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# REGENERATION NEWS

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# ALTON ESTATE REGENERATION UPDATES



## *Planning application – Local approval granted and next steps*

The Council took ownership of the planning application for the Alton regeneration in September 2020 following the departure of Redrow Homes. On 22nd October 2020, Wandsworth Council's Planning Applications

Committee approved the planning application for the masterplan to regenerate the Alton Estate and the plans will be referred to the Mayor of London for his consideration.

## LOCAL LETTINGS PLAN

### *Outlining how we allocate new build homes*

Following formal consultation at the start of 2021 with secure council tenants in the regeneration intervention area, the Council has agreed the adoption of the Local Lettings Plan (LLP). The LLP defines the priorities and procedures to be followed in assessing housing applications to ensure that there is sufficient flexibility to facilitate the timely decant of residents from their homes, as required to adhere to the phasing plan for the regeneration scheme.

An electronic copy of the LLP can be found online here:  
<https://www.altonestateregen.co.uk/news/2021/03/17/local-lettings-plan-for-the-regeneration-of-the-alton>

## PROCUREMENT

### *Getting a new partner on board*

The Council remains committed to delivering the Alton regeneration scheme. Following approval of the plan to select a new development partner, as reported in our Winter 2020 newsletter, we have carefully reviewed our options. A joint venture (or JV) partnership has been agreed. The procurement process will commence once Stage 2 approval has been received from the Greater London Authority. Updates will be communicated, once available.



## INTRODUCING JO BAXTER

### *Our new Community Engagement and Cultural Coordinator*



The Alton Regeneration Team is delighted to welcome Jo Baxter as our Community Engagement and Cultural Coordinator!

Jo joined us on 1st March from the Central Area Housing Team where she was the Resident Participation Officer. Jo will be working closely with the Roehampton community to develop our Community Engagement and Cultural Strategies into an exciting programme of events and activities. Jo says:-

*"I have worked for Wandsworth Council for over 12 years in resident engagement; predominately with Resident Associations and Housing Co-ops. I established the first community garden 11 years ago on the Spencer Park estate in Battersea. I'm also very active in my own community - I have helped organise summer festivals and I manage the Christmas market. Christmas is my favourite time of the year and, in fact, my middle name is 'Christmas'!*

*I am very familiar with the Alton estate. About six years ago I secured funding to run a 'Wish you were here' initiative across four estates in the borough - the Alton being one - and asked residents to send photos and ideas of the estate as their home. The photos were made into*

*stencils and I ran silk screen printing workshops for residents to decorate bags and postcards. I am keen to collaborate with local Roehampton artists and run different workshops for residents, whether that be mosaic designing or basket making!*

*The history of the Alton estate is well-known, and I want to shout about the area, about its wonderful greenery, and hold community events to which residents can invite their friends and families. I care deeply about environmental issues and I want to move conversations away from formal environments to meeting around a planter or on a bat walk in the evening!*

*This - working in resident community engagement - is my dream job. I want the role to be resident-driven and for me to be the enabler for it to happen.*

*I am excited to get to know the local community and to work closely with you in future. If you spot me (and my distinctive red hair!) around the estate, please stop me and say 'hi'!"*

Jo can be contacted directly, via email, at [jo.baxter@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:jo.baxter@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk).

# WITLEY POINT GRAFFITI MURAL



*Adding a pop of colour!*

The Regeneration Team commissioned local art organisation, Estate Art, to complete a graffiti mural on the wall of the newly-refurbished Multi Use Games Area at Witley Point.

The abstract block-shaped design was suggested by young users of the newly refurbished games area, including members of Chelsea Kicks; and the colour scheme was inspired by the colours of the surrounding play equipment.



