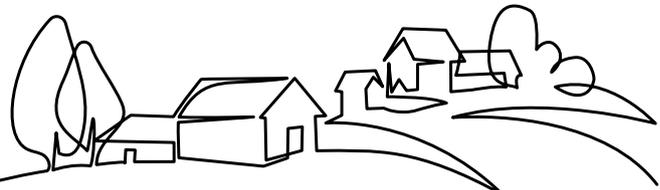


Parklands Village



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North Somerset Council is working closely with a number of partners to create a vibrant new sustainable community at Parklands Village.

This newsletter will keep you up-to-date with all that's happening.



First section of new link road now open

The first section of the North South Link Road from the A371 to the junction with Russell Road opened in January, followed two days later by the turning on of the traffic signals at the new A371 junction. This section of road provides public access to the Flowerdown estate and Parklands Educate Together Primary School.

The opening of this road section necessitated the closure of the Flowerdown temporary access road which could no longer be used due to its close proximity with the new signalised junction on the A371.

More details about the road opening can be found on the council's website at

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/parklands.

North Somerset Council is now responsible for this section of road. The remaining road sections will be gated off for access only by the developers, St Modwen and Keepmoat.

There are currently some minor defects identified with some of the block paving installed at the carriageway crossings within the opened road section. These are being monitored and the council is looking at repair options.

Work to start on new GP practice

Proposals to build the new GP practice at Parklands Village have taken a big step forward and were approved by Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire's Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England and Improvement at the end of last year. The NHS and North Somerset Council are now in the final stages of agreeing contracts and it is expected construction will begin in the next couple of months.

Once construction is completed and the building equipped and commissioned, it is hoped that the new two-storey practice, which will provide a range



Artist's impression of the new GP practice

of health and care services for between 12,000 and 16,000 patients, will be ready to open in early spring next year.

The contract to build the new surgery has been awarded to Willmott Dixon, who last year completed construction of the Parklands Educate Together Primary School.





Keepmoat Homes launches consultation on 425 new homes

North Somerset Council is delighted to confirm the appointment of Keepmoat Homes to deliver 425 new high quality homes on its land at Parklands Village. The land sits in the middle of the total development area, to the north of the Homes England / St. Modwen development, and close to the Flowerdown residential area.

This is the first major residential project to be taken forward by the council as part of its Development Programme, with a strong focus on quality and sustainability, as well as the use of modern technologies.

Keepmoat Homes' successful bid includes:

- 30% of the homes will be affordable
- 85 homes will be adaptable/accessible
- 64 net zero carbon homes
- a gas free development with energy generated on site from air source pumps and photovoltaic panels
- electric car charging points available to all new residents
- 75 homes built using highly efficient off-site methods of construction
- biodiversity net gain.

Keepmoat is keen to hear feedback from the local community on their proposals. Public consultation is taking place online from mid-March onwards via the website www.keepmoatatparklands.co.uk where you can view the detailed plans and make comments via a survey.

For any queries or questions about the consultation, or to receive a printed copy of the proposals and a survey, please contact Avril Baker Consultancy on 0117 977 2002 or email info@abc-pr.co.uk.

Keep up-to-date with plans for new secondary school

Work to design the new 900-place expansion of Winterstoke Hundred Academy at the southern end of Parklands is now under way.

In the coming weeks there will be a range of opportunities to tell North Somerset Council what you think about the design of the new school buildings and site.

This includes online sessions where you can hear from both the council and project contractors about the designs, delivery timetables and more. The council is currently putting the finishing touches on the sessions and will be ready to share the full details soon.

The council has also launched a new webpage to help you keep up-to-date with the school expansion. Over the coming weeks, these will be updated to include details of engagement sessions and how you can get involved, as well as more information about the project designs.

You can also sign up to the council's Major Projects e-newsletter and get updates on projects across North Somerset straight to your inbox. Find out more at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/whae.



Balfour Beatty



The North South Link Road project involves the construction of a single carriageway road with a cycleway, footpath and two culverts extending through the St Modwens and North Somerset Council land. It will improve the local sustainable transport network within the greater Parklands Village development.

The Parklands Village development is an important site for the local people, providing employment alongside housing and community facilities within North Somerset and Weston-super-Mare. The Link Road scheme will help ensure safe access to all of the Parklands Village facilities.

