

WOODNOOK NEWS

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WOODNOOK REGENERATION UPDATE

Phase 1 Update

PlaceFirst have completed the refurbishment of Augusta Street and are happy to report all homes have been let and interest in the next release of homes on Royds Street continues to grow with several applications ahead of their release in April.

The former show home on Hudson Street is now home to a new family and a new show home can be found at 9 Augusta Street. The new show home is a 3-bedroom '3 into 2' property which joins two properties together to form a larger family home. Details of opening hours can be found on back page.

Work is gathering pace on the Booth Street properties and PlaceFirst anticipate completion in the Summer. The 2-bedroom properties will overlook the new public gardens, created from the demolition of a full terrace on the adjacent side of Booth Street, and the partial demolition of a terrace on Royds Street.



The new space, Woodnook Gardens, will feature a large lawned area with a young child's play-space in the centre flanked by a range of trees. In addition, a gated community garden will be created from members of the community that would like to get involved in planting projects including raised beds and grow-your-own food projects. This space will feature a lawned area and two terraces with picnic seating and BBQ areas. If you would like to get involved in being part of this exciting community project, please contact Yvonne Hinds, Community Coordinator for Woodnook, details provided on back page.

Phase 2 Update

Phase 2 involves the refurbishment of 60 empty properties ‘pepper-potted’ across Woodnock. Ten properties were completed last year and PlaceFirst expect to begin work on the next batch of ten properties very soon with the homes expected to be released for private rent in the Autumn.

Register or Apply for a New Home

If you would like more information on a PlaceFirst energy efficient rental home...

- call 0300 555 5564
- apply online - www.placefirst.co.uk/developments/woodnock/
- visit the show home at 9 Augusta Street

PROPERTY FACELIFT UPDATE

Phase 1 Update

Phase 1 of this project to improve key routes through Woodnock is now complete and Nuttall Street now provides an attractive main street in Woodnock, soon to be complimented by a new pedestrian crossing, and a new public square outside Woodnock Community Centre, currently being refurbished by Trinity Community Church.

Phase 2 Update

Phase 2 of the facelift works centres around Clement Street, South Street, Bishop Street, and Wilfred Street.

Clement Street is now nearing completion and the effect is instantly noticeable, with the lovely stone fronts cleaned up and repointed.

Work is now commencing on South Street, with the remaining streets set for works over the Summer.

NUTTALL ST PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

A meeting recently took place between Lancashire County Council Highways Department and Local Councillors and businesses. The meeting was held to discuss the proposed pedestrian crossing on Nuttall Street which many feel would be better located closer to Royds Street as this is where many people naturally cross and would encourage wider walking to school once the regeneration works are complete. The potential impact on parking was also a talking point, with the preferred location taking up less on street parking.

The County have agreed to monitor & assess the footfall around the Nuttall/Royds Street junction and will come back to Hyndburn Borough Council with their assessment and propose an amended design subject to the findings of their work.

As a result of the extended consultation, there may a delay of up to three months before a confirmed design is in place in order to allow the works to begin on site.

WOODNOOK SQUARE

The former Priestley Nook site is set to become a new public square in the heart of Woodnock. The designs for the proposed square are being submitted for planning and PlaceFirst hope to start work on site in the Summer subject to planning. The new square will provide an attractive tree lined space with planted raised beds in front of the refurbished Woodnock Centre.

The square has been designed so it can accommodate



outdoor events, so if any local groups have ideas that they feel will be of interest to the wider community, please contact Yvonne Hinds, Community Coordinator for Woodnook, details provided on back page.

A CLEANER WOODNOOK

Fixed Penalty Notice Update

There have been changes to the way Hyndburn Borough Council deals with unauthorised waste placed in alleys and on the streets.

The Council now issues a £75 fixed penalty notice for depositing any unauthorised waste such as refuse bags, bulky items and builders waste.

From the 1st January 2016 the Council has issued 22 fixed penalty fines in the Woodnook Area.

If you have no wheeled bin, or recycling containers, please contact Hyndburn Borough Council on 01254 388111 or visit - my.hyndburn.gov.uk, where you can request a replacement bin, recycling equipment or a bulky item collection.

