



Lakes Estate Regeneration Update

This newsletter provides you with the latest news and updates from the estate renewal and regeneration proposals for the Lakes Estate.

Regeneration update

Milton Keynes City Council has selected building contractor Graham to deliver the first phase of the project. Graham will oversee the building of 202 new homes and community facilities.

The City Council is in talks with Graham to finalise details and anticipates that approval to start-on-site for the main construction works, will be given early in the new year.

Serpentine Court residents will shortly receive a letter notifying them the block will be demolished within the next seven years. Please note that the council will only proceed with demolition once Serpentine Court is completely vacated and the new properties have been built.

Play areas

Works to construct the new play area at Skene Close / Fern Grove are complete and it was opened by Councillor Khan on Wednesday 24 Aug.

This is a fantasy themed play space with the Princess and the Frog fairy tale at the heart of the design.



The final play area to be constructed is Gorman, this is a Space themed play area. Works have started on this, and we expect to open it in the coming weeks.

Once all four play areas are completed, the City Council will clear old play equipment elsewhere on the area and reinstate these as landscaped areas with some additional seating.

Courtyards

Serco is working to finish the first phase of the courtyard improvements in Garry Close, Tarbert and Menteith and will then move on to start works on the Burnmoor sites. Colleagues continue to clear away dumped domestic waste and we ask the community to keep alert and report fly tipping to the Council.

The City Council is now planning further landscape improvements such as tree, shrub and spring bulb planting to be carried out in the autumn / winter and any additional works required to improve these spaces.

Signs of Change

In July a number of residents met outside Spotlight to take part in the Signs of Change Project. They broke in to two groups and set off in opposite directions and armed with sponges, water, cleaning products they went for a walk around the estate to identify any broken, missing or dirty street signs.



Health and wellbeing week

Organised by Locals of the Lakes Residents Association (LOLRA) and Lakes Estate Renewal Forum (LERF) the Health and Wellbeing week was funded by the Lakes Club and included five days of inclusive events and activities for all ages including:

- **Trip to the seaside**
- **Healthy eating/food larder day**
- **On Your Bike project**
which includes guided bike riding and free bikes for Lakes residents (subject to terms and conditions)
- **Signs of Change**
- **Health and Wellbeing Day**
- **Treasure Hunt**

Neighbourhood Employment Programme

Free employment advice & support
available at Spotlight on:

- **Mondays 10.00am - 12.00pm**
- **Wednesdays 2.00pm – 4.00pm**
- **Thursdays 10.00am - 12.00pm**

Services include:

- **Free Advice**
- **CV Support**
- **Interview tips**
- **Job searching**
- **and more...**

For more information, please contact the team on:

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www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/nep



Activities at Spotlight

The following activities/meetings/services are available for Lakes Estates residents and are free to join/attend:

- **Coffee morning**
- **Arts and Crafts sessions**
- **Meet MEARS - Repairs Drop In**
- **Councillor Surgery**



For more information, please contact the Community Engagement Team
email: regeneration@milton-keynes.gov.uk or call: **07443 204 793**

Lakes Estate Renewal Forum

The next meeting of the LERF will take place on Thursday 17 November at 6.30pm on Zoom. Everyone is welcome. Come along and hear the update on regeneration and improvement plans for the Lakes.

Locals of the Lakes Residents Association

The Locals of the Lakes Residents Association Annual next meeting will take place on Monday 7 November at 5.30pm in Spotlight.

Serpentine Court Steering Group

The next meeting of the Serpentine Court Steering Group which is on Tuesday 11th October at 6.30pm in Spotlight.



Independent advice

Independent Advice Tpas has a freephone telephone line and email address specifically for Serpentine Court residents. If you would like to find out more about the current consultation on the future of Serpentine Court; have any questions or wish to put your point of view across, you can contact Kevin for free and independent advice using the freephone and email details:

Freephone: 0800 731 1619

Email: serpentinecourt@tpas.org.uk