Balfour Beatty has worked closely with North Somerset Council (NSC) and their designers for the last two years to help bring the North South Link Road project to reality. The scheme includes provision for services and drainage for future development.

Further Information

You can find more information about the Parklands Village development on the North Somerset Council webpage:

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/northsouthlink.

The North South Link Road

Dear Residents,

Welcome to the seventh and last edition of our project newsletter. Balfour Beatty are programmed to demobilise in May 2021, at which point our site cabins will be removed. We will continue to have some presence here for a few weeks, following this, as we hand over the site to North Somerset Council. Please contact North Somerset Council for any future concerns:

Construction

From now until May we will complete the following:

- Surfacing the road and footways north of the school along with the road crossings and paving slabs
- Planting the trees up to rhyme 7, the old RAF Locking boundary (the remainder will be planted next winter).
- Installing a fourth culvert in the existing water network to provide access to the development site from the spine road.
- Installing as much of the utilities (gas, water, power and telecommunications) as possible ahead of future developments starting later in the year.

At the end of August we reinstated access along the northern verge of the A371 and closed the southern footpath diversion to allow us to complete our work on that section. Our temporary Flowerdown Access is the route to the new Primary School. Traffic management on the A371 will remain until works to the south verge are completed.

Local School Engagement

In February we invited local schools to a virtual live webinar called "Shape the Answer: Apprenticeships in Balfour Beatty" which aimed to cover everything you need to know about apprenticeships at Balfour Beatty. Apprenticeships can give you real-world experience and are highly regarded by employers. If you are interested in learning more, you can watch the webinar on Youtube here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OU48j_8XpQQ&t=1s.

Working with the local community

We wanted to say a big thank you to Claire Roberts, the Community Pastor at Parklands Community Church, for all her hard work running the Locking Parklands Stakeholder Meetings. These meetings have been a really positive experience for us and it has been really lovely to meet everyone.

We have been working with the local not-for-profit Community Interest Company, Somerset Wood Recycling CIC, for over 8 months now and we are extremely excited to have reached an impressive milestone - 10 TONNES of waste wood has been diverted from landfill to date. Somerset Wood Recycling is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company. All the money they make is reinvested in the project to continue its aims (mainly to work with long term unemployed people, people with mental health issues and drug and alcohol issues).

We hope you enjoyed the colourful play trail that the team made at Christmas, along the pavement, near the temporary access road. The trail, made using playground markings, was meant as a fun activity for the local children to enjoy during the Christmas period. Thank you to Roadcraft Safety Products Ltd (Banwell) for making the trail for us and for their support.

At Christmas we donated a lot of food and nearly £65 cash to the Weston-super-Mare Foodbank. During the pandemic there has been a huge need for emergency food parcels and we are really proud to have supported the Foodbank.

Thank you for all your co-operation during the construction works.

Best wishes,
Gary McHugh, Project Manager



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VACCINATION CENTRE AT THE RADIO WING

We are delighted to confirm that Locking Parklands Community Interest Company chose to support the NHS by making The Radio Wing available to Locking Pharmacy and NHS England to be operated as a Covid-19 vaccination centre.

The Radio Wing was one of the first local vaccination centres that NHS England has set up across the country and it became operational on Thursday 21st January. The centre is being overseen by Martin Taylor, Superintendent Pharmacist and owner of the pharmacy in Locking Village and is staffed mainly by volunteers.

Vaccinations are by appointment only direct through the NHS and the facility will be carefully managed by Martin and his team of volunteers in line with guidance from NHS England and to ensure disruption to residents is kept to a minimum.

So far, the facility has been operational three days a week (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) and the team has processed in excess of 1000 vaccinations per week. The aspiration is to increase this over time depending on operational constraints.

Martin and his team have already recruited 60 volunteers through local volunteer networks and through social media. This is a great opportunity for our community to also provide their support and anyone who is able to help with this essential endeavour is urged to contact

Locking Pharmacy by emailing: LPvaccinations@gmail.com.

The NHS' ambitions for delivering these essential lifesaving vaccines as quickly and efficiently as possible relies on support and assistance from local communities. LPCIC has been working closely with Martin Taylor and ensure as best we can that the operation at the Radio Wing runs efficiently and any issues are addressed swiftly. We would however be grateful for the support, cooperation, and patience if there are some initial issues to be ironed out.





