

StockwellUNITED

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The Stockwell Urban II Community Initiative

Changes on the Way

Two parts of Stockwell are soon to benefit from a package of measures following the award of Urban II funding. Larkhall Park and the area around Stockwell tube station are frequently flagged up as priorities for action by local people. Both will benefit from over £500,000 worth of environmental and community safety improvements and the works will be starting before the end of 2005.

Larkhall Park has received £275,000 of Urban funding. With match funding from other sources, over £600,000 is to be spent over the next few months. Improvements will include: New drainage and turf for the main football pitch; a new astro-turfed multi use games area; the installation of new lighting across the park; improvements to existing football pitch; refurbished changing rooms; provision of two tennis courts; improvements to the boundary fencing on the northern side of the Park; environmental and ecology improvements and new habitat planting; and priority entrance treatments at Priory Grove South, Priory Grove North, Union Grove and Larkhall Lane.

There are also plans to close part of Courland Grove to



"Clapham Road will be completely repaved and a study will examine the feasibility of market stalls"

traffic and link the park to the disused car park next to the Baptist Chapel. These improvements are part of the Larkhall Park Masterplan that was part funded by Urban. The plan contains many more improvements that will be introduced if more funds can be raised. The area around will benefit from over £800,000 of improvements, with £418,000 coming from Urban II European funding and the balance from Transport for London and Hyde Southbank Homes. The whole of the footway between the tube and Surridge Court will be repaved - with some paving stones incorporating the EU stars! New pedestrian lighting will be introduced on this section as well. A new Memorial Garden to remember Stockwell residents who died in World War II will be created behind Surridge Court and a piece of

artwork for the flank wall of the tube station will be commissioned. Local residents have taken part in a street audit which aims to reduce general street clutter and flag up potential improvements. Money has been set aside to implement the audit's findings. One key recommendation has been the need for an additional pedestrian crossing on Clapham Road between the tube station and Iceland. This, and other road safety measures, should be included in the scheme.

More before and after images of Stockwell Cross can be found on the Stockwell Partnership's web site at www.stockwell.org.uk.

For more information on the park Masterplan go to www.larkhallparkfriends.org.uk or call Ken Eadie on 7771 6212.



Business & employment support coming soon



oneLondon will shortly be launching its full range of services within the Urban II area. In partnership with Stockwell Community Resource Centre there will be something for everybody, from those who think they may have an idea for a business right through to those who are already running businesses in the area.

oneLondon will mobilise its team of experienced outreach workers to contact people within the community, where it suits you - not us. Our business advisers will be holding surgeries within the area and visiting the existing businesses, and if you cannot wait to be visited then please give us a call and we will come to you.

Our events will incorporate not only business advice, but also a series of courses through which you will build the skills that you need for work, life and business; including confidence building and support

and advice on how to present yourself. Look out for the full launch of the project within the next few weeks, but in the meantime if you would like to get started then contact oneLondon and quote URBAN on 7274 9119 or southcentral@one-london.com

And Lambeth Council is in the process of developing a bid to government for funding that will help to boost business activity in the local area. Government is looking for bids that will be effective in developing programmes that generate new businesses and jobs - especially for those groups currently under-represented in the local business community. Lambeth Council is going to be consulting with a range of organisations, partners and businesses to gain their views on the types of proposals that should be developed in the bid. If you have any views please email: legi@lambeth.gov.uk

Two projects that aim to provide Urban II residents with comprehensive employment and business advice will be starting shortly. The LINX project will deliver an integrated jobs brokerage service: matching residents with jobs; offering one-to-one and group support; job search activities; internet access; fast track c.v. service and personal / career development guidance; training in interview skills; work experience/volunteering opportunities; and access to basic skills, ICT, ESOL.

LINX will operate from a number of community venues across the area including Stockwell Community Resource Centre, Yvonne Carr Centre, Stockwell Refugee Women's Centre and Stockwell Green Community Services. It will also access the Estate Skills Partnership job brokerage service. For more information contact: David Clarke on 7501 2501 or david@stockcr.co.uk

PARTYtime

You are warmly invited to a Christmas Party jointly organised by Stockwell Partnership, Stockwell Community Resource Centre (SCRC) and Hyde Southbank Homes. It will take place at SCRC behind Stockwell tube station on 6 December between 5pm and 9pm. Food and drink will be provided, as well as plenty of entertainment on the night. There will be a separate children's party in the crèche but spaces are limited. If you have any childcare or transport requirements please contact Rebecca on 7735 5051 or rebecca@stockwell.org.uk

A BRIGHTER ENVIRONMENT



"Trees for Cities have planted many trees in Stockwell including a young lime outside the Stockwell Partnership's offices."

