

## Heygatewashome

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I lived on The Heygate with my parents from 1974 until 2000.

I am fed up of reading that the estate was a hotbed of crime and deprivation by the media and local politicians. The estate was a great place to grow up and provided lots of activities for young people; something that the regeneration appears not to be doing.



I am still in contact with many of my old neighbours and friends from the estate. The majority of us grew up to be responsible adults and hold down good jobs.

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My children loved visiting their nan and grandad on the estate up until the time they were forced to move out in 2008. It stood out as a leafy green place in contrast to many of the surrounding estates nearby. I would not have missed the happy times that I spent living there. Now it is destined to become nothing but an investment opportunity for big corporations.