

All I want for Christmas is... a transformed Purfleet-on-Thames!

**Christmas message from Ken Dytor,
Director and Founder of PCRL:**

"I am delighted to wish you a very 'Merry Christmas' from the team at Purfleet Centre Regeneration Limited (PCRL). It has been a strange year, with everyday life looking very different for most of us due to Covid-19. Yet, despite the challenges of lockdowns and government health and safety restrictions, we have still made good progress on the £1bn regeneration that will transform Purfleet-on-Thames into a fantastic riverside town for the whole community and beyond.

Planning consent for Phase 1A of the scheme was awarded in January. It was also a huge success for the town and the project too, after much hard work and campaigning by the Community Forum, for Purfleet to be officially renamed 'Purfleet-on-Thames'. The new name reinforces the town's rich economic history as a vital port, industrial town and thriving tourist destination, while pointing towards its future as we begin to deliver on our regeneration plans.

In March, we welcomed the Chancellor's pledge for £75m of Housing Infrastructure Funding to support the scheme. This funding will be used to provide vital infrastructure including replacing the level crossing with a bridge over the railway and a new health centre, river wall, drainage and other important utility infrastructure.

We have continued to work throughout the year with the local community on the design for the site wide masterplan, through our Community Design Panel. We hosted our first virtual consultation event in June, which worked really well. On behalf of the team at PCRL I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the development of the scheme, especially to the Purfleet-on-Thames Community Forum for their ongoing partnership and support. We really do want it to be a new and improved Purfleet-on-Thames for the whole community.



It was also great to get involved with the T100 walking festival in September and we look forward to joining more community events in 2021, when hopefully Covid-19 government guidelines allow for us to meet in groups again.

Looking forward to the New Year, I am especially pleased to confirm that preparatory work will begin on Phase 1A in January. This opening phase will deliver 61 new, high-quality two, three and four bedroom family homes, a children's play area and an orchard walk. This will create a gateway to the wider masterplan, connecting existing Purfleet-on-Thames with the new development and ensuring the whole community benefits. (More information on Phase 1A on page three.)

For now, I once again wish you a very 'Happy Christmas' and safe and prosperous 2021."



Purfleet Centre Regeneration Limited (PCRL) is delighted to once again help fund the festive street lighting through Purfleet-on-Thames this year. We think that they look great - the lights have raised our spirits and we hope they have raised yours too! A huge thank you to the Purfleet-on-Thames Community Forum for organising such a bright Christmas display.

"Once again, the Purfleet-on-Thames Community Forum would like to send our heartfelt thanks to all the organisations that have been so generous in helping to fund this year's lights. Not only does the funding pay for the lights, but also towards any repairs that have to be done. The lights this year are, we feel, more important than ever to help brighten the dark nights, so that hopefully we can all look forward to a brighter 2021. To you all, keep safe, keep well and most of all keep happy. Your forum, your voice and your way to be involved."

**John Rowles, Chair of
Purfleet-on-Thames Community Forum**

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Project update on Phase 1A

At the recent Purfleet-on-Thames Community Forum and Community Design Panel meetings, one of the most frequently asked questions was for an updated project timeline for Phase 1A of the regeneration scheme.

Thurrock Council has taken a recommendation to its December Cabinet, for approval of the legal documentation needed for PCRL to be granted a lease on the land, which will enable works to start. To ensure we can start work, the Council has organised for vacant possession of the Phase 1A site on 21 December, including the closure of the Cornwall House car park. Provided that all goes to programme, this means that we will install security fencing along the London Road to prevent unauthorised access over the Christmas period. From Monday 4 January 2021, our teams will begin enabling works to prepare the site for remediation and, later, construction.



Please see indicative timeline below:



In other exciting news

Ken Dytor, Director and Founder of PCRL, has been appointed to the Thames Estuary Growth Board and will lead on Inward Investment into the Thames Estuary for the Board.

The new Thames Estuary Growth project is a government-backed initiative aimed at opening up major projects along the estuary - with Thurrock earmarked to play a key role. Its aim is to create major investment into the regional economy.

The Government believes across the Thames Estuary as a whole, the project - known as the 'Green Blue Plan' - has the potential to create 1.5m jobs and add value of up to £115bn to the nation's economy, supporting growth and helping the UK to recover from Covid-19.

Speaking about his appointment, Ken said:

"I positively embrace this new opportunity to assist the recovery of the UK economy. Now is the time to pull together and attract both domestic and international investment and deliver the greenest and most productive estuary in the world."

The £1bn Purfleet-on-Thames regeneration scheme will directly contribute to the delivery of the Board's Green Blue action plan which sets out our vision for driving sustainable, economic growth, regenerating infrastructure and improving transport and connectivity."

And the winner is...

