

# **A Better Neighbourhoods Initiative project**

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## **Hoe Street and Wood Street Priority Area News Sheet**

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### **What is the Better Neighbourhoods Initiative?**

The Better Neighbourhoods Initiative is a council led initiative to help Waltham Forest residents in some of our worst off areas tackle poor health, unemployment as well as provide better public services, improve education and create cleaner safer greener public spaces.

In Hoe Street and Wood Street our priorities are:

- To encourage greater participation by local residents in our schemes including our local history project, community allotment scheme and other community activities.
- Reduce crime and the fear of crime in the area
- Ensure the area is cleaner
- Co ordinate and improve youth provision in the area through a number of projects and interventions such as support for youth outreach worker, supporting additional opening hours at a youth club.

### **Atlee Terrace Garage Development**

Two consultation meetings were held in September to discuss plans for the development of the garages and surrounding area on the Atlee Terrace estate. Following the consultation, a report will be submitted to the Planning Committee. It has been proposed that another consultation meeting is held at the Welcome Centre to discuss any new proposals or revisions –date to be confirmed.

### **Safer Neighbourhoods**

The Wood Street and Hoe Street Safer Neighbourhoods Teams are dedicated to meeting the community safety needs of the neighbourhood. The needs and policing priorities are decided in partnership with the local community, local authority and other local organisations. The teams provide a more accessible, more visible, and more accountable policing presence. Currently, we are focussing on anti-social behaviour and drug abuse within localised areas in the two wards.

## **Safer Neighbourhood Team contacts:**

Wood Street Safer Neighbourhoods Team  
Walthamstow Police Station  
Forest Road  
Walthamstow  
E17

020 8721 2768  
07766 440 407  
[woodstreet.snt@metpolice.uk](mailto:woodstreet.snt@metpolice.uk)

Hoe Street Safer Neighbourhoods Team  
High Street Police Office  
Walthamstow  
E17

020 8721 2642  
07920 233 821  
[hoestreet.snt@metpolice.uk](mailto:hoestreet.snt@metpolice.uk)

## **If you need to report a crime**

Did you know that you could report crimes to lots of organisations locally?

Here is a list of contact numbers:

Wood Street Safer Neighbourhood Team	020 8721 2768
Hoe Street Safer Neighbourhoods Team	020 8721 2642
London Borough of Waltham Forest Street Wardens	020 8558 6419
Crime stoppers	0800 555 111
Ascham Homes	0208 496 4011 (Ascham Homes tenants only)

Remember in case of an emergency always call 999

## **Voluntary Action in the Neighbourhood**

Voluntary Action welcomes the work of the local residents and community groups working together to make Hoe St – Wood St a *Better Neighbourhood*. Voluntary Action will be undertaking a number of programmes in the area in the next few months including the creation of a community profile of the area, which will help services such as the Council plan better services for the area. We are keen to meet with Tenant and Resident's Associations and with other voluntary groups working in the area. Our work in the borough is encouraging organisations to form and grow and become strong. We can support you to raise funds for your community group and look after what you have raised.

For more information contact Peter Musgrave on 0208 554 0923

## **Developments in Winsbeach**

The Hydro Tenants Association are in the process of applying for a grant to refurbish both the inside and the outside of the HYDRO Community Centre, introduce a recycling point, and use the grass areas behind the blocks in Hylands Road to develop a project which would benefit the whole community.

Ideas so far include:

- Green space with flowers and benches for the elderly
- A fruit and vegetable garden for all ages
- A small badminton court marked out on the grass – the net and equipment can be stored in the Hydro
- A picnic area with benches and tables
- A raised planting area for those who have difficulty in bending, with the brickwork being painted by youths and children from the estate and/or Hylands School.

Please drop in to the centre at 58 Highlands Road and let Pat Wardell, Chairperson of the TRA, know what you think.

## **New Worker**

A dedicated Youth and Community Outreach worker for the Drive Ms Samantha Lee has been employed and started work in September. Much of her work will concentrate on developing activities for children and young people in Atlee terrace, and on developing community involvement initiatives in partnership with other agencies working in the area. The Parish of Walthamstow Village Church Partnerships, Worth Unlimited and the Better Neighbourhood Initiative (BNI) have jointly funded this post

For more information contact Samantha Lee on 020 8 520 1430

## **Get your copy now!**

We have just produced a 'Places of Worship' directory which gives information about the many different places of Worship in the area and provides details of the many activities which take place on a regular basis including youth clubs, mother and toddler clubs, Morris dancing, yoga classes, after school activities, over fifties clubs and many more.

For a copy call your area manager Yvonne Joseph on  
020 8496 3000 or 07970 860832

[Yvonne.Joseph@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:Yvonne.Joseph@walthamforest.gov.uk)

## **Events and Activities**

### **Atlee Terrace Playground**

The new playground at Atlee Terrace was launched with a football tournament and entertainment with Mr. Bubbles on Friday; 31st August about 60 young people from Atlee terrace attended the opening.

### **The Community Allotment 'Plot 32' Barbeque Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

The Better Neighbourhoods Initiative has secured Plot 32 at Chestnuts Farm Allotments, behind the Town Hall, Forest Road. Our Allotment group is moving from strength to strength, and has worked with a gardener provided by Groundwork East London, to prepare the plot, plant and look after our vegetables, and put up a shed. We always welcome more volunteers and next year plan to divide up the plot into smaller areas for members of the community to manage.

To celebrate the first crop of tomatoes, the group organised a barbeque on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September, which was attended by about 60 people throughout the afternoon. The weather and the food were fantastic, there were activities for children and adults, and everyone who attended had a great time.

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### **Atlee Terrace Fun Day Event Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 12.30pm to 3.30pm**

Come and join us at the Atlee Terrace Fun Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> October and take part in our Oral History project. Come and share your stories in our recording 'pod' staged on a 1950's set! Young people will be interviewing and recording participant's stories with Dictaphones. This project will then develop into a drama and photographic stills project for the young people. This will be followed by an exhibition of the work at the Vestry Museum in January.

The BNI/Groundwork East London Oral History project started earlier this year and in March we had an exhibition at the Vestry Museum of photographs of Walthamstow taken by a group of young people from St Gabriel's and documented information of older people's stories who live in the Wood Street/Hoe Street area. This new work will add to the excellent work already done

For more information about the Oral History Project please contact Imogen Sherwood at Groundwork East London on 020 8985 1755

### **Youth Activities Residential weekend**

Youth Activities Residential weekend for 11 - 14 year olds will be held at Halls Green Residential Centre, in Sevenoaks, on the weekend beginning 14th September. The aim is to offer 35 young people from the Drive and surrounding areas the opportunity to experience taking part in a range of different fun and creative activities outside of their usual environment.

For information about any of the items, please contact Yvonne Joseph, Area Manager, on 07970 860 832 for all other Council services contact WF Direct on 020 84963000

**Neighbourhood Contacts:**

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Mary Narkuwah – Worknet Outreach Officer  
07969727 146

Linda Thomas - Programme Manager – Cleaner, Safer Greener Team  
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*We want to make sure this briefing is helpful, and would welcome feedback, comments or suggestions for future editions. These can be passed on to Helen Tredoux Communications and Resident Engagement Officer on 020 8496 3000 or email: [Helen.Tredoux@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.Tredoux@walthamforest.gov.uk)*

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