

# ABERFELDY NEWS

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## A NEW SAFE ROUTE ON AND OFF ABERFELDY



## REGENERATION UPDATE



### A new safe route on and off Aberfeldy

Since we started consulting with residents about the future of Aberfeldy in 2019, a key issue that residents have raised with us is access on and off the estate. You have told us that Aberfeldy can feel like an Island, that you can feel cut off, and that the subways that service the estate are unsafe and dangerous places that many of you avoid using. We have been working with partners on the Aberfeldy new masterplan to create a lasting solution to this problem.



## REGENERATION UPDATE

Over 7 weeks from late July to early September as part of the consultation on the Aberfeldy new masterplan, we want to talk to the whole community about the proposal to create a new walking and cycling route under the A12. This new pathway would replace the current road from the A12 onto Aberfeldy, and create an open, active, well-lit, safe space for you to travel on and off the estate. To maintain vehicular access from the A12 onto Abbott Road, a new junction will be built to replace the existing underpass as part of the masterplan.

### Highland Place

Turning the underpass into a new walking and cycling link to Jolly's Green is part of the wider plan to create a new public open space we are calling Highland Place. This will be an attractive landscaped green space with play area, shops and workspaces for people of ages to use and enjoy. Highland Place sits at the centre of the masterplan and will connect to new walking and cycling links across Aberfeldy.

We look forward to hearing your ideas and questions about this proposal.



## REGENERATION UPDATE

### Regeneration Hub: 43 Aberfeldy Street

From July the Regeneration Hub at 43 Aberfeldy Street will be open on Mondays (8am-6pm) and Wednesdays (12pm-8pm) so you can drop in, review the plans, and ask any questions.



You will also be able to view the latest plans and leave your feedback online:

✉ [aberfeldynewmasterplan.commonplace.is](https://www.aberfeldynewmasterplan.commonplace.is)

This will be the final step before we a planning application is submitted, which we hope to do be able to do this Autumn once we have completed and the public consultation feedback and finalised the plans.

### Regeneration Hub Opening Times from 26 July - 8 September

Mon 26 July:	10am – 6pm	Wed 18 August:	12pm – 8pm
Wed 28 July:	12pm – 8pm	Mon 23 August:	10am – 6pm
Mon 2 August:	10am – 6pm	Wed 25 August:	12pm – 8pm
Wed 4 August:	12pm – 8pm	Mon 30 August:	10am – 6pm
Mon 9 August:	10am – 6pm	Wed 1 September:	12pm – 8pm
Wed 11 August:	12pm – 8pm	Mon 6 September:	10am – 6pm
Mon 16 August:	10am – 6pm	Wed 8 September:	12pm – 8pm



### Aberfeldy residents can join the RSG at any time.

Contact Fintan, from Poplar HARCA, on ☎ **07852 998 909**.  
You can also contact Independent Tenant & Leaseholder Advisor, Mo Ali, on ☎ **07940 431 503** or ✉ [mo.ali@talktalk.net](mailto:mo.ali@talktalk.net) for advice and guidance.

## REGENERATION UPDATE



### Second Public Consultation Starting Soon

Since the first public consultation on the masterplan vision last year we have continued to meet with residents through the Residents Steering Group and other events and activities, and these will continue in the months ahead. The second public consultation will start next week and will run through August until 12 September. You will receive an information booklet and a feedback form through the post next weeks that will include the latest information on the masterplan and details on how you can get involved and tell us your views.

### Coming Soon

A new independent grocery and convenience store is coming soon to Aberfeldy Square. Advanced negotiations on the lease agreement are currently taking place. The proposed opening will be spring/summer 2022.



## COMMUNITY

### Poplar is Open

To celebrate the many incredible businesses in Poplar, you can hear from and see the faces of the people behind these businesses, on Instagram and Twitter all summer!

Business owners will be sharing what's new for customers, now that Poplar is open again and paying tribute to you, their community, who've helped keep trade going during the pandemic. You can discover what local businesses have to offer, on your doorstep, by following #PoplarIsOpen on:

📷 @Poplar.HARCA    🐦 @PoplarHARCA    #ShopLocal    #SupportLocal

Know a business who wants to get involved? ✉️ [comms@poplarharca.co.uk](mailto:comms@poplarharca.co.uk)

### Garry, Making Space Poplar

Arts, Culture, Heritage  
community activities

📍 **Fitzrovia Noir,**  
48 Aberfeldy Street

🌐 [fitzrovianoir.com](http://fitzrovianoir.com)

📷 @Fitzrovianoir\_

🐦 @Fitzrovianoir

📘 MakingSpaceAberfeldyE14



"We've got some exciting activities planned this summer! We're hosting glass blowing workshops for the community. Free to all participants, this is a chance to try something new and have your creations become part of a large collaborative work. We're also running suitcase sculpture workshops."

