

# MAYFIELD LABOUR



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## Investing in Natural Capital – A Sustainable Future

As Chair of Redbridge Council's Pension Fund Committee, **Cllr Tanweer Khan** has been actively exploring how we can invest in natural capital - a term that refers to the world's stock of natural resources such as forests, wetlands, and clean air.

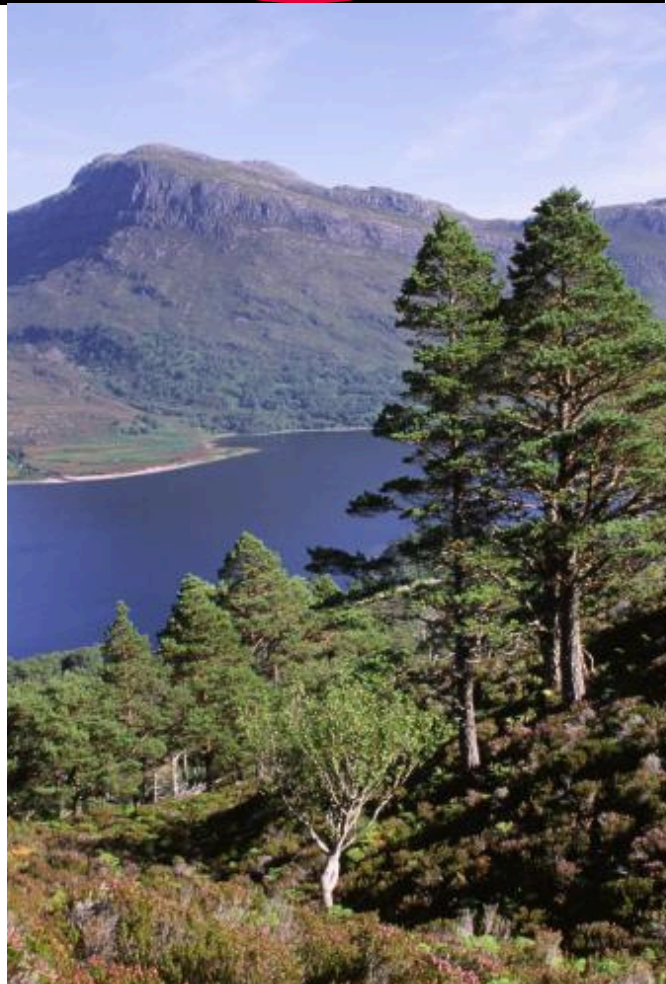
These investments are not only environmentally sustainable but can also offer strong, long-term financial returns.

Natural capital projects often focus on restoring ecosystems, improving biodiversity, and enhancing climate resilience.

By investing in nature-based solutions, we can contribute to tackling the climate crisis while securing value for our pension fund members.

This forward-thinking approach aligns with our commitment to both fiduciary duty and environmental responsibility.

Hopefully, we'll be able to bring you further developments on this exciting initiative in the coming months.





## Community Iftar At Ilford Islamic Centre

The recent community Iftar, held at the **Ilford Islamic Centre** on March 9th, brought together local councillors, MPs **Jas Athwal** and **Wes Streeting**, and community and business leaders to break fast in unity.

The event showcased the spirit of Ramadan, highlighting its message of reflection, charity, and solidarity.

The Ilford Islamic Centre hosts such gatherings annually, offering a chance for people from all walks of life to come together, learn about Islam, and foster greater understanding of the significance of Ramadan within the Muslim community.

It was a wonderful display of community connection and goodwill.



## Jack Petchey Memorial Service in Valentines Park

On March 14th, Mayfield ward councillors **Tanweer Khan** and **Vanisha Solanki** joined other local dignitaries, including the mayor, MPs, fellow councillors, and **Sir Jack Petchey's** family, to commemorate the life and legacy of Sir Jack Petchey.

Known for his inspiring work through the Jack Petchey Foundation, which has supported countless young people in achieving their potential, Sir Jack was also a resident of Fairlop Ward and a business owner in Redbridge.

In his honour, a tree was planted, and the audience was treated to inspiring performances from students who had benefited from the Foundation's awards.



## Little Gearies

Redbridge's Little Gearies housing development has officially been completed, providing 103 new homes for families on the borough's housing waiting list.

This milestone brings Redbridge closer to its goal of delivering 600 new council homes by 2025.

The ribbon-cutting and tree-planting ceremony, attended by Council Leader **Cllr Kam Rai**, and future residents, marked the completion.

Built ahead of schedule, the development features eco-friendly homes with air-source heat pumps and solar panels.

Cllr Rai emphasised the ongoing housing crisis and the need for continued efforts to address housing shortages.





## Visits to SS Peter & Paul's and Gordon Primary Schools

Mayfield Labour councillors **Tanweer Khan** and **Vanisha Solanki**, recently visited both **SS Peter & Paul's** and **Gordon Primary** Schools.

The students graciously guided them on tours of their schools and then participated in an engaging Q&A session.

The children were amazing, asking insightful questions that sparked lively discussions.

Among the most memorable queries was one about which football teams the councillors supported - an unexpected yet fun topic that added a personal touch to the visit.

These interactions showcased the children's curiosity and enthusiasm, leaving a lasting impression on both councillors. It was an enjoyable experience fostering a connection with the next generation.





## Covid Remembrance Event

Mayfield Councillor **Vanisha Solanki** joined the Mayor, Councillor **Sheila Bain**, and other dignitaries at the COVID-19 Day of Reflection event in Valentines Park on Sunday, 9 March 2025.

The event marked the fifth anniversary of the pandemic, providing a moment to reflect on the losses, sacrifices, and acts of kindness during this unprecedented time.



## Fullwell Cross Library Reopens

The recently refurbished Fullwell Cross Library has reopened, bringing a fresh, vibrant space to the community.

Local MP **Wes Streeting**, Redbridge Council Leader **Kam Rai**, and Mayor Cllr **Sheila Bain**, were all present to celebrate this exciting milestone.

The library now stands as a bustling hub for learning and leisure in the area.



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## Advice Surgeries

We hold regular surgeries at Goodmayes Library and Paratha Junction/Seven Kings Café.

Please visit our website or social media pages for dates and times.

No appointment is necessary.

## Our Councillors



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