

Anchor's Away

Jeremy Paxman is not one to shy away from tough topics, as his recent visit to Canning Town proved. He recently became patron of homeless charity, Anchor House, which he visited earlier this month, meeting residents who shared their experiences with him.

"What struck me most was how these amazing people, who have obviously been through quite a lot in their lives, have not given up and now have huge ambitions for the future," Jeremy said.

"I think it's great. Inspiring actually ... they are addressing the root causes of their problems."

"For me the single most startling thing about homelessness is how incredibly thin the line is between a settled, ordered life and complete chaos. It can be losing your job,



Paxman meets staff and clients of Anchor House

the break-up of a relationship, a problem with drink or drugs, or sometimes just a family row."

Anchor House director Keith Fernett says the Canning Town charity is very excited to have Paxman on-board.

"He will be working with us to help raise £9.3m through our appeal to ensure our much needed work continues."

For more information or to donate online, go to www.anchorhouseuk.org

Transforming customer services

The customer services provided at Canning Town Local Service Centre (LSC) will be moving to Canning Town Library early this autumn.

The library will be fully refurbished to provide these services through enhanced self-service points where customers will be able to deal with a wide range of straight forward council transactions quickly and

easily. The library is temporarily closed while the improvements take place and is due to reopen in mid September.

The council's remaining Local Service Centres will continue to deal with enquiries that traditionally take longer or may be more complex.

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we provide the best quality and value for money for our residents.

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