



Welcome to the Spring edition of the Pennywell and Muirhouse Regeneration newsletter.

These newsletters are designed to update you on the regeneration of Pennywell and Muirhouse and the surrounding area.

We are committed to keeping the local community and other stakeholders informed, and we thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to make progress.

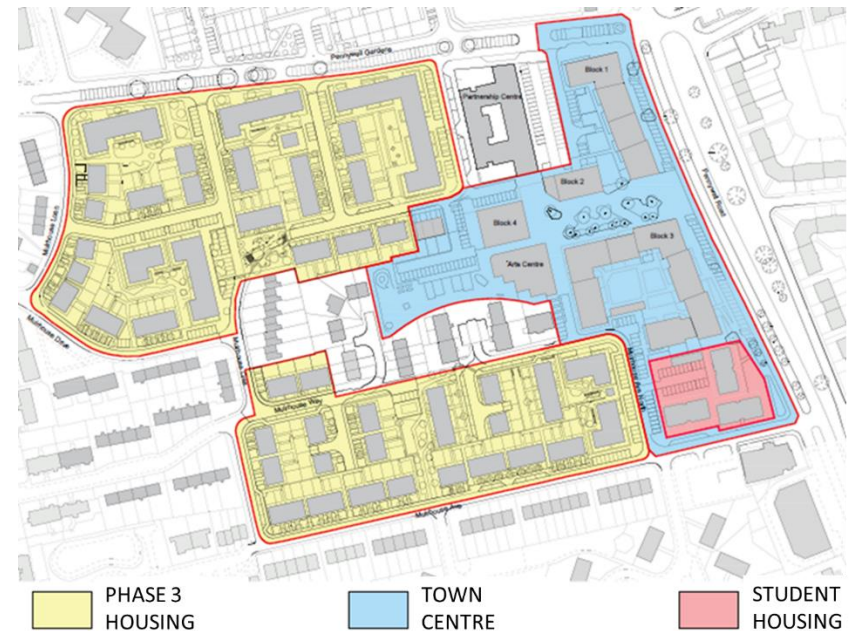
Members of the project team are always available to answer any questions you might have, and you can contact them by emailing housingregeneration@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Regeneration Projects in Pennywell

The build programme to deliver around 773 new homes for sale and rent in Pennywell and Muirhouse started in 2014. This programme

stretches down Pennywell Road from Ferry Road to Muirhouse Parkway, Phase 1 and 2 are complete with all homes occupied and phase 3 is now underway. The regeneration plans were extended in 2017 to include the new Town Centre area which will bring an additional 148 homes for rent alongside 13 new retail units, and a large public square, replacing Muirhouse shopping centre which is undergoing phased demolition.

The phases currently under development are shown below and include the Town Centre area (blue) and phase 3 of new homes (yellow). The area shown in pink will bring student housing to the area and is being delivered through a local private developer.



3 Pennywell Town Centre



Pennywell Town Centre will be constructed in phases to allow as many shops as possible to stay open while the works are being carried out.

The new square, Macmillan Square (shown above) will form part of the Town centre and officially opens at the end of 2022 when all surrounding construction works are complete. The square is named after Maureen MacMillan, 1937-2002, a community activist who dedicated her life to improving the Muirhouse area particularly for young people and those unable to speak up for themselves. The hoarding currently erected along the shop front between the Pennywell Road and North Edinburgh Arts will soon be removed allowing pedestrian access to the square.

12 new homes are now complete in the square alongside three new retail units which will open soon and be occupied by:

- McColls
- Lloyds Pharmacy; and
- Whitecross Dental

Next phases of the Town Centre

The next phase of development in the Town Centre area will be between the former Ladbrokes to the remainder of the Gunner. Once all units are empty, demolition will begin, followed by the construction of

40 new homes and 7 retail units. This phase is expected to take approximately 18 months.

Ali's chip shop has now closed but will return once this phase has completed, which is expected to be late 2020.

Renting or purchasing a new home at Pennywell

Properties will be available soon, if you would like information on Mid Market Rent homes please visit www.rightmove.co.uk, for social rent visit www.keytochoice.com and for information on private homes for sale, please visit www.urbanunionltd.co.uk.

New Homes in Phase 3

Site preparation is currently taking place for Phase 3 which is located on the land behind the town centre area to prepare for the construction of around 315 new homes. This phase includes 175 flats and 140 houses of which 181 will be for rent and 134 for private sale.



