

**Welcome**

As previously published, Liberty and KCC are in a cultural partnership with Turner Contemporary and the University for the Creative Arts to deliver an artwork for the new public park via an artist in residency, to which British Nigerian, Yinka Ilori has been appointed. In anticipation of restrictions easing, monitor [www.kings-hill.com/uca-turner-contemporary-public-art/](http://www.kings-hill.com/uca-turner-contemporary-public-art/) for your invitation to take part in a series of workshops, towards the end of August. Kings Hill's residential credentials were acknowledged in a recent rightmove survey which stated Kings Hill is one of the top 6 villages everyone wants to move to in the UK. We are mindful of the ongoing growth of our community and the need to deliver on planning obligations to grow amenities too, see the article on infrastructure works. Retail amenity is also set to expand with ALDI having acquired a site. An ALDI consultation leaflet is in circulation, so that you can have your say prior to them submitting a planning application, more details on back page. Finally, we look forward to welcoming back more business park employees, as Government guidance allows.



**Andrew Blevins**

*UK Managing Director, Liberty Property Trust*

# Kings Hill featured!



**Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent (Source: Kent Live via Rightmove)**

Kings Hill was featured in two popular publications in May - testament to its enduring appeal. Here is a brief summary of the articles and links to the full articles.

**COUNTRY LIVING: 6 villages in the UK everyone wants to move to, according to Rightmove**

With Brits continuing to swap city life for slow countryside living, Rightmove has revealed the six most searched-for villages in the UK — and Kings Hill is one of them! The article describes Kings Hill as a beautiful village with excellent

amenities, good schools, heaps of green space, several restaurants, cafes and more. Furthermore, Kings Hill is mentioned as ideal for those escaping city life and those searching for quieter, rural locations. Visit here for full article: [www.countryliving.com/uk/homes-interiors/property/a36295678/popular-uk-villages-rightmove/](http://www.countryliving.com/uk/homes-interiors/property/a36295678/popular-uk-villages-rightmove/)

**KENTLIVE: Kings Hill: The American-style village where everyone wants to live and no one wants to leave.**

Similarly, KentLive has described Kings Hill as

idyllic, clean, modern and peaceful, filled with new houses and greenery, with a strong family community. The article also mentions the excellent commuting facilities with easy access to the M20, bus services and nearby West Malling station, where trains run to London Victoria and Ashford International. Featured in this article are Kings Hill residents, Lesley Butler, Celia Treasure and Dean Boreham, who have spoken of living in Kings Hill proudly! Visit here for full article: [www.kentlive.news/news/property/kings-hill-american-style-village-5417035](http://www.kentlive.news/news/property/kings-hill-american-style-village-5417035)



**Lesley Butler has lived in the area for 13 years and "absolutely loves it", she can't imagine living anywhere else! (Source: KentLive)**

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## St Gabriel's Church Hub Community Cafe

In anticipation of further easing of government restrictions, the Hub Community Café at St Gabriel's, plan to resume their services to the public from July.

Welcome to everyone of all ages, The Hub is run by volunteers and offers a space to meet, enjoy some hot or cold drinks, read, play, have a catch up with friends, or enjoy some creative activities.

The proposed date and time are 19 August, from 10am-12pm. They plan to hold sessions on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of each month, from September.

For more information, please visit [www.kingshillchurch.org.uk/thehub/](http://www.kingshillchurch.org.uk/thehub/)

# Tom Tugendhat MP at Turmeric Square's Official Opening

You may have read about the arrival of award-winning restaurant Turmeric Square to Kings Hill in our last newsletter (link below). We are pleased to confirm the restaurant is now in full swing, open for indoor dining and plenty of good times with friends and family where they can enjoy delicious Indian and Bangladeshi cuisine.

Following the successful expansion of the family business which has similar restaurants in the Tonbridge and Hildenborough area, our local MP for Tonbridge and Malling, Tom Tugendhat, did the honours by cutting the ribbon to mark their first week open for indoor dining.

Tom expressed his excitement about the much welcomed, new addition to Liberty Square:

"It was a great privilege to declare Turmeric Square Kings Hill officially open. The expansion of this family business is extremely welcome and I know they will serve all customers in Kings Hill as well as other restaurants have.



From left to right, Turmeric Square manager and director Kamrul Islam, MP Tom Tugendhat, director Johurul Islam, front-of-house supervisor Noyon Rahman and owner and manager Sanu Miah (Source: Johurul Islam)



"Of course, during the latest restrictions, Turmeric Square Kings Hill has already been helping, with a collection service available ahead of re-opening to indoor catering. I look forward to visiting very soon."

