

Community Investment

Woodhouse Park Lifestyle Centre



Investing in Wythenshawe



Wythenshawe
Community Housing Group



Welcome

All housing associations invest in communities. Most do this through the development of good quality affordable homes, some go further and develop community programmes which help build resilient communities.

Wythenshawe Community Housing Group, based in South Manchester, is a community landlord that goes further. With 14,000 homes and 20,000 tenants, our vision is to create a community where people choose to live and work.

The Group has a strong track record in successful community investment and partnership working. A recent independent analysis showed that our investments have generated a five-fold social return for the community of Wythenshawe.

This brochure offers an insight into the work we do in our communities and specifically focuses on Woodhouse Park Lifestyle Centre, which is managed by Wythenshawe Community Housing Group.

The centre is a much valued facility for people of all ages and abilities and provides a whole range of activities for the local people of Wythenshawe.

We welcome conversations with partners, old and new, and anyone looking to invest in Wythenshawe.

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Woodhouse Park Lifestyle Centre is managed by Wythenshawe Community Housing Group on behalf of Manchester City Council. A popular and vibrant centre, it plays a significant role in local community life.



"This centre is a fantastic community facility that providing a vital role in the life of the local community. There is something for everyone - a great hub of activity for all ages and abilities."

Eddy Newman, Chair of WCHG and Woodhouse Park Councillor



A taste of what's on offer:

- Music recording studio
- Two dance studios
- Over 50's art sessions
- Multi-use Sports Hall
- Indoor short mat bowling
- Disability Sports
- Styles Cafe



"To the staff at Woodhouse Park Lifestyle Centre, Just a short note to say a big thank you for being so helpful and accommodating while we run our Pain Management programmes at your centre. A special thanks to the kitchen staff who always furnish us with drinks and lovely lunches."

We feel it's fantastic that an NHS service such as ours can run out in the real community, we know our patients take notice of what's happening here and some have gone on to access other thing at the centre to help improve their health and wellbeing.

A great partnership we hope will continue.

Many thanks and warm regards"

Catherine Burns, Zoey Malpus – UHSM Pain Management Programme.

(visitor book comment)

"A huge thank you for making our wedding reception such a wonderful and memorable occasion. We felt extremely well looked after, nothing was too much trouble for you and everyone worked with a smile! Many of our guests commented on the wonderful facilities and people at the Lifestyle Centre!"

Naomi & Simon: Wedding Reception



Woodhouse Park Lifestyle Centre in 2014:

18.7%

increase in under 11's activity

12.9%

increase in adult sport

98%

said they were satisfied with Value For Money, Cleanliness and staff friendliness and helpfulness. (taken from a large sample of our regular users satisfaction survey)



"We meet for lunch every month before bowling – the food is great and good value too!"

Seashell Trust

The Seashell Trust-run Royal Manchester College charity helps people with learning difficulties gain work experience. We have had 9 young students based at the Lifestyle Centre. Students at the college have a range of complex disabilities, including learning difficulties, autism, and communication disorders.

Along with classroom based learning, they are carrying out daily tasks such as setting up rooms for events, litter picking, laundry and gardening. The goal of the programme is to provide young people graduating from Royal College Manchester with real job skills so they are employable, either independently or with support.



Carol Honeini, Seashell Trust's supported internship manager, said:

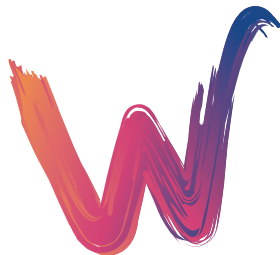
"I have seen a marked difference in the behaviour of the students, they are calm and happy when at the centre, and some are even humming and singing to themselves. Their confidence seems at a high. They are very communicative and are always accepting of people around them and more physical tasks. I would like to pass on our thanks to the team at Woodhouse Park Lifestyle Centre for the way they interact and communicate with the students."



To book a party, function or hire a room, please contact our reception team on **0161 436 0560**



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