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**Congratulations!**

Christina Gallager from St Sebastian's School at being named the Learning Champion at the Be Proud Awards 2009. This is a great achievement and you and your school should be really proud of it.

# New football pitches to open in September

**New football pitches next to Kensington Community Sports Centre are to open in September.**

Following a £26,000 cash injection from Kensington Regeneration to tackle drainage problems, the pitches will be available for use by local schools and other teams from autumn onwards.

Kensington Regeneration Chief Executive, Lynn Spencer, commented: "Although the pitches are not one of our projects we were very pleased to be able to help out with funding at an important time.

"Clearly, because of health and safety issues, there have been delays with getting the pitches ready to play on but it's great news that they'll be available for the next school year and the forthcoming football season."

Richie Keenan, Chair of Kensington Community Sports which runs the Sports Centre, added: "We're delighted that Kensington Regeneration was able to step in with this funding. When the pitches are up and running later this year they'll be a great new resource for the local community."

## SUPPORT

The pitches are just the latest sport and fitness-related project to have benefited from support from Kensington Regeneration over the last few years including, of course, the new Sports Centre which has received funding of £762,000.

More recently, the Partnership has invested £275,000 into the refurbishment of the swimming pool at St Anne's Primary School which is now available for use by local primary schools and community groups in the area.

Other high-profile projects supported by Kensington Regeneration have included the new multi-use games area in Birchfield Community Park, astroturf sports pitches and courts at the Field of Dreams Nursery and various fitness facilities in local schools.

Meanwhile, sports clubs and teams have been able to apply for grants from the Community Fund, previously known as the New Communities Fund, to support their activities.

Lynn Spencer added: "The football pitches are just the latest in a long line of sports projects we have been able to support as part of our wider efforts to improve the health and fitness of Kensington residents."

## INVESTMENT

Kensington Regeneration is investing a further £6 million in the area in the final 12 months of its 10-year programme of improvements.

Work continues on key projects such as major new housing schemes in the area and the development at the corner of Beech Street which will include 50 new homes, shops, offices and a community fire station.

There will also be further environmental work in the Holly Road and Fairfield neighbourhoods and more improvements in Kensington's retail areas.

Important education and employment initiatives receiving support include successful projects like Kensington Community Learning Centre and the Kensington Bursary Project.

Lynn Spencer concluded: "As we approach the end of the programme it's important to emphasise that we are supporting many projects that will continue to work for the good of the area in the future."

**Just some of the other community sports projects we have helped to fund...**



**KENSINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**  
State-of-the-art sport and leisure facilities for local residents on their doorstep.



**NEW SWIMMING POOL IN KENSINGTON**  
Olympic swimmer Steve Parry opened this exciting new schools and community resource.



**FIELD OF DREAMS NURSERY**  
A range of sports facilities available for use by residents of all ages.



**BIRCHFIELD COMMUNITY PARK**  
The multi-use games area, a very popular feature of this well-used neighbourhood facility.



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**I am very pleased to welcome you to the July issue of Kensington News and to have this opportunity to look back at the successes of the housing and physical environment programme.**

In terms of expenditure, this has been the Partnership's biggest programme by far.

Around £40 million of the New Deal grant has been spent on physical improvements, a figure that has been topped up significantly by funding from a number of other public and private sector sources.

From day one, there have been three key objectives for this programme. Firstly, where neighbourhoods were seen at the outset as sustainable, our aim has been to improve them.

Secondly, where neighbourhoods were not regarded as sustainable, the plan has been to work with our partners to clear them and build new ones.

Thirdly, our aim has been to make a significant contribution to the renovation of Kensington's historical, 'character' areas like Kensington Fields and the Edge Hill conservation area.

Clearly significant progress has been made in terms of achieving all these objectives although, of course, it has taken time to implement some of these large and complex physical development projects.

On the housing front, around 200 new homes have been created to date, with more in the pipeline as further phases of development are implemented as the current difficult market conditions improve.

