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Your July newsletter

The regeneration of Friars Close



We hope you are well and enjoying the warm weather. We write to provide you with an update on the demolition of Friars Close/Burrell Street. For regular updates, you can also visit [our webpage](#).

In this newsletter, there is key information regarding:

- Demolition
- Summer event
- Social Value
- Independent Resident Advisory Panel (IRAP)
- Stay in touch.

Demolition

We are currently waiting for Southwark Council to sign off the demolition proposals so we can begin the demolition of the existing block. This can be a lengthy process; however, it has taken longer than we initially anticipated, and we hope to have a date for demolition within the next few weeks. We apologise that this has taken some time to resolve, and we thank you for your patience.

Whilst we wait for Southwark to agree the demolition paperwork, the team continues to progress the plans on the redevelopment of your new homes, and we will keep you updated on the next steps.

Summer event



This summer, in partnership with Mount Anvil, we will be inviting you to a summer event, which will be held near Friars Close. The event will be to enjoy some food, music and to catch up with your neighbours as well as the team.

You will also hear more from the social value organisations that were awarded a donation because of your feedback. Invites and more details on this event will follow shortly.

Social Value

Thank you to everyone that attended the event in April and to those that provided feedback by email on the social value offer. The organisations that were awarded a donation (and will attend the summer event) are:

- In order of votes received, Blackfriars' Settlement (first), Marlborough Sports Garden (second), The Africa Centre (third). Each organisation will receive a £5,000 donation.
- Arc Global Academy have been awarded £5,000.
- No other organisation was put forward by residents, the remaining £5,000 will be split between the two organisations who did not win the vote, Haberdasher's and Aske's school and The Kirkaldy Testing Museum. Each will receive a donation of £2,500.

All organisations will be at the event to speak about what they do and how Friars Close residents can get involved.

Independent Resident Advisory Panel

Thank you to those residents who attended the Independent Resident Advisory Panel (IRAP) meeting on 2 June 2025 and took the time to provide your feedback to panel members. A few points were raised that we wanted to address them in this update.

Firstly, some of you were not aware of the Mount Anvil team.

Meet the team

Margaret Amadi

Community Engagement Manager



Thomas Lane

Development Director

Andy Hunt

Construction Director



Secondly - some of you wanted details of our Friars Close redevelopment webpage.

Here is a link where you can find all the latest news

www.riverside.org.uk/friarsclose

Thirdly - some residents said that they were not aware of what happened at events if they did not attend.

We do ensure that after our events, material is sent out to everyone. If you have not received a copy of the latest update, please email the team on friarsclose@riverside.org.uk

Stay in touch

We are always happy to hear from you and answer any questions you may have. For more information, please contact:

For queries on the redevelopment of your new homes, you can contact the team on friarsclose@riverside.org.uk or your resident liaison officer, Jade Adnett on 07980 761482. Please note that Jade is on annual leave until Monday 7 July. You can contact Mandy Rana, resident liaison office, in the meantime on 07929 368603.

If you have any queries regarding your temporary home that you are currently living in, please contact your housing officer, David Wade via the Customer Service Centre on 0345 111 0000 or via the MyRiverside app.

For Independent Advice, please contact Ray or Alison at Open Communities on 0800 073 1051 or via email at enquiries@opencommunities.org

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