NEW LP CIC STEERING GROUP

In the previous update, we confirmed that Voluntary Action North Somerset (VANS) have been appointed to implement a strong, positive and sustainable community engagement solution across Locking Parklands.

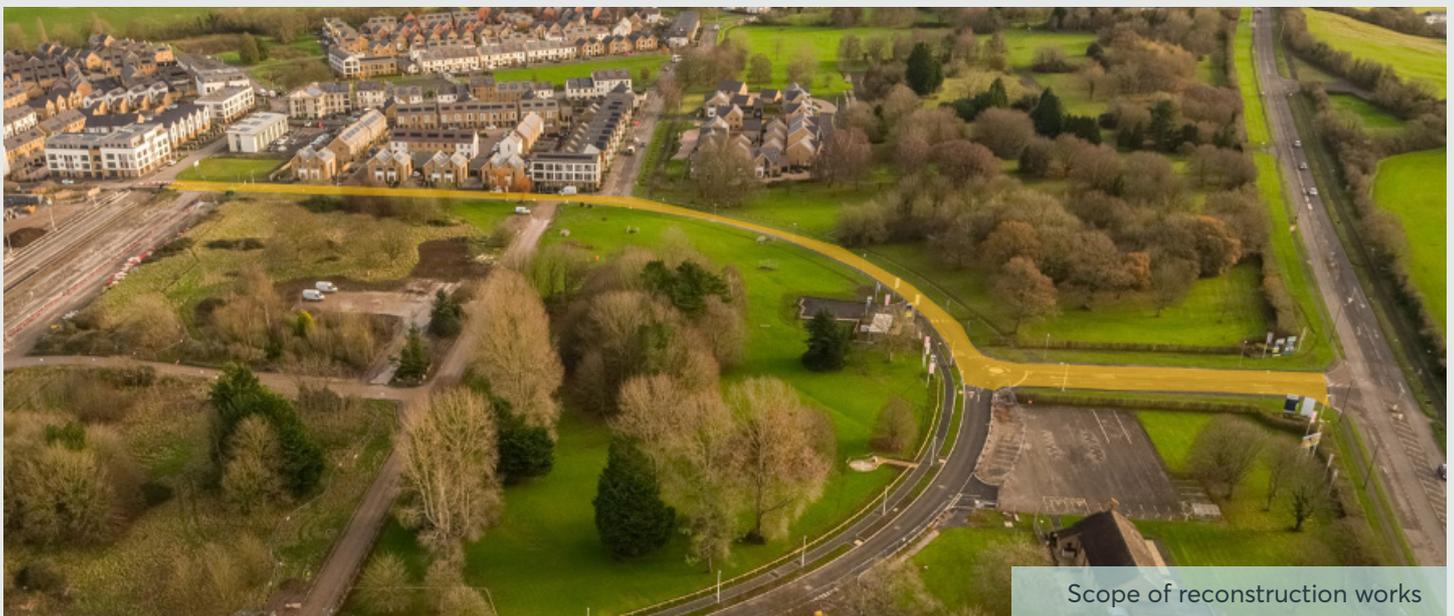
We have been collaborating with VANS to formulate a new structure for the Locking Parklands Community Interest company (LP CIC) and this has included the governance and the importantly the representation from the community

Following a resident ballot and an interview process, three representatives have been successful in their application to become your representatives to the LP CIC.

We will shortly be commencing the induction process with the new representatives and will be announcing the names of your representatives soon, with the aim of commencing steering groups meetings in March.

We recognise that the entrance road to Locking Parklands from the A371 has deteriorated. We have been completing temporary patch repairs for several years, but the opening of the new Spine Road from the A371 to the Parklands Educate Together Primary School means that there is now an alternative route into Parklands. The link to the existing Locking Parklands network is nearing completion, and we are targeting the pedestrian link opening for 8th March.

St. Modwen has submitted a planning application to reconstruct the carriageway from the entrance at the A371, along Bowen Road to the junction with Cranwell Road. We anticipate completing these works through 2021 and will provide more information as this project moves forward.



