

# High Path **news**

Summer 2017

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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 High Path but the same team remains in place.

The High Path master plan was submitted to Merton Council for outline planning in April. We thought now was a good time to switch our focus to wider activities in South Wimbledon. 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 High Path facts or memories or any other information you'd like to share please get in touch using the email 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 High Path master plan to Merton Council. This includes details about the proposed number of homes, layout and vehicle routes for High Path. 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 134 homes. These will be on the Marsh Court and Nelson Grove Road garages and the Old Lamp Works sites. Construction of these new homes is likely to start in early 2018 and they will be set aside for existing residents. Over the next few months you are likely to see some activity in this area of your neighbourhood, including access to the garages being hoarded off before they are knocked down.

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 to go through your preferences and options for a replacement home.

If you have any questions about regeneration please contact Donna Brown, your regeneration manager.

# Fire safety

We're saddened by the fire and tragic loss of life at Grenfell Tower. 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. If you live in a high rise block and don't have a smoke alarm then we can provide you with one. Please contact us on **0300 500 8000**.

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

# Self-build play

We're proposing to create a play space at the heart of High Path.

This project is already under way. We've held some workshops with Merton Abbey Primary School, Uptown Youth Group and Merton Centre for Independent Living.

Ideas that came out of the workshops include:

- Creative play equipment made from natural materials.
- A space for residents of all ages
- Flexibility for holding community events



## Community ambitions

**“A safe place for adults and young people to relax and play”**

**“New open space that is green and bright for security reasons.”**

**“An exciting area for adults, little children and older children, so everyone is happy.”**

We're currently developing detailed designs to include as many of these ideas as possible.

## Watch this space

We are now moving into the project's design stage. Look out for updates and opportunities for you to join the process of designing and building your community play space.



## Did you know?

Admiral Lord Nelson used to live where Merton Place is now located. Nelson Gardens was created on a parcel of land donated by Lord Nelson's great nephew to mark 100 years since his death in 1805. You can still view the commemorative plaque and cannons in the gardens today.

The High Path Community Association meets at Nelson Gardens on every second Saturday of the month.

This is a chance for you to put your green fingers into practice doing some community gardening.

Join them at Nelson Gardens, High Path, SW19 2JY, 10am – 12pm

Everyone is warmly invited to help maintain this historic land.

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If you'd like to get involved or want more information call **07772 999 870** or email **[highpath@live.co.uk](mailto:highpath@live.co.uk)**





## Introducing Lauren Fabregas

Lauren is the Neighbourhood Officer for High Path. This means she is your go to person for your housing needs.

Day to day she 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 Lauren call 0300 500 8000.**

# High Path fun day

It was great to see lots of you come out to the High Path fun day. We had a great time enjoying the food, face painting, t-shirt making and playing with magnetic building blocks.

This was also an opportunity for you to tell staff members from Clarion Housing Group about how we're performing as a landlord and how we can do better.

John Ferman, the new Regional Director, came along and enjoyed meeting many of you for the first time.

We collected lots of feedback on the day. If you filled out a form we'll be writing to you directly with a response to your queries.

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Remember you can get in touch with us by calling **0300 500 8000**.







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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 Donna Brown, your regeneration manager, on **020 3784 5951** or email **[mertonregen@clarionhg.com](mailto:mertonregen@clarionhg.com)**.

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