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**SPORTS CENTRE PITCHES NOW OPEN**

The new football pitches next to Kensington Community Sports Centre are now open and available for use by local schools and other teams. This follows a cash injection from Kensington Regeneration which has ensured that health and safety issues relating to drainage problems with the pitches have now been resolved.

**For information on booking the pitches, ring 0151 261 9598.**



Kensington Regeneration Chair Norma Williams and Chief Fire Officer Tony McGuirk pictured with (from left) Liverpool City Council Chief Executive Colin Hilton, Tom McGuire of Riverside Housing and Guy Illingworth of developers CTP.

**Work gets under way at Beech Street site**

**A major new development is under way on the site of a former Kensington landmark.**

The project will provide a new fire station, apartments and shops on the corner of Beech Street and Prescott Road – once occupied by the Silver Blades ice rink.

The Beech Street site is one of Kensington Regeneration’s flagship projects and follows several years of enabling work, acquiring properties and preparing the land.

The £9.5 million scheme has been planned and funded by Kensington Regeneration in partnership with developers CTP, Liverpool City Council, Riverside Housing Association and Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service.

Kensington Regeneration have invested £3.5 million in the development, which will be an important focal point for the local community.

Andrew Kingsley of developers CTP said: “CTP is glad to be

working alongside Kensington Regeneration and Liverpool City Council on this important scheme within the heart of Kensington.

“We are pleased to be bringing in several new occupiers who will immediately benefit the Kensington district, these being a new purpose built fire station for Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service; 28 new apartments for Riverside Housing Association; and a new retail offer which includes a new Iceland Foodstore.”

The fire station will replace the existing station at Low Hill. It will house the same resources but will also be a modern community fire station with facilities that can be used by local residents and groups. This will help raise awareness of fire safety in the community and build stronger links with residents.

Merseyside Chief Fire Officer Tony McGuirk said: “The Fire Authority is delighted that the project has enabled us to open a new community fire station in the area. It will provide

our firefighters with outstanding facilities and also help us to offer local people the opportunity to use the fire station.”

A total of 24 apartments will be built above the shops, to be offered for rent by Riverside Housing Association. A listed building on adjacent Prescott Road is to be converted into 4 further apartments.

Frozen food giant Iceland is to be the anchor tenant in the shopping complex, with further

retailers to be confirmed.

Cllr Peter Millea, Liverpool City Council’s Executive Member for Assets and Development, said: “This development will be a fitting legacy of the work of Kensington Regeneration. It will provide real benefits to the community, introducing new shops and apartments into the area as well as a state-of-the art fire station, and contribute greatly to Kensington’s revival.”



Hose pose - Kensington Regeneration Housing and Physical Environment Manager Cathy Williams (front) pictured with Board Members at the event.



# WELCOME TO KENSINGTON NEWS

Each of the remaining issues of Kensington News will be introduced by one of Kensington Regeneration's senior managers who will review the progress made in their area of responsibility over the last 10 years. This month the spotlight is on Operations and Finance Manager, Anne-Marie Turner.

## It is a pleasure to welcome you to the September issue of Kensington News.

Since the beginning of the New Deal programme Kensington Regeneration's Operations and Finance team has managed all aspects of the Partnership's programme management. This includes finance, project and evaluation management. Other key responsibilities include the coordination of the Partnership communications strategy, secretariat services and support services for the board and committees.

The work of the team has been instrumental in establishing the bedrock that enables the Partnership to build viable solutions to the problems that face the neighbourhoods across the New Deal area. We continually attempt to make the financial arrangements as simple and as streamlined as possible. But we also need to ensure that public money is spent on projects that Government has agreed and are good value for money.

In this respect, these systems have been the fuel that the engine of regeneration in Kensington has run on throughout the last decade.

They also played an important role in Kensington Regeneration being awarded an 'excellent' grading by the Government, effectively recognising it as one of the top-performing Partnerships in the country.

Turning to this issue of Kensington News, I would like to draw your attention to three articles of particular relevance to my area of responsibility.

The first is about the evaluation report we commissioned earlier this year from the European Institute for Urban Affairs.

With the end of the programme in sight, we were

keen to have an independent evaluation of how Kensington Regeneration has performed and an assessment of things that have gone well, and things that we might do rather differently if we had the opportunity to go back and do them again.

Encouragingly, the evaluation report is positive about the Partnership's work. You can read a summary of what it has to say in the centre pages of this newsletter.

Linked to this issue, one of the authors of the report - Hilary Russell - will be making a presentation on her findings at our Annual Public Meeting on October 21st.

Residents are welcome to come along to this meeting and have their say about what they think the Partnership has achieved. Details about the venue and time of the meeting appear in the article on page 3.

Finally, also on the centre pages, you will find a rundown of Kensington Regeneration's expenditure in the area in the 12 months to the end of March 2009.

This clearly shows that the Partnership is still investing heavily in projects that are improving the area and the quality of life of local people.

With best wishes  
Anne-Marie Turner  
**Operations and Finance Manager**



# Double awards success for Kensington Regeneration

## Kensington Regeneration has landed two prestigious national awards.

The partnership has been judged the best community-led regeneration organisation in the country by industry specialists Regeneration & Renewal magazine.