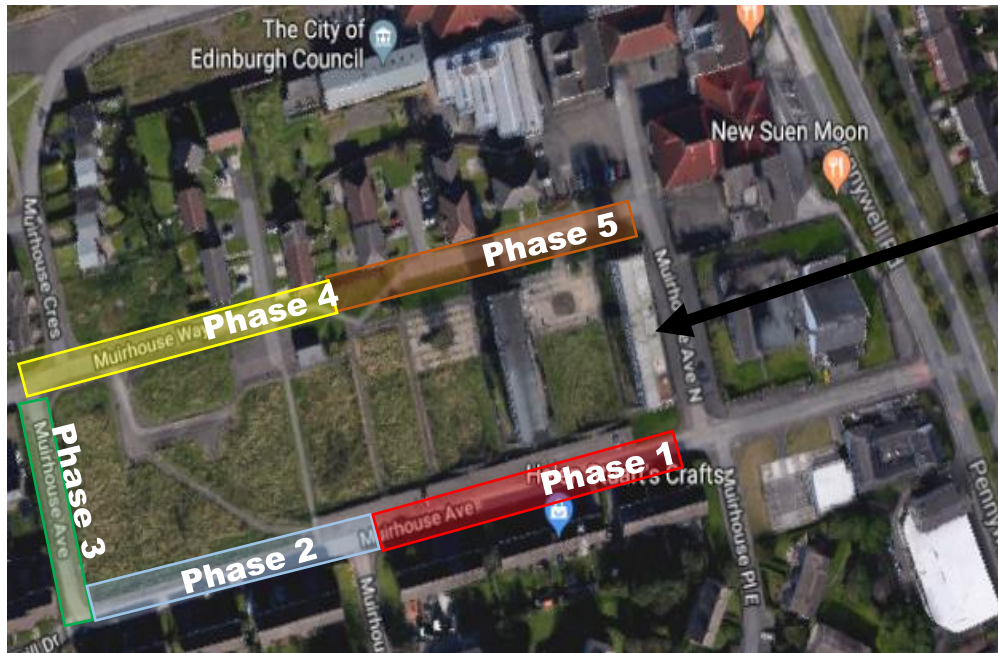
5 Planned Road Closures at Muirhouse Avenue

Urban Union have recently started work on a section of Phase 3, located at Muirhouse Avenue. As part of the construction works, there will be several road closures (detailed in the map below) over the next few months to allow the utility companies to carry out necessary works.

- Phase 1 – 6 May 2019 to 27 May 2019
- Phase 2 – 27 May 2019 to 10 June 2019
- Phase 3 – 10 June 2019 to 17 June 2019
- Phase 4 – 17 June 2019 to 24 June 2019
- Phase 5 – 24 June 2019 to 1 July 2019

