

North Taunton Woolaway Project News



Meet
the
team!



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Contact Us!

We want to hear from you. You can get in contact with us in the following ways:

 Community Office: Open Tuesdays 13:00-16:00 & Thursdays 10:00-12:00 and 13:00-16:00

 Email: northtauntonwoolawayproject@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk

 Telephone: 01823 219 159 / 0300 304 8000

Facebook: [northtauntonwoolawayproject](https://www.facebook.com/northtauntonwoolawayproject)

Event

Skip Day 29th August '19

Come and join us for our skip day for the North Taunton Woolaway Project area between 10:00 – 14:00. If you are a resident that requires help - please let us know beforehand so we can arrange assistance for you ☺



Decant Policy

The Decant Policy can be viewed on the Somerset West and Taunton website on the North Taunton Woolaway Regeneration – Project Overview page.

Or you can request a copy via email or a paper copy from the project team.

Project Update

1-2-1s - The project is progressing well and many of you will have already met with members of the team whilst having a 1:1. These 1:1s are to update all households about the project and also we have been able to update our records on your housing needs. If you have not had a 1:1 and would like to arrange a convenient appointment please call us on 01823 219159. We have met with all households in Phase A and are now actively supporting them to find new homes. The choices available to them are in line with the decant policy.

Allocations of Phase A New Builds - All council tenants affected by the project will have the opportunity to apply for one of the new build properties within phase A. You will be able to express your interest in one of the properties via a form that will be sent to all households with an 'Allocation of Phase A New Build Homes' booklet. Again, these properties will be let in accordance with the decant policy. Due to the number of new build homes available within phase A, it is extremely unlikely that all households who express an interest will be successful in being allocated one of the plots.

Phase A & Procurement - We continue to work towards the timescales for phase A that were outlined during the consultation phase of the project, with the construction of the new homes beginning in early 2020. As a result, we are in the process of procuring a contractor who will have responsibility to build the new homes. We hope to complete this procurement exercise throughout the Summer/Autumn of 2019 and to have a contractor appointed in Winter 2019. As you are aware, we are in the process of obtaining vacant possession of the area known as phase A by supporting remaining households to find a new home. In the meantime we are working hard to keep the area presentable and to ensure that any empty properties are kept secure.

Homefinder - We are committed to being as flexible as possible in helping you with your move and this extends to all households within the affected area. If you would like any information on registering on Homefinder Somerset please call Mickey on 01823 219159.

Woolaway Reminiscence Project

A 12 month reminiscence project is being developed by artist Carolyn Lefley and Somerset Art Works. During informal meetings and conversations over a cup of tea, residents will be invited to share their stories about life over the years in the North Taunton Woolaway houses. The project will engage with residents, and their families, to listen to their memories and potentially photograph homes or gardens.

The final output of the project will celebrate personal stories and shared social history, ideas will evolve in collaboration with residents. However, initial ideas are: working towards a photo book project, a short film which would be screened locally, or the creation of photographs/images that could be incorporated into new community spaces - to link back to what was there before.



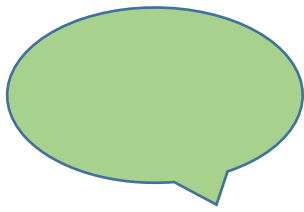
Carolyn works with photography and moving image and has previously worked on a community art project in 2016 in Yeovil with local school children and the charity Mind. She is

looking forward to meeting residents and listening to their stories.

Initial meetings and conversations will take place at 27 Rochester Road and refreshments will be provided on the following dates – 13th August, 17th September & 15th October between 11:00am & 1:00pm. Home visits can be arranged for less mobile residents.

If you would like to get involved or want to find out more about the Reminiscence Project - please attend ones of these meetings or contact the Project Team on the contact details provided.





Implementation Working Group

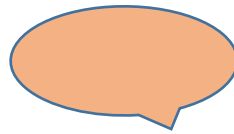
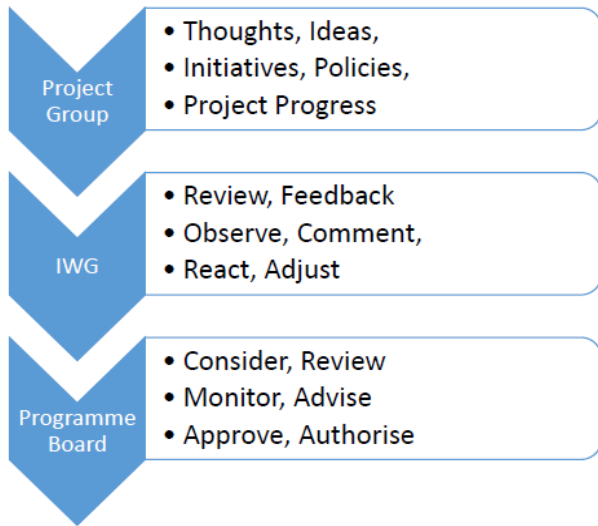
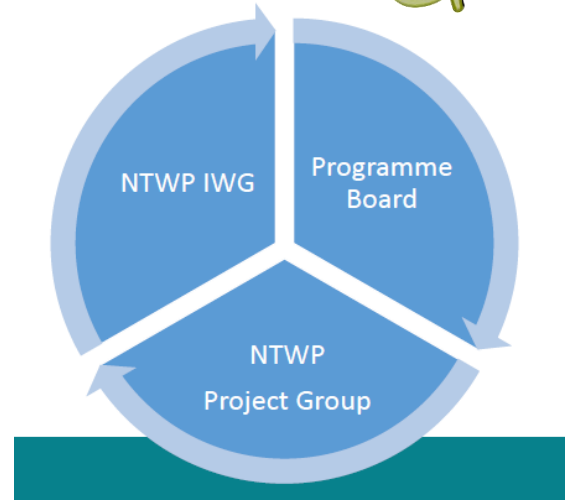


The purpose of the IWG is to review the implementation of the project and to provide feedback to the project team, helping to shape the way that the project is delivered.