And Kensington Regeneration's Chair Norma Williams won the Leadership in Regeneration Award.

"The awards are a fantastic achievement which reflect on everybody involved in our regeneration programme," said Norma Williams, a resident of Edge Hill who has been on the Board of Kensington since it started work in 2000.

Of her own involvement, she said: "Sitting on the sidelines is no good. You've got to have the drive to stand up, get involved and make a difference."

Under Norma Williams' leadership, Kensington Regeneration has been assessed as an 'excellent partnership' by the Government. Several programme areas - for example, its work with local schools - have been hailed as examples of nationwide regeneration best practice.

In addition, projects as diverse as Kensington New Deal Police Team and Kensington Community Learning Centre have been recognised by the judges of prestigious national award schemes.

An example of their community-led approach was in empowering local residents to form a Housing Focus and Issues Group in the Edge Hill area earmarked for the clearance of 400 homes.

Norma Williams joined her neighbour Norma Lee in leading a group of residents and engaging with city council housing officers and developers Bellway. Together they tackled the issues of bridging the financial gap between the value of the homes being demolished and the cost of the new homes being planned to replace them. A shared equity scheme was developed which has enabled home owners to buy the new properties.

The Housing Focus and Issues Group secured practical help and support for people left feeling isolated and vulnerable as their neighbours' homes became vacant and 'tinned up'. And they worked with

Bellway to ensure the new homes being built were suitable for the mixture of young families and older, disabled people being displaced by the housing programme.

Norma Lee said: "The residents would not have agreed to the move if it wasn't for their involvement through Kensington Regeneration and the Housing Issues and Focus Group."

"At one point we had to put up a fight when residents around the Bellway site put in an application to class it as a village green. It was a difficult time but we succeeded with that fight and we also achieved a lot in terms of keeping the community together, so that neighbours could still be neighbours in their new homes."



Norma Williams has been honoured for her leadership of the Partnership.

# Olympic medals for Kensington special athletes

## A group of Kensington athletes recently swept the board in the national Special Olympics.

A team of nine boccia players (a bowls-type game for wheelchair users) from Kensington and Fairfield Multi Sports Club scooped 17 medals including three individual golds, while gymnast Miriam England won bronze, silver and gold.

Club organiser Joan Bateman said: "For some of our players it was the first big event they had ever entered, so I am really proud of

them. They were a shining example, while our five volunteer coaches also did a brilliant job. They all did the city of Liverpool proud."

The Special Olympics are held every four years, following on from the Paralympics. This year the national games were held in Leicester and were attended by more than 2,300 athletes over five days.

"It was an amazing experience, with thousands of people with learning disabilities from all over the

country, marching into the stadium in their new kit, applauded by a huge, enthusiastic crowd," said Joan.

Kensington and Fairfield Multi Sports Club trains every Friday evening at Kensington Community Sports Centre. It was founded in 2000 as a spin-off from Liverpool Special Needs Gymnastics Club.

Newcomers are always welcome, the only criteria being that they have a disability which prevents them from taking part in mainstream sport.

Kensington's Special Olympics medal winners.



## REMINDER

### Central heating grant from HEAT

One of Kensington Regeneration's flagship projects is reminding local residents that they could qualify for a grant for central heating.

HEAT - the Health Energy Advice Team - can offer local people free advice and support about all aspects of the scheme.

If residents do qualify and apply quickly, HEAT say the central heating could be installed and up and running in time for the cold weather this winter.

For more information ring Denise or Danisha at HEAT on 0151-263 2620.



# New training centre opens in Kensington

**A new training centre aimed at non-English speaking residents has opened its doors in Kensington.**

The centre, Empreinte, has been funded by Kensington Regeneration and is run by the Congolese Association of Merseyside. Project manager Mathieu Kapasi explained that there is a need for training in basic skills for people whose first language is not English.



Pictured at the new centre are students Francine Sophie Kankolongo Muamba, Enhee Dashdondog and Hasbaatar Dembereldash with Enid Bristow of Kensington Regeneration and Project Manager Mathieu Kapasi.

"A lot of people need help to access services and we set up the Congolese Association of Merseyside to give them bilingual information and to help them integrate into the local community," he said.

"Now, thanks to Kensington Regeneration, we have our own centre where we can give people training towards the ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence) and CLAIT, the Computer Literacy and Information Technology qualification.

"We called the centre Empreinte as that is French for fingerprint and we are aiming to make our mark in Liverpool."

English language training is given at a basic level, to help people prepare to enroll on an ESOL – English for Speakers of Other Languages – course.

All training is free. A charge of £1 per hour is made to anyone who would like to use the centre for internet access only.

"We are also planning to offer training in customer care, business administration and other skills to help people find jobs," said Mathieu.

Kensington Regeneration Board Member, Enid Bristow, said: "This centre is a great new facility for the community which will play an important role in helping people from non-English backgrounds.

"I am delighted that we have been able to support the Congolese Association of Merseyside with this initiative," she added.

