

# Alton Area Regeneration News



## Roehampton Outdoor Art Movement (ROAM)

We are a group of local residents, businesses and schools working together to create dynamic, accessible, creative and cultural programming for Roehampton.

We believe that the collective power of the group will help to make extraordinary things happen in the area.

Support us by following us on Twitter @RoeArts or Facebook facebook.com/RoeArts

ROAM is currently looking for estate-based artists to work with. If you live on or near to the Alton Estate and consider yourself to be an artist or creative practitioner please get in touch:

ROAMovement@gmail.com



## Free debt and money advice at Alton



Help with rent arrears, debt, housing benefit or Council Tax and more is available from free sessions at the Western Area Housing Office, Holybourne Avenue.

Come along 10am-4pm on the following dates to find out more from the council's Financial Inclusion team: 28 November; 19 December; 30 January; 27 February; 27 March. You can also contact the team during working hours on (020) 8871 8780.

## S O C I A L M E D I A

### Alton regeneration on Facebook and Twitter

The old Alton Area Masterplan page on Facebook has now been replaced with a new group, which you are welcome to join.



See and share photos, architects' images of new homes when they become available, and find out about meetings and events.

Type the words Alton estate regeneration into the search box on Facebook, then click on the group and ask to join. No other group members can see your profile or timeline, unless your page is public anyway.

It's a fast and free way to find out more about Alton's regeneration, though we will continue to print and distribute the newsletter.

Here's the web address, though you will need to log in to Facebook to go directly to the group: [www.facebook.com/groups/1683117041954730/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1683117041954730/)

And on Twitter: @AltonMasterplan

## Your ward councillors

### The Alton estate is in Roehampton and Putney Heath ward.

Your Roehampton and Putney Heath ward councillors are:

Clr Peter Carpenter [pcarpenter@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:pcarpenter@wandsworth.gov.uk)

Clr Sue McKinney [smckinney@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:smckinney@wandsworth.gov.uk)

Clr Jeremy Ambache [jambache@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:jambache@wandsworth.gov.uk)

You can contact the Cabinet Member for Housing

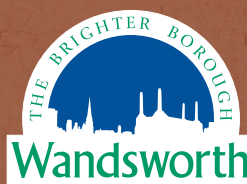
Clr Paul Ellis by email at [pellis@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:pellis@wandsworth.gov.uk)

Surgeries take place on the second and fourth Saturday of every month, from 11am to 12noon, at Roehampton Library, 2 Danebury Avenue, SW15 4HD.

Phone: 020 8871 6207 or e-mail: [roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk)

[@AltonMasterplan](https://twitter.com/AltonMasterplan) [Alton Estate regeneration](https://www.facebook.com/AltonEstateRegeneration) (and ask to join)

[www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roehampton](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roehampton)



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## Regeneration: career opportunities

Jobs, training and apprenticeships for local people are top priorities for the council in the regeneration, and any development partner will provide these as a condition of being appointed.

Construction is only one aspect of the opportunities expected to be available, which can include security, site office administration, decorating and more.

The redevelopment of Nine Elms, in Battersea, is many times greater in size than what is proposed for Alton, but the council will use the same approach in requiring that developers provide local people with jobs and training as part of Alton's regeneration, through Work Match.

Those interested in applying for jobs, training and



Margaret Asante found a job at Nine Elms through Work Match as a trainee site manager with responsibility for health and safety.

She said: "There are lots of opportunities in construction because of the huge amount of redevelopment work going on in Wandsworth and I know the Work Match team are in regular contact with the developers and various organisations to secure such work for Wandsworth residents."



Sarah Beatty, from Tooting, is an office manager at Nine Elms, via Work Match. She said: "I work on HR duties, managing the administration site inspection reports. I would recommend Work Match to other Wandsworth residents because you will receive a professional service from a team that actually care about finding you employment in the job that is right."

apprenticeships should register with the council's employment service Work Match, which is being based on the Alton estate to help local people take advantage of the opportunities created by the regeneration. Work Match has helped 500 local people across Wandsworth during the past three years.

A development partner appointed for the Alton regeneration will also organise 'meet the buyer' events, inviting local small and medium-sized business to find out more about becoming, or being supported to become, suppliers.

For more information, contact (020) 8871 5191, email [wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk) or visit [www.wandsworthworkmatch.org](http://www.wandsworthworkmatch.org)

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Regulars enjoying a night of bingo

## Bingo and more at Alton Community Hall

It's not every community hall volunteer that would chase two purse-snatching thieves down the road.



Rene Coles

Rene Coles, 72, saw a woman she knew to be heading to the weekly Petersfield Rise-based bingo club step off a bus before being robbed, and made a split-second decision when she saw the two miscreants getting away.

The great-grandmother-of-two said: "Two boys took her purse. Nobody on

the bus helped her! I ran after them shouting, but I couldn't catch them."

This incident led to closer ties with the local neighbourhood policing team, who now drop by the bingo club every once in a while to reassure its regulars that the police keep an eye on what's going on.

Thought to have been established in 1953, Alton Community Hall has been run by Rene on a voluntary basis for the past eight years, along with its treasurer, Alan Housden, who also operates the bingo numbers machine.

The facility hosts a range of bookings, including for boxing, majorette dancing, religious and prayer groups, wedding receptions, and children's parties. A particular highlight is the annual Christmas party, which includes a buffet, raffle, and everyone receives a present.



Eyes down!



Alan Housden calls the legendary 'Legs Eleven'

Rene said: "It's like a family, we're all friendly, we all know each other, we worry about each other. Most of our family members have grown up together. That's why people love it."

Everyone from children and their parents to young people and pensioners come along, she adds, including a 90-year-old woman who climbs the club's three flights of stairs every week for the bingo. As part of the Alton regeneration, the club could be moving to new premises that would either have a lift provided, or be on the ground floor.

After getting married, Rene was pregnant when she first moved to the Alton estate in 1969 along with her

*"It's like a family, we're all friendly, we all know each other"*

two-year-old daughter. She went on to work as an assistant youth leader; in a fish and chips shop on Roehampton High Street; and as a care assistant at Queen Mary Hospital, before taking on the management of the community club.

Rene said: "I've always done something in the village."

The bingo has been going on for as long as Rene can remember, back when it used to be run by Alan's mother and father, and then latterly her sister and a friend.

She said: "People say bingo is for if you're old, but it's not, we get all sorts coming along. We had two 22-year-olds in, and they said they wanted to see what bingo was like. They won, and were quite pleased."

**Bingo takes place on Friday evenings, doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm, at Alton Community Hall, 1 Petersfield Rise, Roehampton, SW15 4AE**

