

## Roehampton Lantern Parade a Huge Success

Roehampton residents of all ages took to the streets on 9th December to take part in the Festive Lantern Parade.



The event was organised by Roehampton Outdoor Arts Movement [ROAM] in partnership with Emergency Exit Arts and with funding from Enable arts and the council's Community Development Team. The parade was the largest one yet with over 450 people taking part and it provided a fantastic start to the festive period.

The afternoon began at 4:00 pm with a chorus of bell ringers from the 60+ café setting a cheerful atmosphere in the library. It was followed by a procession around the library green of local schools and community groups showcasing 360 hand crafted lanterns inspired by the power of stories and story telling.

The festivities ended with a Christmas carol sing-along on the green. The event was also supported by Sacred Heart, Heathmere, Mosaic, Roehampton Church, Eastwood Nursery and Family Centre, 60+ Cafe, Regenerate, Alton Activity Centre, Roehampton Rocks, The Base and many individuals from the community.

## Finding a Development Partner

The council will soon begin the search for a development partner to deliver the regeneration of the Alton. The selection process will start in early spring and a partner is expected to be appointed in 2017.

Applicants will need to demonstrate their experience and capability to deliver a project of this kind. This includes understanding what the project is aiming to achieve, delivering high quality residential housing and working with the community. Applicants will also be expected to show they understand the Alton's unique setting and how proposals will enhance the heritage assets.

The council will select its partner from the Greater London Authority's (GLA) London Development Panel. This is a panel of 25 leading housing development organisations which have been carefully vetted by the Mayor of London and GLA to ensure they have the skill, experience and capacity to deliver major projects. This will be a more streamlined process than other procurement routes and more cost efficient. Once a development partner has been chosen the council will work with them on submitting a planning application.

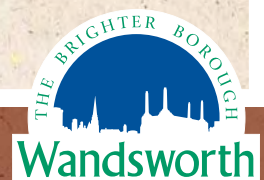
### COMMUNITY VOICES

Hollis Blake - Area Manager, The Base

*'The Base is like a magnet attracting a wide range of young people to engage with our services and facilities available. Strong relationships have been built by the staff and as a result there is a high level of engagement from young people on the estate.'*

*'The current building was designed with the intention of being open and visible. We hope the new offices provided through the regeneration will retain this open and visible aspect. As well as provide us with a building which is suited to the needs of both our users and staff.'*

*'The new facility will enable us to combine the services which are currently spread across two separate buildings. We hope that this will help us to work more flexibly with our users and also provide us with the opportunity and space to offer an even wider range of activities and services for the young people of the Alton Estate.'*





## Frequently Asked Questions

Below are answers to some of the frequently asked questions about the regeneration during the housing needs survey.

### Will council tenants be rehoused?

Yes. All secure council tenants will be rehoused within the new development in a property according to their household size. Anyone over-occupying will be rehoused in a property to suit their needs. Anyone under-occupying will be offered a property which is one bedroom above their current need.

Some tenants have indicated that they would like an early transfer before the regeneration takes place. These moves are entirely voluntary and those tenants will be helped to find alternative housing within or out of borough.

### Will my secure tenancy change?

There will be no changes to tenancy conditions or security of tenure. Tenancy conditions for new properties will remain the same as existing tenancies. Tenants will retain the right to buy.

### Is the library closing permanently?

No. The library proposals include the demolition of the current building. However, during the redevelopment a library service will continue to operate on the estate in a temporary location. A brand new library, including a children's library, adult library, new staff facilities, café and community meeting space will be built for use of local residents.

### When will demolition start?

There will be no residential demolition on the Alton until 2018. The current expectation is that the redevelopment will take approximately 10 years. Residents will be given advanced notice and given assistance to move into their new property.

### Where will the development start?

Once a suitable development partner is found a steering group will be formed comprised of representatives of the council and developer. Together the group will work on a phasing plan.

### Will I be able to see my new property before I move in?

Approaching the time of completion, you will be able to visit your new home prior to your move. It is also anticipated that there will be show homes built for you to view.

### Will parking be provided?

Yes. Undercroft parking will be provided underneath all new buildings. This parking will be reserved for residents who live or work in the building. The parking strategy can be viewed on page 140 of the Masterplan.

If you have questions about the regeneration please contact the team on the details below and your question could be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

## SPOTLIGHT ON:

# Heritage - The Watchers Sculpture



After nearly 10 years, 'The Watchers' sculpture, formerly standing in the Downshire House grounds, is set to be reinstalled.

In 2006 one of the abstract bronze figures by artist Lynn Chadwick was stolen. The University of Roehampton subsequently placed the remaining figures into secure storage for preservation.

'The Watchers' statue is Grade II listed and returning it back to its original setting will restore an iconic feature to the estate. The project to recreate and install 'The Watchers' was led by Professor Paul O'Prey, Vice-Chancellor and Gilly King, University History and Heritage Adviser.

Gilly King has confirmed that a new security system has now been put in place and the University is currently waiting for an improvement in the weather prior to proceeding with the installation.

## walk 4 life

## Training Opportunity

Are you interested in leading your own walk or supporting a current walk within Wandsworth?

A Volunteer Walk Leader Training date has been organised for 19th March 2016 at 10am-4pm. If you'd like to become a walk leader please contact the walks coordinator on (020) 8871 6373 for more information.

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