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about kensington regeneration

Kensington Regeneration is a partnership that was set up in 2000 to manage a £62-million grant from the Government's New Deal for Communities (NDC) programme to improve life in Kensington over a ten-year period.

The Kensington NDC area is divided into five neighbourhoods – Kensington Fields, Holt Road, Edge Hill, Holly Road and Fairfield.

The Kensington Regeneration partnership is community-led. The Board includes residents from all five neighbourhoods as well as representatives from public-sector bodies that serve Kensington including Liverpool City Council, Merseyside Police and Liverpool PCT. Local businesses, the community and voluntary sector and black and minority ethnic communities are also represented.

The Board directs the overall policy of the partnership and has an overview of all the projects funded by the NDC grant.

An executive team is responsible for the day-to-day implementation of these projects, working with representatives of the partner organisations involved.

kensington fact file

Kensington Regeneration has had a really positive impact on life in the area since 2000. Its achievements include:

- Major new facilities like Kensington Community Sports Centre, the Life Bank and the Academy of St Francis of Assisi.
- Funding extra resources for local schools and education projects like Music for Life.
- Helping residents to find jobs and also to gain qualifications at venues like the award-winning Kensington Community Learning Centre.
- Major new housing developments at Lomond Road/Grampian Road, Tunnel Road and Gilead Street.
- Projects to tackle crime and improve community safety including the Kensington Police Team, the community wardens, new CCTV cameras and alleygating schemes.
- Environmental improvements across the area and the creation of the Kensington Clean Team.
- Promoting healthy living through new facilities like the Sports Centre and Birchfield Park and the work of the Health Energy Advice Team.
- Funding the work of local community groups and organising major events like the Kensington Community Awards and the Kensington Summer Fun Day.

what others say...

On the success of the programme:

"A lot of really good things have happened in Kensington. We should be shouting from the rooftops about them."

James Jones – Bishop of Liverpool

On Kensington Regeneration's work with schools:

"I would like to congratulate everyone involved in making the Kensington education programme such a success."

Colin Hilton – Chief Executive – Liverpool City Council

On Kensington Police Team being named Team of the Year:

"Their courage, commitment and professionalism never fails to inspire. They are helping to make us the best in the country."

Bernard Hogan-Howe – Chief Constable of Merseyside

On Kensington Community Learning Centre:

"The centre's results are exceptional, and its retention rates are double the national average."

Judges of the prestigious Regeneration & Renewal Awards

kensington in numbers

£55,625,279 – total investment in regeneration projects

Over 1,500 – Kensington residents helped into work

Over 2,000 – new qualifications gained by local people

182 – students benefited from the Kensington Bursary Project

Over 150 – new homes being built in the NDC area

Over 400 – homes improved across the area

Over 30 – shops upgraded with Kensington Regeneration funding

31.5% – reduction in robberies in Kensington

27% – increase in public confidence in the area

Over 200 – community groups have received financial support

25 per cent – rise in pupils gaining five A*-C grades at GCSE

(All figures quoted as at December 31st 2008)

The logo for Believington features a stylized atom symbol with three intersecting orbits in blue, green, and red. To the right of the symbol, the word "believington" is written in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, with the "t" in "ton" being a larger, bold, orange color.

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1999

April 1999
The Bishop of Liverpool, James Jones, is elected as the Chair of the new Board of Kensington Regeneration.



June 2000
Kensington Citizens Panels are established to enable local people to have their say on the regeneration of the area.



January 2001
The Kensington New Deal Police Team is established to tackle crime and promote community safety issues.



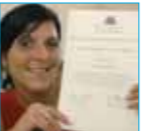
March 2001
The Health Energy Advice Team (HEAT) is launched to address residents' needs linked to housing and benefits issues.



September 2002
Phoenix Primary School opens its doors after being created by a merger of Birchfield Primary and Acorn School.



August 2003
The Kensington Bursary Project is launched. It provides financial support to students in return for community work.



December 2003
Kensington Regeneration distributes its Christmas hampers for the first time, bringing festive cheer to vulnerable local residents.



March 2004
Kensington Regeneration holds its first Community Awards event to recognise the efforts of the area's many neighbourhood heroes.



May 2004
The Field of Dreams Nursery at St Sebastian's Primary School is officially opened by Lord David Puttnam.



July 2004
Kensington Regeneration holds its first Summer Fun Day – up to 6,000 residents will attend the event in future years.



February 2005
Kensington Regeneration again celebrates the diversity of the area when it supports an event to mark Chinese New Year.



July 2005
Kensington Regeneration supports the first-ever Kensington African Festival which goes on to become a popular annual event.



October 2005
The first One World Festival is held in Kensington. Initially lasting a week, it develops into a month-long celebration.



August 2006
Work begins on upgrading Kensington's retail facilities with a scheme to improve a number of blocks of local shops.



July 2007
Kensington Infant School is assessed as 'outstanding' by Ofsted and given the highest grade possible for its teaching and care.



November 2007
The Kensington New Deal Police Team is honoured by Merseyside Police as the neighbourhood police team of the year.



June 2008
Kensington Community Learning Centre is honoured in the UK Online Centre Awards – a Regeneration and Renewal Award follows.



November 2008
A special event is held to celebrate the remarkable success of Kensington Regeneration's work with local schools since 2000.



2000

February 2000
Kensington Regeneration becomes fully operational as the partnership responsible for running the New Deal programme in the area.



December 2000
The Community Investment Fund is launched to provide small grants to support the work of local community groups.



February 2001
Kensington Community Learning Centre opens its doors to help local residents acquire a range of new skills.



August 2001
Jubilee Drive has an exciting new look following the completion of a major programme of environmental improvements.



December 2002
The new Kensington Infant and Junior School, which replaces a run-down Victorian building, is opened by Cherie Booth.



December 2003
Kensington Regeneration and the RLPO unveil the Music for Life project – one of the partnership's outstanding successes.



February 2004
Kensington's team of community wardens is established to provide a reassuring presence on the streets of the area.



April 2004
Kensington Community Sports Centre opens, offering residents state-of-the-art fitness facilities on their doorstep.



June 2004
Regular neighbourhood assemblies are established to keep residents up to date with the progress of improvements in their area.



January 2005
The Life Bank opens its doors offering high-quality childcare facilities and family learning and healthy living activities.



June 2005
The Kensington Clean Team is established to tackle litter, fly tipping, grotspots and graffiti on the streets of the area.



September 2005
Prime Minister Tony Blair opens the new Academy of St Francis of Assisi, highlighting the importance of the new school.



November 2005
Birchfield Community Park opens, thanks to the hard work of residents, offering a multi-use games area, playground and garden.



June 2007
Kensington Regeneration's achievements in the area earn it an 'excellent partnership' assessment from the Government.



July 2007
Work begins on the Tunnel Road housing scheme where 126 homes will be created, many for those affected by housing clearance.



February 2008
Work begins on the Gilead St housing development, 175 homes for a mix of rent, shared ownership and sale.



September 2008
Kensington Regeneration launches its Welcome Pack in several languages, an invaluable guide for new arrivals in the area.



January 2009
Work starts on the new Beech Street complex – new shops, offices, apartments and a fire station with community facilities.



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