# CANARY WHARF'S NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD WOOD WHARF NEWSLETTER 17 SUMMER 2022



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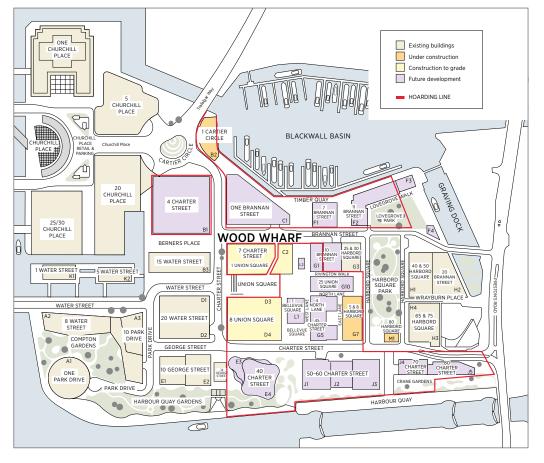




#### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

- The Ecology Islands are now complete and open to the public
- For the final section of the mixed-use building B3, which consists of 6 floors of hotel, the fit out is near completion.
   The hotel is expected to open in August this year
- Building G1 and G5 (which will be residential buildings) will commence concrete superstructure in July

- Diversion of the utilities at the entrance to Preston's Road new junction commenced at the start of the year
- The foundation piling for building J1-J3 and E3E4 (apartments for rent) is complete with the concrete substructure about to commence
- We are delighted to receive planning approval from London Borough of Tower Hamlets council for Building J4J5 which will become social housing



# 8 HARBORD SQUARE (G7)

The newest private for sale building, 8 Harbord Square (or G7) is a departure from the first two buildings at Wood Wharf, One Park Drive and 10 Park Drive, in that it is a reimagining of the original warehouses that would have been found around Canary Wharf some 150 years ago. Its scale, just 12 storeys with 82 apartments in total, means it will appeal to those looking for a more boutique offering than the towers on offer up until now. The layouts of the apartments are also radically different, with the internal walls between rooms removed, creating an open plan space (except for the bathroom!). The construction is on-going, with the concrete structure completed in February this year, and the cladding installation up to level 10. The entire building is wrapped in a plastic protective sheet to avoid the risk of falling objects from height. The internal fit-out works have commenced in June.



**CGI 8 Harbord Square** 



**Summer Screens at Union Square** 

# **UNION SQUARE**

At Union Square, temporary landscaping has been designed to create an attractive and comfortable environment for people to use. The temporary landscaping connects Charter Street with Brannan Street and visually enhances the appearance of the centre of Wood Wharf. The design and construction of the temporary landscaping has been made with durable and sustainable materials including timber decking (FSC), resin bonded aggregate, surfacing made from natural cork and stainless steel for the handrails. The space has been decorated with a selection of low-maintenance plants such as Beacon Silver plants, Hebe Pascal Champagne plants and Golf Ball plants to promote sustainable planting.

The versatile nature of the temporary landscaping allows for a range of meanwhile activities and events including Summer Screens, Pride at Canary Wharf, Family Film Club and much more. The landscaping was prepared ahead of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, to find out what's on at Union Square, visit our website at: canarywharf.com/whats-on



A ramp has been installed for wildlife to access and egress

### **ECOLOGY ISLANDS**

Swanning around the Ecology Islands, a goose has been spotted nesting! We are working with the trade contractor who installed the islands to create an opening in the mesh for the hatchlings so they are able to easily access and egress the island, a shallow ramp has also been included to provide ease of access to the water level as pictured above. We will review this as time moves on and can increase this opening slightly if and when required as the hatchlings grow. Once the islands are fully established the mesh surrounding the islands can start to be removed, this will be done under the guidance of the specialists on floating ecosystems.

## DEVELOPMENT OF YEAR AT THE PROPS AWARDS

Canary Wharf Group's flagship residential building, One Park Drive, has won the coveted prize of Development of the Year at the PROPS Awards. This award further highlights the building's high-quality offer and its unique design. One Park Drive, designed by world-renowned architects, Herzog & de Meuron, represents not only a globally significant piece of architecture for London, but also the very best of 21st century urban waterside living at Canary Wharf's new neighbourhood, Wood Wharf, the new 23-acre neighbourhood within the Canary Wharf estate.