It has been very satisfying to see families settling into the Bellway scheme at Lomond Road/Grampian Road and the Lovell development at Gilead Street.

However, the outstanding success of the housing programme has been Bellway's Joshua Place scheme on Tunnel Road.

Thanks to the work of the Edge Hill Housing Focus and Issues Group, we have been able to provide affordable housing and keep people together from communities who have been affected by the clearance work in the area.

Our programme of environmental improvements across Kensington's five neighbourhoods has also been a success. This has been ongoing for some years with the final facelifts in the Holly Road and Fairfield areas scheduled for completion later in the summer.

These schemes have involved improvements to public areas (for example street lighting, landscaping and traffic calming) and also to individual homes (including painting and new front walls and railings).

In a neighbourhood like Kensington Fields, special attention has been paid to ensuring that the makeover reflected the area's Victorian heritage.

These improvements have made a huge difference to the appearance of many parts of Kensington and, as a result, the feedback we have received from residents has been extremely positive.

In addition, there is a lot of evidence that the work has helped to increase the value of properties in the affected areas.

Elsewhere in Kensington, our retail strategy has generated significant benefits. In a nutshell, our aim was to tackle the oversupply of small shop premises in the area by concentrating retail facilities in specific areas and funding improvements to these shops.

Meanwhile unused shops in other areas have been demolished to enable the land to be redeveloped for housing and other purposes.

To date this strategy has resulted in 80 shops being improved, leading to more focused and better quality retail facilities in Kensington.

In addition to housing, environmental improvements and the retail strategy the fourth element of the physical programme has

centred on improving neighbourhood management.

Projects like the community wardens and the Clean Team have played a key role in making Kensington a cleaner and safer place.

As you can see from this brief summary, the expenditure on the physical programme has been money well spent.

However, there is still one more major project to progress - the Beech Street complex of shops, offices, homes and a new fire station for the area.

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"The BME Strategic Review Group was set up in June 2007 by Kensington Regeneration as a way of enabling Kensington's black and minority ethnic residents, and providers of services in the area, to come together to look at issues that affect the local BME community.

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For example, they suggested that it was important to raise awareness of the religious and cultural needs of different communities amongst staff at GP surgeries and health centres.

Making community centres more welcoming was also seen as a priority, as was support for start-up businesses, more English classes, tackling racial harassment and ensuring that BME community groups are supported and developed.

The BME Strategic Review Group subsequently developed an action plan to try and start tackling some of the main issues raised at the conference. It is now seeking to develop into an 'umbrella' group that provides skills and resources to support existing BME organisations and facilities in the area, and works to develop new ones.

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Manager Val Evans, who works with a team of eight volunteers, commented: "Our membership is growing all the time which is hardly surprising. I think that at a time of recession more people than ever before are needing the services of a credit union."

For more information about Edge Hill Credit Union ring Val Evans on 0151-263 9353.

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Police officers prepare for the operation.

## Police crack down on drugs in Kensington

**Merseyside Police recently launched a major crackdown on drug dealing in Kensington as part of its total war on drugs.**

On April 30th around 200 officers including the Kensington New Deal Police Team executed search warrants across north Liverpool as the culmination of a 12-month investigation into the supply of Class A drugs.

The operation was launched in response to information received from the community and targeted drug dealing on the streets.

It was linked to a similar operation in January when 23 people were arrested in south Liverpool on suspicion of drug offences, 18 of whom were subsequently charged.

Officers arrested 21 people aged from 17-60 from the Kensington and Tuebrook areas. Several seizures of Class A, B and C drugs were also made, along with quantities of cash.

Local representatives from

Kensington Regeneration, Community Seven, Venture Housing and local councillors attended the police briefing and witnessed some of the operation from Police Headquarters.

Sergeant Simon Joyce of the Kensington New Deal Police Team commented: "We have been listening to residents' concerns about drug dealing and want people to know that information received from them about drug dealing was used as intelligence for this operation."

