

Beechwood Village

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the latest issue of our
Beechwood Village newsletter.

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REGENERATION UPDATE

We thank you for your continued patience while demolition is delayed. We will continue to keep you updated.

BEECHWOOD UPDATE

Swan is continuing to work on completing Beechwood West.

More than 40 homes have been completed and handed over to buyers in the past two months, with more to complete over February and March.

Meanwhile, the statutory authorities are still carrying out work to disconnect services from the empty blocks on the land allocated to Phase North. Basildon Council's

contractor has now completed the work to clear the old fencing and vegetation and to secure the empty properties in this area.

Both Swan Housing Association and Basildon Council will continue to monitor the site closely until demolition can restart including continuing with weekly joint inspections. Guards will also continue to patrol the area at night to help minimise anti-social behaviour around the empty and recently demolished properties.

The security services are now being provided by a new security company, Biosite.

To contact a security guard to report any issues, or if you witness any unauthorised people accessing the blocks, please call 0121 374 2939 or email controlroom@biositesystems.com. As before, any incidents of criminal behaviour should be reported to the police.

We have received a number of enquiries relating to future phases and can confirm there are not currently any plans to acquire any further homes at Craylands and there are no more homes on the estate under a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO). We hope to be able to provide updates on later phases in future newsletters.

CLOSURE OF HASTINGS PATH

Hastings path will soon be closed. The closure was referred to in the planning permission granted on 22 March 2017.

The footpath will be closed as it falls within the development boundary.




An alternative walking route is shown below – please use this while building work is taking place.

Once the development is completed, there will be several new walking routes with access to the shops and community centre on Austen Road.

Notices have been put up on the footpath to show the alternative route.

If you have any queries, please contact abolsin@swan.org.uk



-  Alternative pedestrian route accessible to the public
-  Path to be closed
-  Under construction (not accessible to the public)

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CLUB

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

With increased costs of childcare, food and social activities, we know the school holidays can be tough financially for some families. Along with Essex Girls and Boys Clubs, we will be running our Holiday Activity Club for young people aged 8 -16 years old this February half-term.

Open to all young people aged 6 -16 years old living in the Beechwood and Craylands area, there'll be sports and arts and crafts activities. Every child will also get a free hot meal.

The Beech Community Hub

Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February | 10am - 2pm

To book a place, contact Essex Boys and Girls Club at jamied@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org



FREE

Youth Clubs at The Beech

Essex Boys and Girls Youth Club

- Young people aged 8 - 16 years
- Wednesdays 6.00pm - 8.00pm



FREE

Flex Youth Club for BAME young people on Tuesdays

KINGS CLUB

- Young people aged 6 -10 years
- 4.00pm - 5.00pm

FLEX DANCE

- Young people aged 6 -11 years
- 5.00pm - 5.45pm

CULTURE FLEX DANCE

- Young people aged 12 -19 years
- 5.45pm - 6.30pm

FLEX SUNSHINE CAFÉ

- Young people aged 12 -19 years
- 6.30pm - 8.00pm



Watch this space!

Swan is working with Essex Fire Service to run a Fire Safety Week in April, with a special open day event at The Beech on 19 April 2023. Keep an eye out for details at www.swan.org.uk



• BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Young people from Beechwood Village and the Craylands Estate can now complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award through Swan and Essex Boys and Girls Club.

The scheme is open to young people aged 14 or in the school year in which the young person will turn 14.

For more information or to register your interest, contact Swan's Customer Involvement and Community Development team on involvement@swan.org.uk

If you have an enquiry about the Beechwood Village regeneration, please contact us:

By phone: 01277 844242

By email: involvement@swan.org.uk

Or visit the new project website for latest updates on consultations, community news and events taking place at The Beech Community Hub: www.beechwood-village.co.uk

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