## ROEHAMPTON COMMUNITY WEEK



*Monday 5th to Sunday 11th July 2021*  
*– would you like to get involved?*

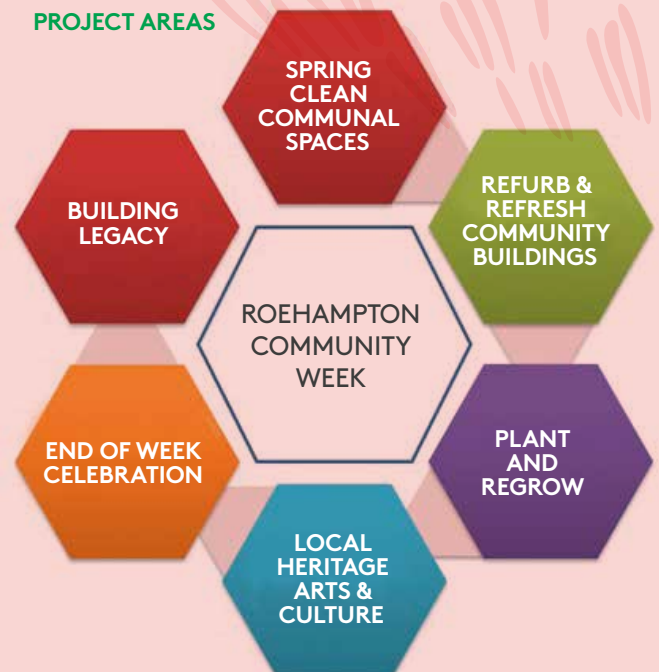
Members of the Roehampton locality are coming together to organise 'Roehampton Community Week' this summer.

If you have an idea for a project or just want to find out more, please get in touch with Jonathan Palma, the Roehampton Community Capacity Building Lead at Citizen's Advice Wandsworth on [jonathan.palma@cawandsworth.org](mailto:jonathan.palma@cawandsworth.org) or **07498 455076**. Everyone welcome!

### MISSIONS AND OBJECTIVES

- Community-led series of 'spring-clean' projects in Roehampton and West Putney Wards.
- Focus on refurbishing and refreshing communal spaces and buildings.
- Use week to act as a focal point/platform for groups to 'come together and work together.'
- Encourage further community projects throughout the year.
- Open to all, with aim to include projects in Ashburton, Doverhouse, Lennox, Woking Close, Putney Vale, and the Alton.
- Post COVID bounce-back activities.
- Potential to make annual and expand.

### PROJECT AREAS



# FRAMED: ROEHAMPTON

*Showcasing local talent, on our doorstep*

Wandsworth is rich in arts and culture and home to a thriving community of artists. Framed: is a new outdoor art project that celebrates the vibrancy and resilience of our local creative talent by exhibiting their work on shop windows and lampposts throughout the borough. Centred around the themes of new beginnings and positivity, we are excited to promote our local creativity directly on our streets.

Expect to see some original art by local Roehampton artists adorning our streets soon, including Ben Speedy, Lia Matos, Nur Ali Sheikh, Kirsten Mitchell, Chukwudi Enyiorji, Lynne Capocciana and Eliza Burton.

To find out more about the artists and similar projects happening around Wandsworth head to [wandsworthart.com](http://wandsworthart.com)



# HESTIA AGE WELL ROEHAMPTON

*Support services and activities for people aged 60+*



Hestia Age Well Roehampton have appointed a new co-ordinator, as Andrew Loxton moved on to another role back in December 2020. Jenny Bailey, formerly involved with the Hestia Enhanced Dementia Care Service in Hounslow, now holds the position.

Jenny tells us *"I am really excited about the challenge of setting up activities for older people in Roehampton and working with local people to see what can be achieved together."*

Jenny explains, whilst COVID-19 restrictions are still in place, Hestia Age Well Roehampton are offering older people aged 60+ a weekly wellbeing call in which they can offer advice or signpost sources of support. In the future, they hope to undertake doorstep visits to

meet with people in person. They also hope to offer a whole host of activities, including regular seated yoga classes, coffee mornings with guest speakers, quizzes, arts and crafts sessions plus face to face support with tablets, laptops and mobile phones.

Jenny and her team are keen to hear from local residents who would like to support the work they do. If you're aged 60+ and think you could benefit from the services and activities on offer, please contact Jacqui Clack at [jacqui.clack@hestia.org](mailto:jacqui.clack@hestia.org) (Service Manager) or Jenny Bailey at [jenny.bailey@hestia.org](mailto:jenny.bailey@hestia.org) or by telephone on **07826 779 684**.



# COMMUNITY BOXES - UPDATE



*The fantastic Roehampton Community Boxes initiative continues!*

Around 210 boxes are being distributed to local families each week. Nikki Rossner, Community Box Programme CEO, tells us *"to date we have done 8500 boxes! Our numbers have been growing steadily during this lockdown."*

The contents of the Community Boxes have included books, educational activities and stationery as well as equipment to encourage exercise. Funding has just been received to add skipping ropes in all boxes, to help promote physical activity and therefore mental wellbeing.