Scope of reconstruction works

Crawnwell Road junction with Spine Road



St. Modwen Development's infrastructure contractor continues to make good progress across Locking Parklands. Their efforts have been focused to ensure completion of some key areas of the site and this included works around The Radio Wing to facilitate the opening of the Vaccine centre. They are working on the link from McCrae Read and the spine road and this is anticipated to be completed in March. There has also been good progress on Cranwell Road and the associated footpaths, and a further update will follow

We're pleased to share updates on the construction and sales activity for St. Modwen Homes' housebuilding efforts across a number of areas in Locking Parklands.

Phase 3, Locking Parklands

Conversion of the old Sales Centre, off Leedham Road, into a new home is well underway and completion is scheduled for August 2021.

Phase 5, Locking Parklands

Approximately 50% of the houses within this phase have now been sold, with many already occupied. We anticipate a further 12 months of construction activity to complete this phase.

Phase 12a, Locking Parklands

At the beginning of the year, works commenced on this phase within the crescent at the entrance to Locking Parklands. This phase comprises 30 residential properties, including a mixture of apartments and

houses plus three commercial units. St Modwen Homes is currently setting out roads and foundations and these works are scheduled to last until the end of March. The first properties within this phase will be released shortly and we anticipate the first occupations around October this year.

Handley Place, Locking

The first residents moved in at the start of February and so far St Modwen Homes have completed 10 plots and 2 show homes, with 14 home sales to date.

Refer a friend for a chance to win £100k

We are excited to announce that we will be running our £100k Recommend a Friend competition again this year where one lucky homeowner will have the chance of winning £100,000 off their mortgage.



CAR CHARGING STATIONS

There has been an accelerated uptake of electric vehicles across Locking Parklands, which St. Modwen supports as an eco-friendly alternative to travel. As a result, there is a requirement for these residents to install their own charging stations.

There are several house designs at Locking Parklands and these impact on where the charging stations can be installed to abide by the covenants, design code and health and safety guidelines. St Modwen is drafting some helpful guidance for residents to assist with their application for consent, and also engaging with North Somerset and our utility supplier about possible solutions.

We will share more about this in due course.

Children's Mental Health Week took place 1-7th February 2021. Although this date has passed, the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions are still continuing to impact upon the mental health of our children across Locking Parkland and the UK. Free resources, which can be adapted to use in schools and for home schooling are available here:

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

How a child or young person reacts to the COVID-19 pandemic will depend on many factors including their age, past experiences or understanding of what's happening. The NHS has created this helpful resource to help you look after the mental health of those you care for, and yourself, at this time.

<https://bit.ly/3u7QBtl>

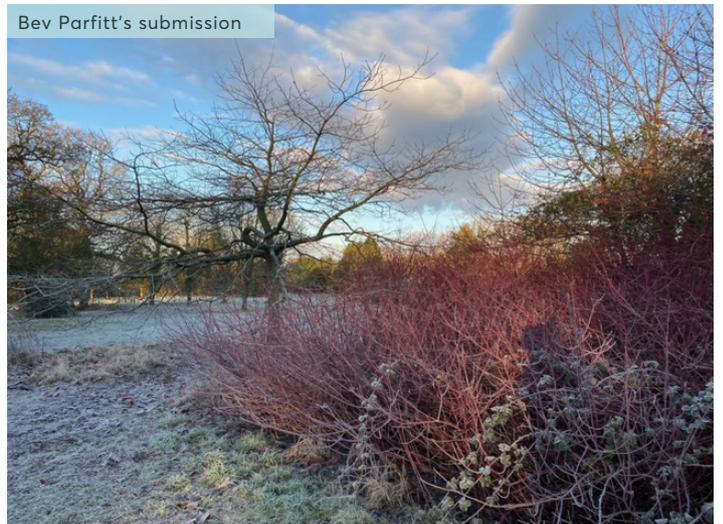


LOVE LOCKING PHOTO COMP!

Over the last fortnight we asked you, our Locking Parklands residents, to get outside and get creative with our 'Love Locking Parklands' photo competition.

We had some beautiful shots sent in, and had a hard time choosing our favourites! So much so we have ended up with two winners: Aleksandra Skowronska and Bev Parfitt. We love the colours of the Bev's frosty Locking Parklands morning shot, and who couldn't smile when seeing Aleksandra's amazing photo of Bernie (or Gary, we've heard he goes by many names!) the Peacock strutting down the road.

Bev Parfitt's submission



Aleksandra Skowronska's submission