

ABERFELDY NEWS

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YOUR FUTURE ABERFELDY IS HERE...



New GP, café, grocery shop & town square open this year



YOUR FUTURE ABERFELDY

Your future Aberfeldy

The latest phase of the redevelopment will complete soon with your new GP practice, café, grocery shop, restaurant, pharmacy and a new town square expected to open by the end of this year.

A planning application is currently being considered by Tower Hamlets Council for an ambitious new masterplan for the next phase of the redevelopment. The plan proposes over 1,500 new homes, shops, workspaces and public realm centred around health and wellbeing.

COMING SOON

Winter 2022



Aberfeldy GP Practice

From winter, the Aberfeldy Health and Wellbeing Centre will be the new home for the Aberfeldy Practice offering GP services together with NHS specialist clinics and community wellness sessions in partnership with Poplar HARCA.



Aberfeldy Café

A new wellness café bringing everyone together to enjoy healthy, tasty food, with a meeting space and internal access to the new GP practice.



Deli/restaurant

A new, sit in restaurant which may be owned by local residents and offer a deli counter.



Grocery Store

A new grocery shop where everyone will be able to buy fresh food and every day household favourites



Pharmacy

A new local health care space to pick up prescriptions and receive every day health care support.



Aberfeldy Square

Your new public square will open, connecting green space, local amenities, all in one vibrant and convenient place.





Open for business

Your favourite Aberfeldy Street businesses will stay open from spring 2023, moving to Jura House while development at Aberfeldy Street takes place.

Spring
2023



Matchbox Day Nursery

Matchbox Day Nursery, next door to the new community centre, providing a stimulating and exciting space for little ones, (3 months to 5 years old) from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.



New Aberfeldy community centre

A brand new community centre, nearly twice as big, over two floors. With work, meeting and breakout spaces hosting an expanded range of community and wellbeing activities and events.

Green Futures

Poplar Green Futures is a project bringing together local residents, business owners and organisations to explore ideas and priorities for a greener, low carbon future for Poplar.

In July and August local residents came together for three fun and engaging workshops discussing themes including air quality, green spaces, housing, energy and recycling. Over the next few months these ideas will be developed into an action plan of projects and opportunities (including the

Aberfeldy Pocket Park) that be taken forward with the community.

If you'd like to find out more about Poplar Green Futures and ways to get involved, visit:

➤ www.poplargreenfutures.co.uk



ABERFELDY SQUARE



GP PRACTICE



COMMUNITY CENTRE



CAFE



SHOP



PHARMACY



NURSERY





Residents move in to new affordable homes for rent in Aberfeldy Village

The new homes, a mix of 1-4 bedroom apartments and maisonettes, marks a total of 39 new homes for affordable rent completed in Aberfeldy, this year.

Lutfur Rahman, Mayor of Tower Hamlets and Councillor Kabir Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Regeneration,

were warmly welcomed by the new residents when they visited Aberfeldy to celebrate the handover of the new homes, in June.

Mohamed Hassan, a Tower Hamlets resident of 24 years, previously lived in a bedsit on the neighbouring Teviot estate. Mr Hassan said:

"I went to have a look at my new flat and loved it straight away. I want to stay living here for a long time. It's very spacious and on the ground floor which is better for me because I have a medical condition which makes using stairs difficult.

I have a separate bedroom and a patio, so I can sit outside and living in a bigger property, I don't have to cram my belongings in anymore.

My niece happens to live in Aberfeldy Village too, so it's great to have my family close by."

Mr Hassan
Tower Hamlets resident



More new homes on the horizon

We recently celebrated the topping out of the first 219 affordable homes at Poplar Riverside, a major new waterside neighbourhood on the banks on the River Lea.

Joined by Aberfeldy residents Sada and Shukri, the event was hosted by developer St William.

The first residents are expected to move into their new homes in summer or autumn 2023. The affordable homes will form a key part of the first phase of the development, which in total will deliver 643

homes across four buildings. Of the affordable new homes 123 will be for affordable rent and 96 will be shared ownership properties.

A significant new chapter for this part of the capital, Poplar Riverside is one of east London's most exciting regeneration projects, providing more than 2,800 new homes.





Aberfeldy Creates

Look out for Aberfeldy Creates, a community events programme running this autumn from brilliant local partners, community groups and businesses.

There's something for everyone, including FREE activities, workshops, classes, music and the Aberfeldy Stories exhibition at East India Green.

You can find out more about the exhibition and what's on at

📍 oxbow-eastlondon.co.uk/
 📷 @AberfeldyStreet

Update on regeneration

We are excited to share with you that the masterplan application is due to be heard by Tower Hamlets councillors this autumn.

This is an important milestone in the regeneration of Aberfeldy, and we will update you once a decision has been made.

As a reminder, the masterplan will:

- 🌱 Deliver 1,628 new high-quality homes, 35% of which will be affordable overall and 47% of these delivered within in the first phase.

