

# Little London

Keeping you updated. Issue #4.



We are proud to welcome our first intake of construction apprentices from the local communities and districts of Leeds.

23 apprentices will be working across the whole project area to gain skills and experience in property refurbishment and also in the construction of new homes and landscaping. As part of National Apprentice Week, they were all invited to a Team Building Event at the John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds in March. The day was a great success and included apprentices forming into teams and working together to build a giant 4 metre tetrahedron a great team effort by all!

# First phase of property refurbishments complete

Properties on the first phase of refurbishments, Carlton Carr and **Carlton Gardens have now been** completed.

The first property was handed over to its tenant, Shamsadin Mahrami, by Councillor Peter Gruen, Leeds City Council executive board member with responsibility for neighbourhoods, planning and support services and Jon Hinchcliff, general manager from sc4L Keepmoat.





Preparation work for the building of 113 new homes on Carlton Gate started in January with groundworks. New homes will consist of a varied mix of 2 and 3 storey Townhouses and 2-Bedroom Flats

# Refurbishment update

#### **Carlton low rise and maisonettes**

The refurbishment schedule is now underway with some properties on Carlton Carr and Carlton Gardens now completed. The houses on Carlton Carr have received new roofing, guttering, canopies, windows, and doors with the flats in Carlton Gardens also getting an additional external makeover with cavity wall insulation and insulated render.

All designated properties have also had internal improvements with:

- electrical rewiring
- gas central heating
- smoke detectors and extractors
- new fitted kitchen
- new Bathroom





Refurbishment timetable
Carlton Carr, Gardens, Rise
Carlton Rise, Gate
Hill, Grove, Place, View
Carlton Garth, Close
Carlton Croft
Oatland High Rise Flats
Servia Low Rise
Oatland Low Rise
Lovells Low Rise

#### **Complete Start** (Externals) 30 Sept 2014 6 March 2014 6 June 2014 6 Jan 2014 5 March 2014 5 Nov 2014 14 Nov 2014 30 Sept 2013 9 Dec 2013 6 Feb 2015 28 April 2014 1 July 2016 5 Jan 2015 28 Aug 2015 10 Aug 2015 16 April 2016 22 Feb 2016 12 Sept 2016



#### **Carlton Garth, Close and Croft high rise flats**

All three roofs on the high rise blocks are now replaced and the external work is progressing to schedule. Balconies and windows are being replaced and the external insulated panels will soon be installed to the external walls.

#### **Oatland Court, Towers and Heights**

External works will initially start with Oatland Court from April. If you live in the block and have not been visited by us, please phone George on 07875 162145 to arrange an appointment.

## Repairs and maintenance update

Repairs drop-in information surgery is available every Wednesday from 10.30am - 1.30pm at Little London Housing Office

Communal maintenance will commence from March 2014 as follows:

Litter, Shrubs/Bedding - Fortnightly w/c 3rd (litter bins, landscaping and grassed/communal)

Grass Cutting - Fortnightly w/c 10th (communal grassed area)

Exterior spaces - Monthly w/c 10th (communal street lighting, paving, etc)

Herbicide - Bi-monthly from w/c 24th (treatment to grassed and communal areas)



Craig Sanders
was awarded 'Employee of the Month' for his
support, professionalism, care and courtesy
when dealing with a new customer, prompting
the customer to call in and thank him.

#### **Get involved!**

Every two months we hold a Project Liaison Group (PLG) meeting with your local councillors and officers from Leeds City Council and the elected local residents. At the meetings we discuss the project and also make recommendations to the Council and Keepmoat. Livija, who joined in November can be contacted on email liver-sausage@hotmail.co.uk. We would also like to welcome Alan, who attended his first meeting in



January and has already seen some homes where work has been completed. He said "I am excited to be involved in the project and working with the community."



We are still looking for more local residents to join the group and represent your community.

If you are interested and want to find out more please, contact the sc4L Helpdesk 0808 168 7335 (free to landline users) or 0113 366 0887 (local rate to mobile users) or write to Freepost RTGE-GRGL-UHHR, Keepmoat, 1 Bowling Green Terrace, Jack Lane, Leeds, LS11 9SP and we will arrange to meet you to discuss the opportunities.



### **Public meeting**

Thursday 8th May, from 4.30pm to 6.30pm in Little London Community Centre is the next PLG public meeting. Everyone is welcome in at any time during these hours to see plans, programmes and photos of the project. Catch up with local Councillors and officers from Leeds City Council. Staff from sc4L and Keepmoat will also be there to answer any questions you may have about the project. Check out www.sc4L.co.uk for regeneration project updates and news.

#### Santa's truck

Before we put down our tools for the Christmas break we helped Santa deliver sweets to local children in Little London. For those lucky enough to get a bag,

I'm sure you'll agree they were delicious!

We would like to say a big thank you to all our staff and subcontractors who donated their own money to purchase the sweets we gave out, they are:

TONY SLATER (Plasterers)
TUCKER and TUNSTALL LTD
GILL DEMOLITIONS LTD
BEEJAY SCAFFOLDING
AKERS



# in Your Eommuni

We thought this was a great opportunity to let you know what else is going on in your community.

If you think it's a good idea we will keep it going. So if you have any community news or events to share please let us know.



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0113 3660887 0808 1687335

(free from Landline)

## Recycling -

Is your green bin missing? If you don't have a green bin but think you should, Leeds City Council may be able to provide you with one. Contact email: refusecollection@leeds.gov.uk or telephone 0113 222 4406.

If you live in a multi-storey block, you can use the communal bins near your flats for recycling including glass jars and bottles. You can find out more about recycling and also which day your bin is emptied at www.leeds.gov.uk/waste

# Little London Arts 0113 216 1138

www.littlelondonarts.org.uk

An independent community based arts organisation running regular sessions and special projects at Space@ Little London, Meanwood Street and Little **L**ondon Community Centre

# Little London TARA

the next Tenant and Residents Association meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th June at the **Little London Community Centre** at 6.30pm All residents welcome

The redevelopment of the Community Hub by Leeds City Council compliments the works currently underway by sc4L as part of the

- regeneration project and consists of: new community centre and new neighbourhood housing office
- new school building to accommodate the primary school expansion from 1FE to 3F and Associated parking and landscaping
- new retail units on the former neighbourhood housing office site on Oatland Drive

As of January 2014 the <u>draft programme</u> for the Little London Community Hub is

Submit planning for community centre, housing office and school expansion as follows:

March 2014



New retail units operational - End of April 2014

Start on site for new community centre, housing office and school expansion

July 2014

Completion of Community Centre and housing office -March 2015

Completion of Primary School expansion -July 2015





Councillor Javaid Akhtar, Area Committee Chair and local Ward Member said "Myself and other local Councillors have always championed proposals for a new Community Hub for Little London and are pleased to see this development now progressing."



Translations and other format request: 0113 366 0887