

# KINGS HILL

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## Painting for charity

Staff from the developer of one of Kent's largest garden villages took time off from work for a day's painting, planting and maintenance at the Royal British Legion Industries' village in Aylesford, near Maidstone.

Sixteen people from Kings Hill developer Liberty Property Trust worked hard painting the village community café, Base Camp, rejuvenating the outdoor seating area by repainting wooden planters and planting them up with a vibrant selection of new plants, repairing sections of trellis, pruning the climbing roses, weatherproofing outdoor tables and weeding.

They also created a new planting scheme for the garden area adjoining the long façade of RBLI's new luxury nursing care facility built in line with the charity's centenary year.

"We were taking part in an annual event in memory of Liberty's founder Bill Rouse when all 300 staff worldwide close their offices and spend the day serving their local communities," said Liberty's managing director Andrew Blevins.

"It was a pleasure to help such an incredible organisation, especially in this, its centenary year. It is a cause close to our hearts and we are donating to the charity all the proceeds from our book 'Kings Hill – A Different Ball Game' which charts Kings Hill's history from medieval royal hunting ground to wartime airfield and to the thriving community it is today."

Copies are available from the Control Tower at Kings Hill priced £10.

RBLI is a national charity supporting the Armed Forces, people with disabilities and those who are unemployed. It improves lives by inspiring those it helps find work and lead independent lives.

Currently it is raising £14m to create a new Centenary Village close to its Aylesford headquarters from where it delivers care, accommodation, training, employment and welfare services for veterans. The village will include an assisted living scheme, 24 apartments and 20 new family homes centred

around a state-of-the-art community centre.

Steve Sherry CMG OBE, RBLI Chief Executive, said: “RBLI’s village has been the basis of our support for some of the country’s most vulnerable veterans for the past one hundred years.

“So we are incredibly grateful to have had the team from Liberty Property Trust kindly take the time away from their busy schedules to help renovate and improve the heart of our community, providing our residents with a beautiful environment in which to live.”

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**Picture caption: Liberty’s staff outside the Base Camp café**

### **Notes to Editors**

#### **About the Company**

Liberty Property Trust (NYSE: LPT) is a leader in commercial real estate, serving customers in the United States and United Kingdom through the development, acquisition, ownership and management of superior logistics, warehouse, manufacturing, and R&D facilities in key markets. Liberty's 108 million square foot operating portfolio provides productive work environments to 1,200 tenants.

Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd is developing Kings Hill - [www.kings-hill.com](http://www.kings-hill.com) - as a rapidly growing sustainable community in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), ensuring economic, environmental and social progress for this and future generations. Kings Hill combines commercial, residential, educational, retail, community, sports and leisure uses within 800 acres of highly landscaped low-density parkland and aims to promote quality of life by providing a unique environment in which people can live, work, play and study. In addition to providing accommodation for SME's, Kings Hill also attracts significant international tenants such as Barclays, Rolex, Cabot Financial, Marsh, Arthur J Gallagher and Kimberly-Clark.

Liberty Property Trust UK and Kent County Council formed a collaborative public/private sector “partnership” to develop Kings Hill as an exemplar mixed-use community. Kings Hill is the County’s flagship development for attracting inward investment and promoting regional economic growth.

#### **About RBLI (Royal British Legion Industries)**

Established in 1919, Royal British Legion Industries is an independent national charity aiming to provide employment, training and support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependents; as well as those with a disability or health condition and those who have been long term unemployed.

- Royal British Legion Industries is a separate charity from Royal British Legion but has a shared ethos of supporting the Armed Forces community.
- To celebrate its own milestone next year, RBLI recently launched a major campaign to secure £14m to create a new Centenary Village close to its Aylesford headquarters from where it delivers care, accommodation, training and employment services.

**RBLI's other services:**

**Britain's Bravest Manufacturing Company** (BBMC) – A social enterprise which directly employs over 100 people, more than 70% of whom are veterans, have a disability or both. We manufacture a range of products for both the public and private sector. This generates £5m in revenue meaning that even more employment opportunities are available for injured or impaired ex-forces personnel and people with disabilities and health conditions

**RBLI's Village** - We offer accommodation, welfare support and convalescent care to more than 300 people in the RBLI village in Aylesford, Kent, providing independent living in a safe and homely environment.