- 🌱 Breathe new life into Aberfeldy Street with shops, community space and a new town square.
- 🌱 Expand on the success of Poplar Works on Nairn Street, through the provision of affordable workspace aimed at keeping local businesses in the area.
- 🌱 Create new and improved green open spaces.
- 🌱 Repurpose the existing A12 vehicle underpass into a new east-west walking and cycling route.
- 🌱 Create a new vehicle junction on the A12 for residents.

Pineapples Award Winner

We were delighted to receive a Pineapples award for exceptional community engagement on your future Aberfeldy, this summer. We look forward to continuing to work closely with you as we look ahead to 2023 and beyond!



**ABERFELDY
CENTRE**

September to
December 2022

MON

Aberfeldy Village Cafe
8am-12pm

**ESOL - Entry Level 2
introduction to writing**
9.15am-3.15pm

For more information
contact New City College:
0207 510 7736

Women's Exercise

9.30am-10.30am

For more information
contact Aberfeldy centre 0207
515 6794



TUES

Aberfeldy Village Cafe
8am-12pm

**Health Visitor
development check**
9am-4.30pm

By appointment only

**ESOL - Entry Level 1
introduction to writing**
9.15am-3.15pm

For more information
contact New City College:
0207 510 7736

Bingo coffee mornings

11.30am-1.30pm

For more information
contact Aberfeldy centre
0207 515 6794



WED

Aberfeldy Village Cafe
8am-12pm

**Health Visitor
development check**
9am-4.30pm

By appointment only

Adult's Women Group

9.30am-10.45am

A cultural discussion
& support group

Digital skills

9.30am-12.30pm

For more information
contact Aberfeldy centre
0207 515 6794

Yoga for women

11.30pm-12.30pm

Conversational class

1pm-2.30pm

Family fun club football

3.30pm-5pm

Judo for children

7.15pm-8.15pm

A fee of £2 payable

Judo for adults

8.15pm-9.15pm

A fee of £3 payable

THUR

Aberfeldy Village Cafe
8am-12pm

**Health Visitor
development check**
9am-4.30pm

By appointment only

**Stay and play for
under 5s**

10.30am-12.30pm

For more information
contact Aberfeldy centre
0207 515 6794

FRI

Aberfeldy Village Cafe
8am-12pm

**Health Visitor
development check**
9am-4.30pm

By appointment only

**Family fun club
homework Club**

3.30pm-5pm

For ages 5-11 years





Aberfeldy Pocket Park – watch this space!

Poplar HARCA has secured funding from Tower Hamlets Council and Aberfeldy regeneration partnership for a new pocket park in Aberfeldy.

What is a pocket park?

A pocket park is a small area of public space where planters, greenery, lighting and trees are installed, usually in a place without much there already. Pocket parks create greener and more pleasant public spaces for everyone to enjoy.

Where will it be?

Between Culloden School, the A12 and the Dee Street underpass entrance.

When does it start?

We are right at the beginning of this project! In the coming months there will be opportunities for local people to help design and build the pocket park. So, stay tuned for more information – you can register your interest to find out more by getting in touch with Caroline Murray on [07779416385](tel:07779416385)



Fashion Production training

Starting in September, part time courses in fashion production at Poplar Works. Learners will achieve Level 1 and 2 qualifications for adults aged 19+ looking to develop a career in the fashion industry.

To find out more contact Chinnelle:
[✉ c.mclean@fashion.arts.ac.uk](mailto:c.mclean@fashion.arts.ac.uk) or
[☎ 07922 420 633](tel:07922420633) or visit
[@making.for.change](https://www.instagram.com/making.for.change)



Sustainable September

Look out for activities at Poplar Works for Sustainable September

Work space available

A small number of studio spaces are available to hire at Poplar Works on Abbott Road. Perfect for 1-2 people or a small team, prices range from £26 per sqft.

[✈ thetramperry.com](https://www.thetrampery.com)
search poplar works

Fashion workshops

Do you know an 11-17 year old with an interest in fashion? Contact Lauren to find out about creative fashion workshops led by Making for Change at Spotlight Youth Centre, Langdon Park, this autumn

[✉ l.mckirdy@fashion.arts.ac.uk](mailto:l.mckirdy@fashion.arts.ac.uk)



Aberfeldy Stories 10 year celebration brings community together

More than 700 local people celebrated the 10 year anniversary of redevelopment on Aberfeldy in June. The celebrations included the launch of Aberfeldy Stories – a new photo and audio exhibition that explores the transformation of the Aberfeldy neighbourhood through the lives of the people that live here. It features portraits of residents, business owners and community leaders, shot by local photographer JC Candanedo.



Also present were Lutfur Rahman, Mayor of Tower Hamlets, Councillor Kabir Ahmed and Unmesh Desai, London Assembly Member.

Aberfeldy Stories is open to the public now at East India Green in Aberfeldy Village and available online.