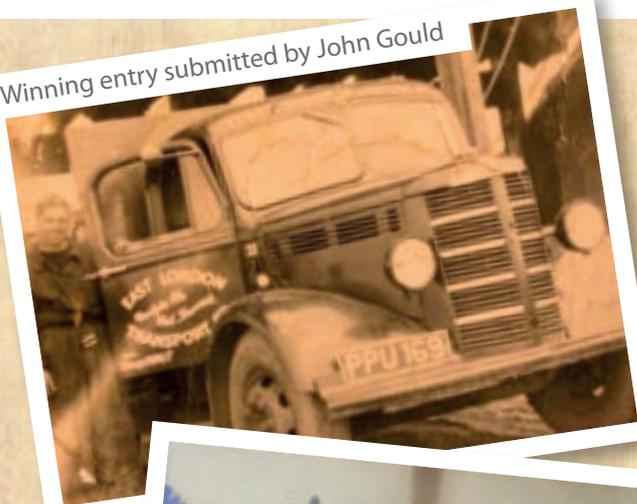
We are delighted to announce that we have not one but two winners of our recent Our Purfleet nostalgia competition! They will both receive a £100 Marks and Spencer voucher in time to help with the Christmas shopping.

In partnership with the Purfleet-On-Thames Community Forum, we asked you to delve back into your albums and archives and send us your old photos and favourite memories to help us create a mini montage of what makes Purfleet-On-Thames a great place to live, work and socialise.

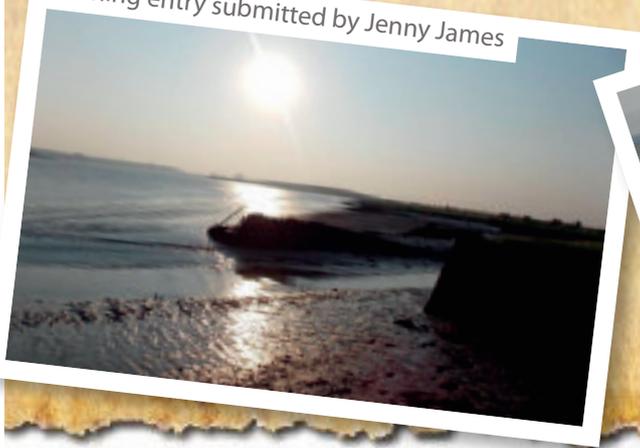
The entries were judged by Ken Dytor (of PCRL) and Trevor Batchelor (Vice Chair of the Community Forum and Trustee of the Purfleet Heritage & Military Centre).

It was so hard to choose a winner, that Ken and Trevor decided to double the prizes and name two winners. The first, a photo entered by Jenny James, shows the river and local wildlife that she loves. The second winning entry was submitted by John Gould and was taken in the 1940s / early 1950s. It shows one of a fleet of Bedfords that were used by East London Transport who were located in Botany Quarry - where he remembers playing as a child! Congratulations to our two winners and thank you to all who participated.

Winning entry submitted by John Gould



Winning entry submitted by Jenny James



Get involved

Join the Purfleet-on-Thames Community Design Panel, which was set up to help shape the regeneration scheme. Chaired by John Rowles, the Design Panel works collectively with PCRL to identify locally important issues, contribute local knowledge and provide a forum to test emerging plans.

■ If you would like to get involved with the Design Panel, email John Rowles at purfleetourcentre@gmail.com

Tis the season to be kind

We would like to highlight the important work of St Stephen's Community Trust who are running a meal support programme packaging and distributing essential food parcels to young people and their families for the Christmas period. PCRL is proud to support this wonderful work and help spread some kindness - which is what Christmas is truly about.

■ Find out more about the work of St Stephen's Community Trust at ststephenscommunitytrust.org.uk



T100 Festival in Purfleet-On-Thames

We are delighted that the T100 Festival will be returning to Purfleet-on-Thames next year.

Taking part in the walking and talking festival on 27 September was definitely one of our highlights this year.

It was great to meet so many representatives from community groups at the event and to view their beautifully designed flags. Together, the flags painted a picture of the creativity and community spirit that exists in Purfleet-on-Thames, reminding us how proud we are to partner with you on the town centre regeneration that will transform the town into a healthy, thriving, world-class creative hub.

If you missed out on designing or painting a flag in the summer, there is still a way to join in this Christmas. PCRL and Kinetika have come up with a new Purfleet-on-Thames flag design for you to customise and colour in over the festive season at home.

Display it in your home or shop window to share with the community. As you travel around the town, look for these flags and give a wave to your neighbours. Everyone, young or old, can take part to make Purfleet-on-Thames a festive flag town.

Use our pull-out template provided to create your flag!



Kinetika - designed by Lisa Meehan



PCRL - designed by Ding Ding



Community Forum - designed by Kinetika



RSPB - designed by Andrew Gouldstone

■ These are just four examples of the wonderful, colourful flags designed and painted with Kinetika by the community for the community. To view all 25 please go to: kinetika.co.uk/portfolio/purfleet-flags

Find out more at OurPurfleet.com

Join the conversation on social media using #OurPurfleet



Creating a Purfleet for everyone

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Get creative and colour your Purfleet-on-Thames flag