Dates: 16th, 17th and 18th July. Time: 11am – 6pm.

To book, email ✉️ [fitzrovianoir@gmail.com](mailto:fitzrovianoir@gmail.com), text **07860 435 693**, or visit 🌐 [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk) search 'fitzrovianoir'.

## COMMUNITY

### Natalie, More Life Home

Free and low cost preloved furniture and homeware items. Welcomes donations.

📍 **41 Aberfeldy High Street**

🌐 [www.morelifehome.co.uk](http://www.morelifehome.co.uk)

📷 @morelifehome

🐦 @morelifehome

📘 More-Life-Home



"We are excited to bring something completely new to the local area that diversifies customers' shopping options and highlights the importance of re-cycling and helping others. Drop by for to see what we have in stock, or a chat!"

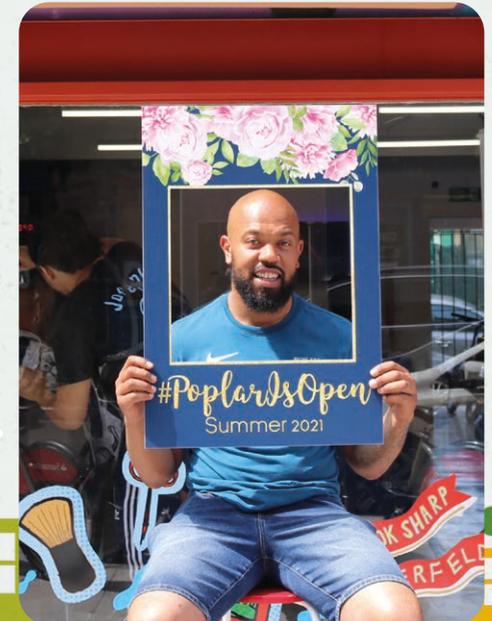
### Leon & Josh, Roots

Community barbershop,  
Open 9am -8pm.

📍 **37 Aberfeldy Street**

📷 @rootsbarberslondon

"Not only can we provide you with the freshest haircut, we've built a barber shop which makes our community feel welcome. Whether it's a game of pool or just a quick chat on your daily errands, we encourage people to pop their heads in and have a look around."





### Update from R-Urban

Are you interested in growing your own food, cooking with fresh produce, or composting? Join us at R-Urban for our next batch of free workshops on the 15th and 22nd of July! We will be looking at hydroponic growing, tomato care and cooking communal meals! We're also looking for new members of the Poplar Compost Club - you bring us your food waste and we make nutritious compost.

Thanks to everyone who joined us on the 3rd and 10th of June for our composting, no-waste cooking, tomato planting and tomato cooking workshops! We had a brilliant time in the sun - learning about how to make compost, giving out tomato plants and enjoying delicious meals made together.



#### Please do get in touch if you want to find out more!

You can call Cameron on ☎ **07542208746**  
or email ✉ **cameron@publicworksgroup.net**.

You can find more information on Instagram  
📷 **@rurban\_poplar\_london** or on our Eventbrite page.



### Aberfeldy Big Local

Aberfeldy Big Local is a National Lottery funded project led by community organisers who work with local people of all ages who are the experts on what makes Aberfeldy a better place to live.

Pop into our base at 39 Aberfeldy Street for tea and chat at the tea room, Mon, Tues and Wednesday mornings or whenever you are passing. Follow us on social media or contact us to find out more about community activities which need to be booked while we follow current COVID restrictions.

On Saturday July 17th we will be hosting a consultation session with the LBTH Parks Team looking at proposals for the 3 green and open spaces. Please come along and give your views and feedback on Millennium Green 12.00 - 4.00pm.



#### Get in touch:

✉ **aberfeldybiglocal.com**

✉ **hello@aberfeldybiglocal.com**

☎ **07436 568 483**

📷 **@aberfeldybl**

🐦 **@AberfeldyBL**

📘 **Aberfeldy Big Local**

## NEWS FROM POPLAR WORKS



### Open call – Poplar Works needs you!

Poplar Works' members met for the first time "IRL" a few weeks ago and shared their stories of the last year. It was great to see businesses connecting and building relationships in person. All members expressed their wish to give back to the Aberfeldy & Teviot community and have more opportunities to meet you. As restrictions ease we want to create these opportunities.



