

# THE WEST HENDON COMMUNITY TIMES



OCTOBER – NOVEMBER

## Welcome to our Autumn 2021 newsletter

With the summer events all wrapped up and schools back open, we are pleased to update you on our construction process, upcoming events, and community offers and plans for West Hendon over the coming Autumn months.

### WEST HENDON COMMUNITY HUB

Plans are progressing for the expansion of the West Hendon Community Hub. A Community Reference Group made up of local residents and activity providers, is working with Matter Architecture and Mobilise Public to give direction and oversight to the proposals.

Proposed designs for the Community Hub, which will be expanded into the former boiler room space include a new and more prominent entrance on Damsel Walk, awnings over the entrance areas to provide additional inside/outside space for seating and other uses, more flexible multi-purpose rooms, as well as a lift and new toilet facilities.

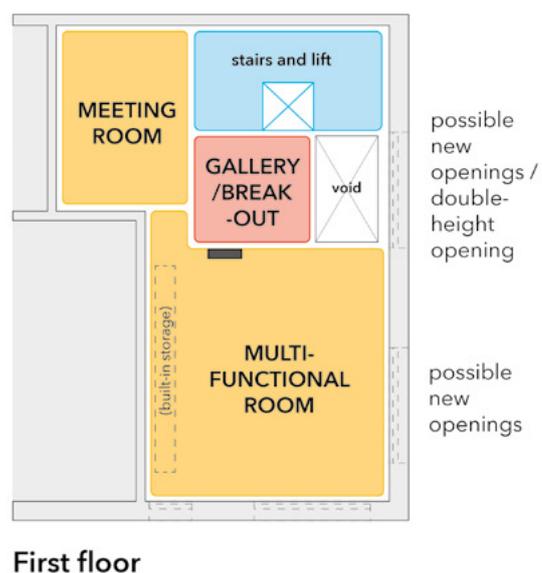
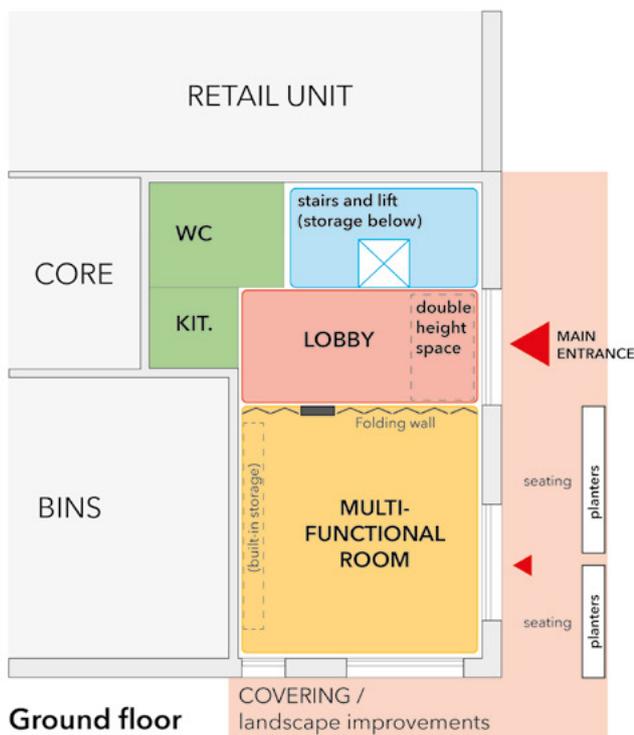
Once complete, the Hub will offer several spaces for a range of activities and will be available to hire for parties, events, and other uses. You can have your say and give the team your feedback by completing the West Hendon Community

Hub survey. The survey which includes drawings for the proposed alterations to the building, can be found at:

