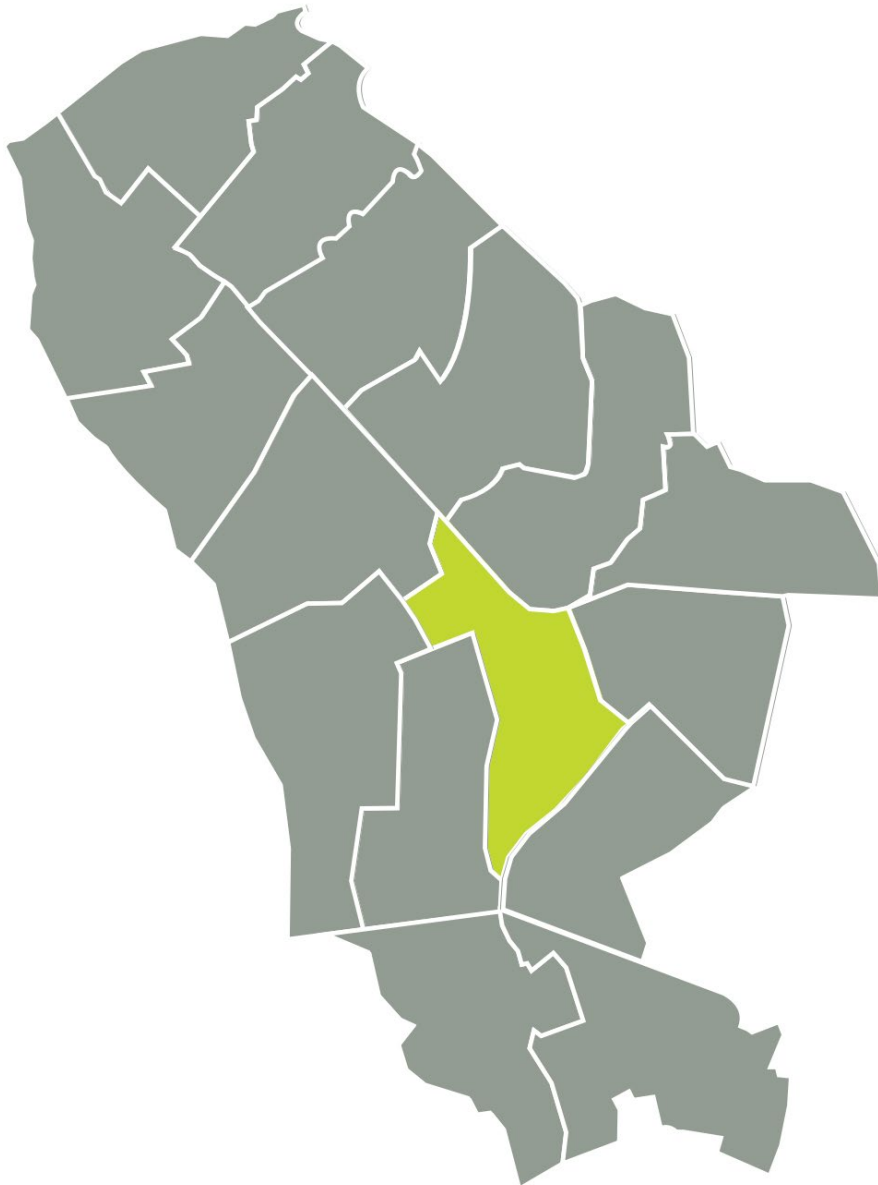


St Mary's

Community Plan - October 2021



Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to look at our Community Plan for St Mary's.

The Community Plan gives details of different schemes that, as your local councillors, we want to prioritise because we believe they will improve our area and enhance the lives of the people who live here.

Some of these improvement schemes have recently been completed, others are in the process of being implemented and some relate to projects we hope to see carried out in the future subject to funding becoming available.

As you can see, the projects in this Community Plan are wide-ranging. They include improvements to our leisure and other community facilities, initiatives that make our parks, streets and green spaces safer and more welcoming and schemes that make travel easier and more pleasant.

We work with local groups like tenants and residents' associations, schools, neighbourhood watch groups, gardening clubs, community centres and local special interest organisations of all kinds to come up with the improvement priorities that are set out in this Community Plan. If you have ideas for projects you would like to see here, then get in touch with us by sending us an email or by coming along to one of our regular ward partnership meetings.

