

Craylands Newsletter

June 2006 - Issue 1

Welcome to the first issue of our “Craylands Redevelopment” Newsletter. Swan (Essex) will produce this newsletter on a monthly basis to keep you up to date with what is happening with the redevelopment proposals for Craylands and Fryerns.

What's in this

Master Plan

English Partnerships are due to put in outline planning to Basildon County Council for all phases of the redevelopment at the beginning of July. Detailed planning application for phase one will be submitted in a few weeks time.

See page 3 for Master Plan

- Master Plan Designs
- Phase One proposals
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- New 0800 0196766 number for Craylands home owners
- Job Vacancy



Phase One

Phase one is split into four stages



Stage One a) – comprises the new build of homes on the Fryerns School site. Start on site, subject to planning permission, should commence by Spring 2007. There will be approximately 00 new homes on this site with the first of them being available for residents towards the end of 2007. Some of these homes will be allocated to those residents wishing to stay on Craylands, both home owners and tenants.

Stage One b) c) and d) – comprises demolition of homes across the estate in sections from West to East (where the proposed new road will be), with new homes (flats and houses) being built each side of the new road. Some of these will be available for those residents affected in phase one who wish to stay on Craylands.

Phase One is due to be completed by January 2010

Phase Two - is due to start Autumn 2009 and be complete by Winter 2012. This will consist of the demolition of approximately 00 homes and building of 315 new homes at Fryerns and 144 new homes on Craylands.

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Showing the plans

Following regular meetings with the Resident Design Steering Group, a Phase 1 Detailed Design Exhibition was held on 25th November 2006 at the Craylands Community Centre, giving you the opportunity to see the proposals before planning submission in mid December. We were pleased to see in excess of 80 residents at the exhibition, giving us the opportunity to answer residents' questions. The phase 1 development model is now in the Consultation Shop with scale house type mock-ups and all the display boards from the exhibition.

Keeping you updated

On 21 November 2006 Basildon District Council's Councillors resolved to grant planning consent for English Partnerships' plans for the regeneration of the Craylands Estate and former Fryerns School site. The formal consent is subject to referral to the Government Office for the East of England (which is normal due to the amount of development) and subject to a Section 106 Agreement (developer contributions). The planning application related to the principle of the regeneration proposals including building up to 750 new homes and rebuilding up to 700 homes. Swan Housing Group are now finalising the detailed application for Phase 1 of the project



Advice for residents

In order to reach as many residents as possible, Your Choice Housing Consultants, who were appointed as Independent Resident Advisors, are providing drop-in surgeries at the Exeter Close Elderly Persons Common Room (next to the Consultation Shop) every Monday 10am – 2pm and every Wednesday 3pm – 7pm. The Consultation Shop will be closed from 21st December and will re-open on 3rd January.

Will you be affected?

Works on the Phase 1 Craylands site will start from west to east. This is because Lovell have to change the electricity, gas and water connections to other locations. If you would like to find out how you might be affected, please pop into the Consultation Shop.

What do you think?

Basildon Council, in partnership with a number of local agencies, including the police and the Primary Care Trust, have been carrying out a survey on Craylands during December 2006. This survey focuses on the non-physical aspects of the re-development, to find out what residents think about issues such as crime, anti-social behaviour, activities for young people, the environment and education.

We will use the results of the survey to address the things that matter most to you, to improve now and in the future. We will be contacting a number of households across the estate, so please take the time to complete the questionnaire. Results from the survey will be made available to all residents in Spring 2007.



Consultation Shop Opening times:

Tuesday 9am - 1pm
Thursday 3pm - 7pm

Basildon Council Tenants



Basildon Council Tenants in Phase 1 of the redevelopment - If you have not yet completed a rehousing form please either call into the Consultation Shop or telephone the Council's helpline on 0800 073 0069.



Don't forget!

Don't forget that the closing date for the "Name the Newsletter" Competition, giving you the chance to win £25 worth of Argos vouchers, is 31st December 2006. Please drop off any entries at the Consultation Shop for your chance to win!



www.swan.org.uk



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If you have any queries, concerns or questions we are more than happy to assist, please contact:

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Welcome to the new-look Craylands Newsletter.

We hope that you will find the new format gives you the information you need in finding out what's happening with the physical transformation of the estate, details of activities you and your family can access and how you can get involved in shaping your area's future.

The newsletter will be issued every month to ensure that you are kept up-to-date as to what's happening in Craylands. If you have any comments or suggestions about the newsletter please contact Ben Smith from Swan.

Hoarding at Exeter Close

Hoarding has been erected around the former AP Sheltered Housing Scheme at Exeter Close. The hoarding will protect the site during the demolition process. Demolition is expected to begin on 4th December.

Construction of new road

Work on building the new road through the estate will begin in December. The road will improve access to the estate during construction works and provide the route for improved public transport links.

Health Clinic

Discussions are ongoing between Swan, Basildon Council and the PCT regarding the health clinic's place in future developments. The plan to have a health clinic as part of the redeveloped Craylands estate is unchanged. Residents will be kept informed of any further developments.

Environmental Action Day

Residents welcomed teams from across the Council, Swan, St. George's and the police and fire services in focusing on clearing up refuse and graffiti on the estate on Saturday 3rd November. Over 15 tonnes of rubbish was collected, including 6 freezers, 11 fridges and 6 washing machines!

Get involved. The Craylands Community Steering Group needs you!

The Craylands Community Steering Group currently has some vacancies.

We are looking for residents who may be freeholders, leaseholders or tenants who want to express their views and get directly involved in the Craylands Regeneration Project. The Steering Group currently consists of residents and representatives from Basildon District Council, Swan Housing Association, Lovell the developer and the Police.

The Steering Group meets on a monthly basis and discusses matters relating to the regeneration project.

It is vital that local residents views are heard; by joining the Steering Group there is a real opportunity for you to influence the future development of your homes and estate.

If you would like to find out more contact Your Choice Housing Consultants your Independent Resident Advisors on free phone 0800 917 8909 (free from landlines only).

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Activities

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0–3 years	Parents and Toddlers	Every Friday in Term Time, 9.45am – 11.30am	Craylands Community Hall	£1.50 per family	Betty Bliss 01268 733200
5–8 years	Dyn-A-Mites	Every Friday, 4.45pm – 6pm	Craylands Community Hall	Free	Betty Bliss 01268 733200
8+ years	Technology 4 Kids	Every Saturday until 15th Dec, 11am – 2pm	St Andrew's Church Hall	£3 for 3 hours	Artak Poghosyan 01268 288870
11–19 years	Youth Club	Every Monday, 7.30pm – 9pm	Craylands Community Hall	Free	Kate Aulds 0800 0730069
9–19 years	Street Dance for Girls	Every Monday, 6.30pm – 7.30pm	Craylands Community Hall	Free	Kate Aulds 0800 0730069
9–19 years	Football	Every Monday, 7pm – 9pm	Meet at Craylands Community Hall	Free	Ade Adelekan 0800 0196766
16+ years	Adult Learning Drop-in sessions	Every Tuesday, 9.30am – 11.30am	Consultation Shop	Free (funding available for courses)	Jayne Solkhon 01268 520599 ex 244
All Ages	Good News Meeting	Every Sunday, 4pm – 5pm	Craylands Community Hall	Free	Betty Bliss 01268 733200

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Happy New Year!

The Craylands Community Steering Group wishes all residents on the estate a happy and successful new year. 2008 promises to be an exciting year on Craylands with the physical transformation really beginning to make an impact.

Why not make a new year's resolution to get more involved in your local community? There's plenty of ideas within this month's newsletter, as well as the ongoing opportunity to join the Community Steering Group.

Thank you for all the positive comments received about the new-look newsletter. Please do keep them coming and let us know how we can improve our communications with you. Would you like to see any particular issues covered? Do you have an event or activity that you would like to advertise? If so, let us know!

Start-on-site

Works are scheduled to begin on the Fryerns part of the regeneration scheme early in the New Year. These works will include commencing construction of the new road for the estate. Hoarding will be placed around the areas under construction and these works will begin in the western area of the site and progress to the east. Swan will provide regular updates on progress through the Craylands Newsletter, the Community Steering Group and the Craylands website – www.web4residents.org/craylands.

Craylands Art Exhibition

Craylands residents, young and old, have been unleashing their creative talents over the past couple of months. Working with Theatre Resources – a local community arts project – residents explored how they feel about their local area, using photography, spray art and animation.

www.swan.org.uk

Come and check out the art for yourself at the Consultation Shop and AP Common Room, Exeter Close, from 7th January.

New Year, New You

Would you like to improve your CV, or your English and Maths skills? Perhaps you're interested in returning to work or simply would like the challenge of learning something new. The Learning Ambassadors can help you. Either drop by at the Consultation Shop on a Tuesday morning, 10am-12pm or call 01268 520599. Funding is available to cover up to 80% of your course fees.

Are you football crazy?

You don't have to have any experience or particular skill level just an interest in football and willingness to learn some new skills and share the ones you may already have.

Ade, Swan's community development officer and a qualified football coach, runs the sessions which are free of charge.

If you are aged between 13 and 19 and interested, please meet us at the community centre next to the shops, every Monday evening starting at 7pm and finishing at 8pm.

Free IT training for adults

Take your first steps into desktop publishing; learn basic skills in creating leaflets, cards, menus, invitations and other publications. In the new year a mobile learning unit will be visiting the car park at Exeter Close so that you can learn right on your doorstep.

Each class will last 2 hours, once a week for 4 weeks. At the end of the course you will receive a certificate of completion. Contact Artak Poghosyan on 01268 288870 to book your place.

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Community Safety

It is now even easier to contact your local police team; surgeries are held at the Consultation Shop and the Fryerns Library. Visit www.essex.police.uk to find out more.

If you want to have your say about local police priorities why not join the police's Neighbourhood Action Panels? Just one evening of your time each month could make a real difference to solving crimes in your area. Call 07875 003297 to find out more.

At Christmas time, many of us are fortunate enough to receive gifts such as bicycles, mobile phones and MP3 players. Make sure you protect your new possessions by either bringing them to the crime surgeries for marking, or visiting www.immobilise.com, the National Property Register.

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13-19 years	Football	Every Monday, 6.30pm - 7.30pm	Meet at Craylands Community Hall	Free	Ade Adelekan 0800 0196766
16+ years	Adult Learning Drop-in sessions	Every Tuesday, 10.00am - 12.00am	Consultation Shop	Free (funding available for courses)	Jayne Solkhon 01268 520599 ex 244
16+ years	IT Training - desktop publishing etc	tbc	Exeter Close	Free	Artak Poghosyan 01268 288870

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Exeter Close Demolitions

The former AP sheltered housing scheme at Exeter Close is currently being demolished. By the time this newsletter is distributed, the demolition should be completed, with some rubble and debris still being transported away to help tidy the site.

Swan has a policy of ensuring that residents living near developments are disrupted as little as possible. Swan's contractor Lovell makes every effort to ensure the impact of all construction works is minimised. For example, noise suppression, damping dust, specific routes to control traffic to and from the site and cleaning roads. Procedures are in place to ensure that inconvenience to residents is treated with utmost priority. You can call Ray Clarke on 01277 844 731 to report any problems you may experience during the demolition.

Half-Term Kids' Activities

Are your children stuck for things to do during half-term? Bring them along to the Craylands Activity Zone where they can take part in lots of fun activities such as face-painting and arts and crafts. Be sure to also check out the Family Day (further details below).

Children aged between 5 and 11 years can access the Craylands Activity Zone. Please call in advance to check availability of places. The provision is free. Children under 5 years of age can attend the sessions, but they must be accompanied by an adult for the whole session.

Family Day

Come and join in the fun at the half-term Family Day. There will be loads of fun things to do, and best of all it's FREE! Bring your family along to the Consultation Shop on 14th February, between 10.30am and 2.30pm.

Children's Facilities – Come and Have Your Say

Find out what the Children's Centre Team can offer you and tell them what you want in Craylands. The Children's Centre Road Show gives you the opportunity to see what services are currently available for you and your children. You can also let the team know what you would like to see improved, and what should be on offer at the new Neighbourhood Centre as part of the estate redevelopment. Come along to the Consultation Shop (dates on reverse, under Activities section).

Community Safety

More PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers) have been recruited to cover the Fryerns wards. There are now six PCSOs covering the area which will bring a greater visible presence towards tackling anti-social behaviour in the area.

If you want to have your say about local police priorities why not join the police's Neighbourhood Action Panels? Just one evening of your time each month could make a real difference to solving crimes in your area. Call 07875 003297 to find out more.

Youth Club Goes From Strength to Strength

The Craylands Youth Club has been attracting more young people and can now offer even more activities. All young people aged between 11 and 19 are welcome to attend and take part in activities such as football, computer games, table tennis and pool. Come along and join in the fun or just sit down, listen to some music and have a chat with friends – every Monday, 7.30pm to 9.00pm at the Craylands Community Hall.

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Activities

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0–3 years	Parents and Toddlers	Every Friday in Term Time, 9.45am – 11.30am	Craylands Community Hall	£1.50 per family	Betty Bliss 01268 733200
0–5 years and families	Family Day – lots of activities for free	Thu 14 Feb, 10.30am – 2.00pm	Consultation Shop	Free	Lesley 01268 418423
5–8 years	Dyn-A-Mites	Every Friday, 4.45pm – 6pm	Craylands Community Hall	Free	Betty Bliss 01268 733200
5–11 (under 5's must be accompanied by an adult)	Craylands Activity Zone	Mon 11, Tue 12 and Wed 13 Feb 12.00pm – 2pm	Craylands Community Hall	Free	Kate Aulds 01268 294395
11–19 years	Youth Club	Every Monday, 7.30pm – 9pm	Craylands Community Hall	Free	Debbie Hunt, 07818 846683
11–19 years	Street Dance for Girls	Every Monday, 6.30pm – 7.30pm	Craylands Community Hall	Free	Debbie Hunt, 07818 846683
13–19 years	Football	Every Monday, 6.30pm – 7.30pm	Meet at Craylands Community Hall	Free	Ade Adelekan, 0800 0196766
16+ years	Adult Learning Drop-in sessions	Every Tuesday, 9.30am – 11.30am	Consultation Shop	Free (funding available for courses)	Jayne Solkhon 01268 520599 ex 244
All Ages	Children's Centre Road Show	4&5 Feb, 1pm – 3pm 6 Feb, 10am – 1pm 7 Feb, 10am – 12pm 8 Feb, 1pm – 3pm	Consultation Shop	Free	Lesley 01268 418423

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Works on former Fryerns School Site

We now expect to be on site on the Former Fryerns School at the end of March, largely due to the time needed to complete a number of legal agreements, documents and approvals required before work can be allowed to start. Initially works will begin on the road to allow works traffic to access the site with the construction of new homes following shortly afterwards. If you have any questions about this or any other matter please drop in to the consultation shop on Tuesday mornings or Thursday afternoon or call Ray Clarke on 01277 844 731.

The People Speak

'The People Speak' public art collective have been asked by Essex County Council, Commissions East and a panel of residents and organisations to work with people in Craylands & Fryerns to come up with some exciting new public art and events, their inspiration: your ideas! The way they plan to gather your ideas are also a bit unusual. From this March, don't be alarmed if you are stopped and asked to participate in a street-corner talk show, or an 'ask the audience' game show about what you would like to see happening on the estate.' You can see what they do at <http://www.thepeps.net>

You and Your Baby at the Health Clinic

The Craylands Health Clinic now offers a range of exciting and rewarding activities and support sessions for parents of babies and toddlers, including:

Baby massage – Join up for a five-week course, and learn new techniques for how to relax you and your baby.

Making Sense – a new sensory play session for parents with babies under one who would like to learn more about how to play and interact with their baby using natural or everyday objects. On the first Friday of every month from 1pm to 2.30pm.

Tiny Tots – Get information, advice and guidance for you and your baby, including weaning, sleep, recipes idea, gas & colic and play.

Parent and Toddler Group – Come along and join in the fun, with messy play, sand play, singing, puzzles and much more.

Further time, date and location details can be found in the Activities section of this newsletter.

Parents are also welcome to visit the clinic on a Wednesday morning, 9am to 12pm to weigh their own baby. A Health Visitor and Nursery Nurse will also be at the clinic from 2p to 4pm.

Crime Prevention Advice

If you are concerned about the security of your property, why not contact the PCSO team for some advice? The team can provide you with tips and advice on issues such as garden shed security and deterring theft from or of vehicles. Visit essex.police.uk to find out more.

Football

Football sessions on Craylands are now attracting more players than ever, so there's no excuse not to come down and join in a game.

Are you a girl and interested in playing football? We would like to encourage more girls to get involved in football, having received some interest so far. Just come along to the sessions held every Monday evening or contact Ade directly on 0800 0196766.

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Activities

Age Range	Activity	Time/Date	Location	Cost	Contact
0-3 years	Making Sense (sensory play)	First Friday of every month, 1pm – 2.30pm	Craylands Clinic	Free	Michelle Hayes 01268 521555
4 weeks to crawling	Baby Massage	Every Wednesday, 10.00am – 11.30am	Craylands Clinic	Free (but must book a place)	Michelle Hayes 01268 521555
4 weeks to crawling	Tiny Tots	Every Thursday, 1.00pm – 2.30pm	Craylands Clinic	Free	Michelle Hayes 01268 521555
0-3	Parents and Toddlers	Every Friday in Term Time, 9.45am – 11.30am	Craylands Community Hall	£1.50 per family	Betty Bliss 01268 733200
0-5	Parent and Toddler Group	Every Monday, 1pm – 2.30pm	Craylands Clinic	Free	Michelle Hayes 01268 521555
5-8	Dyn-A-Mites	Every Friday, 4.45pm – 6pm	Craylands Community Hall	Free	Betty Bliss 01268 733200
5-11 (under 5's must be accompanied by an adult)	Craylands Activity Zone	Mon 11th, Wed 13th and Fri 15th Feb 12.00pm – 2pm	Craylands Community Hall	Free	Kate Aulds 01268 294395
6-16	Judo	Every Wednesday, 6pm to 9pm	Craylands Community Hall	£2 Junior £3 Senior	John, 07922 013742
11-19	Youth Club	Every Monday, 7.30pm – 9pm	Craylands Community Hall	Free	Debbie Hunt 07818 846683
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Development Update

Works on Fryerns school site are continuing, with some construction traffic temporarily using Craylands Road whilst the main site entrance is completed by the roundabout on Broadmayne.



We are also in the process of building a new car parking area for the Adult Community College to allow people to continue to use the college whilst construction is taking place.

