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Housing Association Residents

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BANGLA CELEBRATES: 30 YEARS: SERVING, ENGAGING & EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITY

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RECOGNITION FOR 'EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO LIFE IN LONDON'

Bangla HA Chief Executive, Bashir Uddin has been praised by Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE, on behalf of her Majesty, The Queen for his 'exceptional contribution to life in our great city'.

See page 3 for more details.

BANGLA'S NEW HOMES

On 30 April 2021, the ownership of 13 L&Q owned properties in Amhurst Rd and Osbaldeston Road, Hackney was transferred to Bangla Housing Association.

On 15 June 2021 the ownership of 31 Islington & Shoreditch HA owned properties at various locations in Hackney, Islington and Waltham Forest was transferred to Bangla HA.

We have been managing these properties for many years. Thanks to all our residents for supporting these transfers. We are confident that our residents living in these properties will see an improvement in our services as we now own and manage these homes.

BANGLA TENANT BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

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ABRUS ALI



We are deeply sorry to announce that Bangla Tenant Representative on the Bangla HA Board and one of Bangla HA's long-standing tenants, Abrus Ali has passed away on 9th May 2021.

See page 4 for more details.

BANGLA'S SERVICES

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Bangla staff are still working from home and occasionally going in the office. Our office will remain closed until further notice. During normal office hours, you can contact us on any of the two following mobile numbers.

07983 467 036 or **07519 715 039**

You may also text us or send WhatsApp message on these numbers with your issues and we will ring you back as soon as possible.

During out of office hours, please ring or text us on the above mobile numbers only if it is an emergency and we will get back to you.

Shah Uddin: shah@banglaha.org.uk (repairs)

Fatima Begum: fatima@banglaha.org.uk (rent)

Leena Khan: leena@banglaha.org.uk
(other tenancy matters)

COVID-19 VACCINE VAN IS COMING TO YOU

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EDITOR'S COMMENT



Welcome to the Summer edition of the Bangla Post.

We are saddened by the death of our long-standing tenant and Board member, Abrus Ali on the 9th May 2021. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to his bereaved family and friends.

This year (2021) Bangla is celebrating its 30th Anniversary. We will be celebrating this significant milestone in Bangla's history by holding a special AGM in September with our partners, supporters, and dignitaries.

We are pleased to add another 44 homes to our ownership which we purchased from L&Q (13 units) on 14 May from ISHA on 15 June 2021 (31 units).

We are still in the grip of the Covid-19 pandemic. If you or anyone in your household who are aged over 18 and have not yet taken the vaccine, please do take it soon as possible.

The vaccine is safe, and it provides the best protection against Covid-19. Please follow the governments advice and stay safe.

As always, we welcome your comments. Please drop me an email: bashir@banglaha.org.uk or send a text or call on 07983 467 036 to let us know what you think about this newsletter and any other services we offer.

RENT STATEMENTS

We are shortly going to send you details of how you can access your rent account through Bangla website using your unique log in ID and Password.

Please watch out for this information as we will contact you about this via your mobile phone or email. Please let us have your email if you have not given it to us already.

In the meantime, if you would like to have your rent statement or if you have any queries with paying your rent then please contact Fatima Begum on 07519 715 039 or email: fatima@banglaha.org.uk

PAYING YOUR RENT



To avoid accruing rent arrears we urge you to continue to pay your rent. If you are facing financial difficulties, please contact Fatima Begum on 07519 715 039 or email: fatima@banglaha.org.uk

You can pay your rent in the following ways.

- Using a rent card – you can pay your rent at any post office or any shops displaying Pay Point signs. If you need a rent card, please ring 07519 715 03
- By bank Standing Order – See our Bank details given below
- Internet Banking: Paid directly into our Barclays Bank Account: -

Bangla Housing Association Ltd
A/C No. 60899089
Sort Code: 20.46.57

Give first line of your address as reference (Flat / house no. and name of your block /Street).

BANGLA CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY!

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In April 2021 it was 30 years since Bangla Housing Association was established to provide housing and support services to those in need in the local community in Hackney. Few years later Bangla expanded its services to people living in Islington and Waltham Forest. To mark this important milestone, we are going to;

- Publish a special magazine including the Annual Report for the year 2020/21
- Produce a short documentary video.
- Publish a Report on our work on the Bangla Covid-19 Advice Project
- Set up an Annual Award for the Best Bangla Tenant in honour of the late Abrus Ali, a long-standing Bangla tenant and Board member for 17 years.
- Hold a special AGM in September 2021

BANGLA TENANT BOARD MEMBER - ELECTION

Every year in July the tenant Board member has to stand down, but they may seek re-election by all Bangla tenants. Your current representative and the Tenant Board member is Shahnaz Begum. Shahnaz is seeking re- election and is looking to serve in the Bangla Board for another year for as long as Bangla tenants would support her.

