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# UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR DIKERDEM



As the new Cabinet Member for Housing in a new administration, I recognise the serious responsibility to the residents of the Alton Estate that we have to improve the housing and facilities for this neighbourhood.

It is no secret that as an administration we want to try and deliver more affordable housing. But we have also made clear that it's crucial that any regeneration tackles the lack of community facilities, services and transport links to the area.

Over the summer we have paused the procurement process while we decide on any changes we might make to the scheme that fit our policy priorities. In the autumn we will outline our vision for what this looks like.

**Cllr Aydin Dikerdem**  
Cabinet Member for Housing



## POP-UP VACCINATION HUB ON THE ALTON ESTATE

*Working in partnership with South West London Clinical Commissioning Group, the Alton Regeneration Team arranged for 6 Portswood Place (also known as the Alton Arts Hub) to become a COVID-19 vaccination walk-in clinic for two days in February and March, for local residents to get their first, second or booster jabs.*

NHS staff were also on hand to answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, with no pressure to get the vaccine.

At opening time on the initial day, the first two customers attended to receive boosters to enable them to travel to countries in Europe. Martha, a resident who had partly inspired the team to suggest the pop-up, told us how much more convenient it was to get her booster whilst she popped out to the shops!

Over the two days, 14 residents dropped in to receive their jabs, which the staff said was a successful turnout in comparison to other pop-ups they had attended, particularly for the first two doses.



Vaccine staff at the Alton Arts Hub



# FONTLEY WAY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

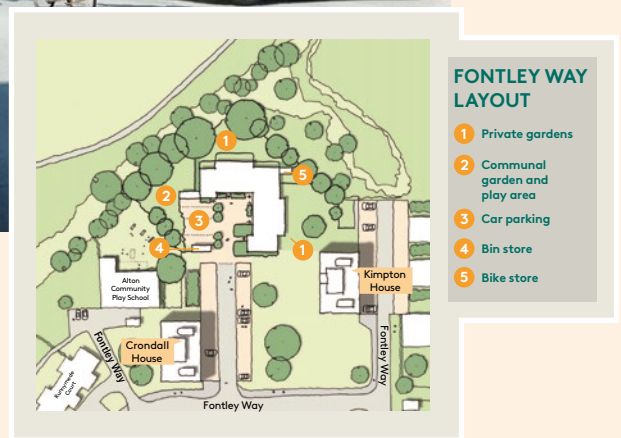
*Did you know the scheme will deliver a new residential development on Fontley Way?*

We have recently completed the statutory tender process to decide upon a construction management company to lead the build of our new homes on Fontley Way. We are delighted to announce that Stack London has been awarded the contract.

**Kevin Otchere**, from the Alton Regeneration Team, is the lead Project Officer for this venture. He explained that Stack London were selected as they have ample experience, working alongside Councils and Housing Associations, within London and the Home Counties, as well as for private clients. Stack London presented an impressive tender submission, highlighting open and honest communication as a key factor for successful delivery of a project like Fontley Way.

**Michael McCammond**, Director at Stack London, told us **“We are delighted to be working with Wandsworth to deliver much needed new affordable homes at Fontley Way. We pride ourselves on our ability to continuously exceed the expectations of our customers and we will be working closely with the Wandsworth team to satisfy the requirements of the project.”**

Talking about his team’s thoughts and aspirations for the venture, Michael explained **“Fontley Way is a cleverly designed block of maisonettes that utilises efficient floor layouts within a simple reinforced concrete block. The project has both private and shared communal spaces which will be well used by the tenants.”**



Stack London are no strangers to regeneration schemes, having led the conversion of 42 garage spaces into 12 new apartments for social housing at Surrey Street in Islington for The Hyde Group, and the redevelopment of Portland Drive in Merstham, Surrey, for Raven Housing Trust which involved the demolition of an existing block of apartments over ground floor commercial units as part of a major regeneration programme for the area.

The site of the former One O’Clock Club on Fontley Way will transform into a 14-unit development of council homes, with a mix of 3- and 4-bedroom homes. Two of these properties will be fully adapted for wheelchair users. The new homes will be allocated to secure tenants and resident leaseholders in the regeneration area.

Preliminary work has recently started on site, marking the beginning of the second residential block in the Alton regeneration scheme.

**Keep an eye on our community noticeboards, websites and Twitter page to stay up to date with Fontley Way news!**

# YOUR ALTON ARTS HUB



*Over the past year, 6 Portswood Place, formally the Juice Bar, has undergone a remarkable transformation. It has had a fresh, bright makeover and is now rebranded the 'Alton Arts Hub'.*

The space is managed by Jo Baxter, our Community Engagement and Cultural Coordinator, and is available for all sorts of arts and cultural events.

## SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The Alton Arts Hub on Portswood Place is the venue for some of our forthcoming crafting sessions during August:

### Seaside Fun -

Wednesday 3rd August,  
2.30pm – 4.00 pm

### Circus Entertainment -

Tuesday 23rd August,  
2.30pm – 4.00 pm

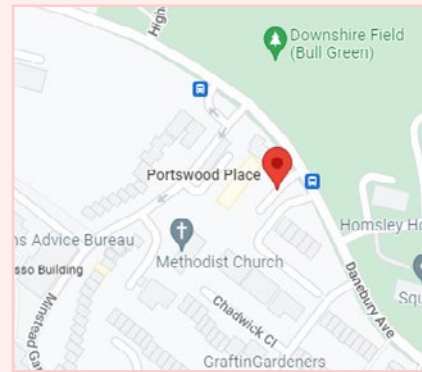
As usual, no booking required, just turn up to join in the fun!

If you would like further details or to host an event at the Alton Arts Hub, please email [jo.baxter@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:jo.baxter@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)

Also keep an eye on our community noticeboards, websites and Twitter page for more information.



FROM  
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# WHAT'S GOING ON? ASK AT THE INFORMATION STALL...



*Almost every Friday afternoon, Jo Baxter, our Community Engagement and Cultural Coordinator, plus a fabulous group of volunteers, run a weekly information stall. They give out flyers and leaflets about events and activities taking place in Roehampton, from a wide range of organisations and providers.*

You can find them at the top of Danebury Avenue between 2pm and 4pm on a Friday. Do drop by to find out what's going on and to say hello. You can also find out more about the Alton Estate Regeneration.

If you would like to join Jo and the team as a volunteer on the stall, please email [jo.baxter@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:jo.baxter@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)



(From left to right) Val, Vicky, Jo and Michele

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Keep an eye on our community noticeboards, websites and Twitter page for information on upcoming events and activities, including:*

### KEEP ON RUNNING... OR WALKING... OR SCOOTERING!

Due to popular demand 'Run, Walk, Scoot' returns to the estate on Sunday 14th August, this time with a Platinum Jubilee theme.

Which non-motorised way will you use to get around the estate, collecting stamps at key points along the course? A great opportunity to rediscover areas you might not normally pass, meet likeminded folks and say hello to the Alton Regeneration Team.

There will be two aptly named routes this year. The Queen route, which is the shorter version, taking in all the Community Halls. The other, the Elizabeth route, includes Heathmere and Alton schools.

Entrants can start where they wish but everyone finishes at the Pop-Up Outdoor Gallery on Danebury Avenue. Entrants can start anytime from 12-noon and finish by 2pm.

Everybody who completes one of the two routes will be presented with a special Jubilee medal, to mark their achievement.



**JUBILEE RUN, WALK, SCOOT**  
Sunday 14th August 2022  
12 noon - 2pm

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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT QUARTERLY ROUND UP:

Over the past months the Alton Regeneration team have been involved with a full and varied programme of events and activities on the Alton estate, including:

## I FEEL IT IN MY FINGERS, I FEEL IT IN MY TOES... LOVE IS AL-TON AROUND

For Valentine's Day this year the Alton Regeneration Team hosted 'Love is Al-ton Around', a festival of love in the community. Residents were invited to leave a message for someone they love, be that a partner, friend, relative, a lost loved one or even their pet.

People added messages to wooden hearts and cardboard tags, decorated them by hand and hung them on a love line, at the top of Danebury Avenue as a declaration of their love and appreciation, for all to see.

The entire Roehampton Library team joined in, plus passers-by with Valentines flowers, and families with children on half term holidays. Each added notes of love, acceptance and optimism.

