

Regenerating Collyhurst



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Welcome

Hello and welcome to the second issue of your Collyhurst Community Newsletter! We hope you're all set for the cooler weather as we enter late Autumn and get ready for Halloween.

We're putting together a newsletter every three months to keep you in the know as we get going with construction works in Collyhurst.

In this issue, we've got some updates on plans in South Collyhurst as well as on construction progress on the Collyhurst Village site, and we also have an inspiring local story to share with you.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue.



Behind the hoardings

Early-stage works are continuing at pace on the Collyhurst Village site, with enabling works, earthworks and site remediation coming along nicely. This has all been taking place under the watchful eye of site manager Dave Thompson. We're pleased to hear that under Dave's management, the scheme has been progressing in a professional and neighbourly manner.

Considerate Constructors Monitor Colin Birkett has been monitoring the works carried out so far as part of the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS). The CCS scheme is an independent organisation set up to raise construction standards.

We're delighted to hear that Colin found that the site is well managed, with measures in place to protect the environment, while ensuring high levels of safety. Dave has also been praised by Colin for providing a supportive working environment, encouraging workers to develop skills and to take steps to look after their wellbeing.

It's important to us that our contractors are respectful of the local community as they spend time on site, so we're really pleased with this positive feedback!

Over the coming weeks, Cadent Gas will also be continuing with works on and around the site. Any affected properties will be contacted before works begin and, if you have any concerns about these works, you can get in touch with us using the contact details provided on the back of this newsletter.



The LK Group Managing Director Conor Leyden (left) with Site Manager Dave Thompson (right).

A quick chat with Kylie



Kylie's Kitchen.

Many of you might be familiar with Kylie's Kitchen, a warm and welcoming local café run by Kylie, serving fresh food on Southchurch Parade.

Kylie's Kitchen has become a key part of the Collyhurst community, with Kylie supplying lunches for people isolating during the pandemic, and for kids during the school holidays.

We caught up with Kylie recently to find out more about her business and how she got started.

Q: How did Kylie's Kitchen come about?

A: *I've always worked in food, first in some really busy cafés in Manchester and then in a private nursery where I was the cook for five years. I started Kylie's Kitchen while I was working at the nursery and when it took off and I couldn't manage both jobs, I focussed full time on my own business. I started off working from my own home, but I've now got my own café on Southchurch Parade.*

Q: Do you work alone?

A: *I do all the cooking myself, but my mum, dad and sister all help me out, especially with things like deliveries. The business is going from strength to strength so I'm confident that I'll soon be creating employment opportunities.*

Q: What can customers expect if they visit Kylie's Kitchen?

A: *I've worked hard to make it really welcoming for my customers. We've got indoor and outdoor seating as well as a soft play area for kids. I know how hard it can be to get chance to eat your own food when you've got kids with you so I created a safe area where kids can play while the adults get chance to eat and chat. All the food is cooked fresh every day and I offer daily specials and a wide range of food and drinks, from sandwiches, soups and paninis to burgers and lasagne. I have a kids' menu too.*

Q: Did you get any help from local groups to get going?

A: I secured funding from Collyhurst Big Local and also from UnLtd which helped me get the café up and running. I've also had support from Rebecca, the Community Liaison Manager at Far East Consortium. She arranged for FEC to make my shop signs and blackboard.

Q: What sort of support do you get from the community?

A: I get great support. From people like Rebecca at FEC holding meetings in the café, to local workers who call in on their breaks, and parents on their way back from nursery school who call in for a cuppa and let their kids play.

The business is doing really well, and I love being a part of the community. Kylie's Kitchen is near to a retirement home and some of the residents now call round and sit outside at the café and chat to people. There's also a local dog walking group who call in and I put water bowls outside so the dogs get a drink too!

You can find Kylie's Kitchen on Instagram at **kitchenkylies** or on Facebook at **Kylies Kitchen**



Play area for kids.



Inside Kylie's Kitchen.

Another green light

Our plans for South Collyhurst have been given the thumbs up! We can now start building homes between Kingsfold Avenue, Whitley Road and Winscombe Drive.

This new development will have 14 three-bedroom houses, four three-bedroom duplex apartments, one two-bedroom duplex apartment, and 11 two-bedroom apartments, all of which will be Council-owned and available for social rent. All 30 homes will initially be prioritised for the tenants who were displaced by the previous demolition of the maisonettes in Collyhurst and wish to return to the area.

The new houses and apartments have been designed to be energy-efficient and sustainable. Each house will have an electric car charging point and dedicated bike storage space will be provided for residents. The streets will be well-lit and newly planted to provide a pleasant environment for cycling and walking.

The homes have also been designed to meet “Lifetime Homes Standards”, which means that they can be adapted to meet the changing needs of people at different stages of life.

Be sure to keep an eye out for further updates as we get started on-site!



CGI of some of the new South Collyhurst homes.

Early stage visualisation of the proposed new public park at St Catherine's Wood.



Consultation begins on plans for the Red Bank neighbourhood

While we've got our hands full with activity in Collyhurst, new plans are also being developed for the other parts of the Victoria North regeneration project, previously known as the Northern Gateway.

The next stage of the overall project includes the regeneration of the Red Bank area to create a new neighbourhood of new homes, green spaces and community facilities. The Red Bank neighbourhood stretches from the edge of the Green Quarter along the River Irk Valley up to Collyhurst Road.

At the centre of the new Red Bank neighbourhood will be a new public park at St Catherine's Wood, with plans to enhance the banks of the River Irk and make this a more welcoming place for local people, including Collyhurst residents.

The plans for the regeneration of Red Bank are at a very early stage and several phases of consultation will be held over the coming months, as the plans start to come together. If you'd like to learn more about the plans for Red Bank, please visit the consultation website: www.redbank-regeneration.co.uk.

Be in the know

If you want to be kept in the loop as we progress with construction in Collyhurst, make sure you sign up to our E-newsletter distribution list for regular updates straight to your inbox. You can sign up by visiting our website: www.collyhurst-regeneration.co.uk/news or drop us a line by email: info@collyhurst-regeneration.co.uk

We'll continue to send out this community newsletter to all Collyhurst residents approximately every three months, and we'll also be sending it by email to everyone on our list.

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