# YOUNGSTERS BEAT THE CREDIT CRUNCH



Crunch time for (from left) Rose Cody, Teacher Josh Leigh and students Liam Coyne, Annet Nakimbuque and Owen Duffy.

**A group of youngsters at Broadgreen International School are determined to beat the credit crunch.**

A team of 12 pupils have launched the Broadgreen Students Bank through Edge Hill Credit Union, and are encouraging fellow pupils to deposit their pocket money.

The scheme follows the success of Young Savers projects run by Edge Hill Credit Union in two local primary schools – Sacred Heart and St Anne's.

Credit Union volunteer, Rose Cody, said: "We have trained the pupils in handling money and recording deposits and police officers have given them training in security.

"The youngsters are really enthusiastic - they've got the backing of staff and I think they're going to do a great job encouraging their friends to save.

"For the team running the student bank, it's a real opportunity to learn about handling money, budgeting and saving."

The scheme has been supported with funding from Community Seven and Kensington Regeneration.

Edge Hill Credit Union is now planning to set up more student banks in other secondary schools in the city.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Music on the menu

Guests at a recent 'Big Lunch' at Kensington Fields Community Centre were treated to tasty dishes from 16 different countries. The event was organised by faith group the Life Changers Empowering Ministry to raise funds for a major project it is planning to get local young people involved in music and gospel singing.



### Local premiere

Kensington-based youth theatre company 20 Stories High is currently premiering a new production. Blackberry Trout Face by Liverpool playwright Laurence Wilson explores the difficult issue of teenagers learning to cope with parental substance misuse. The show began its Merseyside tour at the Unity Theatre at the end of last month.



### Free treatment

Kensington residents who live in nursing home-style accommodation can be eligible for free podiatry treatment. Anne Molton from Liverpool PCT commented: "As well as causing discomfort and pain to older people, problematic feet can also be a sign of other health problems." Contact Yvonne Walker on 051-228 3846 for more details.



### Police on the web

Merseyside Police has launched a brand new website at [www.merseyside.police.uk](http://www.merseyside.police.uk) which makes it easier for residents to find out about policing issues in their local area. The site also includes the latest news from the police, job vacancy listings and a new feature which allows people to report non-emergency crimes online.



### JET celebrations

Liverpool's JET Service has been celebrating a decade of helping people to access job and training opportunities in the city. A week-long series of special events was organised at the various JET offices including the Kensington centre at the Job Bank on Tunnel Road. 1,800 people in Liverpool have found work with JET's help in the last year alone.

## Residents invited to 2009 Annual Public Meeting

**Kensington residents have the chance to find out more about the progress of regeneration work in the area at a special event next month.**

Kensington Regeneration's 2009 Annual Public Meeting takes place at the Life Bank on Quorn Street between 6-8pm on Wednesday October 21st.

As in previous years, there will be an opportunity to hear about the Partnership's achievements over the last 12 months and its plans for the remainder of the current financial year.

In addition, there will be a special presentation by Professor Hilary Russell of the European Institute for Urban Affairs on her organisation's evaluation of the whole of the Kensington Regeneration programme.

The event will also feature

displays from Kensington Regeneration's key projects and partners from 6pm and round table discussions and refreshments.

Norma Williams, Chair of Kensington Regeneration, commented: "The Annual Public Meeting is one of the most important events in our calendar and we're hoping once again for a very good turnout at the event.

"We want people to come along and have their say on how the regeneration of the area is progressing.

"The event will be slightly different this year because of Professor Russell's review of the Partnership's work over the past ten years.

"We hope that residents will find this interesting and that it will provoke a wide ranging and lively discussion."

## Visitors go bananas for festival draw

**Visitors to this year's Newsham Festival went lambananas for a prize draw run by Kensington Regeneration at the event.**

The first ten lucky winners out of the hat received mini versions of the iconic Liverpool sculpture.

Several of the winners also took advantage of the opportunity to visit a larger version of the creature at Kensington Community Learning Centre where they are pictured with Thierry Bwaka of Kensington Regeneration.

Thierry Bwaka with winners Lucy Halligan, Eric Durrant and Chloe Dickson.





# Kensington Regeneration hailed a success by indep

**Kensington Regeneration has had a very positive impact on life in the area over the past ten years.**

That's the verdict of a new independent report by Liverpool John Moores University which takes an in-depth look at the Partnership's work, and the changes for the better it has helped to bring about with the help of New Deal funding from the Government.

The comprehensive study commissioned by the NDC Partnership which runs to well over 100 pages - reveals that Kensington Regeneration has already achieved 29 of the 32 targets that were set at the start of the programme, with 22 of them being exceeded by a considerable margin including:

- Four times as many homes (1,897) being improved or built than the target of 465.
- 4,273 people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects compared with the target of 1,396.
- 1,497 people being helped to find a job, more than 700 over the target of 794.
- 469 new childcare places being created, as against the target of 265.
- 163 Community Chest-type grants being awarded to local groups, compared with the target of 85.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The study also highlights the Partnership's success in supporting local community groups and voluntary organisations (2,417 instances compared with a target of 1,491) and in the number of young people getting involved in youth projects (2,941 compared with the 1,332 target).