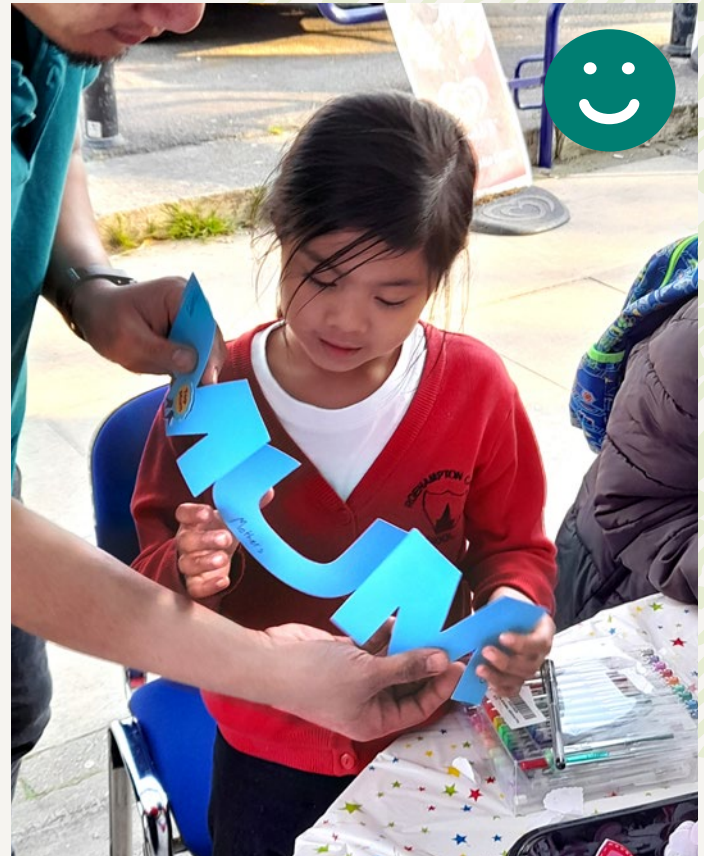
One local contributor told us it was **"My absolute joy and pleasure and thank you for giving us space to express love"** with another commenting **"Thank you for this amazing opportunity to share our love with our loved ones!"**



## THANK YOU MUM AND DAD!

A beautiful, bright, spring afternoon in late March, beneath the gazebo at the Alton Arts Hub, was the setting for our Mother's Day crafting event. Children enjoyed decorating cards as a token of thanks and recognition to their Mum, Grandmother, Auntie, or indeed, any valued motherly figure in their lives.

Stickers were stuck, gems were applied and lots of fun was had. Accompanying mothers were asked to turn their backs while the children created their masterpieces, so as not to spoil the surprise on Mothering Sunday.



A similar event for all beloved Dads and father figures was held in mid-June to celebrate Father's Day. The sun shone as the little ones and parents alike got busy decorating cards and immortalising their papa in a wooden, person-shaped keyring.

One lucky recipient even told the team at another event just how thrilled he was with his fabulous, hand-embellished card from his son.



## ROEHAMPTON WOMEN'S NETWORK'S WOMEN ON STAGE

To mark International Women's Day 2022, in early March, there was an evening of celebration at the Alton Community Hall on Bessborough Road. Roehampton Women's Network and the Alton Regeneration Team joined forces to present their 'Women on Stage' event, an evening of spoken word, song, and dance by inspirational women of Roehampton.

Local females were there, treating attendees to some wonderful entertainment, including Claire, an opera singer and Orode, who read a self-penned folk story. We also heard from Jasmine Beverley, telling us her emotional account of surviving domestic violence and launching her book 'The Unseen Veil' about her story.

In keeping with the international theme, guests feasted on Caribbean, Filipino and Indian buffet food and children were encouraged to wear clothing inspired by a country of their choice. It was a very positive, moving and heart-warming occasion.

An International Women's Day exhibit was also on display at the undercroft on Danebury Avenue, featuring quotes and biographies to celebrate the lives of notable women throughout history, including those in the Suffragette Movement.





Tony, Jo and Val host the Autism pop-up



## AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK

To mark Autism Acceptance Week from 28th March to 3rd April, Jo from the Alton Regeneration Team and dedicated volunteer Tony, who received an Autism diagnosis later in life, created a community wall in the undercroft next to the Pop-Up Outdoor Gallery on Danebury Avenue.

The wall contained thought-provoking posters featuring quotes and artwork, plus a list of national and local support services available to those affected by Autism. It also highlighted famous people with Autism and information about some of the difficulties faced by Autistic people.

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. One in 100 people are on the Autism spectrum and there are around 700,000 Autistic adults and children in the UK.

For further information, visit the National Autistic Society website [autism.org.uk](http://autism.org.uk) or contact Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service (WAAS) [autismadvisory@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:autismadvisory@wandsworth.gov.uk)

## YOU'LL BE THE GRANDEST PERSON IN THE EASTER PARADE!

The Alton Arts Hub on Portswood Place was transformed into a sunny, al-fresco bonnet-making workshop back in mid-April.

Enthusiastic families came along, and the children decorated plain hats with a whole host of Easter themed embellishments. There were bunnies, eggs and spring flowers a plenty, plus Easter wreaths and colouring-in.



Building bonny bonnets and wreaths



# EGG-CITEMENT AND HOPPINESS AT THE EGG-TASTIC PARTY!

Roehampton Public Library was the venue for the biggest event of the year (so far!), as together we hosted the 2022 Egg-Tastic Easter Party!

Around 250 children attended, along with their parents/guardians, across the morning and afternoon sessions.

