

Welcome

The decision on our planning application for new homes and amenities is still pending but we are hopeful that Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council will be able to take this exciting new phase to committee towards the end of September. Meanwhile it has been a busy summer at Kings Hill – we have entered South and South East in Bloom, our wayfinding artworks are well under way around the Control Tower, we have donated land for allotments, there have been community sports events, new businesses arriving on the park – and all the Liberty staff have been off painting a school for charity.

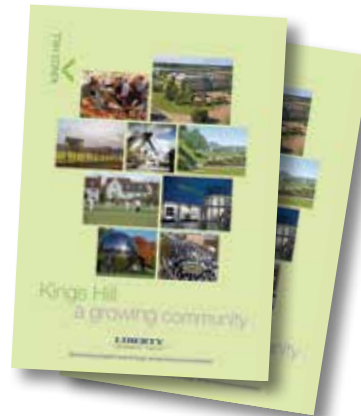
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Planning update

We last updated you on planning issues in March when we delivered to all households and businesses 'Kings Hill – a growing community', which provided insight into the issues raised by the community during the consultation process. It explained our response to your feedback in revising our development proposals and the exciting community benefits that the next phase of development will bring to Kings Hill – and the document is still available as a download on www.kings-hill.com under Future Development.



Our revised planning application had been submitted to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council (TMBC) and which you may still access via their planning portal – <http://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications>, then enter 13/01535 in the planning search section.

which it extended to ensure everyone would have plenty of time to participate. We have now gathered all the responses from that extended consultation period from both the statutory consultee groups and members of the public (which you can see on the planning portal) and have issued a response document to TMBC which addresses the issues raised.

We continue to work closely with the planning authority and have met with various Parish Councils and residents' groups to talk about key issues raised and through this dialogue you can continue to have a hand in shaping the future of Kings Hill.

Record sales at Kings Hill

House sales at Kings Hill have hit their highest level since 2007 according to the latest report from the Land Registry.

Last year there were 246 property transactions on the development, the highest number during any 12-month period for the last six years.

Sales are very promising for this year too – in the first quarter (January to March) there were 46 property transactions at Kings Hill, which is 15% higher than during the same period last year and the highest figure since 2010. The report added that sales at Kings Hill are picking up faster than in adjoining post codes.

"This is fantastic news and testament not only to the quality of the properties on

offer at Kings Hill but their setting in a sustainable, beautifully landscaped, live work and play community," said Andrew Blevins.

Three new developments are currently underway at Kings Hill – Bellway's 'Signature'; Crest Nicholson's 'Woodland Place' and Hillreed's 'The Poppies'. More information on www.kings-hill.com/homes-for-sale-kent

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Movers and Shakers

Cosan Lubricants International has moved its executive and commercial departments to 30 Tower View to accommodate future growth.

The company manufactures, markets and distributes lubricating motor oils, car care products and associated seasonal and industrial chemicals for the UK and over 40 international markets.

Infor, one of the world's largest providers of business software, has renewed its lease in 39 Kings Hill Avenue. The company, which is headquartered in New York and has more than 70,000 customers, employs 12,700 staff worldwide and has an annual revenue of \$2.7billion.

Infor (United Kingdom) Ltd, which moved to Kings Hill in 2004, has already extended its lease once and has now signed for another five years. The company's Kings Hill office employs 45 people

Relationship Database Technology (RDT) has moved offices at Kings Hill and is now in 30 Tower View. The company, which provides specialist software for insurers, underwriting agents and claims handlers, has been at Kings Hill for over a decade, previously occupying two buildings. The move was to integrate into one larger office space to accommodate its continuing expansion.

Day of caring

On one of the hottest days of the year so far, Liberty's staff had a day out of the office to paint the exterior of the Quest School, a specialist school for children with autism, which has recently relocated to Paddock Wood.

They were taking part in the annual Bill Rouse Day of Caring when Liberty's 400 staff in the UK and USA spend a day helping their communities in memory of the company's founder Bill Rouse, who died in 2003.

The Quest School, which was founded in 2003, is an independent school which creates a specialist learning environment designed around the specific needs of its pupils.

There are now 20 pupils and the school plans to continue to expand, which is one of the reasons it relocated to new, larger premises in an oast at the Hop Farm, Paddock Wood.

"Our job was to prepare the external weatherboarding



Liberty staff in grey T shirts with Quest school staff in blue shirts

and then paint it," said Andrew Blevins. "As a company we recognise how important it is to be part of the local community and contribute in whatever way we can – and the Day of Caring enables us to offer practical help to some less well known charities and organisations."

Liberty also provided a bench, parasol and some planters to brighten up the veranda for the staff.

"We were absolutely delighted with the efforts of

all the staff from Liberty," said headmistress Anne Martin. "For a small charity, days like this are invaluable to help us provide the support and education for our very needy children and families. We cannot thank Liberty enough for choosing to support us on their Day of Caring."

The Bill Rouse Day of Caring takes place annually on the Friday nearest to Bill's birthday. If residents have any worthy suggestions for future community days, please let us know.

Kings Hill in Bloom

Kings Hill has entered the South & South East in Bloom competition for the first time this year – and has inspired the competition's organisers to consider creating a brand new category for new communities.

"Kings Hill is a new village with a difference and could be the start of a category in its own right," said South & South East in Bloom chairman Peter Holman. "As the demand for housing in the south and south east grows, I expect more new communities like Kings Hill



to take an interest in the competition."