At 3,822, the number of accredited qualifications obtained by Kensington residents was also higher than expected, with other particularly encouraging results in terms of the number of security improvements in homes and business premises and the total of grants and bursaries awarded for study purposes.

## NEW BUSINESSES

The number of new businesses receiving advice and support was also much higher than anticipated, as was the figure for the number of crime victims receiving support.

And, of course, many of these figures will rise higher still before the end of the Kensington Regeneration programme in March next year.

**The authors of the EIUA report also put the spotlight on what they see as examples of particularly good practice within the Kensington Regeneration programme.**

Projects singled out for special praise include:

- Kensington Community Learning Centre, the award-winning facility which has helped hundreds of local residents to acquire new skills and qualifications.
- The Health Energy Advice Team (HEAT), who address the health needs of local people linked to housing and benefits issues, as well as supporting unemployed residents, victims of domestic violence and the families of drug users.
- Kensington Property Investment Fund, which was established to help residents bridge the gap between the compulsory purchase order valuation of local homes and the purchase price of new ones.
- The community wardens, who are a reassuring presence on Kensington's streets, providing information and advice to residents and reporting problems such as vandalism and graffiti to the relevant agencies.
- Kensington New Deal Police Team, another award-winning project. Officers have done an excellent job in terms of tackling crime and improving community safety in the area.
- Music for Life, which has forged a unique link between the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Kensington's five primary schools.

The study also highlights good practice in terms of Kensington Regeneration's overall approach to improving the area, especially the way the Partnership has:

- Engaged with developers and contractors to get jobs for local people.
  - Influenced where and how services are delivered in the area.
  - Linked up with the Excite Education Action Zone and head teachers on schools projects.
  - Collaborated with Liverpool City Council on public realm and environmental improvements.
  - Championed the views of Kensington residents.
  - Kept the programme under constant review in order to respond to changing circumstances as appropriate.
- Community involvement is also seen as one of the great strengths of the Kensington Regeneration programme by the authors of the EIUA report, in particular:
- The evolution of engagement structures as the programme progressed.
  - The Partnership's BME outreach and diversity work.
  - The Housing Focus Groups and Neighbourhood Assemblies.
  - The creation of the thematic Task Groups.



**The report highlights the success of housing-related initiatives in Kensington.**

## ATTAINMENT LEVELS

The study says that the positive effect of Kensington Regeneration's work and total investment of more than £80 million is evident throughout the area.

For example, attainment is up at all levels in local primary and secondary schools, with significant rises in the number of students gaining five A\* to C grades at GCSE and in the proportion of young people staying in full-time education after the age of 16.

The proportion of residents in paid employment rose by 10 per cent between 2002 and 2008, with average household incomes moving closer to the Liverpool average over

this period. The percentage of people on low incomes has also decreased.

In the area of community safety, the total of recorded offences per 1,000 population has fallen, and the crime figures for Kensington have improved relative to the average for Liverpool as a whole.

In addition, the most recent MORI household survey in the area revealed that all respondents were less concerned about community safety issues than had been the case in 2002 and, in almost all cases, the difference was a significant one.

Other encouraging signs of change for the better highlighted in the EIUA report include a significant increase in local house prices,



**Providing information and advice to residents is a key role of the community wardens.**



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narrowing the gap between property prices in Kensington and the city as a whole.

A higher proportion of people were also reporting their health as having been good over the previous 12 months in 2008 than in 2002.

The report highlights a lot of positives, but the authors haven't been frightened of addressing some of the more problematic issues that have occurred during the Kensington Regeneration programme.

One such issue is managing expectations, and ensuring that people are realistic about what can be achieved with the funding available.

Another is the friction that can occur when the community's desire to get things done in a certain way, or within a certain timeframe, comes up against the 'rules and regulations' that are an inevitable part of a Government initiative.

## LOCAL CONSULTATION

The report also acknowledges that certain projects have taken a lot longer to implement than

originally envisaged. Sometimes this has been as a result of the Partnership's wish to consult fully with local residents before proceeding. In other cases, there has been an operational factor, for example the time taken to acquire all the land for development.

Notwithstanding these issues, the authors of the EIU report are very clear that Kensington Regeneration's work has been of huge benefit to the area.

They point to the Partnership's physical legacy in the form of the Academy of St Francis of Assisi, Kensington Community Sports Centre, the Life Bank, the Field of Dreams Nursery, the new housing developments and the improved shops and environment.

Equally importantly, they highlight the community infrastructure legacy. Individuals and groups across Kensington now have the knowledge, skills and confidence to continue improving the area by taking advantage of future regeneration funding

opportunities, as and when they arise.

And the study also emphasises that the effects of the Partnership's work will be felt for years to come, for example as children grow up who have benefited from the significant investment in early years education in the area.

Commenting on the report Kensington Regeneration Chair, Norma Williams, said: "Everyone associated with the Partnership is delighted that the European Institute for Urban Affairs has been so positive about our work.

"Although there is plenty of evidence in the area of the success of our projects and initiatives, it is always very gratifying to have this confirmed by an independent and well-respected source.

