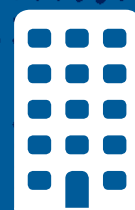


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Welcome

Elthorne Pride has continued to go from strength to strength in 2018.

Our projects and objectives continue to meet the needs of the community and are bringing residents together. A great example of this was in February at the "Join the Conversation" event which saw over 70

residents and stakeholders come together to discuss what has been going well and our future goals. The input from young people, who were very responsive at the event, was particularly refreshing along with the inspirational speech from our Young Person's lead Shawdon Smith. At a time when violent crime has been affecting our young people, it is more important than ever before to encourage their input and make them see that Elthorne Pride is for all of them.

I have been inspired by the entrepreneurial and creative spirit (which has been evident at the Archway Market) of our residents and it has been delightful to see that our environmental goals are being put into action.



Shawdon Smith

This year is going to be an exciting one and we hope that you will continue to be part of the active community spirit that has enabled Elthorne Pride to thrive.

Sandi Phillips, CHAIR

Make Dreams Reality



Chris Preddie, OBE

Due to the high rate of knife and gun crime in London, MDR has been working alongside many MPs and councillors to tackle this issue. Elthorne Pride and Ambitious Academy is working with Chris Preddie OBE, of Make Dreams Reality to ensure that

local kids are safe on the streets.

In October as part of Elthorne Pride's Youth Theme, we completed the Back 2 Back program. The groups consisted of 6 young people under the age of 12 and 6 under the age of 25. Both age groups loved the program, from their feedback they enjoyed creating new ideas and they would like to start their own business ventures. These groups have been working on goals and how they can achieve them in order to turn their dreams into a reality!

Help us make dreams a reality.
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Join the Conversation

Elthorne Pride Big Local hosted its "Join the Conversation" Round-table event on the 20th February 2018 at the St John's Community Centre with over 70 attendees. With refreshments supplied by Mama Gees Caribbean Pop Up restaurants, volunteers and board members were given the opportunity to network, share feedback and reconnect.

The welcome and introduction was undertaken by Sandi Phillips, our Chair who was optimistic and excited about Elthorne Pride's progress and the journey so far. This was reiterated by the distribution of the Annual Report, which showcased many of the important activities that have taken place throughout 2017.



Download our Annual Report via our website

Facilitator of the evening, Morton Patterson, presented a short film called "The Story So Far" which was a great review of our activities and plans for the future.

(<https://bit.ly/2rxr11x>)



Morton also interviewed one of our Community Chest Fund recipients, Joyful Ahmed, who spoke about her business - Joyful's Candles and the impact that Elthorne Pride has had on her launch. This encouraged other residents to take part and be inspired to try new ideas in terms of enterprise. Morton also gave the floor to Anthony Walters, Co-Founder of Living Space Art School which offers free art classes to older residents on the estate. His passion and enthusiasm for art

shone through and it is clear why his art classes are so popular.

Residents were given the chance to brainstorm their own ideas of what they want to see from Elthorne Pride in the future. What was particularly inspiring was the input from young people, who shared their ideas with gusto. This led on nicely for Shawdon Smith, an Elthorne Pride board member and Youth advocate who gave a closing speech, which was not only inspirational but encouraging - with a clear message for us all to focus on the positive to enhance the Elthorne estate.

If you were not able to attend we still want to hear from you. Email us at info@elthornepride.org.uk



You're Invited to the Elthorne Pride International Big Lunch!

Let's celebrate our local community with a taste of the world.

Sunday 3rd June 12pm-4pm on the green in front of the Royal Oak Pub on St Johns Way.

The Big International Lunch is a chance to sit down with the people we live alongside but rarely have the time to talk to. It is easy to share conversations when you share food, so holding

a Big Lunch is a great way to connect with each other.

This is the perfect opportunity to get together with your neighbours.

Elthorne Pride is such a diverse place to live and we will be celebrating our community by having dishes to eat from around the world.

Whether you are Elthorne Pride's next Top Baker or Chef, cook something for your neighbour to share. Even if you can't cook, come along and feast with your neighbours.

It's not too late, if you would like a stall, email info@elthornepride.org.uk or call us on **020 8017 2205**.

Joyful's Bespoke Candles

Elthorne Pride has given me the opportunity to turn my hobby into a business. I do Henna designs and make candles which I sell on the market - my first time was on Archway Market and it was amazing.

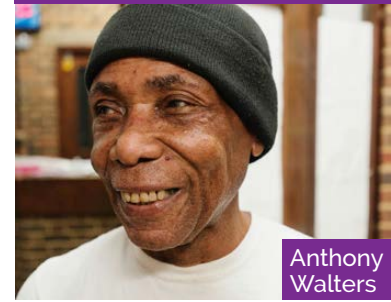
My inspiration behind the business comes from a place of joy as it was a hobby originally (and still is) - I taught myself how to make candles and do henna. To be able to sell my products to people on the market has been really exciting.

