

East Central Rochdale

During the last month East Central Rochdale has been full of activity. The New Year will bring more positive action to the area.

New Homes at Nelson Place

Junior Housing Minister Iain Wright visited the new homes being built on the Nelson Street site last month. He was keen to meet local people to ask what their views were of the regeneration of their area, and he found time to talk to a wide range of local people.

These included residents who were buying a new home, residents who are involved in the building of a purpose-built home for elderly residents, and local people living in and working in the area.

He also encouraged the role of the J21 project that has trained and supported local people into jobs in construction.

Unique Enterprise Centre

A further boost to the fortunes of East Central Rochdale neighbourhoods comes with the opening of the Unique Enterprise Centre by Andy Burnham MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

The centre will support training and development of many local people and assist those who are unemployed back into work. The Minister found the partnership working that had gone into this major achievement for the neighbourhood and for Rochdale very impressive.

The 'hub' of regeneration

Close by the Unique Centre, much more is planned to benefit all the ECR neighbourhoods, including

- the multi-function health facility planned by health service on the former Croft Mill Site.
- furthering the care for the elderly in improvements to the Unity House facility.
- ensuring young people remain involved in regeneration by working to take forward a proposal for a sports facility at the KYP site.
- new homes to be considered around the area.

All of these proposals will bring life to an area where at present there are few opportunities for local people. It will bring together various strands that are essential for the regeneration and sustainability – housing, employment, health, and most of all strong local communities.

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