

Berecroft News

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Welcome to the 1st Issue of Berecroft News

Following our recent resident consultation we continue to make good progress on the upcoming fire prevention works to the roofs on the Berecroft Estate. We are working closely with the Steering Group, Berecroft residents and local MP's and Councillors to keep you updated of timescales and significant developments.

Residents Update

What has been happening in the last few weeks?

- In order for us to legally complete the works on the properties that we don't own/manage, we require a legal document called a party wall agreement. A party wall surveying company has been appointed called Pellings, the costs of which will be paid for by South Anglia, to provide Party Wall Surveyor services, and notices have been served on all owner occupiers and properties that are next to a property which we own. We have had a good turnaround in people returning the acknowledgement slips. However, if you haven't returned yours as yet please sign and return the form as soon as possible to avoid delays. Thank you for your support with this.
- The compound for storing materials and equipment has been set up from 11th July. Residents have made good progress in clearing their homes and gardens of unwanted items in preparation for the works and a second batch of skips will be back onsite from early September.
- We are pleased to announce that following a formal process, Kier has been selected to carry out the re-roofing works. Subject to finalising contract details, we expect Kier to be onsite by 6th September 2010. Kier has vast experience of this type of work and of managing projects of this scale.

Who do I get in touch with if I have any questions?

We now have a designated project manager for the Berecroft Estate. Andrew Start will be based onsite in the project office four days a week, and will be available to all residents for consultation and to address any concerns or questions they may have regarding the proposed works. He will also work in conjunction with the resident liaison officer from Kier to feedback any concerns to the contractor and oversee the smooth transition of the project overall. Andrew's contact details are below.

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What else is happening on the estate?

- A fun day was held on July 25th by the Berecroft Residents Association to officially open the hard standing area. The day was a huge success and was attended by nearly 200 residents who enjoyed a variety of events including sack races, bouncy castle, tombola, Hospital Radio, beat the goalie and a wrestling display.
- The hoarding surrounding the project office is now erected and we are working with a local Urban Artist to arrange for art sessions with young people to create an attractive mural on it. Details will be released closer to the project start date.
- A series of **FREE summer fun workshops** aimed at young people will take place next week from 11am – 3pm at the Chinese Community Centre on Commons Road. (This venue has been chosen due to the current poor weather conditions). The programme is outlined below.

Tues 24th	Balloon Modelling with Richard Pinner
Weds 25th	Circus Skills with Topper
Thurs 26th	Magic with Richard Pinner 2 x 45 minutes sessions (11+ years old)
Fri 27th	Circus Skills with Topper

Spaces are limited so if your children would like to attend, please contact Caroline Kaldani on Mobile number 07977 285 257 to reserve a place by Monday 23rd August.

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The Hoarding on Berecroft Estate that will be decorated by the young people on the estate

How else can you get involved?

- We carry out monthly estate walkabouts
- Maureen Lodge, your Neighbourhood Officer holds surgeries on Wednesday mornings at the Berecroft office, Number 65 Berecroft.

Next steps

The next Steering Group meeting is due to take place in September and a date for this meeting will be confirmed with you shortly. By then Kier would be on site and we will have met with them to discuss the next stage in the process and be able to feedback to all residents and involved parties.

In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns

Thank you for your continued support in improving your estate