

**Welcome**

The theme for this issue is borrowed from Louis Armstrong’s uplifting song - *What a wonderful world* - a celebration of all the positive things that are happening in Kings Hill, which for many of us is the extent of our world for the time being.

We have received wonderful feedback from the community as to just how much you are enjoying our green, open spaces and thanking our estate management team and landscapers for tirelessly working to maintain it.

I am sure you all join with us in thanking Humphrey’s Fish & Chips for devising a way to re-open whilst respecting social distancing, to restore a little normality to our lives. Of course, we acknowledge and thank the other Liberty Square retailers who have ‘opened’ too.

Finally, even though most employees are working from home, we should also recognise our property management team and contractors who are keeping the business park buildings safe and open for business. They are also making preparations to assist social distancing, now that people have begun to return to work.

The new look Kings Hill website now provides an opportunity for sharing Instagram images and we would like to encourage you to send in cheerful moments/examples of nature’s beauty that you have captured in Kings Hill, perhaps during your daily exercise sessions. Take care and stay safe!

**Andrew Blevins**

*UK Managing Director, Liberty Property Trust*



## Humphrey’s Fish & Chips, Kings Hill now open for take-aways

Chris Humphrey and business partner Chris Bramley are bringing back a little normality to the Kings Hill community having re-opened on 21 April.

They are following Government social distancing guidelines to protect customers and staff. Chris Humphrey said: “We are very grateful to our landlords, Liberty Property Trust, for the package of support they offered when we were forced to close and so we are now able to get back up and running. We have no doubt that our Kings Hill customers will welcome the chance to enjoy good old British fish and chips at this time of crisis. All are welcome but please



phone in orders to help keep everyone safe.” Call 01732 870243 – Opening hours - Mon from 15:30-20:00, Tues, Wed, Sat from 11.30-

14.00 and 15.30-20.00, Thurs & Fri from 15:30-20:30, Sun closed. Other Liberty Square outlets are ‘open’ too.

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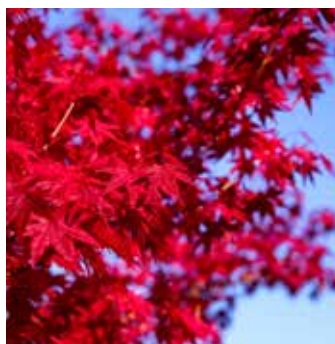
# Spring has sprung!

Our Property and Estate Manager had a walk around Kings Hill recently. Here are a few lovely images that she took on her stroll. Thank you for all the kind words and messages we have received from the community sharing how much you have been appreciating the landscaping during your daily exercise.



## Pixie Walk – assault course

Whilst our Estate and Property Management Supervisor was doing her rounds of Kings Hill, she came across this wonderful drawing of a mini assault course in Pixie Walk. It includes a balancing line and a space to hop! We think it is lovely to see how the young children of Kings Hill are coming up with creative ideas to keep themselves and each other entertained!



## New Public Park

Our contractors have continued to work to complete the park and we have chosen a beautiful specimen tree -Acer Rebrum Red -to be located a little way in from the Tower View entrance, at the confluence of footpaths.

The tree will be installed and the park opened up to the community as soon as Government guidance allows this, hopefully mid-summer.



CGI of the new extension

## Community centre update

The start of construction works to extend the community centre was unfortunately delayed due to the COVID-19 restrictions, however, our contractors are now on site and began works on 18th May. The extension comprises a new function hall, servery and alterations to the entrance, providing additional space for community events and meetings. The works are due to be completed by the end of the year.



# Future Residential Development

Following a three week public inquiry in December last year, the Planning Inspector granted planning permission for the development of residential units on land formerly allocated for employment use.

The sites have been vacant for some considerable time and after much debate the Inspector concluded that the loss of employment land did not significantly outweigh the benefits of providing the proposed levels of new housing, including affordable housing, and that the proposed development would not cause unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the surrounding area. The three permissions will provide for 350 high quality new homes, 40% of which will be affordable homes,



contributing to the supply and mix of housing much needed in the Borough. Two of the sites within

the business park will be apartment schemes, whilst the site to the north will be a mix of more traditional family homes.



