

Grenfell Tower Regeneration Newsletter

March 2015



Progress update

We are in a very busy period of the refurbishment of Grenfell Tower.

Communal areas: The new heating pipework in the communal areas has now been installed. The enclosure of the pipes will be completed when the new system has been commissioned. Once complete we will insulate the pipework and install the dropped ceilings, plaster and decorate.

Work inside your home: Work to install new pipework, radiators and heat interchange units (HIU) in homes is progressing well. Some residents have asked whether pipes or the HIU can be located in alternative locations. Rydon will try to accommodate your requirements, where possible.

If you would like to discuss this please contact the Rydon RLO (Lynda Prentice) and we will arrange an appointment to visit to your home to discuss your particular requirements. This may include visiting Flat 145 if you have not already seen the pipework and the installation as a whole.

Lift work

Next month sees the start of major work to the lifts. This involves extending the shafts so that they go below level to levels 1, 2 and 3, with new openings on each of those floors.

- Lift 1 will be out of action 7 April–27 April
- Lift 2 will be out of action 5 May–26 May
- it is anticipated that both lifts will be working 27 April–4 May.

We recognise that a limited lift service will cause you inconvenience, for which we apologise. We will be working with the lift contractors, to ensure there is a lift in operation at all times.

We're stocking up on spare parts and staff will be checking the lift once - if not twice - a day. To help achieve this we want to try and reduce the amount of non-essential lift use over this period. It would be really helpful if you try and avoid unnecessary use - for example, by not ordering any major deliveries such as large items of furniture.

Text messaging

We also would like to be able to contact you by text if there is a lift breakdown, in order to give you a likely repair timescale. This will be to ensure that you can make alternative plans about coming and going from your home. Please can you text or email Christina or Lynda at Rydon (details back page) with any mobile numbers you want to receive lift messages.

Calling all bike owners



A new lockable bike store is one of the new improvements to be put in place, which will be important when the lift work is being done, these are installed in the garages. If you would like to put your bike there, please register your interest with Janice Jones in the Housing Office.

Respite

Flat 145 is now back in use as respite accommodation. If you want to use this flat while work is being done to your home - please let Christina or Lynda know.

Kensington Leisure Centre - swimming offer



Following a meeting between TMO and Better, which manages the leisure centre, we're pleased to announce that from 1 April-30 June all Grenfell residents can swim for free off-peak i.e. 9am to 5pm on weekdays and from 1pm on weekends. To take advantage of the this offer you need to produce an original utility bill.

Swimmers must adhere to Better's safe swimming admission rules. Under 8s and non-swimmers under 16 must be accompanied by a competent adult swimmer who is over 16 years old and able to swim at least 25 metres in a recognised stroke.'

The leisure centre has a 25 metre eight lane pool, 20 metre teaching pool and a leisure pool

complete with fountains and water canons. The leisure centre also includes an eight court multi-use sports hall, 120 station gym, two group exercise studios, a spinning studio and two squash courts along with café and spa.

Kensington Leisure Centre will be holding an open weekend on April 25 and 26, with two days of free activities, for everyone. Please call in to the centre or visit www.better.org.uk for all the latest.

Grenfell Crèche and Under 3s Centre

Grenfell Crèche and Under 3s Centre will be returning to Grenfell in the autumn. The new nursery will be larger than the previous one, so will accommodate more children. If you are interested in taking up a nursery place, then please contact Shirley Sylvester (Manager) or Louise Tomlinson (Deputy) on [REDACTED] to find out more about the service they offer.

Dale Youth Boxing Club

Congratulations to senior coach Mick Delaney, who has been awarded the prestigious Henry Cooper Award for services to boxing.



Mural and filming

An artist who knows the area well will be working with residents to create an attractive new mural for Grenfell. He'll also be documentary filming residents. Watch this space.

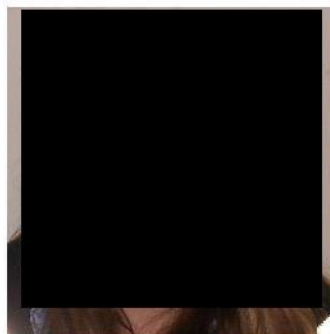
What's been happening?

- The demolition and noisy work (below left) is all over! Thank you for putting up with this.
- Steelwork is in place to create the new floors to the new flats.
- Work inside the flats is underway.
- The new unglazed windows (below right) are being fitted to the north elevation (facing the school).



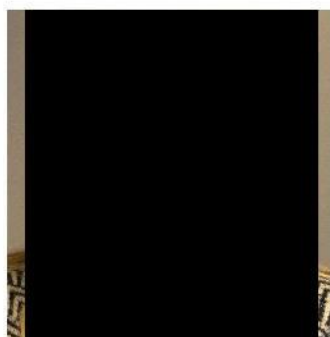
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What's next?

- The four new flats on the second floor have had their electrical fit-out.
- Window installations will continue. The mast climber will be completed on the south elevation (where the walkway entrance is).
- Internal work to existing flats will continue.
- The boiler will be delivered and taken in sections to the basement for installation.
- The new plasterboard partitions to the new lower floor flats will be formed.



The outside of the new flats