

# COMMUNITY MATTERS

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2nd edition of Community Matters Spring Newsletter. Firstly please allow me introduce myself, I am Alison Vaughan the Community Champion for the galleria. I work to ensure that we are a great neighbour. A large part of our role within the community is our provision of quality career opportunities. I take great pride in overseeing our work within this area and our initiatives to help young people develop their skills and find the right career for them. I also work with local charities to shape how the galleria can get involved in local community events, providing support where it is most needed. Here is an update of all our work so far.



## EDUCATION PARTNERS & ACTIVITIES OAKLANDS COLLEGE

We are thrilled to be working with Oaklands College via their pop up store at the galleria, supporting and encouraging the young community to grow.



The pop up store acts as an interactive showcase of Oaklands courses and offers regular classes. The carpentry students who have recently displayed their work in the store have had 10 orders from our customers! To help make the store more of a community hub we are inviting other relevant local educational and career services to utilise it too. Why not let me know what you think of this and what you would like to see in the hub by contacting [alison.vaughan@landsecurities.com](mailto:alison.vaughan@landsecurities.com). You are our community after all!

## HATFIELD COMMUNITY GAMES



We are pleased to announce that 13th June has been finalised for the next festival so make sure you save the date! This is a great event bringing local schools together to have a massive sports day with the hope that the children will try a new sport on the day. This is a fantastic opportunity to use your volunteering hours and make a difference. We have a number of roles available on the day should any occupiers like to get involved. Please email [alison.vaughan@landsecurities.com](mailto:alison.vaughan@landsecurities.com) for more details.





## THE GALLERIA JOBS FAIR

The Dragon's Apprentice Challenge Awards night was held on 30th March. Spirits were high as the five month long challenge had come to an end. We were delighted that the students we mentored from Onslow St. Audrey's School won the most money earned award having

After the huge success of our recent Jobs Fair in January where over fifty businesses got involved you will be delighted to know that we will be organising another one for September this year.



raised £4,621.55. The students were thrilled along with their nominated charity Carers in Herts. The overall winner of the challenge went to Bishop's Hatfield Girls School. Click here to view press release from Welwyn Hatfield Times.

Many of our occupiers missed the opportunity last time so with plenty of notice we hope that you get involved. This will be an apt time to advertise your Christmas vacancies.

If you would like to book your space at the event please contact Viki Twohig at [viki.twohig@landsecurities.com](mailto:viki.twohig@landsecurities.com)

## VACANCIES & WORK EXPERIENCE

The Galleria is a fantastic place to start your career in retail. So if you are looking for work; full, part time or work experience then please get in touch. Many of our vacancies are for varied roles which suit the young, old and can develop the in-experienced as all our stores offer full training. Don't forget to visit our webpage to view the latest vacancies. If you are a Store Manager then don't forget to email [alison.vaughan@landsecurities.com](mailto:alison.vaughan@landsecurities.com) with all your career opportunities for inclusion on the website.



# CHARITY PARTNER & OTHER PLANNED CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

## MENCAP

Our Corporate partnership with Mencap is coming to the planned end of its third and final year. During the partnership Land Securities has raised £341,000. Our partnership has helped deliver real change for people with a learning disability and their families.



The recent Spring into Action event was well received with even the Mayor having a go! Rob Davies Retail Manager for The Galleria said "It was a lovely event with store staff and customers getting involved. Together they managed to raise £700 for Mencap."

## Believe in children



As our Mencap partnership ends we thank them greatly for all their hard work with us over the last three years. We are delighted to announce our new corporate partnership Barnardo's from April 1st. Barnardo's helps children in poverty, supports carers and helps families looking to foster or adopt. We aim to have a programme of events lined up to raise awareness and much needed funds for this charity and encourage you all to get involved. If you have any fundraising ideas then please contact [rob.davies@landsecurities.com](mailto:rob.davies@landsecurities.com). We will also be delivering shakers to all of our stores to leave at till points.

### Art Competition for Years 5,6,7,8

Theme: The Future of Technology

We want your students to show us their vision of the future in technology. This could be computing, robotics, spaceflight etc. Your design needs to be A4 in size, please draw your idea and give it a name.

Who can join in: Schools in the Hertfordshire area student years 5,6,7 and 8.

When is the closing date: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

The winners will be announced: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

Register your interest at: [competition@ajilon.co.uk](mailto:competition@ajilon.co.uk)

The top entries will be selected to appear in a collated book, showcasing young people's visions of tomorrow. The book will be sold and all profits will be donated to The Brompton Fountain, providing support, resources and equipment to children and their families.

Prizes up for grabs include a brand new Microsoft Surface Pro 3, Love2Shop vouchers and free IT Health checks for the winning schools.

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the galleria

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## HERTFORDSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We recently supported Ajilon who have not long joined the Herts Chamber of Commerce. To celebrate this they created a Schools Art Competition for years 5 to 8. The theme was The Future of Technology. The students had to show their vision of the future in technology by creating a concept/idea, illustrating it's design and naming it. The ideas and designs were fabulous. Stephen McPartland MP, Member of Parliament for Stevenage quoted "The students showed fantastic innovation in their visions of the future in technology, whether computing, robotics, spaceflight or all other applications. I am proud Stevenage is leading the way in many areas of technology and proud of the next generation that will continue to build for the future". Look out for the displays of the fantastic designs in The Galleria.



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## ARISE UPDATE

2016/17 £7,200 granted, Total to Date £35,554

## EARTH HOUR 2017

On Saturday 25th March, WWF's Earth hour rolled out across the world. From New York to New Zealand, millions of people came together to shine a light on climate action. The Galleria participated by switching off all non-essential lighting and by encouraging our occupiers to do the same. Earth Hour is organised by the WWF and volunteer organisations worldwide, Earth House is a once a year event during which people are encouraged to completely turn off all lights for a period of one hour to raise awareness of the issues related to climate change.

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Have you seen our brand new Community Noticeboard opposite Waterstones? If you would like to Display an event on our Community Noticeboard; Please send through any posters to [alison.vaughan@landsecurities.com](mailto:alison.vaughan@landsecurities.com)

## LOCAL CHARITY PARTNERSHIP

We have recently met with three local charities to incorporate a new partnership as from the 1st June. More details will follow once we have chosen out of the three.

## LEARNING GARDEN

Extensive work is being carried out in the Learning Garden to make a little piece of heaven in Hatfield. The garden, once completed will be a space which everyone can use from having lunch to buying a few little plants for your garden. It is currently open every Tuesday from 10am please pop along and see their hard work.



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Dear Alison,

Mayor's Charity Banquet & Ball

I am writing to thank you most sincerely for your kind donation of gift vouchers to the value of £50 that we used to raise money towards my Mayor's Charity Appeal.

The money raised from the Banquet & Ball will help a very worthwhile local charity, HAD Hertfordshire Action on Disability.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support which helped raise over £1500.

Yours sincerely,

*Pat*

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## LETTERS & DATES

THANK YOU ARISE FOR FUNDS FOR OUR NEW YOUNG LIFE CLUB ROOM AT GRACEMEAD HOUSE!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

LOCAL CHARITY LAUNCH - 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

HATFIELD COMMUNITY GAMES - 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

THANK YOU LETTERS ARE STILL A PLEASURE TO RECEIVE, HERE ARE A FEW WHICH MADE US SMILE.