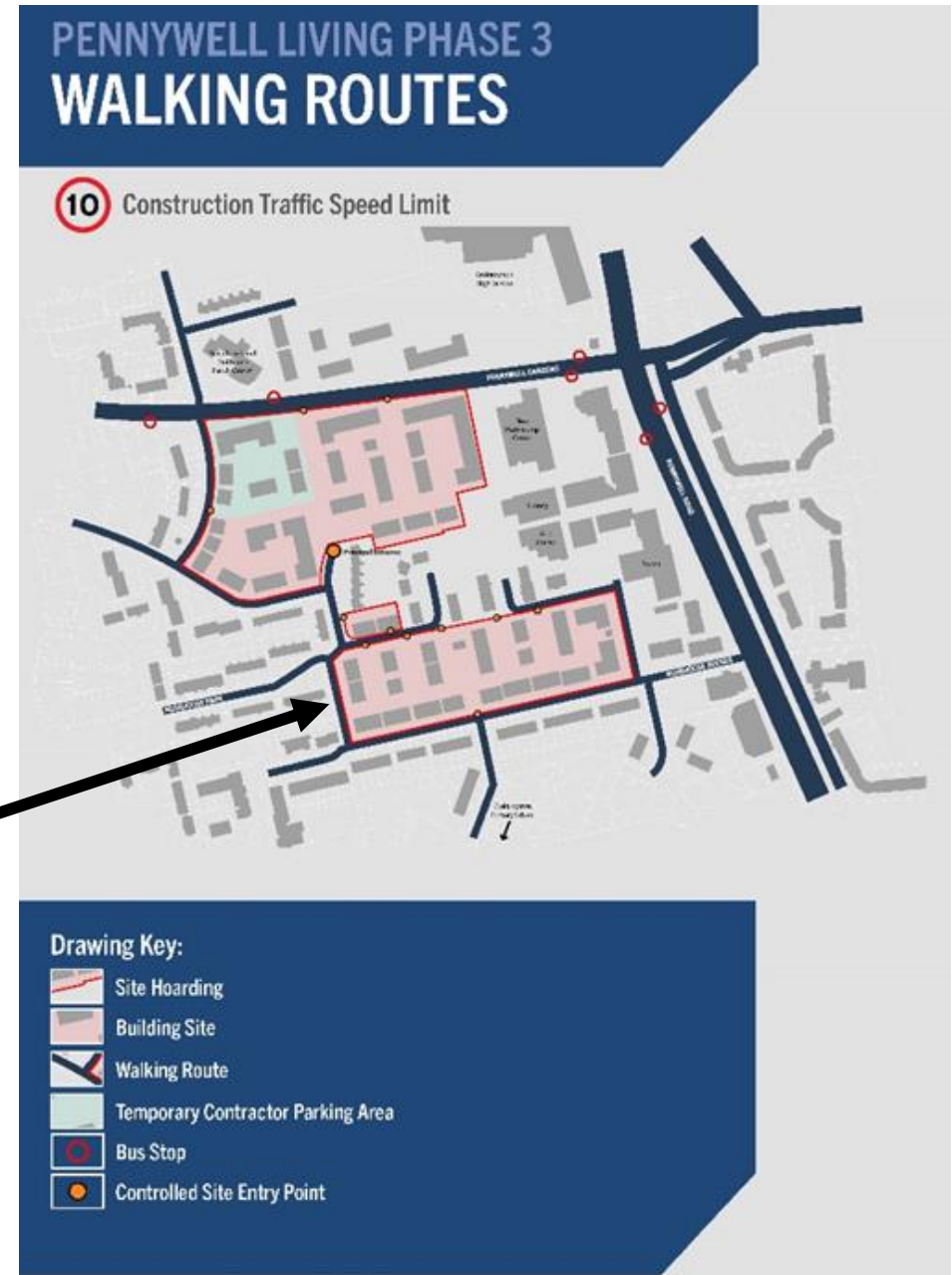
Urban Union will do their best to ensure that disruption to local residents is kept to a minimum.

If you have any questions relating to road closures, please contact the North West Locality Office on 0131-529-5050.



Walking Routes at Muirhouse Avenue

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7 Staying Safe near Construction Sites!



Although you may think there are no dangers when you look at a building site it doesn't mean it is safe! **NEVER** access a building site without authorisation. If you see anyone trying to access the site please report this to the North West locality office immediately on 0131-529-5050 during working hours or email northwest.locality@edinburgh.gov.uk.

'Staying safe near construction sites is everyone's responsibility.'

Modernising existing Council homes

In 2017/18 the Council spent £53 million on upgrading homes across the City.

External refurbishment works are planned for multi storey and low rise blocks, full consultations will be carried out with tenants and owners. The kitchen and bathroom replacement programme, heating upgrades and window replacement will also continue to be rolled out across the area.

Work has already started to modernise kitchens, bathrooms, heating systems, external building improvements, new door entry systems and new windows.

Example of refurbishment works completed at Muirhouse Gardens: 8



For further information on the Existing Housing Modernisation programme please contact stuart.baird@edinburgh.gov.uk 0131 529 3071.