"However, this certainly doesn't mean that we'll now be resting on our laurels. There's still a great deal of work to be done and a lot to be achieved between now and the end of the programme in March next year."

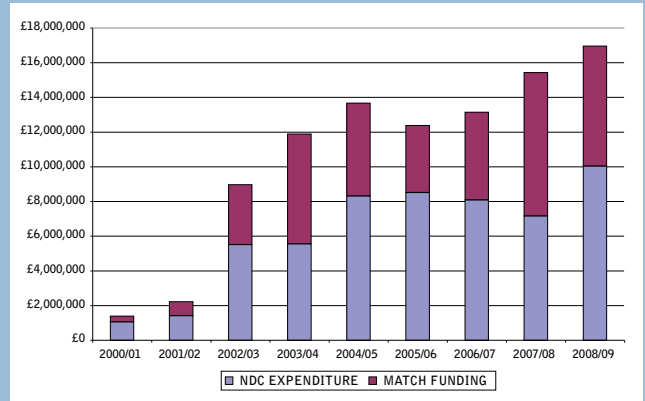


The Field of Dreams Nursery is part of Kensington Regeneration's physical legacy.

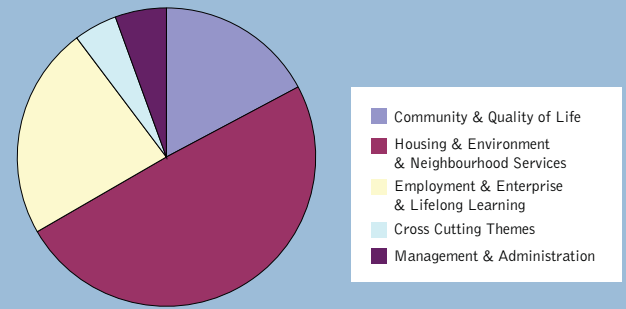
## Kensington Regeneration expenditure 2008/9

The figures below for the 2008/9 financial year show the significant levels of expenditure across all the key themes of the Kensington Regeneration programme.

This expenditure enabled the Partnership to implement the schedule of projects set out in its delivery plan for the year, leading to the wide range of benefits for the area highlighted in this and previous issues of Kensington News.



## EXPENDITURE BY THEME 2008-09



## PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE TO DATE 2000-2009

Year	NDC Expenditure	Match Funding
2000/01	£1,060,822	£329,127
2001/02	£1,410,797	£814,539
2002/03	£5,514,119	£3,458,382
2003/04	£5,553,036	£6,343,339
2004/05	£8,320,747	£5,356,689
2005/06	£8,513,719	£3,867,827
2006/07	£8,089,039	£5,058,815
2007/08	£7,163,000	£8,273,012
2008/09	£10,039,601	£6,925,494
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£55,664,880</b>	<b>£40,427,224</b>

## EXPENDITURE BY THEME 2008/09

Theme	£ Capital	£ Revenue	£ Total
Community & Quality of Life	479,791	1,244,567	1,724,358
Housing & Environment & Neighbourhood Services	4,451,682	507,327	4,959,009
Employment, Enterprise & Lifelong Learning	560,654	1,758,759	2,319,413
Cross Cutting Themes	-	483,212	483,212
Management & Administration	-	553,609	553,609
<b>Total Ndc Expenditure 2008/09</b>	<b>5,492,127</b>	<b>4,547,474</b>	<b>10,039,601</b>

NB: 2008/09 expenditure has yet to be audited and consequently may change

## FREE\* English courses at KCLC

KCLC are working with ALS and WEA to deliver FREE English courses at all levels:

Entry level 1	Thursday 9.30-12.00
Entry level 2	Thursday 9.30-12.00
Entry level 3	Thursday 12.30-3.00
Level 1	Thursday 12.30-3.00
Level 2	Wednesday 1.00-3.30

Please contact KCLC on 260 1006 if you would like further information.

\*Eligibility criteria applies

291-299 Kensington, (opposite McDonalds), Liverpool L7 2RG

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## news round up

### New green service

Kensington residents who are unable to look after their gardens can take advantage of a very useful new service from Liverpool City Council. Aimed at older people and residents with disabilities, the free service will provide help with mowing lawns and general gardening tasks. Ring Local Solutions on 0800 085 1987 for more details.



### Targeting litter

Kensington recently took part in the Big Tidy Up campaign organised by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. Members of the Clean Team, volunteers from repairs and maintenance company Morrison and residents from the L'Arche Centre spent a day litter picking which resulted in 63 large bags of rubbish being filled and taken away.



### Grime is a crime

Kensington is set to benefit from a new grimebusting team created by Liverpool City Council. The team of 90 enforcement officers will tackle litter, dog fouling, graffiti, fly tipping and fly posting. They will have the power to issue on-the-spot fines to anyone breaking the law, and provide advice to prevent problems arising in the first place.

