

Regenerating Collyhurst



Community Newsletter April 2022

Welcome

Hello and welcome to this spring 2022 edition of your Collyhurst Community Newsletter! As we all emerge from winter, we hope you're looking forward to the longer days and warmer weather ahead.

On the Collyhurst Village construction site, our enabling works will be reaching completion this month. Over the last few weeks, the team at LK Group have been making excellent progress on the earth works and site remediation, as well as vital work to relocate utilities infrastructure.

Although a lot of this activity is underground and out of sight, it's crucial work to ensure that we are well prepared for the main construction activity to get underway, which is expected later this year.

In this issue of our newsletter, we've got the latest news on plans for New Collyhurst Park, as well as lots of stories of events and activities we've been undertaking in Collyhurst over the last few months.

If there's a story you'd like to be featured in a future newsletter, please get in touch with us and let us know!



Lantern Parade in Angel Meadow Park

Park design progress

While most people know that our Collyhurst Village construction site is going to become home to 244 high-quality new homes, we are just as excited to be building New Collyhurst Park Phase 1 as part of this phase of development.

Located in between Thornton Street North and Johnny King Close, New Collyhurst Park will create a space for existing and future Collyhurst residents to visit and enjoy, with facilities to cater for all:

- Areas of open lawn for recreational use
- A children's play area
- A neighbourhood square with lots of seating
- Woodland areas and orchards
- A wetland area to provide a wildlife haven



Visualisation of New Collyhurst Park

With the outline design of the park already in place, our landscape designers are currently working on the detailed plans, including deciding on the type of play equipment to install in the children's play area and the type of trees and plants to use. To help with this, we've been out in the local community over the last few weeks asking for input!

If you'd like to get involved as the park design continues to progress, we'll be providing updates on future opportunities via our website:

www.collyhurst-regeneration.co.uk

Design team goes back to school



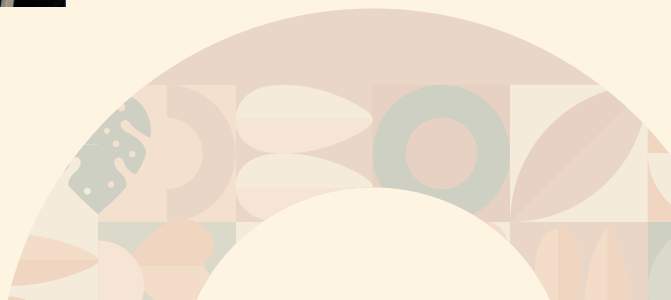
In February, we enlisted Year 6 pupils from St Malachy's RC and Saviour C of E primary schools to help to design the play spaces within New Collyhurst Park.

Members of the team from Exterior Architecture and FEC visited the schools and delivered a workshop to introduce the pupils to the park design, including all of the environmentally-friendly measures that are being included to promote habitat creation and biodiversity.



The pupils at each school then took charge and designed their own play areas for the park. There were some great suggestions, from 'super slides' to mental health gardens. The entries were then judged and a winner and runner up from each school was chosen.

Images above: the workshop in action





The winning design from Saviour C of E alongside the class holding their certificates



The winning design from St Malachy's RC alongside the class holding their certificates

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the pupils who took part!

The activity provided a feast of ideas for our landscape designers, who are now looking to take inspiration from these ideas as they finalise the park design.

Out and about in the community

Christmas campaigns 2021

FEC Manchester have supported two important Christmas campaigns in December 2021.



Rebecca Kirkland, Community Liaison Manager, is working closely with the Manchester Communication Academy – Family Zone and the Lalley Centre. Both projects provide much needed support to vulnerable families via their food projects by helping local community members access low cost food resources. Last year FEC focussed on providing donations for both charities specifically around Christmas time, helping with those nice to have items we all enjoy at Christmas. The FEC team donated festive items and also got stuck in supporting the Bread & Butter Thing at MCA in the lead up to Christmas.

Christmas lantern parade at Angel Meadow Park

Following on from the lantern workshops at the end of November with Saviour C of E and St Malachy's RC primary schools, FEC invited all pupils who took part to attend the lantern parade from their schools in Collyhurst over to Angel Meadow Park.

The children all took pride in displaying their handmade lanterns along the route. Once they reached the park, they did a walk around showing off all their hard work and enjoyed some festive treats and drinks.



Mock interview at Manchester Communication Academy

In February half term FEC worked with MCA to provide Year 11 pupils with a mock interview. Working with the Victoria North supply chain, around 15 volunteers came forward to support the event. The day was set up to support the students to experience what it's like to have a real interview.

The students were asked a series of interview questions about where they see themselves after completing secondary school and given feedback on the day about how their interview went. Later this term they will attend their college interviews and we hope this mock interview will help prepare them for this.



As well as regeneration news, we also want to make this newsletter available to local organisations who have updates to share. The first of these is an update from Yes Manchester.

Pop into **yes** for a new start!

Not working? Or looking for a better job? Then why not come and talk to Yes Manchester in Collyhurst - right on your doorstep?

We'll spend some time with you to help you understand what's stopping you getting that job you want, and our partners can offer you training and other support.

We can help you to use online job sites and application forms, or you can pop in to use our free internet-enabled computers.

If you're eligible and interested, we even have placements in the green economy so you can see what it's like, get experience AND get paid the National Living Wage!

We're at 35-39 Southchurch Parade, Collyhurst, M40 7GE and are open Monday - Wednesday from 9.30am to 4.00pm.

You can call us on **0161 260 1600**, or email us on yesinfo@yesmanchester.co.uk. Or check out our website www.yesmanchester.org.



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