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# The Hattersley **Terrier**



Building a brighter future - all the latest development news from your area

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A photograph of two men in business suits sitting at a table. The man on the left is older, wearing glasses and a patterned tie. The man on the right is younger, smiling, and holding a blue pen over a document. In the background, there are green banners with the website address 'www.hattersley.com'.

## Development agreement signed

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## BASE open day

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## Changing face of the JET Centre

CHANGES are taking place at the JET Centre.

It has now been agreed that Tameside Council's Education Team will become responsible for the overall management of the building.

The whole of the previous high school site is now owned by English Partnerships and earmarked for new housing development, so the lifespan of the JET Centre is limited. However, the building will continue to be used by Tameside Council's BEST team (Behavioural Educational Support Team) in the interim.

Hattersley and Mottram Community News, now part of Hattersley and Mottram Community Media, will also continue to be based at the JET Centre. Their number will be 0161 368 5171.

Use of the conference room for meetings is under review. However, alternative venues are available in the area. If you need information on alternative venues, contact the Partnership Office on 0161 368 2096.

# Resident gains first ITQ award

**R**ESIDENT, Linda Whitehead, recently became the first local candidate to obtain her ITQ Level 2 Qualification from the course arranged by Ashton Sixth Form College at Hattersley Library.

Linda, who works for Hattersley and Mottram Community Media, made great progress, having only started working towards the qualification, a National Vocational Qualification in Information Technology, in September 2006.

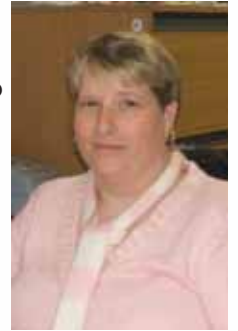
Linda, pictured right, said: "The great attraction for me was that, as I already had a good degree of the knowledge and skills required to gain the qualification, I only attended for one course session. The rest I did in my own time and online and the college assessed my coursework."

Linda's line manager Muriel Stretton said: "Since Linda started working towards her NVQ her understanding

of IT has grown enormously. Although, prior to this, Linda displayed a real aptitude for IT, the NVQ has made her think in wider terms."

Many residents now use the Computer Centre in Hattersley Library to access a variety of computer courses provided by Ashton Sixth Form College.

Lynn Dolan from the college commented: "One of the attractions of this type of course is that it caters for varying levels of ability. While Linda needed minimal support, others may need to attend more course sessions and require additional support and practice to complete the qualification. These can be arranged to suit the individual."



For further course information, contact Lynne Dolan on 0161 666 8221. To find out about the training on offer locally please contact Sharron or Lesley on 0161 368 2096.



# BASE share their plans with the community

**B**ASE held their first Open Day on March 23 - the day after their official appointment as the residential Development Partner for the regeneration of Hattersley.

Held in a mobile exhibition unit on the Harehill Tavern car park, there was an excellent response to the event from local people and more than 200 visited.

The Open Day marked the first milestone in the seven-year development programme which will see the regeneration of 24 residential sites across Hattersley. Residents were able to gain an understanding of the BASE ethos, meet key personnel and comment on the proposals for the Harehill development sites.

Representatives from Peak Valley Housing Association and Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership joined the BASE team, together with local residents Jean Carey, Brenda Duddridge, Eloise Goodwin and Jimmy Jacobs.

An exhibition for Phase 1a, together with examples of house types and typical street scenes, were displayed. An animated video walk-through of the development was very popular as it enabled visitors to understand how the development will look. Visitors also asked questions and filled out comment forms. BASE was encouraged by the number of positive comments received.

**"All looks very impressive"**

**"I think the proposals that I have seen can only benefit the area."**

**"Looks a very exciting**

**programme. The new houses are excellent."**

**"Quality, quality, quality."**

Some concerns were expressed about individual properties and BASE intends to formally respond to these (where a reply address was given on the comment form).

Other queries included site security, construction noise and traffic. BASE reassured visitors that the site will be maintained to the highest standards, in line with current legislation. There will be a telephone number made available when works start and residents will be encouraged to promptly raise any concerns so that they can be addressed as quickly as possible.

Several other issues were raised and will be used to inform discussions regarding future phases of development.

These included:

● **Shopping facilities**

required in addition to the proposed District Centre.

● **Additional play areas required.**

● **Capacity of schools – there is concern about the ability of local schools to cope with increased pupil numbers following the residential development.**

● **Building of bungalows to feature in the development.**

These views are based on the knowledge of the community and demonstrate why Open Days are essential in helping to determine the right solution for an area. BASE will continue with regular consultations and believe that this is the beginning of a strong relationship with the community.



## Next steps...

**FOR the Phase 1 Harehill site, the next step is submission of a planning application, scheduled for May 2007. Residents can then comment on the proposals, in writing, to Tameside Council within 21 days. Further details are available from Tameside Council on 0161 342 8355. BASE will also attend future Hattersley Land Steering Group meetings to address concerns or questions.**

## Steering Group looks to the future

THE Hattersley Land Development Steering Group plans to continue to play an influential role in shaping the area.