The money to pay for the projects described in this Community Plan comes for the most part from financial contributions that developers are required to make when they build in our area.

Contents

The projects are split into three sections:

- Awaiting funding – projects that councillors are minded to support depending on availability of funds but have not yet made any allocations towards.
- Being Implemented – projects that have been funded and are ongoing.
- Completed – projects that were previously funded and now completed.

Details of potential, current and past projects are also available to view on our [interactive map](#).

Funding Allocations

Once projects have received funds they are listed as being implemented and then completed. Projects are primarily funded through contributions received from two different mechanisms secured when planning permissions are granted – Section 106 contributions or from the Community Infrastructure Levy. Please contact S106@islington.gov.uk for further information on the specific developments the funds originated from, if required.

How To Get Involved

Contact your councillor to propose a new project or attend a ward partnership meeting.

For more information about this community plan please contact us on either CIL@Islington.gov.uk or S106@Islington.gov.uk

Awaiting Funding

Transport and Public Realm

Canonbury Road Streetscape Improvements

Approximate Cost: £200,000

This project would provide streetscape improvements to Canonbury Road. In particular this would deliver footway renewal, the de-cluttering of street furniture to increase accessibility and ensure ease of movement for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as increased tree planting.

Liverpool Road Pedestrianisation

Approximate Cost: £750,000

This project would turn Liverpool Road between Tolpuddle Street and Upper Street into a pedestrian-only road. The project would require carefully considered design and considerable stakeholder consultation.

Being Implemented

Sport and Recreation

Outdoor Gym at Laycock Green

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£30,000)

This project will install outdoor gym equipment at Laycock Green. The outdoor gym will consist of 5 to 6 pieces of equipment for use by the general public, as well as appropriate surfacing and ancillary items such as a bench and a bin. The scheme aims to help boost the health and wellbeing of local residents, both physically and mentally, by providing a free and accessible way to exercise. Outdoor gyms will also provide an alternative to indoor gyms for people who remain concerned about transmission of COVID-19.

Public Art

King's Head Theatre Contribution

Allocations made:

- S106 (£25,000)

This scheme will provide a financial contribution to the King's Head Theatre, which is seeking donations to reach £2 million budget, in order to move the theatre to a new purpose built space in Islington Square in 2020.

School Facilities

New Entrance at Canonbury Primary School

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£100,000)

This project will create a new pedestrian entrance at Canonbury Primary School. The project aims to increase road safety and reduce exposure to pollution by moving the entrance away from Canonbury Road. The addition of the entrance will provide a safe space for parents to wait, away from the road, at the start and the end of the day. This would greatly assist with road safety concerns, the length of time children stand next to stationary traffic, as well as social distancing.

Community Facilities

St Mary's Contribution to Islington Boxing Club

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£5,000)

The project contributes to the redevelopment of the Islington Boxing Club, which at present is in a tired state. The funding will support the planning application process including all the necessary surveys, investigations and designs. The boxing club is a nationally leading centre for women's boxing and acts as a successful youth centre for young people from across the Borough. When full planning permission has been granted the Club will begin fund-raising through out 2022 and the first half of 2023, with building works to begin in the second half of 2023.

Chapel Market Improvements

Allocations made:

- S106 (£25,000)

The project will deliver new affordable commercial facilities on the site of a car park at Warren Court. It will also deliver improvements to public realm to make the street more vibrant, attractive, and safer place to shop, linger and enjoy. A business development programme will be implemented to bring on the next generation of market traders, as well as a community partnership programme, which will sustain the market for all.



South Library - Feasibility Study

Allocations made:

- S106 (£20,000)

This scheme aims to provide improvements to South Library. The library is not currently utilised to its full potential. Investment is required to maximise use of library spaces and generate rental income. The refurbishment of the library hall on the first floor and the installation of toilets would enable this space to be let out.

Estate Improvements

St Mary's Estate Secure Cycle Parking

Allocations made:

- S106 (£28,400)

This project will provide secure cycle storage to various housing estates in St Mary's including: Barrat House, Halton Mansions, Haslam Close, Hume Court, Spriggs House, and Tyndale Mansions. It will help residents to store cycles safely, rather than taking up space inside properties or being left in communal areas of buildings, where they can undermine fire safety requirements. The availability of secure cycle storage will also encourage more cycle use, with personal, environmental, health and economic benefits.