For more information about Turmeric Square's opening hours and/or to book a collection, please visit [www.turmericsquare.com](http://www.turmericsquare.com)

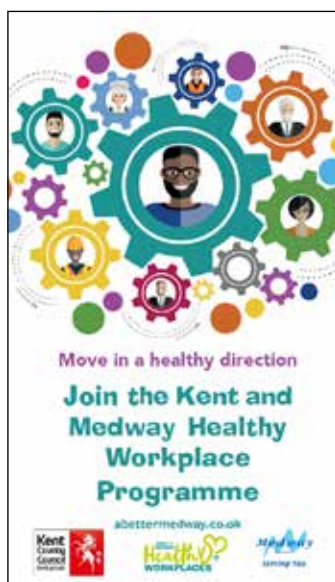
Turmeric Square press release published in April [www.kings-hill.com/2021/03/02/gold-standard-cuisine-comes-to-kings-hill/](http://www.kings-hill.com/2021/03/02/gold-standard-cuisine-comes-to-kings-hill/)

## Kent & Medway Healthy Workplace Programme

The Kent and Medway Healthy Workplace Programme is designed to support businesses with the well-being of their employees.

The initiative was created to encourage and assist with creating a healthy workforce, which they believe can reduce sickness absence, lower staff turnover, boost staff morale and engagement levels to ultimately boosting productivity and wellbeing.

The Programme, supports businesses of all sizes and sectors in having a



healthy workforce and are particularly keen to support businesses who have been heavily impacted by COVID, to help staff return to a safe working environment.

They will help you to identify health issues affecting employees and develop a bespoke health and wellbeing plan. Some benefits include:

- Free new joint government initiative fully funded by Kent County Council and Medway Council and fully endorsed by Public Health England.

- Access to free Mental Health First Aider training and Connect 5, Workplace Health Checks, Health Kiosks for staff to use and the One You Kent programmes.

- Helps promote businesses as an employer of choice.

For more information, please visit [www.medway.gov.uk/healthyworkplace](http://www.medway.gov.uk/healthyworkplace) or email [workplacehealth@medway.gov.uk](mailto:workplacehealth@medway.gov.uk)

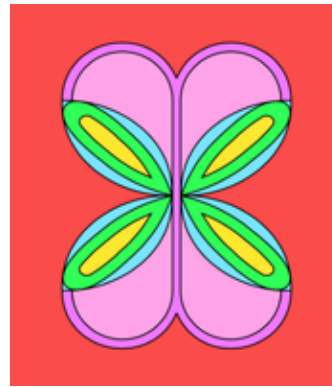
# Yinki Ilori update

Kings Hill artist-in-residence Yinka Ilori and his team have been working behind the scenes on a number of exciting workshops which he will be sharing with you soon, Government restrictions permitting. Thank you for your patience, Yinka can't wait to finally kick

off activities and to meet the community. See you soon – hopefully towards the end of August – visit the website for updates.

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Slices of Peace by Yinka Ilori



## ISO certification body recommits to Kings Hill office

One of the country's leading accreditation bodies has completed a new office lease in Kings Hill.

British Assessment Bureau (BAB), which is an independent UKAS-accredited certification body, has recommitted to 3,350 sq ft in 30 Tower View. The organisation certifies organisations to recognised ISO standards and has been a tenant since 2011.

"Kings Hill is the location of British Assessments Bureau's head office, from where services are provided across the UK and globally," said Mike Tims, Chief Executive Officer of Amtivo Group, which is the parent company. "We've been part of the Kings Hill community for ten years, with many of our staff living within the Kings Hill area or in the surrounding towns. This commitment cements our relationship with the Kings Hill community. Our staff work in contemporary, bright, open plan offices and enjoy having so many amenities within walking distance while the free parking is an additional bonus for those that commute into our offices."

The landlord is represented by Hanover Green, Altus Group and Knight Frank.

To view the wide range of office accommodation available in Kings Hill for organisations of all sizes, visit [www.kings-hill.com](http://www.kings-hill.com).

# Kings Hill infrastructure works update

## Infrastructure Works

In line with planning obligations, Liberty has been undertaking a number of infrastructure projects across Kings Hill, including a new bus stop, layby and crossing point on Tower View as you come into Kings Hill. This will provide buses with a dedicated layby to pull into helping to prevent interruptions in traffic flows at peak times. This was combined with a new footpath from Park Drive to Jubilee Way along the frontage of Tower View and a pedestrian / cycle link into the new Countryside development.

Further footpath works have been completed along Kings Hill Avenue from the bus stop outside 1 Tower View (Kimberly Clark and Travel Insurance Facilities Plc) to connect with the new area for residential development (Bellway development "The Retreat") and 35 & 39 Kings Hill Avenue. This provides

additional pedestrian connections along Kings Hill Avenue and increases the permeability along this road.