However, you may nominate yourself or another Bangla tenant for this position. To do so and for any further information please contact Bashir Uddin on 07519 715 039 or Email: bashir@banglaha.org.uk. The closing date for nominations is 31 July 2021.

If there are no other nominations, then Shahnaz Begum will be re-elected as the tenant representative for another year up to July 2022. However, if there are other nominations then there will be a ballot to decide the tenant representative on the Bangla Board for year up to July 2022.

RECOGNITION FOR 'EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO LIFE IN LONDON' CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.



In a letter dated 1 June 2021 Sir Kenneth wrote

'Dear Bashir, as her Majesty The Queen's personal representative in greater London, an important part of my role is to recognise and thank those who have made an exceptional contribution to life in our great city.

It has come to my attention that you are one of those people who have long gone above and beyond the call of duty, especially with your work with the Bangla Covid Advice Project during the Covid-19 pandemic. I am therefore writing to personally thank you for all of your efforts and to encourage you to continue making positive difference to Londoners.

In these difficult times, communities need selfless people like you, to help us to maintain our spirit, to get through the challenges and hopefully, to come out the other side as an even stronger and more inclusive society'.

Bashir Uddin said 'I am very humbled and pleased that our work with the Bangla Covid-19 Advice Project has been recognised. I must thank all my colleagues at Bangla HA, the BCAP team, our partner organisations, BMELL, Faith Regen Foundation, the NHS, Tower Hamlets and Hackney councils for their invaluable support with this lifesaving project.

I am pleased that we have been able to support the community to our best ability during this extraordinary time and our work is not finished yet'.

ABRUS ALI

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Abrus Ali was a Bangla HA tenant for 27 years and he has served on the Bangla Board for 17 years. He has been a strong supporter and advocate for Bangla HA.

In his memory and to commemorate his strong ties with Bangla HA, the Board of Bangla HA has agreed to set up an annual award for Best Bangla tenant (s) for each year starting from 2021.

The award will comprise of crest / certificate and a gift hamper presented by the chairman of Bangla HA at the Bangla Annual General Meeting held in September of each year.

The Best tenant will be selected by a panel comprised of two Board members and the Bangla Chief Executive. Any Bangla tenant and staff can nominate a Bangla tenant for this prestigious annual award named Abrus Ali Bangla Best Tenants Award.

You can send in your nominations to Bangla HA by email to: bashir@banglaha.org.uk or by a letter sent to Bangla office and addressed to Bashir Uddin by 31 August 2021.

You must mention the name and address of your nominee and in no more than 200 words state why they deserve this award. You must also ask your nominee for their permission before you send their nominations.

TENANT BOARD MEMBER REQUIRED



Abrus Ali who sadly passed away recently was a co-opted tenant Board Member on the Bangla HA Management Board. We are now looking for a new Bangla HA tenant to replace Abrus Ali on the Bangla Board.

If you or if you know of any other Bangla HA tenant who might be interested to join the Bangla Board, please contact Bashir Uddin on 07519 715 039 or email: bashir@banglaha.org.uk

FIRE SAFETY



To minimise any risk of fire at your home or in your building please follow these simple rules:

- Do not leave any items in the communal areas.
- Do not smoke in the internal communal areas.
- Do not use a barbecue anywhere inside the building or in the balcony.
- Do not use faulty electrical items.
- Do not leave the kitchen unattended when cooking.
- Be careful when using lit candles.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working.
- If you are concerned about fire safety at your home, please contact Bangla on 07519 715 039.

