

## Meet the Barratt Team



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**Job Title:**  
Trainee Assistant Site Manager

### What is your role at Hendon Waterside?

I am a Trainee Assistant Site Manager at the Hendon Waterside development. I have worked in this role for just under a year.

I am responsible for assisting the site manager in overseeing the operations and management of a seven-floor residential building consisting of 66 homes. This role entails supervising on-site staff, ensuring compliance with health and safety regulations, National House Building Council standards and addressing any concerns raised by residents or staff members.

### What did you do before you joined Barratt?

Prior to my current role, I had varied experience. I served as a member of the British Army Reserves, attending regular training sessions, yearly exercises, and weekend unit training. This experience instilled in me essential qualities such as teamwork, discipline, leadership, and adaptability. Concurrently, I worked as a Team Leader at Tesco, where I managed a team, coordinated daily tasks, and focused on providing excellent customer service. This combination of Army Reserves service and retail leadership allowed me to develop a versatile skill set that includes leadership, organizational abilities, problem-solving, and adaptability to different environments.

The transition from my previous roles to joining Barratt under the Armed Forces program has been an exciting journey filled with new opportunities. Joining Barratt has provided a unique and rewarding experience and is a demonstration of their commitment to supporting veterans and individuals with military backgrounds. It has allowed me to leverage my skills and experiences gained in the military while transitioning to a new career in the construction industry. Being part of a different industry and work environment has exposed me to new challenges, work dynamics, and growth prospects. Exploring this fresh environment and immersing myself in the construction industry has been both exhilarating and stimulating.

### What do you most like about your new role?

One of the most enjoyable aspects of my new role at Barratt is the ample potential for professional growth and skill development. Barratt offers specific training programs, career advancement opportunities, and the chance to learn from experienced professionals in the field. This emphasis on growth not only provides a sense of fulfilment but also recognizes the dedication put into personal and professional development. I am particularly proud to have recently completed my NVQ level 4, a qualification funded by Barratt through the Armed Forces program. This achievement highlights Barratt's commitment to employee development and their focus on self-growth, professional advancement, and a genuine feeling of accomplishment.

### What are your thoughts on the Hendon Waterside development?

The West Hendon project itself is remarkable. It contributes to the regeneration of the area by transforming an existing site into a vibrant and modern residential community. The project focuses on creating visually appealing and sustainable buildings, thanks to the involvement of architectural firms that strive to blend the structures seamlessly with the surrounding environment. The regeneration efforts bring new life and amenities to the neighbourhood, enhancing the overall quality of life for residents.

My role as a Trainee Assistant Site Manager at the West Hendon Waterside site has allowed me to contribute to the development and management of a thriving residential community. The transition to Barratt under the Armed Forces program has provided me with exciting opportunities for personal and professional growth.

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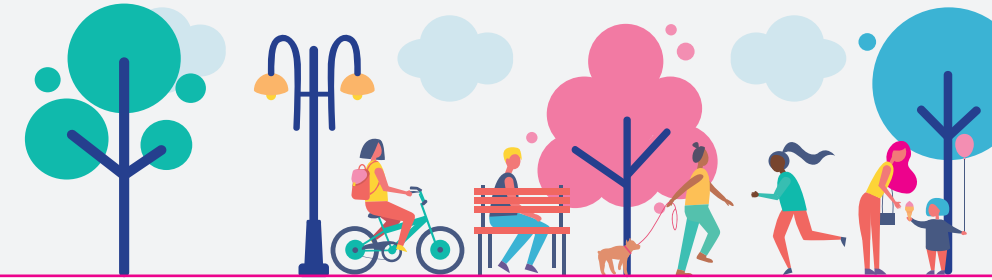
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# THE WEST HENDON COMMUNITY TIMES

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## Welcome to our Summer Newsletter!

We hope that you are having a wonderful summer. We are pleased to share with you an update on our construction process, upcoming events, community offers and plans for West Hendon in the coming months.

