



NEWS ABOUT THE REGENERATION OF SOUTH ACTON

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Welcome to the twenty eighth edition of the Acton Gardens newsletter. Here you'll find updates to keep you involved and informed throughout the regeneration of South Acton.

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

We are pleased to confirm that construction work has now recommenced at Acton Gardens. All teams remain available via phone and email.

We'd like to thank you for your continued understanding throughout this difficult time and would like to reassure you that we will continue to work in line with government guidance.

If you have any questions relating to coronavirus or our building sites reopening, please contact us using the details at the back of this newsletter.

PHASING UPDATE

Phase 6.1 (Central Square)

Phase 6.1 is fully built and occupied. The youth centre and community centre, which both form part of the phase, have been put to excellent use during the pandemic crisis. They have been used as an emergency food hub for local people, providing free hot meals to residents and art packs and educational worksheets for children.

It has been confirmed that the flex unit will be occupied by a barber and we are still looking for the right tenants to occupy the café unit.

Phase 6.2 (Hawthorn)

This phase will provide a further 160 new homes, featuring a podium courtyard design. Works have begun on upgrading Bollo Bridge Road and creating new parking bays, as well as a new footpath which will be constructed along this elevation of the project.

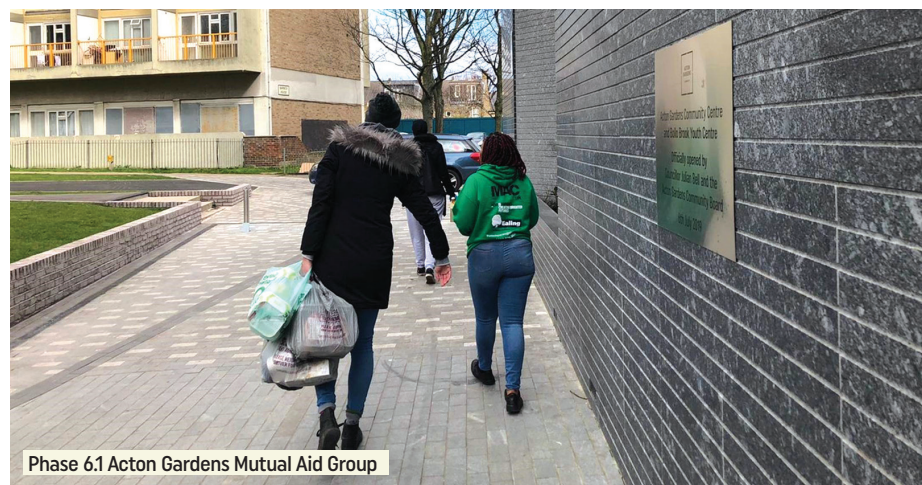
The old Osbourne Road is currently being reconstructed. This new road will run along the new Bollo Bridge park and provide residents with access to their parking facilities.

The scaffolding around the last block has begun to be dismantled and is likely to be completely gone by the end of Summer. We hope to see the first new residents moving in over August.

Phase 7.1 (Boreal)

Phase 7.1 is made up of 246 new homes and is progressing well. Habington House and Tolkien House are now fully occupied. Davenant Way and Rossetti Avenue are now complete, providing two improved streets. The final two blocks are due for completion in Summer 2020.

A public consultation for the upgrade of Mill Hill Park, led by Ealing Council's Parks department took place in January 2020. We anticipate that further works will be done to the park towards the end of the year.



Phase 6.1 Acton Gardens Mutual Aid Group



Phase 6.2 (Hawthorn)



Phase 7.1 (Boreal)



Phase 9.1 (Lindley) Completed

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Located on the corner of Bollo Lane and Enfield Road, phase 9.1 delivered 68 new homes. The new building completed in January 2020 and is now fully occupied.

Phase 9.2 (Lindley)

Phase 9.2 secured planning permission in December 2018 for 203 new homes, set around a raised podium garden, together with a small new commercial unit at ground floor overlooking West Park. Construction is progressing well, and the podium and roof slab have now been cast. Brickwork and windows have started to be installed on the exterior of the building and both new roads have been formed.