Excavation of the first foundations for the new homes have started and we will keep residents



informed of how we're getting on with these in future newsletters. We'll also use the newsletter to let you know when we're planning on starting work on the existing estate.

Naming the new development

Swan New Homes are arranging a consultation event on Saturday 22nd August where residents of the estate will have the opportunity to cast a vote as to the proposed name of the new housing development which is under construction. Each participant will have the opportunity to cast 1 vote on their preferred name for this development from 1 of

the following options:

- Eastmayne Village
- Landmark Village
- Beechwood Village
- New Village Central

Residents will have the opportunity to vote at the Consultation Shop from 10am through to 3pm on 22nd August and also from 10am to 4pm on Tuesday 25th August. Votes will then be counted and the result published in the following estate newsletter.

For those interested in purchasing a property on the new development, members of the sales and marketing team will be on hand to answer queries and to provide further information on the development and the types of homes that will be available to purchase when the scheme is released in 2010.



Trip to Stubbers

40 young people from Craylands youth and Flying Pigs youth in Laindon, along with the representatives from SureStart and Swan enjoyed a day trip at Stubbers Adventure Centre on Wednesday 22nd July 2009.

The idea was to engage young people in something different from their usual day to day activities and to showcase their talents to their peers.



Young people got involved in a range of outdoor activities such as Kayaking, open Canoeing, Challenge Course, Team Challenging, Climbing, Tunnelling and much more.

Everyone enjoyed the day

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and are looking forward to more trips like this.

Resident "Drop In", run by residents for residents!! Are you a resident of Craylands? Do you have a problem or need support? Or are you just lonely? We may be able to help!! Come along for a cuppa and a chat!! Sessions are once a month, next session **Monday 7th September** at the Consultation Shop Norwich Walk, 10.00am - 12.00pm. Questions?? Please phone Heather Wood on 0771 575 2770.

FACE

Do you fancy being in a film about Craylands?

This is a film project which will be starting in Craylands during the summer holidays Monday 17th - Friday 21st August. If you are interested in starring in, helping to write a script or being part of producing this film then this is the project for you. The project will be

running at the Craylands Community Hall from Monday 17th - Friday 21st August. There will be a small cost of £5 for refreshments for the 5 days. Interested? **Dont delay call today!!** 07810 870642 or 01277 657169.



Fryerns Farm Children's Centres Summer Programme

West Basildon Children's Centres would like to invite you to the events that are taking place over the 6 week holiday period in the Fryerns area. Activities are free and are open to all children and their families, but all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Throughout the 6 week holiday period, each week will be centred on a different country, which includes: United Kingdom, India, China and America.

In the last week we will bring everything together for a mini Olympics! Each week we will be looking at the culture of each country including; traditional dress, food and Language.

Activities will be: Arts & Crafts, Building, famous landmarks, Painting, Sports, Cooking, Dressing up and listening to music.

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Any Enquiries please contact us on: 01268 271137



Credit Union

Avoid the loan sharks!!
Low interest loans!! Are you Interested??

There is a Credit Union for Craylands residents opening on Thursday 24th September at 9.00am to 12.00pm at Greenshoots Centre, Ely Way, Basildon, SS14 2EQ. The first 50 Craylands residents to sign up will have their £4

Dates to remember	Fryerns Farm Children's Centre	Craylands Consultation Shop	Barnett Bears Pre School
Monday 17th August	Parent & Toddler Group 10am-11.30am		
Tuesday 18th August	Parent & Toddler Group 1pm-2.30pm		
Wednesday 19th August	Little Learners 10am-11.30/Parent & Toddler Group 1pm-2.30pm		
Thursday 20th August		Family Day 10.30am-3pm	
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Wednesday 26th August	Little Learners 10am-11.30/Parent & Toddler Group 1pm-2.30pm		
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joining fee paid which includes free life cover.

More volunteers needed!!
Would you like training to manage a Credit Union??

If you'd like to find out more, please contact Heather Wood on 0771 575 2770.

Weight management

Free 2 hour programmes to include weigh in, nutrition and exercise.



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Craylands Activity Zone

Free Arts and Crafts during school summer break at Craylands Community Hall at 12pm – 2pm on Mondays, Wednesdays

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Judo Club at Craylands Community Hall, Wednesday evenings at 6pm for 5-11 year olds and 7.15pm for those 12 years and over. £3.50 per session.

Basildon District Council Hotline for anyone facing redundancy. Please call 01268 294629. Opening hours 8.30am until 4.30pm.

"Luv to Stop Smoking" Craylands Consultation Shop Tuesday 10.00am -12pm. No appointment needed.

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Development Update

As you can see by the photograph below, works on site are progressing well. Since our last newsletter, our contractors have laid the surface for the base of the road; helping to reduce any potential dust and mud generated by their work.



In addition to these road works, the new construction access via Ely Way has been opened and this is now the main access for works

vehicles.

We've also continued to work on the houses and the foundations are underway; in advance of the timber frames being erected.

We're pleased to announce that the new car park for Adult Community Learning Basildon was available for

the beginning of the new college year. This new parking area can be accessed via Craylands. A new disabled drop off point has also been provided outside the front entrance and you can

access this via the original Ely Way entrance.

Masterplan Update

Urban Design Associates was invited to join Swan in preparing an implementation plan for the next phases of construction of the Craylands Regeneration Masterplan, which was adopted in November 2006. A team of designers held a series of meetings in September with residents, stakeholders and public officials to find ways of improving the plan and moving the process forward with agreement. The team held a four day design workshop and engagement process that welcomed the input of members of the community.

Participants were asked about the strengths and weaknesses of their existing environment and the proposed plan for Craylands. The answers to these simple questions

enabled the design team to identify major themes for improving the plan as development moves forward. The themes identified were: the need to build a more diverse range of building types and uses as found in the best neighbourhoods in the region, to provide an interconnected framework



of streets and open spaces that have a “normal” relationship to the front doors of houses, and to develop appropriate and safe access at each phase of construction.

As part of the workshop, initial ideas were presented and the community was asked to give their feedback. These responses are currently being considered and the

team will return on Wednesday 11th November 2009 to present the revised Masterplan recommendations at two community presentations. The design team will be hosting a daytime and an evening consultation session to make sure they hear from as many of you as possible. Residents and

stakeholders will be invited to give additional feedback and comments on the plan. Further details will be sent out soon.

We’d also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came along to the consultation events in September.

Craylands Youth Club

Craylands Youth Club now

offers even more activities for young people aged 11 to 19 years! The available activities include: computer games, table tennis, pool and table football. These activities continue to attract more and more young people to the club, so come along and join in the fun every Monday evening from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at the Craylands Community Hall or contact Debbie on 07948 380126 for more information.

Football

Football training sessions on Craylands are growing from strength to strength attracting more young players than ever and we’d like to encourage more girls to get involved.

You don’t need to have any experience or skill. If you are interested; come along to our training sessions held every Monday evening at Exeter Close or ring Ade on 07725 660425 for more information.

Craylands’ Fun Day

Swan Housing is organising a fun day for

the residents of Craylands estate on 31st October 2009, which will be taking place at the open area by the Consultation Shop on Exeter Close. The idea is to create a celebration atmosphere on the estate to mark the commencement of construction and to promote the name for the new development.

Activities for the day include: face painting, a bouncy castle, balloon modelling and much more. Music will be provided by Gateway FM so come along and join in. For more information, contact Ade on 07725 660425.

Your Choice

Your Choice is an Essex based housing consultancy providing independent advice, support and training to residents on a whole range of housing and community development activities.

Your Choice aim to provide freeholders and leaseholders with a wide range of independent advice and support throughout the Craylands

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Drop in sessions are held every Monday 10am - 1pm and Friday 10am - 1pm in the sheltered accommodation hall on Exeter Close (next to Swan's Consultation Shop).

If you would like a home visit or to discuss things over the phone please contact them on their free phone number 0800 917 8909 (free from landlines only).

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Swan's contractors have the water and gas ready to be connected to completed properties, and will

also connect to the electric substation, when required.

To enable us to market the private for sale properties, we are just finishing work on the show homes, which will be completed for an official launch in June.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation and patience whilst these works are progressing.



Important information for the secure Tenants of Basildon District Council

Basildon District Council have now started to contact tenants living on Phase one, with secure tenancies, who are due to move under the Craylands Regeneration Project.

In most cases, tenants will be invited to attend an interview with an Allocation Officer from Basildon Council where an application form will be completed and the 'decant' process explained. You will have an opportunity during the interview to raise any questions/concerns you may have regarding this.

The application form will be used to determine your housing need, type of property you will be entitled to and your preferred choice of areas within the Basildon District. You may be

asked to supply documentation to support some of the information you provide, it is important that this is submitted to the Council as soon as possible as no offers of accommodation can be made until the application form has been fully processed and documentation required has been provided.

Under the decant programme, secure BDC tenants will be eligible for properties on a 'like for like' basis, however, it is important that you are aware, if you currently under-occupy family accommodation where there are two bedrooms or above in excess of your needs, you will only be offered a property with one bedroom in excess of your assessed needs.

Ground floor type accommodation will only be allocated to tenants who have a proven medical need. A medical form will need to be completed and this will be assessed by an independent medical advisor who is appointed by Basildon Council.

Tenants who are already occupying upper accommodation with children over the age of 13 years will not qualify for ground floor accommodation unless there is a proven medical need to do so.

Secure tenants living on Phases 2, 3 & 4 who are due to be moved under the regeneration project, will be contacted nearer the time when the decant process is due to start for these phases.

If you are living on Phase 1 and would like to discuss any of the information above or clarify your own position, please contact the Allocations Section at Basildon Council on 01268 294219.

Property Buy Outs explained

If you're a homeowner in Phase 1 of the Craylands Regeneration and your property is scheduled for demolition, Swan would like to hear from you. We are currently buying out all the homeowners in this phase and will be contacting all affected homeowners to explain the options available. Please contact us on 0800 019 6766 or visit the Consultation Shop to speak to us.

As the regeneration develops, Swan will be buying properties from future phases. We expect to begin to purchase properties in Phase 2 during 2012.

If your property has been your main home for at least 12 months; you will be entitled to the value of your property, reasonable costs of moving and a 10% home loss payment (up to a maximum of £38,000). There will also be 2 options available:

Option 1 - Moving Elsewhere:

- If you wish to sell your property and move off the estate, Swan will purchase your house at full open market value.
- Swan is currently only buying properties within Phase 1; with later phases following on as the regeneration progresses

Option 2 - Remaining on the estate:

The facts:

- If you want to remain on the estate, you will have the option of becoming the shared equity owner of a new property
- You'll be eligible for a new property with the same number of bedrooms as your current home. If you'd like to buy a bigger or smaller home, please let us know and we can discuss this will you individually



- You must use the entire value of your current home to purchase a share of your new home.
- You'll need to purchase a minimum of 50% of the new property
- You can keep the 10% home loss payment or use this to buy a larger share in the new property. It's up to you
- If the value of your current home is less than 50% of the value of the new property; Swan will discuss with you what options are available. You may be asked to contribute part of your home loss payment to make up the value to 50%
- Swan will keep the remainder of the new property you don't buy and grant you a lease on it
- You will not pay any rent on the share of the property you do not own
- If in the future you'd like to sell your new property, proceeds from the sale will be divided between you and Swan. This will be calculated according to how much of the property each owns
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New homes for Christmas!



Despite a few days of bad weather recently, work on the new homes on the former Fryerns school site is going well. Three of the blocks of houses are nearly finished and we're pleased to announce that the first block of rented homes is due to be completed and ready for the first residents of Beechwood Village to move into before Christmas. As



well as the first homes being finished, we'll be opening the first section of road onto the new area

of the estate (which goes past the show homes). This will be opened at the beginning of December and will provide access to the finished properties.



When we open the new road; the Ely Way exit on the Broadmayne roundabout, which leads to the Adult Community College Social Care, and Children's Centre site, will be closed and access to these will be through the new Beechwood Village exit on the roundabout.

Works on the internal areas of the remaining terraces of houses are continuing and many of these properties are due to be finished at the beginning of next year. As more properties are finished, we'll be opening up the new road until it joins up with the existing estate.

We are also progressing work to the roofs on the blocks of flats and when this is finished our contractors can start work on the internal areas.

Getting ready for the demolition

With works going well on the former Fryerns School site Swan will be looking to start demolishing empty properties on Phase 1 of the existing estate early next year.

To make sure that everything is ready we have made sure that all of the empty properties have had their heating systems, copper pipe work and all other items removed and service disconnections and meter removals for the properties are underway.

This timescale will be dependent on how the decant process progresses and may be subject to change. We will however, continue to keep you updated through our regular newsletters.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to discuss the Regeneration with one of the Swan team, please visit the Consultation Shop on Exeter Close which is open on Tuesdays (10 am to 1pm) and Thursdays (3pm to 6pm) where we will be happy to answer your questions.



Secure tenants of Basildon Council will be rehoused in line with the Allocations Policy. We are currently concentrating on moving our tenants in Phase 1 of the redevelopment to either the new site if tenants wish to stay in the area or other areas in the Borough. If you would like more information please ring the Allocations Team on 01268 294219.

Get a foot on the property ladder

With the new homes developed at Beechwood Village offering fantastic living areas and private rear gardens it is great to see that, despite property sales in general being very slow, we have already exchanged on 3 properties and have another 5 under offer.

Swan appreciates that buying a new home is difficult in the current market and that securing a mortgage can be a challenge and has therefore developed ezibuy - which allows purchasers to own 100% of your home for 85% of the cost.

Other options that could help you get on, or move up the property ladder are swanchoice - if you are a home owner on Phase 1 of the regeneration you could buy an equity share in a new property or partexchange - there are a few



options that could allow you to part exchange your existing property for a new home.

If you would like to talk to us about options available to you either call in to see us at the Show Home or call 08000 195005. We are here to help.

Higgins and Swan support community football

With the support of Swan Housing Group and Higgins Construction, West Ham United - Community Sports Trust ran two free holiday clubs on the estate. These sessions included:

- Classroom activities
- Leadership skills
- Ball skills
- Football coaching and awareness
- Football games

At the end of the course everyone who took part received a West Ham

achievement certificate and were presented with the official 'Friends of Craylands - Football kits.

The children who are affiliated to the Basildon league will now play in their new sponsored kits.

We are very proud of our commitment to supporting the communities we work with.



Your nearest GP is:

Dr P. Singh - Craylands, The Fryerns Medical Centre, Basildon, Essex SS14 3SS 01268 532344



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Since the last newsletter 17 properties at Beechwood Village have been finished and the first residents have moved in. The finished properties are a mixture of private sale and affordable rent. Feedback from the new residents has been really positive and people are enjoying living in their new houses.



The new road through the Beechwood Village area of the estate opened on 4th January 2011 and this is now the entrance for cars to the Adult Community Learning, the Children's Centre and Social Care. If you're walking there is still pedestrian access past the Health Clinic.

What's going to be happening in the next two months?

- Demolition of the first block of maisonettes on the first phase of the existing estate will take place.
- The road works outside the Health Clinic joining up to Peterborough Way will be finished.
- More new properties will be finished on the old Fryerns school playing fields.

If you have any questions about the regeneration, please contact the Development Team on **0800 019 6766** or pop in to the Consultation Shop at 21 Exeter Close on:

Tuesday morning (10am-1pm) or
Thursday afternoon (3pm-6pm).

Get involved...

The Craylands Community Regeneration Group needs you!

We are looking for residents who want to get involved in the Craylands Regeneration Project and let us know their views.

The Community Regeneration Group currently has residents and representatives from Basildon Borough Council, Swan Housing Association, Higgins, the building contractor, the Homes and Communities Agency and the Police.

The Steering Group meets on a fortnightly and monthly basis to discuss matters relating to the regeneration project.

Some of the subjects regularly covered include:

- issues on site security
- progress of the project as a whole
- what will happen with compulsory purchase orders?
- what shared equity options are available to residents?

It is important that your views are heard; by joining the Community Regeneration Group there is a real opportunity for you to influence the future development of your homes and estate.

If you would like to find out more contact **Your Choice Housing Consultants**, your Independent Resident Advisors, on free phone 0800 917 8909 (free from landlines only).

Urban Design Associates Update:

Architects, Urban Design Associates (UDA), visited Craylands in December 2010 to see if they could improve on the overall design of Phase 1.

Unfortunately, the icy conditions meant that it was difficult for people to get to the meetings. Now that the weather has improved however, Swan will be arranging a couple of additional meetings to give you the chance to see how the plans might change. The dates of these meetings will be announced soon and are open to everyone, not just those in Phase 1. Please come along and let us know what you think. What happens in Phase 1 will affect the designs of the next phases, so it is important that you let us know your views.

This is what you told us at the consultation events in December and how we've responded to your comments:

Community facilities and shops:

You were worried that the shops and Community Hall were due to be demolished under Phase 1 and permanent new facilities would not be reprovided until Phase 2.

To resolve this, the new proposed plans have been changed to include



the shops within the first part of Phase 1. They would be located in a building at the top of the EcoStrip (just off Peterborough Way).

Rear lanes and parking courts:

You were concerned that there was nowhere to store rubbish bags and wheelie bins if there was no rear access to the gardens of the new properties. You also wanted the rear of the new properties to be secure.

UDA have introduced rear lanes to the plans which provide access and on plot parking to all the properties. UDA have met with the Police Architectural Liaison Officer to make

sure the rear of properties are designed to be secure.

Accommodating existing buildings:

You were worried about how the new properties would relate to the existing buildings.

The proposed new plans create streets that have the fronts of properties facing each other across the street. Retained properties will also have rear access to their property.

Please note that the revised plans have not yet been approved by the Development Partners and may be subject to change.

Fun at Partyman World

Snow didn't stop the Craylands Activity Zone (CAZ) going ahead with its Christmas Party. The CAZ Club arranged for families and children, who regularly attend the school holidays club, to go along to Partyman World of Play.

The children had exclusive use of the play centre and parents relaxed and chatted. Hot food was served and each child received a "goodie" bag.



"The club would like to thank Higgins for their kind donation". Deputy manager Karen Workman

"38 children and 19 adults attended the party and all had an excellent time". Clare O'Sullivan CAZ Manager

Differences between Secure and Assured Tenancies

Following a number of queries raised by residents on the estate about secure and assured tenancies, we've prepared the table below which shows the main differences between the two types of tenancy. If you would like more information please call Gerry McDonnell on 0800 917 8909.

