



# Woodberry Down Gets a Tidy Up

## Volunteers Help Tidy Woodberry Down

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*UBS Volunteers  
do their bit to tidy up  
Woodberry Down*



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## Monthly Calender

September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brownswood Police Community Advisory Panel at Parkwood School, Queens Drive 6.30-8.30pm
September 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pottery Classes at RRRRC, 6pm-8.30pm.
September 4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wardens Surgery: Information Centre, 95 Woodberry Grove: 1-2pm
September 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>	Age Concern Swimming Group 10am-1pm.
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	RRRC Open Day, 10-4pm.
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Repairs Surgery: Information Centre, 95 Woodberry Grove: 2-4pm
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	WDCO full meeting, RRRRC at 7.30pm
Play Bus	Every Wednesday until 10th September Newnton Close 1-3pm
October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pottery Classes at RRRRC, 6pm-8.30pm.
October 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wardens Surgery: Information Centre, 95 Woodberry Grove: 1-2pm
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Repairs Surgery: Information Centre, 95 Woodberry Grove: 2-4pm
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	WDCO full meeting, RRRRC at 7.30pm
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Masterplan planning sub committee, Hackney Town Hall
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Future of London conference, Church House conference centre Westminster
Information Centre opening hours	95 Woodberry Grove Tuesday 1-5pm (open until 7pm on the first Tuesday of the month), Wednesday 10-4pm, Thursday 10-4pm.

WDCO: Woodberry Down Community Organisation

## Old Ford Wins Award for Community Work



Old Ford Housing Association, part of Circle Anglia, which is working with Hackney Homes to deliver the Woodberry Works Construction Training Centre, has won two prestigious awards for its work with the community in Bow, East London.

The housing association won a national Gold Award for Excellence earlier this year and its Construction Training Initiative has also won a Constructing Excellence Award last month.

Old Ford won a Gold Award in the Building Cohesive Communities category, organised by the Housing Corporation, which recognise achievements and excellence in the social housing sector.

Old Ford representatives were presented with their trophy and certificate by Housing Minister Caroline Flint MP and Housing Corporation chairman Peter Dixon at a ceremony in London. Old Ford also received a prize fund of £50,000 which will be used to support a range of knowledge sharing activities.

Old Ford's Construction Training Initiative, based in a dedicated Construction Training Centre in Armagh Road, Bow, won the Leadership and People Development category in the London and South East Constructing Excellence Awards in July.



*Christine Hevey – Head of Community Development at Old Ford, Fokrul Hoque – Community Regeneration Manager at Old Ford, Caroline Flint – Housing Minister, June Morton – Managing Director OFHA, Rick Winfield (only partly visible) – OFHA Resident Board Member, Shabbir Chowdhury – OFHA Resident Board Member*

## Tell us what you think

The Woodberry Down Newsletter has changed so please send your comments to:

**FREEPOST RLST-SUUJ-UBSE**  
 Hackney Housing Service  
 Woodberry Down Regeneration Team  
 151 Woodberry Grove London N4 2SB

Or you can simply drop in your comments to one of our friendly team members at the Woodberry Grove office.

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The volunteers worked on a number of areas within Woodberry Down which had been recommended by both residents and local businesses. Their tasks involved an estate-wide litter pick which included the New River, removal of overgrown vegetation – especially from children’s play areas and also painting in both the **Robin Redmond Resource Centre** and **Parkside Youth Centre**.

ELBA helped to organise the event as part of its work towards creating possibilities in East London by connecting business to local people, alongside public and community partners, to help transform neighbourhoods.

The volunteers also had time to play two quick 5-a-side games at Newton Close against the local Woodberry Down Team. Unfortunately the UBS volunteers were no match for the local Woodberry Down team and lost both games.

The days proved to be very successful with many of the UBS volunteers keen to continue giving their time to the area; many were keen to support local children, in particular with mentoring and literacy skills.

The Woodberry Down Team is now looking at various sites across the area which could be used by residents as Community Gardens, offering opportunities for gardening and quiet spaces to relax in.



*Above left: Anne Broom (left) and Marsali Grant pick up some rubbish  
Above right: Hakan Ozbay and Caroline Anjorin help with a new coat of paint on a residential fence  
Bottom: Volunteers weeding at Finsbury Park*



# Ways into Work



The **City Strategy Pathfinder (CSP) Programme**, is an initiative from the Department of Work and Pensions which looks to address worklessness and help people back into employment. The Hackney CSP programme is being delivered by the Council and is called **“Ways into Work”**.

Woodberry Down has been selected as one of the pilot areas for the Ways into Work programme and is being delivered by the Woodberry Down Regeneration Team. The Programme is offered on an outreach basis through housing associations and housing providers, and helps to get local people back into work by offering a widerange of support. Individuals are then registered for **employment advice, guidance and job brokerage**.

