

# Ravensbury news

Summer 2017



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neighbourhood,  
regeneration update,  
how you can get  
involved and more...*



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## **Hello and welcome to your new-look newsletter**

You may have noticed that this newsletter looks a little different. That's because Circle Housing merged with Affinity Sutton in November 2016 to form Clarion Housing Group. Clarion will be delivering the regeneration of Ravensbury but the same team remains in place.

The Ravensbury master plan was submitted to Merton Council for outline planning in April. We thought now is a good time to switch our focus to wider activities in the area. This newsletter will include a regeneration update alongside stories about local history, events and little known facts about the place you call home.

### **We want to hear from you!**

If you've got interesting Ravensbury facts or any other information you'd like to share please get in touch using the email address below. Your story could be featured in a future edition.

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# Regeneration update

In April 2017 we submitted an outline planning application for the Ravensbury master plan to Merton Council. This includes details about the proposed number of homes, layout and vehicle routes for Ravensbury. A decision about the planning application will be made once Merton Council has approved its Estates Local Plan towards the end of this year.

## First new homes

Planning permission has already been granted for the first 21 homes on Ravensbury. These will be built where the derelict garages are located at the end of Ravensbury Grove. Construction of these new homes is likely to start in early 2018 and they will be set aside for existing residents.

The lowering of kerbs to convert driveways has taken place. This is to enable the construction process. The next step involves the installation of driveways and parking bays.

We will keep you informed at each stage of the programme and we'd like to thank you for your patience and cooperation while this work is taken place.

Our priority is to rehouse existing residents first. About a year before the first homes are completed your regeneration manager will be in touch to confirm your housing needs and go through your preferences and options for a replacement home.

If you have any questions about regeneration please contact Farrida Deen, your regeneration manager.

# Friends in St Helier

Friends in St Helier (FISH) is a local non-profit organisation that supports older people who live in Merton to keep well, stay active and prevent loneliness and isolation.

As part of Clarion's neighbourhood investment in Merton, FISH are able to provide free weekly afternoon activity sessions for Ravensbury residents aged 55 years and older. If you'd like to attend then pop along to the Ravensbury Residents room between 2 and 4pm every Wednesday.

You can take part in the activities or simply have a cup of tea and a chat. Carers are welcome.

## Activities include:

- Day trips like our recent visit to The Poppy Museum
- Musical bingo and quizzes
- Arts and crafts
- Tablet computer training using iPads
- Chair based exercises
- Talks and presentations on issues that are important to residents, covering topics such as fire safety, neighbourhood watch and regeneration.

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If you would like to know more please contact Mary Curtin on **020 8685 9827** or John Horwood on **020 3784 5257**.



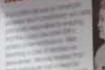


### John McCrae



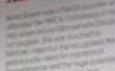
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The only problem was that most people in the United States did not know that the poppy was the symbol of remembrance. It was not until the British government asked the American people to make poppies for the British soldiers in Flanders that the poppy became a symbol of remembrance.

### The First Poppy Day

The first Poppy Day in November 1921 was so successful that several other countries began to observe it. The British government asked the American people to make poppies for the British soldiers in Flanders that the poppy became a symbol of remembrance.

Although many poppies were sold out early on the day, many groups improvised. Poppies were made by using paper, tissue, and other materials. The British government asked the American people to make poppies for the British soldiers in Flanders that the poppy became a symbol of remembrance.

### Poppy was born

Following the First World War, the Red Poppy Day was observed in many countries. The British government asked the American people to make poppies for the British soldiers in Flanders that the poppy became a symbol of remembrance.

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## Introducing Steven Humphreys

Steven is the Neighbourhood Officer for Ravensbury. This means he is your go-to person for your housing needs.

Day-to-day he manages a range of tenancy and neighbourhood issues.

These include tackling anti-social behaviour and carrying out quarterly estate inspections as well as providing general housing advice and support.

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**If you'd like to get in touch with Steven call 0300 500 8000.**

# Fire safety

We're saddened by the fire and tragic loss of life at Grenfell Tower block. Our thoughts are with all those affected by this incident.

Residents' safety is our priority. We have robust measures in place to ensure the safety of all homes. We continue to work closely with the fire authority in Merton to regularly test these measures and to make sure they meet all legal standards.

## And don't forget

Make sure you have a working smoke alarm and test it regularly. You can contact London Fire Brigade for a free home safety visit.

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For more information visit their website [london-fire.gov.uk](http://london-fire.gov.uk) or call **0800 028 444 228**.





## Did you know?

Sustainable Merton is a community led initiative that gives local people the opportunity to make Merton a more sustainable community. This means helping residents to save money, lead healthier, happier lives and improving the environment.

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It is a charity and relies on their wonderful volunteers to support its work and projects. If you'd like to get involved in any way get in touch!

Call **020 3417 0476** or e-mail [\*\*sustainablemerton@googlemail.com\*\*](mailto:sustainablemerton@googlemail.com)



# Become a community champion

Sustainable Merton's growing team of Community Champions are working with their communities to encourage residents to live more sustainably for themselves, their children and the environment.

As a Community Champion you will be trained by Sustainable Merton on a range of issues, including air quality, energy and waste, and will learn and develop skills while making a difference in your community.



*A team of community champions worked with the London Wildlife Trust to create a rain garden at South Mitcham Community Centre (Phipps Bridge) as part of the Wandle Rain Gardens project.*



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## Contact us

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting to discuss what regeneration could mean for you, please contact Farrida Deen, your regeneration manager, on **020 3784 5951**, or email **[mertonregen@clarionhg.com](mailto:mertonregen@clarionhg.com)**.

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