



Building on our heritage - Investing in our future

# MOSS SIDE NEWS

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KEEPING YOU INFORMED AND INVOLVED

**Hello and welcome to the March edition of the Moss Side news.**



I'm Natalie, Team Leader for the Social Investment Team at MSV.

You will often find me at Positive Futures at our Space Manchester hub every Monday. We open from 10am for 2 hours to speak with people in the community about housing concerns or environmental and community safety. Please stop by when you are passing Great Western Street for a cuppa and chat with me or a colleague. I hope to see you there!

In this edition of the Moss Side news you will find an update from your Neighbourhood Team including a community event to help tidy the streets. Check out page 6 for details of the Great British Spring Clean - we'd love as many people as possible to join us on Saturday 16th March.

## **West Indian Sports & Social Club** a collaborative effort for a sustainable future

A productive first meeting between the partners and trustees of the West Indian Sports and Social Club took place on Tuesday 30th January. First para is way too long. Ideas to prioritise improvements to the social club were discussed which will ensure it's sustainability and long lasting future in the community.

The discussion primarily focused on the club's legal standing and the crucial issue of the building's condition, including its surroundings. The initial meeting was a success and now we will be meeting regularly to help deliver important improvements. Additionally, ideas on how to keep the community informed of progress were explored.

## **Moss Side Development Update**

The plans for the Moss Side developments are steadily progressing as the design team and project partners review the best options to deliver a scheme that fulfills the aspirations of the brief and meets the needs and demands of new homes for the community as expressed in the recent consultation.

Read more at [www.msvhousing.co.uk](http://www.msvhousing.co.uk) by (searching for Moss Side – We're Listening).



# Helping Moss Side Youth Group KYSO

## Kindness Fund Tackles Food Hunger

The KYSO Project CIC, a vibrant youth group offering volunteering, dance, singing, and confidence-building activities for young people in Moss Side, recently applied for funding through MSV's Kindness Fund.

We spoke with Kemoy, founder of KYSO Project CIC, to understand their motivation and the impact it will have on the local community in Moss Side.

*"We wanted to tackle food hunger at our youth club,"* Kemoy explained. *"The cost-of-living crisis has impacted families, especially in disadvantaged communities, and we've seen young people coming to sessions hungry. We want to address this by providing meals, which might be the only food they have for the evening."*

*"This funding will ensure young people are well-fed and foster stronger community relationships with them and our youth service,"* Kemoy continued. *"It will also showcase MSV's support for the community, building trust with young people. Ultimately, it will attract more young people to the centre, encouraging them to participate in various activities and providing a safe space off the streets."*

### Make a Difference in Your Community!

Have a brilliant idea to improve your neighbourhood?

MSV's Kindness Fund can help!

We offer grants up to £1,000 to individuals and groups working within MSV communities. Fund your project and be the change you want to see.

Learn more about the Kindness Fund and how to apply at [www.msvhousing.co.uk](http://www.msvhousing.co.uk) (search for community funding).



WE'VE BEEN FUNDED

Follow @kysoclub  
[www.kysoclub.co.uk](http://www.kysoclub.co.uk)



Our pledge to support young people and sponsor youth organisations remains a priority. MSV's Youth Ambassador, Kemoy Walker, plays a vital role in running youth groups in Manchester. MSV is a primary sponsor of the **KYSO** Youth Group which brings together young people from across Manchester, breaking down barriers through dance, music

# Hello, Meet Your Neighbourhood Team



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officer. or go to [www.  
msvhousing.co.uk](http://www.msvhousing.co.uk) for  
more details.



**MSV's central neighbourhood team** are here to answer any questions you may have about your housing, finances, community and safety. You can also follow MSV for events and customer announcements online.

**@msvhousing**







**Since the last newsletter your local Neighbourhood Team has been busy connecting with residents and planning for a greener future**

### **Positive Futures Meet & Greet**

A “Meet and Greet” event was held in December at Positive Futures based in MSV’s Space Manchester Hub. Customers had the opportunity to meet neighbourhood officers (including three new officers who have recently joined the central neighbourhood team).

### **Christmas Hamper Drive**

Spreading holiday cheer was a top priority over the winter months. With the help of the MSV’s customer engagement team and Phil Dodd, Chair of the Local Residents Group in Whalley Range/Moss Side, the team distributed 21 family food hampers to vulnerable residents.

**This initiative ensured 35 adults and 17 children had enough food to enjoy a festive Christmas and a brighter start to the new year.**

### **Great British Spring Clean**

Mark your calendars - Saturday 16 March!

