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Welcome to The West Hendon Community Times, the revamped version of West Hendon News. You may notice that we've had a makeover, but that's just the start: we've got plenty of new content which we are sure everyone can enjoy and engage with. Let us know your feedback through Chris Sharp by emailing chris.sharp@becg.com.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION DAY!

Residents, councillors and local business owners in West Hendon joined Barratt Metropolitan LLP and the West Hendon Partnership Board in celebrating five years of Hendon Waterside.

A day of celebration took place on Saturday 7th September, in the form of a traditional fair, celebrating the community which has flourished since the development's inception. A range of events took place throughout the day, with live music, refreshments and family-fun activities, including a bouncy castle and petting zoo. Suppliers were sourced locally, strengthening and celebrating relationships between Barratt Metropolitan LLP and local businesses.

A highlight of the day was a charity abseil with Hendon MP, Dr Matthew Offord, senior representatives from Barratt London and Metropolitan Thames Valley, and local resident, Deepali Jain. Abseiling down 13 storeys into the newly completed piazza, the fearless participants took in views of the Welsh Harp Reservoir and the 657 new homes that have been built over the last five years. Proceeds collected on the day will be invested back into the local community through the West Hendon Community Trust Fund.

To mark the anniversary, a time capsule was buried on the day, leaving a memory of the current community for future residents. The capsule included letters, historic archives, newspaper clippings and photographs of the area and the development.





Q&A WITH BARRATT LONDON'S SAMANTHA NEWTON

We've decided to profile some of the dedicated people who are working at Hendon Waterside, providing you with a behind the scenes peek of what goes on. Meet Samantha Newton from Barratt London.

Samantha is an Assistant Quantity Surveyor working at Hendon Waterside, and has worked here since January.

What is a Quantity Surveyor?

It's one of those professions where you need strong numerical and financial skills. Quantity Surveyors manage all the costs relating to building projects, from initial calculations to final figures. My job is to ensure value for money is achieved in all the different work packages.

What do you love most about your job?

I love learning, and no matter how experienced you are, a career in Quantity Surveying means you'll always be learning due to the variety of situations which may occur. There is never a dull day and I really enjoy being part of a hardworking team.

How did you get involved in the construction industry and what would be your advice to others looking to chart a similar career path?

It's always assumed that construction is an industry for men, but that couldn't be further from the truth. I got involved in this industry through an agency named Women in Construction, who then recruited me as an ambassador.

Since I was young, I've wanted to work in Quantity Surveying and studied the subject as a master's degree at university whilst working for a construction company. I would urge other women to get involved within the industry, as it can be a very rewarding career.

What would be your advice to others looking to chart a similar career path?

The best path to get involved is via an apprenticeship scheme, where you can gain experience whilst fast-tracking your career.

What do you love most about West Hendon?

I love nature, so it's fantastic to be working next to the beautiful Welsh Harp. It's so peaceful and full of nature.

What has been your favourite part of working on the West Hendon project?

It's always a pleasure to see the progression of buildings as they rise whilst playing a key part in the financial side of things. I also enjoy working with the technical, construction and sales team, as I get to learn more about their roles, which I find really interesting.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In addition to the money raised for the West Hendon Community Trust Fund at the recent fun day, BMLLP have just added a further £150,000! Contact Andrew Bindi at Metropolitan Thames Valley to find how your community project can be funded
- We have recently demolished 165 of the older homes in Tyrell Way and Warner Close. Much of the rubble from the demolition is now being recycled on site to create a solid mat to support the piling operations. Since 2014, we have demolished more than 400 of the older homes on the estate

COMMUNITY HUB EXPANSION?

Due to the success of the Community Hub since its opening in 2016, the West Hendon Partnership Board, Barnet Council, and BMLLP are exploring if the current centre can be increased in size. We'll keep you updated.

DON'T MISS THE NEXT WEST HENDON PARTNERSHIP BOARD OPEN MEETING!

Join our next meeting, where we'll discuss a variety of items, including:

- Cool Oak Lane Bridge and the new amenity area
- Highways works and estate roads layout
- West Hendon Broadway strategy update
- West Hendon Community Trust Fund
- December community events

When? Wednesday 16th October 2019, 7pm – 9pm

Where? West Hendon Community Centre, Marsh Drive, NW9 7QQ

Remember every resident is welcome.

Interested?

If you have any questions, then contact Rob Webb, the Residents' Independent Advisor, who can provide further details.

T: 07730 624 358 **E:** robert.w@pep.org.uk

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

The West Hendon Partnership Board wants to give residents the opportunity to get to know each other to strengthen our common purpose to build the community and foster good relations.

