

MAYOR'S MAILBOX

Mayor Sir Steve Bullock answers some recent questions he's received from Lewisham residents



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I noticed that Lewisham Council has launched a Community Gardens Guide. Why do you think that creating food growing spaces is important?

The Mayor says...

I think it's important for a number of reasons. While growing food locally will never make us 100 per cent self sufficient, it really can make a difference. Then there is the idea of people coming together to create something, in this case out of nothing. For me that's real community empowerment. The guide gives helpful advice about what sort of land can be used for growing food. And then there's the fact that, for many people, growing vegetables is really good fun!



As a resident and youth worker, I noticed how much the recent Young Mayor's election seemed to catch the imagination of young people. I'd be interested to know how many young people voted.

The Mayor says...

I'm proud to report that once again our young people have shown a clear commitment to and belief in democracy by voting in a record turnout of 52.5 per cent. Not only this, but each of the six years that our young people have chosen their own mayor has seen a successive increase in votes.

Our young mayors make a real impact in Lewisham, not only for young people but for the whole community as well, and it's always

a real pleasure for me to work with them. In Lewisham I am determined that we give our young people real power, which past young mayors have used excellently, and I'm sure Jacob and Lola will do just the same this year.

As Lord Ouseley, former Chair of the Commission for Racial Equality, speaking at the election put it: 'As future adults in this community, you are going to make us all very proud'.



I like to follow the news in Lewisham. Apart from reading *Lewisham Life*, how can I find out what's happening at the Council?

The Mayor says...

The Council's website is a great way to keep up to date with news from across Lewisham – www.lewisham.gov.uk. There is also the e-news bulletin, which keeps residents up to date with the work of the Mayor and Council. If you would like to subscribe to this service, all you have to do is email me at steve.bullock@lewisham.gov.uk and I will ensure that you get the next edition sent to you.

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