The group which is made up of residents and representatives from various agencies and partners involved in the physical transformation of Hattersley, has played a

vital role in key activities such as the housing stock transfer, development of the masterplan and creation of the right environment to attract the Lead Development Partners – BASE and CTP Ltd.

The group appointed a new Chair and Vice-chair at its meeting in March.

Sharon Power and James Jacobs have been appointed as Chair and Vice-chair respectively. Also, in response to the changing situation, the Steering Group has revised their role and objectives in line with the opportunities and challenges ahead.

In the next edition of the Terrier we

will provide an update on the local Partnership structure to illustrate how various partner groups and organisations link together. If you require any information on the work of the Hattersley Land Development Steering Group, call 0161 368 2096.

# Warm welcome to developers

## About BASE

BASE is a joint venture between Manchester based property development company Artisan and Barratt Homes, each of whom are award winning leaders in their respective development fields. They believe that the combination of the vision and innovative urban design expertise of Artisan and the resources

and proven success of Barratt, Britain's largest house builder, makes BASE a winning team. BASE is a purpose-built partnership established specifically to tackle projects like the regeneration of Hattersley, and believes that good, high-quality design should be at the heart of all development.

## THE appointment of the Developers selected to lead the transformation of

Hattersley was announced at the signing of the Development Agreement on 21st March.

BASE (a Barratt and Artisan joint venture) and CTP have been appointed following a rigorous selection process. BASE will now

lead on the development of new residential properties, with CTP responsible for delivering the new District Centre.

The exciting, £250 million vision for Hattersley will bring more than 800 new private homes, a new district centre, shops, businesses

and community services; and improved roads, parking and public space.

BASE and CTP will now work with Tameside Council, Peak Valley Housing Association (a subsidiary of Contour Housing Group), English Partnerships and local residents to deliver a sustainable community over the next 7+ years.

Work on the first phase of developments is expected to start towards the end of 2007 and BASE immediately met with Hattersley residents, holding their first Open Day on March 23 and 24 in a special exhibition truck, in the Harehill Tavern car park.

## About CTP

In the last 15 years, CTP has established its business on the guiding principles of design innovation, professionalism and partnership and has built an enviable reputation in the UK. The company's creative planning and ability to manage complicated sites were key factors in their selection. CTP's emphasis on team spirit is not only borne out through the workings of the organisation, but through its positive attitude to partnerships, viewing every element of the development process as a partnership opportunity.

## What they said...

Steven Boyes, Group Board Executive Director of Barratt Development plc, said: "We are delighted to be involved and look forward to providing an attractive scheme of which people will be proud."

Mike Creamer, Chief Executive of Contour Housing Group, said: "This ground-breaking project will see Hattersley reach its tremendous potential and with Peak Valley Housing spending £40 million upgrading and improving its stock of social housing, this has already resulted in a substantial demand to live in the area."

Carol Ainscow, Chairman and Chief Executive of Artisan, added: "We are delighted to have been selected and have already met with many local people to hear their views and aspirations for their homes and for Hattersley. This redevelopment will have an incredible impact, both socially and economically."

Keith McCormack, Director of CTP, said: "Hattersley has all the potential to be a great place to live and work – with its appealing location and convenient transport links – and we are very pleased to be involved in the reshaping of the area."

Tameside Council Executive Leader, Cllr Roy Oldham, said: "Because of the strong neighbourhood-based partnership over the last five years local schools have been replaced, the borough's first Sure Start scheme has been introduced and high-quality sports facilities have been provided. The opportunity developed by the council and its partners is fantastic."

Paul Spooner, Regional Director of English Partnerships, said: "These are extremely exciting times for Hattersley and with this significant appointment, we can now be confident that Hattersley will become a model of sustainable regeneration."



Hattersley regeneration partners sign up to the development agreement

# Community projects sing to the tune of £131,187

**T**HE Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership Board recently approved six funding applications from local groups and projects.

## **Hattersley Anti-litter Campaign**

Building on the solid foundation of work that has made Hattersley one of the cleanest areas in Tameside, this £8,300 project was approved in order to launch a campaign to raise awareness and change peoples attitudes and behaviour towards litter and dog fouling.

## **Smoke Alarms in Every Child's Bedroom**

Put forward by Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, this project sets out to put a smoke alarm in the bedroom of every child aged under 16 in the area. The application for £13,964 was approved and a number of agencies will install the alarms.

## **Hattersley Community Audit Team**

This group, made up of local residents, gained approval for £6,884 to assist its development following the success of the initial Community Audit in September 2006. The team now wishes to follow up on a number of the recommendations which include developing a training course to assist officers to work effectively with residents, developing a set of measures to evaluate the work of the Partnership and others and investigate the feasibility of creating a community enterprise.

## **Skills Audit and Pre-Recruitment**

The Jobs and Training Theme Group wishes to help local people

to maximise their chances of employment and also assist local employers to identify skill gaps.