Judging took place on 8 July and the winners will be announced in September. Also at Kings Hill on judging day was Blue Peter gardener Chris Collins, who was invited by sponsor Southern Water.

The locations judged included play areas, the cricket pitch, conservation corridors, greenways and the rose garden around the Control Tower.

This year Liberty has sown over 2,000 sq m of poppy and wildflower seeds – an area around a third of the size of the pitch at Wembley Stadium – which created a stunning display for the judges.

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Hopefully everybody who wanted some has collected their free poppy seeds from Liberty's offices in 11 Tower View by now. If not, there are still a few packs available.

Allotments available soon

Land adjacent to the Kings Hill Sports Park has been given to the community for allotments by Liberty and Kent County Council.

The development partners have also set aside additional land for more allotments as part of the next phase of development.

Kings Hill Parish Council is intending to transform the area into 75 allotments, once planning permission and grant funding has been secured.

Work to transform the area to 75 allotments will begin when planning permission and grant funding has been secured. Cllr Ray Cassidy, chairman of Kings Hill Parish Council's Amenities Committee, said: "Construction is likely to start this autumn and the Parish Council is very much looking forward to releasing the plots to the allotment holders and seeing the first year's vegetables and flowers growing on Kings Hill allotments."



Ray Cassidy, chairman of Kings Hill Parish Council's Amenities Committee and Barbara Hucker, Kings Hill Parish Council assistant clerk, getting ready for the allotments

News in brief



Award for Liberty

Liberty has won a national award for its placemaking skills – beating London's iconic Shard. It scooped the prestigious Place Making Award in Property Week's Property Awards 2014 for the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, which combines world-class biomedical research, patient care and university teaching on a single site.

Demolition

Work is underway on the demolition of the Kent County Supplies Building in Gibson Drive. Once cleared, the site will be provided to accommodate Kings Hill's third primary school.

Memories immortalised

The wayfinding artworks that you may have seen being installed around Liberty Square are being formally unveiled on Friday 5 September.

They were commissioned by Liberty and Kent County Council and curated by leading placemaking consultancy Futurecity, whose founding director Mark Davy will give a brief presentation about the project at the unveiling. Anyone from the Kings Hill community and beyond is welcome to attend.

The works were inspired by stories and poems about Kings Hill's past as RAF West Malling and were gathered through workshops run with local residents, schoolchildren, Kings Hill businesses and



Fabricators working on the artworks

World War II veterans and have been incorporated into artworks by artist Richard Wolfstrom.

"These wayfinding artworks are part of a broader cultural strategy to place art and culture at the heart of Kings Hill," said Caroline Binns, Liberty's associate marketing and leasing director. "They have been strategically

positioned to increase the sense of connectivity between the main heritage points of Kings Hill and the shops and restaurants of Liberty Square in order to create a sense of place.

"This project would not have been possible without the community's involvement and enthusiasm and we would like to thank everyone who took part. We look forward to them joining us at the unveiling."

Installation of the artworks will continue during the summer. At the official launch the public will be able to take rubbings of the roundels and meet the artist and community contributors.

The event will take place at lunchtime to enable as many people as possible to attend.

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Control Tower opening

Liberty is organising an open weekend for anyone who would like a tour of the newly refurbished Control Tower – date to be announced.

Howzat for a crowd

The Kings Hill cricket and football clubs have both organised very popular and well attended community open days this summer.

Over 2,000 people enjoyed a fabulous community get-together at Kings Hill FC's annual 'Fun on the Hill', which was held at the new Kings Hill Sports Park.



Luca Miller at the Kings Hill Cricket Club open day



Kings Hill residential coordinator Susan Davies presents the achievement award, which was shared between the U10 Colts and U15 football teams, to Paul Clapham

There was a show by a local stage school, performances by a samba band and a rare birds of prey flying display to accompany the entertainment provided for children which included bouncy castles, football themed games, a fun bus and the very popular and funny "bubble football" with

Hospital Radio providing the music and PA system for the day.

People were very generous in providing excellent raffle prizes, which helped raise £2,000 for Demelza Children's Hospice.

Kings Hill Cricket Club organised an open day as

part of the England and Wales Cricket Board's initiative to make the game a real community event.

More than 500 people watched matches between U-11 squads and a challenge match between the Kings Hill Mosquitos and Beadles, one of the sponsors. Peter Robinson from Tonbridge and Malling District Partnership of the Kent Cricket Board, and who helped set up the club, said that the provision of the club shows how a developer can contribute to social cohesion in a community and what can be achieved with a strong volunteer base.

"These were real community events, which is what Kings Hill is all about," said Andrew Blevins. "Everyone came together to enjoy the fun and it is wonderful to see everyone working together in this way."

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One of the features that sets Kings Hill apart from other developments is the quality and maintenance of the environment, which is the responsibility of the Kings Hill Residential Estate Management Company (KHREMC). It is run by Liberty but has two residents as directors, John West (john@kingshillrentals.com) and Sarah Barker (sarah.barker-khrem@hotmail.co.uk).

Kings Hill Residential Estate Management Company Ltd can be contacted on 01732 870375 or kingshillresidential@libertyproperty.com

Kings Hill Estate Management Company Ltd, which is run on a similar not-for-profit basis to KHREMC, looks after the commercial business park within Kings Hill.

Log on for latest news

Our website www.kings-hill.com has information on all aspects of the development – maps; the masterplan showing the scale of the development; latest news; links to the Kings Hill amenities such as shops, restaurants, surgery etc; public transport timetables and information on matters that affect those living and working at Kings Hill.