Phase 9.4

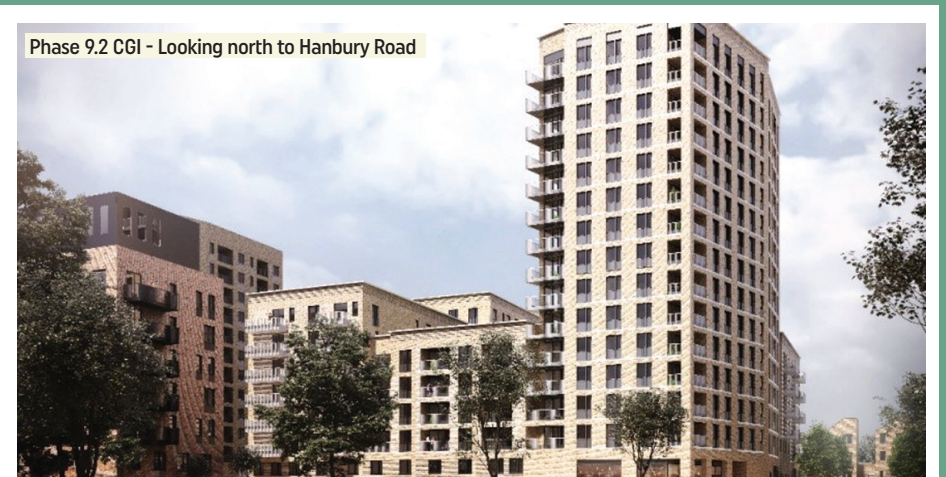
Phase 9.4 was granted planning permission for 209 new homes on 18th September 2019. The phase is situated on the southern corner of Enfield Road and Bollo Lane. After a brief period of demolition works being put on hold due to coronavirus, they have now recommenced. Full construction is on track to start in October 2020.

Phase 8.1 and 8.2

A planning application for phase 8.1 and 8.2 was submitted in December 2019 and has recently acquired consent on 17 June 2020.

Phase 8.1 and 8.2 will deliver 336 new homes combined, with 161 in phase 8.1 and 175 in phase 8.2. Phase 8.2 will commence first, and construction works are currently expected to start at the beginning of next year.

Phase 8.2 is located to the east of Central Plaza on the site of Barwick House, Carisbrooke Court, the South Acton Working Men's Club and Brouncker Road. Phases 8.2 will begin construction of the new road which will eventually connect Trafford Road to Avenue Road. Phase 8.1 will follow phase 8.2 and will provide a courtyard block style podium. Phase 8.1 is located on the site of Ludlow Court and Carisbrooke Court.



Phase 9.2 CGI - Looking north to Hanbury Road



Phase 9.4 CGI



Phase 8.1 - Looking north from Avenue Road



Phase 8.2 - Looking East from Central Plaza

COMMUNITY CHEST

About the Community Chest

Acton Gardens is committed to supporting the vibrant and thriving local community. That's why we've set aside a funding pot to support community activities throughout the regeneration of South Acton.

Each year, £50,000 is made available for local groups to apply for, with up to £5,000 offered per project. To date, we've funded over 100 projects, including sports, education, culture, music, community days, horticulture and arts.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The Community Chest is still very much open in spite of coronavirus. We've contacted all our existing providers and updated the Acton Gardens website to let previous providers and future applicants know. We are looking for digital and socially distanced projects that will support residents through the lockdown.

There is currently no deadline so we will review applications as they are received.

For more information about the Community Chest and how to apply, please go to: www.youractongardens.co.uk/community-chest and click on 'Acton Gardens Community Chest guidance for applicants'.

Projects in action



Community Chest projects in action

The Acton Gardens Community Chest has funded a variety of projects to support residents and local communities. Here are a couple of stories from recent projects that have been working with local children and young people.



Therapeutic art sessions with Berrymede Junior school

The Acton Gardens Community Chest funding supported weekly 1-2-1 and group therapeutic based art sessions for children from Berrymede Junior school in 2019.

The project supported children facing difficult circumstances and offered them the opportunity to process their feelings. Their engagement with art encouraged self-expression and helped alleviate emotional distress.

After attending many children showed positive results. They had increased levels of concentration, self-esteem, academic attainment and positive peer and teacher relationships.