"We expect that many of the individuals arrested will be receiving custodial sentences and we shall keep you informed of the outcome of their cases in due course."

"We will also continue to work with our partners to reduce drug dealing and educate people as to the effects it has on the community. We shall also support housing associations who want to evict those convicted of drug offences," added Sergeant Joyce.

Alan Kelly, Kensington Regeneration's Community Regeneration Manager, said: "We welcome this operation which will have a very positive impact on life in our area."

Merseyside Police urges anyone with information about the supply of illegal drugs to contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Total policing

**Total policing is:**

- Arresting and prosecuting criminals
- Enforcing the law
- Providing help and care for victims of crime
- Using police resources where they are needed at the right time
- Reducing opportunities for crime

## FIRST INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL GOES DOWN A TREAT

**Kensington's first International Food Festival went down a treat with local residents.**

More than 600 people attended the event at Kensington Junior School which featured the cuisines of 11 different countries.

The delicacies on offer ranged from the UK's finest to the delights of the Czech Republic, Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Yemen, Kurdistan and Trinidad.

As well as sampling the tasty fare, residents had the chance to learn how to prepare it themselves at a series of cooking demonstrations and workshops.

Other activities on the day ranged from face painting for the

youngsters to massage for the mums and dads.

One of the organisers, Kensington Regeneration's Community Development and Cohesion Officer Thierry Bwaka, commented: "Food is a subject we all have in common. Each of can bring something of our own culture and we can share it together."

"That's why I think the festival was such a success. There were interesting people there from so many different backgrounds and a huge range of food. The atmosphere was just great."



Latin lesson – Freddy Perez and Francisco Carrasco cook up a storm at the festival.

**If you would like to register with us to receive up-to-date information on Kensington Regeneration events, meetings etc via your mobile, please contact us via text on 07976 383790**



## KCLC expands myguide courses



Alan Tapp recommends the expanded range of myguide courses.

**Kensington Community Learning Centre (KCLC) has announced additions to its range of myguide courses.**

These are mini courses split into three levels - starting courses, using courses and understanding courses.

The appeal of these courses is that they are all bite-size sessions and only last from 25 minutes to an hour. They are also free.

In addition, once myguide users have been set up with a user account, they are then able to log in and study

the courses from any computer with internet access.

Once registered, students therefore have the choice of studying at KCLC with tutor support on hand or from the comfort of their own home.

Courses available at starting level include an introduction to computers. Using sessions focus on subjects including internet safety, using email and digital photography.

The wider range of understanding courses includes sessions on job hunting online, using ebay, money

management, family history and green living.

Kensington Community Centre Manager, Alan Tapp, commented: "My advice to local residents is to pop into the centre for a coffee and chat with our friendly staff who will help them to register. They'll be up and running in no time."

For more information about the myguide courses contact KCLC on 0151-260 1006.

## Fond farewell to popular Kensington police chief

**Kensington has said a fond farewell to Inspector Dave Charnock who headed up the New Deal Police Team from June 2006 until the spring of this year.**

Members of the Kensington Regeneration Community Safety Task Group presented him with a range of presents including a framed photo featuring some of the highlights of his time in the area. He has now taken up a new

position in south Liverpool.

Kensington Regeneration Chief Executive, Lynn Spencer, said: "We're very sorry that Inspector Charnock is leaving us but we wish him every success in his new role."

"Under his guidance the New Deal officers have done a great job in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in our area and this has been recognised by both regional and national awards schemes."



Community Safety Task Group members show their appreciation to Inspector Charnock.



# On track for a new career

**Ten unemployed local men are on track for new careers after receiving a helping hand from Kensington Regeneration and JET.**

The men were given fully-funded places on an intensive residential training course in rail track maintenance.

Now they're all working for Renown Railway Services, repairing and improving lines across the North West.