We’re partnering with Manchester City Council’s Neighbourhood Team to host a fun-filled environmental day of action, as part of, The Great British Spring Clean. Everyone in the community is welcome to join activities that will help beautify our community.

Find out more on page 6.







## Community Mentor Program

Need help with your career?

Our community mentor can assist with:

- **Job searching**
- **Application writing**
- **CV building**
- **Training opportunities**
- **Confidence building**

Book a free appointment or call for an informal chat. Contact: Kyra Laird on 0786 7418 486.

## Students Work Experience

Five students from Manchester College are gaining valuable experience on a 16-week placement program provided by MSV, Manchester College and Pure Innovations.

Each student receives on-the-job work experience to help prepare them for future employment.

They will experience hands-on skills development in carpentry, construction, plumbing and electrical installation.

## Monthly Residents Group Meetings

We regularly attend the Moss Side Residents Group meeting to provide an update on housing developments, our partnership initiatives and any questions you may have.

Please keep an eye on events on our website where we will advertise future meetings taking place in your area.

## Stay Connected

The MSV Neighbourhood Team is always here to support you.

For more information about upcoming events, initiatives, or to connect with your neighbourhood officer, please visit the MSV Housing website or contact the team directly at [www.msvhousing.co.uk](http://www.msvhousing.co.uk).

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#MCRSpringClean24



Join **Keep Manchester Tidy**, **MSV** and partners for

# The Moss Side and Whalley Range Great British Spring Clean

on

## Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 11am to 2pm

Visit our litter picking station by the **Claremont Pub on Claremont Road** to grab equipment to help clean up the streets and alleyways.

Equipment and refreshments provided – please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.



### Join the Great British Spring Clean 15th-31st March 2024



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## Need a Helping Hand? Drop-in at Space Manchester

Every Monday (except bank holidays) between 10am to 2pm, friendly colleagues from MSV's Neighbourhood and Community Safety Teams are ready to chat and answer your questions at Space Manchester.

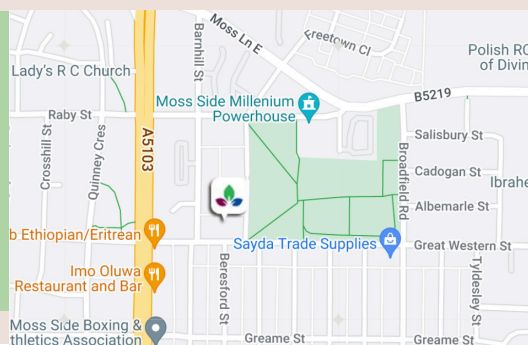
Our team can offer support and point you in the right direction:



- Housing issues
- Financial worries
- Local environmental concerns
- Community safety questions

It's a welcoming space to chat, ask questions, and find solutions. Don't hesitate - we are here to help!

Find us at: Space Manchester,  
125 Great Western Street, M14 4AA. See you there!



## Back to Basics Multiply Course

- Do you lack confidence in handling numbers?
- Do you wish you had a better understanding of your income, spending, debts and savings?

If so this offer could be for you.

**Free 3-hour session - Back to Basics.**

Upon completion you will receive a £10 e-voucher for the supermarket of your choice.

Opportunity to be referred for further upskilling including ESOL and Functional Skills.

For details of the course dates contact Natalie Samuels - 07786 960241 to book your place.

**Course details:**

Every Tuesday in December  
10am until 1pm

**Location:**

Positive Futures, Space  
Manchester, 125 Great  
Western Street,  
Manchester, M14 4AA



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in 15 Minutes this Heart  
Month

## Take the power to save a life into your own hands with the British Heart Foundation's free online CPR training course

It's a free, interactive online tool that guides you through the  
steps of CPR in a clear and easy-to-follow way.

It only takes a few minutes and you can use any mobile phone  
or tablet making it convenient and accessible to everyone.

**Take the free training at [www.revivr.bhf.org.uk](http://www.revivr.bhf.org.uk)**

Arabic

إذا كنت ترغب في الحصول على هذه المعلومات بلغة أو صيغة أخرى، فيرجى الإتصال بنا.

English

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Farsi

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French

Si vous voulez ces informations dans une autre langue ou format, prière de nous contacter

Polish

Jeśli wymagasz tej informacji w innym języku lub formacie to skontaktuj się z nami

Punjabi

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ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।

Somali

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Tigrinya

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Urdu

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