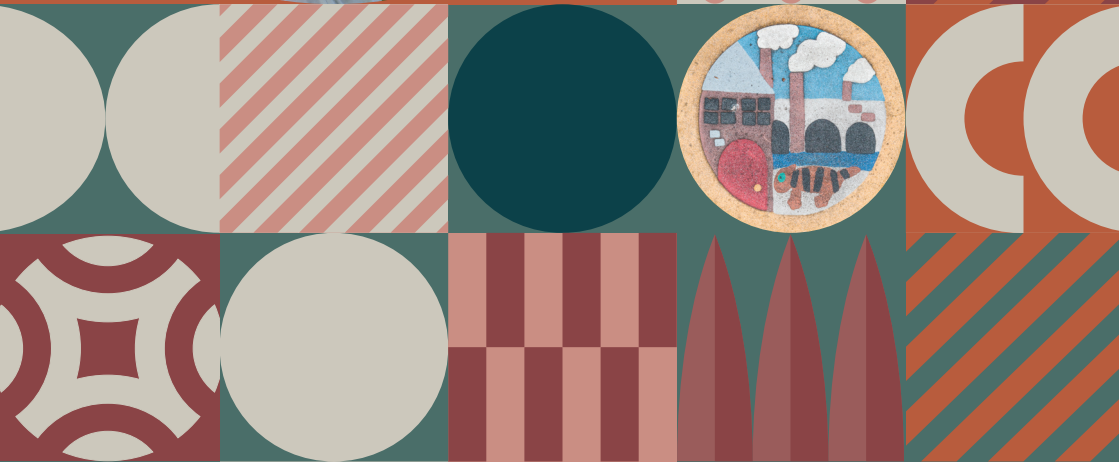


# Regenerating Collyhurst



Community Newsletter July 2023

# Welcome

**Hello and welcome to this summer 2023 edition of your Collyhurst Community Newsletter.**

It's time for your summer newsletter. The team involved in the regeneration plans for Collyhurst has been very busy over the past few months, with construction activity on the first phase of development now well underway.

As promised, we want to update you regularly about progress to build new housing in Collyhurst.

Building has started on 274 homes at Collyhurst Village and South Collyhurst - the first big investment in the area for 50 years, including a new park and space for new shops.

Nearly half of the homes – 130 in total – will be council homes for social rent, meaning they will be affordable to as many people as possible.

The rest will be homes for sale so a wide range of people of different ages and backgrounds will be part of the development. This way we can make sure we have a long-lasting community in Collyhurst. The Collyhurst community are at the heart of this exciting project.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue. And don't forget, if there's a story you would like to see in a future newsletter, get in touch with us and let us know.



# Phase One developments start to take shape

## Out on site

Hopefully you will have seen that construction work has started to build the new homes at the two sites in Collyhurst, Collyhurst Village and South Collyhurst.

On the Collyhurst Village site the team are putting in the foundations, sewers, drains and new roads. This is likely to be the noisiest part of the work, so thank you for your patience. From August things will really start to take shape as the first timber frames go up.

Over on the South Collyhurst site, the team have been busy finalising the drainage works.

The construction team has been working hard to keep the sites tidy over the summer and reduce dust. A road sweeper will be there regularly to clean the local roads.

## Introducing our new apprentice

We're committed to supporting the next generation to get jobs in the construction industry. Our builder DEX Construction has appointed their first Site Manager Apprentice on the Collyhurst development, Alex Palin. Alex will work closely with DEX's highly qualified managers to get experience over the next three years.



“ I am really excited to be part of the Collyhurst Scheme, and looking forward to seeing the development progress from these very early stages through to the end. I am extremely grateful to DEX for giving me this opportunity, and look forward to working and learning from the highly experienced Team on site.”

**Alex Palin**

# The Collyhurst ‘Masterplan’

## A plan of action for the next stage

We want to work with the Collyhurst community to develop a plan for future projects, known as a masterplan.

This plan will guide what happens next with things like where new homes will be built, where green spaces and new community facilities should go.

The area to be covered in this new masterplan will be from Livesey Street up to Queens Road, and between Rochdale Road and the railway line / New Allen Street.

