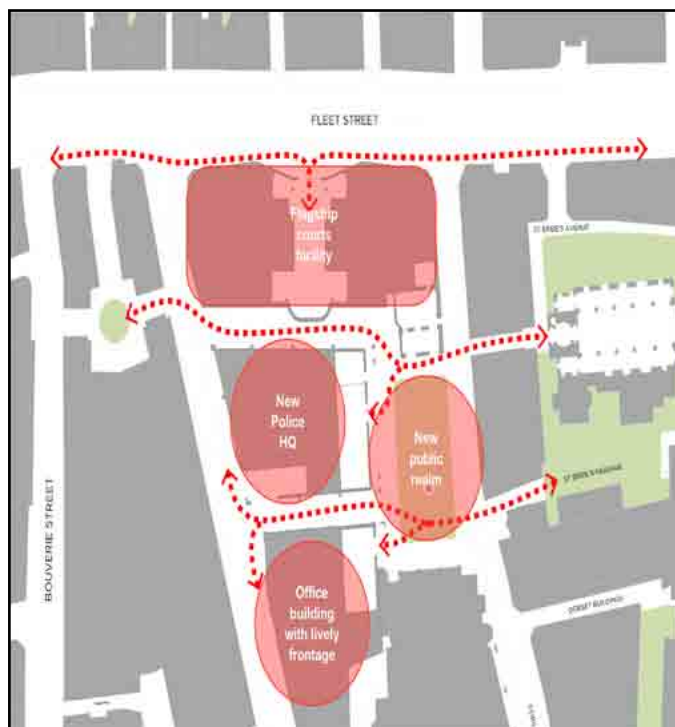
Over the summer the City of London Corporation launched an initial consultation on its plans for a new combined court and police complex on Fleet Street.

The proposals would see a flagship 18 courtroom facility for HM Courts and Tribunal Service and a new state-of-the-art headquarters for the City of London Police, along with a commercial development of offices and retail.

The new court facility, with its main entrance on Fleet Street, will create a high-quality civic frontage on this historic and important London thoroughfare. It will house significantly improved facilities for users and staff.

The City of London Police will be provided with a headquarters to support modern policing in its local and national remit and is being designed in close consultation with officers and staff.

A commercial building is planned for the rear of the site providing office accommodation and space for retail at ground floor level, creating a vibrant street scene on the route down towards the river.



Hanging Sword Damage

*March 2020
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Further consultation is expected to be carried out this autumn before a planning application is submitted in late 2020. You can keep up to date with the latest developments on the project website www.fleetstreetestate.co.uk

Also during the summer, the City Corporation asked for feedback on the initial concepts to re-imagine the Grade II* listed East and West Smithfield buildings and the Grade II Rotunda, should the meat market relocate. The east and west buildings are currently home to Smithfield meat market which the City Corporation has submitted an outline planning application to co-locate alongside Billingsgate and New Spitalfields markets to a new site in Dagenham Dock. Parliamentary approval is required to move the three markets and a further iteration of the Smithfield concept designs will support this process.

More information
www.wholesalemarkets.co.uk/smithfield

Register to vote in City elections

If you're a City worker, you may spend more time in the office than you do at home... so why not have the same say on services in the Square Mile as you have where you live?

Staff in City businesses and organisations can join residents and vote in the City of London Corporation's elections.

The City is unique in residents and workers being able to register to vote for local ward councillors.

This means they can have a voice on areas including air quality, cycling, personal security, green spaces, commuting and transport.

As far as possible, the appointed voters should reflect the diversity of the organisation's employees. This includes gender, ethnicity and seniority. The right to be appointed as a voter is open to staff at all levels – from chief executive to entry-level employees and even regular contractors –

so that the voters are truly representative of the whole City.

The City Corporation has sent registration forms to all eligible organisations. If you want to find out if your company has a named contact to help you register to vote, please get in touch on 0800 587 5537 or electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/workervote



Have your say on City landmarks



People are being asked to give their views on statues, street and building names and other landmarks in the City of London with historic links to slavery and racism in all its forms.