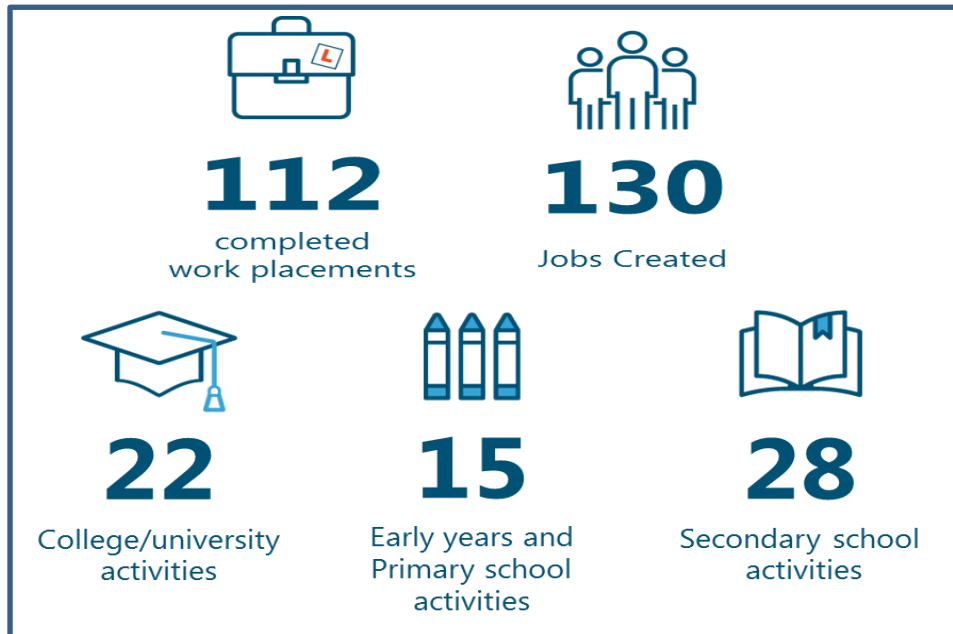
Community Benefits

Urban Union (UU) are the developer appointed to deliver housing in Phases 1-4 at Pennywell and Robertson Partnership Homes (RPH) are the contractor for Pennywell Town Centre. Both UU and RPH are committed to providing meaningful real life opportunities to the local communities in which they work. They have a dedicated team of Community Development Advisors, who work with local community groups, employability services, schools, colleges and universities to maximise engagement opportunities which support the community and provide learning experiences to enhance and support the education of children, young people and adults.

To date, UU and RPH, have created employment opportunities and undertaken a variety of engagement activities with local primary schools, high schools, colleges and community-based groups in the North Edinburgh area.

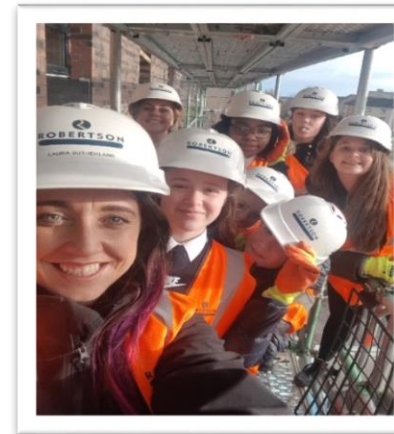
UU and RPH, have also supported many local projects and initiatives by offering unused or unwanted site materials or financial donations that have enhanced or developed local priorities and needs.

9 Below are some development achievements to date:



RPH arranged an engagement activity for pupils from Craigroyston High School (CRHS). RPH invited 10 female pupils for a site visit at the Town Centre development. The pupils were given a site induction – which focussed on the importance of health and safety, overview of the development, a tour of Block 2 and participated in a selection of trade taster sessions in bricklaying, scaffolding, joinery and roofing trades. At the end of the site visit the pupils were then given the opportunity to ask the project team questions.

Activities like these are part of a wider programme of engagement that UU and RPH, are working on with CCHS. Additional activities are being developed, an example of this would be; designing art work for the hoarding surrounding UU and RPH’s sites in Pennywell.



“Really great trip! So inspirational and really enjoyable!”

“I loved it; it was fun when we were on the scaffolding!”

“I love it the people were nice; it was a good experience with my friends”

If you would like to get involved or would like further information on Community Benefits, please contact community.development@robertson.co.uk or info@urbanunionltd.co.uk.

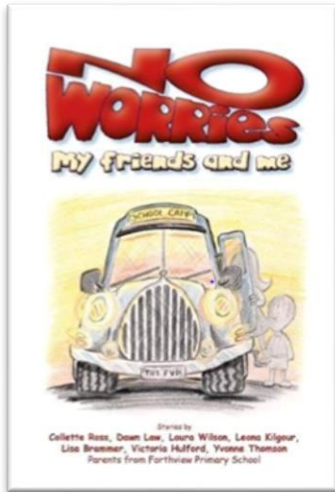
UU and RPH, also engage with charities and local schools to offer education and work experience, if you would like further information please contact community.development@robertson.co.uk.

Employment opportunities

Since work began on site in 2012, there have been opportunities for locals to gain employment and this is something that RPH and UU are committed to throughout the build programme. For more information contact l.sutherland@robertson.co.uk.

11 Community Highlight

Forthview Primary School parents become authors



A book encouraging children to talk about anxiety has been written by Edinburgh primary school parents as Children's Mental Health Week launches across Scotland.

'No Worries' tells the tale of a group of primary school children going on school camp, each facing and overcoming their different anxieties. Each of the eight characters' stories was developed by a parent drawing on their own experiences.

The parents, from Forthview Primary School, were helped in their venture through a series of writing workshops with author Mary Turner Thomson and used money from the school's Pupil Equity Funding to publish the book with WhiteWater Publishing Ltd.