To promote this the Partnership Board has arranged for a facilitator from the Near Neighbours Programme to run three sessions in October and early November this year (see below) specifically for residents of West Hendon.

We are particularly keen to get a good mix of 'pre' and 'post' regeneration residents.

These sessions are very informal and friendly (no tests or anything challenging) and are designed to give you the space to express yourself and to listen to other residents who you may not know yet. And if you're feeling hungry, light lunch will also be provided.

Interested?

Then contact Rob Webb by calling **07730 624 358** or email **robert.w@pep.org.uk**

When?

Sat 19th October, 1pm – 2.30pm
Sat 26th October, 1pm – 2.30pm
Sat 2nd November, 1pm – 2.30pm

Where?

West Hendon Community Centre, Marsh Drive, London NW9 7QQ

WHAT'S ON AT THE COMMUNITY HUB?

There are all sorts of opportunities for learning and fun at the Community Hub.

Looking for employment or a new career path? Then explore our TV skills, pedicure & manicure, business studies, SIA and CCTV training classes. Or join our employment support and job club.

Want to get more active? We offer, yoga, chair yoga and zumbollic fitness classes.

Or say 'si' to something new and take Spanish lessons.

We even offer a resident's law clinic!

These are all available to you at the Community Hub, Gadwall House, Perryfield Way, London NW9 7DZ.

To find out more, contact **Andrew Bindi** by calling **07702 532 946** or email **andrew.bindi@mtvh.co.uk**. Or you can visit **facebook/westhendoncommunityhub**

JOIN OUR CONSTRUCTION WORKING GROUP (CWG)

We hold quarterly CWG meetings within the Community Hub (NW9 7DZ), where you can find all the latest about construction progress. These meetings are where you can learn about the scheme, ask questions and meet the team transforming West Hendon.

Upcoming meetings

Thursday 21st November 2019, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 19th March 2020, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 18th June 2020, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 17th September 2020, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 17th December 2020, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

KIDS PARTY!

Looking for a fantastic afternoon of fun with the kids? West Hendon Residents' Association will be holding a kids party which includes some wonderful entertainment. Does your little one love magic, music, eats and treats? Then come along; there will even be a raffle!

When? Saturday 7th December 2019, between 2pm and 6pm

Where? West Hendon Community Centre, Marsh Drive, London NW9 7QQ

Note that this event is for children up to ten years old and all children must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE

Demolition works at Phase 4 have now concluded. Work has recently started on Block H1 of Phase 4a, which is located near Milton Road and Stanley Road. This block will eventually contain 48 apartments, ready for summer 2020.

Work has also started on a double basement, which is spread throughout much of the hoarded section of the site. The Barratt team will now spend the next ten months excavating and preparing the foundations for Phases 4b and 4c.



SALE UPDATE

Phase 3 of Hendon Waterside is now fully sold and occupied with many happy new residents.

The first apartment block in Phase 4 will be called The Hyde and will feature a mixture of 1, 2 and 3-bedroom apartments.

The Hyde was launched in June. So far, we have achieved a good number of sales. Many homes have been sold to first time buyers utilising the London Help to Buy scheme.

Barratt London's Sales Team can be contacted by calling **020 8732 3060**, or by emailing **hendonwaterside@barrattlondon.com**

WE'RE LISTENING TO YOUR FEEDBACK

We've been listening to what you have told us about the nuisance caused by parking outside homes at Sorrel Mead. That's why we have now increased restrictions along this road, and soon patrols will be in operation.

DROP-IN SURGERIES FOR NON-SECURE TENANTS

As part of its wider strategy to assist non-secure tenants affected by regeneration at West Hendon, Barnet Homes will be holding joint monthly drop-in surgeries with the Welfare Reform Taskforce.

These sessions provide an opportunity to:

- Meet and ask questions to Barnet Homes;
- Assist and support clients who require help in getting back into work;
- Assist clients to deal with Universal Credit or benefit cap queries;
- Make referrals to external organisations.

The sessions will be held from 5pm – 7pm at the Community Hub, Gadwall House, Perryfield Way NW9 7DZ on the following dates:

Monday 28th October 2019

Monday 25th November 2019

Monday 16th December 2019

NEW COMMERCIAL UNITS SET TO BE OCCUPIED!

We have some more great news. The new commercial units built last year at the commercial plaza will soon be occupied! Stay tuned for more information.

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Barnet Homes

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Metropolitan Thames Valley

Moving to your new home on the
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Barratt London

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