



**RESIDENT NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2023**

MANAGING THE OPEN AREAS ON THE ESTATE

Earlier this year we met with residents to hear your ideas about drawing up a plan for the management of the open spaces and MUGA in Carnegie Park. We want to follow this up with a draft plan for your comments and further input.

We are arranging an event on **Wednesday 6th December** from **4pm to 7pm** - complete with mince pies! We will remind you nearer the time but please make a note in your diary.



EMPTY PROPERTIES ON THE ESTATE

You may have noticed some new residents moving onto the estate and the reason for this is because we are using empty properties for households living elsewhere who need emergency accommodation. They will be moving back to their homes once their works are completed.

By using the properties on Barnsbury in this way we are not creating new households for rehousing in the development, and this is a better solution for people who need emergency housing.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We wrote to you in September about a decision to pause the development as a result of a government announcement on building safety regulations, and we were hoping to have some guidance on this matter by now.

However, no details have been issued yet and this makes it difficult for us to tell you what the implications are for the redevelopment or when we will be able to start. Even though there are no works being carried out on-site, rest assured the teams are working with

our consultants and the local borough planning team to review all our options. Regular drop-ins are taking place, and we will write to you again in November with more information.

RESIDENT STEERING GROUP UPDATE

We will provide the group with an update on the next meeting directly, and share the new dates with you in the next newsletter.

**JOIN OUR RESIDENT
STEERING GROUP IF YOUR
BLOCK DOES NOT HAVE A
REP. GIVE YOUR BLOCK A
VOICE AND RECEIVE A £30
LOVE2SHOP VOUCHER AS A
THANK YOU EACH TIME YOU
ATTEND!**

The Resident Steering Group (RSG) meets with representatives from **Newlon** and **Mount Anvil** every other month to discuss the New Barnsbury Transformation. Since it started in November 2021, the RSG has covered topics of what the new homes on New Barnsbury will look like, how the landscaping will look across the Estate and how best we can engage with residents about our plans.

MOUNT ANVIL CONSTRUCTION DROP-INS

We will continue to run the Construction drop-in at the community centre during this period of pause where we will be available to update you on any new information as it becomes available, and progress we are making with planners.

If you'd like to book an appointment or wish to discuss anything with **Mount Anvil**, you can contact them by calling **Margaret** on **07827 131 498** or emailing **communityliaison@mountanvil.com**

GET FREE AND INDEPENDENT ADVICE FROM SOURCE PARTNERSHIP

Come and see your Independent Resident Advisor Source Partnership at the Barnsbury Community Centre on **22nd November 2023** from **4pm - 6pm.**

This session is a drop-in but if you'd like to book an appointment or wish to discuss anything with Source, you can contact them by calling **020 8299 2550**, freephone **0800 616328** or by emailing **info@sourcepartnership.com**

UPDATE ON OLD BARNSBURY

Following our recent meetings in July and August, we've been continuing to develop the proposed energy and sustainability strategies for Old Barnsbury. However, in light of recent guidance put forward by the Government, these works will only be submitted for approval once the Government's position on climate change targets and financial support are clarified.

In the meantime, we're pleased to let you know that we're developing the plans for kitchens, bathrooms with a mechanical ventilation system, which will start with works to Fisher House, and planned for the early part of 2024. Keep an eye out for a flyer that will be sent in the coming weeks that will include more details, and a date for an engagement session planned for the end of November where you can have your questions answered. Details will also be shared on the Better Barnsbury website in the near future.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please get in touch at **BEST@Newlon.org.uk** or **020 3234 2221**



FINANCIAL INCLUSION

With winter approaching it can be a time of real hardship for some of our residents.

At Newlon our **Financial Inclusion Team** is available to provide advice and support when times are tough.

Our Financial Inclusion Team can support you to manage your finances, helping to maximise your income, providing information on how to deal with any debt you find yourself worrying about and can help you identify and apply for benefits, including appealing if you think a decision is wrong or directing you to alternative services that may be able to help.

In addition, our **Hardship Fund** can provide emergency assistance in exceptional circumstances to families struggling to pay for basic needs such as utilities or food, and you can also apply for help to afford essential goods for your home, although unfortunately we can't help everyone.

Our aim is to help you and your family stay warm, safe, and healthy this winter.

Here are some of the ways we can help:

- Referral to a food bank.
- Provide access to essential goods.
- Help you identify what benefits you may be entitled to.
- Help you claim benefits.
- Provide support from our Hardship Fund for people in the most need.

For more information about the help available please email us at **financialinclusion@newlon.org.uk** and one of the team will call you back.

If you would like to make a financial donation to the Hardship Fund, please feel contact us at the same email address and together, we can make this winter a little brighter for families in need.

For anyone able to provide a donation we thank you for your kindness and generosity.



HALF TERM HALLOWEEN FUN

During half term we held a Halloween Fun Day at the Barnsbury community centre. Thank you to all the families that attended including our best dressed party-goer 'Pennywise' who won a £15 voucher!

We ended the day by giving attendees bespoke goody bags to keep the fun going. We all had a great time and hope you can join us at the next event.



LONDON LIONS TICKET GIVEAWAY!

The London Lions are giving away tickets to Barnsbury Residents for their upcoming fixtures!

If you'd like to know more, email communityliaison@mountanvil.com with the subject **LONDON LIONS TICKETS PLEASE.**



GET IN TOUCH



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