



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

I am standing in as Chair of the Management Committee of the Co-Operative. The previous Chair, Jimmy Dodd has now moved away from the estate after very many years of dedicated service to the Co-Op.

Every 7 years, the Co-Operative has to arrange a ballot of tenants and leaseholders on whether we continue to manage the estate and deliver the day to day housing services.

A ballot is due to take place this October and will be conducted by Civica. They were previously known as Electoral Reform Services and provided this service for us in the last 2 ballots in 2007 and 2014. This time as well as postal voting, they will provide facilities for people to vote by text, phone and on line.

The ballot will start in early October and Civica will contact you to confirm the voting arrangements. The result will be declared by the month end. During September, the Co-Op will be arranging meetings and publicity to encourage people to vote for us to continue running the estate. Like you, I am a resident on the estate and we want to keep control of the services in our local community. If the vote goes against us, the estate will return to management by Wandsworth Council

Jennifer Henriques—Acting Chair. I can be contacted on Chair@patmorecoop.org.uk



Co-Op Office

Following the end of Covid restrictions, most of our services are back to normal.

However we are at present asking people to make appointments if they want to attend the estate office. This helps to maintain a safe environment for our staff and other residents.

Many services can be provided over the phone or by personal visit. Please ring 020 7622 4495 if you need anything.

You can also contact us by email team@patmorecoop.org.uk or via our website www.patmorecoop.org.uk

The staff team currently consists of:-

Chris Laytham, Co-Op Manager. Rita McNabb and Amina Miah are the 2 Housing Officers and James Williams is Finance Officer. Sheila Barry is the Estate Cleaner for Bonsor, Crampton, Cudworth and Stroudley Houses with the other buildings cleaned by our contractor, Green Team..

Playground Improvements

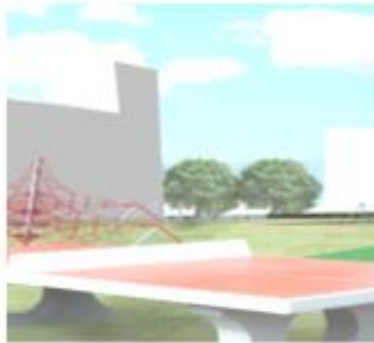
For some time, the Co-Op has been pressing for funding for improvements to the playgrounds. They are well used but a lot of the equipment is old and some has had to be removed for safety reasons over the years. In 2018, we were able to install some outdoor gym equipment on one of the grassed areas along Patmore St and in 2019, one of the play areas between Beattie and Bonsor Houses was completely renewed.

During 2019, consultation meetings were held with residents and plans have now been drawn up to refurbish 3 of the playgrounds. This work is due to start shortly after the end of the school holidays..



The area between Beattie and Bonsor Houses will get a new climber, table tennis & gym equipment as well as some new planting.

The area at the front of Cudworth House will have a zip wire installed which was a very popular idea during the consultation. There will be 4 towers and overhead ladders and some new swings. There will also be more gym equipment as parents suggested that it would be useful to work out whilst they keep a watch on their children.



The third area is at Hookham Court where there will be new climbing equipment and upgrading to the swings plus table tennis. Further more varied gym equipment will be installed so as to create a combined sport and play trail between the 3 areas.

The funding for these improvements is coming from the Community Infrastructure Levy which developers in the local area pay into.

Separate proposals will be made for the football pitch and the play area between Marsh and Mansell Houses as these will be affected by the new housing development which is to take place on the site of the old Patmore Centre.

Forest Garden Project

Back in the spring of 2020, a forest garden was created between Stroudley and Beattie Houses by community gardeners, Urban Canopy and Edible Avenue working with around 30 residents on the estate including a number of children. The Co-Op in conjunction



with Urban Canopy put in a successful bid to the London Mayor's Greener City Fund to cover the cost of developing the garden.

Food and herbs can be harvested from the garden which can be used in cooking and herbal remedies.

You can find out more at the Friday sessions run by Edible Avenue. Contact: info@urbancanopy.org or 07554 370824 for more details.



World Heart Beat are a Wandsworth based youth music organisation, and will next year open a new venue at Embassy Gardens. They are looking to get together a group of 16-24 year olds who would like events training and to take part in music events, workshops and filming productions happening in the area. Please contact info@worldheartbeat.org

For more information visit <https://worldheartbeat.org> or follow us on Instagram [@worldheartbeat](https://www.instagram.com/worldheartbeat)