

The Community Board



In this newsletter, the Community Board's resident members take the opportunity to shine a light on their backgrounds, experiences and insights by sharing profiles about themselves, outlining how they continue to help shape change on the estate.

The Community Board brings residents, councillors, community groups and project partners together to help shape the future of the estate, working closely with the regeneration team to make sure local voices are heard as plans develop.

The board also oversees the Community Chest, which funds projects and activities that benefit residents. The Board provides a space to raise concerns, share feedback and better understand the changes taking place, particularly as the regeneration continues over time.

If you have any thoughts or concerns, you are encouraged to get in touch or speak to a Board member.

Contact details on page 4.





Member profiles:



Sebina:

“ **My name is Sebina**, I'm 24 and I work as an Assistant Psychologist. I joined the Community Board because I care about representing and advocating for our local community, particularly making sure younger residents and people from different backgrounds feel their voices are heard. I'm interested in being a link between residents and the Cambridge Road Estate regeneration as the estate goes through change, and I hope the process leads to positive improvements while still reflecting the needs and experiences of the people who live here. Through my work and interests in mental health and wellbeing, I also care about making sure people feel listened to, especially those who may sometimes feel overlooked. If you ever have any questions or would like to share your views, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. ”



Poorvi:

“ **I became a Community Board Member** to help ensure that residents remain at the forefront of decision making. It's important to me that people have a voice throughout the regeneration process and feel confident that their views are truly heard. I want to make sure that the voices of our community help shape the future of our estate.

I'm also proud that, as a Community Board Member, I've been able to support a range of local projects through the Community Chest. Children on the estate have benefitted from basketball camps during school holidays, while older residents have the opportunity to stay active through exercise classes. I remain committed to continuing this support and helping more local projects thrive in the future. ”



Ayshwarya:

“ **My name is Ayshwarya**, and I'm a member of the Community Board. As a resident of the Cambridge Road Estate, I joined because I care about the future of our local area and want to make sure residents have a genuine voice in the regeneration. I'm particularly interested in how the regeneration takes shape and how it can bring positive change for the community while still protecting what makes the area unique. It's important to me that residents feel listened to and involved in decisions that affect their homes and everyday lives. As a Board member, I hope to help make the process as open and inclusive as possible, ensuring it reflects the needs and priorities of the people who live here. ”



Sal:

“ **My name is Sal.** I have a degree in Translation and previously worked as a freelance interpreter, supporting people from a range of backgrounds.

I'm passionate about community work and football, and I run a weekly football session for young people at Kingsmeadow.

As a resident of the Cambridge Road Estate, I joined the Community Board to be involved in the regeneration process and represent the voices of people living here. I want to help make sure residents are heard and included as the estate moves forward. ”



Jill:

“ **I have been a resident on the CRE for 26 years** and Chair of the Community Group, CREst, for 25 of these. During this time, I have also Chaired our Events Sub-Group which has been responsible for the long running annual Fun Day, Christmas and Easter events and other activities which include an early regeneration 'picnic' that successfully encouraged residents to engage with the Council and Countryside.

I have been involved in the regeneration project since it was first mentioned and I have done my best to encourage community participation since the early days—organising public residents' meetings and drop-in sessions.

My other roles include chairing the Norbiton Police and Safety Group and organising the Tuesday Group, a local Foodbank/social interaction session that is open from 12 pm until 2 pm in Queen Mary Hall. This currently attracts some 140 guests and allows both Dr Mike D'Souza and myself to have regular conversations with residents concerning the regeneration programme. ”



Dr. D'Souza:

“ **I have been actively involved with the residents on the CRE for several decades,** initially as a local GP and, since my retirement, as Chair of One Norbiton, a local community group formed as part of the Localism Project. Over the past seven years I have worked with Jill to run the Tuesday Group which is a local food cooperative and social enterprise. I also represent local residents as a member of the 'Good Food' group and until recently I was a trustee for Kingston Voluntary Action.

As a GP I set up and ran a project to support addicts in their recovery process - I maintain contact with many former clients through Tuesday Group where we do our best to identify and support vulnerable people.

My involvement with the Regeneration Project dates from the first meetings where the idea was suggested and I have been actively involved as one of the Community Chairs ever since. ”



Keith:

“ **I joined the Community Board because I wanted to have a stronger voice** in the future of the Cambridge Road Estate and make sure residents' views are heard. As a long-term resident, I care about improving the area for both current and future generations, and I value the opportunity to work with others to help shape positive change across the community. ”

Alongside resident members, the Community Board has representation from Kingston Council, Countryside, Community Group, CREst, as well as the three Norbiton Ward Councillors.

Dear Resident,

At our Community Board meeting in March, we heard from resident representatives about the frustrations that those who are moving into new homes in phase 1 are experiencing, and sought a resolution.

The Community Board agreed to write to everyone who is affected and beyond frustrated with the delays.

There are some technical issues with the new heating system that need to be resolved to ensure that it is fully fit for purpose.

We are in full agreement that the existing situation and the delays are distressing for us all.

For seven years we have worked through good times and bad but always with the aim that CRE residents would be proud tenants of wonderful new homes. The Community Board has been part of every stage of the journey, looking after your interests.

Countryside and the Council have assured us that everything is being done to fix the problem so that residents can move into their new homes as soon as possible.

If you want a more detailed explanation, look out for further information from the regeneration team. Please also see the February newsletter which is on the Cambridge Road. Estate website Estate website (CambridgeRoadEstate.com) under Key Info/ Newsletters. [Download February CRE newsletter](#)

Yours faithfully,

Lesley Charlton
Chair, Community Board

Contacting the Community Board

If you are a resident and have ideas, questions, or thoughts about the regeneration and community projects, just send an email at communityBoard00@gmail.com

Please note that this inbox is read by Community Board members. If your email is about construction matters or a specific housing issue, it will be redirected to the right team for a response.

Contacting the Regeneration Team



To contact the CRE Regeneration Team:

- By email creregen@kingston.gov.uk
- By telephone, call FREEPHONE 0800 9521 900.

For enquiries about the construction work, please email WL.CRE@vistry.co.uk.

Out-of-hours security can be contacted on FREEPHONE 0800 195 4071.
(Site working hours are 8 am – 6 pm, Monday to Friday, and 8 am – 1 pm, Saturdays).