If you register on my.Hyndburn you can check the progress of your service requests or reports.

NOTE: if your bin goes missing you must inform the Council immediately as your waste will be classed as unauthorised unless you have contacted the Council for permission to leave waste outside your property (maximum of 4 refuse bags per household) other than within the correct waste containers.

Be part of a cleaner Woodnook

Yvonne Hinds is organising another of her regular community clean-up sessions on Saturday 9th April between 9.30am and 11.30am. These sessions are not just about clearing up grotty spots in our community, they're a great social event with plenty of banter between the volunteers, it's good exercise, and it feels good to know you made a positive difference in your community...oh and the free cooked breakfast isn't bad either!

ACLC (ACCRINGTON COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE)

ACLC is located on Nelson Street and is now a new community resource centre which will provide a warm welcome to all members of the community.

The building has been empty for a number of years, but it has now been brought back to life with help from other community projects such as The Princes Trust and Community Payback.

Together they've repainted most of the building internally, and are creating a garden at the front featuring new planted areas.

Dylan is a young man from Accrington who has been on work experience with us, helping to paint some of the more tricky areas.

ACLC is also home to our Digital Skills Centre 'the SWITCH'. Dylan has designed and painted a fantastic mural in the main entrance which we are very proud of.

Recently, we have started to introduce a range of groups and services and these include:

FREE Ladies dance/fitness (Tuesdays, 1.30-2.30pm, no need to book)

FREE Digital Skills Training (Daily, 10.00-3.00pm, ring to book) for people who want to learn how to use a computer, tablet, etc.

Hosting Local Residents Meetings (See window posters for dates)

FREE Careers & Training Advice, CV & Cover Letter help etc. (Mondays, ring to book)

We can provide other services and training if you are interested, from improving your English or managing your money, to card making and local history...just let us know!

If you're looking for a place to meet up with friends to crochet, knit, play dominoes or cards then please feel free to ask us about using ACLC.

The centre is open 10am till 3pm on weekdays. If you would like to use the centre outside these hours please get in touch and we'll see what we can do. Call in and see us, or give us a call on 01254 447 272 and ask for Lian or Paul. Alternatively, you can email us at contact@accringtonclc.org.uk

EVENTS

Community Clean-up - Meet at ACLC (Accrington Community Learning Centre) on Nelson St. Saturday 9th April, 9.30-11.30am. Equipment, gloves & high-viz provided and FREE hot Breakfast barm for all volunteers, contact Yvonne Hinds.

Woodnook Neighbourhood Meeting - hosted by Yvonne Hinds at ACLC on Nelson Street. 21st April , 6.30-7.30pm.

ACLC Open Day - located on Nelson Street ACLC will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 9th April between 1.00-3.00pm. A warm welcome to all visitors is assured along with information about all that ACLC has to offer the Woodnook community. Please look out for promotional flyer's.

Surestart at The Willows - free morning activity sessions for pre-school children. For more information please contact Surestart on 01254 38775.

Parent/Carer Toddler Group - Thursday mornings at Trinity Church. For more information please contact Susan Hindle on 01706 602 721.

Luncheon Club & Soup Lunch - Alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays at The Woodnook Centre. Quality homemade affordable food and a great chance to chat with friends and new people. For more information please contact Hazel Renton on 01254 237 459.

USEFUL CONTACTS

PlaceFirst (rental enquiries)

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show home: 9 Augusta Street, Accrington

Hyndburn Borough Council

Regeneration & Facelifts: 01254 380 613
All other enquiries: 01254 388 111

Woodnook Neighbourhood Coordinator

Yvonne Hinds
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Neighbourhood Policing Team

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e: accrington.npt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Crimestoppers

t: 0800 555111
e: crimestoppers-uk.org
Note: any reports can be anonymous

Our Woodnook (Facebook)

w: www.facebook.com/ourwoodnook

Warm Homes Hyndburn

t: 01254 232 249
w: www.warmhomeshyndburn.co.uk

Woodnook Residents Community Association & Community Garden

Contact Kaisse at:
e: gabrielle.oneil@yahoo.com
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Trinity Community Church

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