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### ST HELENS BOROUGH AFGHANISTAN APPEAL

**With St Helens Borough Council playing its part in the resettlement of Afghan refugees, the local authority is working with community groups and charities to coordinate a local response to support those in need.**

Together with Our Warm Welcome, a St Helens-based charity which supports asylum seekers and refugees in the local community, St Helens Library Service is now accepting food, toiletries, and household cleaning products at all of its 12 sites, in addition to the work carried out for St Helens Food Bank. Meanwhile, a text service for residents wishing to donate money has been launched and newly bought sealed clothing or household items can be dropped off at various locations to support Afghan communities resettling in the borough over the coming months.

Find your nearest library by visiting: [www.sthelens.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/libraries). To donate by text message, text the word OURSTHELENS followed by the amount you want to give to 70085. Cheques referencing the Afghan appeal can also be made payable to Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action using the following freepost address: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Beacon Building, College Street, St Helens, Merseyside, WA10 1TF. Newly bought sealed clothing and household items can be dropped off at 17 Fort Knox Self-Storage Ltd in George Street, St Helens Town Centre – or by contacting Our Warm Welcome by calling 07591 588935 or emailing [fortyoww@gmail.com](mailto:fortyoww@gmail.com).

**Read more:** <https://www.sthelenslabour.org/latest-news/2021/09/16/st-helens-borough-afghan-appeal/>.

### MAJOR BROWNFIELD REGENERATION PROJECT UNDERWAY

**Work to transform a derelict brownfield site in Sutton into a new neighbourhood with high quality homes, open spaces and sports pitches is under way.** A striking sculpture at the entrance gateway is one of the visible signs that work is progressing on the 95-acre site, which has capacity to deliver up to 900 homes. Remediation activity and infrastructure provision is also now well-advanced to support delivery of the initial 258 homes by Taylor Wimpey, plans for which were approved by St Helens Borough Council's Planning Committee earlier this year.

Harworth have assembled the site, which will include a boulevard spine road lined with grass and mature trees, with provision for public transport and segregated pedestrian and cycle routes alongside a network of public open spaces with high quality landscaping and play areas. This is another example of St Helens Borough Council proactively engaging with developers to help bring brownfield sites back into use as attractive places to live.

**Find out more:** <https://www.sthelenslabour.org/latest-news/2021/09/15/major-brownfield-regeneration-project-underway/>.





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### GAMBLE RESTORATION TO BEGIN

Work to restore one of St Helens Borough's most iconic landmark buildings will get underway next month (October), the council has confirmed. With a contractor now in place, £1.4m of repairs will be carried out to the Gamble Institute in Victoria Square which has been closed to the public since 2017 due to structural issues caused by water damage making the lower levels of the building unsafe.

Find out more: <https://www.sthelenslabour.org/latest-news/2021/09/20/gamble-restoration-to-begin/>.

### NEW FOCUS ON INCLUSIVE GROWTH

A new board is set to help promote economic growth and do everything possible to make sure all communities in St Helens Borough benefit. Post-Covid St Helens Borough Council will be working with partners from the private, public and third sector to not just drive economic growth but to consider issues such as tackling economic and social inequalities, community cohesion and the climate emergency.

To help this our Labour Cabinet has approved plans to create a Place Board, bringing stakeholders together and working to a set of common goals. It will focus on six key areas: economic development, business engagement, employment and skills, town centre regeneration, housing development and green growth. More: <https://www.sthelenslabour.org/latest-news/2021/09/21/new-place-board-created-to-help-deliver-inclusive-growth-for-the-borough/>.

### BOROUGH TO GET DIGITAL BOOST

St Helens Borough is getting an ultrafast broadband boost which will provide a technological edge over other areas of the country thanks to our Labour council and the Labour City Region.

Work to install 31 km of ultrafast full-fibre broadband is set to get under way next week as part of a £30m Liverpool City Region Combined Authority scheme to help the region become one of the most digitally connected areas in the country. Find out more: <https://www.sthelenslabour.org/latest-news/2021/09/03/st-helens-to-get-digital-boost-thanks-to-infrastructure-investment/>.

### GET INVOLVED!

The Labour Party works all year round for the whole borough. If you would like to find out more about community activity in your local area and how to get involved, email us at [onyourside@sthelenslabour.org](mailto:onyourside@sthelenslabour.org) or find your local Labour councillor: <https://www.sthelenslabour.org/your-labour-councillors/>. Find out more and get in touch: <https://www.sthelenslabour.org/get-involved/>.





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