The City of London Corporation has launched a three-month consultative exercise asking people which landmarks they think are a problem and what action they would like to see taken.

The survey is being promoted by the City Corporation's Tackling Racism Taskforce, set up in June with the aim of considering what action the organisation can take to tackle racism in all its forms.

It comes as organisations across London and the UK review the cultural legacy of slavery and colonialism in the light of the Black Lives Matter movement.

People can take part in the consultative exercise, which runs until Tuesday, 24 November, online at cityoflondon.gov.uk/historiclandmarksconsultation or by writing to: Tackling Racism Taskforce, City of London Corporation, Guildhall, PO Box 270, London EC2P 2EJ

New mental health centre opens

A new counselling and psychotherapy centre for workers and residents in the City of London and neighbouring boroughs is due to open in October,



Supported by the City of London Corporation, the City Wellbeing Centre will provide access to both longer and shorter-term talking therapies not easily available through the NHS in recent years. The charity, Tavistock Relationships, has been commissioned to provide a range of services from the centre.

As a non-profit making organization, Tavistock Relationship will look to make its services accessible to all, by providing therapy on the basis of what individuals and couples can afford and, in this way, it will play an important part in tackling health inequalities within the City.

Located at 75-77 Middlesex Street E1 7DA, the Centre will provide a range of counselling and psychotherapy services to individuals, couples and groups with mental health concerns and relationship difficulties.

www.citywellbeingcentre.org

Call for firms to enter environmental awards

City firms cutting back on single-use plastics and committing to improve London's air quality are being urged to enter London's top environmental gongs.

The City Corporation, which runs the Clean City Awards, wants to hear from firms of all sizes and sectors across the Square Mile.

The scheme, now in its 26th year, rewards businesses leading the way in improving environmental performance – be it by reducing their plastic use, taking action to cut their carbon emissions or just going that extra mile to be more environmentally friendly.

There are four award categories:

- Resource and Circular Economy
- Plastic Free City
- Air Quality and Climate Action
- Communication and Engagement

There is also a chance to apply for and win the Chairman's Cup, which looks at organisation's environmental and sustainability performance, and behaviour change during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Applications are open until 16 October 2020.

To sign up, apply and find out more information please visit www.ccaslondon.co.uk



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Capital Buildings Committee
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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

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be seen from the above list, the HSGL's primary focus is much more on the main stakeholders in the Judicial system in Greater London. The office also works in cooperation and parallel with the Lord Lieutenant of GL, who is separately responsible for Royal engagements, the military and other civic areas.

The "Swearing In" of the new HSGL normally occurs in April physically at the Royal Courts of Justice in front of the Lord Chief Justice, the Queen's Remembrancer and other Senior High Court Judges. This year, for the first time ever due to the Covid-19 lockdown, it took place on VCC with all those above dialling in from their homes!

Since then, planned visits by the HSGL to Courts and Prisons, etc have all been postponed to the Autumn or even the New Year, if they take place at all of course. Meanwhile, all people relevant to the role such as the Resident (Senior) Judges at the Crown Courts and the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, etc have been largely spoken to on VCC. This virtual engagement initiative is ongoing and will cover all parts of the judicial system over the coming months. Hopefully, if things return to "normal", there will be more physical engagement, not least to thank all those involved in the Greater London legal system for their contributions during the pandemic and more generally. The HSGL role involves

convening and facilitating between different participants of the justice system in Greater London and this will be pursued as far as it can be, including the possibility of closer ties between Greater London and the City in this area.

Other specific initiatives, already started, are for the HSGL to co-ordinate those High Sheriffs across England and Wales who are responsible for the major conurbations, primarily through sharing ideas. Last, but most certainly not least, will be the holding of one or more HSGL's Justice Awards, usually given to ordinary citizens who have exhibited outstanding bravery in connection with criminal cases.