

Grange Farm News

June 2021

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Grange Farm Community



Steering Group AGM statement by Chair, Ken Woods



Whilst the pandemic has been a nightmare for millions of people around the world, it has also brought people together. The Grange Farm community has certainly come together to support one another and the food parcel project is proof of this – our residents working closely with partners, including Jo from the Salvation Army.

It's funny that during such a difficult 12 months that we have enjoyed great success on the regeneration programme. So thanks to the Higgins team for progressing Phase 1, keeping the neighbourhood clean and supporting the community. Thank you to the council team (Alison, Mary, Anthea and Salome) for all their positive work over the years.

Special thank you to MyYard and Rachel for all her tireless work, especially with inspiring the young children and the continued food programme. We will all miss Leon's presence, but he will not be forgotten.

We cannot forget the support of the Roxeth Christ Church and particularly Carol's presence on the estate over many years. Our local councillors and MP have always been there for us and will no doubt support us for many years to come. Thank you to the hard work of all the Steering Group members, Paddy and the HFTRA team and the One Enterprise Ltd team (Raj, John & Zainab). Please keep up the excellent partnership work. The trust has taken time and effort to build, so continue to respect one another through the good and bad times.

You will soon receive a letter from Gareth Thomas MP with a questionnaire about parking. The Steering Group would appreciate you filling this in, because it is getting much worse.

Ken Woods
Grange Farm Steering Group Chair

Regeneration update from Higgins

Works have really started to progress in the last period in which we have commenced the construction of the pile caps and ground beams (foundations).

We have also started the drainage, district heating and utility services which have to be installed at the same time as the foundations. We have also poured the first part of the ground floor slab to block C and progressively to be followed by blocks D and E and once the slab has been poured, works to the upper floors will quickly progress.

As everyone may have noticed we have erected the tower crane on the 10th April. This went ahead with minimal disruption to local residents and no complaints were recorded.

The last of the existing services have now been removed (Virgin) and so far no reports of loss of connection have been reported. During the next period we will be working some long days. This is due to the demand for concrete within the construction industry and delivery times have been extended to cover late afternoon and evenings.

These extended times are in line with advice from the Government regarding the relaxation of planning times during the pandemic, as we are classed as essential works.

Estate pests

The council's pest control team are currently dealing with a report of rats on the estate. Report any pests you see on the council's website - go to harrow.gov.uk and search for 'pests'.

Steering Group update

The Steering Group Annual General Meeting was Thursday 29 April 2021. Ken Woods was voted back in as Chair, and two Vice-Chairs joined Bill Beardon: Varsha Patel and Rekha Mehta.

Two new members were also co-opted to the Steering Group - we welcome Erica Fontaine and Grace N'Guessan. As our youngest member, we hope Grace will be able to voice the concerns and needs of younger residents living on the estate.

Inside Housing awards finalist

Along with the original scheme architects - Hawkins Brown - Harrow submitted the project to the Inside Housing Development Awards in the 'Best Affordable Development Category'.

We worked with the support of the Resident Steering Group to prepare the submission and were delighted to be able to incorporate within it a number of testimonials from residents. The good news is that we have been selected as a finalist – the not so good news is that we have to wait until November to find out the result!

Regeneration Update by Mary Hannington



- Following initial delays by utility companies, Phase 1 is progressing and really does look like a construction site now
 - New homes should be ready mid-August 2022 and we will update on any changes
 - Higgins may be working longer hours than usual but they will try to minimise inconvenience – including deliveries and keep residents updated
 - A reminder to everyone on the informal parking arrangements overseen by Higgins in bays along the new access road. Take proof of residence to their site office in exchange for a permit
 - Samples of kitchen and bathroom choices will shortly be available to view by residents moving into Phase 1
 - Allocation of new homes: Salome Irungu is currently contacting everyone to update the housing needs information for those secure tenants moving into Phase 1.
- Harrow is considering the option of installing underfloor heating in the new homes at Grange Farm, which will enable greater integration of all phases into the estate wide energy strategy. Residents will also benefit from the following :
- Complete flexibility in use and layout of rooms
 - Typically lower energy and lower carbon emissions than radiators
 - More even ambient temperature, controllable room by room
 - Lower maintenance
 - Radiant heat offers greater control of moisture levels.

Drug dealing

The Council has recently received reports of drug dealing and it is important if you are aware of such incidents to report it to the Police, you can also do so anonymously... plus report matters to your Housing Officer – see the back

page. If you or your visitors are involved in such activity - you could lose your home. You can report this anonymously to Crimestoppers any time, day or night on **0800 555 111**.

Wi-Fi support



We have been asked by some residents to look into getting cheaper wifi but have not had much success. Your best chance is to ask the school your children attend if they can refer you, depending who your broadband provider is. There is a scheme to temporarily increase data allowances for mobile phone users on certain

networks. This is so that disadvantaged children and young people can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted, and they do not have access to broadband at home. To find out more at

www.get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about=increasing-mobile-data.

