



## Welcome to our first newsletter for 2021, we hope you have been well during this time.

We are pleased to recognise all the hard work by our staff members and contractors on-site. As we enter a new phase in social distancing measures, we are excited to share our construction progress and upcoming plans with you for West Hendon.

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Two new blocks are currently under construction, with the smaller block of 43 new homes due to be completed later this year and the taller block, with 143 new homes, due to be completed next year. The taller block will soon rise from the ground as its extensive ground works and foundations are now complete. The series of major highway improvement works to West Hendon Broadway are likely to start next year, and BMLLP are working with Barnet Council on how best to implement these so they cause the least disruption possible – the completion of these works will see both the road and pavement up and down the Broadway be renewed. Also due to start later this year will be the demolition of the 232 flats in Marsh Drive, and in readiness for this, hoarding to this area will commence soon.



### WEST HENDON COMMUNITY TRUST FUND

MTVH have been working hard to re-establish the West Hendon Community Trust Fund. The board has met informally and held their first formal meeting on Monday 19th April. MTVH provide administrative support for this resident led Trust. The board are currently working on defining their funding priorities which they will publicise, as well as details on how residents and local community groups can apply for funding. The WHCTF would like to hear from residents who are interested in being on the board or have a project for funding. If you are interested in this opportunity, then please contact [kemi.turner@mtvh.co.uk](mailto:kemi.turner@mtvh.co.uk).

To apply please email: [dawn.mccalla-hunte@mtvh.co.uk](mailto:dawn.mccalla-hunte@mtvh.co.uk)

### JOIN YOUR RESIDENT COMMUNICATION PORTAL!

Want to hear about upcoming development works, repairs to your block, and communal maintenance services? Contact the First Port team to find out more and register: **E: [danut.bodros@firstport.co.uk](mailto:danut.bodros@firstport.co.uk) T: 07850 517 471**

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

### Hendon residents win Barratt London's Easter Competition!

Colindale Primary School students have been announced as 21 of the 50 winners of Barratt London's Easter competition. To enter the competition, Barratt London asked residents and school children across London to take inspiration from its very own Hayes Village chocolate factory, which used to be the international home of Nestlé, and design their own Easter egg on paper.

Almost 200 children entered the competition and 21 of the most imaginative entries were from Colindale Primary School. Some of the 50 lucky winners were invited to take part in a Nestle-themed virtual Easter egg making masterclass, hosted by an expert chocolatier.

Ed McCoy, Sales and Marketing Director at Barratt West London said: "A massive congratulations to all our winners, we have had some wonderful designs

*sent in over the last couple of weeks and it was so hard to pick just 50 to win. We hope the children enjoyed making their Easter eggs inspired by Nestlé."*



*Well done to: Livia, Alberto, Diana, Jessica, Jia, Juliette, Jasmine, Saara, Methuli, Zoha, Jessica, Fabeha, Yasmine, Safa, Destiny, Zainab, Olivia, Nadia, Jakub, Absina and Khudija.*



### WEST HENDON COMMUNITY HUB – RESIDENT FEEDBACK

On Wednesday 24th February Natalie Beccles, MTVH Resident Voice Coordinator, spoke to some residents who have been using the foodbank at the Hub to understand what you would like to see happen at the Hub and why. The three questions asked were: 1) What would you like to see at the Hub once lockdown is lifted? 2) Why do you want to see it? 3) What difference do you think it will make to the community? Some of the main points they raised were:

- **Activities for children** – arts & crafts, activities, boxing, children's trips.
- **Activities for adults** – mum baby groups, exercise classes, reading book club, IT training, Job advice, family activities, manicure, and pedicure sessions.
- **Older people** – chair-based exercises and bingo.

The main differences you want to see in the community include: Reducing anti-social behaviour; Improving people's mental health; Getting people into work and off benefits; Helping older people that are isolated; Bringing people in the estate together (more generally).

#### What will happen next?

Andre Peters, Regional Community Coordinator has taken your points on board and is currently working on an online West Hendon Community Hub timetable to include a list of programmes for residents to engage in until we are able to use the hub for face-to-face services. Andre will be taking this feedback on board to develop future Hub provisions.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The smaller block under construction will need 160,000 bricks to create its external façade, whilst the larger one will need 500,000.
- There is over 6000 tonnes of steel reinforcement used within the concrete to support the construction of all new buildings in Phase 4.

