

Cornhill Ward

Welcome to the Cornhill Ward February Newsletter

It's time to re-introduce our team and share some updates of what's been going on in your Ward. We've enjoyed meeting many of you at recent events and hope to keep the momentum going throughout the year. Please do reach out if you have any questions for any of us.



Tessa Marchington, Joanna Abeyie CC and Peter Dunphy CC

Recent achievements by your Cornhill Councillors:

- Kept local registered businesses and residents informed via our website at Cornhillward.org.uk newsletters, regular events and social media including LinkedIn and X @cornhillward
- Contacted all ward list businesses personally offering face to face meetings
- Proposed and achieved an extra £1,000,000 a year for street cleansing (passed in 2024 by Council) and supported new match funding deal with EC Business Improvement District (BID)



The additional pedestrian friendly areas around Bank

- Supported the traffic calming and pedestrianisation measures around Bank junction including on Threadneedle Street supported by Royal Exchange retailers and other local businesses.
- Supported the trial reintroduction of black cabs over Bank junction (due in 2025) to assist with safe and efficient access to offices, retailers, event spaces and hospitality venues particularly for those with mobility issues. Lobbied TfL on problems with access at Bishopsgate

- Obtained 'Asset of Community Value' status for Simpson's Tavern, formed the 'Simpson's Tavern Preservation Society, and worked with Council Officers and both landlord and tenant to seek a resolution and reopening.
- Made formal representations on behalf of residents to tackle late night economy related noise and disturbances.
- Obtained rapid intervention on numerous occasions relating to business refuse collections (e.g at Sun Court), street rubbish (e.g. Threadneedle St) and vandalism (eg at Simpson's).
- Supported the numerous initiatives, events and policies designed to deliver 'Destination City' making the City of London the first choice internationally for businesses.



The Team obtained an 'ACV' protection order for Simpsons



Ward Meetup at Apollo

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1652, a Greek from the Ottoman Empire, Pasqua Rosée, set up a stall in St Michael's Alley to sell coffee -- first ever in London. He was a wellness influencer, circulating a printed ad for the drink's 'Vertue'. Some claims -- 'excellent to prevent and cure the Dropsy, Gout, and Scurvy' -- were baseless.



Sign on the wall of the Jamaica Wine House

But not wrong that coffee is 'very good to help digestion... to be taken about 3 or 4 a Clock in the afternoon, as well as in the morning', will 'prevent Drowsiness, and make one fit for Busines', and 'very much quickens the Spirits, and makes the Heart Lightsome'.
Veronica Horwell

Going forward we pledge to:

- Continue to maintain contact with all voters throughout our term of office with website and blogposts, social media/ LinkedIn, email updates and meet up events.
- Continue our close engagement with BIDs, City of London Police and City Planning, Environmental, Transportation and Licensing departments to support a clean, safe and low crime Cornhill.
- Continue to support a policy of providing immediate assistance to rough sleepers.
- Support a vibrant and successful City by continuing to support our hospitality, business services, retail, cultural and events sectors by responding to requests and questions relating to licensing and access, promoting events and cultural attractions.
- Whilst supporting the benefits of flexible working and avoidance of the 'rush hour crush' with everyone arriving at 830 and leaving at 6 we support an 'all week' City by making it a place where workers, tourists and other visitors want to work, visit and stay. We support the expansion of high quality hotels, retail and hospitality whilst ensuring the future supply of modern grade A office accommodation in the Eastern Cluster, welcoming the major new mixed developments at 55 and 99 Bishopsgate.
- Continue to work with all parties to reopen Simpson's Tavern and support all heritage assets and small businesses in the Ward.
- Continue to support the City's economic development and the Mayoralty in the promotion of Financial and Professional Services mindful of Cornhill's special status as the HQ for major financial institutions such as Nationwide and Lloyd's Banking Group and law firms White & Case and Latham and Watkins.





Dr. Joanna Abeyie MBE CC, Founder and CEO of EDIA consultancy Blue Moon & Partners, NED, Trustee and trainee barrister. Joanna sits on ten committees across the corporation including as deputy chair of EDI Sub-committee, Police standards, performance and integrity and Licensing.

Peter Dunphy was elected as Cornhill Councillor in 2009 and has a long career running businesses in the ward mainly in the recruitment sector. He's also a film producer, founder of the Simpson's Tavern Preservation Society and current Chief Commoner of the City. He has served as Chair of Licensing and Deputy Chair of Environmental Services.



Tessa Marchington is standing as a Common Councillor for Cornhill Ward this election. She has worked in the Ward for 15 years bringing music into businesses through her company Music in Offices (MIO). Recently MIO produced the City Festival of Music, Invention & Knowledge for Lord Mayor Michael Mainelli. Tessa sits on the board of Publica's Right to the City in collaboration with the Corporation of London and is a Trustee of British Youth Opera

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