Through the programme they will benefit from:

- Employability Training
- Employment support addressing barriers to work
- Vocational training and short courses
- Extended Childcare, travel cost
- In work credit and into work grant (NDF)
- Guided progression routes
- Aftercare (follow up of individuals once in work)

Hackney Homes has been selected to run outreach programmes for Woodberry Down. Our aim is to register as many people with the programme to benefit from the wide range of support, advice and encouragement in finding sustainable employment.

## COME AND MEET US LOCALLY AT:

*Ilknur is the main contact for the WD Ways Into Work project. She will be at RRRR Tuesday to Friday and also will attend community events.*



For more information please call **Ilknur Aksu**  
**020 8802 7580**  
or  
**mobile 07527 385 646**

Information Centre 95 Woodberry Grove Shops - Wednesday & Thursday  
The Robin Redmond Resource Centre 440 Seven Sisters Road - Fridays

**Leaseholders, have you had your annual gas service yet?**

**Did you know that as a leaseholder, you are responsible for ensuring the safety of all gas appliances on your property?**

You can find out more about CORGI Engineers by calling **0870 401 2300** or you can send an email to **enquiries@trustcorgi.com** You may also visit their website at **www.trustcorgi.com** where you can obtain details of gas engineers around you.

You can also telephone Mid Essex Heating (MEH) on **020 8354 4441**, who will book an appointment with you and agree a fee with you before attending.



# Safety

As a Homeowner, you should regularly service and maintain all such appliances by using qualified gas engineers who are registered with CORGI. Faulty appliances can cause harm through explosions or harmful gas emissions.

CORGI is an Association that specifies what the standard of installing, servicing and maintaining gas appliances should be and all their engineers are required to sit and pass an examination before they can be qualified.

# Regeneration

## Chiefs visit

## Woodberry Down

London chiefs of regeneration were invited to visit Woodberry Down in July to learn and share knowledge about one of the largest urban regeneration projects in London.

The **Woodberry Down Regeneration** programme has been selected by Government as a National Demonstration Project for Mixed Communities; and was recently placed 19th in Regeneration and Renewal's **'Top 100 UK Regeneration Projects'**.

Eddie Bridgeman, Projects Director for **British Urban Regeneration Association** (BURA) said the tour of Woodberry Down provided the BURA group with an insight into one of the most talked of London's housing-led regeneration schemes.

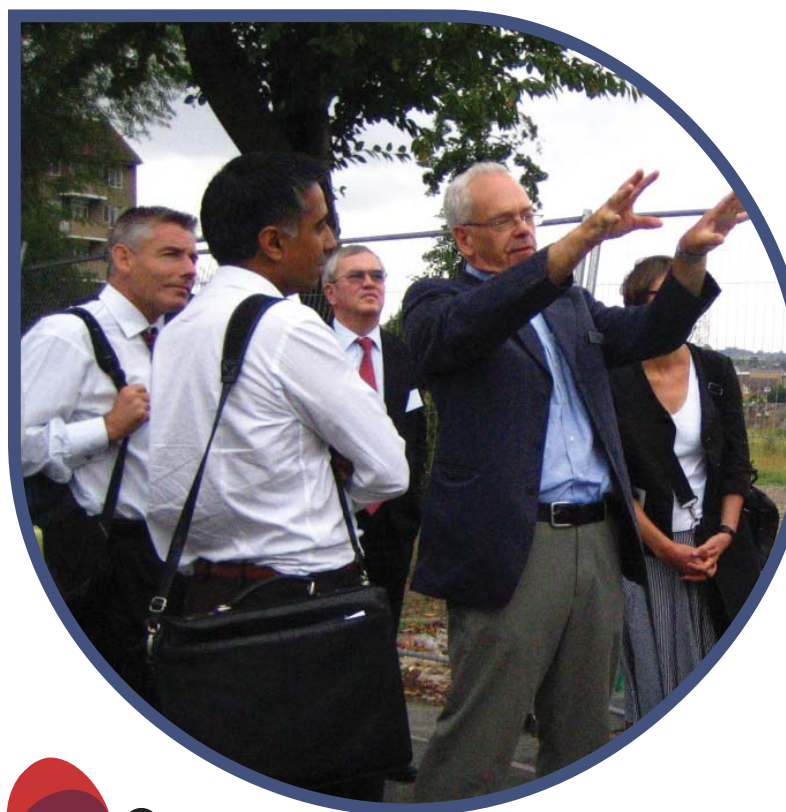
*"It was interesting to observe how much latent, or even hidden potential there remains in inner London. It has the potential to be a whole new "place" in the capital, with great connections and wonderful waterside residences" he said.*

*"To see care and consideration taken into community involvement and an emphasis on creating a local space, with local amenities is a great testament to the public and private sector working together."*

## The £1 billion regeneration scheme

aims to address a number of social issues in Woodberry Down. The suggested proposals are a doubling of the number of dwellings, creating a living and working zone for 10,000 people, with the maximum density supporting the financial viability of the scheme. Creating sustainable and desirable dwellings, it is hoped that this will be a pioneering scheme enabling the existence of a sustainable community, with an eight percent reduction in emissions whilst doubling current density.