Roehampton Library created a fantastic Easter egg scavenger hunt, where age-appropriate clues were provided to guide kids to hidden goodies around the library, as well as recommending the perfect book to read over the holidays.

Exquisite seasonal face painting was provided by the talented local artist, Alejandra. This was very popular, with almost every child coming away adorned with a wonderfully colourful, glittery piece of artwork.

Jo, Suzie and Antonia from the Alton Regeneration Team enjoyed pom-pom animal crafting and sunflower seed planting with a constant stream of excited youngsters, keen to get creative. Seed bombs were given out to participants to sprinkle into containers or open ground. Mother Nature will water them regularly and germinate seeds when the right conditions arrive. Keep an eye out for the wildflowers popping up across the estate soon!



Top hats



Pom-pom animal crafting



Amazing face art



On the hunt



## ZIPPIN' UP MY BOOTS, GOING BACK TO MY YOUTH

At the Over 55's Black History Month event last October residents told us they wanted to hear more of the music of their generation. As a result, the Alton Regeneration Team enlisted the help of 'DJ Decades' to play motown, rock, reggae and soul music from the 50s, 60s and 70s, and the guests rocked it!!! The karaoke kit, kindly funded via Roehampton Community Week, got its first outing! The 'Back To My Youth' event was attended by residents from all over the estate and their friends from further afield.

We received some fantastic feedback. One happy attendee told us "the two ladies that I brought just loved it and asked me to pass on their appreciation to all the team for a really well organised and well run event. The music was just right and the crowd so friendly and fun loving. Thanks for making us feel so welcome". High praise indeed!

For information about more Over 55's events this summer, please contact [jo.baxter@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:jo.baxter@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk) or call [07974586335](tel:07974586335).



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MA'AM!

In celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's 70 years of service, we ran Platinum Jubilee crafting at The Alton Arts Hub on 30th and 31st May.

The beginning of the Jubilee celebrations also coincided with school holidays, so the Alton Regeneration Team hosted plenty for everyone to do!

With crowns to decorate, charm bracelets to thread, trinket boxes to adorn and bunting and flags flying, our

Jubilee crafting afternoons were right Royal occasions.

After all that creativity, we headed outdoors for some gardening, planting red, white and blue crocus corns along Harbridge Avenue. Please remember to water and weed them and they should appear in September! Please look out for similar 'Roehampton Rewilding' projects over the coming months, details will be posted on our Twitter pages and the estate noticeboards.



## A MESSAGE TO OUR QUEEN

The Alton Regeneration Team was delighted to support Estate Art's special Jubilee installation, entitled "A Message to Our Queen".

People were invited to write a message on a wooden heart that was then attached to a beautiful, contemporary portrait of Elizabeth II. You will find this delightful tribute beneath the undercroft, at the top of Danebury Avenue. Thank you to Wandsworth Council's Jubilee Fund for financially backing this project.



# COMMEMORATIVE PAVING STONE

A very special paving slab has been set in the footpath along Portswood Place, opposite Downshire Field, to honour The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The unveiling event, on 23rd June, saw crowds gather to enjoy a glass of fizz and a slice of cake (specially crafted by Donna's Sweetlife cakemakers) in the sunshine, to toast our cherished monarch and her commitment to the country over the past 70 years, accompanied by an apt pomp and circumstance soundtrack.

Special guests were the Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor Jeremy Ambache, The Reverend Joshua Rey, Vicar of Holy Trinity Church Roehampton, and volunteer Sandra, who kindly made the marvellous strings of bunting hung along Portswood Place.



# A RIGHT ROYAL KNEES UP!

"A Right Royal Knees Up" was the name of our Over 55's Jubilee party, and it definitely lived up to that. No one wanted to go home!! The party was hosed jointly by the Alton Sheltered Housing Officers and the Alton Regeneration Team. It attracted patrons from Roehampton and beyond. Of course, a buffet fit for a Queen was laid on alongside live music and dancing.

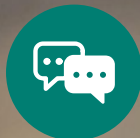


## HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

On 21st June, the Alton Regeneration Team in collaboration with local community arts group, Estate Art, launched the second exhibition at the Alton Outdoor Gallery, on the site of the former Co-op block on Danebury Avenue. Anna Singleton, the Head of Alton Regeneration, took to the mic and declared the 'Home is where the heART is!' display open.

Lynne Capocciana, the founder of Estate Art, was the brainchild behind the latest project. Lynne rescued old wooden doors from a large house renovation. Instead of the doors going to land fill, they were delivered to nearby schools and youth groups where young people turned them into artistic masterpieces, by painting them with their interpretation of 'home'. We received funding from the Council's Art Team, as part of Wandsworth Arts Fringe, to bring the installation to fruition and to celebrate its opening.

