

Longfellow Parade Regeneration News

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Poetic justice

Popley Poets residents turned out in force for a community fun day to mark the completion of the next phase of the £15m regeneration of the Longfellow Parade area.

More than 200 of you enjoyed the free barbecue, face painting, football, maypole dancing, and children's entertainment, while some of you made your views count by talking to council officers about new traffic measures or what local priorities councils should focus on.

Elsewhere, local resident George Potten unveiled three new benches off the Browning Close play area, which were made of a mature tree we had to remove as part of the redevelopment. George kindly wrote a poem, which we had inscribed on the benches. "I felt so proud to see the words on the bench and it does show what can be achieved with people talking to each other", George told us after the event. It's well worth a look.



With the environment in mind all demolition material is being recycled.

Demolition underway

Demolition of the Longfellow Parade shops and flats began in July and will take around a month and a half to clear.

Mansell and their sub-contractors, L. A. Moore LTD are working hard to minimise disruption and we'd like to thank you for your positive comments and compliments about the way the work is progressing.

Although all lorries are being assisted on the roads while removing material it is still very important to be aware of the possible danger. Sadly, we've had reports of young people putting themselves at risk by jumping in front of the lorries, please encourage your children to keep themselves safe.

Words into action

We're working with several local residents helping to set up a Popley Poets Residents' Association. If you're interested in making a difference in your neighbourhood please contact Richard Pilbeam or Andrea Weeks on 0800 195 5515.

Thank you....

We've had some great feedback from those of you who are new residents at Longfellow. We welcome you all into Popley Poets and wish you much happiness in your new home.

What's next?

The final phase of this development project is scheduled to be completed by August 2010, providing a further 30 new homes for rent and 12 for shared ownership.

The site continues to be a dangerous place for young people to play, last year alone there were 28 accidents on building sites involving children aged 1 to 15. (statistics from the Health and Safety web site). We really appreciate all parents continuing to keep their children safe by explaining how dangerous building sites can be.

Sentinel Residents' Week 7-11 September

We've put together a whole week of activities, in eight different locations, giving you an even bigger say in the way Sentinel is run. The Sentinel Roadshow will be at Popley Fields Community Centre on Friday 11 September from 12 until 8pm. We hope to see you there.

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