In this edition of the newsletter, we wanted to introduce you to the team that will develop the new masterplan for Collyhurst and give you more information about the next steps.



## Our masterplan team

The team that will develop the new masterplan for Collyhurst has been starting work in the area over the last few weeks.

We'd like to introduce you to three members of the masterplan team you will see out and about in Collyhurst over the coming weeks and months.



**Sarah Castle**

*Architect from IF\_DO*

Born and raised in Manchester, Sarah works across projects in education, arts, community, and housing. Sarah will lead on speaking to Collyhurst residents making sure your ideas are fed into the masterplan.



**Tom Jarman**

*Architect from Mae*

Architect Tom Jarman and his team will be helping to write the masterplan based on feedback from residents. He will work on ideas around types of housing and local facilities.



**Suzi Winstanley**

*Architect from Turner.Works*

Suzi is an architect who has previously worked on the HOME theatre in Manchester. Suzi will look at a plan of how Collyhurst can thrive over time as new homes are built for the benefit of existing and new residents.

## Tell us what you think

The Collyhurst community is at the heart of this exciting project and we need your views as we develop these new plans.

In recent weeks, we have started to talk to organisations and community groups in Collyhurst. This has helped the team get to know the area and think about how they can get more people involved.

Over the coming months, we will be inviting you to lots of different types of events to get you involved in the plans. The first one will be at the Collyhurst Community Fun Day on Thursday 24 August.

We'll be in touch to let you know when these will be and how you can take part.

# Playing a positive role in the Collyhurst community

It has been a busy few months for the FEC team, and we are delighted to share the latest social value initiatives we have been involved with. Here's a summary of some of our recent activities:

## Empowering women for success

In April, we supported the Smartworks Charity by helping them with the launch of their new base in Manchester city centre. Smartworks plays a crucial role in assisting women by providing them with work clothes for interviews, interview skills training, and confidence-building sessions.

Several FEC team members volunteered to help set up the new Manchester base, and our female team members generously donated seven bags of pre-loved clothing suitable for interviews. Furthermore, we held a charity auction, raising vital funds for the charity's ongoing work.

## Supporting the Family Zone

Continuing our commitment to the Family Zone, we provided support to The Bread & Butter Thing (TBBT) initiative at Manchester Communications Academy. Our team members actively volunteered their time to pack food items for TBBT, ensuring that families received essential supplies. Additionally, we contributed 200 Easter eggs to accompany the food parcels going out to families in the local community.

## Raising aspirations of young people

In June, two members of the FEC team attended the Careers Carousel Event at Abbott Primary School, engaging with 25 Year Six pupils and providing insights into careers in construction and the built environment.

The students were enthusiastic and expressed their aspirations to pursue careers in these fields, and it was an absolute delight to the team when one aspiring young pupil said, "I want to be an Architect when I grow up".

## Enhancing community networks at Newton Health Library

We've extended our support to new groups at Newton Health Library. One of them is a coffee morning group run by the Heathfields Centre, serving adults with learning disabilities. We provided funding for essential items like tea, coffee, and biscuits, ensuring the continuation of their uplifting gatherings.



Some of the highlights from our recent social value initiatives.

## Eastford Square update

The demolition of the former shops and maisonettes at Eastford Square is now complete. The area where the block stood will be levelled off and grassed over, creating green space. Nearby residents will be pleased to see the site cleared as the derelict block had attracted some anti-social behaviour in recent times.

The sculpture in front of the block is yet to be relocated. The foundations were found to be deeper than we expected, so more work is needed to decide how to move it. The plan is still to keep the sculpture for the local community and we will update you in the next newsletter.

# COLLYHURST SUMMER FUN DAY

AT  
COLLYHURST PARK  
M40 8LP

24 August 2023  
12pm-3pm

- Circus skills •
- Face painting •
- Sports •
- Archery •
- Games and more •

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## Keep in touch

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 mailing list for regular updates straight to your inbox by visiting our website.

You can also get in touch by phone or email if you have any questions. Our engagement team are always happy to help.



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