Darren Woods, 29, of Jubilee Drive, was in the merchant navy for two years before being out of work. He said: "I love the railway work. It's brilliant being out of doors and

working in different places. It's a job where I am active all the time and I really enjoy it."

Colleague Tony Fagan, 35, worked as a data cabling engineer on construction sites for 15 years until the work dried up last year.

"The JET team were great," he said. "I went in to ask about work and they told me about the training and support funded by Kensington Regeneration. It was a full package, with travel expenses covered and a guarantee of work with Renown at the end of the training."

"The jobs are varied and sometimes we find ourselves working

in really beautiful countryside. We go to lots of different places and I really enjoy the work."

Kensington Regeneration's Chair of Lifelong Learning, Employment and Enterprise, John Caton said: "The success of these men in the rail industry shows that we are continuing to succeed in helping residents into good jobs even in the current difficult employment climate."

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



Tony Fagan and Darren Woods, two of the local residents who have found work.

## Kensington Regeneration invests in local capital projects

**Kensington Regeneration has recently invested significant resources in new capital projects in the area for the benefit of local people.**

The funding is helping to boost the local facilities for schools, sport and the arts and to support the work of Kensington's community groups and voluntary organisations.

The projects that have been supported include:

- Refurbishing the pool at St Anne's Primary School. The upgraded facility - opened recently by Olympic swimmer Steve Parry - will be used by local primary schools and community groups. It is hoped that the facility will also encourage more local youngsters to take up swimming in the run-up to the 2012 Olympic Games in London.
- The creation of a new arts and education centre at Edge Hill railway station. Local arts organisation Metal has turned the

buildings into a creative hub for the local community, artists and the wider public. It will host exhibitions, performances, discussions and events and provide space for businesses and artists' studios.

- Refurbishing facilities at Camp Terrig in Colomendy, North Wales. This will enable charity Prospects 2000 to take Kensington youngsters on residential trips to the camp which will generate significant benefits in terms of their health, self confidence and personal development.
- Helping Edge Hill Credit Union to overcome the problem of a shortage of suitable office accommodation in the area by funding the refurbishment of their new premises at 164 Kensington.
- Altering and refurbishing several rooms at the Field of Dreams Nursery to enable more babies to be accommodated.

- Funding a range of new IT equipment for the Kensington Fields Community Association computer suite.
- Providing a new mini-gym at Sacred Heart Primary School to encourage young children to get the fitness habit as early as possible.
- Tackling the problems of anti-social behaviour fires in Kensington by working with Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service to develop a new project including a further small fires unit, two fire response motorbikes and a nuisance removal vehicle.

Kensington Regeneration Operations and Finance Manager, Anne-Marie Turner, said: "Even though the end of the New Deal programme is in sight local residents will be encouraged to see that we are still investing significantly in much-needed new facilities and resources for the local community."



Funding has helped to create extra new facilities at the Field of Dreams Nursery.

## HOLT ROAD RESIDENTS WELCOME LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

**Residents in the Holt Road area have given the thumbs-up to a major programme of environmental improvements in their area.**

Streets of Victorian terraced homes have been given a facelift courtesy of Kensington Regeneration and Liverpool City Council.

Houses have undergone a range of repairs. They have also been painted and given new front walls and railings. Road bumps have been installed to slow traffic, while large planters have been filled with flowers and new street lights installed.

The regeneration work was offered to all residents in the neighbourhood, whether a tenant or an owner occupier.

Dot Parkins, who has lived in Wrenbury Street for 47 years, said: "My windows have been replaced and the front walls painted. I've also got a new front step, new wall and railings. It's lovely to see the improvements all the way down the street."

Holt Road Assembly Chair, Enid Bristow, said: "Everyone I speak to is delighted with the improvements - they have transformed the area. For me, the best thing is the new street lighting. Now when I come home at night instead of being worried about the dark, everywhere is brightly lit and it makes me feel so much safer."