GAS SAFETY CHECKS



Landlords are required to carry out gas safety checks annually. When we contact you to give access for these inspections, please keep the appointment and help us to keep your home safe. If you have any query about gas safety inspections at your home, please contact Shah Uddin on 07983 467 036 or email: shah@banglaha.org.uk

Please note: If you smell gas contact Transco immediately on 0800 111 999

THE COVID-19 VACCINE VAN IS COMING TO YOU

Community COVID-19 vaccine clinics

Morningside

Community Centre
Cresset Road E9 6SJ
Sunday 27 June 12–4pm

Pensbury

Community Centre
Atkins Square E8 1FA
Saturday 3 July
Sunday 4 July
12–4pm

Halkevi

Community Centre
Dalston Lane E8 3DF
Wednesday 7 July
10.30am–2.30pm

Hindle House

Community Centre
Arcola Street E8 2DZ
Saturday 10 July 12–4pm

Ridley Road Market

Ridley Road E8 2NH
Wednesday 14 July
10am–2pm

St Thomas More Church

9 Henry Road N4 2LH
Friday 16 July
Tuesday 20 July
10am–2pm

Woodberry Down

N4 1SN
Wednesday 21 July
10am–2pm

Clissold Park House

Church Street N16 9HJ
Saturday 24 July
11am–3pm

The Ark Suite

Cricketfield Road E5 8NS
Monday 26 July
11am–3pm



#KeepLondonSafe

hackney.gov.uk/coronavirus-vaccine

Community groups in Hackney are running pop-up clinics for ages **18+** who need their first dose and for second doses of the Pfizer vaccine.

To guarantee your appointment call **020 8356 3111**.

Walk-ins are available subject to availability.

Getting the vaccine helps protect yourself and others and helps #KeepHackneySafe



BANGLA HA AND HACKNEY CENTRAL MOSQUE'S VACCINE POP UP CLINIC

On 27 June 2021, in partnership with Hackney Council and the NHS, Bangla Housing Association and Hackney Central Mosque organised a Covid-19 Vaccine pop up clinic for the local community.

To help with the government's drive to increase the take up of the vaccine this pop-up clinic was held at Morningside Community Centre, Cresset Road, Hackney.

Over 100 people from the local community attended this event to take their first or second jab



RESIDENTS MEETINGS



Due to the pandemic, since March 2020, all residents' meetings had been postponed. Our Tenants Ficus Group has started to meet via Zoom, and it held its first Zoom meeting on 16 June 2021. They discussed the following items.

- Setting up of the Abrus Ali Bangla Best Tenants Award and how it is going to be processed and managed.
- Bangla's 30th Anniversary and how it is going to be celebrated.
- My Tenancy – How Bangla tenants will be able to access their rent accounts and other information using their unique ID and password via Bangla Website which is currently being processed.
- Next meeting will be held on Thursday 29 July 2021 at 6.00pm via Zoom.

All Bangla tenants are welcome to join this meeting. For the link to join this meeting and for any further information about the Residents Meetings please contact Leena Khan on 07519 715 039 or Email: leena@banglaha.org.uk

KEEPING COMMUNAL AREAS CLEAR

Please do not leave items in communal areas, such as stairwells and corridors, as these pose a risk in the event of a fire.

We recently wrote to all residents to explain that we would be using contractors to remove any unclaimed items from communal areas, including bicycles and prams. Any items removed will be disposed immediately and Bangla cannot be held responsible for them.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

	Hackney	Islington	Waltham Forest
Service Centre	020 8356 3000	020 7527 1900	020 8496 3000
Housing and Council Tax Benefit	020 8356 3399	020 7527 4990	As above
Council Tax Queries	020 8356 3154	020 7527 2633	As above
Domestic Violence Unit	0800 056 0905	0808 2000 247	0208 558 6228
Noise reporting	020 8356 4455	020 7527 3258	0208 496 3000
Racial Harassment Unit	0800 056 0905	0207 230 2229	0208 496 3000
Victim Support	0800 056 0905 0208 356 4457	020 7272 0784	0208 503 6226
Rubbish Collection/ Recycling	020 8356 6688	020 7527 2000	0208 496 3000
Bulky Waste/Street Cleaning up to 5 items	020 8356 6688	020 7527 4900	0208 496 3000
Parking Enquiries	0208 357 8877	020 7527 2000	0208 496 3000
Police	020 7739 1212	020 7704 1212	020 8520 3211
Gas Leaks	(TRANSCO) 0800 111 999	(TRANSCO) 0800 111 999	(TRANSCO) 0800 111 999
Sewage	(Thames Water) 0845 920 0800	(Thames Water) 0845 920 0800	(Thames Water) 0845 920 0800

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Since March 2020, the UK has been in lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Now that more people are getting the vaccine and less people are falling ill with this disease, the government is going to lift the lockdown rules on 21 July 2021 in England. Until Covid-19 has been eradicated fully, we will all have to continue to be careful and stay safe following the governments advice.

EURO 2020



Euro 2020 is being staged one year late due to the Pandemic. These games are now being held from 11 June to 11 July 2021.

The Teams are:

Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, and Wales.

