

Beechwood Village

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the autumn issue of our Beechwood Village newsletter. Here you'll find the latest updates on the regeneration of the Craylands estate, the launch of our new Beechwood Village website, a competition to bring some New Year cheer and much more.

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NEW BEECHWOOD WEBSITE IS HERE

As we announced in our last newsletter, our new project website for the Beechwood community and residents is now live and can be viewed at www.beechwood-village.co.uk

The website will be updated regularly to share consultation information and the latest designs, images and plans to keep you fully informed of site activity as we progress. We will also share

news of any community events hosted by Swan Housing Association taking place at Beechwood Village. So, please visit the website from time to time for updates on the next steps of the development and what's on.

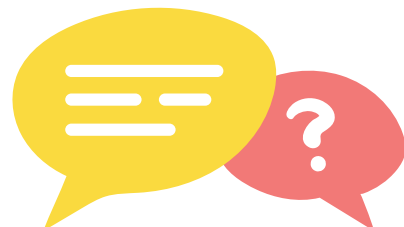
We do hope you enjoy the new website. If you have any ideas or comments on it, please email CommunicationsTeam@swan.org.uk.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE PLANS

We are looking for residents of Beechwood Village to join our new Resident Steering Group.

By joining the group, you will have an active role in representing the wants and needs of your neighbours and community. It is also a chance for you to find out more about the future plans for Beechwood Village, keep up to date with next steps and give your valuable feedback on them.

If you want to find out more about joining the group, please contact Shona McKinnon, Development Manager, on smckinnon@swan.org.uk. We will be in touch to confirm timings and location of the first Resident Steering Group meeting in due course.



LOOKING AHEAD – WHAT'S NEXT FOR BEECHWOOD VILLAGE?

Following our recent letter to nearby residents about the demolition of some existing homes on Beechwood Village, works are now happening and you will have noticed some hoarding fencing has already been put up.

Once the existing properties have been removed, we will then start to prepare the land and build foundations for the next new homes, beginning in Spring 2022.

While all possible measures will be taken to minimise disruption, as with all works of this type, there may be some limited noise, dust and vibrations during working hours.

We will monitor the noise and vibration levels carefully to ensure that disruption is monitored and minimal. Should you have any concerns about the works during this time, please contact Shona McKinnon, Development Manager, on smckinnon@swan.org.uk

The health and safety of the communities we work with is really important to Swan and with the correct security measures in place, we hope to avoid any anti-social behaviour (ASB) during these works. If any issues do occur, please contact the police. For more information on how to report ASB, please visit www.swan.org.uk/anti-social-behaviour or call the Swan switchboard on 0300 303 2500.

BEECHWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNITY GARDEN – THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all of our residents from Beechwood Village who recently joined us, along with Axis team members and Beechwood Community Trust, to begin the makeover of the Beechwood Village Community Garden.

Fuelled by toasties and crepes from the Tin Canteen, the team of green-fingered volunteers worked throughout the day to the rhythm of the Pantasy Steel band. Together we made fantastic progress with the community garden.

More than 50 large bags of green waste were collected throughout the day. The area is now much more manageable for our Estates team to work on,

with the support of the local community. Spring bulbs will be planted on Tuesday 21 December, ready to flower early in 2022.

The area is now ready for the 'Backyard Nature' project, fun and free nature-based activities such as planting 'wild seed balls' to protect the bees and building bug hotels, which starts later this year.

If you'd like more information on how to get involved in projects like this in the future, please contact Community Development Project Officer, William Oldham, on woldham@swan.org.uk.

For now, we will leave you with these happy snaps from the day...





COMPETITION TIME!

To celebrate our upcoming 'Backyard Nature' project, we are inviting children of Beechwood Village (aged 16 years or under) to unravel the following creepy crawly crossword. Complete all 12 words and you could win a **£30 Love2shop voucher** to bring you some New Year cheer!

To help, we have listed the creatures below:

Dragonfly

Wasp

Caterpillar

Firefly

Bee

Ant

Fly

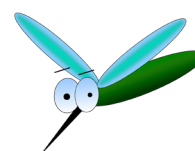
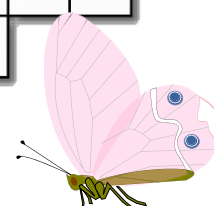
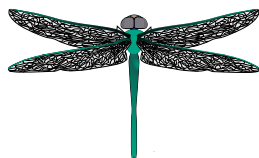
Grasshopper

Butterfly

Mosquito

Spider

Ladybug



How to enter

All you must do is complete all 12 words to be in with the chance of winning a **£30 Love2shop voucher**. Deadline for entries is 31 January 2022. Please remember to provide your name, address and contact number on the form so we know how to get hold of you. To enter, you can take a picture of your completed entry and send it to our team at CommunicationsTeam@swan.org.uk or use our FREEPOST to Swan address:

FREEPOST RTZZ-SHRX-CAJS, Swan Housing Association, Pilgrim House, High Street. Billericay, CM12 9XY

If you have an enquiry about the Beechwood Village regeneration, please contact us:

By phone: 01277 844242

By email: involvement@swan.org.uk

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