### Kids in Kenny

The latest issue of the Kids in Kenny magazine produced by local young people is now available from Kensington Regeneration's Job Bank office. The contents include remembering Hillsborough and a special feature on the spectacular new Dream sculpture in St Helens. The next issue of Kids in Kenny will be published in December. In the meantime, the magazine has been shortlisted for a prestigious How-Do Public Service Communications Award. The winners will be announced in November.



### Funding go-ahead

The Department of Transport has confirmed funding of £17.1 million for the Hall Lane Gateway Scheme in Kensington Fields which will provide a better link from the M62 into the city centre. City Council Executive Member, Cllr Peter Millea, said the scheme will improve the neighbourhood environment by removing congestion from local roads.

# Scheme creates jobs for Kensington residents

**A training programme that helps Kensington's long-term unemployed has been hailed a success.**

Thanks to projects like the Transitional Employment Programme (TEP), 43 per cent of Kensington residents are now in paid employment. The Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) rate has also dropped from 14.8 per cent in 2000 to 8.7 per cent, despite the current economic climate.

The Kensington TEP, run by Liverpool City Council and funded by Kensington Regeneration, evolved following extensive consultations with the local community.

The flexible programme involves an initial training period offering qualifications in customer care, health and safety and IT. Participants can then choose from further training and study modules, and continue to receive support after securing a job.

George Allen, Lifelong Learning, Employment and Enterprise Manager for Kensington Regeneration, said: "Improving the

job prospects of local people has been one of our main objectives throughout the programme.

"As our track record shows, we have been able to make a positive contribution to the lives of hundreds of residents by helping them to find work in a range of sectors.

Since 2005, more than 70 people a year have progressed into sustainable employment through the TEP."

One man to benefit from the programme is 33-year-old Jude Uweri, who came to Liverpool from Nigeria in January this year. Despite having a degree, he struggled to find work. Jude was put in touch with South Liverpool Personnel (SLP), one of the agencies that runs the TEP, and he began a three-week intensive training programme, taking in a variety of skills.

As a result he secured a three-month placement as a web researcher with Urban UK, a local PR agency. In July, he began a new placement with SLP as an advisor.

"It makes me appreciate what I went through and how the TEP



Jude Uweri pictured with Carolyn Boyce of South Liverpool Personnel.

helped me. SLP are the best friends I have ever made - they really understood me and helped me to develop, both emotionally and psychologically. They allowed me to adapt to the challenges of a new environment and supported me through the tough times," said Jude.

Carolyn Boyce, Chief Executive of South Liverpool Personnel, said: "Kensington Regeneration funded

the TEP and other BME-focused programmes that we have delivered, and have been a great partner to work with."

**Anyone who would like to find out more about employment and training opportunities through Kensington Regeneration and the TEP should call 0151-233 6175.**

## NEEDHAM ROAD RESIDENTS GET OUT AND ABOUT



**Residents from the Holt Road neighbourhood have been getting out and about in recent weeks thanks to coach trips organised by Needham Road Residents' Association.**

Around 50 local people including many children enjoyed a day in Blackpool, while a smaller group of older residents spent a pleasant day in Southport.

Both trips were made possible thanks to the support of the Community Fund which is run by Kensington Regeneration Community Interest Company.

**Families celebrate as they set off on the Blackpool trip.**

## Project can boost residents' skills and employment opportunities

**Calling all Kensington residents who are interested in developing new skills and boosting their employment opportunities!**

A project run by the Kensington Regeneration Health Energy Advice Team - HEAT - can offer practical help with producing CVs, training, job search, benefits and tax credits and better-off calculations.

KATE - short for Kensington Access to Training and Employment - is particularly aimed at people who have been out of work for some time, the over 50s and people from black and racial minority groups.

Lone parents and residents with disabilities can also benefit from the project's advice.

Michelle Walsh from HEAT commented: "This project is aimed at people who are thinking of returning to work but don't know where to start. We're here to help them."

As this issue of Kensington News went to press HEAT were planning an open day in October to enable people to find out more about the KATE project.

**Ring 0151-263 3765 for more details.**

## Metal

**OCTOBER 22nd 2009 6.30pm-9pm**

Metal invite you to the launch of the newly renovated Edge Hill Station, a creative space for art, events and conversation in Liverpool.

See inside the historic listed buildings at the oldest passenger station in the world - the transformed Engine Room, Boiler House and Accumulator Tower will be open all evening for guests to visit.

A new group exhibition that will run at the station until December 5th (11am-4pm Tue-Sat) will also be unveiled at the event. Get Off At Edge Hill explores sexual and industrial metaphors in painting, sculpture and film.

**Come along to the launch and find out more!**

**Metal at Edge Hill Station, Tunnel Road, Liverpool L7 6ND**

**T: 0151-707 2277 E: edgehill@metalculture.com**

**W: www.metalculture.com**

The renovation has been made possible thanks to the support of Kensington Regeneration, Merseytravel, Network Rail, Northern Rail, the Railway Heritage Trust and Liverpool City Council.

**To mark the last year of the Kensington Regeneration programme, the Partnership is planning a really special community awards event in November.**

Instead of saluting people who have made a difference to life in Kensington over the previous 12 months, as in past years, the final awards scheme will honour those who have contributed to the regeneration of the area over the lifetime of the programme.