Trees and training

Trees for Cities have approval for Greening Studley and Stockwell Garden Estates, a two-year project in partnership with Hyde Southbank Homes. Both estates have under-used space which would greatly benefit from greening activities to improve the environment and encourage more use of open spaces. The project will involve local people in the design and planting/landscaping. There will also be opportunities for Urban II residents to gain accredited skills Horticulture and Arboriculture and gain on-the-job experience. For more information contact Sharon Johnson on 7820 4421 or Sharon@treesforcities.org

Tackling crime and fear of crime

A major study looking at crime and fear of crime in the Urban II area is nearing completion. **Reaching Your Destination (RYD)** interviewed over 500 local residents, schoolchildren and businesses to seek their views, as well as analysing reported crime in the area and mapping how people moved about. In reality, reported crime in Stockwell is lower than both the Lambeth and London average. However, fear of crime is higher than the London average. RYD will deliver two Action Plans containing recommendations on how both crime and fear of crime can be reduced in Stockwell. Once completed Stockwell Partnership will take the lead in bringing partners together to deliver the recommendations.

For more information contact **George Wright** on 7793 7730 or george@stockwell.org.uk

Memorial pathway

A muddy informal pathway in Stockwell Memorial Gardens has been transformed following a grant from the Community Fund for the Environment – a joint Urban II & Environment Agency fund for Stockwell. Young people have been involved in the design of the path which spells out the word "RESPECT" in granite sets. The path was formally opened by the Mayor of Lambeth at this month's Remembrance Service. For more information contact Jheni Arboine on 7735 5051 or jheni@stockwell.org.uk

"Young people from CLUFO and Youth Enterprise Stockwell (YES) worked on the design."



Your area needs you!

Volunteering is a great way to get to know local people, gain work experience and feel a part of the local community. Better than that research shows that helping people in this way is actually good for us!

Organisation	Nature of organisation	Volunteer work	Hours	Contacts
St Johns Community Development Project 386 Clapham Rd SW4 6JD.	Youth Project.	Youth club help and assistance with special activities.	3 helpers for 8 hours a week: 4 hours Monday and 4 hours Thursday.	Contact Clive at clive@stjohnscdp.org.uk or call 7978 2878.
	Family Project.	Toy Library help, playing with the children and help with outreach.	Monday to Friday 10-12 and 1-3.	Contact Emma at EmmaMizzi@aol.com or call 7978 2878.
	Older People's Project.	Friendly space for local senior citizens to meet, share activities and receive information, advice and support from each other and from Project staff. Occasional meals out, day trips, theatre outings, and holidays.	Our regular activities are: Tuesdays 10.30 am to 12.30pm Chair aerobics, socialising and discussions, followed by a soup lunch. Thursdays 1pm to 4pm. Singing & dancing, socialising, bingo & raffles, tea and cakes. Transport is available on request.	Contact Roz Borley at roz@stjohnscdp.org.uk or call 7978 2878.
Springfield Community Flat 53-54 Rocket House Union Road SW8 2RE.	Community project catering for holistic needs of those who live locally.	Adventure Playground, youth club, creches and after school clubs volunteers aged 16-24. The hours depend on the particular placement and we will always be flexible to the needs of the volunteers.		Contact Gavin at gavint@fsmail.net or call 7498 3330.
South London YMCA 40 Stockwell Road SW9 9ES.	Includes housing and support work with homeless & vulnerable people, and a Healthy Living Centre.	The Healthy Living Centre has an established record of recruiting & training volunteers.		Contact Tony on 7501 8410.
Stockwell Partnership 157 South Lambeth Road, SW8 1XN.	Community forum for the Stockwell neighbourhood and exists to improve the quality of life for people who live and work in this area.	Management committee member.	Involvement in the activities and future of the Partnership and a high level of interest in the area and people of Stockwell.	Contact John at john@stockwell.org.uk or call 7735 5051.
Stockwell Community Resource Centre 1 Studley Road SW4.	Community centre providing a range of activities for local people including adult learning.	Board member.	Keen interest in the local people and the activities and future of the Centre.	Contact Beatrix at beatrix@stockcr.co.uk or call 7501 2500.

If you are interested in volunteering in Stockwell but cannot see the kind of activity you are interested in above please don't hesitate to contact Rebecca at rebecca@stockwell.org.uk or call 7735 5051.

This newsletter has been compiled by Stockwell Partnership. If you have any comments or would like it in large print, on audio tape or another language, please contact us on 7793 7730

The Urban II Stockwell United programme is coordinated jointly by staff from the Stockwell Partnership and Lambeth Council. If you want to find out more contact Rebecca on the details above.