Hackney Council is regenerating Woodberry Down in partnership with Berkeley Homes, Genesis Housing Association, Hackney Homes, the Greater London Authority, Manor House Development Trust and the Woodberry Down Community Organisation. This newsletter is produced in partnership with these organisations.

Woodberry Down Local Housing Office
440 Seven Sisters Road
N4 2RD
Opening Times
Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm
Web address
www.hackney.gov.uk/woodberry-down
Email
wdrt@hackney.gov.uk

Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisors
2C, Rowan Apartments
N4 1FS
Opening Times
Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3 pm – 7 pm
Telephone / Freephone
020 8809 7203 / 0800 169 8677

Useful numbers
Neighbourhood Housing Office
020 8356 4444
Repairs Contact Centre
020 8356 3691
Re-housing Team
020 8356 7591
The Redmond Community Centre
020 8802 7580
Berkeley Homes
020 8809 1789

The Council wants local people to have their say about proposals to improve the 3km walking and cycling greenway from Woodberry Wetlands located at the East Reservoir, to Walthamstow Wetlands in Waltham Forest.

The greenway will also be linked to several other quiet ways into central London and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The greenway will encourage visitors to walk or cycle between the wetlands by linking parks, marshland, quiet roads and towpaths, avoiding busy roads such as Amhurst Park and Seven Sisters Road. The Council has obtained funding from the Mayor of London’s Big Green Fund to help kick start proposals for the area, starting with Newton Close. Proposals for the greenway include; replacing the fixed barrier next to the New River footbridge with fixed bollards to improve cycle / pedestrian accessibility, and improving the existing lighting facilities by installing three new lamp posts along the route.

For further information on this proposal, please call: 0208 356 2897 or email: info@hackney.gov.uk
Come and join in at this year’s Winter Fest

Winter at Woodberry Down promises to be particularly magical this year as we welcome you to join us for some festive fun at this year’s Winter Fest on Wednesday 9 December.

Come along and enjoy some mince pies, music and performances by pupils from Skinners’ Academy, as we switch on the Woodberry Down festive lights in the Rose Garden, in partnership with Berkeley Homes. Following this, the annual Community Feast will take place at The Redmond Community Centre where there will be plenty of fun and activities for all members of the family to enjoy including FREE entertainment, face-painting and balloon modelling.

We’ll also have some exciting new updates on the regeneration of the new Spring Park, as well as stalls raising awareness of living healthily and happily. The Ways into Work team will be on hand to talk to residents about paid employment and training opportunities in Hackney. The service is free and works closely with businesses from retail, hospitality and many other sectors.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Festive Lights switch on ceremony: 3:45pm at the Rose Garden
Community Feast: 4:30-7:30pm at The Redmond Centre

Hackney Youth Parliament

The Hackney Youth Parliament, working in partnership with the City and Hackney Safeguarding Children Board (CHSCB), announced the launch of a campaign to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation at their recent Youth Conference. The campaign, which will begin in early 2016, follows on from an awareness-raising campaign run by Hackney Council, CHSCB and NSPCC aimed at informing parents and professionals.

The Youth Conference took place at The Edge youth hub on Saturday 14 November. The theme was mind, body and soul and, in addition to some hard-hitting elements, such as a short drama about Child Sexual Exploitation performed by Alter Ego Theatre, there were a range of activities focusing on making young people in Hackney feel happier, healthier and safer.

Hackney Youth Parliament member, Beth Foster-Ogg, age 18, said: ‘The Youth Conference was a unique experience – a chance to share our opinions and let our voices be heard. We feel the campaign to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation in Hackney will be important because it is a sensitive topic, not discussed widely enough. We need to encourage young people to say something, if they see something – they have to know the signs of Child Sexual Exploitation, and they have to know who to speak to if they are concerned for a friend.’