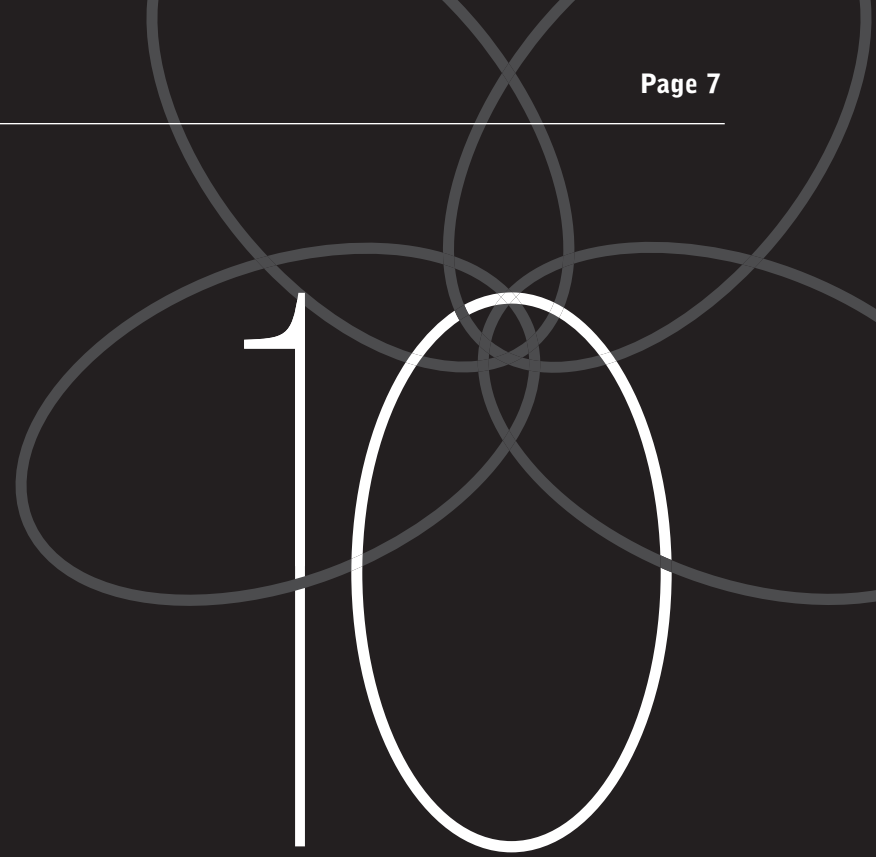
Kensington Regeneration Chief Executive, Lynn Spencer, explained:

“Our awards evening this year will be extra special because we want to identify individuals and organisations who have made things happen over a period of time.

“We want to recognise people who have changed Kensington for the better or achieved excellence in their area of activity.”

Finalists and their guests will be invited to the glittering Kensington Regeneration - Ten Years of Success celebration and awards ceremony which will be held at Liverpool’s Anglican Cathedral on Wednesday November 25th.

The winners will receive trophies designed by acclaimed sculptor Stephen Broadbent.



YEARS OF SUCCESS

# The search is now on for Kensington’s community heroes of the past decade

Kensington residents can use the form below to make nominations for the ten awards that are up for grabs. The categories are:

**Employment and Enterprise Champion**

This award will honour an individual or organisation that has made a real difference to the business community in Kensington or helped local residents to find jobs. or someone who has overcome their own serious barriers to finding work or starting their own business.

**Education and Training Champion**

This award will go to an inspiring individual or organisation that has helped residents to raise their levels of attainment, gain qualifications, increase their confidence and become more employable.

**Community Safety Champion**

An important award that will recognise an individual or organisation that has helped to make Kensington a safer place, reduce crime rates and make the area a place where people want to live.

**Neighbourhood Management and Development Champion**

This award will recognise a dedicated individual or organisation that has made a significant contribution to delivering a neighbourhood management service that meets the needs of local people, or helped to create new homes or facilities in the area, or attracted new resources or ways of working to Kensington.

**Homes and Street Champion**

This award will honour a committed individual or organisation that has supported residents who live in neighbourhoods where significant change is taking place. The winner might have helped people to stay together as a sustainable community, or been involved in the design and development of new homes, or contributed to the improvement of the Kensington area.

**Community Engagement and Health Champion**

In this category the judges are looking for a supportive individual or organisation that has put residents at the centre of the regeneration process, created new community health facilities or services or encouraged residents to get involved in improving their community.

**Resident Champion**

This award will go to a Kensington resident who has been a true ambassador for the area and a real friend to his or her neighbours. It will honour someone who is generous with their time and expertise and has made a lasting impact on their area.

**Agency Champion**

In this category the judges are looking to honour an agency that has worked in partnership with Kensington Regeneration, complemented the regeneration programme and supported local people.

**Regeneration Worker Champion**

This award will recognise a paid worker in any sector who has made a lasting difference to Kensington and the lives of local people, and contributed to making the area a place where people want to live.

**Board Member Champion**

This final category will honour a past or present Kensington Regeneration Board Member who has consistently put the interests of the area first, listened and responded to the needs of local people and shown a commitment to equality and diversity.