#### Have Your Say

With so many talented and creative businesses on your doorstep, we want to know, what would you like to see from Poplar Works? Perhaps you'd like workshops or master classes? Whatever it is, please let us know. Please feel free to drop in and speak to Rosie based in the building or email: ✉ [hello@poplarworks.co.uk](mailto:hello@poplarworks.co.uk)

## NEWS FROM POPLAR WORKS

### Making for Change course starting in September – open for applications

London College of Fashion and Newham College are offering Level 1 & 2 qualifications in Fashion and Textiles for adults interested in developing a career in the fashion industry. Starting this September, the training programme will run on Mondays and Tuesdays in the professional Making for Change manufacturing unit at Poplar Works.

To find out more about the course and how to apply please visit:

✈ [poplarworks.co.uk/programmes/making-for-change-training](https://poplarworks.co.uk/programmes/making-for-change-training)

### London College of Fashion Summer Workshops

London College of Fashion will be running free fun fashion and making workshops for children and young people this August at Poplar Works.

To find out more please visit: ✈ [poplarworks.co.uk/events](https://poplarworks.co.uk/events)



### Asma Begum's Make and Mend sessions are coming back!

After a lockdown break, Asma will be relaunching her Make and Mend sessions over the summer.

Keep an eye on the events page for more details:

✈ [poplarworks.co.uk/events](https://poplarworks.co.uk/events)

## NEWS FROM POPLAR WORKS

### Rent a workspace

We're really pleased that Poplar Works is being so well used, housing some brilliant designers, photographers, illustrators, makers and machinists from across Poplar and Bow. Over 60% of our businesses are from the E3 and E14 areas. We have some studios available at the Poplar Works main site on Abbott Road and now at the Makery on Teviot Street.

Full details of available spaces can be found at: [poplarworks.co.uk](https://poplarworks.co.uk) or you can call us on **020 3111 2480**.



### Rent a space – The Boiler House

The Boiler House on Teviot Street is an exceptional space and we're looking for a new tenant to join the Poplar Works community. A former District Heating Centre for the local estates, this double-height industrial space has a gated delivery bay and shutter access. Sounds like it could be perfect for your business? Get in touch!

Full details and how to apply here:

[poplarworks.co.uk/studios/the-boiler-house](https://poplarworks.co.uk/studios/the-boiler-house) or you can call us on **020 3111 2480**.



### Get in touch

We will be announcing events, training courses and opportunities to get involved with Poplar Works in the coming months. In the meantime you can stay up to date with all things Poplar Works here:

[poplarworks.co.uk](https://poplarworks.co.uk)

[hello@poplarworks.co.uk](mailto:hello@poplarworks.co.uk)

[@poplarworks](https://www.instagram.com/poplarworks)

**020 3111 2480**

## COMMUNITY

### Dog Owners Alert

Meet Sass, a local resident of Aberfeldy who is available to take care of all your furry friends needs. Sass has been running her dog-walking business for two years now and her services far exceed the usual dog walk. Sass offers basic training, washing/grooming, day & night care as well as boarding for longer stays. One of her clients said "Your dog will be so happy in Sass's care, they may not want to leave."

Check the details below 



## COMMUNITY



### Leaders in Community – Be. Inspired

Be.Inspired is an empowerment project for young women to speak about issues that they are facing in a safe and non-judgemental space, run by Leaders in Community. This year the focus was on empowering women to pursue careers in the creative industry.

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Over 6 months, twenty young women aged 16 -19 gained an insight and understanding into the creative industry through a series of masterclasses, some of which were hosted by Poplar Works businesses and by UAL, London College of Fashion. The course began with workshops focused on self-esteem and self-confidence and This then proceeded to weekly masterclasses run by inspirational women, who are each experts in their chosen field. They gave talks and workshops on an array of topics ranging from mental health, race, religion, and work aspirations. The course concluded on an excellent high, as the group created their very own podcast on topics most important to them.



They also delivered an exceptional launch for their podcast, which was a huge success. You can access all Pass the Aux content via the links below:

Pass the Aux podcast launch:

▶ [youtube.com/watch](https://youtube.com/watch)

Pass the Aux podcast episodes:

🔊 [anchor.fm/pass-the-aux-lic/episodes/Episode-1-Culture-eug49a](https://anchor.fm/pass-the-aux-lic/episodes/Episode-1-Culture-eug49a)

📷 [@passtheaux\\_lic](https://instagram.com/passtheaux_lic)

Leaders In Community will be recruiting a new cohort for Be.Inspired in September, you can follow them on Instagram: [@LeadersInCommunity](https://instagram.com/LeadersInCommunity), where they will be sharing the details and how to apply.

