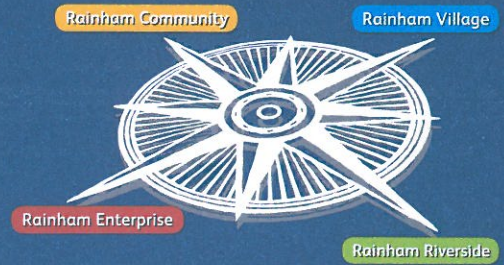


# Rainham Compass



## Improving Rainham & South Hornchurch with local people

It's autumn time and, as usual, there's been lots of things happening in the Rainham and South Hornchurch areas.

In this edition of the Rainham Compass update, we talk about the long-term restoration project being carried out at Rainham Hall, which will make the 18th century building fully accessible all year round and place it at the heart of the community.

We bring you the latest news about developments taking place around the Village, including new homes and the new Library.

We also highlight Rainham people who have been doing great things in the community, tell you who the Village's recent royal visitor was, and show you how the Rainham tokens took on a starring role in a museum exhibition.

### Excitement over new library being built

**There's a lot of excitement in Rainham over the building of the new Village library.**

Contractors Rooff are cracking on with the development, which will see a new state-of-the-art branch library created, along with a nursery, retail space and flats, on the 1,200

square metre site between Broadway and the railway station.

They have already built the shell of the library and some of the flats. The library will eventually be on two storeys and the flats spread over five storeys. The site is due to open in Spring 2014.

Dave Owers, site manager with Rooff, said: "It's coming on really well. We have been working with the community to try and minimise any disturbances.

"Rooff is a family firm and we employ local people as best we can. And we'll be inviting

*Building work is progressing well on the new library (on right) and flats (on bottom left).*



students from Havering College's construction campus in Rainham down later in the year for site visits."

Dave Dennison, Rainham Library manager, said: "We are all extremely excited about the development; it's been years in the making.

"This is definitely something that everyone is looking forward to. It's great for the local area."

Cllr Michael Armstrong,

Cabinet Member with responsibility for Rainham Compass, said: "A new library and lifelong learning centre is a cornerstone of our Compass project to improve the quality of life of, and opportunities for, local people.

"It's terribly exciting to see the building work being carried out. The project has been so long in coming that it's great to finally see the new library materialising."



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