There was a party vibe at the launch event, with summer sounds played by DJ Lance and refreshments and sweet treats provided by Waitrose. There was even an ice cream van on site, dishing 99's out to everyone!



## I WAS A POET AND DIDN'T KNOW IT

On 17th June, Lost Souls Poetry group utilised the Alton Arts Hub for the evening as part of their borough-wide Wandsworth Arts Fringe tour. Attendees enjoyed a night of poetry and spoken word. Everyone loved the space and hope to be back soon.

Lost Souls can be found on the last Thursday of every month, at Exhibit Bar in Balham, 7pm until 9pm. For information, visit [www.designmynight.com/london/bars/balham/the-exhibit/lost-souls-poetry-open-mic](http://www.designmynight.com/london/bars/balham/the-exhibit/lost-souls-poetry-open-mic)

## JUMP 'N MOVE 'N PAINT

Another Wandsworth Arts Fringe event in Roehampton was brought to us by talented artist Sol Golden Sato. His liberating arts project 'Happy Feet' involved a 38-metre-long blank canvas, laid out on Downshire Field (The Bull Green). Locals were invited to dip their feet into paint and dance to the DJ, creating a unique piece of art. With the encouragement of supervising adults, the kids literally threw themselves into the task, with as much paint on them as on the canvas! It was a super fun filled afternoon and perhaps should be renamed 'Happy Feet, Hands, Arms, Legs, Bottoms, Tummies..!'

The artwork will go on display on the estate as a reminder that sometimes it is great to just let loose!



Aerial View of Happy Feet canvas

# THOUGHTS FROM REVEREND REY



*During the Wandsworth Arts Fringe 2022, Holy Trinity Church, Roehampton, hosted a very special musical evening for the community. We asked the Vicar, The Reverend Joshua Rey, for his thoughts on the role of the Church in the community.*

**"2020, with the pandemic swirling, was just the right moment to be inducted as the eleventh Vicar of Roehampton. What better time to be commissioned to proclaim a message of hope? For that is what the Church is for: to open the doors, turn on the lights, and speak of indestructible hope.**

Of course, the Church of England is rooted in the soil, so this has a practical reality. Holy Trinity Church has been a community asset for Roehampton since it was built in 1898 and this year we host, inter alia, pop-up vaccination clinics, a hustling, public meetings, a polling station, and tap dance lessons.

On Ponsonby Road, the largest and most beautiful indoor space in the parish - the spire - now lit at night, can be seen miles away. Come on in. As well as the main weekly service on Sundays at 10am, there's Morning and Evening Prayer Monday to Friday at 7.30am and 5.30pm. I live in the Vicarage just over the road.

And if you have a vision for a good community use of the building, please share it. I am particularly interested in projects that bring together different segments of our sometimes-fragmented community.

Of course, though, when you come in and look toward the East you see a reminder that the building is not the Church. It is simply the place where the Church meets: all of us, living and gone to glory,



who for two thousand years have gathered round the table to which Jesus Christ welcomes us.

That is why we seek to serve and unite the community in which we are set. And that is the foundation of the hope we speak of. God came into the world to bring us back to himself; the light that is brighter than the darkness is dark. All are welcome!"



# QUEEN OF THE NIGHT! ROEHAMPTON AT THE OPERA

On 21st June, we spent a beautiful midsummer's night in the serene surrounds of Holy Trinity Church, enjoying a stunning performance by talented local soprano Claire Doran and renowned pianist Kathron Sturrock. The Reverend Joshua Rey and the Regeneration Team hosted the evening, which saw the duo perform a full and varied programme of 11 musical pieces, from classical composers including Handel and Puccini to 'I bought me a cat', a song by Aaron Copland. What a wonderful way to celebrate the summer solstice!





## ROEHAMPTON'S MOBILE HUB



*Roehampton University, the Alton Regeneration Team and Citizens Advice Wandsworth recently collaborated on a pitch, loosely termed 'communiversality', to bid for money from a Greater London Authority grant to help local communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.*

The group is working with Fabric-Space, an architectural practice with extensive experience in community-building work, on the project now referred to as 'The Mobile Hub'.

The communiversality team will, in the first instance, consult with residents to find out what initiatives they would like to see and then create mobile community hubs dependant on the results. These

mobile hubs will be known as 'Strange Attractors' because they won't be what people are expecting! An example of a Strange Attractor could be a mobile cinema attached to a bike that could pop up anywhere projecting films onto walls, or it could be a story walk that weaves itself through the estate, inviting people to join. Each 'attractor' will harness the skills and strengths of the community.

The communiversality team were on hand to chat to residents at the library during the Easter Egg-tastic event. Residents were asked to design models or draw what they imagined a Strange Attractor to be.