Alternatively, you can visit their website for more information.

🔗 [licprojects.org/leadership-projects/beinspired-women/](https://licprojects.org/leadership-projects/beinspired-women/)

## GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE A VOICE



### Young Aberfeldy Heroes masterplan efforts recognised by Cllr Ahmed

After a year of working with the design team to help shape the future of Aberfeldy, on 22 June Langdon Park pupils were awarded certificates by local Councillor Rajib Ahmed to recognise and celebrate their participation in this unique youth-led project.

Over 100 pupils from Culloden Primary School and Langdon Park Secondary School have participated in sessions with the masterplan design team ZCD Architects, Morris & Co, Levitt Bernstein and LDA tell them their ideas to improve Aberfeldy. Child-friendly design is at the heart of the new masterplan for Aberfeldy and the Aberfeldy Heroes contributions are helping to shape the proposals.

## GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE A VOICE



"It's something that we've not experienced before and it's not an opportunity many people get. It's nice to have our voices heard and our contributions listened to."

**Shakila Begum & Jumayra Islam,**  
year 9 pupils

"It's fantastic and refreshing to see our young people involved in the conversation about the future of their area, because they are the future. Our young people want to see the area improve and it's good to see the design team is listening to their ideas".

**Councillor Rajib Ahmed,**  
councillor for Lansbury Ward



Find more on what young people are telling us about Aberfeldy online.

[aberfeldynewmasterplan.commonplace.is](https://aberfeldynewmasterplan.commonplace.is)

## GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE A VOICE

### The Works Café collaborate with Spotlight

In June a group of local young people working with Spotlight, premiered their short film live from The Works, followed by a Q&A. The Creative Young Minds team made their film inspired by young Black fashion entrepreneur @sqr\_face as it explored the challenges that young black men face when setting up a businesses.



You watch a recording of the event here:

[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) search 'spotlight creative young minds'

If you have an event you want to host at the Works, get in touch!

Pop into say hello to the team or contact them on Instagram:

[@theworkscafeldn](https://www.instagram.com/theworkscafeldn)

## GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE A VOICE

### Aberfeldy Village at the London Festival of Architecture



Are we doing enough to build places that truly fulfil the needs of their inhabitants, now and for the future? This was the question that kicked off the latest Talkoek hosted by The People Speak as part of the London Festival of Architecture - the world's largest annual architectural festival - which brought together students from Langdon Park, Aberfeldy residents and the design team of the New Aberfeldy Masterplan.

The event was an opportunity for those present to share their stories with a wider audience watching live on Aberfeldy St and online. Topics ranged from the need for social and green spaces, the best ways to create a livelier high street, how to make neighbourhoods safer, the meaning and purpose of meanwhile spaces, the importance of being allowed pets in flats, and much more... as well as people's thoughts on the proposed new designs.

Having more events to bring the community together was also something many people agreed they would like to see more of. The event was recorded and will be available to watch online at: [Facebook](#) search 'The People Speak London Festival of Architecture Talkoek'

"The new underpass design is the bit we like most...the underpass is really dangerous even at night people get scared. The proposals look nicer, it looks better."

**Hamzah**, a Year 9 student from Langdon Park.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

### Coronavirus – Service and Support

Poplar HARCA's priority is the health of residents and staff. We are continuing to adapt our services, and support our community. Below is an update, and where to find advice and support.

Everyone aged 18 and over is now eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine and should book an appointment to get their jab. Protect yourself, your loved ones, and our community by taking up the offer of a free Covid-19 vaccination.

This information is correct as of 30th June 2021. We are updating our website in response to advice from the Government. You can find lots of useful information from Poplar HARCA, the NHS and Tower Hamlets Council online.

➤ [poplarharca.co.uk/about-us/news/article/coronavirus-update-services-and-support](https://poplarharca.co.uk/about-us/news/article/coronavirus-update-services-and-support) search coronavirus support

➤ [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

➤ [nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](https://nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19)

➤ [towerhamlets.gov.uk/ignl/health\\_\\_social\\_care/health\\_and\\_medical\\_advice/Coronavirus/Coronavirus.aspx](https://towerhamlets.gov.uk/ignl/health__social_care/health_and_medical_advice/Coronavirus/Coronavirus.aspx)

Stay safe and well,

Poplar Harca

## STAY UPDATED



### BE IN THE LOOP...

...for the latest Aberfeldy regeneration news, updates and events  
- join the Aberfeldy regen WhatsApp group.