A sum of £50,000 was approved, subject to scrutiny of the

tender document, and actions will focus on carrying out an audit of the existing skills of local residents, undertaking research into the skills needs of local employers and identifying training needs.

## **Hattersley and Mottram Community Network**

The Network had £4,584 approved to continue to build on its role as an independent voice for the community and voluntary sector in Hattersley. The funds will be used to develop existing and new internet access points to help a broader range of people access information about the Community Network, local community groups, services and the wider partnership.



## **Mancunian Reunion**

This project had £47,455 approved to help local people to continue to celebrate and share their heritage. For many, this started with a move to Hattersley from various areas of East Manchester in the 1960s and the project sets out to provide popular social and learning events and to ensure that important memories and material are shared and preserved. Activities will include audio recording of people's reminiscences and collection of film footage, photographs and memorabilia, a short film and an eight-week exhibition.

# New Charter plan is a knock-out

**N**EW Charter Housing Trust Group has 'knocked-out' boxing champ Ricky Hatton with its latest idea.

It has decided to name its latest development in Hattersley after the world champion.

Said Ricky: "I am made up that New Charter have asked to name the apartments after me. I love Hattersley, it's a great place to live with wonderful people and any improvements carried out on the estate have got to be good for everyone."

The refurbished building, made up of 12 two-bedroom apartments overlooking Underwood Road will be known as Hatton Court.

Tony Powell, New Charter's director of Tenancy Services, said: "It must have taken less than a count

to 10 to unanimously agree on what to name our latest project in Hattersley. Ricky is not only a great ambassador for the sport of boxing but also for the area in which he was raised and still lives. We are privileged that Ricky has agreed that we can use his name."

More than £1 million is being invested in improvements and the apartments, when completed, will be the first to be offered by New Charter for private renting at current market rents.

Considerable effort is being devoted to breathing new life into the properties and a show apartment will be opening in the near future.

Tony Powell added: "We are proud to be a part of the transformation of Hattersley."

Anyone who would like further details prior to the show apartment opening, should contact New Charter's project management team on 0161 331 2345 or email [lettings@newcharter.co.uk](mailto:lettings@newcharter.co.uk)

## Community grants fund

ACTING on recommendations arising from the audit of local community groups, carried out last year, a community grant fund was recently launched.

The audit identified a need for community and voluntary groups to have access to small amounts of funding.

The Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership Board approved an application for funding amounting to £70,000 in January 2007 and the Community Audit Team worked alongside Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership to quickly establish the Community Grants Fund.

It was decided to make funding available in two rounds, with the first round of applications held in February 2007 resulting in 47 local groups being awarded funds totalling £31,719.

Applications were assessed by a small panel, made up of the Chair of the Neighbourhood Partnership and representatives from the Community Audit Team.

The next funding round will take place in September 2007 and details will be circulated nearer the time.



## About the Terrier

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Hattersley Terrier, which is published every two months by the partners active in the regeneration of Hattersley. These include: Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership, Tameside Council, Contour Housing, Peak Valley Housing Association and English Partnerships. We will bring you updates on the redevelopments taking place in the area and will also feature news on topics such as housing, jobs and training, children and young people, community safety, health, leisure and the environment.

If you have any suggestions for articles, call Chris Haynes on 0161 368 2096 or call into the Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership offices at 10-13 Kingston Arcade.

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# Three leavers and a new starter

**M**ARCH saw Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership saying farewell to a number of familiar faces, with Neighbourhood Manager Hazel Cooper, Administration Officer Kerry Scott and JET Centre receptionist Beverley Sidebottom all leaving.

Hazel worked in Hattersley for over 11 years, firstly helping bring in the Single Regeneration Budget Programme (SRB) when heading up Hattersley Development Trust and then being instrumental in securing Neighbourhood Management funding.

Hazel said: "As Hattersley is now at the start of a brand new era, with investment secured and partners in place to make sure the area reaches its great potential, the timing is right for me to take up a new challenge." Hattersley's new Neighbourhood Manager is Janet Frost who took up post on April 2.

Janet has worked for Tameside Council in a number of posts. These include work on the Hyde Renewal Team and, more recently, management of the Tame Valley Team, who deliver a range of regeneration activities in Tameside.

She said: "I am excited about my new challenge in Hattersley and will work to strengthen the relationships that have been built up and maximise the great potential within Hattersley".

Resident Kerry Scott has taken up a post at St Peters Partnership in Ashton after many years supporting the Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership team with administration and finance duties.

However, Kerry, who started out with Hattersley Development Trust will still be helping out with several community groups in the area.

Beverley Sidebottom, the welcoming voice behind the counter at the JET Centre reception desk has moved on after coming to the end of a fixed term contract and will be missed for the cheerful and efficient way she carried out her role.



Pictured from top to bottom are Hazel Cooper, Beverley Sidebottom, Kerry Scott and Janet Frost