Along the A228 between the Blaise Farm roundabout and the Gibson Drive roundabout, we have recently completed the removal of a redundant site entrance and continued the footpath across this old junction.

As part of the expansion, we proposed a strategic footpath and cycle link from Gibson Drive to Warwick Way, to follow the alignment of an old coach road and airfield access track. This link will provide a safe and pleasant connection with the village retail centre, the community centre and the residential development south of Gibson Drive. Then onwards to the Valley Invicta Primary School, the business park and the new public park within the heart of Phase 3. This has been combined with a more natural pedestrian only Woodland Walk through

the chestnut coppice from Alexander Grove to the new Airfield Track.

## Sports Facilities

At the heart of the residential neighbourhood, we have started the construction of the new extension to the Sports Pavilion at the Kings Hill Sports Park which will provide two additional changing rooms to support the expansion of sports facilities. The works are scheduled to complete in October this year. Liberty has also started building two new tennis courts to replace the two in Gibson Drive that will be removed to make way for the new church (open in due course). They will consist of two multi use courts for both tennis and netball and a new grass rugby pitch. These facilities are also programmed to complete in October, after which they will be provided to manage.

Starting Friday, 6 August, 11am – 3pm, Lotties Lollies will be located in Liberty Square, opposite the Control Tower.

Ice cream treats, waffles, pancakes, cookie boxes and more, will be on offer

– [facebook.com/Lotties-Lollies-Balloons-and-Gifts-432534477219287](https://www.facebook.com/Lotties-Lollies-Balloons-and-Gifts-432534477219287)

For a trial period, Lotties Lollies will be returning

each Friday, to bring some summer fun.



It is hoped that this complementary offer will help support existing Liberty Square outlets by increasing footfall.

If the trial is successful, other complementary offers may be considered – all enquiries to [ecottee@prologis.com](mailto:ecottee@prologis.com).



Pre-owned luxury watch specialist Watchfinder will be moving its headquarters to the business park later this summer.  
[www.watchfinder.co.uk](http://www.watchfinder.co.uk)



Kings Hill Wheelers,  
Tonbridge Castle 100 event.  
Source: Kings Hill Wheelers

## Kings Hill Wheelers

Kings Hill Wheelers, who have 80 members to date, facilitate cycle rides for all abilities with six regularly planned rides each week, with varying paces of speed between 13 and 18 mph, and distances of between 25 and 75 miles.

They also arrange ad hoc rides which this year include rides to Folkestone, Rye and Whitstable.

They also support many local Sportives which present opportunities for longer rides of up to 125 miles. They are proud to be sponsored by local companies and funds raised are donated to charity.

For more information and to view their event and social calendar, please visit [www.khwcc.org](http://www.khwcc.org) or email, [kingshillwheelers@gmail.com](mailto:kingshillwheelers@gmail.com)

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# tmactive – new management at Kings Hill Sports Park

Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust, known as tmactive, as of 14 June 2021, took over the management of Kings Hill Sports Park under a partnership agreement with Kings Hill Parish Council.

The Trust recognises the ambition of local residents and incumbent clubs to secure appropriate use of the Sports Park in the future and these protections have been built into the agreement. This partnership provides an opportunity to re-invigorate and develop the Sports Park for the benefit of Kings Hill FC and the wider active community in Kings Hill.

Further development by Liberty, has started and will see the addition of more changing rooms, 2 tennis and 2 dual use courts (with all having the ability to be marked out for both tennis and netball, as demand dictates), a trim



KHFC in action. (Source: Kings Hill Football Club)

trail for running and exercise opportunities, a rugby pitch, additional car parking and associated landscaping.

Chief Executive of tmactive, Martin Guyton said, 'We are extremely pleased to take on the management of the Sports Park and look forward to working with local clubs and residents to provide excellent service, health and wellbeing opportunities and to widening the number of activities on offer and level of community use for all.

My team brings industry knowledge, resources and economies of scale that will improve the financial and qualitative outcomes associated with the facility and provide a 'win, win, win' solution for the Trust, the Parish Council and most importantly, local residents.'

For further information please contact: Wendy Parker, Head of Sales & Marketing – Tel: 01732 876081 [wendy.parker@tmactive.co.uk](mailto:wendy.parker@tmactive.co.uk)



In July 2021, ALDI acquired a site, near Waitrose and Asda, in Kings Hill. They are currently undertaking a public consultation on their proposals ahead of submitting a planning application. To view and comment on the plans visit [aldiconsultation.co.uk/Kingshill](http://aldiconsultation.co.uk/Kingshill). (Source: ALDI)

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 and 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.