

Baroness Andrews Visits Woodberry Down

Regeneration Project Retaining Government Interest

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*Pictured (left-to-right):
Rupert Tyson, Chair of the
Hackney Homes Board;
Cllr Jamie Carswell,
Deputy Mayor of Hackney;
Baroness Andrews; Peter
Naughton, Chair of WDCO;
Robin Smith, Programme
Director Woodberry Down.*



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Monthly Calendar

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| October 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd | Pottery Classes at RRRRC, 6pm-8.30pm |
| October 2 nd , 16 th | Wardens Surgery: Information Centre, 95 Woodberry Grove: 1pm-2pm |
| October 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th | Parkside Youth Centre Girls' Night, 6.30pm-8.30pm, Woodberry Grove |
| October 9 th | Repairs Surgery: Information Centre, 95 Woodberry Grove: 2pm-4pm |
| October 16 th | WDCO full meeting, RRRRC at 7.30pm |
| October 16 th | Masterplan planning sub committee, Hackney Town Hall |
| October 21 st | Future of London conference, Church House conference centre Westminster |
| October 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st | Social group for the Turkish and Cypriot community aged 60 years and over, RRRRC 12noon-2pm. Exercise group 11am-12noon |
| November 3 rd , 10 th , 12 th | Well London Project Initiation Meeting. Contact Meg Page on 020 8356 1674 for more details |
| November 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th | Pottery Classes at RRRRC, 6pm-8.30pm |
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| November 13 th | Repairs Surgery: Information Centre, 95 Woodberry Grove: 2pm-4pm |
| November 20 th | WDCO full meeting, RRRRC at 7.30pm |
| November 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th | Social group for the Turkish and Cypriot community aged 60 years and over, RRRRC 12noon-2pm. Exercise group 11am-12noon |
| December 4 th | Community Feast, RRRRC 3pm-8pm. Come along to share food, create some winter warmth and sparkle, and get to know your neighbours. If you're interested in helping out on the day, contact Meg Page on 020 8356 1670. More information in the next newsletter! |
| ITLA opening hours | 93 Woodberry Grove, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30pm-7pm. Advice surgeries held 3pm-7pm. |

WDCO: Woodberry Down Community Organisation

Celebrate the Re-launch of Parkside's Girls' Night

As the nights close in, girls and young women living in and around Hackney's Woodberry Down area will have more reasons to be cheerful this autumn when Parkside Youth Centre re-launches its popular Girls' Night on Wednesday 8th October.

The Girls' Night project is a joint initiative between Hackney Youth Service and Hackney Homes and comes about following the results of consultation and discussion with young people and other service users in the area.

Hackney Homes will fund the cost of tutors to support the project for the next six months.

Councillor **Rita Krishna**, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, said: "I am delighted that we can again offer this invaluable service to girls and young women in the area. It is a testament to the commitment of the Youth Service, in partnership with the community groups it works with, to provide opportunities and activities for young people in the borough."

Girls' Night will take place every Wednesday 6pm-8.30pm at Parkside Youth Centre, Woodberry Grove, N4, providing girls and young women aged 13-19 (up to 25 for those with disabilities), with the opportunity to take part in an exciting range of activities and workshops ranging from confidence building and drama to self-defence, art and filmmaking.

For more information about activities at Parkside Youth Centre contact Renee or Busola on 020 8800 6814 or visit the HYPE website: www.thehype.info



Join other local girls at the re-launch of the Parkside Girls' Night Wednesday 8th October 2008. Pictured: Nemesis girls dance group



Minister Tours

Woodberry Down

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The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (CLG) was given a tour of Woodberry Down, and was presented with the area's redevelopment plans.

Baroness Andrews met with Deputy Mayor of Hackney, Councillor **Jamie Carswell**; Programme Director, **Robin Smith**; and Chair of the Woodberry Down Community Organisation (WDCO), **Peter Naughton**.

Left: Robin Smith points out some aspects of the regeneration project to Baroness Andrews

Right: Robin Smith, Programme Director Woodberry Down (right) and Cllr Jamie Carswell, Deputy Mayor of Hackney (centre) discuss the Woodberry Down Masterplan with Baroness Andrews

Woodberry Down is of particular interest to the Minister as it is a CLG Mixed Communities National Demonstration Project, one of only 12 in England.

Councillor **Carswell** said: "I am proud that we are transforming Woodberry Down for residents, and that the scheme is commanding interest from the government."