The project proved so successful that the Community Chest approved a further application to continue the therapeutic art sessions for the next school year.



Feed Me Good

Feed Me Good ran a series of healthy cooking sessions in 2019 at the Bollo Brook Youth Centre for local young people. A total of 20 participants ranging from 12 to 20 from South Acton and Acton Gardens attended these sessions to learn more about making healthy food choices.

The sessions educated participants about food labelling, eating healthily on a budget and creating delicious dishes that they could be proud of. Participants also learnt how to source foods from other establishments such as markets, local butchers, fishmongers and greengrocers and the importance of buying in season. The dishes that were particularly popular were:

- Gourmet Burgers with tomato chilli jam and Halloumi cheese
- Homemade Jerk Chicken and Festival
- Vietnamese Bun Cha (Meatballs with rice noodles, salad)
- Korean Fried Chicken
- Apple and Blackberry Pie

Zak, one of the participants who took part in the project said, "Seeing the ingredients and tasting the end results made me feel so proud to be a part of the process, Feed Me Good taught us life skills but they showed us how to make something out of nothing, that was the biggest lesson for me".





ACTON GARDENS COMMUNITY BOARD

On 15 June 2020, Community Board members attended the first online Acton Gardens Community Board meeting in line with government guidance.

Board members discussed what will happen on site now construction has recommenced. Members also received updates from the youth centre and the community centre on their response to the pandemic.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all Board Members for their ongoing support and participation through these uncertain times.

The next Community Board meeting is taking place on 21 September 2020. For more information please visit the Community Board page on our website.

BIG LOCAL EVENT

In March, Board members were invited to attend a Big Local event focusing on housing and regeneration. As part of the event, the Acton Gardens team gave a presentation and got the chance to meet residents living on regeneration schemes across London.

Acton Gardens would like to specially thank Board member Raymond Moll who attended and participated in the presentation at the event.



GROW YOUR OWN

Cultivate London and Acton Gardens are offering you the opportunity to grow your own herbs and vegetables this summer.

Cultivate London have partnered up with Acton Gardens to offer complimentary 'grow your own' packs. The packs will include a range of herbs, veg and pollinator friendly flowers to help you discover the possibilities of growing at home.

Cultivate London will be on hand digitally to support you and offer any advice or tips.

For further information or to sign up visit:
<https://cultivatelondon.org/summer-of-urban-growth>



SOCIAL LIFE STUDY IS BACK AT ACTON GARDENS

Social Life is back in South Acton to explore the impact regeneration is having on residents and the local community.

To take part, please go to the website or call us on the number below and tell us what it is like to live in the area and what you think the priorities should be for the estate and the regeneration programme.

Online: www.southacton.savanta-surveys.com

or by phone: 0800 304 7481



Every household who completes a questionnaire, by phone or online, will receive a...

**£5.00
voucher**

Please note we will only give one voucher per household.

Vouchers will be limited to the first 500 households.

For more information or questions, please email: hello@social-life.co

ACTON GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Acton Gardens Community Centre hope you and your families have been keeping well during these unprecedented times.

Following the outbreak of the coronavirus the Community Centre was forced to halt regular operations and has been used as an emergency food hub for the last 10 weeks.

This would not have been possible without the amazing team effort from Bollo Brook Youth Centre, the Acton Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group, Acton Gardens Community Centre and a host of dedicated resident volunteers and local community groups. Many of these individuals and groups have given up valuable time to provide weekly food and care packages to over 500 residents across Acton.

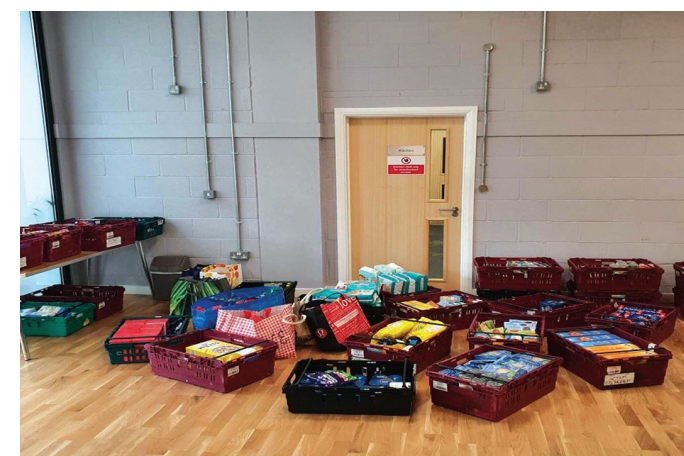
The centre is now providing weekly online dance classes delivered in partnership with Elevate Arts UK, art packs for children and families, protective masks and delicious meals.