Halton Mansions Gardens Improvements

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£55,501)
- S106 (£4,499)

This project will deliver improvements to the outdoor green spaces at Halton Mansions Estate. Improvements will be focused on the three large garden areas, as well as some of the smaller green spaces around the estate. The scheme aims to make the spaces more appealing, to encourage residents to use the area, and will complement the existing community planting activities. Improvements will include biodiverse planting, informal play trail equipment, seating areas and surface improvements.



St Mary's Estate Recycling Facility Improvements

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£12,300)

This project will improve the recycling and refuse facilities on several housing estates within the St Marys ward. It aims to combat and prevent fly tipping, by ensuring there are enough bins on estates, and aims to improve the public realm, through the installation of bin enclosures. The scheme will facilitate the delivery of: 2 Metrostore units at Barratt House; 2 Metrostore units at Wakelin House; as well as improvements to existing refuse units and signage at Halton Mansions.

Transport and Public Realm

Canonbury Road/ Halton Road Crossing

Allocations made:

- S106 (£63,000)

This project will add a pedestrian zebra crossing to the Canonbury and Halton Road junction, which would be delivered with associated traffic calming measures, to reduce the speed of vehicles as they approach the crossing.

812 Bus Service

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£18,429)
- S106 (£26,943)

The 812 bus service is Islington's only Council run bus service in the Borough, operating on a 30-minute timetable, 7-hours a day between 9.30AM and 4.30PM. The service operates on a fixed route across the central and southern parts of the borough. Wards served include Canonbury, St Peters, St Mary's, Barnsbury, Clerkenwell and Bunhill. The 812 service is used predominantly by Freedom Pass passengers and is on a four year contract.

Completed

Community Facilities

Westbourne Children's Centre

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£23,891)

This scheme replaced the whole of the outdoor flooring, replacing it with a soft safety surface across the whole area. The scheme also replaced the older plastic play equipment with a natural wooden play tower. Project completed in 2019. The outside area is now aesthetically pleasing and safer for children, and has received positive feedback from local residents and parents.



St Mary's Church Portico Refurbishment

Allocations made:

- S106 (£252,452)

This scheme involved repairs and improvements to the Neighbourhood Centre and the church portico. Project completed in 2019.

Contribution to Central Library Refurbishment

This scheme delivered the refurbishment of central library as part of a greater redesign by refreshing and repainting the ground floor. Project completed in 2019.

Laycock Primary School Playground

Allocations made:

- S106 (£45,000)

This scheme delivered resurfacing of the playground, provision of new 'ghost train' and play equipment with safety surface and line markings for sports. In addition, a quiet zone for non-sports play was created.

Sebbon Street Community Centre

Allocations made:

- S106 (£38,000)

This project has provided improvements to the area outside Sebbon Street Community Centre, including cleaning up and landscaping the area with support from Ground Work London. The improvement works include: the demolition and removal of brickwork; repair and painting of fencing; installation of two new gates; repaving; repositioning of bins and construction; and, planting with appropriate shrubs and trees.



Estate Improvements

Mersey Estate Football Pitch

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£11,083)
- S106 (£70,305)

This scheme involved a feasibility survey which was undertaken to ascertain the full condition of the boundary wall between the football pitch and the Mersey Estate. This survey has been used to develop a scheme for the removal of the side brick wall and its reinstatement with ball pitch rebound railings, and the replacement of the existing metal fence with more robust fencing.

Tyndale Mansions Estate

Allocations made:

- S106 (£126,000)

This scheme delivered playground and greenspace improvements. It brought a new lease of life to a previously awkward two-tiered space by utilising a play trail over the changing levels and making the space appealing to various age groups. Project completed in 2019.



Open Space

St Mary's Ward Tree Planting

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£20,000)
- S106 (£20,000)

The scheme delivered street tree planting throughout the ward, in line with the Council's tree strategy.

Canonbury Court Open Space

Allocations made:

- S106 (£53,992)

The project improved the open space at Canonbury Court. In particular, providing an upgrade to the existing ball court.