**Watch this space for updates on the Mobile Hub!**

## A BUG'S LIFE

*Jo from Alton Regeneration and her namesake Jo, the Chair of Winchfield House Residents Association (RA), installed some gorgeous bug hotels, specially crafted by the Roehampton Community Shed team.*

Look out for this new insect accommodation and its guests in the trees along Harbridge Avenue.

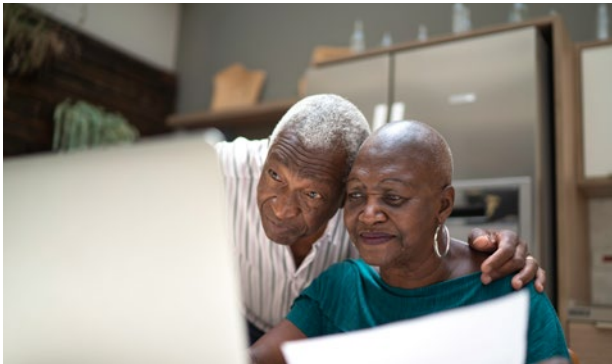
If you would like to find out if there is an RA in your block or for details on how to set one up, contact your Resident Participation Officer at [sarah.stevens@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.stevens@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)



# HESTIA NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

*There's a whole host of events and activities going on this summer, thanks to our friends at Age Well Roehampton and Hestia Housing & Support.*

**MEMBERSHIP IS FREE AND OPEN TO ROEHAMPTON RESIDENTS AGED 55+. THERE'S A PACKED SCHEDULE, INCLUDING:**



**Silver Surfers' technical support sessions**, to help you navigate your computer or smartphone, Monday, 1pm to 3pm at Minstead Gardens Sheltered Housing Clubroom. You must book in advance.

**Creative writing**, every Tuesday morning at Minstead Gardens Sheltered Housing Clubroom. No experience needed, just bring a note pad and pen.

**Monthly leisurely walks**, held on the first Tuesday of the month. Meet at 1pm meeting at Roehampton Library.

**Monthly quiz and tea**, held on the second Tuesday of every month. Come and join Phil Evison, experienced quiz master, for this fun and sociable event. Tea served from 1.30pm, quiz starts at 2pm until 3pm at Minstead Gardens Sheltered Housing Clubroom.

**Make and Mend, Stitch and Sew plus card making, calligraphy, painting, jewellery crafting.** Bring anything that needs fixing or jazzing up! Every Wednesday morning from 10.30am. £1.00 entry includes tea and biscuits at Grosse Way Club Room, off Putney Heath, **020 8788 9381**.

**Weekly Chair Yoga** with Lisa Jane on Thursday's, 10am or 11.15am Minstead Gardens Sheltered Housing Clubroom. Friday's, 10am to 11am at Manresa Sheltered Housing Clubroom. First taster session free, then £4.00 per class.

**Footcare for the Over 55's** in Roehampton takes place on the first Thursday of each month, between 11am and 2pm at the Methodist Church Hall and Minstead Gardens. Basic chiropody services start from £20.00.

**Intergenerational play reading sessions**, every Monday evening, between 5-7pm from July 2022, at Roehampton Library. All ages welcome, with complimentary tea and coffee available.

For information about any of the activities, please contact **Jenny Bailey**, Age Well (Roehampton) Coordinator, on **07826 779 684** or email [jenny.bailey@hestia.org](mailto:jenny.bailey@hestia.org)

## TELL US WHAT YOU WANT, WHAT YOU REALLY, REALLY WANT...

*The Alton Regeneration Team hosted many events in 2021 and we are keen to hear what you enjoyed and what you'd like to see more of.*

Since January, we've been gauging opinions by handing out surveys for folk to complete. These have been distributed at The Base Youth Club, Over 60's Café, the weekly information stall and during the various events we've put on. To date we have received over 120 completed surveys and have been very encouraged by the results, which confirm that you already really like what we are doing!

Gardening and Nature activities, such as planting and seed bomb making, have proved popular with 57% of respondents selecting these as their favourite events.

46% of people want to see more environmental and recycling themed pursuits. Overall, events within the Art and Culture section scored the highest, with 71%

of respondents wanting more arts and crafts. 49% of people asked for live theatre and 46% said they'd enjoyed and wanted to see more art installations. Within the Sports and Leisure category, 55% wanted to see the team run another Run, Walk, Scoot mini marathon.