📧 oxbow-eastlondon.co.uk/aberfeldy-stories/

Repairs Cafe | Skill, Fix, Reuse

R-Urban, based at Brion Place garages, are relaunching their Repairs Cafe with a brand new programme of FREE masterclasses and open workshop sessions covering everything from electronics to upholstery, carpentry to bike maintenance.



Contact Angharad to find out more or book your place online.

✉ angharad@publicworksgroup.net

📅 www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/repairs-cafe-tickets-392415955687



New food voucher scheme

A new food voucher scheme has opened for low income families living in Poplar.

Contact your nearest Children's Centre to find out if you can receive vouchers and how to register.

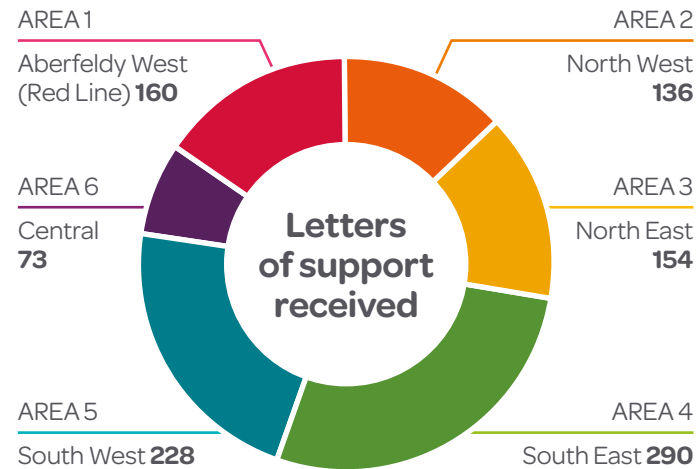
- 📍 **Around Poplar**, 115 Three Colt Street London, E14 6AW
- 📍 **Chrisp Street**, 45 Kerbey Street, London, E14 6AW
- 📍 **Isle of Dogs**, Millwall Park, Stebondale Street, London, E14 3BX

A massive thank you

Earlier this year more than 1,000 Aberfeldy residents wrote letters to Tower Hamlets Council supporting the masterplan application.

The masterplan would not have been possible without resident involvement from across Aberfeldy. Thank you for working with us to shape your future Aberfeldy.

The map illustrates the areas that submitted letters and the volume of support from across the Aberfeldy community.





Who wants to box?

Aberfeldy Boxing Club are looking for 11 to 16 year olds for the upcoming boxing season. The club is affiliated with the England Boxing Club and

want to recruit a new squad of amateur boxers.



If this interests you, get yourself down to Aberfeldy Street and contact Kirk:

✉ kirkaberfeldyboxing1@mail.com

☎ 07957633878



New furniture bank

More Life Home have also opened a Furniture Bank, working with vulnerable people based in the Tower Hamlets. Victims of domestic violence, care leavers and individuals transitioning out of homelessness are eligible to receive support with the provision of emergency furniture items when referred from 3rd party organisations.

Get in touch via More Life Home's website or email

✉ admin@morelifehome.co.uk if you know someone that needs help.

More Life Home

More Life Home have now opened its furniture warehouse doors to the public! They still sell low cost furniture online at www.morelifehome.co.uk and via social media @morelifehome but now locals are welcome to view low cost furniture and homeware in their warehouse and place orders in person. Open Wednesdays to Fridays, 11am till 6pm - Regents House, Muirfield Crescent, Millharbour E14 9SZ.



We've moved!

A regular fixture within the Aberfeldy Centre, Abertots Play has now moved into bigger premises at Burcham Street Centre, only 8 minutes down the road.

The Playgroup is now closed for summer but is taking applications for the new academic term in September 2022.

☎ **07983 521 987**

✉ **poplarabertots@yahoo.co.uk**

**Burcham Street Centre,
96 Burcham Street,
Poplar E14 0SL.**

Shape your community services.

We'd love to hear from you on the activities you would like to see in the new community centre, scheduled to open in Spring 2023.

Whether you're a service user, potential service user or someone interested in sharing your skill set, get in touch with us at

✉ **community.centres@poplarharca.co.uk**



Aberfeldy residents can join the RSG at any time. Contact Fintan, from Poplar HARCA, on ☎ **07852 998909**

You can also contact Independent Tenant & Leaseholder Advisor, Mo Ali, on ☎ **07940 431503** or ✉ **mo.ali@talktalk.net** for advice and guidance.

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**



YOUR FUTURE ABERFELDY

Come and talk to us about the regeneration of Aberfeldy

Aberfeldy drop-ins at Your Future Aberfeldy Hub & Poplar Works

Poplar Works
384 Abbott Road
E14 OUX

Mondays 2.00-4.00pm

Your Future Aberfeldy Hub
43 Aberfeldy Street
E14 ONU

Thursdays 2.00-6.00pm

Find out more at:

www.poplarharca.co.uk/Aberfeldy

Contact **Julie Browne**:

Call: **07956 665103**

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