In Brae Street, Margaret and Frank Casey have lived in their home for 48 years and are delighted with the facelift. "The street looks very good now and we are very pleased with the improvements to our house. The street had declined so much, it's good to see it smartened up again."

Another Wrenbury Street resident, Jack Blake, said: "We were able to choose our own colours for the fronts of the houses, so they all look different as well as smart."

"I really like the overall appearance of the street now, it's so neat and tidy. I think it makes an incredible difference - it certainly makes me more proud of where I live."



Delighted with the facelift - Margaret and Frank Casey.

## Reflecting on your station in life

**Edge Hill is of significant importance to the local community, Liverpool and the UK.**

As the rail industry and the surrounding areas of Edge Hill change and evolve how do we examine the importance of this historical space in today's society. What does the station and its surrounding community mean to you?

As part of the renovation of this historical space Metal are collecting stories, anecdotes, and memories for an ongoing oral history project that will be on permanent display within the station buildings, soon to be open to the public for the first time in over 25 years.

Do you have a story or memory that you would like to record for the archive?

The project will collect audio recordings from local people who live or have grown up in the surrounding area of the station as well as old photographs, documents, or other memorabilia that can be captured digitally for the display. Owners will be credited where possible and Metal will only use the recordings for the sole purpose of the archive.

On Saturday 15th August 11am - 5pm Metal will be holding an open day at Edge Hill station to collect your stories, memories, feeling, photographs and memorabilia for the project but if you would like to be interviewed personally or would just like some more information please contact [info@metalculture.com](mailto:info@metalculture.com) or call (0151) 261 0514.

# Metal



## news round up

### Wartime memories

St Sebastian's Primary School in Fairfield recently sent a party of 75 children to visit schools in Penmaenmawr in North Wales. The trip was organised as part of centenary celebrations when staff discovered that almost 200 pupils had been evacuated to the town in the Second World War. Six former evacuees accompanied the youngsters.



### Littlewoods proposal

Liverpool City Council has unveiled plans to relocate two secondary schools on the site of the former Littlewoods building and the Innovation Park on Edge Lane. The scheme, involving Archbishop Blanch School and St Margaret C of E High School, would retain the iconic art deco features of the Littlewoods complex.



### Breastfeeding drive

Liverpool Primary Care Trust has launched a £100,000 drive to increase breastfeeding rates in the city. Breastfeeding can help to protect infants from a wide range of illnesses including asthma, childhood diabetes and eczema. Liverpool breastfeeding rates are currently 25 per cent lower than the national average.

### Scouse Soul Stew

What makes life worth living for you? You can have your say at a series of public artist-led events in Kensington which will focus on the ingredients in life that are important to us all. The Scouse Soul Stew events - which are free and open to everyone - will include informal discussion, live art and food. Ring 0151-236 0796 for details on dates and times.

### Smooth operators

Kensington Fields Youth Club recently came runner-up in the national Super Smoothie Challenge, organised by charity Make Space and supported by Nestle. Young people at the club created their own healthy smoothie called KFCA for the event. The refreshing drink featured ingredients including pears, strawberries, bananas and pineapple.



# Kensington new homes schemes prove to be a major success

Residents are now settling in well at all three of the major new housing developments in Kensington.

Very good progress has been made at Bellway's Joshua Place scheme, the Lovell development on Gilead Street and another Bellway site at Lomond Road/Grampian Street.

As a result, families are now enjoying their modern new homes and meeting new people as well as the friends who have moved with them from their former neighbourhoods.

In total these three schemes have created around 200 new properties, with more in the pipeline when later phases get under way as market conditions improve.

Lynn Spencer, Chief Executive of Kensington Regeneration which has supported all three projects, said: "It's been fantastic to see people move in, the sites coming to life and new communities being created. It's what regeneration is all about."

Meanwhile, some of the new Joshua Place residents have been speaking about how pleased they are with their new homes.

For example, Teresa and Brian Kent have rejoined their old neighbours after a house move which they describe as 'a dream come true'.

