



NATHALIE STANDS UP FOR SOCIAL TENANTS AND LEASEHOLDERS

A big part of Nathalie's role as councillor in Bow West is standing up for social housing tenants and leaseholders against negligent landlords.

What is the problem?

All social housing owned by Tower Hamlets was sold by 2010 to community organisations called housing associations that are overseen by the Council. These social landlords initially provided better living conditions for tenants than the Council.

But over the years, housing associations have been bought by larger organisations with a corporate approach of profit over people. They are badly organised, service is poor and residents' pleas for help go unanswered.

With nowhere else to turn, residents often appeal to their councillors to get action on essential repairs.

What does this mean for residents?

In Nathalie's time as a councillor since May, she has helped residents get action on shocking conditions.

- Leaks unfixed for years
- Damp and mould left untreated
- Inefficient 'temporary' heating systems in place for years



Photo: Paul Burgess

Nathalie speaking to a local resident about their housing issue.

What is Nathalie doing to help?

Nathalie holds regular meetings with the housing associations in Bow West to chase up overdue repairs and maintenance.

For more complex cases, Nathalie joins residents at meetings with housing associations to make sure things get done.

Nathalie also sits on the Council's Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny committee. This committee holds housing associations and the Council's housing team to account at a higher level.



Photo: Simon Levey

Regular volunteers and Green Party members collect litter in Mile End Park

SUCCESSFUL LITTER PICK IN MILE END PARK

The Friends of Mile End Park (FOMEPE) organise regular community litter picking in the park. Here they were joined by local Greens: Abdul, Katherine and Simon.

Want to get involved? Check the FOMEPE website for more community events in the park: www.fomepe.org.uk

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STAYING WARM THIS WINTER

With the cost of living rising and energy bills skyrocketing, many residents are struggling to stay warm at home.

Here are some warm places around Bow where you can go (many thanks to the Roman Road Slice magazine for these tips - romanroadlondon.com):

Idea Store Bow, 1 Gladstone Pl, Bow, E3 5ES. Open Monday-Thursday from 11am-5pm, Saturday from 11am-4pm and Sunday from 12pm-2pm.

Hearth Bakery's People's Oven, a communal kitchen and oven, Unit 30, 86B Wallis Rd, Hackney Wick E9 5LN. Open second Monday of the month 4pm-8pm (booking required to use oven).

St Paul Old Ford church and cafe, St Stephen's Rd, Bow E3 5JL, open Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm (phone for weekend opening times: 020 8981 4655).

If you are concerned about yourself or someone else this winter, please call Tower Hamlets Connect on 0300 303 6070.



Photo: Nathalie Bienfait

A frosty Victoria Park during December's cold weather.



Photo: Joel West

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Attend her surgeries at **St Paul Old Ford**, St Stephen's Road, Bow: every second Saturday of the month 12pm to 2pm and every fourth Tuesday of the month 11am to 1pm.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SAFETY EVENTS

Want to get to know your local Safer Neighbourhood Team? Are you curious about what the council and police are doing in our area to fight crime and protect us?

Attend one of these events in Bow to learn more:

Community safety event, 26 January 2023, 9am-12pm and 5-7pm meeting at **Tredegar Square**.

Ward panel meeting, 2 February 2023 at 18:30, at **New Testament Church of God, Epainos Ministeries**, entrance on Lichfield Road.

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