To help shape the future of our engagement events programme, please detach and complete the page overleaf and return it to the Alton Regeneration Team. You can drop it into Alton Parish Hall, the weekly Information Stall or send a scanned copy via email to [roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk)

*Have your say...*

**complete the questionnaire overleaf**



# YOUR VIEWS MATTER – HELP SHAPE THE ACTIVITIES ON THE ALTON IN 2022

The Alton Regeneration Team hosted many events in 2021 and we would really like to hear what you enjoyed and what you would like to see more of.

Below is a list of activities we delivered or are considering delivering this year.

Please tick all those activities you enjoyed or would like to attend. At the bottom is a space for you to add your own ideas.

## GARDENING & NATURE

Planting Activities/Seed Bomb Making

Bug/Bee Hotel Making/Decorating

Scavenger Hunts

Environmental/Recycling Themed Events

Other

## ARTS & CULTURE

Arts/Craft Activities for Families/Adults

Art Installations including the Outdoor Art Gallery

Dance Workshops

Live Theatre for Families/Adults

History Talks/Walks

National/International celebrations i.e.

Black History Month, Pride

Learning to Cook World Cuisine

Other

## SPORTS & LEISURE

Exercise Classes. Please specify which particular class you would like to see

Run, Walk, Scoot Mini Fun Marathon

Team Sports. Please specify which particular sport you would like to see

Healthy Eating Classes

Coffee Mornings

Other

## OVER TO YOU

Please use this space to tell us about any other activities you would like us to put on.

If you would like to volunteer to help at events, please tick the volunteer box.

I would like to volunteer to help at events.

Please let us know if you have a particular interest or skill you would like to share.

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Please provide your email details and phone number if you would like to be notified of events, activities, and Regeneration news. If you provide your phone number, you will receive text alerts.

Email address

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Please tick

Please keep me informed about events & activities

Please send me Regeneration updates

**ALL TOGETHER NOW**





# MEET OUR LOCAL EARLY YEARS PARENT CHAMPION!

*Wandsworth Early Years Parent Champions work across the borough to spread information about services available to local families.*

These parent volunteers give some of their time to chat to other parents and share their experiences in an informal way. They go out to community venues, playgroups and events to talk about local early years services, including information on their eligibility to funded Early Education and the wide range of support available at the borough's children's centres, such as targeted play sessions, health visitors, speech and language therapies and mental health support.

We spoke to **Hayley-Marie Bond**, our local Parent Champion in Roehampton, who was one of the original group of six Parent Champions across the borough to be trained and receive certificates at the start of this year.

## HAYLEY, TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY!

I am Hayley; mother of three children aged ten, four, and one. We have lived in Roehampton for 11 years. As a family we really enjoy the beauty of the area's green spaces and proximity to Richmond Park. Additionally, the area works for us because we have access to the local children's centres and youth centres.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PARENT CHAMPION?

A Parent Champion is just a fancy title to encompass the everyday interactions that most of us parents have with each other! The little chats of advice, the boost in confidence, sharing play ideas, talking about new playgroups we have found, discussing work and childcare, etc.

We are volunteers for Wandsworth Council who just want to encourage and help other parents connect with their council and local early years services. We especially want to encourage parents to look into their entitlement to childcare funding if they have children aged two, three and four, and the Healthy Start Scheme.

My role is to just spread 'the word'. This can be done in a way that is manageable around my personal commitments. We also have our 'work' phone numbers, so we are contactable to parents at suitable times. As parent champions we are not professionals, we are just parents wanting to ensure that other parents are making connections and accessing all that they can when it comes to the play, learning and development services available to them from the council and local community.

The Parent Champion scheme also provides us with relevant and ongoing training, including safeguarding and first aid. Plus, I have regular check-ins with my manager where we share relevant information through a really flexible and laid-back interaction.

## WHY DID YOU VOLUNTEER FOR THE ROLE?

I signed up to this role because of passion - I really enjoy speaking to other parents and their children and just helping. Every child and family matters, and I felt this role, along with the council's aim, really does encompass that.

Also, as a full-time parent it was a way to feel connected to a work environment without having the pressure of work commitments, whilst raising my family. The scheme just works really well around my family life and offers the benefit of access to training that may help me with other areas in the future.

The team that we currently have is so amazing. We all support each other, we meet for catchups to discuss anything that we feel needs attention, and in general it's just a great opportunity to work with likeminded people in a community that I love.

## WHY ARE LOCAL PARENT CHAMPIONS NEEDED?

I feel like the Parent Champion role really is needed. Sometimes it's daunting to ask for help or it can be overwhelming to get information from professional services. A Parent Champion is there purely as a fellow parent. We act as a 'middleperson' and this can be really beneficial to some families that need help making initial engagements with relevant services.

## WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO APPLY TO BE A PARENT CHAMPION?

If you feel like you can help other parents, you love to support your community, or you just feel like you can bring some charisma to the service, then signing up is something you should do! The role really does work around you and your family life. Plus, it's a great team to be a part of!