## Market Square Garden

We have recently completed the Market Square Garden adjacent to the Community Centre, which will provide the community with a space for quiet enjoyment and somewhere to sit and eat lunch, meet and chat.

The hope is to open the garden during June, once the grass seed has had a chance to establish and depending on prevailing Government advice regarding the opening of public spaces.

## Advance notification, resurfacing works – there will be weekend closures of Tower View 23/24 & 30/31 May, 2020

Over the last 2 years, Kings Hill Estate Management has successfully completed resurfacing works to the in/outbound carriageways of Tower View.

This year the final stage of the works will be to upgrade the tarmac road surface around the roundabout that leads into Tower View. It will include the associated sections of road leading to Kings Hill Avenue, Tower View and Park Drive.



To minimise disruption, the works will be completed over the 2 weekends, either side what would have been the usual half term. The timing of the works has also been agreed with KCC Highways in order to avoid any other roadworks locally and to coincide with the school holidays. Since the above timings were agreed, lockdown has been

implemented but the timings of the works will remain unchanged.

The surface will be removed during the first weekend and the 'planings' will be recycled to construct the new parking areas at Kings Hill Sports Park, for which planning consent has recently been granted

Over the following weekend

the new road surface will be completed.

The diversion route will be clearly signed and the entrance at Gibson Drive will remain accessible. Bus routes will be amended and the retailers and commercial occupiers of the business park, along with the emergency services, will all be informed in advance.



## Waitrose

Waitrose, Kings Hill has asked children to provide pictures to decorate the shop windows which have been cheering up shoppers while they queue to get in. The store is now adorned with very colourful artworks featuring lots of rainbows and positive messages!



## Share Kings Hill images on Instagram

The Kings Hill website now has Instagram functionality. If you have any interesting, quality images of Kings Hill that you'd like to share on our Instagram account @kingshillvillage, please send them to 07843 327075 for review.

We will assume that all images submitted have copyright clearance for this purpose and that no charges will be incurred by sharing them with the community on the website. Also that any people who feature in them, especially children, have given their consent.

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# Kings Hill Initiative

We are proud to be a part of a compassionate community, coming together to support and raise awareness of various causes. This is Dave Hurring's inspiring story -

"I thought it would be good to get a banner for my own house to show support for the NHS & Key Workers. I looked at the cost and realised it would make sense to get a few printed, so asked some friends if they'd be interested. I decided to pay for the costs of 25 banners through my company and just ask that friends donate to the NHS in return for banner.

The 'Kings Hill Initiative' was born and the idea spiralled from there, as it spread to neighbouring areas and then much further afield, KHI became the 'Kent Heroes Initiative'. The first £3,000



went straight to the local (Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells) NHS Charity Fund. As the area for banners was expanding, it made sense to shut the original page and open one that could help



other Kent based charities impacted by COVID-19. To date we have raised £6,870 and have almost 200 banners in Kings Hill and another 100 in other areas. I'd like to thank the other small, local companies who have kindly and discreetly paid for the banners so that all donations can go to charity."

They are still taking donations and if you wish to do so, please use this link - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/c19kent>

In support of this wonderful initiative, Liberty Property Trust has made a donation and erected THANK YOU NHS messages on the A228 entrance boards, and throughout the business park. Keep an eye out for them!

## Kings Hill Cricket Club's 2.6 Challenge

Kings Hill Cricket Club has taken up the challenge to support the local charity, Spadework.

They have shared videos on social media of all the fun 2.6 related challenges their junior cricketers, coaches and volunteers undertook.

The 2.6 challenge was launched on Sunday, 26 April in place of the cancelled London Marathon this year, in support of the UK's charities through fundraising or donating. Participants selected a physical challenge which related to the date the marathon was due to



take place and the number of miles run in a marathon. The only rule was that those participating should adhere to Government guidelines on exercise and social distancing.

They were impressed with some of the creative activities that were chosen which included a fancy dress work out for 26 minutes (seen in adjacent image).

Spadework is a charity based in Kent providing care, support and meaningful opportunities to people with learning and other disabilities. Donations are still being accepted and they would appreciate any donation that you are able to make during this challenging time for Spadework and to support the commendable work that they do.

Link to donate - <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/KingsHillCricketClub>

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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@prologis.com](mailto:kingshillresidential@prologis.com).

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