Programme Director **Robin Smith** said: "Woodberry Down is a key project in London. It is pleasing to see key government figures like Baroness Andrews showing interest in the project, and how it can be delivered in the current economic climate."

Woodberry Down leads the regeneration field in a number of ways. The Project is playing a leading role in the **Future of London** Major Projects Delivery Group, which will hold its **annual conference this year on 21st October** at the prestigious Church House in Dean's Yard, Westminster. The group provides a forum for large scale regeneration projects in London to share best practice and to have a combined voice to lobby central government. Their combined masterplans equate to over 110,000 new homes, over 1,200 hectares and with a capital spend of £30 billion.

The Project also includes **Woodberry Works** - a training scheme offering local people a City and Guilds Level 1 qualification in construction. The Project also offers participants the chance to work on-site as well as bespoke courses for women and Orthodox Jewish residents, to assist local people to get back into the work place. The first intake of trainees graduated on 21st May 2008.





Demolition of Oakend House

The demolition of Oakend House is now underway and will be completed by Christmas 2008. Residents in the near vicinity received notices in the post on 8th September informing them of the demolition and the details involved with the process. All former tenants of Oakend House have been found suitable alternative accommodation.

The aim of the **Woodberry Down Regeneration Programme** is to develop “a total living environment, where people want to live and work”. It will include phased demolition of many existing properties and the building of new homes, which will be a mixture of private, affordable and social housing tenures. In addition the regeneration will improve the facilities in the area with improved open spaces, roads, retail and business premises, schools, health and community centres.

Work on site will be between 8am and 6pm weekdays. If you have any questions please call the Regeneration Team on Freephone 0800 694 2109.

High Profile Security will be providing out of work hours security for the site and can be contacted on either 020 8533 3331 or 07950 546 043.



Strict guidelines will be adhered to in minimising dust, noise and traffic on the site. Any asbestos will be handled and removed from the site by a specialist asbestos removal company strictly in accordance with the Health & Safety Executive requirements and in accordance with the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 1987.

HOW THE DEMOLITION WILL BE CARRIED OUT

The site has been secured with a 2.4 metre continuous barrier/fence to prevent unauthorised entry and protect the public from the demolition works.

‘Soft strip’ all flats (the removal of all internal fittings, windows, doors etc).

Roof dismantled and the materials lowered to the ground and taken away from the site by truck.

Floor by floor demolition of the main structure by 360 degree excavators fitted with shear/muncher attachments. Rubble will be crushed on-site following a site specific procedure to reduce dust.

Foundation slabs will be broken-up and dug out with an excavator and crusher. Digging out the foundations will involve more noise; however, mufflers and other insulation methods will be used to reduce noise as much as possible.

The dug out foundations will be filled-in to reinstate a level surface.

Hackney Homes to be Inspected by Audit Commission

Hackney Homes will be inspected by the Audit Commission in November.

Our aim is to be a two star organisation and be able to access additional government funding to complete the Decent Homes programme.

In 2007 we were inspected and judged as being a one star organisation with promising prospects for improvement. Since then we’ve taken on board the Audit Commission’s recommendations and made some big changes.

These changes include:

- Offering more repairs for tenants
- Improving the quality of empty properties for new tenants
- Offering residents more ways to get involved
- New service standards that cover all services
- Held the first ever Leasehold conference in January 2008

Find out more about the inspection in next month’s newsletter.



Waking the Dead

Films in Woodberry Down

Woodberry Down was transformed into a film set last month when the BBC filmed scenes for the new series of the popular television crime drama *Waking the Dead*.

Areas of **Oakend House** and **Rowley Gardens** playground were used to film key scenes of the eighth season of the series, which stars popular British actor Trevor Eve.

Residents were excited and curious about the presence of the television crew and actors, with many crowding around the set for a chance to get themselves on film or catch a glimpse of one of the actors.

Waking The Dead Producer, Colin Wratten, was delighted and heartened by the response the crew received from residents during their time working in the area. "It was great to see residents taking an interest and we were made to feel very welcome" said Wratten.

"I would like to express our gratitude to everyone who helped to make our filming a success. The results are amazing."

While plot details of the series are yet unknown to the public, many of the scenes filmed at Woodberry Down promise to form key elements of the new series when it goes to air.

Waking the Dead follows the work of a special police team that investigates 'cold cases', usually unsolved murders that occurred many years ago.