Tenancy Right	Secure Tenancy	Assured Tenancy
Amending the Tenancy Agreement	A Secure Tenancy can be amended by the Council following consultation with you. The Council does not need your agreement to amend the Tenancy Agreement.	An Assured Tenancy requires the Housing Association to get your approval before amending the terms of the Tenancy Agreement.
Right to Buy (RTB)	Tenants who have held their tenancy before 18th January 2005 can apply to buy their home now. People who became tenants after this date have to have held their tenancy for a minimum of five years. The maximum discount that tenants can receive is set at £34,000 off the sale price.	New tenants of a Housing Association would not have the RTB but would have the "Right to Acquire", which means that a tenant has the right to acquire a property but would receive a smaller discount, normally up to £16,000.
Right To Manage	As a Council tenant you have the right to collectively manage the homes on your estate and could set up a Tenant Management Organisation.	As an assured tenant you would no longer have this collective right. However, Housing Associations will usually be happy to establish a local management board with places for local tenants.
Succession Rights	As a Council tenant you have the ability to allow a successor, normally your next of kin or family member, to succeed your tenancy.	New tenants of the Housing Association would have a right of succession for a spouse or co-habitee.
Grounds for Possession	As a secure tenant all the grounds for possession are discretionary.	Under some circumstances, courts must give the Housing Association possession of the property if sought by the Association. These include if the tenant owes more than 8 weeks full rent. However, most Housing Associations use their discretion, in the same way as the Council does, as to whether or not to seek possession.



Festive fun at Craylands



Residents of Craylands Estate enjoyed a Christmas Family Fun Day at the Craylands Consultation Shop Exeter Close. The event was organised by Fryerns Farm Children's Centre in partnership with Swan Housing, Basildon, Billericay & Wickford Council for Voluntary Services and Friends of Craylands.

Over 45 Children and their Parents attended this free community event. Activities on the day included, balloon modelling, face painting, art & craft, Santa grotto and much more.

The event was a great success and residents are looking forward to attending again next year.

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Date for your diary

Community Meeting Tuesday 1st March 2011
Community Hall, Norwich Walk at 7pm
Everyone welcome!

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Lots of progress has been happening at Beechwood Village with 57 properties now complete, and many families enjoying living in their new homes. The top surface has now been put on the first part of the new road, and these works will continue as more of the development is completed.

A number of residents from the existing estate have moved across into Beechwood Village; including some who chose to purchase a share in a new property. If you're an owner occupier and are interested in purchasing a property on Beechwood Village, please give Swan a call on 0800 0196766 or alternatively drop into the Consultation Shop on Exeter Close (open Tuesdays 10am to 1pm and Thursdays 3pm to 6pm).

Over the last 2 months we have:

- Started work on stripping the first maisonette block so it's ready for demolition
- Finished the road works outside the Health Clinic joining up Peterborough Way with the new road through Beechwood Village
- Finished 30 new properties on Beechwood Village

Over the next 2 months we will be:

- Finishing demolition on the first maisonette block
- Demolishing the 1960s part of the former Fryerns School. Demolition of the remaining parts of the school will take place in September
- Preparing empty blocks of properties on Phase 1 of the existing estate for demolition
- Completing the first block of flats

What phase am I in?

Swan's architects held a number of open days and events in September where you highlighted some potential improvements to the existing master plan. These included bringing forward demolition of the maisonette blocks and changing the phasing to reduce the amount of disturbance caused to existing residents.

These potential changes have not yet been approved by the development partners and no changes have been made to the phasing.

We will hold more consultation events before any decisions are made so we can get your views on the proposed changes.

To find out what phase your property is in you can visit the regeneration website at web4residents.org/craylands.

Exciting news from Craylands Activity Zone (CAZ)

CAZ arts and crafts holiday club win an Essex Community Foundation High Sheriff Award and the Essex County Council Bowl!

The CAZ group started during one of Basildon Council's Community Action Zone projects. Local residents said there was nothing for local children to do and nowhere safe for parents to play with their children during the school holidays. The club, after six years, is now established in the heart of the community at the community hall in Exeter Close. The club is managed by volunteers with encouragement and support from Basildon Borough Council.

Club Manager, Clare O'Sullivan said: "we are delighted our project is going from strength to strength and has been successful in receiving a grant from the High Sheriffs' Fund. The fund supports local community and voluntary activities that provide activities for young people. The club is offering more than the initial activities



From left: Natalie O'Sullivan, Sue Parson, Karen Workman, Michael Hindmarch (High Sheriff), Heather Wood (Basildon Borough Council), Clare O'Sullivan, Joseph Want and Josh O'Sullivan

of arts and crafts and has had two successful sports days, local trips and Christmas parties. This £1,000 grant will provide an outing and a range of activities for club members and their families, additional arts and crafts materials and training courses for volunteers.

The CAZ committee were formally invited to pick up their award from the

High Sheriff, Michael Hindmarch, at The Fennes Estate in Bocking, Braintree. At the award ceremony the voluntary committee found out that the club had been nominated as the overall voluntary club winner for the Essex County Council Bowl award.

Well done to everyone involved and thank you for all of your hard work.

CAZ committee members attend the Palace of Westminster

Volunteers are highly valued and their hard work and commitment is essential to local communities. This fact was recognised by Basildon Borough Council with support from Basildon, Billericay and Wickford Council for Voluntary Services who co-ordinated a visit for the volunteers from the CAZ committee to visit the Houses of Parliament and Jewel Tower. Memories of the trip will be shared with members of the club working together to create a scrap book of photos and postcards collected from the day.

"I didn't realise that everything the politicians discuss and act on affects all of us personally



From left: Michelle Smith, Sue Parson, Heather Wood (Basildon Borough Council), Clare O'Sullivan, Natalie O'Sullivan

and that by voting we can put our opinion across. I for one have definitely decided to start voting!" Clare

"I found it very enlightening and informative and would love to do it again to soak up the history of the building. Amazing!" Sue

"I loved it all, the tour never gets boring with all the ceilings walls, and floors to look at, and I really appreciate the craftsmanship that went

into creating them." Natalie "It was a complete eye opener, I had a fab time and believe both parents and children from all walks of life would enjoy going to parliament." Michelle

Many thanks are sent to Heather Wood, Basildon Borough Council, who organised this event and to Fair Share Trust Programme, Artak Poghosyan (BBWCVS) who funded it.

If you would like to find out more about the Craylands Activity Zone please telephone Sue 07588651840.

Here to help

With all of the changes happening in the area we understand that you may have concerns and questions and we are committed to helping you in any way we can. Below is an article from a resident who has found that by talking through her issues with us she is now looking forward to a moving to her new home.

“To be told in March 2006 that my house would be under a CPO, I felt sick and angry.

After numerous meetings and phone calls with Swan there was a light at the end of the tunnel: 'A brand new, well designed house'.

As time went by I found Swan Group, Swan New Homes and the Independent Advisor really helpful to talk to. I also found that they were sympathetic to peoples individual circumstances and would do everything they could to help.

It is really worthwhile talking to them with any of your concerns, they are there for you. All communications are treated in the strictest of confidence. I am now looking forward to moving into my new home in the near future. 'What a great adventure'”

Resident moving to Beechwood Village

Craylands Youth Night

Are you age 11 to 16?

Would you like to meet friends and get involved in activities such as...

- Internet cafe 5pm - 7pm
- Football training 5.30pm - 6.30pm at Northlands Park
- Youth forum 7.30 - 9pm
- Youth club 7.30 - 9pm at Community Hall

and much much more... come along and join in the fun!

Every Monday evening in Craylands Consultation Shop, 21 Exeter Close SS14 3QT

If you would like to know more about the youth night please feel free to contact Ade on 07725 660425 or Debbie at the Consultation Shop on Monday evenings.



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Changes to the consultation shop opening hours

Swan has looked at the Consultation Shop opening hours to see where we can make improvements and deliver a better service.

To be able to provide you with an opportunity to find out more about the regeneration it is necessary to change the Monday and Friday opening hours, run by Independent Resident Advisor (Gerry McDonnell), to Tuesday and Thursday.

This will allow the Consultation Shop to be run as a 'One Stop Shop' with a number of partners involved in the regeneration being present. Representatives from Swan Housing, Basildon Borough Council, and Your Choice Housing Consultant Ltd will be on hand to answer any queries that you might have regarding the changes that are happening.

The latest plans of the new homes and models of the first phase of the development will be available to give you the opportunity to see how the new estate will look.

If you are a home owner, leaseholder, or a tenant and you would like to discuss how the regeneration might affect you, or would like to discuss



your buy out process, or your re-housing options please come along to the Consultation Shop, 21 Exeter Close, Craylands. SS14 3QT.

Our new opening hours are
Tuesday 10am - 1pm
Thursday 3pm - 6pm

If you require more information, or would like to speak to any of the partners involved, please call:

Swan Housing on 0800 019 6766 or 01268 271335,

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Your Choice Independent Resident Advisor on 0800 917 8909.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Keeping you updated



Since the last newsletter in April 2011, we have worked hard to prepare for the start of demolition and construction on Phase 1 of the existing Craylands estate.

Our contractors have been progressing well with the construction of the blocks of flats on Beechwood Village so they will be ready for the sales launch in June 2011. If you're

interested in purchasing one of the flats on Beechwood Village, please give our Sales Team a call on 0800 019 5005 for more information.

If you have any questions about the regeneration, please call 0800 0196 766 or pop into the Consultation Shop at Exeter Close on Tues (10am to 1pm) or Thurs (3 pm to 6 pm).

Over the last 2 months we have:

- Installed a new mini roundabout between Peterborough Way and Craylands
- Demolished the food hall of the old school
- Finished all the new houses on Beechwood Village
- Had a sales relaunch at Beechwood Village on 16th April 2011
- Finished stripping the first maisonette block on Norwich Walk
- Removed the scaffolding from the first new block

Over the next 2 months we will:

- Continue with the demolition of Fryerns school
- Hold an Open Day on Monday 13th June to discuss the proposed improvements to the Phase 1 design
- Hold a Sales Launch for the new flats on Beechwood Village
- Finish the first 2 blocks of flats on Beechwood Village
- We will be starting demolition on vacant properties in Phase 1 of the existing Craylands Estate

Open day - Let us know your views



In February 2011 newsletter article "Urban Design Associates Update", Swan said they would hold an Open Day to give you the opportunity to see and comment on the proposed improvements to the overall design of Phase 1, in advance of a revised planning application

What happens in Phase 1 will affect the design of the next phases, so it is important that you let us know your views.

Everyone on Craylands and Beechwood Village is welcome, so please come along and let us know what you think:

Date: Monday 13th June 2011

Venue: Consultation Shop, 21 Exeter Close

Time: 10am-4pm & 6pm-9pm



Craylands Easter Activities



Parents and children enjoy face painting at the Craylands Easter Fun Day



Over 300 people joined in the fun at the 'Easter Fun Day'.

The day was fun packed with a range of free activities from face painting and balloon modeling to bouncy castle, arts & crafts, live puppet shows and much more. There was even the chance to play an Egg Hunt game with over 150 free Easter Eggs and Fruit goody bags as prizes.

The inflatable art project (Home Sweet Dome) certainly attracted the crowds and people sat and played inside. With many local agencies and voluntary groups attending there was lots of opportunities for residents to see what services were available and how they could access them.

We have had such positive feedback from residents and young people saying that they enjoyed the day and are looking forward to attending next year.



Partnership working at the Craylands Easter Event

Well done and thank you to everyone involved in organising such a great day:

- Swan Housing Association
- Basildon, Billericay and Wickford Council for Voluntary Service (BBWCVS)
- Friends of Craylands
- Basildon Borough Council (BBC)
- Higgins Construction
- Fryerns Farm Children Centre
- Gateway 97.8FM
- The People Speak



New homes for rent at Beechwood Village



Along with the homes that are for sale at Beechwood Village, 26 families have so far moved into the new Swan Housing rented homes with the flat blocks due to be completed over the next few weeks with some of these for rent and some shared ownership.

The Council has already moved a large number of permanent tenants who were living in Phase one, whose homes are to be demolished. They were given the opportunity to stay in the area and move to one of the new homes (subject to availability) or move to another area in the Borough.

The Allocations Team are progressing well with the Phase 1 decant and will continue to

decant permanent council tenants who need to move for the redevelopment. The Council have had many requests from tenants in the later Phases of the development to move but in order to progress the development in a timely manner and to be fair to all tenants we can only move tenants when their properties are needed for the redevelopment.

All permanent tenants who need to move in Phase 1 have been contacted.

If you are a permanent tenant residing in Phase 1 and require more information on the Allocations process please contact the Allocations Team on 01268 294219 to discuss your case.

Recycling from the demolition

Demolition of Fryerns School has started with the gym and food hall already demolished and work on the main block is under way. As the works progress lots of materials have been taken from the site and recycled. So far over 88% has been recycled; which is a great way to reduce the environmental impact of the development.

Other ways we are improving the environment on the estate is by making sure the new properties at Beechwood Village are energy efficient and that an EcoStrip is included



between Craylands and Montgomery Drive.

Careful management of the waste on site is really important and so far we've recycled 1314 tonnes of hardcore and 98 tonnes of metals.

Looking after the environment is an important part of the regeneration.

Empty Properties

Empty properties are a concern for many residents and are a concern for Swan too.

We make sure that all empty properties on the Estate are secured and use different deterrents which include, internal CCTV, signage, secure screens, and discrete alarms.

Residents, Basildon Borough Council, the Police and Swan staff regularly provide information about empty properties and following a recent update to procedures, Swan will securely board the remaining properties on Phase 1 soon after purchase.

If you notice any suspicious activity, anti-social behaviour or criminal damage at a vacant property please telephone the police immediately.

Depending on the urgency; you can contact the police on their non-emergency number which is 0300 333 4444 or you can contact them on their usual emergency number number.

Please remember that unauthorised access to a vacant property or building sites can be dangerous.

Can REASON help you?



The project is a Partnership between Southend MIND and Thurrock Racial Unity Support Taskgroup (TRUST) and is a Community

Development worker service that is funded by NHS South East and NHS South West Essex.

This aims to focus on Black and Minority Ethnic Community client groups to improve access to mental health services for individuals aged 13+.

If you would like to find out more just pop along to see Samuel at the Vitality Bus in the car park at Exeter Close any Friday between 2-4pm or call Samuel on 0791 869 6831.

Craylands Activity Zone



Members and their families had lots of fun and laughter during half term in April. Fun started in the first week with art and craft sessions and was followed with a fancy dress Family Sports Day and a celebration party, with entertainment from Partyman, in the second week.

A free "Party in a Box" was supplied to the CAZ club by Basildon Borough Council to help celebrate events arranged for St George's Day, the Patron Saint of England. The box contained party hats, flags, balloons and pre-printed posters and added to the excitement of the party.

CAZ committee members raised funds at the Craylands Easter Fun Day on 21st April where they organised games and supplied a selection of refreshments. RUGRATS playgroup also attended the event with a variety of games and treats for the children.

If you would like to find out more about the CAZ club please call Sue 07588 651840

If you would like to find out more about RUGRATS playgroup please call 07843 038039

Volunteers needed



Are you new to the area? bored? need a new challenge?

We offer the chance to discover new interests, learn new skills, make friends and help your local community while doing painting, Lego, games, craft projects, reading and much more.

Free Arts and Crafts Activity Club

Craylands activity Zone is a club that

runs during the school holidays for children.

Generally open on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays for 2 hours.

Based in the Craylands Community Hall In the heart of Craylands.

Please come along and give it a try

Find out our next opening times on the notice board at Craylands Community Hall or contact Sue on 07588 651840

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Keeping you updated on progress

New planning application



Apartments at Beechwood village

Following the exhibition held in the consultation shop in June, Swan has submitted a planning application to Basildon Borough Council updating the design of the new homes proposed on Craylands. This reflects the feedback received from resident and stakeholder consultations.

The new proposals include important details on a new shop area and how homes developed in phases 1C to F will look.

There is a copy of the planning application at the Consultation Shop so please feel free to pop in to have a look at the drawings.

Summer update

Over the last two months we have:

- Demolished most of Fryerns School
- Held a successful exhibition on the planning application
- Launched the flats for sale on Beechwood Village
- Not begun demolition of the vacant properties on Phase 1, please see Why has the Maisonette Block not been Demolished?

Over the next two months we plan to:

- Hoard off the blocks of properties due for demolition
- Remove any remaining meters from 39-63 Norwich Walk
- Disconnect the supply of services to 39-63 Norwich Walk

If you have any questions about the regeneration, please call 0800 019 6766 or pop into the Consultation Shop at Exeter Close on Tuesday (10am to 1pm) or Thursday (3pm to 6pm).

Why has the maisonette block not been demolished?

A number of problems have come up with the demolition of the maisonette block next to the shops. Swan and Basildon Borough Council are working hard to ensure that demolition takes place as soon as possible.

The delay is a result of several problems arising including the removal

of services taking longer than had been expected. For the removal to happen we need to work with all the energy suppliers and the national grid. We have been advised that this will take a few more weeks before this can be completed. Delay has also been caused by the soft strip taking much longer than expected, this has now been completed.

We are pleased to say that the demolition licence required from Basildon Borough Council is in place so that once the services are removed, demolition can begin.

Every effort is being made to ensure that demolition happens as soon as possible.

Craylands youngster breaks records at Basildon Business Awards

Jay Bridgen who lives on the estate recently broke an important local record after becoming the first construction employee in 20 years to win a local employment award.

Jay works as a construction apprentice and fought off stiff competition to take the Apprentice of the Year Award at the 2011 Basildon Business Awards becoming the first construction sector employee to take this award in 18 years.

Jay is one of seven apprentices employed by Swan's development contractor, Higgins. Swan and Higgins work in Partnership with Basildon's Prospects College to provide employment opportunities to

local people as part of the Craylands project.

"Swan is committed to working closely with communities to generate employment and training opportunities. Our aims are to support the local economy and leave a lasting, sustainable legacy. Jay is an excellent example of what can be achieved with a project like this."

Mark Thompson, Deputy Chief Executive of Swan Housing Association

"This highlights the successes of partnership



working; bringing together communities, local businesses and Prospects Training College to deliver high quality training and real outcomes."

Jeff Joseph, Community Investment Manager at Higgins

Well done and many congratulations are sent to Jay on his achievement.

Changes to Craylands website

We have made changes to the look of your website to reflect activities on Craylands and Beechwood Village estate. The website address has changed from web4residents.org/craylands to craylands-beechwood.org.uk

This site gives you easy access to information about the regeneration and other activities taking place.