To join simply text 'join' to 07852 998 909

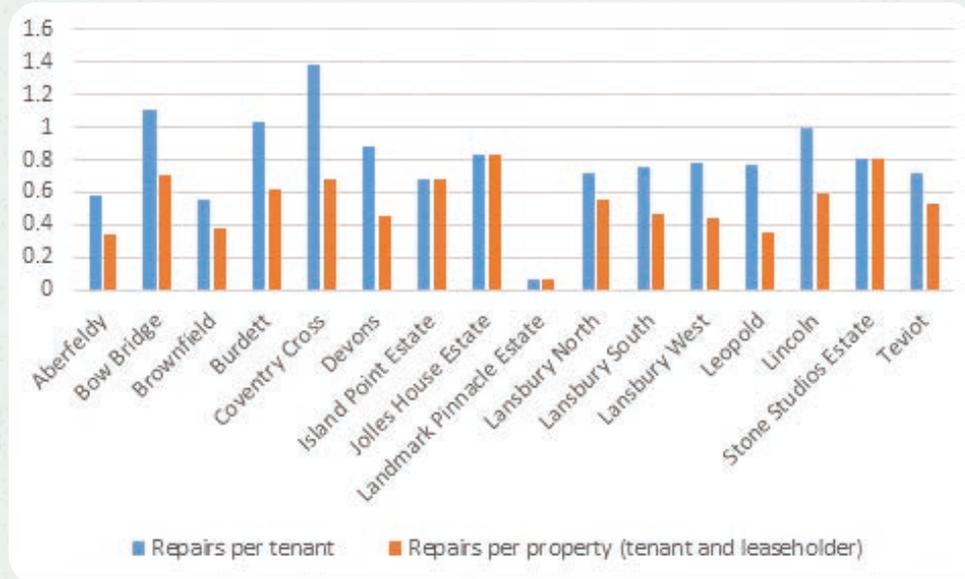


For more information email Fintan at:  
[Fintan.tynan@poplarharca.co.uk](mailto:Fintan.tynan@poplarharca.co.uk)

## REPAIRS UPDATE

Since 1st April 2021 we have issued a total of 5,092 repairs across 12 “traditional” estates and four new developments

500 of these repairs were for the Aberfeldy estate. This equates to 0.59 repairs per tenant or 0.35 repairs per property (tenants and leaseholders). This is a little less than some of our other estates because so many homes on Aberfeldy are new and new homes usually need fewer repairs.



In addition to repairs, all homes are included in statutory safety checks we carry out over 1,000 checks a year on the Aberfeldy estate alone.

We also continue to replace items where needed as part of our capital works programme and to ensure that homes meet the required standards. In the last year, despite the national lock downs, we have replaced 6 kitchens, 4 bathrooms and 45 boilers in homes on Aberfeldy.

## REPAIRS UPDATE

These figures do not include heating and hot water repairs. This is because we pay a fixed price for each property every year, regardless of how many repairs are carried out and details of all call outs are administrated separately. We continue to offer the same repair service to residents on the Aberfeldy estate as we do for any other home we manage.

Since March 2020 we have scaled back our repair service for all residents to focus on essential repairs only. We took this decision to safeguard residents, staff and contractors by minimizing the risk of transmitting coronavirus.



Essential repairs are those that are an emergency and/ or which Poplar HARCA has a statutory responsibility to carry out. Non-essential repairs are things that we usually offer to provide an enhanced service but that are at Poplar HARCA's discretion.

### Our Services

We are focused on delivering essential repairs, cleaning and looking out for older and vulnerable residents. Our offices remain closed, but you can still access services:

Log onto MyHARCA (view statements, pay rent or service charges, apply for a parking bay, report ASB, make an enquiry and more)

➤ [myharca.poplarharca.co.uk/SignIn](https://myharca.poplarharca.co.uk/SignIn)

Call us on ☎ **0800 035 1991** (make a payment or report an essential repair)

Email us at ✉ [info@poplarharca.co.uk](mailto:info@poplarharca.co.uk)

# YOUR FUTURE ABERFELDY

Come and talk to us about the regeneration of Aberfeldy

## Aberfeldy drop-ins at Your Future Aberfeldy Hub

Your Future Aberfeldy Hub  
43 Aberfeldy Street  
E14 0NU

**Mondays:**  
**10.00am–6.00pm**

**Wednesdays:**  
**12.00pm–8.00pm**

Find out more at:

[poplarharca.co.uk/Aberfeldy](http://poplarharca.co.uk/Aberfeldy)

Contact **Julie Browne:**

Call: ☎ **07956 665103**

Email: ✉ [julie.browne@poplarharca.co.uk](mailto:julie.browne@poplarharca.co.uk)