Whilst the group is not formally accountable to any one individual or group, they are accountable for bringing the views of the estate residents to the Project Team.

The IWG and Project Team have monthly meetings to discuss, update and review the project.

The IWG members were Design Group members and any others brought in by original design group members discussion.



The IWG is looking to expand. If you are interested in joining the IWG and would like to learn more please attend an open day at 27 Rochester Road where members of the IWG will be available to speak with you.

As a member of the IWG you would be expected to:

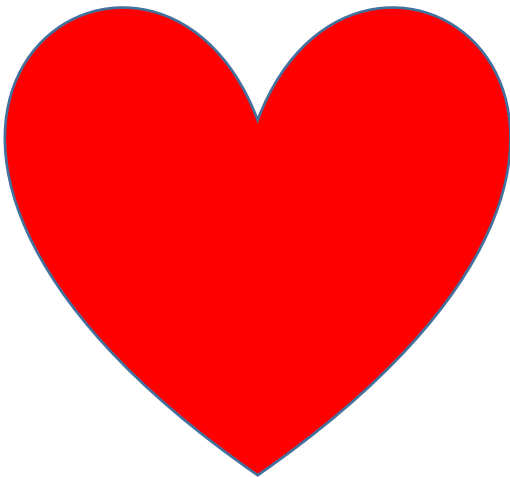
- Attend monthly meetings which are approximately 2 hours long
- Help shape the implementation of the project working in partnership with the council
- Maintain a link between the council and NT Woolaway community
- Read and review project documentation

The IWG open day will be held at 27 Rochester Road on Friday 26th July from 2.00 – 4.00 pm. If you are interested please come along and speak to members of the IWG and learn more.

NHS Emotional Health Checks

Emotional Health Checks are twenty minute sessions where a practitioner will review your emotional well-being. The frequency of symptoms of some common mental health problems, such as anxiety and depression, will be measured. There will also be the opportunity to receive self-help booklets, if needed, with brief guidance as to their content. There will also be the opportunity to discuss next steps within the Talking Therapies service if necessary, or signposting to other agencies that may be of benefit.

The health checks will be offered at 27 Rochester Road. To book a confidential appointment please contact the Project Team on 01823 219159 who will liaise directly with Talking Therapies.





Say Hello to your Ward Councillors



Councillor Brenda Weston ☎ 07470 559729 ✉ cllr.B.Weston@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk

I grew up in Buckland Road during the 1960s. One of my best friends lived in Ludlow Avenue and my roots are firmly in Priorswood. Like some of our young people today, I often hung around the shops of an evening, never imagining I would be its councillor one day. It's an enormous privilege and responsibility to serve the Priorswood community on this new council. Inevitably, the Woolway redevelopment will impact upon your households in different ways. While an experience you may not have wished for, much careful thought is going into making this necessary process as painless as possible. We councillors will do all we can to ensure that your voices are heard during this period of upheaval. Council officers will be updating us on progress, and I will be happy to hear from any of you who would like to get in touch about this or any other issue that I might be able to help with. I look forward to meeting you over the next four years.



Councillor Lee Baker ☎ 07764 626171 ✉ cllr.L.Baker@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk

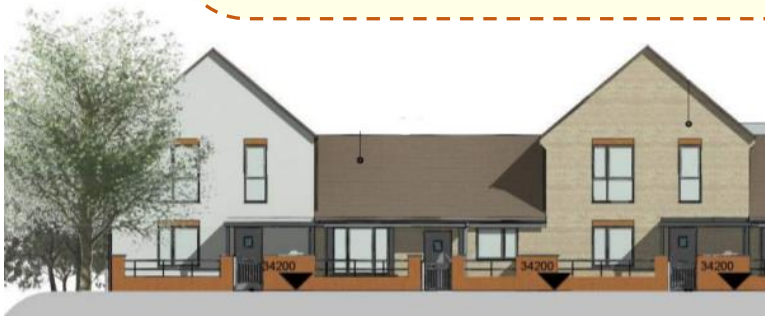
I have 3 teenage children, and live in Waterleaze on the edge of Priorswood. I work for Lloyds Banking Group and have done for the last 35 years and now head up the Agricultural Team across the UK within the bank's Agricultural Mortgage Corporation offering long term finance to farmers and the agriculture sector. My hobbies are playing and coaching cricket, refereeing at football (I refereed at football league national level), flying (training to be a private helicopter pilot) and amateur dramatics. This is my first time as a councillor, so please bear with me as I get used to all the requirements and responsibilities! I very much look forward to representing the people of Priorswood Ward and having some tangible successes and making some material differences, as I already have, over the next few years. Thanks so much for putting your trust in me and giving me the opportunity to represent you as a Liberal Democrat councillor for Priorswood Ward. I am honoured and humbled to be doing it and will do my very best for you all.



Councillor Libby Lisgo ☎ 07879 401771 ✉ cllr.L.Lisgo@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk

I've been a Councillor in Lyngford, the lower part of Priorswood, for most of the past twenty years. Now that we have a new Council and a completely new area, covering all of Priorswood, I'm really pleased to have been re-elected. I'm often around in the area, so if you see me feel free to stop and say hello. We're facing difficult but hopefully ultimately positive times with the proposed changes to Woolway properties, and I want you to know that I'm here to help or support whenever needed.

I look forward to hearing from you.



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