





COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Catkin Demolition

Demolition continues on the old Catkin **Building and will soon** be complete.

We are sorry that the demolition of the Catkin Building has taken longer than expected. The demolition company has advised that these works will be completed by the end of June. We don't expect the delay to impact the completion date of the Park.

In the meantime, levelling work across the remaining land has continued. As soon as demolition is complete we will begin work on the new children's playground and complete the restoration.

The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is finished. We are just working with **Liverpool City Council to** finalise connection of the lighting which has to be in place before we can open it. However we are assured it won't be long so children and young people can enjoy it this summer!



Oak Tree Remains

In March 2023, Alder Hey agreed to buy back 2.47 acres of land from developer Step Places.

This area is home to the 150 year old Oak tree which sits next to Eaton Road. We are aware of concerns and the fantastic efforts of the community to ensure this tree is protected. Alder Hey has no plans to take down this tree and we are keen to ensure that it remains a key feature of the Campus.

Potential uses of the land, including a possible nursery, are still being explored and any plans will be subject to full planning and consultation.

New Footpaths

New sections of paths within the Park have been completed and the first section of the concrete boundary fence has been removed. There is now a permanent link between the old and new Springfield Park.



Save the Date - Alder Hey Community Drop-in Session

The next community drop-in session will take place in the Institute in the Park on Sunday 2nd July between 10am and 12pm. These sessions have been a really useful way to share updates on the Park redevelopment and answer questions. Keep an eye out for more details at: www.alderhey.nhs.uk We look forward to seeing you!

Sunflower House Opens

Alder Hey's new inpatient unit Sunflower House opened its doors to patients in May. Sunflower House is for those aged 5 to 13 years old from across the North who have the most challenging mental health conditions.

Designed with children, Sunflower House includes 12 bedrooms, a therapy garden, an immersive room and a sensory room.

Louise Shepherd, Alder Hey's Chief Executive said:

We are extremely proud that we will now have a dedicated mental health inpatient unit at the heart of our children's healthcare campus that befits the dedication and care our wonderful staff provide.







Chelsea Garden in Bloom

Our aim has always been to create an Alder Hey campus in-keeping with the surrounding parkland and giving our patients, families and staff plenty of access to nature and green space.

The award winning 'Alder Hey Urban Foraging Station' show garden is really starting

to bloom after it was relocated from RHS Chelsea Flower Show last year.

The garden was designed by Howard and Hugh Miller to support children's mental and physical health. It can be found in front of Sunflower House alongside our Institute building.