

**Welcome**

We're nearly there... our fabulous new park is almost ready. It has been quite a challenge given the long, hot, dry summer taking its toll on the landscaping but we hope that the final elements will be completed by the end of the autumn and the Kings Hill community will be able to enjoy it very soon. Plans for the extension to the community centre are progressing and will provide additional space for community events and meetings. Our estate management team has been recognised again by South & South East in Bloom, having won a clutch of gold medals at this year's awards.

**Andrew Blevins**

*UK Managing Director, Liberty Property Trust*



# Double gold for Kings Hill



(L-R): Joe Talbot of BBC Radio Gardening Programme Dig It; Nick Freeman of Coblands, Kings Hill's landscape contractor; and Emma Cottee, Estate & Property Management Supervisor of Liberty Property Trust

For the second year running Kings Hill received two gold medals in the annual South & South East in Bloom competition.

It was awarded a gold and came first in the Business Landscape category, and another gold in the Town Centre category, where it was also named the best in the county.

The judges said the public areas are 'maintained to an excellent standard' and that 'from the moment you arrive

in Kings Hill you are struck by the well maintained roads, verges and public spaces with impressive pieces of artwork located at key locations set off by careful planting'. Kings Hill, they said, 'continues to maintain extremely high standards of horticulture and landscaping'.

The involvement of the community also impressed the judges especially the way children are encouraged to get 'hands-on' by planting flowers and helping local wildlife by making bird boxes.

Emma Cottee, Liberty's estate and property management supervisor, is responsible for the landscaping with the help of Coblands, ecologist Susan

Deakin and the support of the three schools, numerous clubs and societies and residents.

She said: "It's fabulous to have been awarded two gold medals for a second year in a row and it's a credit to the many people who work so hard to make Kings Hill a lovely place to live and work. We scored highly across all the judging criteria including community involvement, horticultural considerations, environment, maintenance and landscaping."

Kings Hill School also entered the awards, gaining a Gold and best school in the South East for the RHS project in the Schools Environmental Challenge.

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'Strawberry Fields' by Melanie Berman which is in the Control Tower

## Exciting new art exhibition

A landscape artist whose work was shown recently at the Royal Academy, an up-and-coming graduate of the Glasgow School of Art and a sculptor who works in recycled and new steel are among the artists exhibiting in the latest Kings Hill Art Exhibition in the Control Tower, which runs from now until Friday 17 January 2020. The exhibition is open to the public between 9am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

## Dates for your diary

- The annual Remembrance Day Service will take place on 10 November at 10.30am in Liberty Square followed by a parade to the Running Airman statue where wreaths will be laid. The two-minute silence will be on 11 November at 11am at the Running Airman statue.
- Carols around the Christmas tree will take place on 7 December at 5pm in Liberty Square.

# Painting for charity

Liberty's staff based in Kings Hill and London took time off from work for a day's painting, planting and maintenance at the Royal British Legion Industries' village in Aylesford.

They painted the village community café Base Camp, rejuvenated the outdoor seating area by repainting wooden planters and filling them 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



The Liberty team hard at work

built to coincide with the charity's centenary year.

The Liberty team were taking part in an annual event commemorating the life of

Liberty's founder Bill Rouse, when all 300 staff in the US and UK close their offices and spend the day serving their local communities.

# Anyone for bubble football?

Kings Hill Sports Park is offering some fun birthday party options – including bubble football where players bounce their way through a game wearing an inflatable bubble and goggle football where they wear distorting glasses.

Also on offer are Go-Kart parties and, for adults, shock football where players receive electric shocks.

More information from <http://www.kingshillsportspark.org.uk/community/kings-hill-sports-park-14827/party/>



Bubble football game (image courtesy of the Excel Activity Group)



CGI of the new extension

## Community centre update

Planning has been granted for the community centre extension, which will consist of a new hall with servery and accessible WC. The quality finish has been chosen to encourage its use for weddings and parties and for daytime use for conferences and meetings.

# Beach tennis



The tennis club enjoying the beach in Brighton

Members of Kings Hill Community Tennis Club enjoyed a trip to Brighton for beach tennis recently but now the Club's thoughts are turning to winter.

They have entered four adult teams into the Kent leagues and seven teams into the junior leagues.

The Club also has two junior players now involved in Kent county tennis training as well as another two competing at a high level and achieving regular success in tournaments in the South East region.

★★★★★ Great News! Janine achieved a 5 star food hygiene rating at the Sports Bar Café

# New play area for park

Planning consent has now been given for the play area and the fencing, and the play equipment has been ordered with installation due to be completed soon. The new play equipment will include slides, swings, spinners, a seesaw, jungle climber and a timber log walk.

The footpaths in the new park are being surfaced and once this, and the playground, have been completed the landscapers will be putting the finishing touches to the planting.

