

## News in brief

### Keeping your community safe

Are you concerned about issues at Woodberry Down? Is there nuisance or anti-social behaviour going on? You can report this in confidence to Hackney Homes who will investigate this and work with you to get a resolution.



Call **020 8356 3310**, pop into the neighbourhood housing office or report online via the Hackney Homes website [www.hackneyhomes.org.uk](http://www.hackneyhomes.org.uk)

Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) also regularly visit the estate to talk to residents and listen to your concerns. They work closely with Hackney Homes to find solutions to local issues.

### Planning Application

Berkeley Homes applied to the borough's planning authority on 22 October to build a total of 176 affordable social rented, intermediate, and private sale homes on the site of the former Horston and Sherwood blocks on Seven Sisters Road. The plans include public open space, car and cycle parking, and retail and office space.

You have until the end of December to comment on the proposals, which include the development of three blocks, ranging in height from two storeys to nine storeys. Hackney's planning sub-committee is expected to make a decision on the application in January.

To view the planning application, visit [www.hackney.gov.uk/planning](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/planning) and enter application number **2010/2460**

### Celebrating local talent

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Khaya Anderson receiving his certificate from Rod Bennion, Chair of Trustees for Construction Youth Trust

The scheme, led by Manor House Development Trust, was delivered by Woodberry Works, the training and employment arm of Woodberry Down regeneration, in partnership with the award winning Construction Youth Trust with contributions from other Woodberry Works partners including Berkeley Homes, Hackney Homes, Hackney Community College, Mulalley, Citrus Training, Genesis Housing Group and Hackney Council.

Rod Bennion, Chair of Trustees for the Construction Youth Trust said: "This programme identifies talent in young people that has been previously neglected and has brought them into the training world. Stick with it, it's a great industry and you'll have a great life."

Councillor Michael Jones of New River Ward agrees: "The whole course motivated young people and left a spark in them, and I hope we can keep empowering them."

Built 2 Work is funded by Team Hackney Community Grants, administered by HCVS on behalf of Team Hackney. A further four-week course is set to take place early in 2011.



To apply for a place on future courses contact Woodberry Works: **020 8356 1625** or [woodberryworks@hackneyhomes.org.uk](mailto:woodberryworks@hackneyhomes.org.uk) Or visit the Robin Redmond Resource Centre, 440 Seven Sisters Road, N4 2RD.

# Hackney Homes News

## Active Residents Awards

Nominate your neighbour for the Active Residents Awards.

Don't miss out on nominating people who deserve to be recognised for the work they do to make other people's lives better in your community.

- Do you know someone in Hackney making a difference?
- Is one of your neighbours an unsung hero?
- Are you part of a group that has done something which has made a positive impact on the community, for example a 'grow your own food' project?

The new closing date is **Friday 7 January 2011.**

There are four categories to choose from – Resident of the Year, Group of the Year, Young Resident of the Year and the Ron Devoti Award for Long Service to Hackney. All short-listed residents will be invited to an awards event in February and they could win money to spend on local projects.

### How you can nominate

**Online** Log onto [www.hackneyhomes.org.uk](http://www.hackneyhomes.org.uk) and click on the link for Active Residents Awards

**Forms** are also available from Tenant and Residents Associations and Neighbourhood Offices

## Winter Warmer's back for 2011

Last year, hundreds of elderly and disabled residents came to special Hackney Homes Winter Warmer events to find out how to keep warm and save money. Come to Hackney Town Hall on Wednesday 19 January 2011 from 10am to 2pm for entertainment, advice on how to keep warm, reduce bills, keep active, eat healthy and have fun.



**Please register to attend the event, by contacting the Hackney Homes Communications Team on 020 8356 3527/2066 Monday to Friday between 10am and 5pm. Places are on a first come first served basis.**

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# Woodberry Down **n**ews



Hackney Council is regenerating Woodberry Down in partnership with Berkeley Homes, Genesis Housing Group, Hackney Homes, the Homes and Communities Agency, the Manor House Development Trust and the Woodberry Down Community Organisation