Owning a circular, geometric form, One Park Drive is arguably one of the most distinctive residential buildings on the capital's skyline, created by the stacking, rotation, and mirroring of individual floor plates. The building offers state-of-the-art amenities, including 24-hour concierge, full equipped gymnasium, and 20-metre swimming pool.

Award winning residential building

– One Park Drive



# THE EDEN PROJECT PARTNERSHIP

Canary Wharf Group (CWG) and the Eden Project have launched a unique partnership to create a model of how biodiversity can thrive in urban environments. Eden Project will collaborate with CWG on extensive public spaces, and enhancements to waterways and public realm across the Estate. The Eden Project is an educational charity and social enterprise based in Cornwall, founded over 20 years ago. Its global mission is to create a movement that builds relationships between people and the natural world to demonstrate the power of working together for the benefit of all living things.



As part of the partnership, the first project will be the creation of a green spine through the centre of the Canary Wharf estate with additional green public realm, parks and gardens, waterside access, performance spaces, new bridges, boardwalks and floating pontoons. It will animate the docks with new spaces for arts and culture, and for water sports such as paddle-boarding, open water swimming and kayaking. For further information, please contact Press Office at pressoffice@canarywharf.com

# SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

In support of British-Ukrainian Aid. a charity whose mission is to make positive change to the lives of people who endured dispiriting life-changing injuries while being exposed to the horrors of war, the Wood Wharf team gathered as much Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as possible such as unwanted boots, hardhats and clothing to donate to Ukrainian aid relief charities. This resulted in three vans being loaded with donations and driven to the Ukrainian border to provide for refugees in need. The PPE is also being distributed within Ukraine to disaster-relief teams to help rescue those who have been trapped; and for use by those repairing and fixing broken infrastructure to be safe.

For information on British-Ukrainian Aid, please visit their website at **british-ukrainianaid.org** 

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, which took place from 9 to 15 May, the Health and Safety team at Wood Wharf organised a cycling and rowing challenge amongst staff to raise awareness of this year's topic of loneliness.

To spark playful competitiveness between colleagues, the team set themselves with a goal of pedalling from Lands' End to John O'Groats (1814km) and back again(!) using static exercise bikes and using rowing machines to travel the length of eight of the UK's main rivers. Through this fundraising event, the team smashed their cycling target covering 2849km but fell short with rowing reaching only four rivers. The team raised over £5000 which includes donations through raffle prizes and t-shirt sales for Mind, a mental health charity in England and Wales.



# LEARNING AND SKILLS CENTRE

Wood Wharf welcomes a new training centre with Learning and Skills Solutions Ltd (LaSS). CWG is delighted to be working in partnership with LaSS to relocate its CITB approved CSCS testing centre to the Wood Wharf project which creates an on-site skills and employment hub to support existing site workers to improve their skills, particularly those with English as their second language, and local out-of-work residents to access the skills they require to enter the construction industry.

The training centre provides access to a free training package (subject to eligibility) delivered both in the classroom and online to offer flexibility. Training courses include basic literacy and numeracy alongside a construction course. Young adults (aged 19-24 years) will additionally benefit from work placements offered by supply chain employers to improve their practical skills with opportunities to progress to jobs created as the project increases its workforce. The centre additionally offers a Level 3 NVQ (occupational site supervision) for existing operatives who wish to progress to site supervisory duties.

This partnership builds upon LaSS's established 15-year track record for delivering social value initiatives through integrated partnership delivery models to overcome the acute skills shortage identified in the construction industry. For more information, please contact Learning and Skills Solutions on 0207 418 2527.



Job Fair event in June held at East Wintergarden

## CANARY WHARF FOOD, BEVERAGE AND HOSPITALITY JOB FAIR

In partnership with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets council and New City College, Canary Wharf Group hosted another job fair in June after the success of the fair held in December last year. The fair aimed to reach local young people seeking employment, training and work experience in the food, beverage and hospitality sector. We welcomed over 400 attendees to the event and secured over 30 exciting employers such as Hawksmoor, Emilia's Crafted Pasta, Tribe Hotel and many more.

#### **VACANCIES**

Job opportunities within Canary Wharf Group are advertised on our company website and you can look through the list of vacancies here:

#### group.canarywharf.com

If you are a resident of Tower Hamlets, you can register with WorkPath which is a unique employment service for all Tower Hamlets residents, providing support for people at all levels of work, skill or experience. Vacancies with our trade contractors are also listed with WorkPath. For more information on the WorkPath scheme, please visit the Tower Hamlets website at towerhamlets.gov.uk or email workpath@towerhamlets.gov.uk