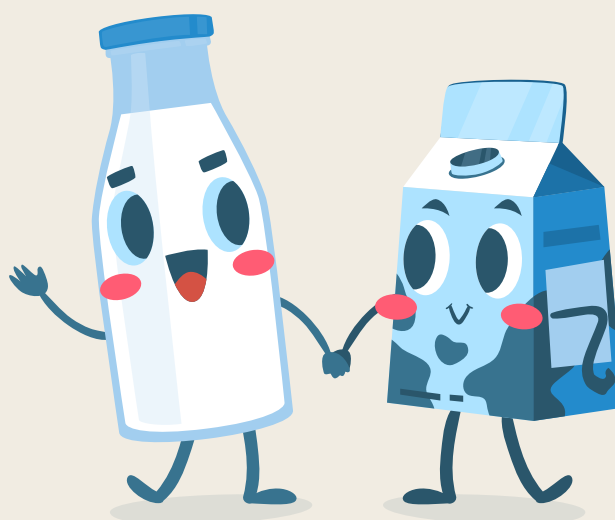
Free healthy start vitamins and vouchers for under 4s

Are you claiming your free vitamins for Mum and baby up to 4 years of age and your Healthy Start Vouchers to buy fruit and vegetables and milk -£4.25 per child?

Check if you are eligible at the Healthy Start website shown at the bottom of the page. Or you can collect an application leaflet from your GP, midwife or baby clinic.

Alternatively, phone for a form on 0345 607 6823 or download and print one from www.healthystart.nhs.uk/healthy-start-vouchers/how-to-apply/

You have to fill in a 'paper' copy and post it. Due to Covid-19 restrictions the form does not need to be signed by a health professional.



Free milk with Healthy Start vouchers

www.healthystart.nhs.uk
0345 607 6823

Congratulations to Grace N'Guessan

Peter Bradley, President of the Edgware and Stanmore Rotary Club, nominated and presented Grace N'Guessan with a Rotary Young Citizen Award 2021 in early May.

He also gave Grace a Peacemaker Award in recognition of Grace's personal qualities and community spirit.

We were also delighted to welcome Grace onto the Grange Farm Steering Committee in April.

Congratulations, Grace!



Food pantry



MyYard has been organising and delivering weekly food drops to 45 families on Grange Farm and another 140 deliveries to families in South Harrow since January 2021, with both basic food stuffs and additional specially requested household items. This is such a good way to use up surplus food and help relieve the financial burden.

In return, residents have provided weekly feedback online and helped deliver the food packs when needed. MyYard has also arranged a one-off special food parcel for 20 residents fasting during the holy month of Ramadan kindly sponsored by Breaking Bread. This generosity was much appreciated by those families.

Easter activities organised by MyYard

Thanks to Young Harrow Foundation and Harrow Council for their support in helping MyYard apply for the Holiday Activity Grant.

This grant paid for two weeks of food and activities during the Easter holidays for up to 80 children.

35 children from Grange Farm estate joined other South Harrow children at the Harrow Rugby Club over 4 days of non-stop fun that included: rugby, football, boxing, hoola-hooping, dance, arts and crafts.

Children also had the option of signing up for 2 hour zoom workshops for resin designs, arts and crafts, cooking, dance or 1:1 tutorial sessions and the younger children enjoyed 4 hours of crafts at Christchurch Roxeth, decorating their own bags and pencil cases.

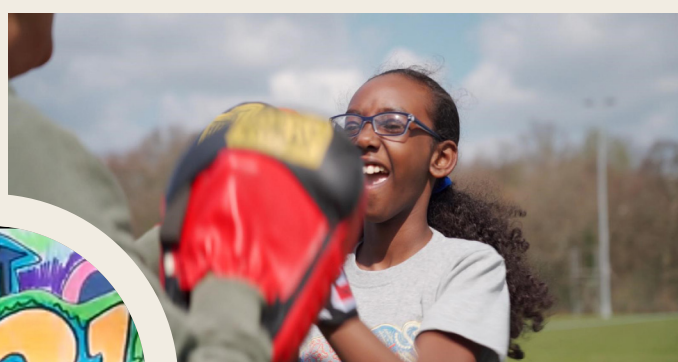


Special thanks go to all the parents who helped their children be ready by 10am and Harrow Rugby Club for providing the premises, fields and trainers.

Thanks also to the following providers, who helped make it such fun for the children:

- Amy True - rapper workshops
- Prince of Hackney – boxing workshops
- Elna – street artist – spray painting workshop
- Sarah Blackwell – dance and creative workshops
- Vanessa Allen – personalised T Shirts
- Shelley from Silverbirch Dance company – for organising all the zoom classes.

And thanks to Compassion for the hot meals and packed lunches and Papa Gees ice cream van and the generous food donations from Harrow Morrisons, Felix project, North London Foodbank Aid, Stanmore and Edgware Rotary Club and Sainsbury's.



Contact us

For temporary tenants, to discuss your housing options

For surnames beginning A-M

Rosaline Nolla, Accommodations Officer

07545 051 857 / rosaline.nolla@harrow.gov.uk

For surnames beginning N-Z

Pauline Dawes, Accommodations Officer

07731 349 006 / 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 8901 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

07927 548 315

salome.irungu@harrow.gov.uk

To talk about your rent account

Neeta Bhayani, Rent Officer

020 8901 2630 or 07732 078 672

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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