All individuals or organisations nominated for awards must live, work or operate in the New Deal area, as appropriate. Individuals and organisations can be nominated for more than one category. All nominations need to be returned to Kensington Regeneration’s Job Bank office at 4 Tunnel Road, Liverpool L7 6QD by Friday October 23rd. A nomination form can also be downloaded from the Kensington Regeneration website – [www.kensingtonregeneration.com](http://www.kensingtonregeneration.com). After you have printed out and completed the form it should also be sent to the above address.

**Kensington Regeneration Chair, Norma Williams, commented:** “The Community Awards have been one of the highlights of our calendar for some time now and this year they’re set to be even more special because we’ll be looking back at the whole of the ten-year regeneration programme in the Kensington area. Many people in Kensington have devoted a huge amount of time and effort over this period to helping others and improving life in their communities. These awards will be a great way of recognising and saying thank you for all their efforts.”

Nominate your hero of the decade...

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee’s Name** (who you think should get an award)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Category of award you wish to nominate them for**

**Why they should be honoured with an award**  
 (Please continue on a separate sheet)

Please return the form to: Kensington Regeneration, The Job Bank, 4 Tunnel Road, Liverpool L7 6QD by Friday October 23rd. A nomination form can also be downloaded from the Kensington Regeneration website – [www.kensingtonregeneration.com](http://www.kensingtonregeneration.com). After you have printed out and completed the form it should also be sent to the above address.







Green-fingered youngsters Ruby Preston and Ruby O'Connell get involved in the community planting.

# Planting event brightens up Fairfield area

**A community planting scheme gave Fairfield a colourful new look during the summer.**

Residents from the GEARS residents' association got together to plant around 100 hanging baskets at houses and community buildings in the area.

The event was funded by Kensington Regeneration and attended by local agencies including Community Seven and the community wardens as well as Cllr Louise Baldock.

The project is part of a £1.1-million environmental improvement scheme in the Fairfield area covered by Kensington Regeneration. The programme also includes the refurbishment of front boundary walls and railings at around 650 properties.

Catherine Taylor, Project Manager for Kensington Regeneration, said: "The event was well received by the local community and was really good fun."

# BABY ROOM NAMED IN HONOUR OF NURSERY TEACHER SUE



From left, Rob Jeffcote, Nursery Manager Liz Scahill and George Allen of Kensington Regeneration with nursery staff and children at the launch.

**A new baby room at a Kensington nursery has been named in honour of a much-loved teacher at the facility.**

Sue's Room at the Field of Dreams Nursery in St Sebastian's School has been dedicated to Sue Jeffcote, who died last year.

The room was created with funding from Kensington Regeneration, who were also one of the main funders of the main nursery facility which opened in 2004.

Sue was a teacher at St Sebastian's and part of the team which planned and secured finance for the nursery.

Deputy Head Margaret Hagan said: "Sue worked with passion in everything she did. She was a talented teacher and brought many initiatives into school and the Field of Dreams. She loved drama and literature and instilled

in her students a love of these too.

"Sadly, Susan passed away before the new baby room was finished but she would have loved the idea of the enrichment and continuity of care that the room symbolises, nurturing children from birth to 11 years at St Sebastian's.

"Sue was well respected by everyone who met her; she loved children and was a wonderful mother and grandmother. The idea of naming the room after her means that all Sue did will always be remembered."

Sue's husband, mother, father, daughter in law and three grandchildren were present at the opening ceremony, along with staff, pupils and supporters.

## notice board

Upcoming dates for your diary:

**Annual Public Meeting 2009**  
Wednesday October 21  
6-8pm at the Life Bank

**Metal Launch**  
Thursday October 22  
6.30pm - 9pm  
Edge Hill Station

Don't forget Kensington Regeneration also has a website where you can find information about the partnership and what's going on in the New Deal area as well as the latest from Kensington News. You can also have your say about the issues that affect you most.

The Kensington Regeneration website can be accessed at: [www.kensingtonregeneration.com](http://www.kensingtonregeneration.com)

## we're all ears

We want to hear from you about life in Kensington.

Whether you've got a news story you'd like us to cover, or you want to have your say by sending us a letter with your views on a local issue, Kensington News is for you.

Please get in touch with us using the contact details below, clearly marking all submissions 'Kensington News'.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Centre seeks your views on services

**Kensington Community Learning Centre has got through the outline bidding process for Big Lottery funding.**

The Centre is now preparing a full application and if it is successful the lottery grant will secure the Centre's future for at least the next three years.

The Centre has used information from students to draft its proposals for future services and would now like your help to develop these.

Try to attend one of the following drop-in sessions to talk about the services the

Centre could provide. All sessions are at Kensington Community Learning Centre 291 - 299 Kensington.

Thursday 8th October 6.00-7.30pm  
Tuesday 13th October 6.00-7.30pm

Light refreshments will be served.

**Please ring 0151 260 1006 for further information.**



Computer training in progress at the centre.

## other languages

For further information please contact Kensington Regeneration on 233 6136.

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