



Grange Farm News

December 2020



Steering Group update from Ken Woods



As we approach the end of 2020, it is a time to reflect on how much the world has changed around us.

I do hope you have all managed to keep safe and well during the pandemic. I am grateful for the continued hard

work and fellowship of the Steering Group members. Unfortunately, I am no longer always able to attend meetings due to my health and also because I am a carer.

I am also grateful the community has come together to support one another in these times of hardship, for which I must thank the

teams from MyYard, Harrow Council, Roxeth Christ Church, Higgins, One Enterprise Ltd and all the wonderful volunteers. I am pleased the demolition works have been completed for Phase 1 and it will be amazing to see the building works start in 2021.

And would it not be wonderful for us to be able to hold our annual Fun Day in the Summer of 2021! We will be looking for new members to join and support the work of the Steering Group, with our AGM coming up on 29 April 2021, so for more information do email or call Raj our independent tenant advisor: raj@ienterprise.co.uk, 03450 573995. Please also visit our website where all the notes of our previous meetings and other useful information is held: www.GrangeFarmSteeringGroup.co.uk. Finally, I would like to wish you and your families all a wonderful Christmas and good health and happiness for 2021. God bless. Ken.



**ChristChurch
Roxeth**

With Christmas looking different to what we normally experience, at Christ Church Roxeth we have come up with free activities and events to help you celebrate the joy of Christmas in a Covid world.

If you're a creative type or enjoy crafts at home, then why not enter our Advent Window craft competition where you can win a £30 Amazon voucher. On the evening of

Carol Sormaz
Children's and Family worker
Christ Church Roxeth.

Sunday 20 December there will be Carols by Candlelight online, as well as special services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day online and (hopefully!) in our building on Roxeth Hill.

Visit www.ccrharrow.org/christmas for the latest details. Christ Church Roxeth wishes you all much Comfort and Joy even in these strange times and we all pray for a better 2021.

Regeneration update from Higgins

Works are progressing at a steady rate despite some of the issues we have had with the services located in the roads. This may have become evident to everyone with the installation of the traffic management system in both Osmond Close and Grange Farm Close.

We are hoping to have the final service diversions completed in January, in line with the opening of the new link road. We're currently preparing for piling, which we expect to start very soon, with foundations dug in January.

We are also hoping to open the new road in early January. As always if anyone has any concerns regarding works you are welcome to come to our site office and speak with me or alternatively you can speak with Joan Borzak in the Resident Liaison Officer office located in the Higgins compound.



Higgins
PARTNERSHIPS

And from the Harrow Council Regeneration Project Manager – Mary Hannington

Harrow Council is pleased to see the progress being made on Phase 1 site and are hopeful that any delays caused by utilities works will be made up. Once the new link road is complete, a time-lapse camera will be installed on the hoarding to capture the works as they continue.

The interim parking arrangements previously circulated - and which will affect the area around the boundary of the construction site - will be implemented from January onwards.

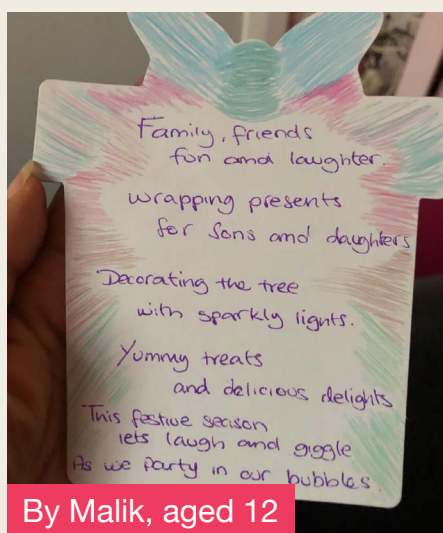
Occasionally, operational hours on site may need to change to ensure the delivery of key time-sensitive activities. Advance notice will be given, including on site. We are also hoping to have samples for kitchens and bathrooms for the new Phase 1 homes on site over the next few months.

Finally, to mark the progress on Phase 1, we are looking to plan an event sometime in the New Year – more details will follow when available, as this is Covid dependant.