### Wonderful West Hendon Wildlife

Nature has certainly "sprung" into life at West Hendon over recent weeks. The House Martins have returned from their African wintering grounds to the colony on the Broadway and have been zooming around in flocks, busily repairing and rebuilding their nests prior to the start of the breeding season.

Bees and hoverflies, our "Ecosystem Superheroes", can be seen buzzing around the area collecting nectar and pollinating local wildflowers and plant life, whilst animals of all species find a mate to continue the "circle of life".

Barratt recently invited Wildlife presenter Cam Whitnall to visit Hendon Waterside and he was extremely impressed by both the unique natural beauty of the Welsh Harp Reservoir and the variety of wildlife that lives on and around the development.

The reel of his visit can be viewed using the QR code.

You can also see examples of the wonders of the natural world in our local environment, as the photographs demonstrate.



Wonders of the Natural World

## Construction Update

### Key Activities

- The site is preparing for the commencement of Phase 5 & 6, with construction on Block C, the first structure, due to begin in Autumn.
- Main trunk sewer diversion and diversion of electric substation ongoing.

### J Blocks

- Block J4 and Block J5 are now complete.
- Construction continues on the remaining J blocks with frame construction.
- Block J3 is set to be complete by the end of this year.
- Cladding and internal fit out has commenced to Block J3.

### Phase 5 & 6

- Hard demolition ongoing. Demolition works remain on schedule.
- Soft stripping and asbestos removal complete.
- Services have been disconnected. Substation to be relocated later this year.
- Completion of demolition targeted end of 2023. Remaining structures to be demolished once the substation has been relocated.
- Sewer diversion and upgrade to commence December/early 2024.



Block J5

## Community Hub Food Bank

The team at the West Hendon Community Hub has been working hard to ensure our food bank has enough supplies over the school summer holidays. The food bank is supported by The Young Barnet Foundation and Groundworks.

We know the summer school holidays can put enormous extra pressure on financially challenged parents. Three meals a day plus snacks is a lot for many families, and reliance on food banks inevitably increases during the summer holidays.

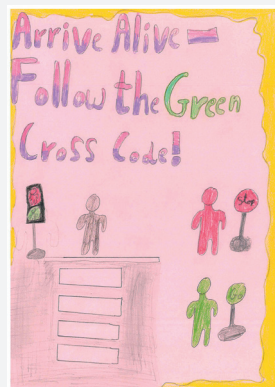
We understand the situation and we are working hard to make a difference!

To be part of our food bank you must come in person to the West Hendon Community Hub on Wednesday before 2 pm with proof of address and identification.

The food bank is held every week on **Wednesday from 2 to 4 pm.**



## Road Safety Awareness Classes for Walk to School Week



As part of Walk to School Week, Barratt London partnered with Barnet Council's Safe and Sustainable Travel Team to organise a series of road safety classes for pupils at Parkfield Primary School in Hendon and gifted reflective accessories to use when travelling to and from school. The site team at Hendon Waterside, represented by Abi Hadjigeorgiou and Phil Smith, were eager to highlight the importance of road safety along with Sharada

Osman, Road Safety Officer for Barnet Council. The pupils were asked to participate in a number of safety-related games and put their learning to the test on the pedestrian crossing just outside the school.

In her educational talk, Sharada led a number of exciting games and quizzes including Street Detectives, which involved the children making keen observations of the road and its hazards. Walk to School Week took place from the 15th May and is part of National Walking Month. The week is intended to encourage



## Digital Skills

The first round of digital skills courses were held during the months of May and June. The courses were held with the aim to support elderly and digitally excluded residents. The courses taught basic computer skills for both complete beginners and those with minimal experience.

The courses covered basic computer usage instructions, such as typing, and instruction on how to use basic applications such as internet browsers and email.

The second round of digital skills programmes will begin in September and will cover programs such as Microsoft Word and Excel.

