

## Benhill Estate Regeneration

This newsletter aims to bring everyone who lives on the estate up to date on the regeneration of Benhill.

### Housing Regeneration Update

We hope you are all keeping well in these challenging times. There have been a number of changes since our last newsletter, including changes to our team, a new appointment for the project and some very sad news regarding the Chair of our Residents' Steering Group.

### Tribute to Clive Lynch

A few weeks ago we received some very sad news that Clive Lynch (Chair of the Benhill Residents' Steering Group) had passed away. Clive was an important part of the Residents' Steering Group at Benhill and was instrumental in establishing the group and leading the way as Chair. His passion and drive to be involved in shaping the future of Benhill was heartfelt and uplifting, and he strove to place the needs and interests of residents at the centre of discussions with the Council. Clive was an upstanding citizen and key member of the local community. He will be missed by everyone he worked with and our thoughts go out to his family and friends.



### Communities First Foundation your Independent Tenant & Homeowner Adviser

In September the Housing Regeneration team worked with Phoebe Connell (Vice Chair of the Residents' Steering Group) to appoint an Independent Tenant and Homeowner Adviser (ITHA) for Benhill. Together we assessed four experienced Resident Advisers, before agreeing on the selection of Communities First Foundation (CFF) as the ITHA for Benhill. Their team will be joining us later this month and they will be introducing themselves to you all in the New Year.

As the ITHA for Benhill, Communities First Foundation will:

- Provide independent advice and support
- Represent your views and interests
- Help residents and resident groups to get involved in shaping proposals and options for the estate
- Provide clear advice on council proposals and commitments, and any legislation
- Help residents to get involved in their estate and the decision-making processes on the future of their homes and community
- Offer support in negotiating with the council
- Provide access to specialist financial, legal and property advice
- Offer training so you can take part in and contribute to discussions

To find out more about the services that Communities First Foundation provide, visit:

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## Housing Regeneration Team update

There have been a few changes to the Housing Regeneration Team over the past few months. Amina Rafique, (Project Coordinator) has recently left the Council to join another Local Authority. We wish her all the best in her new role and would like to thank her for the contribution she made during her time in Sutton. Sabrina Austin has been promoted to the role of Programme Officer in the team and Michael Hunte is now the permanent Housing Regeneration Manager, and will continue to lead the Council's Estate Regeneration Programme.



## Sutton Housing Partnership

Sutton Housing Partnership (SHP) have a couple of updates too. Firstly, we'd like to congratulate Lara Amato (now Lara Pearson) on her marriage in October. Lara's also taken up a temporary secondment in the External Services team, and SHP have brought in Lewis Toop, an experienced officer within their team to manage the estate. We'd like to welcome Lewis to the team. He can be contacted via the Contact Centre on **020 8915 2000**, or by mobile telephone on **07545649551** or via his email [lewis.toop@suttonhousingpartnership.org.uk](mailto:lewis.toop@suttonhousingpartnership.org.uk).

## Help in dealing with COVID-19

We hope you are keeping safe in these challenging times. If you are in need of support and are unsure who to speak to, please let the Council know by:

1. Calling the Council on 020 8770 5000, option 6. **If you are an extremely vulnerable person, please call us in the first instance so we can provide immediate support.**
2. Visiting [www.sutton.gov.uk/covid-19](http://www.sutton.gov.uk/covid-19) and click on 'How to ask for help' to fill in a request form. Someone from the Council will then be in touch.
3. If you need support from a charity in Sutton, email Community Action Sutton at [enquiries@communityactionsutton.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@communityactionsutton.org.uk), they'll forward you to the right charity.

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## Contact Us

If you have a question about the regeneration programme, or would like to share your views and get more involved, please let us know. If you'd like something in this newsletter explained, or require it in large print or braille, please call Lauren on: **020 8770 5651**.

