

Woodberry Works Officially Opens



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Resident of the Year Veronica Mensah

Veronica is a member of the EDC and makes sure residents' needs are at the heart of the regeneration project.

Congratulations to Veronica on her achievement.

UPDATE

Who is your EDC Representative?

The Estate Development Committee (EDC) is the representative body for residents across Woodberry Down. The EDC has negotiated with Hackney Homes, Hackney Council, Berkeley Homes, architects and other organisations to make sure residents' concerns are central to the proposals for Woodberry Down.

EDC Member	Area
Selma Adesanu	SSRNE
Vi Carpenter	Nth East Leaseholder Ass
Mehmet Cimen	PPP
Doreen Cox	Newnton Close
John Devan	Shops
Donna Ferguson	Nicholl/ Needwood
Jessie Goodchild	Seven Blocks
Gail Kahveci	APEX
Jacquie Knowles	SSRNW
Ian Kleinberg	Nicholl/ Needwood
Jagdish Kumar	Newnton Close
Sarah Marsh	Newnton Close
Veronica Mensah	SSRNE
Peter Naughton	SSRSE
Valerie Norman	Newnton Close TA
Agatha Nwosu	Ashdale/ Burtonwood
Maxwell Ohajah	PPP
Alex Robinson	APEX
William Sheehy	Ashdale Burtonwood

SSRNE/W: Seven Sisters Rd Nth East/West

PPP: Peak, Petherton and Pewsham

APEX: Finmere, Keynsham, Kilpeck, Leighfield and Lonsdale

Residents can also get independent advice and guidance on housing matters from FIRST CALL, the Independent Tenants and Leaseholders Advisor (ITLA) for Woodberry Down.

If you would like to know more about the EDC or the ITLA please contact Neal Purvis or Leszek Rataj from FIRST CALL on 020 8809 7203 or visit their office at 93 Woodberry Grove.

Monthly Calendar

JANUARY	
9th	Brownswood Safer Neighbourhoods Police Community Advisory Board Meeting: Parkwood School 6.30pm
10th	Repairs Surgery: Information Centre, 95 Woodberry Grove: 10 – 4pm
17th	Full EDC Meeting: EDC & residents
17th	Wardens Surgery: Information Centre, 95 Woodberry Grove: 1- 2pm
26th	Leaseholder & Freeholder Conference: The Ocean, Mare St, Hackney
28th	Cabinet Meeting: 102 Hackney Town Hall: 6pm
29th	WDRT/ EDC Executive Meeting
FEBRUARY	
7th	Wardens Surgery: Information Centre, 95 Woodberry Grove: 1- 2pm
21st	Wardens Surgery: Information Centre, 95 Woodberry Grove: 1- 2pm
25th	Cabinet Meeting: 102 Hackney Town Hall: 6pm
Contact	If you require any other information please contact the WDRT on Freephone 0800 694 2109.
WDRT: Woodberry Down Regeneration Team EDC: Estate Development Committee RRRC: Robin Redmond Resource Centre	

Woodberry Down Redevelopment Information Centre ~ Opening times 2008

Tuesday 1pm – 5pm
(first Tuesday of month: 1pm – 7pm)
Wednesday & Thursday 10am – 4pm

Address: 95 Woodberry Grove N42SB
Tel: 0208 809 1120

Message from the Programme Director

I hope you all enjoyed the festive season and celebrated the arrival of the new year.

Last year was an eventful year with the opening of the Woodberry Down Redevelopment Information Centre, opening of the “Woodberry Works” construction training centre, CCTV going operational, and a new satellite Library at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre.

This year will be exciting for Woodberry Down as there are a number of major developments including the start of on-site construction.

Major developments this year will include:

- the detailed planning application for the Old School Site should be considered by the planning committee in February and approval will allow works for the first new 450 homes to start on-site in the early summer of 2008.
- work on further detailed planning applications will

also get underway, in particular for the site at Woodberry Grove North and near Pewsham House where a new health centre is proposed.

- the selection of a developer/ Registered Social Landlord (RSL) consortium for delivery of Phases 2 – 5 of the regeneration project.
- the planning application for the Academy, overseen by the Learning Trust, will be submitted in 2008 allowing the new premises to be opened in 2010/11.
- decant and demolition of Horston, Sherwood and Pewsham Houses achieved by mid year.
- more courses at “Woodberry Works” the construction training centre located at Parkfield House.

This year will see the start of construction on Woodberry Down.

The team will keep residents



Robin Smith at the opening of Woodberry Works

informed of the regeneration progress and the annual Community Funday and Roadshow will be held later in the year. The team will also be holding consultation sessions with all housing blocks throughout the year giving everyone the opportunity to come and view the regeneration plans.

I would like to thank all of you for your support in 2007 and the team look forward to a busy and successful year in 2008.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robin Smith'.