To enrol you must send an email to [ada.seijasfagundez@mtvh.co.uk](mailto:ada.seijasfagundez@mtvh.co.uk)

## September at the West Hendon Community Hub

### The Maternity House

We are inviting parents for our September Maternity House. This is a space where parents can gain information about topics relevant and necessary to parenthood, whilst meeting other residents.

The key topics are taken from the NHS Healthy Child Programme. Parents and carers can attend with their children.

To enrol, please drop an email to [ada.seijasfagundez@mtvh.co.uk](mailto:ada.seijasfagundez@mtvh.co.uk)

### Community Activities

Our usual West Hendon Community Hub activities also continue in September.

**Free Tantric Yoga Fridays from 11:45 am to 1:05 pm**

**Arts and Culture Society every Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8 pm**

**The Beauty Clinic every Saturday from 12 pm to 3 pm**

**The Security Hub every Thursday from 2 pm to 5 pm**

## West Hendon Summer Solstice Festival Community Celebration

On Wednesday 21 June 2023, the West Hendon Arts and Culture Society (WHACS) hosted a Summer Solstice Festival for local residents. This vibrant community event took place from 3pm-8pm on Damsel Walk by West Hendon Broadway. The event provided fun for all, whilst bringing the public space to life with activity.

The festival offered a fantastic mix of local and professional performers including vintage pop trio the London Belles, bohofolk singer-songwriter PandorasDiary, and the Jada Funk Collective performing 70s and '80s hits. A Chinese ribbon dance display and Indian classical music helped transport festival goers around the world. Broadfields Primary School students joined the celebrations with a flowing dance and the BEAT Jazz Ensemble and Barnet Education Arts Trust shared jazz hits with flare.

Offstage, local children enjoyed the chance to make and create at the art workshop with a summer solstice theme while balloon modellers brought smiles to many faces with their colourful creations. An African drumming workshop introduced those of



all ages to drumming, adding to the day's musical theme.

The event also featured in the London Festival of Architecture programme for 2023, the theme of which is 'In Common'. This month-long celebration of architecture and city-making aims to open up discussions around architecture, the environment and city spaces. The Summer Solstice Festival included an interactive architecture and

design workshop led by Middlesex University on the theme of interiors and a student exhibition of work on ways in which local communities can re-engage following the Covid-19 pandemic and how design can re-energise high streets.

With tantalising street food and lots of useful information from community stalls there was something for everyone throughout the afternoon and evening festivities.

Naomi Stanford, a member of WHACS said: "The Summer Solstice Festival showed the possibilities for exciting community events in West Hendon. We look forward to sharing more opportunities to come together as a community."

## Age UK Barnet is here to help!

Age UK Barnet outreach has joined our resident support group. They can offer those in receipt of foodbank services additional help through Household Support Fund grants for older people.

### Who is eligible?

\* **Facing financial hardship**

\* **Over 55**

\* **Living in Barnet**

...you might be entitled to grants toward utility bills, food costs and wider essentials.

If this applies to you, Age UK representative Mrs Salima Jiwa will be attending the West Hendon Community Hub on a frequent basis and may be able to assist.

For more information send an email to [ada.seijasfagundez@mtvh.co.uk](mailto:ada.seijasfagundez@mtvh.co.uk)

## Volunteer Week

In July we began by celebrating our foodbank volunteers who have dedicated themselves to serving the community. Our volunteers have given their time to help us deliver essential food supplies to those in need, every Wednesday at the West Hendon Community Hub.

Mrs. Doreen Bayley and Mrs. Jackie Parsons have received recognition from the MTVH Staff. Nothing would be possible without them!

Our volunteers have also begun to attend the foodbank training offered by the Young Barnet Foundation. Training courses offered include first aid, manual handling, and food hygiene.

If you want to make a difference in your community, please write to [ada.seijasfagundez@mtvh.co.uk](mailto:ada.seijasfagundez@mtvh.co.uk)

**Foodbank every Wednesday from 2 to 4 pm**