If you have any information or articles related to Craylands and Beechwood estate and you would like this included on the website, please feel free to contact Ade Adelekan on 0772 566 0425 or visit the Consultation Shop 21 Exeter Close Craylands SS14 3QT - Tuesday 10am-1pm and Thursday 3pm-6pm.

Having fun as a community



The Fryerns and Craylands Community Panel Fun Day was a great success. Over 100 local residents attended this fun packed day that was arranged by Basildon Council's Resident Involvement Team in partnership with Swan, Higgins and local groups.

The event included street cricket arranged by Essex Police's PCSO's, a great dance performance by a local dance group – ALEKTRIC PLUS, free face painting, bouncy castle, craft making and a free raffle.

Craylands Activities Zone (CAZ) provided the refreshments for the



day and there was an opportunity to talk to other agencies about their services and the regeneration. To add to the party atmosphere the music for the event was supplied by Gateway 97.8.

With the bonus of wonderful weather it was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and having fun.



Double win for Craylands Activity Zone at High Sheriff Awards

The Craylands Activity Zone (CAZ) was awarded £1,000 as part of the Essex Community Foundation High Sheriff Award. They were also the overall winner in the group and awarded the Essex County Council Bowl Trophy. This award recognises organisations and teams of people who have made an extra effort to deliver programmes directly to the community.

“We are delighted that this grant will help provide arts, crafts, sporting activities and outings for our club members and their parents during the school holidays as well as providing training for staff.”

Claire O’Sullivan, Manager

The free community club is run for children and their families and is managed by a group of enthusiastic volunteers, with encouragement and support from a Basildon Borough Council Officer. CAZ are pleased to announce that the Management Committee have also won the Volunteer ‘Team of the Year’ Award and were presented with a trophy by Basildon Mayor Mo Larkin.



As CAZ is only a holiday club Craylands clinic has kindly offered to provide space to permanently showcase both Award winning trophies and information about the club. To celebrate these great achievements the club invited Essex County Councillor Rodney Bass and



leading Basildon Councillors, Tony Ball and Luke Mackenzie to view the display at the clinic. The Councillors then went on to meet staff and children at the CAZ club where they had light refreshments and passed on their congratulations.

The club is operating during the summer holidays and as well as regular activities like...

- arts
- crafts
- games tables

They have organised talks on...

- rubbish collection
- recycling
- anti-social behaviour
- dog care
- crime
- community
- fire safety

There is also...

- a sports day
- sponsored walk
- celebration event
- annual members outing

A Basildon Borough Council coach had provided two free taster sessions of Street20 Cricket in August, which was enjoyed by all.

To find out more about the activities that are being held please contact Sue on 0758 865 1840

Volunteers needed

Help us to make a difference.
Call Sue on 0758 865 1840

Public Art Project on Craylands

Residents of Craylands have been working together with 'The People Speak' and partner agencies over the last three years to help develop an art project named the 'Home Sweet Dome'.

Through creative workshops and consultation this ambitious public art project has created an inviting temporary inflatable space that is used by the community for many events.

The HSD has made its debut at several Fryerns and Craylands Community Events, including the Easter Fun Day, International Day and the Community Panel Fun Day.



'The People Speak' are now looking for volunteers to become part of a specially trained team for HSD, to learn how to set up the inflatable and use the IT and media equipment at community events.

Learn some new skills - training is free

For more information about future training days on how to 'rig and de-rig' the inflatable and how to use the IT and media equipment, please contact 0207 613 3001.

Summer holiday football club Exclusive Offer

Are you willing to learn some new skills and share the ones you may already have?

Swan Housing in partnership with West Ham United is organising a free summer holiday football club for young people on Craylands.

Courses will run as follows

- Date of course: 22nd-26th August
- Times: 12-4pm
- 1.5 hours healthy living classroom delivery
- 15-20 minute break before football starts

- Football session for 2 hours on the field. (Northlands Parks)



If you are aged 8-16 and would like to take part in the summer holiday football club, please contact Ade Adelekan from Swan Housing on 0772 5660 425 or come to Consultation Shop 21 Exeter Close Craylands SS14 3QT to secure your place.

We have limited space available so hurry to secure your place.

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Regeneration Update

You may have seen misleading articles in the local press relating to works being carried out to empty properties in Rochester Way. Concerned residents have raised this with the Council and Swan and asked "what has happened to the regeneration project?"

"Due to changes to the phasing times of the demolition programme, we find we have properties that feature later than planned so we have decided to make use of some of them for temporary housing until their turn to be demolished comes around. This is common practice for us in these circumstances as it makes best use of the homes for the short time they have left. The demolition programme will not be held up in any way because of this."

Rab Fallon, Head of Housing at Basildon Council

The properties on Rochester Way are in sub-phase 1E of the regeneration project and will be the last part of phase 1 to be demolished. The demolition and re-building works will progress eastwards across the site, which is why sub-phase E is still being used by the Council. People moving into temporary properties will only be there until they are demolished. As the demolition and redevelopment gets closer to these properties the residents will be moved to alternative accommodation.

Over the last two months we have:

- Taken handover of Beechwood Village newly built flat Block
- Submitted the detailed planning application for Phase 1
- Taken reservations on the first flats for sale
- Continued working towards the first demolitions



- Arranged for the removal of the final meters from 39-63 Norwich Walk
- Completed the demolition of Fryerns School

Over the next two months we plan to:

- Hear from Basildon's Planning Department about the Phase 1 Planning Application
- Complete the removal of services to 39-63 Norwich Walk

Sales at Beechwood Village are on the up!

Beechwood Village recently launched a new phase of one and two bed apartments which are selling fast. The design and quality of the development is proving to be very popular with the people of Basildon and the surrounding areas. We are currently taking between one and two reservations a week. The prices for a one bed apartment start at £94,000 with the most

expensive two bed apartment at £126,000. There are also two bed houses available from £168,000 and we have three bed homes starting at £217,500.

The Sales and Marketing Suite is open Thursday to Monday and can be contacted on 0800 019 5005. More information is available at www.beechwoodvillage.co.uk



Craylands Activity Zone (CAZ) needs volunteers

Are you new to the area?
Bored? Need a new challenge?

CAZ offers the chance for parents and their children to 'Play, Learn and Grow Together!' and discover new interests, learn new skills, and make friends in their local community. Activities include arts and crafts, painting, Lego, games, reading and much more. CAZ is a free childrens' activity club with an annual sporting event and outings. They participate in community events and celebrations and organise fun club celebrations and parties.

CAZ opens Mon, Wed and Friday 12 noon - 2.00 pm, during school holidays. Age group is 5-14 years Under 5's can stay if accompanied by a parent.

Please come along, meet the team and have fun!!



Summer Football Club

Swan Housing in partnership with West Ham United Football Club organised a Summer Football Club for young people on Craylands estate between the ages of 8-16 years.

The free event ran from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th August and included:

- a computer classroom session focusing on research into football coaching
- a healthy eating and nutrition workshop
- a practical coaching session on Northlands Park



Turnout for practical training sessions was very good and certificates were presented to the young people for successfully completing the course. They are excitedly looking forward to next years event.

Inter Estate Football Tournament



Following on with the football theme, Swan Housing is organising an 'Inter Estate Football 5-aside Tournament' for young people between the ages 8-16 years across Basildon area.

This will take place on Saturday 22nd October 2011 at Markhams Chase field from 11am to 3pm with over 40 young people from the estates of Craylands, Five Links, Churchview and Noak Bridge taking part. West Ham United Football Club officials will be on hand to officiate the tournament and present medals/trophies to the winners.

The idea of this event is to promote interaction between young people

and to develop their football talent.

Information for the tournament:

Your child will need a t-shirt, shorts, shin pads and suitable trainers/football boots; and will need to bring a drink (minimum 1 sport bottle) not a fizzy drink as this can cause dehydration.

Each parent will be responsible for taking their own child to the venue and collecting them at the end of the tournament.

Please ring Ade Adelekan on 07725 660 425 to book a place if you would like your son/daughter to participate in this tournament.



Craylands Activity Zone (CAZ)



CAZ Management Committee, Volunteers, Parents and 50 children went to Hollywood Ten Pin Bowling at the Festival Leisure for their annual club outing. Everyone travelled to the venue by coach, enjoyed two games of bowling, followed by a basket lunch and ice cream.

At the core of the Fryerns and Craylands re-development is the need to create a sustainable thriving and vibrant community, where adults and children want to live and become actively involved in their community.

CAZ club has created a safe environment for this to happen, a place for children and their parents to attend a free relaxed local club during school holidays. The club started with just arts and craft activities but has continued to expand to meet the changing needs of members and their families.



Ken the Community Warden was a weekly invited guest during the six week school holidays at the CAZ club. Ken gave the children information on recycling, the nuisance and cost caused by graffiti, helping in the community and being a responsible citizen

The CAZ club has been very busy this year with an increase in numbers

attending and more people volunteering to be on the Management Committee and to help out at sessions and club outings.



CAZ team set up a marquee at the fun event for free arts and crafts

The club was initially set up so there would be somewhere for children to go and parents to join in too! Recently there has been the annual sports event in Northlands Park which included a sponsored walk and picnic, also a "staff sponsored silence!!" The club continues to seek funding opportunities and organise sponsorship events to keep the club running.

Basildon Council and local agencies are invited to the club to give information, advice and support which has included a six week Junior Warden Scheme from the local Community Warden, organised street cricket sessions with local neighbourhood beat PCSO's,

healthy eating and looking after your teeth and various talks about caring for your pets and the local environment.

There is now a thriving tuck shop which supplies cheap inclusive meals for those children attending the club. This has enabled the members to enjoy different foods and has included information on a healthy diet.



CAZ volunteers supply refreshments for fun events

Volunteers have received funding to buy uniforms, ID badges and high visibility waistcoats for the children when out on club activities.

Training for staff continues with further training being planned.

If you would like your children to attend, or you would like to become a volunteer, you can find out more about the club by ringing Sue on 07588 651840.



Looking for a job or advice and support in applying for work?

Work Club can help

Benefits of coming to the Work Club

- Free internet use
- Up to date details of jobs in your chosen area
- Job hunting guidance - help with searching and applying for jobs
- Help to write CV's
- Help with letter writing
- Tips on interview techniques and planning for an interview
- Sharing experiences with other job hunters
- In-work benefits information
- Advice on childcare

The Work Club aims to help people at all stages of their job search - from preparing a CV and filling in



application forms through to interview techniques.

The Work Club is a friendly place to meet and chat with people who help and support you.

Free tea and coffee provided.

Every Thursday 1pm-4pm at the Craylands internet cafe

To find out more call 07585 983 411

Consultation Shop, 21 Exeter Close, Craylands Estate, Basildon, Essex

Back to work...



Prince's Trust

The Princes Trust offers a number of programmes available locally for young people to

assist them with the skills and confidence to get into work and training. To check out what's on offer their website is www.princes-trust.org.uk.

One of these programmes is

Development Awards which are available to young people aged 14 to 25, these offer small grants to improve employability and life skills by providing access to education and training.

If you want to know more contact Paula Titshall of the Princes Trust on Tel: 07879 897565 or Email: paula.titshall@princes-trust.org.uk

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Regeneration Update

Demolition Update

Demolition of the 39-63 Norwich Walk maisonette block is well under way and will be completed by Christmas. Preparations for the demolition of other vacant blocks is progressing well.

Why are we waiting for another Planning Permission?

Some residents have questioned why Swan recently submitted another planning application. The current application is for the detailed design of Phase 1 C-F. It replaces and improves on an older detailed planning application made for the whole of Phase 1. These improvements have been developed following consultation with residents and including ideas from other successful regeneration schemes.

The detailed planning application sets out Swan's complete plans for the phase, these are a lot more detailed than the outline planning permission. The master plan, or outline planning as it is also referred to, is less detailed but covers a wider area and commits to general ideas and principles on the regeneration project.

Planning Decision

There have been some delays to the Planning process, which unfortunately means that we do not



expect a decision to be made until the New Year. We now anticipate receiving a planning committee date in mid-January. This meeting will be where the decision is made. Swan is confident that the planning application will be approved and will

keep you informed with any new developments.

Look out for the planning decision in the press and the February 2012 Craylands and Beechwood Village Newsletter. Keep your fingers crossed for a positive result!

Celebration of Youth Awards 2011

Craylands resident Josh O'Sullivan 16, was nominated for the Inspirational Role Model by Secretary Sue Parson from the CAZ club.

Sue nominated Josh because over the last 7 years he has constantly helped with the smooth running of the club. He has supported new members and helped them settle in, along with helping the most vulnerable and disabled members including his 2 brothers; Stephen who has verbal dyspraxia and ADS and Alfie who has ADHD.

Josh also mentors 3 junior volunteers at the club, working together to organise games and activities for the clubs holiday sessions.

Josh attended the Celebration of Youth awards event at the Towngate Theatre, where he was voted the outright winner of his category.

Many congratulations Josh!



Are you 14 to 30 years of age and living in Fryerns East & Craylands (Beechwood Village) in Basildon

The Prince's Trust has opportunities for young people on a number of programmes that can assist you towards a career or a job.

Development Awards are cash grants to assist you if you are between 14-25 years of age. They can help with the funding of:

- Training courses
- Tools or equipment for a job
- Volunteering
- Work experience

- Gaining a qualification
- Help towards the costs of a professional license
- Interview clothes
- Childcare costs for single parents on short courses or
- Travel costs for the first month of a new job

If you are unsure about what help is available just call Paula and have a chat.



Prince's Trust



Contact Paula Titshall **07879 897 565** or **01473 228844**

Craylands “weekly” Work Club

Partnership working between Swan Foundation, Fryerns Farm Children’s Centre, Friends of Craylands, Essex County Council, Swan Housing, BBWCVS, Basildon Borough Council and Job Centre Plus has enabled the opening of the Craylands Work Club.

The club is moving from strength to strength and is giving those without internet access the opportunity to access jobs, help with job hunting, tips on interview techniques and planning for an interview, sharing experiences with other job hunters and advice on childcare.

Benefits of coming to the Work Club

- Free internet use
- Up to date details of jobs in your chosen area
- Job hunting guidance - help with searching and applying for jobs
- Help to write CV’s
- Help with letter writing
- Tips on interview techniques and planning for an interview
- Sharing experiences with other job hunters
- In-work benefits information
- Advice on childcare
- The Work Club aims to help people at all stages of their job search - from preparing a CV and filling in application forms through to interview techniques



Come along and join us 1-4pm each Thursday at the Craylands Internet Cafe, 21 Exeter Close SS14 3QT.

Needing more help with entering into employment?

In receipt of an active unemployment benefit, or a state benefit and are intending to enter employment?

There is a free course ‘Learn to Earn’ that can help you with:

- Online job searching
- Preparing and personalising your CV and covering letter
- Understanding the principles of self-marketing

- Interview techniques and
- Personal presentation

The free short course, of 2 hour weekly sessions each Thursday for 4 weeks at the Craylands Internet Cafe.

If you wish to enrol please pre-book on 01268 520599 or pop down to the Work Club to find out more information.



Hard work rewarded



CAZ secretary Sue Parson and manager Clare O'Sullivan were delighted to accept a cheque for £200 in recognition of their hard work and commitment in refreshment support at the Craylands Resident Participation Fun Day held in July.

The cheque was presented by Resident Participation Chair Maggie Forder and Donna Acutt, Basildon Council. The event was a double celebration for the CAZ Club as High Sheriff Lady Ruggles-Brise was also paying a visit accompanied by Heather Wood, Basildon Council.

Consultation Shop Christmas closing times

Our offices will be closed from 5pm, Thursday 22nd December 2011 and will re-open 10am, 3rd January 2012.

Last posting dates (UK)

2nd Second class - 17th December
1st First class - 20th December



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An update on progress

Swan Housing Association, Basildon Borough Council and the Homes and Communities Agency are delighted to confirm that the delivery of the next phase of works 1 C-F has commenced and that all buy outs have been completed.

Pre-construction work started in mid-March and was as follows:

- House clearances to Norwich Walk 56-64 and 44-54 and Craylands 126-138, 140-146 and 148-154
- Asbestos cleared in Norwich Walk 56-44 and Craylands 126-138
- Completion of tree removal
- Service disconnections to empty units

Demolition work is due to start at the beginning of May 2013. Construction of the new retail units and community hall will be the the first new construction to commence. Asbestos Surveys were completed by mid February 2013 as scheduled.

An Information Day was held at the Adult Community Learning Centre on the 16th March 2013 which was open to all residents and well attended. The purpose of the event was to provide an open forum where residents could come and talk to the development partners and the project architect to voice any concerns.

A phasing plan was on display, so that residents could identify the future phases which will follow in the overall regeneration of Craylands.

We would like to thank the members of the Craylands and Beechwood Residents Group who attended and were able to assist in answering residents' questions.

We are delighted to advise that the "Craylands and Fryerns" regeneration development has been designated as one of the Top 100 Regeneration Projects by an independent body and publicised on the Planning and Regeneration and Renewable

websites. Craylands was placed at number 70, against high profile competition from projects such as "Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park" and "Wembley City".

If you would like to learn more, you can contact Peter Hutley, Swan's Senior Project Manager for the Craylands scheme, on: **01277 844 273**

Email: phutley@swan.org.uk



Safety on site

Swan would like to remind you that building sites are extremely dangerous places. Extra care should be taken whilst the construction and demolition work takes place.

It is very important that you do not go on any part of the restricted

sites and that you make sure your children keep off them too.

If you have any questions, please visit our consultation shop: **21 Exeter Close, Craylands, SS14 3QT**, open on Tues 10am-1pm and Thurs 3-6pm.

Job Vacancy

Swan is looking to recruit a part time Project Liaison Assistant, please visit our website www.swan.org.uk/jobs for further information.

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Pretty as a picture...



Residents are advised that photographer Simon Brandon has been tasked to capture the redevelopment of Craylands on behalf of Swan.

Simon's pictures will be used in future editions of Beechwood Village and Craylands News, on Swan's Resident website www.web4resident.org.uk and in other Swan publications.

Last three bed house left...

Beechwood Village launched with 118 properties consisting of 81 one and two bedroom apartments and 37 two, three and four bedroom houses for private sale.

A further eight shared ownership homes, consisting of five three bedroomed houses and two two bedroomed apartments, were also created and are now all sold and occupied.

Christine Wah, Sales Manager for Swan New Homes said: "To

date Beechwood Village has just one three bedroomed house left for private sale and the Shared Ownership properties are all sold. If you are looking for a home at Beechwood Village, this is your final chance".

For further information about buying a home, please contact Beechwood Village sales office on **0800 019 5005** or visit the website at www.beechwoodvillage.co.uk.