If you are concerned about a young person who may be caught up in gangs, sexual exploitation or radicalisation, you can call the NSPCC helpline at any time: 0808 800 5000, email help@nspcc.org.uk or text 88858.
On Friday 20 November, 105 people attended an employment fair hosted by Genesis Housing Association at the Redmond Community Centre. Working in partnership with Manor House Development Trust (MHDT), over twenty employers talked to attendees about more than 50 current vacancies, including administration, hospitality, customer service, child care and fitness.

An enterprise, employment and training officer from Genesis was on hand to provide advice to those looking to go into self-employment and there was success for one local resident who was offered a job in construction on the day. John said: “I wasn’t sure about coming today but I am so pleased I did, as I have managed to find a job that suits my needs.”

Christopher, a representative of Admiral Group said: “I thought today was really well organised and our hosts were very friendly.”

The event was supported by local volunteers who focused on meeting, greeting and taking registrations. The next Woodberry Down jobs fair will be taking place in early 2016.

If you would like more information on future jobs fairs and employment support at Woodberry Down, please contact Abdul on 0203 819 5613 or Michael Duncombe on 07843 526 048 or email michael.duncombe@genesisha.org.uk.
Berkeley welcome Jaime to the team

Berkeley Homes is pleased to announce the appointment of Jaime Powell, the latest member of the Berkeley team at Woodberry Down. Jaime has been appointed as Development Manager and will play a vital role in the remaining stages of the construction process at Woodberry Down. She will be on hand to answer any questions from residents and is looking forward to getting stuck in to her new role.

Commenting on her appointment, Jaime said: “I am delighted to take up the role at Berkeley Homes and to work on such an exciting project. In particular, I’m looking forward to getting to know the local residents and to contribute to the long-term success of Woodberry Down.”

Jaime can be contacted by email at Jaime.Powell@berkeleygroup.co.uk. We all wish Jaime every success in her new position.

Success for Friends of Woodberry Down

The over 55’s group, Friends of Woodberry Down, are pleased to announce that they have almost reached their target of raising £900. The group were overwhelmed by the support they received from local people at their garage sale on Saturday 21 November.

Group members shared stories of great generosity, such as, young people donating to support the elders. The event was enjoyed by all and the day was made better with singing from Tracey Boothe (Treasurer) to encourage people to come in and have a look around.

Amanda, Chair of Friends of Woodberry Down, said: “We have to say a special thank you to William Sheehy and Jackie Myers from WDCO. A big thank to everyone at Friends of Woodberry Down and the local people that have supported us.”
The **Hydrocitizenship team** want to hear from you!

**What is Hydrocitizenship?**
Hydrocitizenship involves working in local areas where there are water-based housing developments such as waterfront housing, like areas of Woodberry Down. The research team from Middlesex and Brighton Universities are working with a range of community and environmental groups (including London Wildlife Trust) to develop research that supports community engagement with water and nature.

The project, that will run until 2017, will research ideas of citizenship and community and how it relates to water issues such as flooding/flood risk, sustainable water use and supply, water quality, wetlands conservation, and access to and safety and enjoyment of water.

**How can I get involved?**
If you would like to share your experience of past water projects and developments, please contact Jo Orchard-Webb, at: J.Orchard-Webb@brighton.ac.uk. For more information about the project visit: www.leevalley.org and www.hydrocitizenship.com

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**Volunteers**

Organisers of the Woodberry Down Community Feast want to hear from local people interested in volunteering on the day. This is a good opportunity for anyone who looking for hands on event management experience. For more information, contact Carolina on 0203 819 5616 or email Carolina.Aguinaga@mhdt.org.uk. www.mhdt.org.uk/volunteer-winter-feast

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**Door Knocking in Woodberry Down**

In the coming months, staff from Hackney Council, Genesis Housing Association, Berkeley Homes and Manor House Development Trust will be knocking on doors at Woodberry Down residents to offer information about activities, events and more taking place on the estate. All staff will present identification which will include their name and organisation.
## Councillors for Woodberry Down ward

Your local ward boundaries have changed following a review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The estate is now in Woodberry Down ward.

**Cllr Jon Burke** and **Cllr Caroline Selman** hold surgeries at the following venues and times:

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