Robin Smith
Programme Director

Turkish Family Reading Group

Did you know that reading is one of the best ways to develop literacy and language skills? Come along to Woodberry Down Library to share and enjoy books with your children at this dedicated session for Turkish families.

Sessions are free and will run monthly throughout 2008. For more information please contact Burcu Kursuncu-Rees on 020 8356 1630.

Your Mayor & Local Councillors

Jules Pipe has been the directly elected Mayor of Hackney since 2002, and is the political leader of the Council, overseeing the budget and all Council services.

Mayor Pipe was recently appointed a CBE in The Queen's New Year's Honours Lists. The CBE (Commander of the British Empire) award typically goes to those who have a high profile in regional affairs and have made a distinguished contribution in their area of activity.

There are 57 councillors covering the borough representing areas called wards. They are elected by the residents of Hackney, and serve for four years. The last elections were in May 2006.

Councillors have a range of responsibilities; including helping oversee Hackney Council and the services it provides.

They all hold 'advice surgeries', times when you can meet them and ask them to take up issues that may be of concern.

The two wards covered by Woodberry Down are Brownswood and New River, and the councillors and their surgery times are listed below:

BROWNSWOOD	
Cllr Darren Parker	1st Friday each month: 9 – 10am at the RRRC, 440 Seven Sisters Road
Cllr Feryat Demirci	1st Saturday each month: 11am – 12.30pm, Amwell Court Community Hall, Green Lanes, N4
Cllr Brian Bell	3rd Wednesday each month: 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Kings Crescent Community Hall, off Green Lanes, N4
NEW RIVER	
Cllr Maureen Middleton	1st Sunday each month: 11.30am - 12.30pm at the Seven Blocks TA Flat, 1 Wyersdale House, Seven Sisters Rd
	4th Sunday each month: 11.30 - 12.30pm at Ben Simons Community Hall, Block 1- 66 Lincoln Court, Bethune Rd, N16
	Contact no: home 020 7249 9155 and mobile 07930 575 912.
Cllr Harvey Odze	tbc
Cllr Simche Steinberger	2nd Monday each month: 4-5pm, at Stamford Hill Library, Portland Ave, N16



Mayor
Jules Pipe



Deputy Mayor
Jamie Carswell

Brownswood Councillors



Cllr
Darren Parker

New River Councillors



Cllr Maureen
Middleton



Cllr
Feryat Demirci



Cllr
Harvey Odze



Cllr
Brian Bell



Cllr Simche
Steinberger

English Heritage Decide Not To List Buildings

The Secretary of State, after consulting English Heritage, the Government's statutory advisor, has decided NOT to list Ashdale, Burtonwood, Needwood or Nicholl Houses.

The reasons are:

1. They have interest for their height and earliness in London County Council (LCC) terms, but these historic interest claims are very specific and are centred on the importance of the LCC, which is represented in the listing of other pre- and post-war estates in the capital;
 2. Although, there are some features of architectural note, however, the success of the design and layout is variable. From some angles, the flats are most striking, but from others, they appear monotonous and austere in the extreme, and the way the severe rear elevations are turned to the communal space between is unsuccessful. Buildings of this date need to be more comprehensively good to merit listing;
 3. Woodberry Down was not critically acclaimed at the time and its stark, Viennese influence was not followed in later projects;
 4. The significance of the estate has been reflected in the recent listing of two of its public buildings
- Therefore, they are not of sufficient special architectural or historic interest to merit listing.**
- This is excellent news for the regeneration project and residents of Woodberry Down as this will mean the project will continue as planned.



If you would like further information regarding the listings please contact the Regeneration Team on freephone 0800 694 2109. The letter from English Heritage is also available on our website www.hackneyhomes.org.uk/woodberrydown or at the regeneration office.

Woodberry Works Official Opening

Woodberry Works was officially opened on the 12th December at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre and on-site at Parkfield House.

Woodberry Works is providing professional qualifications and experience for the construction training industry to residents in the Woodberry Down and Stamford Hill areas.

Patrick Crawford, a student at the centre, said:

“It’s great because we can learn the theory here and we can also practice our new skills in the empty flats. There are lots of good jobs in construction in East London and I think this course will help me get into this industry.”

To find out more about courses on offer this year please contact Andrew Sissons on 020 8365 1715.



Age Concern Christmas Party

The Age Concern Hackney launch and Christmas party was held on the 18th of December at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre.

The afternoon proved to be a great success with over 61 Woodberry Down residents attending. There were 35 people over 50 years and 26 members from the Woodberry Down Elders Group. The afternoon included a Christmas lunch, cake, mulled wine and sing-a-long to Christmas carols.

There was a lively presentation from the Leap of Faith dancers from the East London Dance Company, who will also be having a launch taster session on Monday 14th January at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre, then a weekly dance and exercise session every Monday between 12 – 1pm.

“It is so rewarding for Age Concern Hackney to be able to provide such a wonderful afternoon of enjoyment to the elders of Woodberry Down. This really is about bringing and keeping communities together,” commented Janice Wynter from Age Concern.