Adult Community Learning



Adult Community Learning Essex offers something for everyone. Whether you are looking for help getting into work, to improve your job prospects, work towards a professional qualification, secure an Apprenticeship or to learn for leisure.

If you need to improve your confidence with Maths and English skills, we have courses that you can join at any time of the year and at times to suit you.

We also offer a free careers advice and guidance service and have a Community Ambassador Training programme. Become an ambassador for your community, influence at a local level and support your community's future.

Visit us at our local centre in Churchill Avenue for more information or telephone us on **01268 520599**. Check out our website at: www.essex.gov.uk/adultlearning

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An update on progress



beginning of the next phase of the project.

Cllr Tony Ball commented that:

"We are embarking on this next phase which demonstrates our confidence that the economy is showing signs

of recovery and nowhere more than here. The residents of Craylands deserve a much better environment in which to live and that is what we will deliver for them."

Cllr Tony Ball, Leader of Basildon Borough Council, representatives from Swan Housing Association and the Homes and Communities Agency were onsite on the 13 June to celebrate a ground-breaking ceremony to mark the

Building work has now begun on the first sub phase which will deliver 35 rented units, new commercial units, and a community hall to replace the existing facilities.

Redevelopment works are progressing well and significant progress has been made on the relocation and diversion of existing services and a major cable diversion is being undertaken on the first sub phase by UK Power Network.

If you would like to know more please contact Peter Hutley, Swan's Senior Project Manager for the Craylands Scheme on: **01277 844 273**

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Save the Date!

The next Craylands Fun/ Information Day will be held at the Adult Community Learning Centre, Churchill Avenue, on **Saturday 21 September** from 12 noon to 3.30pm.

Join us to find out the latest information on the ongoing regeneration project; sample the complimentary food and drink from the Swan 'Pop Up Cafe' and enjoy free activities including a bouncy castle, face-painting and badge making. We have some special entertainment planned too, book this date in your diary now!



Residents are encouraged and welcome to attend the Craylands Work Club which is being temporarily run from the **Brisco Centre, Felmores End, Basildon, Essex, SS13 1PN. Tel: 07880 035 969**

The Club is free and operates on Monday to Friday from 12:00 – 16:00, offering help on completing CVs, hints and tips for interviews and applications. There is internet access and a team of staff to welcome you and provide any assistance you may require.

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Youth Forum/Club

Are you aged 10 to 16?
Would you like to get involved and make changes to your local community?
Would you like to make new friends and socialise in a nice and safe environment?
Swan Housing would like to invite you to join our youth forum/club on Craylands & Beechwood Village.

The forum will give young people the opportunity to have their say on the type of activities they would like to see and issues they face in living in the area. Members can also use computers and interactive games at the forum.

Swan would like to hear from you! We already have a forum set up on Craylands at the Swan Consultation Shop.



If you would like to know more or be part of your local forum please contact Ade or Terry on: **01277 844 242**

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There will be an Enrolment and Information evening at the

Lifelong Learning Centre on Wednesday 4 September from 5pm to 8pm, where you can find out information on the courses and funding available.

Adult Community Learning Centre, Broadmayne, Churchill Avenue, Basildon, Essex SS14 3SG, Tel: 01268 520599

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Residents enjoy a Fun Information Day



Residents from Beechwood Village and Craylands found out the the latest information on the estate regeneration and enjoyed a number of activities and refreshments which included a Hog Roast at a Fun Information Day held in partnership by Swan, Basildon Borough Council, HCA, Axis and Hera at the Adult Community Learning Centre.

More than 150 residents attended the event along with local councillors, including the Leader of Basildon Borough Council, Cllr Tony Ball. Many compliments were received about the activities and especially about the incredibly popular hog roast! Everyone enjoyed the event and it was a resounding success.

More pictures from the day are on www.web4residents.org.uk.



Works Update

Residents can now see positive progress as the regeneration of this phase moves forward. The demolition is 90% complete and the next phase of construction is well underway (see photo).

The first properties completed will provide new shops and a temporary community hall. The hall will be in use until a permanent hall can be provided in the following phase of construction post 2015.

The first homes completed will be mainly apartments with houses following on shortly afterwards. The whole of the current phase is due to be completed during 2015.



New C Shop Location

The Craylands and Beechwood Consultation Shop will shortly be on the move so that the final demolition work on Phase 1c to 1f can be completed. The new **Regeneration Consultation Shop** will be located at **85 Lincoln Road** at some point later this Autumn.

Following the move, our opening times will continue to remain the same:

- Tuesday 10am to 1pm
- Thursday 3pm to 6pm

If you would like to talk to us about the regeneration and how it may affect you, feel free to come in and see us.



Alternatively, you may call us on **0800 0196 766** or **01268 271335** where a member of staff will be happy to assist you with your enquiries.

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Signpost Work Club

Do you want help with a CV, need access the internet for job searches, advice and training? Would you like to meet other people who are also searching for work and share your experiences? Do you have some spare time on your hands and would like to come and volunteer with us or pop in for a chat?

The Swan Foundation / Signpost Work Club continues to support residents in and around Craylands and Beechwood with free training, use of computers, phones and advice on getting

back to work.

If you are interested, please pop in any week day between 1pm and 3pm, no appointment necessary, and say hello, you will always find a warm welcome.

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Development Update

Residents can now see positive progress as the first sub-phase continues. The frames for the new Commercial Units and Community Hall have been erected and construction of the flats above these units has begun. The residential accommodation in this area will provide 35 homes in total. Overall phase 1c to 1f will deliver 206 units, these will include 149 properties available for social rent, 4 shared ownership and 53 private sale properties.

Work on the rest of the site is focusing on utility diversions, disconnections and new supplies together with drainage diversions and the foundations.

The remaining existing structures which include the main shop block and former consultation shop, has had asbestos surveys completed and demolition will commence shortly.

It's great to see this progress, however, the wet weather and service diversions has had an adverse effect on the programme and it is now

envisaged that the first sub-phase will be available in August 2014.

Swan Housing Association is working closely with Basildon Borough Council to ensure that all residents on the scheme are kept up to date.



Regeneration Consultation Shop has a new venue



**Come join us
for tea & coffee!**

**Tuesday
11 March
10am - 12
noon!**

As part of the ongoing regeneration, the Consultation Shop has moved so that Phase 1c to 1f can be continued. The Regeneration Consultation Shop can now be found at 85 Lincoln Road, Craylands, Basildon, SS14 3RA.

The opening times and contact telephone numbers remain the same:

**Tuesday 10am to 1pm and
Thursday 3pm to 6pm**

0800 0196 766 or 01268 271335

If you would like to speak to someone about the regeneration

or have any queries about how it affects you, please drop into the Regeneration Consultation Shop during opening hours where a member of staff will be happy to assist you with your enquiries. Alternatively you can call us on one of the above telephone numbers.

Come and join us for tea and coffee at the Regeneration Consultation Shop on 11 March, 10am - 12 noon and meet the Beechwood Village and Craylands Project team!

Phase 2 Consultation with Council Tenants

As part of the ongoing consultation throughout the redevelopment programme, Basildon Council (together with regeneration partners Swan Housing), held a 'Tenant Choice' open day on the 18 December 2013 for Council Tenants who are in Phase 2 of the redevelopment programme.



Council tenants in this Phase have been given the opportunity (subject to availability) of moving into one of the new newly built properties in Beechwood Village (formerly Craylands). Staff from

the Council and Swan Housing Association were at the event to answer questions on individual housing circumstances, how the 'decant' process works and to take decant applications from anyone who is interested in moving into a new property. The event was a great success and all available appointments throughout the day were fully booked.



If you are in Phase 2 and were unable to attend the event, but would like more information or are interested in moving, please contact the Council's Customer Service Centre on **01268 533333** to speak to the Allocations team or to request a decant application form.

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
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**Regeneration Consultation
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Considerate Constructors Scheme

Swan New Homes is working hard to deliver real changes to the Craylands estate. Unfortunately the improvements can't be delivered without causing some disruption to residents living on Beechwood Village and Craylands.

Swan New Homes is a member of the Considerate Constructors Scheme and follows their 'Code of Considerate Practice':

- Care about Appearance - Constructors should ensure sites appear professional and well managed.
- Respect the Community - Constructors should give utmost consideration to their impact on neighbours and the public.
- Protect the Environment - Constructors should protect and enhance the environment
- Secure everyone's Safety - Constructors should attain the highest levels of safety

performance

- Value their Workforce - Constructors should provide a supportive and caring working environment

Swan New Homes Site Manager is John Maitland and he can be contacted on **07741 265515**.



Safety On Site

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Do not go on any part of the restricted sites and make sure your children keep off them too - let's all stay safe!

If you have any questions, please visit our consultation shop:

85 Lincoln Road open on Tuesday 10am-1pm and Thursday 3-6pm.



Gardening Volunteers

Have you got green fingers? Would you like to have the opportunity to learn new skills? Swan is starting a gardening project close to the Fryerns Children's Centre.

We are looking for volunteers of all ages to take part in this exciting project. Volunteers will grow and harvest vegetables, receive cooking lessons and receive information on healthy eating and dietary advice.

The project will begin in Spring 2014. If you are interested please call Perryn Jasper, **01277 844753** or email: pjasper@swan.org.uk for more details.



Site Update

Swan Housing Association are delighted that Craylands residents can now see the new shops and community facilities and the first new homes taking shape. However, we know that the regeneration work is affecting residents and we continue to listen to feedback we receive from residents who pop in to the Consultation Shop and also from the Residents Group. Here is an update on some of the issues raised recently...

Muddy Roads and Footpaths:

We know that the roads and footpaths were very muddy in January and apologise to residents. The wet weather is making it really difficult to keep the mud on the construction site. Swan New Homes, the contractor, now has a dedicated road sweeper working to keep the paths and roads clear and is ensuring wheels are jet washed before lorries leave the site. Residents have told us this has already made a difference but we are monitoring this situation closely.



Royal Mail Post Box:

To enable us to make the site secure, Swan New Homes have had to fence in the Post Box after it had been emptied and secured by Royal Mail. We are now working with the Residents Group to identify an alternative site for the Post Box – watch this space!

Telephone Box:

Like the Post Box, the telephone box has been fenced in. However, we are working with British Telecom to get the telephone box moved to an alternative site as soon as possible.

Road and Footpath Closures:

Some of the estate roads and footpaths and parking areas have now been closed off. This has been approved by the Department of Transport and the emergency services through a “Stopping Up” order process granted to Swan.



We are working closely with the Residents Group to make sure there are the signs and information residents need to be able to get around the estate during the works is in place.

If you have any feedback or questions on any of these issues, why not come along to the Consultation Shop on Tuesday morning or Thursday afternoon or call Swan’s Project Manager, Peter Hutley on **01277 844273**.

Take a new direction in 2014

Are you unemployed or looking to enhance your career prospects? Get the skills to get that job! The Adult Community Learning Centre, located at the end of Churchill Avenue would welcome a visit from you!

If you are unemployed, the ‘Pathways to Employment’ programme can give you practical skills that improve your chances of finding and maintaining employment.

The Adult Community Learning Centre also offers free English and Maths classes and many other courses for free. If you have to pay you might even be able to get help with fees.

If you have young children and are concerned about how you can attend a course, you may be interested to learn that there is an Ofsted approved crèche on-site. If you are over 20 years old and studying with the Adult Community Learning Centre you may be able to get help with crèche fees.

If you are unsure of which learning path to take, why not take advantage of the free advice and careers guidance service? Pop in to the Adult Community Learning Centre or phone them on **01268 520599**. Alternatively, visit their website at www.essex.gov.uk/adultlearning



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Local MP visits regeneration site



Left to Right: Tony Ball, Mary Gibbons, Cllr. Dave Sheppard, John Baron MP and Geoff Pearce

Local MP John Baron recently visited Beechwood and Craylands to celebrate the reaching of the highest point of Phase 1C-F.

Mr Baron was joined by residents and representatives from Swan Housing Association, Basildon Borough Council and the Homes and Communities Agency who

were all keen to celebrate the “topping out” of the first stage of the latest regeneration phase.

Mary Gibbons, Executive Director of Strategy & Support at Swan Housing Association, said:

“As the regeneration progresses residents will see increasing improvements

to the physical fabric of the estate itself. Swan, Basildon Council and the Homes and Communities Agency continue to be committed to delivering a full redevelopment for the local community and this latest progress signifies a major step in the project.”

Rab Fallon, Basildon Council’s lead officer on the Craylands project, said:

“This is a key milestone in the Craylands regeneration project and I am delighted that residents are beginning to see the improvements. We are committed to working in partnership with Swan Housing and the Homes and Communities Agency to deliver this project for the benefit of the local community.”

The Sunshine Club

FREE Coffee Mornings for parents
Every MONDAY, 9 -11am*
at Briscoe Community Centre
(* school term time only)

Many exciting workshops of your choice are available:
Yoga, First Aid, Cake Making, Parenting, Internet Safety and much more!

Free Crêche, Coffee & Cakes provided every week

Signpost
Resource centres

For more information or to book call:
07880 035 968

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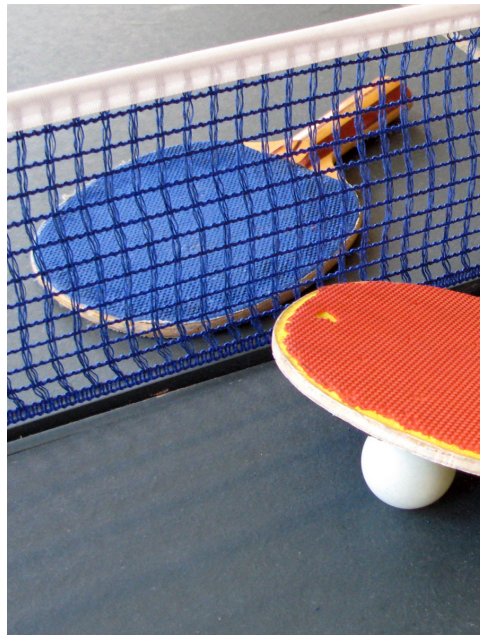
Youth Forum

Are you aged 11 to 16? Would you like to meet new people and socialise with your friends after school?

Did you know that the Craylands and Beechwood Youth Forum meets every Monday from 6pm – 8pm at the Regeneration Consultation Shop on Lincoln Road?

The forum is free for young people and members can use computers, access free wifi and play on the games consoles. In addition to digital activities, members can also play snooker and table tennis.

Members of the Craylands and Beechwood Youth Forum have even got involved with community projects and been awarded extra merits at school. If there is anything else you would like to do just come along and let us know!



If you would like to know more please contact Ade or Terry on **01277 844 242** or visit our consultation shop every Monday evening from 6pm to 8pm.

Get growing on Craylands!

Have you got green fingers? Have you ever grown your own vegetables? Would you like to have the opportunity to learn a new skill and make new friends?

On 17 July Swan is launching a gardening project based at the Regeneration Consultation Shop on Lincoln Road.

We're looking for volunteers of all ages to help grow and harvest a selection of vegetables. Get involved and, as well as getting your hands on the vegetables, you will also receive information on cookery and healthy eating.

On the same day, if you come along between 2pm-4pm we will help you get online just in time to bag a summer bargain!



Free IT Training
17 July
2pm-4pm

Come along to the C-Shop, 85 Lincoln Road at 4pm-6pm, 17 July for more information, or call Perryn Jasper on **01277 844753** or Ade Adelekan on **01277 844242**.

Rubbish!

Do you reduce, reuse and recycle? Do you dispose of your rubbish responsibly or do you leave it outside your door creating a health hazard for your neighbours? Do you even think it's ok to throw your litter out of the windows where it could hit and injure an unsuspecting passer-by on the ground?

We're working to make Beechwood Village and Craylands an estate where people want to live, so please remember to dispose of your rubbish responsibly. People who dispose of their rubbish irresponsibly spoil the area for everyone and cause more work for Streetcare (which residents pay for via Council Tax!) Throwing rubbish from windows is anti-social behaviour and is not tolerated by Swan or Basildon Council and it is a breach of your tenancy agreement.

If you have any questions about rubbish disposal or have some large items you would like to arrange to be collected please contact Street Scene on 01268 533 333 (select option 1).



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Latest update on the regeneration of Craylands



Rab Fallon

Rab Fallon, Corporate Specialist at Basildon Borough Council, provides an update on how the partners expect this project to proceed.

As you may know, the Craylands regeneration project is planned over 4 phases that stretch over a number of years. While the project has experienced a number of delays, mostly caused by the economic downturn and the subsequent recession, phase 1 of the project is currently progressing well and due to be completed during 2015.

We are now taking a number of steps to try and speed up the regeneration process. It is our intention that Phases 2 and 3 will be rolled out simultaneously between 2015 and 2019. These are currently being designed and a planning application will be submitted in due course. Initial financial assessments of these phases are positive so we are hopeful that these timescales are achievable.

Work on Phase 4 was originally expected to start in 2018 but, in an attempt to bring some of this phase forward, the

partners recently submitted a bid to the Local Enterprise Partnership for funding. This funding bid was highlighted by local media who suggested that the regeneration project is in danger.

We wish to reassure residents that this is not the case and, if this funding bid is successful, we will begin work on some of Phase 4 earlier than scheduled. If the bid is unsuccessful we will seek alternatives or continue with the current timetable. It is normal practice to secure funding for future phases of regeneration projects at different times.

In the meantime, Council and Housing Association applications from tenants living in phase 2, who have told Basildon Borough Council they would like to be rehoused on the estate are being assessed. The assessments will be completed by March 2015, as the new housing in phase 1 is finished.

Other phase 2 tenants will have their applications considered after that. Homeowners in phase 2 will be invited to discuss the purchase of their properties at the appropriate times.

If you have any questions or require further clarification about the current status of the ongoing regeneration please visit the Regeneration Consultation Shop, 85 Lincoln Road or call Ade Adekan on 01277 844242.



New look newsletter and website!

Welcome to the new look Beechwood Village and Craylands News. Swan has been working with their Resident Editorial Panel to make the newsletters easier for everyone to read. If you have any comments on the new look of this newsletter please email editor@swan.org.uk.

You will also notice that the Beechwood and Craylands website has been updated with a new look. Check out the new look on www.craylands-beechwood.org.uk

Development Update

Progress report on the construction work



As you can see, the redevelopment works are continuing and work has now begun on the new main road which will run through the estate. Peterborough Way has now been closed to vehicles (although a pedestrian route remains) to allow some of the work to be completed.

You should now be able to see progress on both sides of Peterborough Way, especially with the foundation work and timber frame construction. Inside some of the properties work has now begun on plaster boarding and electrical installation.