Winners of the Virtual Christmas Competition

Thank you to our lovely panel of judges – Cllr Sarah Butterworth, Cllr Dan Anderson and Raj Kumar for the difficult task of choosing the winners out of the 22 entries. And thanks to

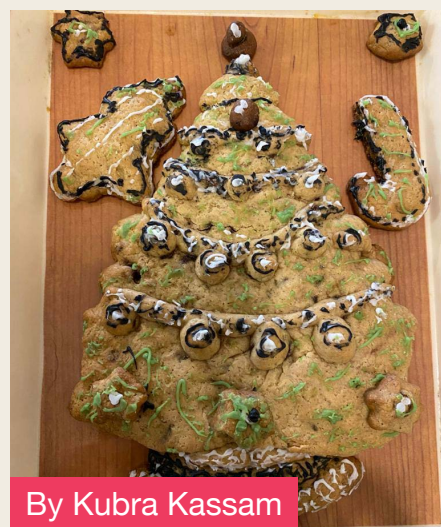
Harrow Council Housing for organising and providing the 30 activity packs and to Higgins for the three £50 winners' gift cards. MyYard also provided tokens for everyone who entered.



By Malik, aged 12



By Oliver, aged 9



By Kubra Kassam

The gift of giving - Rachel from MyYard

Thanks to all the sponsors for the Christmas gifts, we couldn't do this without you. MyYard received many kind offers this year to supply toys and gifts for the estate and wider South Harrow area. With these, we were able to create gift packs which volunteers will deliver to Grange Farm residents on 20 December.

We wanted to give the younger children on the estate a little something, and all the older kids who have engaged with MyYard during 2020. I hope you enjoyed seeing Oliver's snowman card design (above) in the flesh.

Well done Oliver and all the other entrants.

Thank you volunteers: South Harrow Morrisons, North London Food Bank Aid, Edgware and Stanmore Rotary Club, MyYard, Higgins, Christchurch Roxeth, One Enterprise and the Council.

Thank you for the donations: North London Food Bank Aid, Harrow School, Orley Farm School, Young Harrow Foundation, Injeanious in Radlett, Morrisons, MyYard and the Council.



We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

The site will be closed from 24 December until 4 January 2021
In an emergency call 0208 2895 858 or 0333 400 1888



Brand new hoodies

for the Grange Farm basketball squad funded by the summer youth winners of the Jack Petchey awards. And thank you to Christchurch

Roxeth for donating the chocolate calendars and chocolate bears.



COVID SYMPTOMS?

Self-isolate immediately
Get tested as soon as possible

nhs.uk/coronavirus OR CALL 119

Autumn activities

Community hoarding

Thanks to local artist, Sarah Blackwell, for painting our community hoarding on display on Shaftesbury Avenue. It shows some of our summer activities - young people helping to deliver hot meals, Metropolitan Police rugby sessions, art and music workshops organised by MyYard. Thanks Higgins and the Council for sponsoring the hoarding.



Half term tag rugby

Run by the Metropolitan Police on 31 October – thank you Ben and Morrison's for the October half term children's pack lunches.



Papa Gee's Ice Cream and Waffles Donated by MyYard



Treats all round

To celebrate winning the Young Harrow Foundation £4,000 grant (thanks to the video by Piotr Sell), MyYard organised free pizzas, chips and cakes for 100 children on 23 November, donated by Deepa Chauhan and Amit & Jitu.

This was to celebrate the success by residents Blessing, Grace and Shanaiya as their video got the most hits.

The grant will be used to pay for special excursions for young people on the estate next year.

And thank you to Naomi Clucas from Simply Scrumptious for offering 150 Free crepes to the residents of Grange Farm.

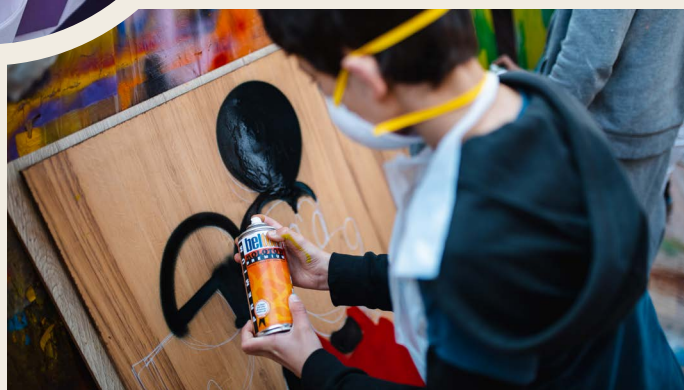


New food project

MyYard and Higgins are launching a pilot food project based on the estate and covering homes in South Harrow. Its aim is to help vulnerable families and those in financial difficulty. It's been made possible by a grant of £5,000 from Harrow Giving, a fridge freezer from Edgware & Stanmore Rotary Club and a shipping container from Higgins, from which the project will be run.