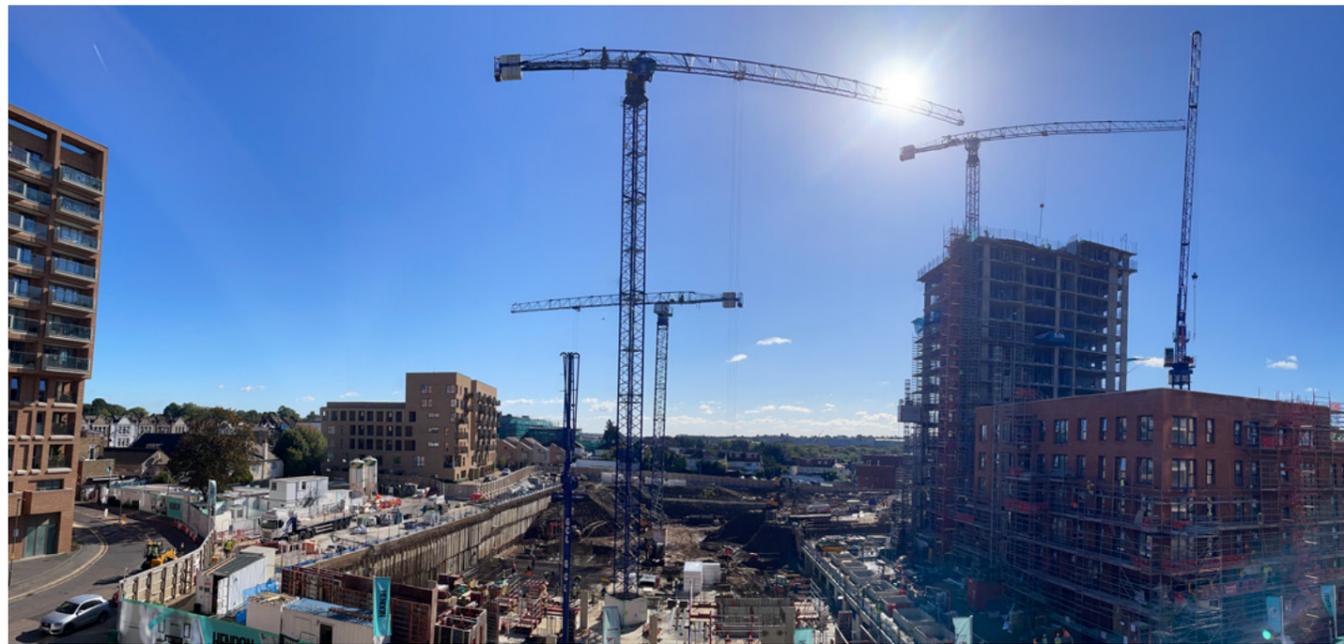
<https://tinyurl.com/d3fn57e5>

The project team aims to get approval from Barnet Council this autumn for use of the s106 funding to expand and improve the building, and to commence with the refurbishment in the new year. More details on when the Hub will be closed for construction will be made available once confirmed.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please send an email to: [hello@mobilise.org](mailto:hello@mobilise.org)



Subject to approval



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – BARRATT LONDON

Since our previous newsletter, we have made good progress on site.

**K1** – We have commenced scaffold and external works on the podium areas. The existing tower crane is expected to be taken down by mid-October. We have also begun plastering the internal walls of the building, and this is approximately 75% complete.

**K2** – Scaffold works around the perimeter are ongoing. We are also conducting frame works up to level 14. We will then pour the concrete slab before continuing frame works up the building for another 6 levels.

**J Blocks** – We have completed approximately 70% of the bulk excavation. We have commenced works on the basement slab, which is approximately 15% complete. Additionally, we will be installing a third and final crane towards the end of October 2021.

## ETC

Education Training and Consultancy (ETC Partners) is the Independent Community Advisor for West Hendon.

The West Hendon Partnership Board are looking to recruit new resident members to join the Partnership Board. If you would be interested in representing the community, please contact Christine McConnachie – ETC Partners for a recruitment pack by 31st October 2021 for an informal discussion regarding recruitment to the Board.