Nikki goes on to say *"we have had some incredible support from local faith groups and community groups - collecting donations and raising funds. Our Christmas boxes were stocked by such groups collecting a few items for us - not just Christmas treats, but also cleaning products and family vitamins."*

Nikki and her team are hoping to keep Community Boxes going long-term.



## UBUNTU MUSEUM PRESENTS...



### *Kids Recycled Art*

In an arrangement with the Regeneration Team, Jackie Mwanza and the Ubuntu Museum Team will be utilising the shop at 6 Portswood Place to run the 'Kids Recycled Art' project and showcase artwork.



The reuse and recycle arts project is for children aged 6 to 11. Collect your free recycled art kit to take home from 6 Portswood Place, Roehampton, SW15 4ED; every Saturday from 10am to 12.30pm from Saturday 20 March to Saturday 1 May 2021. The artwork will be showcased on Saturday 8 May 2021.

For more information contact: [info@ubuntumuseum.com](mailto:info@ubuntumuseum.com) or [07479711420](tel:07479711420).

## BAGS OF TASTE

*Learn a new skill, eat wholesome meals and save money!*



In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, 'Bags of Taste' (BoT) developed a free, virtual, budget cooking course, to help Wandsworth residents learn to make healthy and inexpensive meals.

### NEW PLACES ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

Following the success of the initial virtual course in Wandsworth last year, BoT now have funding for 60 more places. They can get you cooking from scratch, using only fresh ingredients. They'll teach you about food preparation, cookery skills, intelligent shopping and offer money saving advice, helping to build your confidence in the kitchen.

John Cowley, BoT Interim Branch Manager, explains some more about the 2-week programme *"the course is completely free, and we deliver all the necessary ingredients direct to participants' front doors. Mentors guide them through the recipes using WhatsApp, Facebook, email or phone. Specially trained volunteers share videos, cooking tips, and moral support while the participants make the dishes, in their own time, in their own kitchens."*

Every recipe costs less than £1 per serving, when participants buy their own ingredients, and the dishes contain at least three portions of vegetables.

Visit [www.bagsoftaste.org](http://www.bagsoftaste.org) for more information, or email [southwark@bagsoftaste.org](mailto:southwark@bagsoftaste.org).

# WANDSWORTH COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



*They can help you get your essentials during lockdown  
and transport you to your COVID-19 vaccine appointment*

As regular passengers know only too well, Wandsworth Community Transport have had to temporarily cancel their 'Shopping Shuttle' and 'Outings' due to the most recent Government restrictions.

Manuel Button, Managing Director, told us *"we are still working and if you are self-isolating and have problems getting your shopping, we can help with our home delivery service."* This service is designed for those who cannot access internet shopping or do not have someone who can shop for them.

Similarly, if you can't make your own way to your Covid-19 vaccination, they will do their best to offer transportation. Manuel advises *"looking further ahead, we hope it won't be long before we are again taking our passengers shopping and on days out to the coast and other places of interest. We have fully accessible minibuses and can provide wheelchairs, mobility scooters or a volunteer to help those with additional mobility problems."*

## AN UPDATE FROM LITTLE VILLAGE

*'A gift from one family to another'*

Helen Speedy, Roehampton Satellite Co-ordinator, has provided us with an update on the work of Little Village in the local area.

*"Whilst the latest lockdown has further delayed the opening of our satellite at Eastwood Children's Centre, we have continued to deliver kit and clothing to families with babies and children up to the age of 5 in Roehampton from our central Wandsworth base."*

Little Village has supported over 89 families with regular toiletry and nappy deliveries, distributed alongside the Roehampton Community Boxes, as well as direct deliveries of baby clothing and kit.

Between April 2020 and January 2021, 211 toiletry and nappy packs were distributed to families in Roehampton.

Helen is keen to thank supporters in and around Roehampton. She and her team are looking forward to launching the Roehampton site as soon as it is possible and to start working with the local volunteers, who they know are ready and raring to go!

*Now is the time to call us and join up (free of charge)  
so we can get ready for the summer."*

Minibuses are available to local organisations like schools, churches, sheltered housing, youth groups and more. Call to find out more and start making plans, **020 8675 7460**.