The mature trees are now in and already showing off their autumn colours, the shrubs are planted and the grass areas seeded and looking healthy, despite the lack of rain earlier in the year. Lighting has been installed and the park's focal point, the amphitheatre, complete and



Drone view of the new park and play area taking shape

ready for future events and performances.

"It's been a mammoth task creating the park which, at half a kilometre long and the size of three and a half football pitches, has involved a huge amount of work," said Liberty's Derek Lloyd who is responsible for the project.

"We are absolutely delighted, we are almost there and the park is nearly ready for people to enjoy.

"It will be a fabulous amenity for people of all ages, whether it's active children with plenty of energy to expend, people wanting to keep fit or those who simply want to sit in peaceful contemplation."

## Control Tower open to the public

Approaching 200 people took the opportunity to have a look inside the Control Tower which was open to the public to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Heritage Open Days.

It's England's largest festival of history and culture when places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history free of charge. The Control Tower gallery, however, is one part of the building open to the public during office hours, Monday to Friday, where people are welcome to view the revolving art exhibitions held there.



Taking a well-earned rest

## Tour de Kings Hill

Kings Hill Wheelers cycling club has had an exciting year – highlights include a four day tour of the Alps taking in some of the Tour de France routes, a trip to the Velopark for some track cycling and participation in RideLondon, raising £2,500 for Demelza House, the Royal Society for the Blind, Children with Cancer and Save the Children.

Regular rides are scheduled each week, usually on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays - to cater for a variety of abilities, and ages. Beginners are always welcome. More information on [www.khwcc.org](http://www.khwcc.org) or from the club's Secretary, Jerry Teasdale, at [jerryteasdale@bopenworld.com](mailto:jerryteasdale@bopenworld.com)

## Wheels on Debussy

Music@Malling came to Kings Hill again this year with performances of 'The Wheels on Debussy' for pre-schoolers in the Community Centre and 'Three Little Pigs' at Discovery School. "Each year we sponsor the festival as it's an important part of providing the social opportunities every community needs." said Liberty's Caroline Binns.



### Howzat for a season

Kings Hill Cricket Club has plenty to celebrate after a very successful season. The Saturday 1st XI won the Kent Cricket League Division 4 and the Saturday 2nd XI gained promotion from the Regional League into the Kent Cricket League.

The junior section had another great year with league success at U11 and U13 levels and Millie Ellis and Ben Taylor have both gained county honours.

Club stalwart Peter Robinson has been awarded a Kent County 'Outstanding Service to Cricket Award' (OSCA) for Lifetime Services to Cricket and he has been shortlisted for the national award - winners will be announced at Lords in October.

**Rugby World Cup games will be shown at the clubhouse this month.**

## Luxury for the over 55s



### CGI of The Landings

Work is about to start on The Landings, Anchor Hanover's independent living development for the over-55s opposite Waitrose at the junction of Hazen Road.

Seventy five luxury one and two bed apartments will be set in landscaped gardens with the added bonus of a resident's lounge, wellness area with hair salon and a café which will

also be open to the public.

The whole development and grounds will be fully accessible and, for those who need it, an Anchor Hanover Homecare service will be available. Construction is scheduled to be complete in late 2021 and anyone interested in finding out more should email [tlsales@anchorhanover.org.uk](mailto:tlsales@anchorhanover.org.uk)



### U18s team

Kings Hill FC is getting off to a good start this season with the Men's First Team remaining top of the Kent County League Premier'ship and the U18's - which Liberty has sponsored for many years - celebrating winning the 1st division league and the U18 cup.

For younger players the club is now running an U5's and U6's Development Squad on Saturday mornings at the Sports Park as well as a 'Wildcats' development centre for girls aged 4-11.

### Summer 10K run

The first Kings Hill Summer Run was such a success that it is hoped it will be held

again next year. More than 200 runners competed in the 10k, 5k and 1k runs which took place in the Sports Park. Winners were Henry

Young and Georgina Bennett in the 10k, Luke Anderson and Luciana Anderson in the 5k and Sam Cooke and Georgina Fronda in the 1k.

The maintenance and quality of most of Kings Hill's residential neighbourhoods is the responsibility of the Kings Hill Residential Estate Management Company (KHREMC) which is a not-for-profit company.

It is managed on a day-to-day basis by Liberty but has two residents as directors, John West ([john@westjj.net](mailto:john@westjj.net)) and Deborah Petty ([deb@khremc.com](mailto:deb@khremc.com)).

Kings Hill Residential Estate Management Company Ltd can be contacted on 01732 870375 or [kingshillresidential@libertyproperty.com](mailto:kingshillresidential@libertyproperty.com).

Kings Hill Estate Management Company Ltd, which is also a not-for-profit entity, looks after the commercial business park within Kings Hill.

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## Log on for latest news

A brand new website at [www.kings-hill.com](http://www.kings-hill.com) will be going live soon.

It includes helpful information on all aspects of the village

including: 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 in Kings Hill.

