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# Welcome to our spring newsletter

What a year it has been – looking back to this time last year, who would have thought that we would have been in a pandemic and lockdown after lockdown with restriction after restriction. It has been hard work for everyone! But, spring is here ... the sun is starting to make more of a regular appearance and there is hope for a pleasant summer, different to that of 2020!

At the beginning of March, we submitted our plan for the next two years. Thank you so much to all the residents and local Community groups who completed our online survey. We were blown away with the response and the ideas that you shared. We had four local residents who won a £50 One4All gift card – Congratulations!

By Jason Williams (the Chair)



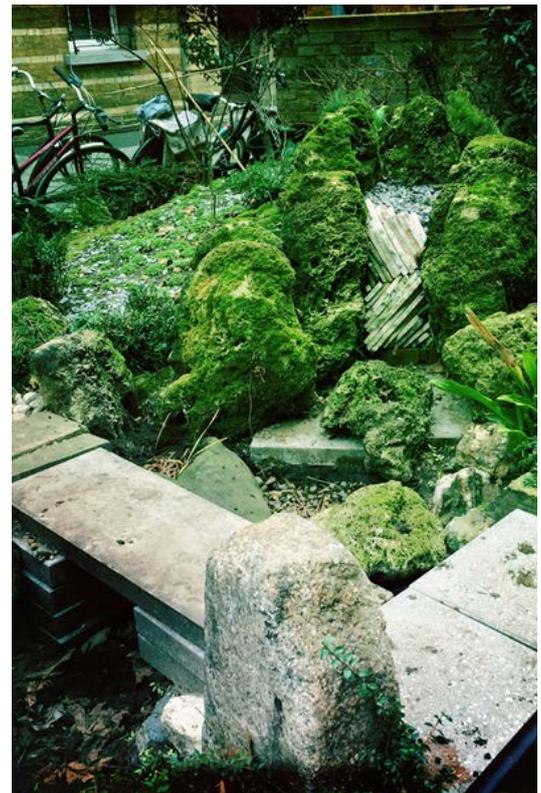
This is such an exciting chapter for the Pimlico Million area. Now more than ever, is the perfect time for you to get in touch and find out more, get involved either as a volunteer or become a Partner on our Board. We will also be recruiting for two new Community Engagement workers in the coming weeks – please keep in touch

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## Our strategic priorities

After reviewing the current plan and listening to all the feedback we are pleased to share our strategic priorities for the next two years:

- Children and families
- Young people
- Older people
- Grants
- Green and Open Spaces
- Building Inclusive Communities:
  - COVID grant funding
  - Community Networking
  - Community Events / activities
  - Area based work (including TRA meetings and residents groups)
  - Digital Inclusion



We will start our programme of grant funding in July 2021. Ahead of this time we are keen to speak to you and to learn more about what is already taking place in the area and what are the gaps ... we want to plug as many of these as possible. Young people are high on our agenda, now more than ever – we want to hear directly from and work with young people to make sure that what is on offer is meeting your needs.



## SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

Other than working on the plan we have been busy behind the scenes and have some great news to share ...

**We are moving!**... On 25th March, Claire Smith (Strategic Manager), collected the keys to our new office. We are delighted to announce that our new address will be Studio 01, 43 Ebury Bridge Road, SW1W 8DX. As soon as COVID restrictions allow and we are up and running, we would love for as many local residents and Community groups to pop along and have a cuppa and see the space. As part of our vision, we plan on opening this small space up to the Community to enable training to take place and for local residents to learn new skills such as digital workshops and arts / crafts.

On Thursday 27th May we are hosting two **virtual meet and greet** Zoom meetings 1-2pm and 6-7pm. This is an ideal opportunity to learn a little more about what we do and how we do it but also for you to ask questions or put forward ideas as the funding round starts to gear up. Whether you are a young person who has a passion for advocating on behalf of other young people, with a little time on your hands to join our Partnership Board or a local resident who is keen to see more activities for children and families or an older resident who has seen so many projects and has a great vision ... you are all welcome to come along. All you need to do is register by Friday 21st May with your name, postcode and mobile number and your Zoom details will be emailed to you before the date [Claire.smith@thepimlicomillion.org.uk](mailto:Claire.smith@thepimlicomillion.org.uk) or call 0747298336



### **Staffing update**

In our last newsletter we introduced Claire Smith as the new Strategic Manager. Claire's role continues to be a key part of Pimlico Million and she will be driving forward the plan in the coming months. Here is a smiley 'hello' from Claire!



In summer 2020, we were sad to say goodbye to Jane Buttigieg. Jane started the journey with Pimlico Million and it was with a heavy heart that we waved Jane on to pastures new. From the outset Jane made the project a real success and was at the centre of all the wonderful projects that were funded since 2015.

### **In the News**

#### **Small grants**

The winter projects that received grant funding were a real success – The Thamesbank Centre brought joy to everyone and the ETAT Hamper project with virtual Zoom dinner was a real success – thank you to Jane Buttigieg for leading on these fantastic ideas.



The wishing and memory tree project was just wonderful. People from all over the estates took part in sharing their thoughts and putting them onto the tree – A special thank you to the Ward Councillors funding.

### **Meet Julie Bloom – a local resident and artist**

Each newsletter we will be inviting a local resident to share what they love about the area and to tell us what they bring. This is Julie Bloom – a local artist



“What I love about Pimlico hasn't really been here since lockdown, except for the nature in the parks nearby, which have not only remained so beautiful, but have thrived as well. No matter how high my spirits may have been over the last year or so I've definitely felt the lows. There are businesses which have closed and won't return. I myself lost my art studio and have yet to find another. My home is for now my studio and gallery; No wall is spared colour and design artwork hangs everywhere, stacked too, where space allows. From original canvas's more than a metre square, to framed works, to limited edition prints it's a feast to behold.

My current project is translating people's feelings regarding the pandemic into personal paintings for them and an exhibition I will have later in the year. It's proved very interesting. If you'd like to take part please feel free to get in touch via my website. I'd love to hear from you”.

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### **Get involved! Partners to join the board**

Do you have some time, one evening a month, to sit on our board and help make really important decisions as a local resident of the Pimlico Million area? Are you passionate about your community and know what needs to happen to make it a better place to live?

We are particularly keen to hear from local young people and residents of BAME community. If you live in the catchment area then please do get in touch and we can give you the fuller details on the role: [claire.smith@thepimlicomillion.org.uk](mailto:claire.smith@thepimlicomillion.org.uk)

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