The launch, which took place today (Monday 5 February) at the National Library of Scotland, was attended by Councillor Alison Dickie, Vice Convener of Education, Children and Families at the City of

Edinburgh Council and Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education John Swinney.

Councillor Alison Dickie, Vice Convener of Education, Children and Families at the City of Edinburgh Council, said: "What a wonderful resource! I've been really moved reading 'No Worries' as it uses simple language and scenarios that children understand to convey a crucial message about the importance of talking about our feelings and anxieties.

"As a former teacher, I understand how challenging it can be for young people to deal with their worries, and how alone they can feel. This children's book helps them to find their own voice and to have that first, sometimes very difficult, opening conversation. All children should read this book!"

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education John Swinney said: "Pupil Equity Funding is empowering teachers to put in place creative new initiatives to tackle the attainment gap in their schools.

"This is a great resource which starts to teach children how to handle anxiety in a way they can understand and relate to and I hope it will be put to good use. By giving our young people the right knowledge and understanding about emotional and mental wellbeing we can help to ensure important conversations about mental health become an everyday part of life."

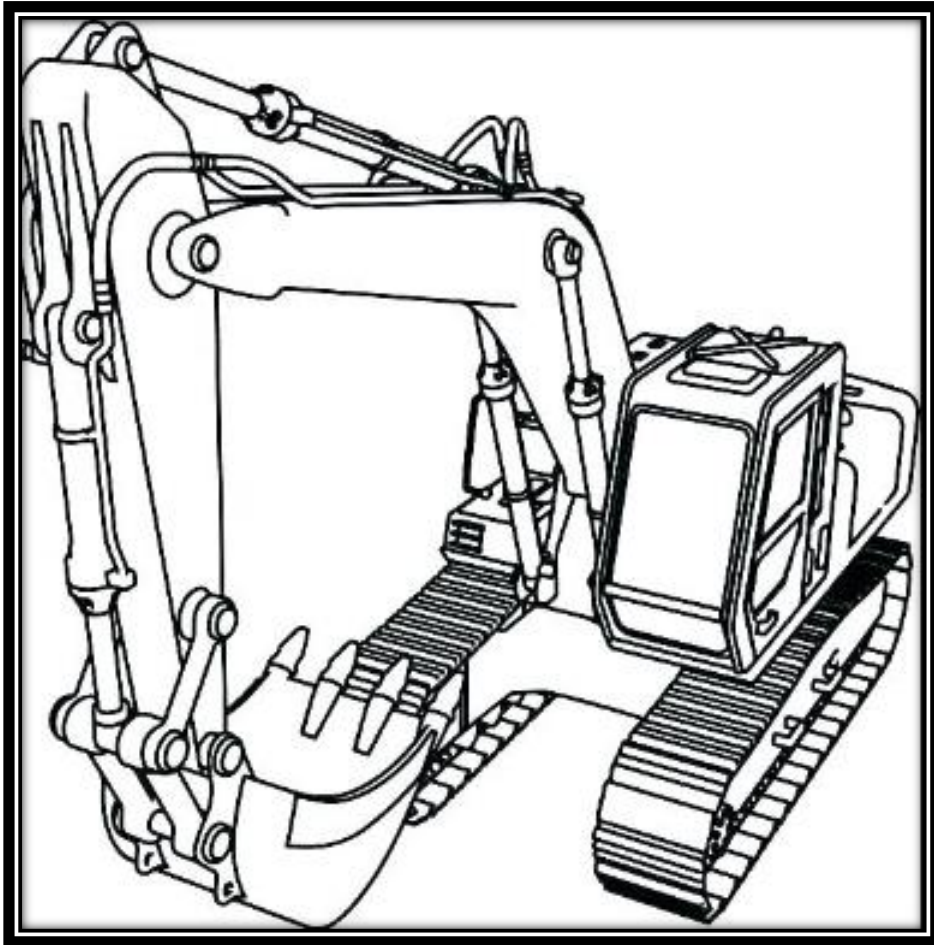
To read the full article visit www.edinburgh.gov.uk

13 Children's Colouring Competition – WIN £20 Cinema Voucher!

Why not enter our colouring competition for a chance to win a £20 cinema voucher! Just colour in the picture and drop it off at: **North West Locality Office by the deadline date of 27 May 2019. Good luck!**

Name:

Age:



Tele/Email:

Word Search – WIN 1 of 2 £20 SHOPPING VOUCHERS! 14

Can you find the hidden word?? If you can there is a chance to win 1 of 2 shopping vouchers. Just complete the puzzle and drop off at the **North West Locality Office by the deadline date of 27 May 2019. Good Luck!**

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