

Landscaping update



We are continuing to deliver landscaping projects across the area that you have asked for. These are just the start of our landscaping changes that we will be delivering over the years of the regeneration programme. Thank you all for your great feedback on the improvements so far.

Hallwood Park – we have removed a number of hedges that were causing safety concerns around the neighbourhood.

The Local Centre – we have undertaken temporary measures at the local centre including removal of the shrubbery, replaced with low growing foliage and painting the railings. We are keen to work with you to develop our longer term plans for this area.



The Glen – we have removed a number of hedges which were causing safety and fly-tipping issues and replaced these with greenery.



Palace Fields pathways – we have cut back the hedges surrounding pathways off the woodland area to provide a safer walking route for pedestrians.

How to get in touch:

Face to face

We had hoped to be able to hold drop-in sessions from spring this year but unfortunately we weren't able to do this due to COVID-19. When we are able to do so we will hold these sessions and look forward to you being involved in the next stage of designing the projects. We hope you'll come and have a chat once it's safe to do so.

Facebook group

Just before lockdown, we launched our Hallwood Park and Palace Fields Regeneration Facebook Group. If you haven't yet joined, please do so to keep up to date with announcements and events surrounding the regeneration programme. Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/haltonlea/>

Website

There's lots of useful information on our website too, along with links to email us, at www.riverside.org.uk/haltonlea

Extra Support

If you or someone you know is in need of support, you can reach out to the groups you have read about in this newsletter, contact details are on our website (link above). Halton Council are also offering a dedicated service, you can ring them on 0151 907 8363 (8am to 8pm everyday) or, if it is an emergency 0345 050 0148. If you are a Riverside tenant and need support with your housing, please check out our website or call 0345 111 0000.



Community update: August 2020

Your update



Neighbourhoods Matter – planning for the renewal of Hallwood Park and Palace Fields

Facebook Friends

We've had an amazing response to our Hallwood Park and Palace Fields Facebook group, creating our own little online community space.

Around 200 people have signed up and a range of people and groups have been posting information to support others during the pandemic as well as questions and even pictures celebrating the history of the area.

Check out how you can get involved on Page 4.



Hallwood Park and Palace Fields Area Renewal Plan



Riverside are still committed to delivering the regeneration programme of Hallwood Park and Palace Fields.

Despite the challenges we are all facing with the current COVID-19 pandemic, we want to assure you that we are just as committed as before to delivering the regeneration changes in your area to support the communities of the future.

We have been humbled to see the level of community support and spirit during this difficult time. So many of you are providing help and kind words to neighbourhoods, family members, community groups and people and families you haven't met before. We are honoured to be able to further support these causes through our 2020 Community Chest Fund.

If you do find yourself or another in need of additional support at this time please see page 4 for contact details of a variety of support agencies.



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£100,000 made available via Community Chest Fund project



Last year, in response to your recommendations of how we could start to support your community, we delivered a £50,000 Community Chest Fund. The project was so successful in supporting a range of people and groups that we delivered another Community Chest, with a further £50,000 on offer, this year.

2019



22 residents attended an OPEN 360 16 week community learning project (note 4 weeks is on hold until face to face sessions can resume due to COVID-19 halting the sessions).



26 participants attended Sew Halton's Sewn Together course over 9 weeks creating over 100 items to donate to local schools such as book bags, cushions, aprons along with creating items for themselves to take home.



262 free lunches provided to residents through Four Estates Summer of Fun along with fun and games.



Hallwood Park Primary School children visited Norton Priory to learn about their Runcorn heritage and enjoyed crafts and fun games.

193 individual children accessed play sessions during school half terms with Halton Play Council, having great fun and creating crafts to take home.

4 people have been supported into employment through these projects and a further 19 have gone on to volunteer or undertake other training courses in Runcorn.

2020



Supporting the Four Estates and Queen of Hearts foodbank services in response to COVID-19.

An online learning course with Generation Medics for teenagers and adults who wish to explore a career in healthcare.



Sew Halton have delivered another great on-line sewing course during the summer period to ensure people are not socially isolated during this time.



Open 360 are supporting vulnerable residents during shielding and delivering an online course to help with life after lockdown, leading to face to face sessions when appropriate.

Have your say

What did residents think of the initiatives? Here's a variety of testimonials from people who took part in some of the projects:

"Free meal provided was brilliant financially. Kids enjoyed picking their own. Great location for us. All round great, will be back next year."

"Coming to the sewing course at Sew Halton has been life changing for me. I have made really good friends and even got up the courage to apply for a job and got it!

"Taking part in this course has been very enjoyable and I have learned new skills that I can use to help me stay mentally active."

"I feel like I have a safe place to come and have a nice time."

"The sessions were absolutely helpful and practical."