At the Lincoln Road end of the site work has now begun on the new sales suite.

Changes to Jobseekers Allowance



There are changes to Jobseekers Allowance from the 28th April 2014 that may affect you. You must comply with these changes otherwise you may not receive Jobseekers Allowance.

To make register a new claim for Jobseekers Allowance you must:

- Set up an email address
- Prepare a CV
- Register for Universal Jobmatch

If you make a new claim on-line this must be done to enable you to register. If you make your claim over the phone your work coach can help you.

It will become compulsory to receive training if your English language skills are below Entry Level 2 and your Jobseekers Allowance may be stopped if you do not attend the training.

If you claim Income Support as a lone parent there are further changes and you may have to attend work-focused interviews. The interviews are compulsory and your benefit may be stopped if you do not attend.

If you require further information then please contact your Welfare Benefits Officer on 0300 303 2500.

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Residents' Association to be formed on Beechwood Village



A group of residents from Beechwood Village have been working hard with the intention of forming a new Residents' Association which, once formalised, will provide a collective voice for the community.

In August, the group surveyed the entire Beechwood Village estate, going door to door encouraging residents to complete a Community Survey. The survey confirmed that residents on Beechwood Village believe that there is a need for a Residents' Association on the estate.

Since August the group have held meetings with Swan to discuss the draft constitution and finalise the paperwork for the inaugural meeting.

On 13 November the group have organised the inaugural meeting

of the Residents' Association. All residents from Beechwood Village are warmly welcome to attend.

At this inaugural meeting, the committee for the Residents' Association will be formally elected and the constitution formally adopted.

If you are interested in becoming an elected member of the new Beechwood Village Residents' Association Committee please return the completed nomination form which was posted through your letterbox recently or call 01277 844242 for more information.

Come along to the first Beechwood Village meeting on Thursday 13 November 2014 from 7pm to 9pm at the Adult Community College, Ely Way Basildon SS14 2EQ.

Amazing harvest!



The Beechwood and Craylands Food Growing Project has successfully harvested its first crops for local residents.

Cared for by the Craylands Youth Forum and other local residents, the garden is a great way to get to know people in your community.

For more information on how you can get involved with the growing project, call Ade Adekan on **01277 844242**.

Budget Training

Could you do with some extra help to manage your household finances?

Swan's Welfare Benefits Team will be available at the C-Shop on 19 November from 10am-12noon and 2pm-4pm. You can let them know you are coming by calling the Rents Team on **0300 303 2500**.



Five apprenticeship opportunities!

Swan is looking for five apprentices to work on the current phase of the Craylands regeneration scheme.

Apprenticeships are just one of many ways Swan supports the local community to generate employment and training opportunities in the area. Swan is looking to fill as many of these vacancies as possible from the local community.

Prospective apprentices can find out more about the opportunities on offer by

attending the Vange Jobs Fair on **7 November at Trinity Baptist Church, 481 Clayhill Road, Vange.**

The Construction Industry Training Board (CITB); apprenticeship provider TrACs; and STV will all be in attendance to offer advice on what employers are looking for.

For more information call Perryn Jasper, Swan Foundation Project Manager on 01277 844 753.

Swan Foundation award £25k grant to Signpost

The Swan Foundation have recently awarded £25,000 to Signpost, an organisation which supports people who require help creating a CV; completing job application forms; writing covering letters; and improving interview skills.

Signpost also offer information, advice and guidance on careers and educational opportunities; basic IT training for job search; and information regarding back to work benefit comparisons.

They operate from the Felmores Community Centre and Basildon Library five days a week. The money they have been awarded will enable Signpost to expand their current services to include self-improvement workshops and targeted engagement with young people.

This money is in addition to over £150,000 the Swan

Foundation have invested into the development of local communities since 2010. The Foundation has also helped to attract a further £200,000 of further funding through these grants.

The funding has been used to deliver back to work support, healthy eating workshops and personal safety advice for primary school aged children and to develop the employment skills of the local community.

Swan Foundation have attracted the support of the Prince's Trust, Children In Need and a local radio station to offer real opportunity for change and plan to continue this work in the future.

For more information on the Swan Foundation visit swanfoundation.org.uk

Swan's Rent Team telephone opening hours extended

From Wednesday 5 November 2014 Swan's Rent Team will be available on the telephone every Wednesday from 5.00pm until 8.00pm.

To speak with the Rent Team after hours on a Wednesday call or text **07587 036 882** and they will call you straight back.

You can call the Rent Team to discuss your rent, check your payments and the balance of your account. They can also set up a Direct Debit for you and let you know of other easy and convenient methods of paying your rent.



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Premiership dreams supported by Swan



Completion of this FA Accredited Refereeing Course means Josh can now earn money at the weekend taking part in something he enjoys and, importantly, without disrupting his studies.

Josh refereed his first match at Swan's annual Inter-Estate Football Tournament in March and he has now achieved his FA badge (awarded after Josh officiated at six matches and passed a further assessment) and he hopes to continue on the path to the Premiership!

If you would like to know more about the youth opportunities available on Beechwood Village and Craylands estate call Ade Adekan on 01277 844242.

Seventeen-year-old Josh lives and breathes football! He has always played for local teams and joined Craylands Youth Football team when he was 11.

Swan recently paid for Josh to attend an FA Accredited Refereeing Course, bringing him a little nearer to achieving his long held dream of becoming a Premiership level referee.

Youth Forum volunteer at Swan's Summer Scheme

Three young people from Craylands volunteered at Swan's Summer Scheme. Josh, Nathan and Marie had attended the scheme in previous years but this year were too old to join. They are all Youth Forum members.

They helped to support 80 young people from Essex during the two week scheme. Their support helped the young people to enjoy a variety of activities including sports, swimming, ice-skating, craft and drama workshops.

Swan's Summer Scheme gives young people the opportunity to meet new friends and learn new skills. Young people and parents have told us that this year's scheme was excellent!



HERA news

Hera recently appointed Jo Cox as Head of Property. She has been working to identify what residents think about the services Hera provide and she met with residents at the C Shop in August.

Hera recently conducted a survey of Beechwood Village residents and would like to thank everyone who took part in the survey. All the feedback has been gratefully received and Hera are now looking at ways to improve their service.

If you took part in the survey you will have noticed questions about the tenant portal. You can access the portal by visiting www.heremanagementservices.com and selecting 'View my account' from the left hand menu. Once you have registered you can access information about your own account. We are currently working to improve the portal following the feedback received from residents during the survey.

Every resident who participated in the survey was entered into a prize draw. The draw was won by Jemma who won £50 High Street Vouchers!



Development Update

Progress report on the construction work



The recent good weather has enabled good progress on the site. Over fifty plots are now being worked on internally and preparatory work on fitting out the commercial units has begun this month.

Construction work on the “core road” through the centre of the site has progressed with the development team making the most of the good weather. We hope that the completion of the “core road” will help reduce the amount of dust and mud on the roads.



Trade School offers chance for school leavers



The Swan Foundation has secured a £10,000 Awards for All grant from the Big Lottery Fund to develop the employment prospects for young people in Basildon.

The money has funded the Construction Trades School at the Adult Community College on Ely Way which offers young people in Year 11 the chance to work with local construction trades

people and get a taste of a range of trades including bricklaying; carpentry; plumbing; electrical; painting and decorating.

Young people who have attended previous programmes have been offered apprenticeships, college places and full-time employment!

The project runs on Saturday mornings for nine weeks and everyone who attends will receive a certificate and a tool box containing basic tools to help them get started on their career path.

If you are in Year 11 and would like more information on this programme call Perryn Jasper on 01277 844753 or 07921 067854.

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Beechwood Village Information Event - 28 Feb



We are looking forward to residents moving into their new homes in Phase 1c-f as the Craylands regeneration into Beechwood Village continues in the Spring and Summer of this year.

We have received queries from a number of residents who live in homes that are within Phases 2 and 4. The Homes and Communities Agency, Basildon Borough Council and Swan are committed to the long term regeneration of Craylands and we have worked together to make some changes to the regeneration plans.

We would like to share the proposed new plans with you and have organised an Information Event on Saturday 28 February 2015. Residents will be able to speak directly with a team from Swan and Basildon Borough Council to find out how the new proposals are likely to affect them.

We are not yet at the position to apply for planning permission for the new proposals but will be working with architects over the

coming months to develop these proposals. It is likely that there will be a number of properties that were previously due for demolition that will no longer be demolished, however these plans are not yet finalised and are dependent on the approval of the partners.

The regeneration partners are clear that the plans that will be approved for the later phases will result in the regeneration of Craylands into a Beechwood Village which brings both existing and new homes together harmoniously, increases the value of the whole area and results in a community with improved facilities for all.

We look forward to seeing residents at the Information Event, which will also include fun activities for the family, refreshments and an opportunity to meet members of the new Beechwood Village Residents Association.

Information Event
11-2pm, Saturday 28 February
Adult Community College,
Craylands

Family tree planting event on Beechwood Village

Saturday
28 February
1pm-2.30pm
Free goody bag and refreshments!



Come along and help plant a 'Community Copse' on the Swale (the green space alongside Craylands Road) on Saturday 28 February at 1pm-2.30pm.

Swan Foundation, Swan's charity, have been given some young trees by the Woodland Trust as part of a national tree planting campaign marking the 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Children and families from the Fryerns Farm Children's Centre are joining the event which will enhance the natural environment in the area for future generations of children.

If you would like to help plant some trees join us at Fryerns Farm Children's Centre at 1pm. For more information please call Ade Adekan on 01277 844242.

Why not combine with a visit to the Information Event?

Father Christmas visits Beechwood Village!

Santa returned to Beechwood Village in December spreading festive cheer to young residents.

More than forty babies, children and their parents queued to meet Santa and his helpers in his grotto. Every child received a special gift after telling Santa what they would like to receive for Christmas.

Everyone was happy to see Santa visit the estate again and he was delighted to see so many families.

You can find more pictures of this event online at:



web4residents.org.uk/craylands-beechwood



Youth Forum members spread Christmas cheer to over 200 Sheltered Housing residents

At Christmas young people from the Craylands Youth Forum helped spread Christmas cheer to older residents living in Swan's Supported Housing schemes in Rayleigh and Great Dunmow.

Members of the Craylands and Vange Youth Forums joined together and worked with Swan's Resident Involvement Team to distribute over 200 Christmas cards and gifts.

The project, which began in 2013, is very popular with older residents who particularly enjoyed meeting the young people and joining them in singing Christmas carols.



Free budget training available

Could you do with some help to balance your monthly budget? Would you like some tips to help you to save for something special?

Swan's Welfare Benefits Team are here to help.

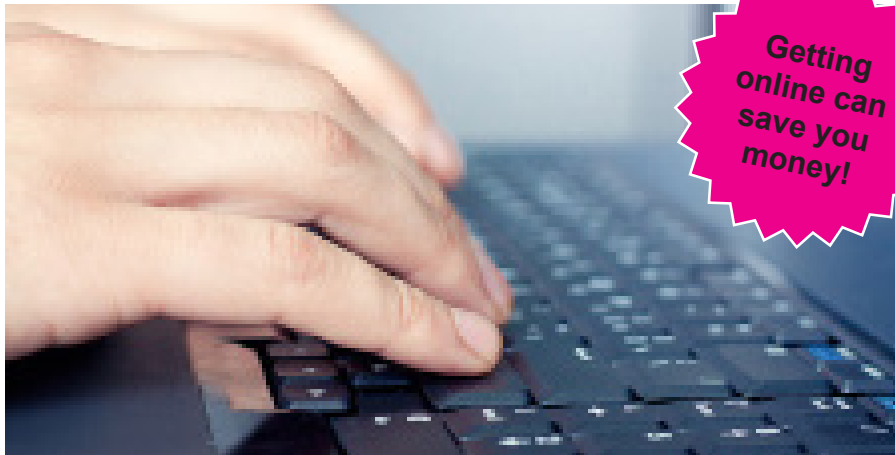
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Free IT Training available



Getting online can save you money!

Do you or any of your relatives or friends need help to get online? Would learning how to do your banking or grocery shopping online help you?

To register your interest in attending a free 2 or 3 hour group taster session call Silver Training's automated registration line on **01823 240129**.

Silver Training have been funded by the Government to provide FREE training all over the country until March 2015.

The telephone line will tell you about any free training opportunities in your area.

Beechwood Village Residents' Association

The inaugural meeting of the Beechwood Village Residents' Association was held at the end of November 2014 and they have met regularly since. The group is open to homeowners, leaseholders and Swan tenants who live on Beechwood Village.

Residents at the inaugural meeting formalised the Association's Constitution and elected the Committee members and Officers.

The elected Officers will remain in office for a period of one year. This means that the Beechwood Village Residents' Association is now a formally recognised group.

The following officers were voted in by the Committee members:

Chair - Scott Pearson

Vice Chair- Gary Turner

Treasurer- Scott Mildren

Secretary- Adelle Greydenes

Beechwood Village residents are invited to attend the next meeting, which will be held on 19 March from 7pm to 9pm at the Adult Community College Basildon.

Telephone Scott Pearson, Chair of Beechwood Village Residents' Association on 07572 934404 or email beechwoodvillage@mail.com for more information.

Be alert for bogus callers

Residents are warned to be on the lookout for bogus callers who may be operating in the area.

A local resident received a cold call from someone who claimed to represent Basildon Council. Residents are urged to be vigilant, especially if they are not expecting someone to visit.

All Council officers carry appropriate identification with them and their identity can be verified by the Council. You can do this regardless of whether you have been contacted over the telephone or in person at home.

All residents are advised to remain vigilant if anyone knocks requesting entry to their home or when they are asked to give out personal information.

If you think that you've been contacted by someone who is not who they say they are, you can call the Council on **01268 533333** or alternatively, contact the police on **101**.



Development Update

Progress report on the construction work



Work on the new roads is progressing well; work on Peterborough Way has begun and work on the Lincoln Road entrances will start soon. As you can see from these photographs, some of the new homes are nearly ready.

Fast facts!

800 tonnes of tarmac have been laid on the new roads.

Nearly 1 million bricks were laid in 2014.

Internal work has begun on over 90% of the affordable homes.



Youth Forum members visit London



Members of the Craylands Youth Forum recently enjoyed a trip to London where they visited the London Eye, the London Dungeons and London Sea Life Aquarium.

The trip was organised to thank the young people for volunteering their time to help

with Swan's Summer Activity Scheme in 2014.

Craylands Youth Forum meets every Monday, 6pm-8.30pm at the C-Shop, 85 Lincoln Road. If you would like more information please call Ade Adelekan on 01277 844242.

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New residents move into Beechwood Village



Beechwood Village recently welcomed 28 new residents and another 121 residents will move into their new homes very soon.

Work will begin on the eastern side of the site once the current phase has been finished. When complete, these homes will be available for private sale. It is currently anticipated that they will be completed in Summer 2016.

the pre-planning stage. All of the partners: Swan; the Homes and Communities Agency and Basildon Borough Council, are committed to working together and it is expected that the next phase of consultation with residents will begin later this year.

Details for the next phase will be finalised once the planning phase has been completed.

Future phases are currently at

Loco shop reopens

The Loco shop, owned by Mr. Kam, has reopened for business in its new premises.

The new Loco Shop is open every day and is in a convenient location for residents of Beechwood and Craylands who need to pop out for a pint of milk or loaf of bread. The shop has a free cash machine and Mr. Kam is keen to let residents know that he has good selection of reasonably priced goods.



Beechwood Village RA receive training



Members of the Beechwood Village Residents' Association recently received training delivered by TPAS (the Tenant Empowerment Organisation) at Swan's Head Office in Billericay. They have worked closely with Swan's Resident Involvement Team to identify their training needs and decided that their first formal training should focus on holding engaging and effective meetings.

Beechwood Village RA is open to all homeowners, leaseholders and Swan tenants who live on Beechwood Village. They are working together to provide a collective voice for all residents and ensure Beechwood Village is a desirable place to live.

If you would like to become a member of the RA or would like more information please contact Scott Pearson, Chair of the Beechwood Village Residents Association on 07572 934404 or email beechwoodvillage@mail.com

The next Beechwood Village Residents' Association meeting is on Thursday, 18 June at 7.00pm in the Adult Community Learning Centre.

Are you a responsible dog owner?



Do you pick up after your pooch? If you are a dog owner did you know that you have a legal duty to clear up any mess it leaves behind and failure to do so could mean you receive a fine?

Dog fouling is unpleasant and can lead to toxocariasis in humans; in some cases this can lead to blindness. Young children are at greatest risk from toxocariasis as they are more likely to put things into their mouths and less likely to wash their hands properly.

If you are a dog owner, please make use of the dog bins available in the area. This will help keep the estate a safe and pleasant place for everyone to live.



Refer someone to Hera and you could earn £300 in shopping vouchers

Hera, Swan's property management partner, has a new referral scheme that is open to all residents.

To qualify for shopping vouchers you need to register online and refer someone who is looking for property management services.

Full details, forms and full terms and conditions can be found online at www.heramanagementservices.co.uk

Hera appoints new business manager

Karl Carrier has recently joined Hera Management Services as a Business Manager. He has over 15 years experience in the property industry and will be working to raise awareness of the Hera brand in Essex and East London. Karl said "I am really pleased to have joined Hera at such an important time".



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Beechwood Village Family Fun Day



The Beechwood Village Residents' Association are holding a Family Fun Day on **Saturday 12 September, 12pm - 4pm.**

Come along and meet your neighbours and help to grow the community spirit whilst having bit of fun!

There will be traditional fairground games including 'Splat the Rat', 'Hook a Fish' and a coconut shy.

Watch a performance by the Vange Dance Group and find out how you can join them for free!

If you would like to volunteer some time, donate a raffle prize or would like to sit in on the next Residents' Association meeting please email: beechwoodvillage@mail.com

We would love to see you at one of the Residents' Association meetings or at the Fun Day!

Community garden celebrates successful harvest

The Beechwood & Craylands Food Growing Project, based at the Consultation shop garden on Lincoln Road, has had a successful second harvest.

Launched last year, the garden is cared for by local residents and Swan staff in a bid to promote community cohesion and healthy eating.

So far this season residents have harvested lettuces and courgettes just six weeks after planting and tomatoes, beans and beetroot are almost ready to harvest!



For more information about the Food Growing Project call Ade Adelekan, Community Development Officer on 01277 844242

Regeneration update: New homes handed over



We are pleased that work to complete homes in the current phase is progressing well and residents have been moving in on a weekly basis. As blocks are handed over you will notice the line of the construction site fence changing to allow for access.

