



*A community group run by residents,
businesses and volunteers in Holbeck*

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**Welcome to our fifth newsletter, providing you with an update about the
Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan.**

FORUM NEWS.. FORUM NEWS..

Date for your diary:



The next

**Holbeck Neighbourhood
Forum** meeting
will be held on
**Saturday April 25th at
Holbeck Working Men's
Club**

(Jenkinson Lawn LS11 9QX)

The meeting starts at 11am
and finishes at 1pm. Please
come and join us for
hot soup and a roll.



The Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum

is a community group made up
of residents, volunteers and
businesses. The aim of the
Forum is to develop the Holbeck
Neighbourhood Plan to make
Holbeck a better place to live
and work. Forum members have
elected a Board which runs the
Forum between the open
meetings which are held every
three months.

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VISION STATEMENT FOR THE PLAN

To make Holbeck a more attractive and healthier place for everyone. It will have a thriving local centre with a range of community facilities, a choice of quality but affordable housing. A variety of local job opportunities all set in a green environment, respecting the heritage of the area, and well connected to the city centre and adjoining neighbourhoods



NEXT STEPS FOR THE HOLBECK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



The Holbeck Neighbourhood forum board has received a grant to help pay for a specialist planning consultant, Peter Baker, to produce a draft policy document based on all the work we have carried out over the last two years.

Environment & Green Spaces

Housing

History & Heritage

Traffic and Transport

Community Facilities

Business & Employment



LOCAL LAUREN HELPS TO CLEAN UP LITTER IN HOLBECK

Lauren Butler, an energetic new resident in Holbeck attended the last Forum to help contribute to some of the issues we have been discussing for years. Her intention was to collect a litter grabber from Angela Gabriel. A phone call the day before to the ward councillor regarding the litter issue in Holbeck resulted in Lauren attending the Forum and meeting some other residents. Lauren explained how due to the lack of road sweepers and constant fly tipping, she has taken matters into her own hands by helping clean the area and organise rubbish collections herself. She said **'I want to help improve the area for the better, all I have is my passion, but I'm starting this now'**.(original article from South Leeds Life www.southleedslife.com)

Local Council and Holbeck

The Landlord Forum

St. Matthew's community centre hosted the first landlord forum (4 March 2015) in Holbeck.

The hall was encouragingly filled with local landlords from the community to hear from ward councillors, different services in the housing sector and West Yorkshire Police. Cllr Peter Gruen introduced the forum as the first of its kind locally to help improve standards of housing in the area. Cllr Gruen said that Holbeck specifically would benefit from support of the forum due to the area having many private landlords and much social housing. Holbeck has already benefited from new homes built recently through Keepmoat and Unity Homes.



Neighbourhood Approach and Design Workshops

Thanks to Angela Gabriel and Adam Ogilvie we had a visit from the council about the Leeds Neighbourhood Approach. This is a hands on working group that helps support landlords and tenants with poor quality or empty houses in Leeds. Mark Ireland and his team from the council will be working on particular houses in the Receptions. This will help support Landlords who want to improve the condition of their houses and also tackle the empty houses.

Pictured above Cllrs Gruen, Adam Ogilvie & Angela Gabriel

Photo of Lucy and Lauren taken by Morteza Fahati



Urban planner Delton Jackson has been looking at creative ways to improve the look of the back to backs in Holbeck. Members of the board explored design ideas for the back to backs including environmental improvements and the appearance of the houses in Holbeck. More talks on this to follow.

The Matthew Murray railings have been painted by a team led Groundwork including active residents Lauren Butler and Conor Shearer. This restorative project comes from the [City Connect](#) initiative [Groundwork](#) is involved in, which aims to get more people out and about in the community. Public street audits with [Holbeck in Bloom](#) helped to identify things that were hindrances to people walking to the city centre. Painting the railings will improve this part of the walkway.

MOVIE NIGHT IN HOLBECK



Local ward councillors Angela Gabriel, Adam Ogilvie, and the Council together with the Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum have organised a film night for families. At St. Matthew's Community Centre (St. Matthews Street) **Thursday 16th April 6pm** (Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult)

HOLBECK WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Saturday 9th May Charity Night Breast Cancer Care 'Take Off That' Tribute Band. Admission £10 Club Members £5. Join our fantastic club, annual membership only £6 prior to the event and save!
Saturday 23rd May 'Eurovision Mania' Join us for a fun family night, free entry lots of energy! All welcome!

COMMUNITY NEWS



New choir for Holbeck

Slung Low Theatre has a new vocal group, (the HUB choir) open to everyone, and we need your voices! In June 2015, Tessa Smith will be running weekly vocal workshops at the Holbeck Underground Ballroom. Tessa runs a number of choirs and also works as a performer and singing teacher. She has a relaxed but productive approach to choir leading, with her main focus being that singing is enjoyed, no matter the style tackled or the experience of the singers. No experience necessary! Hot food and drink will be on hand to get the vocal chords warmed up! Six sessions are being held on Tuesday evenings starting from Tuesday 9th June 7pm-8.30pm FREE! These are being held at Slung Low's base at 67-71 Bath Road, Holbeck, LS11 9UA. For more details visit www.slunglow.org.sign-bub-choir/ or contact Becky Taylor becky@slunglow.org tel: 07704582137

What's On:

Holbeck Working Mens Club:
 Thursday 23rd April **Psychic Medium:** Gareth Lewis 'night of revelations' tickets £5. Starts at 8pm (doors open 7pm). Adults only.
 Saturday 25th April return by popular demand **'Wrestling'** 7.30pm £5 a ticket discount if members
The HUB (Slung Low) Greensleeves Ceilidh Band Saturday 9th May 7pm Free entry £2 a drink
Ciaran Bingham Foundation Trust:
 Sunday Lunch at Ingram Court (LS11 9PN)
 Sunday 12th April 1-3pm
 Sunday 10th May 1-3pm
 Sunday 14th June 1-3pm
Holbeck Elderly Aid HEA'rt Cafe at St Matthew's Community Centre every Tuesday 12.15 – 1.30pm £4.00
 Friday's: Fish & Chips 12.30-1.30pm £4.00
Slung Low 'How to.. Festival' Sunday 31st May learn how to cook and some theatre tricks by professionals for more information please see website or book tickets below on boxoffice@slunglow.org
Friends of Holbeck Cemetry Teddy Bears Picnic and Afternoon Tea. Saturday 20th June. Time will be advertised in South Leeds Life.

HOUSING NEWS

Keepmoat have completed the development of Brown Lane East at the end of February 2015. 24 of the 26 properties for rent have been let and 3 of the 16 homes for sale have been sold subject to contract. 6 of the 10 operatives have been retained by Keepmoat and will continue working in the local vicinity on the Councils PFI Project

Coming soon...
Brown Lane East, Holbeck

Unity
Housing & Enterprise
Improving lives through
affordable and sustainable
housing solutions

- ✓ A redevelopment of a Brownfield site complementing the wider regeneration of Beeston and Holbeck
- ✓ 16 shared-ownership properties available; 12x 3-bedroom houses and 4x 4-bedroom houses.
- ✓ Properties 40% more energy efficient than typical properties
- ✓ Close to city centre

Brown Lane East, Holbeck, Leeds, LS11 9LA

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