

# Central Street



## Tenant compact 2005/06 – Programme update

Each year tenant representatives allocate tenant compact funding to a number of schemes in the area proposed by residents and tenant organisations. In January, £125,000 each was allocated to the Bunhill and Clerkenwell Housing Panels and over 45 small-scale improvements and environmental schemes to 20 blocks and estates were given the go-ahead.

Tenants and residents associations (TRAs) and tenant management organisations (TMOs) are being consulted, and subject to their approval the schemes, listed below, will be carried

Bunhill Ward Projects		
Braithwaite House	Build lumber store	£6,180
Gambier House	Works to garages	£20,000
Kestrel House	Notice boards	£752
King Square	Install bollard between Barnabus House and the Church	£603
Lever Buildings	Replace floor covering to communal areas	£2,466
Peregrine House	Notice board in lobby area	£687
	Anti-climb measures above bin chambers	£1,541
Pleydell Estate	Non slip treads in Galway & Grayson Houses	£2,622
	Refurbish unused toilet to make caretakers rest room	£10,658
	Repairs to perimeter railings	£970
	Repair emergency gates locking mechanism	£3,513
	Level out concrete outside bin chamber at Galway House	£1,207
Quaker Court	Build lumber store	£5,635
	Install metal grid to secure stairs leading to garage area	£5,347
Redbrick Estate	Barriers to prevent cars parking illegally	£2,070
	Remove posts and mark out parking bays	£2,030
	Resurface vehicle entrance to estate	£6,037
	Estate bins	£330
	Improve and upgrade lighting to Vibast Community Centre	£2,140
St Lukes Estate	Replace carpet with lino at Bath & Newland Courts	£3,019
	Supply and fit 4 doors to Paterson Court landings & garage area	£16,186
	Fit spotlights to block entrances	£1,257
	Pave area next to entrance path to football pitch	£2,392
Stafford Cripps Estate	New parking bay posts and repaint floor signs	£1,529
	Supply paladin bin enclosures	£15,122
Wenlake Estate	Pigeon spikes at Amias House	£3,000
Whitbread Estate	Window locks to 1-9 Shire House, 1-13 Farriers House, 1-8 Cooper House	£1,000
	Refit 5 landing doors, opening inwards	£1,472

out over the coming year. Additional funding is being sought for proposals to install door entry systems to Harold Laski House and 19-24 Wynyatt Street in the Clerkenwell Ward.

### Do you have any ideas?

If you have ideas for next years tenant compact budget, we want to know. Contact the project team on 020 7527 6222.

### What is a TRA?

A TRA is an organised body of tenants and leaseholders who act collectively to represent the interests of local residents, liaise with Homes for Islington and the council, campaign to improve housing services and act as a consultative body. If you are interested in setting up a TRA for your block or estate, contact Mary Caudron on 020 7527 6259 or email to [mary.caudron@homesforislington.org.uk](mailto:mary.caudron@homesforislington.org.uk)



New estate signs at the Pleydell Estate

Clerkenwell Ward Projects		
Brunswick Estate	Security doors	£1,782
	Estate maps and signs	£4,000
Charles Rowan Hse	Football signs	£564
	Extra bike racks	£1,518
Finsbury Estate	Install bike racks	£1,518
	Replace wall with fencing in front of Michael Cliffe House	£1,782
	Works to pram sheds	£6,008
	Patrick Coman House signs	£277
Margery Street	Football signs	£564
	Replace communal flooring in Riceyman and St Phillip Houses	£15,860
	Security doors at Greenaway House	£1,782
Cyrus House	Refurbish bin area	£1,265
Spa Green Estate	Supply adjustable cover to open space in boiler room	£4,101
	Plants	£3,500
	Install CCTV system	£12,000
	Estate maps and signs	£6,200
Weston Rise	Clear and replant sunken garden	£3,065
	Landscape front corner garden	£6,128

## Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers celebrate 30 years

The Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers celebrated their 30th birthday last year with a big party in November. This vital support network has blossomed since its beginnings in 1974 when a group of nurses from Barts Hospital set up a weekly lunch club for elderly people living in the old borough of Finsbury.

### Targeting the isolated

A team of 40 volunteers now take part in a range of activities aimed at improving the quality of life of local isolated people. Services include befriending, accessible transport, lunch clubs, telephone counselling, assisted shopping and practical tasks.

### Do you have some time to spare?

Anybody interested in joining the friendly team should telephone Lee or Paul on 020 7689 1574. The organisation can pay expenses and provide professional references, which can be very useful for those seeking work in health or social care.

## New Horizons Community Library comes to Central Street



Fancy a cup of tea and a new book to read? Local residents can now pop in to the latest community library in the borough at Rahere House Committee Room on the King Square Estate – open **Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm.**

## DON'T MISS... Free learning opportunities in the Central Street Area

Goswell Centre, 180 Goswell Road, London EC1V 7DT  
Contact: Dave Morton Tel: 020 7253 1723 email to [davemorton@isonline.org](mailto:davemorton@isonline.org)  
The centre is a fully accessible and well-equipped neighbourhood learning centre, which incorporates an Online Learning Centre and an information employment advice and guidance service.

The centre is open five days a week, 10.00am – 5.00pm and offers free access to the internet/email, introduction to computer courses, benefits advice and debt counselling, information advice and support and job search support.

## Free training for new jobs, basic skills and computer skills

Free training is available in Islington to give you the skills you need to acquire basic skills, learn to use a computer, improve your knowledge of English and help you to take advantage of new job opportunities. Enrolments for many

## CUSTOMER SERVICES - A WINNING TEAM!

Your Customer Services Team received a commendation in the 'Tenancy Services Team of the Year' category at the HFI staff awards held earlier this year. The team were nominated by their manager, Christine O'Connor, for their support to management and staff, particularly during the recent inspection, their willingness to learn new skills and provide input on how services can be improved.



Your Customer Services Team, from left to right: Geraldine Grizzle, Marc Collingwood, Annette Blackwood and Wendy Elugbe. Not shown, Turner Temple, Laura Agrippine and Lorraine O'Meara.

## Central Street Area Housing Panel dates

Area housing panels are locally based resident consultation and resident involvement forums, established to provide a means for Homes for Islington residents to be involved in Homes for Islington's decisions regarding the provision of housing services.

The membership of area housing panels may include: nominated tenants and residents association (TRA) representatives, tenant management organisations (TMO) representatives, elected secure tenant representatives (one per thousand or part thousand), elected leaseholder representatives (one per thousand or part thousand), and ward councillors.

Meetings of the Central Street Area Housing Panel will be held at the Tompion Community Hall, Percival Street London EC1 and start at 7pm. Refreshments will be provided.

- **Thursday 21st July 2005**
- **Thursday 19th January 2006**
- **Thursday 22nd August 2005**
- **Thursday 16th March 2006**
- **Thursday 17th November 2005**

If you would like more information about Central Street Area Housing Panel meetings or setting up a tenants and residents association (TRA) contact Mary Caudron, Performance and Partnership Officer on 020 7527 6259 or email to [mary.caudron@homesforislington.org.uk](mailto:mary.caudron@homesforislington.org.uk)