In fact for Teresa, who is 58 and has limited mobility after several strokes, the new bungalow has brought a new lease of life.

"I still can't believe it," said Teresa. "I look out of my window at the huge garden and look around at my lovely bungalow and it's just a dream come true."

"I was getting very depressed in the old house. We lived there for 33 years and raised our two children. But as everyone starting moving out and houses were boarded up it was just awful. Here, it is beautiful and we are surrounded by all our old neighbours. I am so happy."

Among the neighbours across the road are Teresa and Brian's son Kevin and grandson Jack, two.

All have secured their homes from Bellway with help from the Edge Hill Housing Focus and Issues Group which includes local residents, City Council officers and officers from Kensington Regeneration and the NewHeartlands Housing Market Renewal Initiative.

The group helped to ensure that local people were fully involved in the design and development of the site.



Teresa Kent (left) with Norma Lee (centre) and Kensington Regeneration Chair Norma Williams.

They also successfully negotiated upfront disturbance payments of £1,000 to enable individuals to buy carpets and window covers for their new homes.

These negotiations resulted in a change of Council policy, allowing these benefits to be extended to other communities within the city.

Norma Lee, Chair of the group,

said: "I am delighted that we have succeeded in what we set out to do as a local community."

"We have had some battles along the way but in the end we have managed to keep the community together and to help homeowners as well as tenants move into high quality, affordable homes."

# Kensington welcomes new police chief



Carrying on the good work - new Inspector Paul Harrison.

### The Kensington New Deal Police Team has a new man at the helm.

Inspector Paul Harrison takes over this key position from Inspector Dave Charnock who has moved to take up a new challenge in south Liverpool.

Inspector Harrison is a very experienced officer with 22 years' experience with Merseyside Police in both uniform and CID roles.

He moves to Tuebrook from Eton Road Police Station where he spent three years as Critical Incident Manager, a vital role which involved co-ordinating the police response to serious offences such as murders, serious assaults and major public disorder incidents and dealing with vulnerable missing persons such as children.

Inspector Harrison told Kensington News he is settling in well in the area: "I've been getting out and about to meet as many of our partners as possible including Kensington Regeneration, public

sector agencies and representatives from community groups and voluntary organisations in the area," he said.

"I've received a very warm welcome wherever I've been and I'm looking forward to working alongside local people to make

Kensington an even safer place to live, work and visit."

Inspector Harrison also pointed out that he's delighted to be taking over a team with such an impressive track record.

He explained: "Under Inspector Charnock the Kensington New Deal Police Team have achieved some very good results and were even honoured as neighbourhood team of the year in the Merseyside Police Total Policing Awards. My job now is to make sure we carry on the good work."

Inspector Harrison is also very pleased to be working alongside a former colleague, Sergeant Simon Joyce: "I know Simon well and he's really got his finger on the pulse."

His local knowledge will be a real help to me as I settle down in the new area," he said.

The new Kensington police chief is keen to get two messages across to local people.

One is a general point about the

level of crime in the area: "Whenever a serious incident comes along it receives a lot of media coverage, but the figures show that there has actually been a significant reduction in crime in Kensington in recent years. This is very encouraging and it's something we shouldn't forget."

Inspector Harrison is also keen to work closely with local people: "We need local people to get in touch and tell us about the issues that are affecting their quality of life so we can respond appropriately and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the area," he said.

Kensington Regeneration Chair, Norma Williams, commented: "I want to extend a very warm welcome to Inspector Harrison. The Kensington police officers have made a major contribution to the regeneration of the area over the years and I know he is committed to building on this success in the future."





# LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

**Kensington Regeneration CIC is managed by a Board of Directors who drive the strategy of the Company. Directors are in the main residents from across the NDC area, with representatives from the education and private sectors.**



**Kensington Regeneration is now coming towards the end of its 10-year New Deal for Communities programme of improvements to life in the area.**

One of the Partnership's key objectives in its final year has been to develop a succession plan to ensure that the regeneration of Kensington continues after March 31st 2010.