Most external works are being completed once each area is handed over, with the exception of some landscaping, pathway and road / diversion works which will be completed later in the year once all of the approvals are in place.

Construction activity is beginning to focus on Phase 1E. It is expected that these homes will be completed in Summer 2016.

Architects have now been appointed and briefed for future phases and a detailed infrastructure strategy is being considered in more detail. Swan are aware that the interface between the new and retained areas needs careful planning with extra consideration given to roads, footpaths and parking.

More detail in relation to the timing of the planning phase will be provided as it is available and a consultation event is planned for later this year.

Swan Estate Services on Beechwood Village



Swan's Estate Services and Hera are responsible for maintaining all communal areas, inside and out, on Beechwood Village. They ensure the blocks are maintained to the high standards we expect - e.g. now that most residents have moved in, floors in communal areas have been sealed and polished.

In Swan blocks, the block cleaning schedules, cleaning standards and a photograph of the person responsible for cleaning are clearly displayed on the noticeboards in ground floor lobby areas. Hera residents can call 0345 683 8812 if they would like this information for their blocks.

We ask that residents help us to keep the blocks and surrounding

areas clean, tidy and safe by:

- Not leaving items in corridors. Rubbish must be removed; bikes or other items can be a safety hazard. Swan operates a 'Zero Tolerance' policy and will remove and dispose of **any** item left in lobby areas, including door mats.
- Making sure your rubbish is bagged, tied and put out for collection on the correct day.
- Reporting anyone you see causing a nuisance.

If you have any questions or comments about the caretaking service, you can contact Swan's Estate Services on 01277 315 225.



Laura Twitchett has taken over as Property Manager of the Beechwood Village Estate on behalf of Hera Management Services.

Laura has worked in property for 11 years and has worked for Hera for the last three years.

Laura has a wide range of tenancy and property management skills and experience in both the social and private sectors. She is looking forward to meeting residents at Residents' Association meetings and when she carries out site inspections.



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Meet the project team - more consultation dates planned



Regeneration plans for Craylands remain as previously advised in February 2015. However, we appreciate that residents like the opportunity to speak to the Project Team so we are delighted to be able to provide a further opportunity for you to come and meet our team.

At two events in 2016 you will be able to:

- Have your say and ask questions about the proposed detailed plans and influence the next phase of the development

- Meet Swan's Development Team and the architects who can talk to you about the proposed plans
- Meet Basildon Borough Council to discuss the project
- Meet Swan's Resident Involvement and Community Development Team
- Register your interest to hire the new Community Centre Facilities which will be available by Summer 2016
- Suggest small improvements to make the estate a better place to live

Save the Date:

23 January 2016 - 10am - 1pm
or
27 February 2016 - 11am - 2pm

Venue:

Adult Community Learning Centre,
Ely Way, Basildon, SS14 2EQ



The second phase of Beechwood offers a variety of exceptional houses and apartments. The new homes are expected to be launched in Spring 2016.

The second phase offers a range of one and two bedroom

apartments and two, three and four bedroom houses.

For more information:

www.beechwood-nuliving.co.uk

Tel: 020 3675 8554

Consultation Update



Swan and Basildon Borough Council recently held an Information Day for residents of Craylands and Beechwood Village giving them the opportunity to meet the Project team from Swan and Basildon Council.

More than 40 residents came along in December to ask questions, discuss the proposed demolition plans and to find out how they may be affected.

Swan's Development team and representatives from their architects, Pollard Thomas Edwards, were on hand to talk about the plans for proposed phases 2&4 North and phases 2&4 South.

Residents also took part in a feedback exercise, completing a feedback form and mapping out the locations of their properties from the plans and answering questions about how they currently use the estate.

Project Update



NU living continue working to complete the 53 homes remaining in the current phase.

Works are also being done to complete the external and environmental works surrounding the homes that have already been completed. Some of this work requires the approval of various agencies so the project team are continuing to work together to ensure it is all completed as soon as possible.

NU living are now starting to work on the future phases of the regeneration project. The details for these phases are still in the development phase and you have

a chance to influence them by attending one of the consultation sessions to be held in 2016.

For the future phases, project officers from Swan, Basildon Borough Council and Essex County Council are working together to ensure the new homes, the existing homes and the roads, paths and communal areas all complement each other.

In addition to this work, the team are also looking at the wider issue of provision of play and community facilities that affect everyone who lives and uses the estate.

Slow Down!



There is a speed limit of 30mph along Churchill Avenue in the middle of the estate. The speed limit is there for the safety of everyone who lives on or uses the estate. We are currently looking at further road calming measures to ensure everyone keeps to the speed limit or run the risk of causing serious damage to their car! Please drive with consideration for the other residents on the estate.



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Planning Application Update



We would like to thank everyone who attended the recent consultation events and shared their feedback with us. Following these events we are now working to finalise the planning application for the north, south and west phases of the redevelopment. We expect that this will be submitted to Basildon Council at the end of May.

Wherever possible the designs being developed reflect your feedback from the consultation process, based on your feedback the final scheme will include:

- Demolition of all but one of the maisonette blocks
- Traffic calming measures
- A more logical road layout
- Reorganised parking arrangements to maximise

spaces near existing homes and additional parking for Peterborough Way and Lincoln Road

- Improved safety around the site including better lighting around the estate
- Improvements to green spaces and communal areas
- Work to make the Swale area more usable for everyone
- A new community hub including play facilities (see Landscape Architect's sketch above)
- Improved access to local parks and amenities with new pedestrian routes through the estate

A public exhibition of the final scheme will be held at the new Community Centre, next to the shop, from Wednesday 18 May

Sales update!

The sales office at Beechwood is now open and so far 19 homes have been reserved! There are 53 properties available in this phase consisting of a variety of 1 and 2 bedroom apartments and 2, 3, and 4 bedroom houses. There are also four 2 & 3 bedroom Shared

Ownership houses. We expect that these homes will be complete by early 2017.

If you would like to know more about buying a property on Beechwood please visit the Sales Office on Britten Avenue, Thur-Mon, 10am - 5pm or go to www.beechwood-nuliving.co.uk

Beechwood Village Residents' Association



The Beechwood Village Residents' Association meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Adult Community College on Churchill Avenue from 7pm to 9pm. All residents who live on Beechwood Village are invited to attend these meetings.

There is a Facebook group called "Beechwood Village RA & NHW" where you can make suggestions about the estate or share information with the Neighbourhood Watch for the area. Residents are encouraged to join this group and to share your thoughts and comments.

Beechwood Village Residents' Association encourages everyone to get involved. It is a great place to make new friends and make a lasting difference to your community. If you would like to find out more, please do go along to one of their meetings!



Find us on **facebook**

Project Update



Residents who are living in a home that was completed last year will soon be contacted by NU living to carry out a defects

inspection. At these appointments residents have the opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues they may have with their home. Appointments are flexible and will be scheduled within the next three months.

NU living are currently working to complete the 53 homes remaining in Phase 1. It is expected that these homes will be complete by Autumn 2016 and we are currently working to minimise a few delays which have been caused by issues with services (gas, electricity etc) that are beyond our control.

As this phase approaches completion the pavements, roads and various tying in details will also be completed.

New Community Centre named!



During the Regeneration Consultation events residents from Craylands and Beechwood were given the opportunity to name the new community centre and to suggest activities they would like to see held in the community centre once it opens.

Residents suggested various names and **The Beech** was selected as the preferred name by the Craylands and Beechwood Residents Group.

Peter from Southwark Path made the winning suggestion and is pictured receiving a £25 shopping voucher from Swan.

New home for the Consultation Shop!

The Craylands and Beechwood Regeneration Consultation Shop is moving! The brand new Regeneration Consultation Shop will relocate to the new Community Centre, known as The Beech, next to the shop on Austen Road SS14 3RZ by June.

Opening times will remain the same:

Tuesday 10am to 1pm
Thursday 3pm to 6pm

If you would like to talk to us about the regeneration and how it may affect you please do come in and see us!

Alternatively, you can telephone 01277 844 242 and a member of staff will be happy to assist you with your enquiries.

Site Safety



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Planning Application Submitted



scheme includes:

- ✓ Demolition of all but one of the maisonette blocks
- ✓ Retention of the vast majority of houses
- ✓ A more traditional street pattern including traffic calming measures to various roads including Lincoln Road, Craylands, Churchill Avenue and Peterborough Avenue
- ✓ A new, park which includes a childrens' play area

Swan has recently submitted its hybrid planning application for the remaining phases of the regeneration. The application, for over 560 new homes will complete the regeneration of the estate and will see over 1,000 new homes delivered when it is completed.

This submission follows the various consultation events held earlier this year and we expect that it will be considered by Basildon's Planning Committee in the Autumn.

Building on feedback received during the consultation, the new

The majority of the maisonettes will be replaced by houses with gardens in traditional streets and there will also be small number of low rise flats.

If you have any further questions or concerns about the planning application or the new scheme please do not hesitate to contact us on **01277 844242**.

Join us at **The Beech**

Residents living on Beechwood and Craylands are invited to join us for afternoon tea as we celebrate the opening of The Beech Community Centre, 8 Austen Road, SS14 3RZ.

This is your chance to take a look inside the new community facility, get more information about the community groups already using the hall and meet Swan's Resident Involvement and Community Development Team.



For more information call the Resident Involvement and Community Development Team on **01277 844242**

New Beechwood Youth Club

FREE!



Are you (or your children) aged 8 to 16? Would you like somewhere to meet your friends and make new ones? Would you like to get involved and make changes to your local community?

The new Beechwood youth club and Swan Housing Association would like to invite you to join our free youth club for Beechwood Village & Craylands.

The club will offer members the chance to socialise with friends and enjoy various fun activities such as:

- Computer and interactive games
- Table Tennis
- Air Hockey
- Pool Game
- And much more...

If you are interested and would like to know more, join us every Monday from 5.30pm - 7.30pm at The Beech Community Centre, next to the loco shop on Austen Road SS14 3RZ.

Sessions start at the end of September 2016.

Beechwood youth club are waiting to hear from you!

For more information, call Swan's Resident Involvement team on **01277 844242**

Consultation Shop has moved



The Craylands and Beechwood regeneration Consultation Shop has now moved to The Beech Community Centre at 8 Austen Road SS14 3RZ, next to the local shop.

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Self Defence classes for women starting soon!



Get fit, have fun and learn self-defence skills. Self Defence classes are starting at The Beech Community Centre every Monday between 8pm and 9pm.

If you are interested, or would like to know more about self-defence, join us at The Beech Community Centre next to the local shop on Austen Road SS14 3RZ. Sessions cost £50 a year and £10 per class.

Take control of your work search!

MyWorkSearch

Swan have partnered with "My Work Search", an online job search tool which is full of hints and tips and could even help you find a job that suits your skills and aspirations. This clever tool scans over 1 million vacancies and even automatically keeps your JobCentre Plus advisor informed.

To get started, you simply need to register your interest and you will receive a personalised log-in and password. To find out more please contact the Resident Involvement and Community Development Team on **01277 844 242** or email **involvement@swan.org.uk**. Swan's Welfare Benefits Team, who can also assist you, can be contacted **0300 303 2500**.

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Residents join in tree planting

On Saturday 19th November Swan, Landscape Architect (Outer Space), Neuk and local residents took part in a tree planting event on Beechwood and Craylands estate.

Woodland Trust donated over 100 trees to Swan to improve our local environment and make our neighbourhood a greener place to live.

Residents, young people, parents, Swan team and other partners met at the open space around the Swale Area, where residents were briefed on the programme of the day and health and safety before they helped plant the Copse around the edge of the Swale area and in other part of the estate.

This event gave local residents the opportunity to meet the Swan team as well as socialise with other residents. There will be more opportunities like this, as more trees are planned to be planted as the development progresses.

We would like to thank all the residents who gave up their time to participate in this special event.



You can find out more about getting involved in community projects and events by contacting Resident Involvement and Community Development Team on 01277 844242

Sales update!

About 60% of our customers at Beechwood 1c-1f have moved in, and we are looking forward to welcoming the remaining residents to their new homes in the coming months. With only couple of properties available, Beechwood phase 2 (1c-1f) has been another

amazingly successful project. We are looking forward to the launch of phase 3, (West phase) coming soon!

**The Sales Office is Open
Thur-Mon, 10am - 5pm or go to
www.beechwood-nuliving.co.uk**

Improvement work to footpaths



You may have noticed footpaths are being resurfaced in the north and south of the estate. This has been made possible after Basildon Borough Council received £2.2 million funding from Essex County Council. Swan Housing Association have also contributed a further £1M as part of our joint commitment to carry out improvements to the retained areas of the estate. In the New Year work will also begin to replace the street lamp heads on the estate.

This footpath improvement are part of a five year project led by the Basildon Borough Council and will also include new street furniture, landscaping of green spaces and new areas for play. It is important for us to have your views on how you would like to see the future of your estate evolve. We will be contacting you soon on how we propose to do this.

Please bear with us while the works to the footpaths are carried out. We will do all we can to minimise disruption to you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Louise Humby on 01268 533333 or email louise.humby@basildon.gov.uk

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour in Beechwood



We are committed to tackling issues relating to anti-social behaviour (ASB), harassment and neighbour nuisance. We take all incidents of ASB very seriously, working quickly to resolve any problems.

Anti-social behaviour can include a wide range of unacceptable behaviours including noise nuisance, such as loud music, dogs barking and shouting, through to more serious acts such as the use of threatening behaviour, domestic violence or hate crimes.

To report ASB during office hours please call the Essex Neighbourhood team on 0300 303 2500. To report an incident outside office hours call the Police number 101. People wishing to report ASB should now use the Police 101 number as they are the lead agency for ASB. The Police may refer certain items to the Council or Register Social Landlord for further action, but in the first instance the problem should be looked into and dealt with by the Police.

Examples of things that can be reported to 101 are:

- Nuisance, rowdy or inconsiderate neighbours.
- Vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting.
- Buying or selling of drugs in public.
- Street drinking.
- Prostitution related activity.
- Environmental damage including littering, dumping of rubbish and abandonment of cars.
- Begging and vagrancy.
- Fireworks misuse.
- Inconsiderate or inappropriate use of vehicles.

101 can also be used to report a crime that has already happened or to seek crime prevention advice.

Always call 999 when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.

You can contact **crimestoppers** to report people who are involved in or planning a crime.
Call: 0800 555111 Visit: www.crimestoppers-uk.org

New Community Facility Opens for Residents

Swan, in partnership with Basildon Borough Council, celebrated the grand opening of The Beech Community Centre, your new community facility in Beechwood.

Officially opened by Cllr Phil Turner, Leader of Basildon Borough Council and the Mayor, Cllr. David Harrison. The Beech Community Centre is a fantastic facility with a large multi-purpose space and a modern kitchen.

The opening of the new community centre is a fundamental part of the regeneration project which, when complete, will transform the Craylands estate and demonstrates Swan's commitment to building communities.

The centre will be managed by the Community Development Team at Swan, but it has been developed to ensure that it is as inclusive as possible, with the hiring of the hall and activities held developed around what you told us about your local needs. Initial projects due to be delivered from the centre include a community art project, youth activities, residents

meetings, healthy eating sessions, employment and training programmes and exercise sessions.

Sandra Fawcett, Executive Director of Operations at Swan: *"We're delighted to mark the official opening of The Beech Community Centre which we hope will become a focal point for local residents and the wider community. Swan is proud to be working closely with Basildon Borough Council and the Homes and Communities Agency to deliver high quality housing and community facilities."*



Project Update!

As many residents are aware Basildon councils Planning committee approved the proposed new scheme. Lots of things will be happening in 2017 and the below gives you a flavour of what to expect.

If you have any questions about the on-going development of Beechwood or the information below, contact Resident Involvement and Community Development Team on 01277 844242

What's coming up throughout 2017

Winter 2016/17

We will be holding an information day in January 2017. This is an opportunity for residents to ask questions, in particular, we are keen to hear your views about the new Community Hub that will replace the current contractors set up. By January we will have relocated the current site set up to its new location. We will be getting the Old School site safe for the building of the new homes by fencing off the land, including Hastings Path as well as taking down any trees that need to be removed before the bird nesting season. We will be providing more information and advising on alternative routes prior to any works starting. The current phase of works will now be complete and final tidying up issues should be well in hand.

Spring 2017

We should also be installing the roads and drainage on the West site. Subject to residents views we will also be working up proposals to "green up" some areas on the existing estate.

Summer 2017

The first new home Pods are due to be delivered from our local factory in the summer and the rest of the new homes will be sold and built in a steady stream from then.

Autumn 2017

We will hold another information day in September 2017 to provide updates for residents and hear their views.



Safety First!

Help Swan keep you safe by taking extra care whilst the construction work is ongoing. Do not enter any part of the restricted area and make sure your children keep off them too. Let's all stay safe!

If you have any questions, please visit the Regeneration Consultation Shop.



Resident members Beechwood Village Community Trust

Location: Beechwood Village, Basildon, Essex
Remuneration: Unremunerated

Swan, in Partnership with Basildon Council, is looking to recruit Resident members to the new Beechwood Village Community Trust.

This is an exciting opportunity for individuals who are keen to make a difference within this thriving community. We are looking for two Resident members to join the new Trust.

The Trust has been established to:

- 1) Encourage inclusive social integration and positive activities
- 2) Develop community safety initiatives
- 3) Provide support for learning / training and development opportunities
- 4) Promote the protection of the environment

The Trust will meet bi-monthly for the first year and quarterly thereafter. Members of the Trust will receive training and support from an independent mentor, an induction will also be provided. Knowledge of and an understanding of Beechwood Village is preferable.

If you're interested in applying or would like to find out more about the position contact Swan's Head of Resident Involvement and Community Development on 01277 844718.

For an application pack please contact Swan's Head of Resident Involvement and Community Development via email carichardson@swan.org.uk



Closing date:
5.00pm
9 January 2017

Interview date:
13 January 2017

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Project Update!

As residents will be aware we have started works on the West Phase with the site now hoarded and roads and drainage work due to commence shortly.

We hope to be relocating the Builder's compound in August which will free up this site for the new Community Hub, where we hope to start works soon afterwards.

If you have any questions about the planning or project update, contact the Resident Involvement and Community Development team on 01277 844242

The scheme is now divided into three phases West, North and South.

The plan below shows the future phases:



Property Owners affected by demolition

All affected owners should now be aware if their property is due for demolition. Currently Swan and Basildon Borough Council are starting discussions with owners in the North Phase, where we will need to buy homes. If your property is in the South Phase, we will approach you at a later date.