In the future I would love to advertise more across social media and promote my business more. I am still learning so much about being an entrepreneur so I will take my time. Sandi and Bob (from Elthorne Pride) have really helped me - I would never have done this without Elthorne Pride.



An Elthorne Pride resident who has been taking part in our Enterprise initiatives.

I am really happy, Elthorne Pride has done a lot for me - the future is very promising and exciting.



Anthony Walters

ART FLOWS IN THE VEINS II:

The Fruits series, was the theme of the second brief for the oil painting programme run by Living Space Art School, led by artist-tutor and co-founder of Living Space Art School, Anthony Walters. Each oil painting artistic brief is delivered over a period of 12 weeks - broken down into 8 weeks to complete the painting brief and 4 weeks to produce the Art Pop-up event and showcase, which took place on the 25th April at Caxton House.

For this programme Living Space Art School worked in collaboration with Caxton House Community Centre and Elthorne Pride Big Local.

In their first pop-up the team and founders of Living Space Art School introduced the concept 'Art Flows in the Veins' as recognition that they view art as an integral part of the human make-up. They also believe that the spirit of art dwells in us all, but it takes courage to awaken it and express it.

For the second Art Pop-up they have explored the theme Fruit; where fruit is used as a metaphor to signify the well-being that comes from including art into your everyday lifestyle. All art works on view at the Art Pop-up event have been created by Older Adult learners who are studying the discipline of oil painting for the first time in their adult lives.

For further info email us - livingspace.artschool@gmail.com

Funding for Solar Energy and Energy Saving workshops



We are always looking for ways to improve the environment and save our residents money. In January we teamed up with Power Up North London, a local community benefit society, and successfully applied for a grant of £2,500 from Islington Council's Community Energy Fund. This grant, which will be matched by Elthorne Pride, will enable us to explore the feasibility of putting PV solar panels on more roofs in the Elthorne Pride estate. Our objective will be the generation of clean solar electricity to supply the communal areas of the estate, reducing costs

and carbon emissions. We will investigate the technical solutions and options for supplying individual flats over time.

We also have funding to run at least four free energy saving workshops between May 2018 and June 2019. These will be interactive and fun opportunities to learn about your electricity bill and the opportunities you have to save energy in your households. Solar energy and how it works will also be explored. So look out for leaflets on the workshops in the coming weeks, and do take the time to attend one of them as there will be lots of giveaways. If you have any suggestions, would like some more information, and/or get involved please contact us by email: info@elthornepride.org.uk or Tel: **020 8017 2205**

Dates for your Diary

Free Activities and Events for Elthorne Pride Residents



Watercolour & Calligraphy Workshop

Sunday 13th May 4-6pm
Caxton House

Create your own watercolour postcards, paintings and learn decorative calligraphy techniques for letter and card writing.

Handicraft Group

Sewing & Textile Crafts

Tuesdays 11.30 - 1pm and 1.30 - 3.30pm: from 8th May
Caxton House

This is an open class where attendees will be sharing knowledge and tips with each other. Please note you will need to bring your own fabric, we provide sewing machines and basic equipment. We'll be collecting fabric scraps for some textile crafts, so bring any spare bits along.

Watercolour & Calligraphy

from 15th May - 29th May
Caxton House

Create your own watercolour and calligraphy paintings and cards. Learn basic techniques such as blending, using salt and more.

We're asking new attendees to come along to the second session (1.30-3.30pm).

Sow n Go Friday

25th May 1-3pm
Caxton House

Sowing wildflowers seeds, followed by a social session with light refreshments.

The Big Local International Lunch (FREE)

Sunday 3rd June 12pm - 4pm
The Green in front of the Royal Oak Pub

This is a national annual Big Local Event but Elthorne Pride will put a spin on it by getting the local residents to cook some items which represents their cultural heritage. It promises to be a real international mix. Freebies, entertainment and fun activities for kids.

Friends and Family Day Trip to Tiptree Farm - FREE Tour & Sunday Lunch

Sunday 10th June, 8am - 6pm
Pick up from Caxton House

Join us as we tour the Tiptree

Farm - home of the delectable Wilkin & Sons jams and preserves. We will end the day with a community lunch at a nearby venue. Places are limited with preference to Elthorne Pride residents. For more details and to reserve your place email events@elthornepride.org.uk or call 020 8017 2205.

Writers' Workshop - Venues TBC

5th August and 12th August

Participants will be working on approaches to creative writing with the emphasis on having fun with the written word. For more details events@elthornepride.org.uk

Watch With Us - Elthorne Pride's Pop up - Cinema

July 28th 2pm - 6pm
St Johns Community Centre (FREE EVENT)

Organised by the young residents of Elthorne Pride. Watch With Us will feature films that have been voted by you. Tells us what you would like to see. Info@elthornepride.org.uk

Contact us if you want to make a change at: info@elthornepride.org.uk

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