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# ROEHAMPTON COMMUNITY BOXES

*In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, local groups including Regenerate, Rackets Cubed and Heathmere School have teamed up to support families and children across Roehampton.*

The groups have put together Roehampton Community Boxes containing essential food as well as fun activities and new children's books. The project began in April by delivering around 60 boxes a week to young families and is now delivering to 270 households every week.

The project has only been made possible through the mammoth effort of local residents, community groups and schools, including (but definitely not limited to): Little Village HQ, Hestia, Roehampton ROCKS, Growthampton, Dons Local Action Group, Fair share UK, Learn to Love to Read, Roehampton University, Doodles & Scribbles and the Wandsworth Citizens Advice Bureau.

Local residents have supported the project by donating via JustGiving and by delivering food to designated local collection points. The project has also been supported by the Council's COVID-19 Response Grant Fund and by a donation from Redrow Homes.

**REGENERATE**



**Heathmere**



Emma Lewis, Headteacher of Heathmere School, said that:

*"The community boxes make a huge difference to children and parents by providing fresh food and activities to families stuck indoors. Thanks to the incredible generosity of residents we are able to support hundreds of families in Roehampton, however as the lockdown continues it is essential we continue to support our neighbours."*

Andy Smith, CEO of Regenerate, also thanked the many donors and volunteers who have contributed:

*"Thanks to the incredible generosity of residents and volunteers we are now able to provide over 270 families with food, books, games and much more every week. Every donation makes a huge difference".*

To find out more please follow:

[@regenerateuk](#) on social media or search "The Roehampton Community Box" on [justgiving.com](#).





# BESSBOROUGH ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



## *Considerate Construction begins again at Bessborough Road*

The construction of 10 replacement council homes on Bessborough Road began last September. The development has been reviewed by the Considerate Constructors monitors who praised the development for its high levels of code compliance.

The monitors highlight that there has been strong engagement with the local community, highly compliant environmental practices and a robust health and safety inspection regime. They also single out the hoarding surrounding the site which features artwork from pupils at Heathmere School and comment on Redrow's charitable support in the local community.

The full reports can be found on the Alton Estate Regeneration website at [altonestateregen.co.uk](http://altonestateregen.co.uk).

### RETURN TO WORK

Work recommenced on the Bessborough Road development on 18th May following a period of inactivity during the COVID-19 lockdown. Safety measures have been introduced including social distancing, an enhanced cleaning regime and the introduction of a 'COVID-19 Supervisor' who will be responsible for policing the new measures. Adaptions

have also been made to procedures such as signing in, new-worker inductions, site meetings and site signage.

To ensure the new practices are followed Redrow have also introduced a whistle-blower safeguard through which workers can anonymously report violations of the new guidelines. Local residents and businesses have also been provided with contact details to discuss any concerns they may have.



## IMPORTANT CONTACTS DURING CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN



### FOOD AND MEDICATION

If you are vulnerable and are unable to get food or medications, please contact:

The Community Hub on **020 8871 6555**

or by writing to:

[covid19support@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:covid19support@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)

If you are not vulnerable but cannot afford food, please contact:

- Wandsworth Food Bank – to access the food bank you will need to speak to your GP, Children's Centre or call Citizens Advice Wandsworth on **0300 330 1169**.
- Focus on Food (based on the Ashburton Estate) – contact [cllr.s.mckinney@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.s.mckinney@wandsworth.gov.uk) for more information.
- Age UK – for adults who are under 60 and families, please contact [adultsteamsupport@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:adultsteamsupport@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk) for a referral form.
- Humanity First – provides a grocery shopping service and prescription collections – call **0333 880 6619** for more information.

### DOMESTIC ABUSE

If you are concerned that someone is at risk from domestic abuse, please call the Wandsworth Safety Net on **020 7801 1777**.

In an emergency call **999**.

### COUNCIL SERVICES

Receptions at Wandsworth Town Hall and the housing reception in Putney Bridge Road are currently closed. If you need an urgent appointment, please call one of the below:

- Adult Social Services – 020 8871 7707
- Housing and Homelessness – 020 8871 6161 (Option 2)
- Children and Family Support – 020 8871 6622
- Council Tax/Housing Benefit – 020 8871 8080
- COVID-19 Community Hub – 0208 871 6555

For more information about local services please go to [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health/coronavirus](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health/coronavirus)



# MY ROEHAMPTON PROJECT

*Citizens Advice Wandsworth launches 'My Roehampton' project*



Citizens Advice Wandsworth has been appointed to deliver an exciting new project to help local community groups and organisations across Roehampton achieve their full potential. The project arose from a study by the Council's Public Health department which highlighted a decreased sense of community cohesion, with local groups and organisations working alone and without the skills to access available funding schemes.



The project is led by Roehampton born Jonathan Palma (also known as JP) and is being delivered from the Citizens Advice Wandsworth office at Mount Clare at the top of Minstead Gardens. JP has a lot of experience working with communities across London (most recently in Lambeth) and he has already begun meeting local groups to discuss their day-to-day activity and long-term aspirations.