The stadiums:

A total of 51 games will be played in following 7 stadiums across Europe.
Johan Cruyff Arena, Amsterdam.
Baku Olympic Stadium.
National Arena, Bucharest.
Puskas Arena, Budapest.
Parken Stadium, Copenhagen.
Hampden Park, Glasgow.
Wembley, London.
Football Arena Munich.

The Final will be played at the Wembley Stadium, London on Sunday 11 July 2021

Enjoy watching the games!

DID YOU KNOW?



Confucius was a Chinese philosopher who lived from about 551BC to 479BC.

Ways to be happy.

Confucius had some very simple formulas for a happy life.

He thought that the rulers would set an example so that the common people would be kind to each other. He spoke of five ways to be happy. which he named ‘five virtues.’

The five qualities in Chinese are E, Li, Ren, Xi and Xin. According to Confucius, each of these five qualities is very important for a happy and meaningful life.

‘E’ is honesty and righteousness,
‘Lee’ is virtue and decency,
‘Ren’ is generosity and humanity,
‘Ji’ is knowledge and education,
‘Sin’ is fidelity and loyalty.

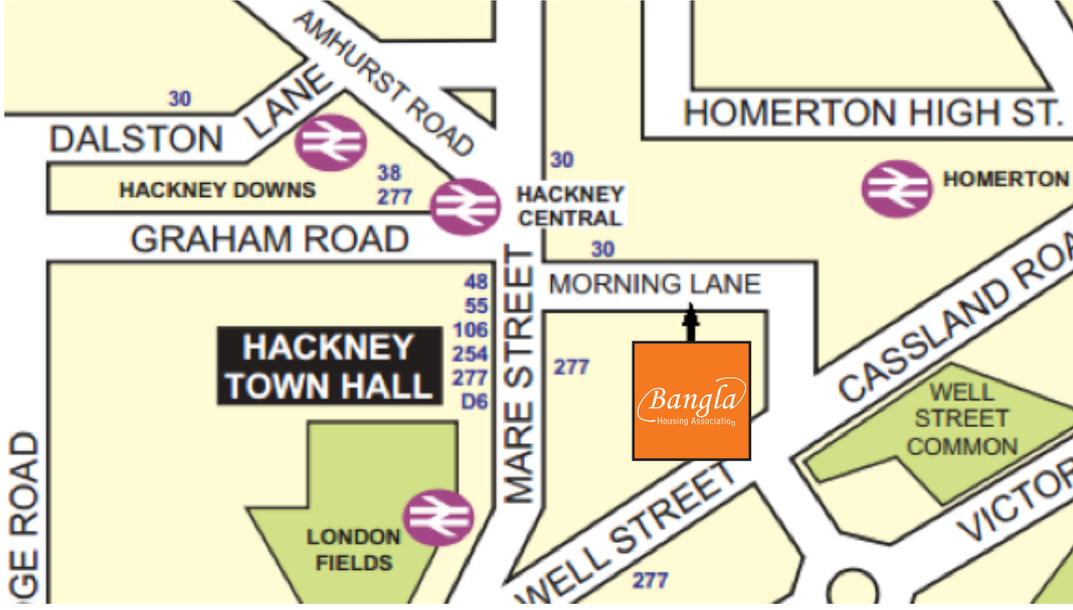
How Confucius changed the world

During the time of Confucius, the rulers could treat the people as they wished. As a result, it was a very fancy and new idea that the rulers would treat the people well and be kind to them. Confucius’ ideas have greatly accelerated the path to good governance in the world of the future.

Sources: Hundred Events That Made History and Britannica.com

DIRECTION TO BANGLA OFFICE

CONTACT US



Our office is at 100
Morning Lane,
London E9 6LH

(see map above)

It is about 5 minutes' walk
from Hackney Central
Station and Mare Street.

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from Hackney Central
Station and Mare Street.

Bus routes along Mare Street:

38, 48, 55, 106, 254,
277 and D6

Bus routes along Morning Lane:

30, 236, 276 and W15

Please note: Due to the
Covid-19 pandemic, our
office will remain closed
until further notice.

But you can contact us on
the following numbers
and email.

Mobile: 07519 715 039

Mobile: 07983 467 036

Web:
www.banglaha.org.uk

Email:
info@banglaha.org.uk

CAN WE HELP?

You can ask for this
document in large print,
on audio tape or in
another language.
Please contact us on
020 8985 1124.

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অডিও টেপে বা অন্য যে কোন ভাষায়
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করে আমাদের জানান।