**"Let's together build a community and make sure all children in Wandsworth get the best start."**

If you know of, or are, a parent of a child under five and interested in the opportunity to be part of something new and exciting - maybe as a step back into work or just to give something back to the community - or would just like to hear more about this project, then contact Parent Champion Co-ordinator, **Carol Bennett**, on **020 8871 8356** or email [carol.bennett@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:carol.bennett@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)

Despite having been set up only a year ago, the scheme was awarded two top awards for Coordinator and Scheme of the Year at the Coram Family and Childcare National Awards 2022.

# NIGHT TIME



# OUR TIME

A Night Time Strategy for Wandsworth



## NIGHT-TIME STRATEGY FOR WANDSWORTH BOROUGH

*Wandsworth Council is developing a new Night Time Strategy to help understand how we can make the night time a better experience for everyone living, working, and visiting the borough.*

*And this includes Roehampton!*

From celebration and entertainment, work and rest, safety, and enjoyment of public spaces, the strategy will look at a wide range of issues and solutions. This includes ways we can improve our places through better design, lighting and transport at night. The findings will be used to support our town and local centres, as well as businesses, to make sure they are vibrant, resilient and safe.

Nightlife is an important part of London as a city, but our purpose for this strategy is much wider. We want to understand how things change after dark and identify services that could be provided or improved, like later opening shops, restaurants and laundrettes.

We know everyone spends their time in different ways, so we will be looking at the evening (from 6pm until midnight) and late night (from midnight until 6am).

The strategy will focus on supporting all users of public space at night, including women, non-binary people and night-time workers.

For more information:

Visit the website: [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/business-and-licensing/town-centres/night-time-strategy](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/business-and-licensing/town-centres/night-time-strategy)

Email us: [nts@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:nts@wandsworth.gov.uk)



## NEWS FROM THE WESTERN AREA TEAM



### UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

*The Western Area Housing Team is pleased to welcome the new Area Housing Manager, Mark Hickey, following the retirement of Danny Edwards in June.*

Mark will probably be a familiar face to many of you, as he worked as the Deputy Estate Services Manager for many years before transferring more recently to become the Deputy Area Housing Manager in the Southern Area Housing Team. Mark began his career in Wandsworth as an Estate Manager in the Western Area Housing Team and is very much looking forward to returning to the team.

Mark was born and bred in the borough so is very familiar with Wandsworth. He is a History graduate who also has a Master's Degree in Public Policy from King's College London.

Mark has a passion for working with people and is excited for the challenges of his new role.



# MEET THE REGENERATION TEAM!

*You will see the team out and about on the Alton estate and at events, including on the information stall, so we'd like to introduce you properly.*

We'll feature one team member in each newsletter edition. And first up is our one and only, Kevin.

**"Hi there! I'm Kevin Otchere, Project Officer for the Alton Regeneration Team. I'm currently working on the 14 unit development on Fontley Way! I work closely with the construction company Stack London.**

**I've worked for Wandsworth Council since July 2012, having started as Administration Officer for the Southern Area Housing Team. I have been part of the Alton Regeneration Team since 2019.**

**I love jazz music, cooking and watching animated movies. My colleagues would describe me as bubbly as I like to keep upbeat and to always look on the bright side of life!**

**Please do say hello, should you see me around the estate. You will probably see me on Fontley Way inspecting the construction with my hard hat on!"**



## *Just for fun!*

Can you find the 15 summery words, hidden in the word search below? Answers on the back page - good luck!



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- OUTDOORS
- SWIMMING
- SHORTS
- GAMES
- SUNSHINE
- FLOURISH
- BARBECUE
- HAPPY
- FESTIVAL
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- BIRDS
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# SPEAK TO THE REGENERATION TEAM, IN PERSON!

Have you any questions or queries about the Alton regeneration? Do you have any forms or documentation you need to submit? If so, a member of the team will be available at the Roehampton Parish Hall on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, between 10am and 4pm. Just pop along to the office, shared with our colleagues from the Western Area Housing Team, and ask to speak to one of the regen' gang. We'll be happy to help.

## How did you do?



### Sign up to receive text alerts

Our text message distribution list will enable residents to receive news and event information relating to the Alton Regeneration quickly and directly.

If you are interested in signing up to receive our text alerts, please call or text **020 8871 6207** or email us at [roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk) with your name, address, mobile phone number and the phrase / subject line 'Alton text alerts', and we will add you to our SMS distribution list.



### 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@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk) putting 'NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK' in the subject line.

Or call us on **020 8871 6207**

We look forward to hearing from you.

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### Regeneration Team



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