St Mary's Church Gardens

Allocations made:

- S106 (£500,000)

This scheme provided improvements to the St Mary's Church Gardens (including tree management), as identified within the 'Heart of Islington' project proposal led by St Mary's Church. The gardens were overgrown and some of the trees were in need of pruning. Parts of the garden were landscaped and re-designed to allow better use of the space.

Compton Terrace Gardens

Allocations made:

- S106 (£130,498)

This scheme restored the perimeter walls of Compton Terrace Gardens and reinstated the gardener's hut. All walls were re-filled, top coping stones were repaired and replaced, and where needed, all brickwork was cleaned. All railings were also re-painted and any missing railing heads were replaced. Project completed in 2019.



Canonbury Gardens Landscape Improvements

Allocations made:

- S106 (£84,947)

This scheme revitalised Canonbury Gardens through a range of landscape improvements that made the site more attractive to residents from all parts of the local community and visitors to the Canonbury area. Works included: the clearance of large shrubs adjacent to the Stephen's Church driveway to provide clear views into the garden; new planting; resurfacing of main paths; improvements to all benches; the provision of a watering stand pipe for the local gardening group to use; re-turfing of the lawn areas; and, repainting of the railings.

Playspace

Astey's Row MUGA and Play Facilities

Allocations made:

- S106 (£412,399)

The multi-use games area and play area at Astey's Row were previously in very poor condition. This scheme has enhanced natural play opportunities through the installation of bespoke climbable boulders, playable mounds, a tree-top trail, and a new sand and water play area. It has also installed new safety surfacing, upgraded the ball court with new basketball hoops, and created a 'stag beetle hotel' to help boost biodiversity. Project completed in 2019.

In November 2020, the project won an award in the 'Children's Play' category at the Street Design Awards.



Haslam Close Multi-use Games Area Refurbishment

Allocations made:

- S106 (£60,000)

The scheme delivered improvements to the multi-use games area including a new fence, new surface and associated line markings, new multi-use goal ends, and new entrance works. The ball court was previously in a state of disrepair and unsafe with broken fencing. Project completed in 2020.



Milner Square MUGA and Play Facilities

Allocations made:

- S106 (£386,215)

The scheme delivered improvements to the Milner Square multi-use games area and play area. Improvements included delivery of new timber play equipment, new surfacing and a panna football court. A woodland garden was also created with a new lawn and seating. The square became safer and more 'playable' for children of various ages catered by different equipment and play areas. Project completed in July 2018.



Transport and Public Realm

AccessAble Street Audit - Angel Business Improvement District

Allocations made:

- S106 (£6,000)

The scheme provided an audit of the streets and public realm in the Angel Business Improvement District (BID) area. The survey was linked to the AccessAble project which will create, publish and promote detailed access guides for the Angel area.

Liverpool Road - Zebra Crossing

Allocations made:

- S106 (£21,252)

This scheme provided improvements to the existing zebra crossing on Liverpool Road, by raising it and constructing a build out along with provision of drainage and lighting improvements. The crossing is used by pupils of Thornhill School. The scheme was implemented following a traffic survey which showed above-average speeds of cars passing through the pedestrian crossing on Liverpool Road, south of Barnsbury Street. Project completed in 2019.

Liverpool Road Tree Planting

Allocations made:

- S106 (£15,000)

The scheme involved the planting of trees on Liverpool Road, in line with the Council's tree planting strategy. Project completed in 2020.

CCTV Cameras on Upper Street

Allocations made:

- S106 (£83,244)

This project funded the installation of a CCTV Camera on Upper Street near St Mary's Church, providing full coverage along Upper Street, increasing safety for residents and visitors.

Highbury Station Road Footway Works

The scheme delivered footway improvements particularly on the railway side which was in poor condition and carriageway resurfacing for ease of movement for cyclists and all vehicles.

School Facilities

Creative Schools Project

Allocations made:

- S106 (£20,000)

This project engaged with four primary schools in St Mary's ward to help them to deliver Arts Award Discover. The award is an introductory arts project, designed for ages 5 and above, which aims to increase participation in arts activities.

Canonbury Primary School Improvements

Allocations made:

- S106 (£171,751)

The project will improve the educational facilities at Canonbury Primary School, providing improved facilities for physical education and sports. This includes a new multi-use games area with changing and WC facilities, which should increase community use of the facilities.