The BBC Waking the Dead Production crew prepare to film a scene of the popular police drama at the Rowley Gardens playground in Woodberry Down

Woodberry Down residents should keep an eye out for *Waking the Dead VIII* on the BBC in the next 12 months.

Manor House Masterplan

Funding of £130,000 has been secured for the **Manor House Masterplan** to progress the study for an early 2009 start.

The **London Borough of Hackney** is now looking to commission consultants to develop a Masterplan for the Manor House area, which provides an important strategic gateway to Woodberry Down.

The Masterplan will explore ways in which the area around Manor House can be developed. This will include improvements to the public transport infrastructure as well as an increase in residential and commercial units. This will complement the proposed **Woodberry Down Masterplan** in achieving its vision of creating a "total living environment" and maximise regeneration opportunities for the area.



The Masterplan will be jointly funded by **English Partnerships**, **Transport for London**, **Hackney Planning** and **Hackney Homes**.

English Partnerships has had long-term involvement in the area and are keen to work with residents in taking the scheme forward. English Partnerships previously funded two studies, prepared by DTZ and Matrix Partnerships, which carried out option appraisals for the development of the Manor House interchange area as well as a commercial capacity study.

There will be extensive consultation with residents and businesses as part of the Manor House study to ensure the plan reflects local needs and aspirations.

Councillor Update

Woodberry Down is split between two wards in Hackney - Brownswood and New River.

Brownswood Ward includes the homes along Springpark Drive, Burtley Close, Town Court Path, Banstead Court, Nichol and Needwood Houses, the “3 P’s” (Peak, Petherton and Pewsham) and the blocks along Woodberry Down (Lonsdale, Leighfield, Knaresborough, Kilpeck, Keynsham and Finmere).

The three councillors for Brownswood Ward are **Cllrs Brian Bell, Feryat Demirci and Darren Parker**. They are all Labour councillors and were elected for the first time in May 2006.



Each month, the Brownswood councillors deal with individual residents issues and attend meetings of the Woodberry Down Community Organisation and the Manor House Development Trust to help shape the regeneration programme. They also meet with the Community Safety Team for Brownswood to make sure the police know about any problems of anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Parker said: “We are very excited about the regeneration of Woodberry Down and the opportunities this brings for our residents. We know the regeneration programme will take some time yet so we work hard to lobby the council and Hackney Homes about immediate issues like the quality of the environment around

Woodberry Down, interim repairs and re-housing”.

Pictured (left to right): Brownswood Ward Cllrs Darren Parker, Feryat Demirci and Brian Bell

All of the Brownswood councillors are available to the residents in their ward if they are having problems with accessing council services and if they need some extra help to make sure their issues are dealt with. They

can be contacted at Hackney

Town Hall or you can drop in to the Robin Redmond Centre on the first Friday of the month from 9am - 10am to talk to Cllr Parker.

Next month the Woodberry Down Newsletter will feature the activities of **New River Ward Councillors Maureen Middleton, Harvey Odze, and Simche Steinberger**.

Cllr Steinberger has been appointed as the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, while Cllr Odze has been appointed as the Chair of Living in Hackney and Cllr Middleton is a member of the Scrutiny Board of Health in Hackney.

Community Courses Available at RRRC

The Robin Redmond Resource Centre held its annual Open Day on 11th September, which gave Woodberry Down residents the opportunity to enrol in a number of locally run courses including computer skills, ESOL, pottery and food safety.

There are still places available on most courses - pop in to the centre or call 020 8802 7580 for more details.

Want to be a Volunteer?

The **Woodberry Down Library** is run by a team of volunteers. If you have a little time to spare join us and meet new people, learn new skills in a friendly environment and gain valuable work experience.

For further information call 020 8356 1630 / 020 8356 1631 / 020 8356 1632

Or email calum.doherty@hackney.gov.uk / amber.linell@hackney.gov.uk / natalieserena.lewis@hackney.gov.uk

*We'd like to add a big **'Thank You!'** to the current team of volunteers who staff the Woodberry Down Community Library and who are busy learning the Library Service's new computer software.*



Have **you** got a **story to tell?**

The Woodberry Down Regeneration Team welcomes story ideas from residents for the Newsletter. If you have a story to tell contact the Team on freephone 0800 694 2109 or email effy.lambrianou@hackneyhomes.org.uk

If you have any comments or questions about the regeneration plans for Woodberry Down please write them below including your details and send to the freepost address on the back page.

Congratulations to **Miss A Kaiyewu** from Weybridge House who is the winner of last month's competition.

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