

# Eastfields

## **Regeneration update**

#### Welcome to the Eastfields regeneration update. Inside you can find out about the progress of the development and what you can expect over the next few months. We also want you to get in touch if there have been any changes to your circumstances which may affect your housing needs.

## Early winter 2025

#### Construction update

You will have noticed exciting changes are happening as block A1, also known as Poppy Heights, is taking shape. The team from JJ Rhatigan have completed the building frame and brickwork and the scaffolding is being dismantled. All windows and doors have been installed and the balconies are being attached to the façade.

The lift installation is in progress and internal works are underway to create modern spaces ready for existing residents. The work includes drylining, plumbing and electrics, the installation of kitchens and appliances as well as painting and decorating throughout.

The brickwork for the houses in block A2 is complete and the roof works are in progress along with the construction of the stairs and installation of the underfloor heating. The crane used during the construction of the new homes will be dismantled and removed, marking a key milestone in the project.

While the construction of the first 32 homes is going well and is on target to complete in spring 2025, we must prepare for the next phase of works. All the remaining properties in the Phase 1 area are empty, services have been disconnected and demolition is underway.

#### Drainage and services installation works

The drainage and services installation works on Clay Avenue is almost complete. This will provide services to the new homes. There is still a bit more work to do which involves connecting the drainage at the junction of Clay Avenue and Mulholland Close.

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## Festive fun

In 2024 Eastfields residents enjoyed lots of fun activities. They included a festive outing to The Colour House Theatre in Merton Abbey Mills, Colliers Wood, where they attended a lively pantomime performance of Sleeping Beauty staged by Top Cat Productions.

The family-friendly show, full of colourful characters, was a hit with children and adults alike. The children's theatre company offers regular entertainment including musical performances and live music throughout the year.

# Beside the seaside



Last summer a group of residents enjoyed a day trip to the bohemian seaside city of Brighton. The journey began with a comfortable coach ride to the south coast.









The group spent their time taking in the fresh sea air, strolling along the pebble beach and the busy promenade. They also wandered through the Lanes and discovered quirky shops and cafés before returning home tired but happy.



## 42 Station Road update

The development at 42 Station Road in Colliers Wood is progressing well and the homes are currently only being offered to permanent Clarion tenants at Eastfields. In October residents had an opportunity to meet the team from Hill who were appointed to build the new homes. Around 25 residents attended the event to find out more about the development and discuss their options.

There will be 98 new affordable homes in the car free development and the properties comprise one-, two- and three-bedroom flats, which will be complete by summer 2026. This means some residents could move into a new home sooner than if they waited for a new home at Eastfields.



To find out more please contact your Regeneration Manager, **Doreen Jones** on **07584 365629** or email **mertonregen@clarionhg.com**.

## **Eastfields** Live

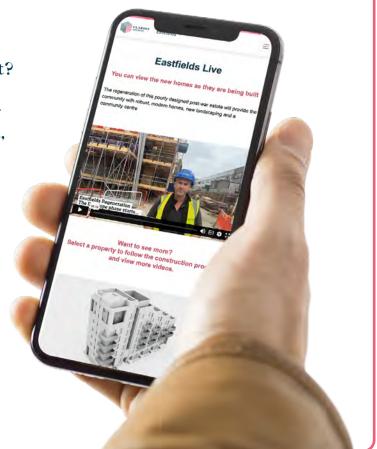
Have you checked out Eastfields Live yet? Eastfields Live is a digital platform that allows you to follow the progress of your new home from your smartphone, tablet, or computer.

Residents can register for regular email updates and discover:

- virtual tours of the construction site
- updates about the building work
- materials used.



Visit Eastfields Live at eastfieldslive.com or scan the QR code to view.



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## News in brief

### **Community garden**



Green-fingered residents had a busy summer in the community garden on the Central Green, which includes eight large wooden planters where ornamental and edible plants are thriving. The group work with a professional gardener to maintain the plants and painted the original planters in bright colours.

During the summer, the garden was extended, and new planters were built in another part of the green. This will allow more residents a chance to gain gardening skills, improve health and wellbeing, and enjoy the outdoors.

In the autumn two small fruit trees - an apple and a cherry - were planted in the oversized grey planters, and 10 large semi-mature trees will be planted around the green in the future to offer shade to residents enjoying the green space.



### All aboard the Food Bus



The Food Bus is a mobile greengrocer and community space, which offers affordable groceries to Eastfields residents. Check out the bus behind the Acacia Adventure Playground at 230 Acacia Road, on Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm.

#### Your housing needs

Please tell us about any changes to your circumstances which may affect your housing needs. You can contact us about any additional members to your household and if there are health issues you may have that affect your mobility. We need this information to ensure your new home is built to meet the needs of your household. We will write to residents in the coming months to talk about what happens next.

## Contact us

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting to discuss what regeneration means for you, please contact your Regeneration Manager, **Doreen Jones** on **07584 365629** or email **mertonregen@clarionhg.com**.

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