



CRE Community Board Annual General Meeting 2023

What a year it has been. With many achievements to celebrate, it is timely that we review what has taken place over the last twelve months as we work together to build a new neighbourhood at the Cambridge Road Estate.



Thank you. A big thank you from the CRE Regeneration team for all your feedback and questions, and for continuing to be involved in the programme. Your involvement has helped us to meet so many milestones this past year.

On Saturday the 18th of November, the CRE Community Board held its very first AGM. It looked back over the regeneration activities this past year, highlighting milestone achievements as well as reporting how the regeneration team is working together with the Community Board.

Milestones in 2023



Late 2022

- Community Centre engagement and consultation (summer)
- Launch of the Community Chest (October)
- Hosted 'Meet the Builder' event (October)

Early 2023

- Phase 1A start of construction (January)
- Phase 1B start of construction (February)
- Queen Mary Hall opened in Cambridge Gardens – The temporary community centre which replaces Piper Hall until the new community centre for the new neighbourhood is completed in Phase 1

Spring 2023

- Breaking ground commemorated as the first section in Phase 1 was prepared for construction (May)
- Community Centre engagement and consultation



Summer/autumn 2023

- Community Board involvement in the procurement of Phase 2 Architect
- Hosted CRE Community Board AGM (November)
- Hosted 'Meet the Builder' event (November)

What is the Community Board?



Set up in June 2020, the Community Board is a membership group that works as a collaborative team to share ideas and discuss solutions. It takes into account and represents the interests of CRE residents of all tenures, throughout the regeneration programme, and the long-term needs of the estate and residents after regeneration. The Board:

- actively seeks and represents the views of CRE residents and encourages participation to the fullest in terms of community involvement and community benefit.
- is a CRE resident-led sounding board to ensure the regeneration programme considers resident insight, ideas and views.

The Board has played an important role. Some achievements over the past year include:

- Launch of Community Chest (late 2022)
- Recruitment of Clerk to the Community Board (February 2023)
- Awarding first Community Chest grants for local projects (March)*
- Attendance at Ground Breaking Ceremony (May)
- Participation in interviews for architects for Phase 2 (June).

*Community Chest

The Community Chest programme supports residents and non-profit organisations to deliver projects and activities to benefit Cambridge Road Estate residents and the local area. It's all part of Kingston Council and Countryside's commitment that the regeneration has a long-term positive impact for the local community.

The Community Board has been involved in approving applications for funding through the Community Chest and has so far awarded over £52,000 for local projects:

- Piper Active Youth Club – various programmes for young people
- Our Parks – free athletics
- Money Buddy – support with budgeting skills
- KCIL – befriending service
- Move and Groove – intergenerational music and movement
- Kingston International Film Festival – filmmaking with young people
- Cycle care – free bikes and help with bike maintenance
- Cambridge Youth Consultants – Youth Zone at Community Funday
- Future Rising Foundation – free basketball camp.

Community Board Objectives for 2023/24

The suggested objectives for next year are:

- working with RBK on Housing Management strategies that meet the Landlord Offer in readiness for the first new homes next year
- developing the naming strategy for the new roads and housing blocks and involving the wider community
- developing the offer for the new community centre.



**THANK
YOU!** 



A big “thank you” to our Community Board members. We look forward to continuing our work together.

Would you like to join the Community Board or find out more about it?

We still need more members for the Community Board. There are three resident member positions that we are looking to fill, with two reserved for young people aged 18–24.

If you are interested in becoming a member there is an application form on the CRE

regeneration website at <https://www.cambridgeroadestate.com/get-involved/community-board>, or scan the QR code below.

If you would like to find out a bit more or need help completing the form, do get in touch with the team who would welcome the opportunity to help or talk with you about the Board.



Contact Us

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