The development on the Kick Start Sites, including the Old School Site and the Academy will commence shortly.



*Robin Smith, Programme Director Woodberry Down, points out features of the regeneration programme to BURA members*





Fun in the sun at the Manor House Development Trust's Seaside Day Out programme to BURA members

'Can We Go Again' was the overwhelming feedback from those attending the **Manor House Development Trust** first annual sea-side trip.

Two coaches had travelled from the **Robin Redmond Resource Centre** to Broadstairs in Kent. The sun shone brightly as 86 residents from all communities and age groups spent the day playing on the long sandy beach or visiting the small towns shops. For the day at least the cares of living in the capital were left far behind.

MHDT is planning many more days out over the coming months and years. Keep an eye out for information in this and other publications for when we are going.

# Seaside Day Out Success

## Training and Volunteering Opportunities in Older People Care



The new **Newnton Close Older People Community Centre** is scheduled to open full time in October this year.

**Age Concern Hackney, Hackney Homes and Hanover in Hackney** are looking for Volunteers to help manage and operate the Centre.

Volunteers do not need any previous experience and training can be provided.

Volunteers who would like training in Older People Day Care can study for a qualification - Introduction to Older People Care provided by Hackney Community College which includes units in Social Care and Hospitality.

**Come and Talk to the Team and find out more information at:**

**The Robin Redmond Resource Centre**  
440 Seven Sisters Road - Fridays  
**Woodberry Down Info Centre**  
6.30pm Tuesday 16th September at 18.30pm

For more information contact:  
**Sadia Hussain** at **Age Concern Hackney**  
on 0207 241 5902 or  
**Andrew Sissons** at **Woodberry Down**  
**Regeneration Team** on 020 8356 1715

**AGE**  
*Concern*

**Hackney Homes**  
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## RRRC Open Day

Woodberry Down residents will be provided a wealth of information on training and other activities during the **Robin Redmond Resource Centre Open Day on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

Organisations from across London will converge on the centre to offer information on their services to Woodberry Down residents.

Some of these groups include:

- College of North Eastern London (CONEL)
- Pottery Classes
- Learning Trust
- IT Beginners
- Compusoft ECDL Software Training
- Ways Into Work
- Manor House Development Trust
- Hackney Music
- Work Skills Learning Personal Best Program Level 1
- Food Safety Level 2

The Open Day will be held from 10-4pm.

# Communication Skills for Work (Retail and Customer Service)

Every Thursday 9.30am – 2.00pm from 25 September 2008 till 2 July 2009



### Entry Requirements:

- You must be able to speak and understand English.
- You must NOT have a GCSE English pass at A-C.

Come and enrol at:  
Robin Redmond Centre,  
440 Seven Sisters  
Road, N4 2RD

Thursday 11 September  
10.00am – 1.00pm

Please bring ID (passport, Home Office letter, copy of visa) and proof of any benefits you receive.

Contact Marina / Kerry on  
0208 442 3175

This course is for people who want to work in retail (shops) or customer service.

You will improve your reading, writing and communication skills for work.

Topics will include taking messages, completing forms, writing letters, dealing with complaints, reading instructions and understanding and communicating information on products and services. You will also practise job applications and interviews.

You will take a Literacy exam at the end of this course.

You can also enrol for Beginners IT at 6.00pm – 8.00pm and CLAIT at the centre.

Contact Charmaine on 020 8442 3576

**conel**  
The College of North East London

High Road Tottenham London N15 4RU  
Course Information Line 020 8442 3055  
Nearest Tube Seven Sisters (Victoria Line)  
www.conel.ac.uk

## THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION

Answer the following questions and go in the draw to win a prize.



1. What company did the volunteers come from for the Woodberry Down Tidy Up Days?

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2. Which group organised the Seaside Day Out?

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3. Who is the contact for the Ways Into Work programme?

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4. When will the Newnton Close Older People Community Centre open?

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Please complete the details and send freepost (address on back page) to the Regeneration Office by 16.09.08

**Congratulations** to Miss V Norman from Kinver House who is the winner of last month's competition.

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### Redevelopment Information Centre:

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#### OPENING TIMES:

**Tuesday:** 1pm-5pm

**First Tuesday of Month:** 1pm-7pm

**Wednesday & Thursday:** 10am-4pm

**Contact:** 020 8809 1120

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