On another note, Hanover in Hackney, the leading provider of housing and support services for older people in Hackney, is currently awaiting planning approval to transform the communal room in Newton Close Sheltered Housing block into an elderly people day centre. The anticipated completion date is April although this is subject to planning approval.



This Month's Competition

The acronyms below have been used in the past two newsletters. Unlock the meaning of 3 out of 4 and go into the draw to win a prize.

For example, WDRT stands for Woodberry Down Regeneration Team.

Acronym	Meaning
EDC	
RSL	
KSS ₁	
ITLA	

Please complete the details and send freepost (address on back page) to the WDRT by 30.01.08.

Congratulations to T. Arrigan of Burtley Close who is the winner of last months competition.

TRANSLATIONS

If you would like this important information about changes happening to the Woodberry Down estate please tick the box and put your name, address and telephone number below and return this form to the Freepost address given.

উভয়ের ডাউন এস্টেটে যেসব পরিবর্তন সাধিত হচ্ছে সে বিষয়গুলির উপরে এই গুরুত্বপূর্ণ তথ্য যদি পেতে চান তাহলে অনুগ্রহ করে এই বাক্সে টিক দিন এবং আপনার নাম, ঠিকানা ও টেলিফোন নম্বর নিচে লিখুন এবং এই ফর্মটি সরবরাহ করা ফ্রীপোস্ট (ডাক টিকেট লাগবে না) ঠিকানায় ফেরৎ পাঠান। (Bengali)

若你希望取得這份有關對Woodberry Down 屋村作出改變的重要資料，請在空格 一剔，在下方填上你的姓名、地址和電話號碼，然後把表格寄交所提供的免付郵資地址。(Chinese)

જો તમારે Woodberry Down અરેટમાં થઈ રહેલ પરિવર્તન વિશેની આ અગત્યની માહિતી પાછળની ઢાંચ તો આ ધાવામાં ટિક્કવું થિએલ કરી, તેમાંનાં નામ, સરનામું તથા તમારો ફોન નંબર નીચે લખી અને આ ફોર્મ આપેલ ફ્રીપોસ્ટ સરનામા પર પરત મોકલો. (Gujarati)

ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ Woodberry Down ਪੰਸਟੇਟ ਵਿਚ ਹੋ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਤਬਦੀਲੀਆਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਇਹ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਣ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਬਾਕਸ 'ਤੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨ ਲਗਾਓ ਅਤੇ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਅਪਣਾ ਨਾਂ, ਪਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਨੰਬਰ ਲਿਖੋ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਫਾਰਮ ਨੂੰ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਫ੍ਰੀਪੋਸਟ ਪਤੇ 'ਤੇ ਵਾਪਸ ਭੇਜੋ। (Punjabi)

Nếu bạn muốn những thông tin quan trọng này về những thay đổi xảy đến với khu vực Woodberry Down xin hãy đánh dấu vào hộp này và điền tên, địa chỉ và số điện thoại vào dưới đây và gửi lại đơn này tới địa chỉ miễn phí đã ghi. (Vietnamese)

إذا أردت تلقي هذه المعلومات الهامة بخصوص التغييرات الحاصلة في عقارات Woodberry Down ، فالرجاء وضع علامة الصحیح في المربع وذكر اسمك وعنوانك ورقم تليفونك فيما أدناه وإعادة هذه الاستمارة إلى العنوان المذكور مجانياً. (Arabic)

Αν θέλετε αυτή η σημαντική πληροφορία σχετικά με τις αλλαγές που γίνονται στο κτήμα Woodberry Down παρακαλώ σημειωθείτε στο κουτί και γράψτε το όνομα, η διεύθυνση και το τηλέφωνό σας κάτω και γυρίστε αυτό το έντυπο στη γραμμένη διεύθυνση του Freepost (Greek)

Si vous souhaitez recevoir les informations importantes sur les changements se produisant au lotissement de Woodberry Down, veuillez cocher la case et inscrire vos nom, adresse et numéro de téléphone ci-dessous et nous retourner ce formulaire à l'adresse postale gratuite indiquée. (French)

Haddaad rabtid warbixintaan muhiimka ah oo ku saabsan isbeddelka ka dhacaayo xaafadda Woodberry Down fadlan calaamadee bokiska hoosna ugu qor magacaaga, cinwaankaaga iyo lambarka taleefankaaga si fashiix ah una soo celi cinwaanka lagu siiyay ee Boostada lacag la'aanta. (Somali)

Si desea recibir información importante acerca de los cambios que se están produciendo en la zona de Woodberry Down, marque la casilla y escriba su nombre, dirección y número de teléfono más abajo y envíe este formulario de manera gratuita a la dirección indicada. (Spanish)

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Alternatively you can write to the **freepost** address, call us on tel: 0800 694 2109 or email: **wdr@hackneyhomes.org.uk**

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