Much has been achieved in Kensington over the past decade, not just in terms of improving the area but also in establishing more effective working relationships between relevant agencies and the community.

The succession plan provides a summary of how the NDC Partnership, Kensington Community Interest Company and its partners aim to ensure that these improvements and benefits are sustained and capitalised on after 2010.

It sets out the arrangements for:

- Sustaining the benefits of the programme.
- Retaining resident and community involvement.

The plan is the culmination of extensive discussions and deliberations over a number of years. It will need to be approved by the Government and this will be decided in the autumn of this year.

Kensington Regeneration Community Interest Company, (CIC) is a limited company, established to ensure continuity of community leadership and to provide a mechanism for ensuring

the NDC programme's legacy would continue to benefit the residents and the area.

As the CIC potentially prepares to take up the reins from Kensington Regeneration, the organisation is keen that local people know more about its activities and plans for the future.

Chair Jimmy Baptista (pictured left) explained: "The CIC has been created to put community benefit at the heart of everything it does and to conduct activities for community purposes. "The Company wants to see regeneration keep going in the area and is committed to playing a role in making this happen."

**For more information about Kensington Regeneration Community Interest Company contact Anne-Marie Turner on 0151-233 6136.**



**COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY BOARD** – Back row left to right: Lawrence Sidorcuk, Janet Kelly, Ola Laoye, Tony Graham, Jimmy Tyrer  
Front row left to right: Norma Williams (Observer), Norma Lee, Pat Dermot (Vice-Chair), Kay Gray (Not photographed Alan Grace and Dr Martin Carey)

## Fund backs local projects

**The CIC is already playing a key role in the regeneration of the area by managing initiatives like the Community Fund and the Kensington Bursary Project.**

The Community Fund small grant scheme is a vital resource for local groups, providing up to 100 per cent of the cost of community projects and initiatives that can make a contribution towards achieving the wider aims of the New Deal programme.

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to community and voluntary groups based in the New Deal area, or groups who predominantly support New Deal residents.



**The Community Fund has supported the As One Group who organised this Halloween party for children in Fairfield.**

Apart from a good idea, all that groups need to apply for a grant is access to a bank account and a constitution or set of rules.

Alan Grace, a Kensington resident who chairs the Community Fund grants panel, commented: "Many community organisations are doing a great job in the Kensington NDC area.

"The Community Fund is designed to support their work and to help them develop and run their activities. All this good work contributes towards the regeneration of the area."

During the 2008/9 financial year 56 organisations shared Community Fund grants totalling £111,000.

They ranged from the Liverpool African Association and Kensington Community Choir to St Sebastian's Football Club and the Friends of Botanic Park.

In each case, the grant was vital to the success of the project or activity.

For example, arts organisation Yellow House received a grant towards the costs of its HOME project which asked people in Kensington for their thoughts and memories of the various places they have lived, both at home and abroad.

Yellow House is currently planning a major exhibition of the stories and photographs that have been collected.

George McKane, the founder of the organisation, commented: "The Community Fund grant helped us to develop the project and to obtain further funding from other sources. HOME would never have got off the ground without it."

Elsewhere, the Kensington Youth Inclusion Project received a grant of £960. Project Manager Kerry McLoughlin explained: "We work with local young people who are at risk of offending or getting involved in anti-social behaviour.

"The funding helped to pay for a range of interventions, ongoing diversionary activities which can prevent vulnerable young people from becoming socially excluded while at the same time helping them to develop and acquire new experiences and skills."

Kensington Infant School used a Community Fund grant to buy eight bikes and other cycling equipment for use by pupils.

The aim was to boost their fitness, enable them to learn new skills and also to introduce them to some key



**A day trip to Yorkshire for members of Lathom Court Tenants Association which has been supported by the Community Fund.**

road safety messages.