Discussing the project JP said:

*"Working across Roehampton I hope to build relationships between groups and help volunteers to become more confident and effective in addressing community issues. I hope the project will contribute to resident wellbeing and improve the delivery of both community and mainstream services. I am particularly keen to help develop specific initiatives to address social isolation."*

Among other things, JP can help by:

- assisting groups to build organisational capacity, writing constitutions, applying for charitable status, developing strategies and business support.
- nurturing new and existing community projects and groups through mentorship, finding volunteers and accessing funding opportunities.

If you are a community group working in Roehampton or are interested in getting involved with "My Roehampton", please contact JP at [jonathan.palma@cawandsworth.org](mailto:jonathan.palma@cawandsworth.org) or on **0203 559 2004**.

## YOUR WARD COUNCILLORS

**The Alton estate is in Roehampton & Putney Heath ward.**

Your Roehampton and Putney Heath ward councillors are:

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

Councillor Claire Gilbert  
[cgilbert@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:cgilbert@wandsworth.gov.uk)

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

You can also contact the Cabinet Member for Housing,  
Councillor Kim Caddy  
[kcaddy@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:kcaddy@wandsworth.gov.uk)

## JOBS AND TRAINING

The council's Work Match service is available to help local people into employment. Staff will know about local vacancies, help with writing CVs and covering letters, applying for jobs, and preparing for interviews. Workmatch also delivers the New Routes to Work training course for people low in self-confidence or long term unemployed.

Booking is currently by appointment only, so please contact: **(020) 8871 5191** to do so or email: [wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk) putting the word **ROEHAMPTON** in the subject line of the email.





# ALTON ESTATE REGENERATION



## *Ammendments made to the Planning Application for the Alton Estate Regeneration*

Redrow Homes was appointed as the Council's development partner for the Alton Estate Regeneration in 2016. In June 2019 Redrow submitted a planning application which included 1,103 new and replacement homes, new community facilities as well as improvements to the local infrastructure. During the planning consultation feedback was provided by residents and organisations (including the Greater London Authority and Transport for London) on a range of issues. In response to this feedback the Council and Redrow have made a series of changes to the application which was resubmitted to the Planning Department on 18th March 2020. The changes include:

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The revised proposals provide a more balanced spread of housing types across the intervention area. There is also an increase in the number of homes for social rent and shared ownership, and more replacement council homes will be delivered earlier in the scheme.

### **INCLUSIVE DESIGN AND ACCESSIBILITY**

Enhancements have been made to the accessibility of the residential accommodation. These include amendments to the designs of Blocks A, K, M and N including the relocation of access points, reducing the lengths of corridors, additional lifts and changes to waste collection. The new application also includes a wheelchair route between the new village square and Hersham Close, additional level crossings, more seating, and extra vehicle and cycle parking.

### **ENERGY**

The new application includes electrical based renewable heating technologies including air sourced heat pumps. Solar panels will also be provided across all blocks to generate renewable energy.

### **STREETSCAPE**

Changes to the road alignment along Harbridge avenue will retain existing trees, while additional tree and shrub planting will create greener streetscapes.

### **BUS TURNAROUND AREA**

A new toilet facility for bus drivers is proposed next to the new bus turnaround which has been carefully designed and positioned to reduce visibility.

In January the Regeneration Team wrote to all residents in the intervention area to explain the changes to the location of the replacement council blocks and to invite residents to three drop-in sessions. Council officers have also met residents in Phase 1 of the scheme to discuss the additional rehousing option of "Block O" (which will now deliver replacement council units).

The updated reports and technical drawings are available on the Council's Planning Portal at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/planning](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/planning) (reference 2019/2516).

Comments can be submitted on the Planning Portal or by writing to [planningapplications@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:planningapplications@wandsworth.gov.uk) (quoting the reference above). Comments should be submitted by Wednesday 1st July 2020. Comments received after this date will still be considered if practical to do so.



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# AND FINALLY...

*Other news from the Alton Estate community and Regeneration Programme*

## WANDSWORTH LIBRARY SERVICES



Though the Roehampton Library is closed you can access resources online including audio books, E-books, e-newspapers and e-magazines which span everything from popular fiction for adults, children and teens to non-fiction publications which include cookery, gardening and technology. Also on offer are free music downloads and music streams from a choice of over 15 million songs and playlists ranging from opera and classical music to jazz, rock and pop.

The library service also operates a home delivery service for residents who are elderly, disabled or vulnerable, as well as families on low incomes receiving free school meals. Furthermore, many of Wandsworth's children's librarians are using Facebook to live stream story times, rhyme times and craft sessions. For more information go to [www.facebook.com/wandsworthlibrarians/](https://www.facebook.com/wandsworthlibrarians/).



## WITLEY POINT MUGA REFURBISHMENT BEGINS



Warwick Landscape LTD have been appointed to carry out the refurbishment of the multi-use games area at Witley Point which includes the replacement of the existing fencing, new paving, work to the trees and bushes surrounding the pitch and the installation of new play equipment. The work will take place between June and August. Warwick Landscapes will be following the latest government advice regarding social distancing at work and will be employing a range of measures to mitigate against the risk of infection.



### GET INVOLVED

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