## Woodberry Down Regeneration Team

151 Woodberry Grove N4 2SB

Opening Times

**Monday – Friday 9am-5pm**

Freephone

**0800 694 2109**

Web address

**[www.hackneyhomes.org.uk/  
woodberrydown](http://www.hackneyhomes.org.uk/woodberrydown)**

Email

**[wdr@hackneyhomes.org.uk](mailto:wdr@hackneyhomes.org.uk)**

## Independent Tenant and Leaseholders' Advisors

93 Woodberry Grove N4 2SB

Opening Times

**Tuesdays and Thursdays  
between 3-7pm**

Telephone / Freephone

**020 8809 7203 / 0800 169 8677**

## Useful numbers

Neighbourhood Housing Office

**020 8356 1670 / 1706**

Repairs Contact Centre

**020 8356 3691**

High Profile Security

**07950 546 043**

Re-housing Team

Freephone **0800 694 2109**

Robin Redmond Resource Centre

**020 8802 7580**

Manor House Development Trust

**020 8356 1796**

## Celebrating local talent

Thirteen enthusiastic young people and their families turned out to a presentation event held in Woodberry Down on Thursday 4th November to celebrate their achievements on the Built 2 Work introduction to construction training course.

The free four-week course was offered to Hackney residents aged 16-25 with half the participants being from Woodberry Down and the others referred from the Youth Offending Team, Jobcentre Plus, London Gypsy and Traveller Unit and Fairbridge.

Built 2 Work aims to give young people an understanding of the construction industry and its structure and ensures that each young person can build progression routes into the construction industry via employment, education and training

Trainees gained valuable hands-on experience utilising two 'void' properties in Woodberry Down as a blank canvas and providing practical skills in plumbing, tiling, carpentry, painting and decorating and health and safety from qualified and experienced trainers, as well as access to employers mentoring, travel and subsistence, and flexibility for lone parents.

Mother of one, Carly McGill 19, heard about Built 2 Work through her key worker. Carly said of the programme, "I enjoyed the course and would like to do more training and get a job in carpentry".

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Construction Youth Trust Trainer Errol Morris, Lisa Jennings (Mullalley), Woodberry Down residents Mark Julian and Carly McGill, and Danny Murphy (Mullalley)

## Construction update from Berkeley Homes



New homes on the Old School Site

### Kick Start Site One – Old School Site

We are still on target to have the first 117 social rented homes ready for May 2011, even with a slight delay of one week to the programme. Construction of the main 26 storey tower on the corner of Woodberry Down and Woodberry Grove, currently called Block A, has now reached 10<sup>th</sup> floor level. Because of the block's height we have to take into consideration the safety risks of building a tall structure. Hackney Council have granted us a licence to install a protection gantry walkway around the pedestrian path of this block and this is now in place.

We are planning to start the landscaping work along the New River and metropolitan open land. This involves closing the existing footpath again from 29 October until the new footpath

and landscaping are complete in spring 2011.

In October we started installing pre-constructed cladding panels which are made in Germany. These include the windows and patio doors and are being fixed onto the concrete frame of the four remaining blocks. You may have seen them going up very quickly and once they are all in place we will fit the pre-assembled balconies.

### Kick Start Site Two – Woodberry Grove North

We have completed digging on the site to get down to the right levels for each of the blocks. We have also finished removing things within the ground that would prevent the foundation piles from being started.

The new EDF electricity substation to replace the existing substation is complete. This was demolished

### Job opportunities

Since the last update here we have employed some more plumbers and some painters; a bricklayer had already started.

If you're a member of the Woodberry Down local community with relevant qualifications who would like to apply for work on Berkeley Homes' Woodberry Down construction sites, please hand in your CV to Woodberry Works at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre, 440 Seven Sisters Road, London N4 2RD



**Or call Woodberry Works on 020 8356 1625 for further information**

to make way for the new blocks. The new sports pitch will be ready to handover to Hackney Council by Christmas – we're just awaiting the perimeter fencing.

### 268 Green Lanes

We started the main works on 25 October and have almost finished the draining works and the piling for the foundations.

### Public realm

We have completed work to the front of the Beis Chinuch Lebanos School, and have carried out some improvement works to the front of St Olave's Church.

We have also planted some shrubs in the concrete planters around Manor House Station.

# Regular community activities

## Monday

### Weekly Walking Group

11am – 12noon



Meet at Finsbury Park, Manor House gate. For more information call David on 07876 533178

### Football Sessions

Session 1 6.00 – 6.45pm  
(8-12 year olds)

Session 2 6.45 – 7.30pm  
(13+ years)

Newnton Close football pitch



For more information call Christina Oshodi from Access to Sport on 020 8809 0088

### Songololo Feet African Textile Printing

4.30 – 6.30pm

#### Robin Redmond Resource Centre

Textile printing, dyeing and sewing workshops - great for creating Christmas presents, recession fashion (by customizing your own clothes) and funky household linens.