The project seeks to give at least one bag of food for anyone who needs it. In return we're asking residents to try to reduce rent or council tax arrears, provide regular feedback to MyYard how it is helping and to help others in the community.

Change makers



We are hoping to kick off our exciting new programme for 11 – 18-year-olds, Young Change Makers, in January 2021. We'll be working in partnership with MyYard,

Adekeye - Higgins' new site supervisor apprentice



Adekeye lives in the local Harrow area, he saw the Grange Farm redevelopment site, and made some enquiries about any available job roles. He successfully passed the recruitment process and progressed into the Site Supervisor apprenticeship role in August 2020.

The project

Higgins are appointed to build the first phase of the Grange Farm Estate in South Harrow as you know and works include the demolition of existing blocks within Grange Farm Close and Osmond Close and the design and build of 68 much needed brand-new council homes and 21 Shared Ownership properties with parking, a new sub-station, external works and services.

Apprentice opportunity

Adekeye, better known as AJ on site, has lived in Harrow for over 20 years; then attended Coventry University where he gained a degree in Civil Engineering. After leaving University it was hard to gain employment in his chosen field. He then worked for Majestic Wine HQ

before working for Vanguard until the initial nationwide lockdown. He was interested in the construction industry as his Civil Engineering degree closely related to this field.

Adekeye said

“My time with the company has been really good and I have learnt a lot in the last three months, I have developed management skills, the do's and don'ts of my role and being a team player. I have also developed effective communication skills with people of all ages and backgrounds. The site has been busy so I have been making sure I manage my workload and apprenticeship tasks and I am well on track. I will be given the opportunity to gain further qualifications that will aid my progress during my apprenticeship and beyond.

My peers are very supportive and anything I am not sure about they are happy to help me with. I feel that I can open up about my personal life because the team are very genuine. We all work very well together and on the whole, this has been a very positive experience.

Plans and hopes for the future

“I would like to climb up the ladder as far as I can within the production side of the construction industry. In the future I would like to take the skills and knowledge that I would have learnt within my role at Higgins Partnerships and help to construct better roads and infrastructure in developing countries; passing on my knowledge to others for the good of their communities”.

Contact us

For temporary tenants, to discuss your housing options

For surnames beginning A-M

Rosaline Nolla, Accommodations Officer

020 8416 8440 / rosaline.nolla@harrow.gov.uk

For surnames beginning N-Z

Pauline Dawes, Accommodations Officer

020 8424 1948 / pauline.dawes@harrow.gov.uk

To report anti-social behaviour or ask about your tenancy

David Worrall, Housing Officer

020 8901 2630

housing.residentservices@harrow.gov.uk

Report a repair

Access Harrow

020 8910 2630

www.harrow.gov.uk/housingportal (Repairs tab)

To ask about regeneration and design

Kamal Uddin, Regeneration Officer

kamal.uddin@harrow.gov.uk

Salome Irungu

Decant and Resettlement Housing Officer

020 8424 1415

salome.irungu@harrow.gov.uk

To talk about your rent account

Neeta Bhayani, Rent Officer

020 8901 2630

housing.residentservices@harrow.gov.uk

Make a complaint

Search online for 'Harrow Council complaint'
and complete form

or email

housing.customerservices@harrow.gov.uk

For free independent tenant advice Contact One Enterprise Ltd

03450 573995 Raj@1enterprise.co.uk

www.GrangeFarmSteeringGroup.co.uk

Fly-tipping don't put up with it!

If you see dumped rubbish on the estate report it and we will clear it. If you see someone dumping rubbish take down as much detail as possible and report it to us.

Report it online at harrow.gov.uk
Search 'fly-tipping'

Crime Report it: call 101

All incidents of crime on the estate should be reported to the Police so they can take action.

Call 101 or 020 8721 2986.

In an emergency always call 999.

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