Head Teacher Jenny Comish commented: "The bikes are very popular with the children and the project has proved to be a great success. Everyone here is very grateful to the Community Fund - the project wouldn't have happened without the grant."

Another group to receive funding was the Merseyside Wheelers who staged a major cyclocross - cross country cycling - event in Botanic Park.

Organiser James 'Kit' Carson said: "The Community Fund grant was the main reason that we were able to hold the event.

"It proved to be a successful day which attracted some good riders to Kensington and also enabled us to highlight the benefits of cyclocross for young people in terms of both fun and fitness."

**For more information about the Community Fund contact Anne-Marie Turner at Kensington Regeneration on 0151-233 6136.**





A cake walk for Lily Green, Kelsey Roberts, Prem Singh, Jake Everson and Michael Connell.

# Sweet celebrations for European Neighbours Day

**Young people in Kensington chose a 'sweet' way of celebrating European Neighbours Day recently.**

Around 20 youngsters visited homes with plates of cakes and invited residents to an afternoon tea and tombola at Kensington Fields Community Centre.

Centre Co-ordinator Sue Robinson said: "I was very proud of the young people - the activities were all their ideas. They went knocking on doors and handing out cakes, put leaflets through doors with invitations to our Neighbours Day celebration and they handed out refreshments and raffle tickets at the event."

Kensington Neighbours Day was supported by Community Seven, Plus Dane and Kensington Regeneration.

## FACELIFT FOR THE EDGE HILL CONSERVATION AREA

**The Edge Hill conservation area has a spruce new look following the completion of a major improvement programme.**

The Kensington Regeneration-funded works - worth around £200,000 - have included improving some of the gateways to the area, hard landscaping, restoring property boundaries, repairing and renewing railings and improving street lighting.

Throughout the programme, the work has been carried out in a way that is sympathetic to the heritage of the area.

Kensington Regeneration has received many positive comments about the improvements, including the landscaping work that has been done on this roundabout close to historic St Mary's Church.



The improvements have attracted many positive comments.

# Come and see our pool!

**St Anne's RC Primary School & Total Swimming, with support from Kensington Regeneration got together to create a centre of excellence for swimming. Combining a fantastic, newly renovated community swimming pool with quality teaching from a company with a proven track record, this package offers quality and value and is not one to be missed out on.**

### St Anne's Swimming Pool

- Local Community Swimming Pool
- 16m x 6m x 0.9m
- All Shallow Pool
- Warm Water – temp set at 30°C.
- Exclusive use of the faculty
- 30 children per session
- Free off road Parking
- Disability Access

### Costs

£45 per session – that's equivalent to £1.50 per child if 30 children use the pool.

### What's Included:

- Two fully qualified Instructor/Lifeguards
- Exclusive use of the swimming pool
- The shallow pool is an ideal environment to teach children safely & effectively
- Proven quality schemes of work & lesson plans provided.
- Individually tailored programme designed to suit the needs of your school.

### OPEN INVITE

Why not come and have a look at our fully refurbished swimming pool. You can take a look at the swimming lessons taking place and get a chance to talk to staff from St Anne's school or to the company that run the swimming programme Total Swimming.

We still have some spaces available for September 2009 for National Curriculum swimming so why don't you come for a visit, you won't believe the changes to the pool.

### Details

**Time:** 8.30am-2.30pm  
(Tuesday - Friday)

**Venue:** St Anne's RC Primary School,  
Overbury Street, Liverpool, L7 3HJ

**To Confirm attendance:** Call Margaret in St Anne's  
0151 709 1698 or Adam  
at Total Swimming on  
07894 850 535



After 4 years closed, Kensington Regeneration invested £275,000 to refurbish the school pool, with a further £10,000 from Liverpool's Sport and Physical Activity Alliance

## notice board

Upcoming dates for your diary:

**Metal Open Day**  
**Saturday 15th August**  
**11am - 5pm**  
**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!**

## other languages

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