Funded by Genesis with a showcase on 20 December. The second part of the project will start on 10 January 2011 with an introduction to newspaper artefacts and furniture to run alongside the textile printing.

## Tuesday

### ECDL Level 2

10am – 12noon

#### Robin Redmond Resource Centre

Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint and productivity training. European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) qualification.

### Over 55s Luncheon Club

12.15 – 2pm

#### Robin Redmond Resource Centre

Come along for a delicious, healthy meal and meet new and old friends.



For more information call the coordinator Lydia: 020 7503 0394

### Tai Chi

Session 1 2.15 – 3.15pm

Session 2 3.30 – 4.30pm

#### Robin Redmond Resource Centre

Gentle movement and exercise, open to everyone. There is a small fee for the class - £1 per session.

### GWO Exercise Class (Grace Women's Organisation)

4.30 – 6.00pm

#### Robin Redmond Resource Centre

All ages welcome.

### Salsa Class

6 – 7pm

#### Robin Redmond Resource Centre

All ages welcome

## Thursday

### Woodberry Down Community Choir

7 – 9pm

#### Robin Redmond Resource Centre

The Woodberry Down Community Choir is now a year old, and in that time we have met and rehearsed every week and performed on a number of occasions. Most recently we sang at the Festival of Light overlooking the West Reservoir.

We have also performed our own Woodberry Down Song with Immediate Theatre and worked with some professional Turkish musicians.

Come along and join us - whether you think you can sing or not. Over the next few weeks we'll be singing carols, both well-known and some new jazz ones, and we'll have some mince pies too!

## Friday

### CLAIT Level 1 Over-50s computer class For beginners

10am – 12 noon

#### Robin Redmond Resource Centre

### The DON Project

5 – 9pm

#### Robin Redmond Resource Centre

Activities for young people.

# Community highlights

## Genesis Community Chest

Grants of up to £1500 are available for community projects that will benefit Woodberry Down residents.

We're keen to hear from you if your group or organisation has a project idea that will make your community a better place, and you need some funding. We'd like to support projects that focus on:

Art and music, Health and wellbeing, Training, Volunteering, Skills development.



**For more information and an application pack please call: 020 8900 4781 or email: [infocommunity@ghg.org.uk](mailto:infocommunity@ghg.org.uk)**

## Half Term Activities

Genesis Housing organised October half term activities for local young people, in partnership with Excellent Sports, the London Borough of Hackney and L'Est Projects.

The programme focused on sport and keeping active, with rock climbing, sailing and canoeing on offer. There was also an opportunity to try creative activities including photography, arts and crafts and drama.

Given their huge success there are plans to run further events in the coming February half term. **Look out for further information!**



## Libraries for Life

Have your say on libraries in Hackney. Hackney Council is running a campaign aimed at encouraging the borough's residents to get the best out of their libraries.

We would like to know what would encourage more people into Hackney libraries and how we could improve the services that we currently provide.

Even if you do not currently use our libraries, we would like to hear your thoughts about the library service. And if you're a regular or occasional user of the Woodberry Down community library, we're especially keen to hear from you about your experience.

**You can take part by completing this online survey:**  
[www.surveymonkey.com/s/librariesforlifesurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/librariesforlifesurvey)



**For more information visit [www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries)**

**Woodberry Down community library is open**

**Monday /Tuesday**

**9.30am – 1pm  
2 – 7pm**

**Wednesday / Thursday / Friday**

**9.30am – 1pm  
2 – 5pm**

**Telephone 020 8356 1965**

## Here Comes The Playbus!



Welcome aboard for free play activities for under-fives on the Playbus every Thursday morning 10am -12noon, opposite the shops on Woodberry Grove.

Bring your children and join in the fun: play with sand, model with play dough, and paint colourful pictures. Staff are on hand to help with cutting and sticking, and making masks and crowns.

If it's raining children can let off steam in our soft play area upstairs. Pretend to drive the bus in the upstairs driver's cab or dress up as a fairy or an African prince. We have lots of toys and a cosy book corner plus we serve fruit at every session. We look forward to seeing you!



**For more information check out our website: [www.hackneyplaybus.org](http://www.hackneyplaybus.org) or call Claire: 020 8510 3335**