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Welcome to Your Local Residents' Newsletter

Hi all, and a very warm welcome to this – the first newsletter of 2020 for residents and stakeholders local to the Silk District. It's been a great start to the year on site, with real progress being made, and another fantastic report following a recent site inspection from the Considerate Constructors Scheme – more on that in the sidebar.

Read on for your usual update, as well as some information about what the Futures Foundry have been up to, a recent partnership between L&Q and the Bow Arts Trust, our upcoming work with Women into Construction and more. And, as always, do feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns using the contact details in the header.

Bryn Parker – Head of Skills & Employment Framework



Your update from site

The current buildings on site are split across two main blocks – Block A and Block B. The blocks are then further split into smaller, numbered sub-blocks.

Block A, the building facing onto Raven Row, is progressing well. A1 and A3 are almost at roof level, with Block A's tower currently up to third-floor level. The tower will progress at a floor every two weeks over the coming months.

Block B has taken shape quickly. B1 and B3 are now at roof level, and work to install the building's external façade is now beginning. Over the coming weeks we will screen all scaffolding along Sidney Street with Monoflex, to screen off the site and reduce any impact from noise, dust and site activities.

There are now around 250 operatives working across the site, including a number from the local borough. There are also local apprentices working on site.



Women into Construction



Along with our partners L&Q, we'll be working with Women into Construction throughout Spring 2020. Women into Construction is an independent not-for-profit organisation that promotes gender equality in construction.

Together, we'll be developing and delivering a programme of training, work experience and support to encourage more women into work across the industry.

If you're interested in finding out more or getting involved, please contact me directly by email – bryn.parker@mountanvil.com

Mount Anvil and L&Q in the community

THE FUTURES FOUNDRY & THE SILK DISTRICT



To date, Mount Anvil has welcomed over 300 students from London primary and secondary schools onto site through Whitechapel's Futures Foundry hub.

These are informative, engaging visits, which introduce students to the world of construction and the huge range of career opportunities the industry offers. As part of the visits, students have the opportunity to try roles out themselves through challenges including building towers and bridges, and regenerating areas.

Since September we've have employed 24 local residents to work on site at the Silk District, including three apprentices.

With 25 apprenticeships still to fill over the life of the development, we want to hear from interested local residents. If you would like to find out more, please contact me directly via email – bryn.parker@mountanvil.com

To be considered for all opportunities coming through you can register your interest with Skills Match by calling 020 7364 5000 or emailing workpath@towerhamlets.gov.uk

THE L&Q FOUNDATION & BOW ARTS TRUST



The L&Q Foundation recently provided funding for Bow Arts Trust to work with schools in Whitechapel.

The project enabled nine artists to work in seven schools in the area, benefitting nearly 550 children.

The theme was 'Creating our Futures' and the focus was on producing permanent art pieces for the schools, building confidence in creative skills and highlighting awareness of creative industry opportunities.

Our second CCS inspection



Following an outstanding first site inspection from the Considerate Constructors Scheme last year, the Silk District recently underwent its second inspection.

Once again the site received an exceptional score of 46/50 – which included a bonus point for innovation, thanks to a wellbeing wall including a London-style phonebox that members of the site team can use to call or Skype their loved ones when they're on their breaks.

We're proud to be recognised for the care and consideration we're putting in to how we work here in Whitechapel. It's the right thing to do, and it's raising the bar for the whole construction industry.