## ALT. VIBES!

*A Spring in the Step for Roehampton*



The University of Roehampton and Alton Regeneration Team have been awarded a small Research England Strategic Priorities Fund grant. These grants help address local wellbeing and COVID-19 challenges.

Due to the continued national lockdown, the live event could not proceed as planned.

Instead viewers received a virtual treat on Saturday 20th March when the free online event was broadcast on Roehampton University's dedicated YouTube channel. The event featured performances from the London Samba School and the Second Line Band from Wandsworth-based World Heartbeat Music Academy.

It also included a short samba lesson, so viewers could learn the steps and join in with the performance!

The event is still available to view on the University's YouTube channel – [youtube.com/c/RoehamptonAcUk](https://www.youtube.com/c/RoehamptonAcUk)



# COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



*An update from the NHS South West London Clinical Commissioning Group*

The COVID-19 vaccination programme is rapidly expanding across South West London. As of 10th March 2021, more than 70,768 Wandsworth residents have received their first dose. Across South West London over 370,000 people have been vaccinated, the biggest vaccination programme in NHS history.

The Head of Patient and Public Involvement and Equalities (Merton and Wandsworth), Kalu "Kaz" Obuka, tells us *"as we move forward with the COVID-19 vaccination campaign, we are keen to maintain the momentum. Recently, the NHS began inviting people aged 56-59 to come for their vaccination. People in this age group, along with older adults can book their vaccination appointment online via the National Booking Service. Making an appointment is quick and simple at [nhs.uk/covidvaccine](https://nhs.uk/covidvaccine), or by phoning 119 if you can't use the internet."*

Kaz goes on to say *"we want everyone to receive the vaccine and to take it up when they are offered it."* Kaz and his team are supporting residents to get accurate and accessible information so they can feel confident about getting the vaccine to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Recently, they delivered a session with dedicated and trusted clinicians plus the Mother and Child Welfare Association in Roehampton, reaching over 70 women, mainly from Somali backgrounds. As of early-March 2021, they have worked with local community groups to deliver 40 online COVID-19 vaccine information sessions, with over 1,700 attendees from diverse communities in Wandsworth.

## *Just for fun!*

Can you find the Alton-themed words hidden in the wordsearch below? They may appear horizontally, vertically or diagonally, and even back to front. There are 10 words to find. Answers on the back page. Good luck!

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# ALCOVE VIDEO CAREPHONE

*Using technology to help connect families, carers and communities*

Our colleagues from Adult Social Care and Public Health, along with the Council's Digital Support Team, are working with Alcove to provide vulnerable people, who have limited existing access to technology, with a simple way to make video and voice calls to family, friends and healthcare professionals.

Alcove Video Carephones are tablet devices, similar to an iPad, designed to be extremely easy to operate. Users only need to press a button to make a call to pre-configured approved contacts. It can also be used to set reminders and prompts.

*"These are used to tackle social and digital isolation and ensure that people stay connected"* explains Fortune from Adult Social Care and Public Health. They also help to minimise face-to-face contact, reducing the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

The Alcove team will provide ongoing support for Video Carephone users, to help and encourage them to make best use of their equipment.

If you or someone you know would be eligible and benefit from a Carephone, please contact:

[digitalsupport@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:digitalsupport@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)  
or call 020 8871 7707.

## WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

*Did you get them all?*

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## ALTON NEWSLETTER HAVE YOUR SAY!



The Alton Regeneration Team try to put together news and articles that we think you'd like to hear. Do you enjoy it? Is it relevant and of interest? What else would you like included?

We'd appreciate your feedback to help shape future editions.

Please send any complimentary comments or constructive criticism to our mailbox, [roehampton@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:roehampton@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk) putting 'NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK' in the subject line.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*The Alton  
Regeneration Team*

## REGENERATION TEAM



You can contact the Regeneration Team on 020 8871 6207 or at [roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk)

## YOUR WARD COUNCILLORS



Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, Wandsworth councillor surgeries are cancelled until further notice. You can contact your local councillors at:

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Cllr Claire Gilbert  
[Cllr.C.Gilbert@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.C.Gilbert@wandsworth.gov.uk)

Cllr Sue McKinney  
[Cllr.S.McKinney@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.S.McKinney@wandsworth.gov.uk)

You can also contact the  
Cabinet Member for Housing:

Cllr Kim Caddy  
[Cllr.K.Caddy@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.K.Caddy@wandsworth.gov.uk)

