

Community 1st Oldham – Working in partnership to transform local community facilities in Oldham.

As a long term local partner, we provide expert estate management, development and support services to projects and partnerships that make a difference to the borough.



Season's greetings

Welcome to the winter edition of your Community 1st e-bulletin. Inside you'll find news and updates on what Community 1st Oldham and our partners have been doing over the last couple of months.

It has been a busy time across the borough, with Fitton Hill Neighbourhood Centre reaching completion and Werneth Primary Care Centre opening its doors to patients, as well as a whole host of other activities and events.

If you have any news you would like including in future editions, please get in touch. Season's greetings from all at Community 1st Oldham.

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A very Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
from all at Community 1st Oldham.

We look forward to working with
you in 2012.



Community 1st Attends Healthcare Exhibition

Community 1st exhibited at the Healthcare Estates exhibition on 1st and 2nd November 2011 at Manchester Central to promote our expert estate management and support services.

Our range of estate and strategic planning services can help our public sector partners with the challenges they are currently facing – to deliver 'more for less' within existing or reduced estate resources and to achieve effective and efficient service delivery.

To find out more about the services we offer and how we could help you, visit our website

www.community1stoldham.co.uk or contact Neil Charlesworth ncharlesworth@c1o.co.uk.



Community 1st Oldham Hosts Clinical Commissioning Group Event

Community 1st hosted Oldham Clinical Commissioning Group's recent QOF workshop events at our offices on the 8th floor of the Integrated Care Centre on 7th and 15th December. We have a great office space and fantastic views of Oldham and are happy to host future similar events for our partners.



To find out more about how Community 1st can help with your estate requirements, take a look at our brochure **Transforming Local Community Facilities in Oldham**.

<http://www.community1stoldham.co.uk/gpbrochure>

Well Done Oldham Community Leisure Team

Oldham Community Leisure staff raised £170.37 for the Special Baby Care Unit at the Royal Oldham Hospital by taking part in a 100 mile Rowathon on 20th September at Chadderton Wellbeing Centre. Centre staff and members completed the massive challenge to row 100 miles in less than 12 hours, managing it in 11:59:45. Well done to all who took part and raised money for this worthy cause.

Get Energized – Sponsoring Healthy Living in Oldham

An initiative to inspire people from deprived areas to get involved in sport will be launched in the New Year, led by Oldham Community Leisure. The Energize project will also involve support and sponsorship from Oldham Athletic Community Trust, Community 1st Oldham and Oldham College, to deliver a comprehensive programme of sporting activities, as well as volunteering opportunities and training.

This is a great example of Oldham organisations working together to make taking part in sport and physical activity easy, enjoyable and affordable to help improve the health and wellbeing of the local community.

The project received funding from Community 1st Oldham and Sport England's SportMatch and will offer a number of popular sports including football, boxing, cricket, basketball, swimming and rugby for a nominal charge of around 50 pence per session. Subsidised three month gym memberships will be available for just £10. There will also be a number of outdoor activities including walking, climbing and running, which links to Oldham Council's objectives to make Oldham's countryside and outdoor offering more accessible.

As part of Energize's health-improvement remit, it will fund places on a new GP exercise referral programme for people with chronic medical conditions who are on a low income.

For more information, please contact Alan Keane alan.keane@ocll.co.uk.

Affordable Solutions For At Home Care Monitoring

Community 1st Oldham, via Community 1st Care Network, provides unique choices for reliable, easy to use and quick to install telecare and telehealth assistive technologies.

Our healthcare planning team can work with service commissioners to support the delivery or development of tailored social and clinical care pathways. Visit our website or contact us for more information, or to arrange a demonstration of our innovative telecare and telehealth solutions.



Werneth Primary Care Centre Opens to the Public

Werneth Primary Care Centre officially opened its doors to patients on 6th December as The Dr Sidhu Medical Practice and Kapur Family Care started practising from the new centre. Dr Danson's and Dr Callow's practices then opened on 13th December.

Community services, including health visitors, district nurses, services for children with additional needs, podiatry, contraception and sexual health services, counselling services and health promotion benefitting the patients will commence providing services from late January onwards.

Patients were given the opportunity to visit the centre in advance of its official opening, on 1st December, for a first viewing. Guided tours familiarised patients with the centre's layout and there was also the opportunity to ask any questions and enjoy some refreshments.

The new centre means up to 20,000 people can visit their doctor, nurse or other health professional in a high quality, purpose-built facility. Dr Janet Day, from Kapur Family Care said "We aim to provide our patients with high quality care and a positive experience overall. This new building will provide us with the facilities we need to achieve this and to continue developing and improving our services into the future."



Fitton Hill Neighbourhood Centre

Phase 1 of Fitton Hill Neighbourhood Centre is now complete and was handed over to Oldham Council at the end of November.

The new centre will provide a library, youth centre and community facilities in a brand new, purpose-built facility on Fircroft Road.

The centre, due to open to the public in early 2012, will be an excellent addition to the community facilities in Fitton Hill and demonstrates Oldham Council's ongoing investment in community facilities for the people of Oldham, and New Deal for Communities' ongoing work with the Fitton Hill community. The planned Phase 2 aims to link a new GP-led health facility to the centre, with plans to be unveiled in early 2012.





The Community 1st property management team works closely with each building's tenant's representative and/or centre manager to ensure the smooth running of all of our managed buildings in the Oldham area. The team is the first point of contact for any tenant representative issues or queries.

Building users **should** liaise with their own centre managers who will ensure any issues raised are dealt with in accordance with established building procedures.

Please note recent changes to our Property Management team and the buildings they are responsible for.



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Important Messages for our Tenants over the Christmas Festivities Period

1 Heating If you have a problem with an area of your building feeling too cold to work in, Tenant's Representatives / Centre Managers must remember to take a temperature reading of the area prior to reporting the issue to the helpdesk, so that the FM contractor and the Property Manager can act accordingly.

Staff should ensure that control over the local thermostats within the building is maintained. All of the thermostats do not need to be turned up to full temperature. A mid-range will ensure a consistently comfortable temperature within individual rooms, and lower settings can be used in corridor areas where people do not spend any significant length of time. It might be wise to assign a member of staff to conduct a walk-round to check all thermostats to ensure the building is comfortably heated, but is not creating unnecessary energy costs.

Last year saw some record breaking winter temperatures, and action was taken to ensure the heating system and set points were extended to ensure the buildings retained their heat over this period. The Community 1st Property Team is proactively monitoring this year's forecasts to ensure the same action is taken again if required.

2 Security As some buildings will not be open at their usual operational times over the Christmas period, please can staff ensure all security checks are undertaken before the buildings are closed for these longer periods.

3 Christmas Decorations We do not wish to be 'Bah-Humbug', but please could all Tenant's Representatives and Centre Managers ensure all electrical Christmas decorations, such as fairy lights, are PAT tested.

4 Duty Property Manager The Community 1st property management team, Equity Solutions Property Services, has a 24 hour Duty Property Manager provision in operation to deal with emergency issues over the Christmas period – the contact number is 0845 519 7985.

5 Helpdesk The helpdesk will operate as normal over the Christmas period, providing 24 hour cover for any building issues which may arise.

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