Several electronic tablets have also been donated to the local school and residents from partner organisations. It is hoped these will help children to continue their learning and also reduce the mental health impact of having restricted contact with distant family and friends.

Acton Gardens Community Centre have been able to achieve this through support from various channels such as Felix Project, Morrisons, FareShare, Countryside Properties, MHDT London, Acton Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group, Bollo Brook Youth Centre, Crystal's Supper Club, City Harvest, Foodbank Foragers and the Community Response Kitchen, amongst others.

Following government guidance, MHDT will be exploring safe ways through which the centre can reopen soon.

For more information visit:
www.mhdt.org.uk





BOLLO BROOK YOUTH CENTRE

As well as supporting with food distribution at the Community Centre, Bollo Brook Youth Centre has continued to offer activities, support and advice to young people online throughout lockdown.

Senior Studio Engineer Reuben has coordinated a range of music related sessions coordinated such as:

- Making podcasts in collaboration with SOAS university (Listen to the first episode here: <https://soundcloud.com/soasradio/bollo-speaks-episode-1>)
- Working on digital music exchanges with partners in Berlin and the Democratic Republic of Congo
- Webinars with music industry figures including YouTube Music, Jamal Edwards and the Institute of Contemporary Music Performance.

Vocal coach Fiona has continued classes over the phone and online and art support worker Yasmin has provided mental health support.

The team of youth workers, Colin, Sahira, Mary and Pat, have remained in regular contact with over 170 young people to support them through this difficult time.

On 28 February, the youth centre hosted part of the Uniqlo Lates at Tate event at the Tate Modern, showing pieces from their "Who we are, who we aren't" exhibition. The exhibition explores young people's attitudes towards and experiences of race and racism.

Our partners at The Equality Trust have since worked with the artists and young people to turn this into an interactive website, imnotyour.co.uk to encourage conversations about the issues affecting young people.



KEITH MANN TO RETIRE AS INDEPENDENT RESIDENT ADVISOR

Acton Gardens is sad to announce that at the end of September, Keith will be retiring from his role as Independent Resident Advisor after 12 years at South Acton.

Keith has been an absolute asset to the regeneration project and will be greatly missed by residents and the teams at L&Q, Countryside and Ealing alike.

We all wish Keith the best of luck in his retirement and hope that we can encourage him back as a guest of honour at future community events.

KEITH SAID:

"One of the greatest pleasures of my working life has been working with the vibrant community that is South Acton. I shall miss everyone enormously. Now I am older, I would like to spend some more time investing my energy in my own community in Kent.

My very best wishes to everyone at South Acton and for the successful completion of this massive project.

The Council will be looking to appoint a new advisor in the coming weeks. For now the service will continue by phone and email but we hope this will go back to normal as time goes on."

CONTACT THE TEAM NOW

ACTON GARDENS REGENERATION TEAM AND EALING COUNCIL REGENERATION TEAM

The Acton Gardens and Ealing Council Regeneration team are available to speak with you via telephone or email.

Due to Government guidance the L&Q office is closed, so we are no longer holding face to face drop-ins. Any inquiries can be directed to the regeneration team.

See contact details in the table below.

TEAM	CONTACT
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PEP INFO

Ealing Council employs PEP to support and independently advise South Acton residents through the regeneration

CANCELLATION OF RESIDENT DROP IN SURGERY

Please note that during the coronavirus period PEP will not be running its usual drop in on the afternoon of the first Tuesday of each month.

These will start again as soon as it seems safe to do this. In the meantime, I am available by phone or email:

0800 374864 or 07836 233891
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Please take care and stay safe everyone.

Keith Mann, PEP
Independent Resident Advisor

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