### Contact details

**Low-cost call line:** 0300 008 0015

**Mobile or text:** 07730624344

**Landline:** 020 8 368 0468



## DID YOU KNOW?

- There are 13.7km of piles installed in the basement of blocks K and J
- Block K2's concrete frame is being built at a rate of 10 days per floor

## WEST HENDON COMMUNITY TRUST FUND UPDATE

MTVH is pleased to announce that the West Hendon Community Trust Fund is up and running again, after a period of inactivity, mainly caused by the Covid lockdowns.

The Board of Trustees is meeting again after a recruitment drive to fill several vacant positions and will now be meeting four times per year instead of bi-annually. This means there are more opportunities for organisational grants for events and activities, as well as individual grants for anyone who needs financial support, to be processed.

There is still one place available on the Board for a Resident Trustee. The quota for the organisational and Council contributions has now been met. It is the hope that the Board of Trustees will be led by a resident who would be better connected with the needs of the community.

The residents on the Board will give great guidance to ensure the Trust Fund's work benefits the West Hendon community. For more information regarding how to apply and what's involved please call Dawn on **020 3535 3368** or send an email to [whctf@mtvh.co.uk](mailto:whctf@mtvh.co.uk).

## WEST HENDON FOOD BANK

Dee, who lives on the West Hendon Estate, has been volunteering with the West Hendon's Food Bank for almost 2 years.

The Foodbank is based at Barnet Hill Academy, every **Wednesday 12pm to 1.30pm**.

Dee says she wants to "let the community know, for those who need help, it's there for them." Dee added, "I volunteer with West Hendon's Food Bank because I want to help the community. It gets me out of the house to meet residents... it's a way to take part."



### The below sets out an average Wednesday for Dee:

#### 11.30am:

Dee arrives at the school. She makes sure all the areas and tables used by West Hendon's Food Bank are clear, clean and sanitised.

#### 11.45am – 12pm:

FareShare arrives with food supplies. This includes fresh fruit and vegetables, tinned and dried food.

While the food is being dropped off, Dee organises it for distribution to the Food Bank's customers.

#### 12pm to 1.30pm:

As customers arrive, Dee packs two bags for each household, one bag with fresh fruit and vegetables and one bag with tinned and dried food. Dee always checks with each customer about any dietary requirements they may have. She makes sure that the contents of each bag respond to the customer's needs.

#### 1.30pm to 2pm:

Dee tidies everything away. She clears, cleans, and sanitises all the areas and tables used.

#### 2pm:

Dee heads home to relax after another busy day at West Hendon's Food Bank.

West Hendon's Food Bank is held at Barnet Hill Academy, 10a Montagu Road, London, NW4 3ES every Wednesday, **12pm to 1.30pm**.

To find out more about West Hendon's Food Bank please contact Councillor Helene Richman on **07415 88370**.



## CALLING ALL WEST HENDON TALENT

Would you like a local book club or your own amateur dramatics society, perhaps a West Hendon musical?

I know there are budding stars and so much talent in our West Hendon community! I am keen to set up these groups, creating a social space where West Hendon residents can talk, share views, grow talent and most of all have fun!

If you are interested then please contact me, Cllr Richman  
[Cllr.H.Richman@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.H.Richman@Barnet.gov.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

ETC Partners has recently been appointed to cover the Independent Community Advisor project at West Hendon. The project team includes:



**Christine McConnachie**  
Senior Consultant



**Zaeda Gul**  
Associate Project Worker



**Laura Ferrier**  
Administration and Finance

### Contact details include:

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Mobile: 07730624344 Email: [chris.m@etcpartners.org.uk](mailto:chris.m@etcpartners.org.uk)

The Independent Community Advisors will be offering impartial and independent advice to the West Hendon Partnership Board and all residents living at West Hendon on the community investment opportunities for the regeneration scheme. We are presently arranging meet and greet information events for residents and will come back to you with details.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### Soul Café

Contact: Rev Hutchinson

E: [office@stpetersnw2.org.uk](mailto:office@stpetersnw2.org.uk)

### Barnet Council

Regeneration contact:  
Regeneration Services

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### Avison Young

Private treaty arrangements contact:  
Angela Nelson

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### Metropolitan Thames Valley

Management of your new home on the estate contact:

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

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