### COMMUNITY HUB PROGRAMME

During this transition period, we will deliver classes on-line with a view to moving delivery to the Hub from May 2021. All face-to-face delivery in the Hub will be provided in accordance with Government Covid Guidance. Please check the Hub door for any updates. **Online Delivery:**

#### Monday

Team Leading - NCFE Level 2 Certificate  
10am – 2pm

#### Tuesdays

Maths and English Tuition for years 4,5,6  
4pm-5pm and 5:15pm-6:15pm

#### Wednesday

Caring for Children and Young People 10am – 2pm

#### Thursday

Employment Support 10am – 3pm (drop in)

#### Friday

English and Maths for Adults 10am – 2pm

#### Saturday

Beauty Parlour – Manicure, Pedicure, and eyebrows  
12 – 3:30pm (starting 24th April)

For further details please see contacts in the 'Useful Information and Contacts' page enclosed with this newsletter.

### COMMUNITY HUB FEASIBILITY WORK

Barnet Council (LLB) and MTVH are working together to expand the current Community Hub and create a more flexible community space. We want to make sure that the Hub reflects the aspirations and feedback of West Hendon residents and has better space and facilities. To do this LBB and MTVH are currently commissioning an independent consultant who will work with residents to develop a suitable model and prepare a business case. Responses to the tender will be assessed in April and a presentation made to the West Hendon Partnership Board. Further updates will be provided in future newsletters.

### RESIDENT REMINDER

Residents of Bullfinch & Gadwall can park in the UKPC spaces provided on the back of the construction site hoarding in Marriotts Close. You will need to have your parking permit displayed.



### WEST HENDON FOOD BANK

Following a successful pilot at the Community Hub the West Hendon Food Bank has now relocated to a more permanent venue at **Barnet Hill Academy, 10a Montague Road, Hendon, NW4 3ES**. The Food Bank operates on Wednesdays, 12pm – 1:30pm.

The West Hendon Food Bank has been a great success in the community and caters for the needs of the young, older persons, families, and those on their own. There is a wide selection of high-quality food and the team is committed to improving its provisions. If you would like to volunteer, visit the Food Bank, or for more general information, please get in contact with **Councillor Helene Richman** on **07415883720**.



Your new amenity area near cool oak lane bridge is now open and ready to use.

### YORK PARK MEMORIAL BENCH

BMLLP are considering installing a new memorial bench in York Park to commemorate the people who lost their lives when the West Hendon Estate experienced bombing in 1941. We would like to hear your views on this, and especially if you have suggestions on what the memorial plaque should say, please get in touch via email at [competition@building-relations.co.uk](mailto:competition@building-relations.co.uk).

## EON'S OPEN SESSIONS WITH MTVH RESIDENTS

In our previous newsletter, we informed you about an open session with Eon to discuss any issues you had or ask questions. This session took place on **Wednesday 3rd February**. Some of the key issues you raised were:

- Estimated heating bills are too high
- Incorrect meter readings
- Heating not working
- Difficulty getting through to anyone at Eon

Eon have taken these issues on board and will investigate individual cases. We will arrange for another open session to take place with Eon. This will be held at the Community Hub when it is safe to do so. This will enable you to hear from an Eon representative about how they are tackling the issues above and other concerns raised. In the meantime, you can contact Eon on – **0345 302 4312**.

## RESIDENT MEETING

There will be a Virtual Residents Meeting on **Thursday 27th May @ 6:30pm-7:30pm**. First Port, MTVH Housing, MTVH Repairs, MTVH Regeneration and MTVH Empowering Futures will be in attendance for customers to speak to. Please email Durrant Morris at **Tasks.LondonWest@mtvh.co.uk** with the title "West Hendon Virtual Residents Meeting link request" to receive the zoom link.



## COMMUNITY HUB PROVIDERS & USEFUL CONTACTS

### SOUL CAFÉ

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### CONTACT US

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**Thank you for reading our 2021 Spring edition of local updates for West Hendon**

Interested in being featured within our next edition? Contact Georgina Walker by emailing **georgina.walker@becg.com**. We welcome your stories, art, photography, poems, and local memories.