If you have any questions about this contact the Resident Involvement and Community Development team on 01277 844242

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Phase 1 now complete!



We have now finished the vast majority of works for Phase 1, with the final four homes on Lincoln Road due for completion in May. There are three plots yet to be completed. Swan would like to thank all residents for their patience with these works and hope they are delighted to see Beechwood develop.

Are you being a responsible dog owner?

Do you pick up after your pooch? Did you know that you have a legal duty to clear up any mess it leaves behind? If you don't, you could receive a fine!

Danger: Not only is dog fouling unpleasant but, if ingested, can lead to toxocariasis which, in some cases, can lead to blindness.

Young children are at the greatest risk of getting toxocariasis, as they are more likely to put things into their mouths and less likely to wash their hands properly.

If you are a dog owner, please use of the dog bins available. This will help keep Beechwood a safe and pleasant place for everyone to live.

Come and join the Residents Association



Would you like to make a difference to your community? Did you know that there is a Residents Association Group for Beechwood?

The Beechwood Residents Association meets on the third Thursday of every month at The Beech Community Centre on Austen Road SS14 3RZ (next to the loco shop) from 7pm to 9pm and we encourage everyone to get involved. The next meeting is on 18 May.

All residents who live on Beechwood are invited to attend these meetings. It is a great place to make new friends and make a lasting difference to your community.

There is also a Facebook group called Beechwood Village RA and Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) where you can make suggestions about the estate or share information for the area with NHW.

If you would like to find out more, please do come along to one of the meetings. Alternatively, you can contact the Resident Involvement and Community Development team on 01277 844242.

New Beechwood Youth Club now open!

Are you (or your children) age 8 to 16? Would you like somewhere to meet your friends and make new ones? Would you like to get involved and make changes to your local community?

Swan Housing would like to invite you to join our free youth club for Beechwood and Craylands. The club will offer members the opportunity to socialise with friends and enjoy a range of fun activities including:

- Use of computer and interactive games
 - Table Tennis
 - Air Hockey
 - Pool Game
- and much more...

Join us every Monday from 5pm to 7pm at The Beech Community Centre (next to the loco shop) on Austen Road, SS14 3RZ.

For more information, call the Resident Involvement and Community Development team on 01277 844242



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Project Update!

Work on the West Phase, which is on the former school site, is now well under way. As part of this phase of works, we will also be building a new local park for residents, which will be located where the former contractor site was, opposite the shops. We plan to have as much of the new park open as possible by next Spring. As part of the ongoing construction across Beechwood, we have introduced parking restrictions on Churchill Avenue. This is to ensure construction site deliveries can take place. We are also reviewing possible traffic calming measures and will inform residents before these works take place.

Property Owners affected by demolition

Affected owners will now be aware if their property is due for demolition. Swan and Basildon Borough Council have started discussions with owners in the North Phase who are affected. For more information on this you can email our Homeownership Project Manager Rob Pearce on rpearce@swan.org.uk. There is also an Independent Leaseholder/Freeholder Advisor for people who own their homes who can be contacted on **0208 6829570** or craylands@communitiesfirst.uk.com. If your property is in the South Phase, we will approach you at a later date.

If you have any questions about this contact the Resident Involvement and Community Development team on **01277 844242**

Competition time!

Are you age 8 to 16? Would you like to win an iPad?

Join us at the Beechwood youth club on Monday evenings to take part in a wall plaque design competition for the Jordan Way meadow.

Swan, working in partnership with Basildon Borough Council, has secured funding for a series of environmental improvements throughout the estate (including the open space on Jordan's Way) and would like to give young people on the estate the opportunity to design a wall plaque for the meadow. So, those aged 8 -16 are invited to

attend the youth club sessions at The Beech community centre (next to the Loco shop) every Monday evening from 5pm to 7pm to take part in the design competition.

For more information contact 01277 844 242 or email involvement@swan.org.uk



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The Beech Community Centre



Are you looking for a hall to hire for a Social/Community event or meeting?

Swan's purpose built Community Centre (The Beech) is available to meet your social, community or business needs. Consisting of a large bright meeting hall, a smaller office and fully fitted kitchen (as well as being fully air conditioned) The Beech offers you a modern and fully equipped venue at very competitive prices. The Community Centre is located at 8 Austen Road, Beechwood Village, next to the Loco shop Basildon SS14 3RZ.

If you are interested in booking this hall or require further information, please contact the Resident Involvement Team on 01277 844 242 or email involvement@swan.org.uk

Green Space Improvement Scheme

We have been working with Groundwork on some proposals to improve pockets of green space across the estate. Five locations have been chosen and we have undertaken a number of consultation events to get your views. These improvements include adding more trees and planters, outdoor gym equipment, table tennis, seating and bulbs. The relevant plan and proposals will be circulated to those in the immediate vicinity and we hope to start work on these spaces in the coming year!



Tea and Coffee Morning

We are delighted to host regular and FREE coffee mornings for all local residents, at The Beech Community Centre!

Our aim is to get residents to socialise with one another and to get involved in activities within the community. The sessions may provide opportunities such as training, as well as meeting with representatives from other local agencies to discuss issues that are of concern to residents. If you would like to meet and socialise with other residents please feel free to join us. No appointment needed!

Tea and Coffee Mornings:

Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 10am -12pm

Where: The Beech



Community Centre, 8 Austen Road (next to the Loco shop) SS143RZ.

If you have any questions please call a member of Resident Involvement and Community Development Team on 01277 844 242 or email involvement@swan.org.uk

Job Alert!

Would you like to work at Swan's brand new factory in Basildon and help build the homes for Beechwood? Our Factory team are recruiting for the following positions

- **CNC Machinist/Operator**
- **Stores Person**

To view the job description and person specification for these posts, please visit:

www.nubuild.co.uk/our-team/working-for-us/current-vacancies



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Project Update!

Work on the next phase of the Regeneration programme, on the former Fryerns school site, has begun and modules for the first three homes have been delivered and assembled on site. We are now working to complete their roofs and external brick skin.



The homes in this phase will utilise the latest modern methods of construction with modules manufactured locally in Swan's new factory and then delivered to site for assembly. Groundworks for the associated roads and drainage continue on other areas of the site.

We currently expect the next phase of modules to be delivered to site in early 2018. There will be a sales launch for the new homes in the spring.

Happy New Year!

The Beechwood Residents Group would like to wish all residents living on the Beechwood and Craylands estate a happy and successful New Year!

2018 promises to be an exciting year on Beechwood and Craylands as we see the physical transformation of the estate progress towards the west phase of the redevelopment.

This year, why not make it your New Year's resolution to become a volunteer and get more involved in your local community? Resident group members have the opportunity to influence decisions about the management and maintenance of the estate as well as access to training. New members are always welcome.

Most recently, the Beechwood Resident's Group organised a Christmas Party held at The Beech Community Hub for residents.

BEECHWOOD VILLAGE



RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Children received gifts from Father Christmas and had their faces painted, whilst everyone enjoyed listening to a selection of seasonal sing-along favourites with music provided by one of the resident group volunteers.

We would like to thank everyone who got involved and made this and all of last year's events possible, even if you just came along and joined us, you made a significant contribution to your local community!

If you would like more information on how you can get involved, call Swan's RICD Team on **01277 844242** or email **involvement@swan.org.uk**

Connections

Connections is a new, free Sunday afternoon get together open to all residents and families who live in the area. It will run weekly from 5-6pm at The Beech Community Hub from Sunday 4 February. Food and refreshments will be provided!

Connections is run by Betty and Alan Bliss from the Wickford Christian Centre. They also run a popular club for children on Friday afternoons. This club started 14 years ago in the old community hall and now meets weekly at The Beech Community Hub.

They look forward to welcoming more young people along to their club on Fridays and all residents from Sunday 4 February!

Motivated Minds

Motivated Minds, the not-for-profit team behind the popular Monday Night Youth Club for children aged 8 and over at The Beech Community Hub, want to start a variety of other activities such as exercise classes, mental health workshops and social activities for local residents in the area.

If you would like to get involved or suggest an activity you would like to see, please call Motivated Minds on **07846 209846**

Joint Craylands and Beechwood Regeneration Surgery

Representatives from Swan Housing Association and Basildon Borough Council will be holding additional, monthly, joint regeneration surgery sessions every second Tuesday starting this January. These sessions run from 10am – 1pm at The Beech Community Centre on Austen Road, next to the Loco Shop.

Joint Surgery Dates
February 13
March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12

So, if you have any questions about the on-going regeneration of Beechwood and Craylands and how it affects you, you can call in and speak with a representative without an appointment.

Regular, twice weekly surgery consultation sessions continue as normal on every Tuesday (10am-1pm) and Thursday (3pm – 6pm).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further please contact a member of Resident Involvement and Community Development Team on 01277 844242

We need your help to keep our estate tidy!!

Everyone likes to live somewhere that looks nice and tidy. Piles of rubbish and disused household furniture that has been dumped look unsightly and are a fire risk.



If you have old furniture that needs to be disposed of, you may be able to donate it to The Lighthouse Furniture project. They are a not-for-profit charity who provide low cost furniture to help people on low incomes.

If you are unable to donate your furniture, you can take it to the recycling centre at Pitsea tip for free or you can arrange for a special collection. Special collections can be booked online at www.basildon.gov.uk/specialcollections and cost £10 for up to five items and £20 for six to ten items.

Make 2018 the year you learn something new!

Are you interested in returning to work, or would you like to improve your English and Maths skills? Perhaps you would like the challenge of learning something new? Swan Housing Association and Adult Community Learning have joined up to support you with your educational needs.

Opportunities to learn new skills include level 2-5 apprenticeships in: Childcare; Business Administration; Customer Service; Adult Care; Teaching Assistant; Residential Childcare; Healthcare Worker and Accounting. An Information day/ drop-in session will be held at The Beech Community Centre on Thursday 15 February 2018 from 10.00am till 7pm.

If you would like to find out more contact a member of Resident Involvement and Community Development Team on 01277 844 242.

Find out more on 15 Feb, 10am - 7pm at The Beech

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Information Day 12 May

Swan, in partnership with Basildon Borough Council and Homes England, are organising a Regeneration Information Day for residents on Craylands and Beechwood estate. There will also be an independent Residents Advisor from Communities First at the event who can provide advice for homeowners.

All residents are invited to the event where you can learn about the Beechwood Community Trust and speak to representatives from the development partners about:

- The progress of the West phase (old Fryerns School area)
- Buyout of your property if it is being demolished in the North phase
- Basildon Borough Council's Decanting programme
- The Community Park/Play area (plus you have a chance to give the area a name!)
- Progress on the Environmental programme for the open spaces on Craylands

If you would like any information about this event please contact Swan's Resident Involvement Team on:

01277 844 242 or email: involvement@swan.org.uk

Join us on **Saturday 12 May** from **11.00am to 2.00pm** at **The Beech Community Centre**, 8 Austen Road SS14 3RZ next to the Loco Shop

Improvements to Council Properties

Morgan Sindall are working in partnership with Basildon Council on a programme of works to improve Council properties on the estate. The works will focus on improving the external and internal wall cladding of the properties.

It is expected that these works will reduce the need for repairs, improve the thermal efficiency of the homes and reduce energy bills for residents.

Homeowners will also be offered the opportunity to have the same improvements to their properties. Morgan Sindall will be in contact with homeowners shortly to discuss this opportunity. So watch out for more information.



Landscaping and Highway works to Hereford Walk

Basildon Borough Council, in partnership with Essex County Council, have been carrying out further Highway and Landscaping Improvement works in Hereford Walk.

The works have included upgrades to the footpaths and works on the trees. The tree work has seen the removal of low value trees which have been replaced with sapling trees, native to the estate.

The Council are continuing to invest and plan to carry out further landscaping improvements to the retained areas across the whole of the Craylands estate. Watch this space for further updates!

Garage Demolition

In recent weeks several garage blocks across the estate have been demolished.

It was decided to demolish the garages earlier this year because of the high levels of anti-social behaviour in these areas.

In the coming months Basildon Borough Council, in partnership with Essex County Council, will carry out highway improvement works to the demolished areas that will increase safety for pedestrians and vehicles.

Beechwood Shared Ownership Homes Launched!

Last month NU living officially launched the fantastic new homes at Beechwood. The profits from the sale of these homes is an essential source of income for Swan Housing Association as it helps to fund the organisation's social housing and helps to fund the Beechwood regeneration.



The shared ownership launch was a huge success! The houses, which all have two bedrooms and a garden, offer fantastic value for money with prices starting from just £94,500 for a 35% share.



After the shared ownership launch, NU living launched their trail blazing custom build homes. These 2, 3, 4 or 5 bedroom modular houses offer buyers the unique opportunity to customise their home, top to bottom, inside and out, designing a new home just as you would a new car!



More information on both our custom build and shared ownership homes at Beechwood is available from the NU living Sales Team. You can contact the team by email on Beechwood@nuliving.com or visit the Beechwood website: www.beechwood-nuliving.co.uk

..... Beechwood Residents' Association visit the new showhomes

The Beechwood Residents' Association recently visited the new showhomes before their monthly meeting.

They spent half an hour looking around the three showhomes and were all impressed with the high standard of the finishing.

You can visit the homes yourself, the sales suite is on The Fryth/Beeleigh East and open from **10am to 5pm** seven days a week.



Swan's innovative factory is making waves!



The new homes currently being constructed on the Beechwood West phase are an innovation for the British construction industry. Swan Housing Association is the first housing association in the UK to have its own modular housing factory which opened recently in Basildon and has created up to forty jobs for local people.

The innovative factory is making waves throughout the housing and construction industry. It champions modern methods of construction which will help to speed up the delivery of much needed housing in Basildon and beyond.

The factory-built homes are precision engineered from cross laminated timber (CLT). The modules are delivered to site with flooring, kitchens and bathrooms already completed. They are then covered in a brick skin on site.

This method of construction means that there is less disruption to residents living around the development area. It is also more sustainable as there is a significant reduction in construction waste - the off-cuts of CLT are even used to heat the factory!

Natalie Elphicke OBE, Chief Executive of The Housing and Finance Institute recently visited the factory and the Beechwood showhomes alongside a number of VIP guests including Stephen Metcalfe MP for South Basildon and East Thurrock (see picture above). After her visit Natalie commented:

"Built in Basildon and its brilliant!"

Compulsory Purchase Order Update

As you may have seen in the news recently, Basildon Council has received approval to make a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of the properties located in the Northern phase of the Craylands Estate regeneration.

Development Partners Swan Housing Association and Basildon Borough Council have already contacted all leaseholders and homeowners whose property we need to acquire for the regeneration. So far we have successfully negotiated the purchase of 11 homes and we continue to engage with the remaining owners to secure the purchase of the remaining properties.

The following addresses in the Northern phase are affected by the Compulsory Purchase Order. There will be more demolition work in the Southern phase of the regeneration and we will inform affected homeowners in due course:

Address	Postcode	Other info
121 -133 Lincoln Road	SS14 3RL	Maisonette Block
138-150 Lincoln Road	SS14 3RL	Maisonette Block
40 -46 Rochester Way	SS14 3QF	Evens, Terrace
1-25 Peterborough Way	SS14 3QE	Maisonette Block
27-51 Peterborough Way	SS14 3QE	Maisonette Block
20- 26 Wells Gardens	SS14 3QS	Evens, Terrace
28-38 Wells Gardens	SS14 3QS	Evens, Terrace
23-47 Wells Gardens	SS14 3QS	Maisonette Block
2-26 Chichester Close	SS14 3QR	Maisonette Block
17-41 Chichester Close	SS14 3QR	Maisonette Block

If your home is not located on this list, it means that we do not need to acquire your property for the regeneration in the North phase. However, if you still have concerns, please contact Mark, Louise or Alex on the email or telephone number on the back page of this newsletter to discuss your circumstances.

Welcome Alex!



Alex is Swan's new Community Development Project Officer for Beechwood Village and Craylands. She's Australian and very new to the area, so feel free to

drop into The Beech community hub to meet her. She is looking forward to meeting residents and hearing your ideas for working on community projects together.

Craylands and Beechwood Summer Fair

When: 16th June, 11am – 3pm
Where: Hereford Walk

Swan, Basildon Borough Council and other local partners are joining together to arrange an early summer fair for the whole community, and you're invited!

Everyone is welcome! At the fair you will have the opportunity to learn about and seek advice on issues affecting your community.

There will be fun activities for young and old, food, music and plenty of opportunities to get involved with your local community.

Watch out for more information about this fun event soon!

If you need any more information please call ring Swan's Resident Involvement team on 01277 844242



Help Swan keep you safe by taking extra care whilst the construction and demolition work is ongoing. Do not enter any part of the restricted areas and make sure your children keep off them too - let's all stay safe!

If you have any questions, please visit the Regeneration Consultation shop at The Beech Community Centre, 8 Austen Road SS14 3RZ open every Tuesday 10am-1pm and Thursday 3-6pm.

Fire Safety

Fire safety is everyone's responsibility and we all need to do our bit to keep each other safe. We would like everyone to understand Swan's fire safety procedures and rules about obstructing corridors and walkways in blocks of flats.

General Advice

- Close all internal doors when you go to bed.
- Take care in the kitchen, never leave your cooking unattended and take extra care with hot oil.
- Never leave lit candles unattended.
- Make sure cigarettes are stubbed out and disposed of carefully and never smoke in bed.
- Don't overload electrical sockets.
- Keep matches away from children.
- Do not store flammable liquids such as petrol in your home, bin store or chutes.

Fire Advice for Blocks of Flats

Your building, like many residential buildings, is designed to restrict the spread of fire and smoke between flats. This means it will usually be safe for you to stay in your own flat if a fire breaks out elsewhere. Because of this we have specific advice on what to do to keep everyone safe.

If a fire breaks out in another part of your purpose built block:

Stay put until the fire service says it's safe to leave.

- Call the Fire Service on 999 and let them know where you are so they can find you.
- You should only leave immediately if smoke or heat affects your home or if you are told to by the fire service.
- If you leave, close the front door.
- If there is a lift do not use it.
- Wait outside, away from the building.

If a fire breaks out in your home

- Leave the room where the fire is straight away and close the door.
- Tell everyone in your home to leave immediately.
- Close the front door.
- Do not stay behind to put the fire out.
- If there is a lift - do not use it.
- Call the fire service - dial 999.
- Wait outside, away from the building.

Obstructions in corridors and balconies can hinder emergency evacuation

- Items placed in the corridor and on window sills must be made of materials that will not burn easily, e.g. metal, ceramic, porcelain and must not cause an obstruction or hazard of any type.
- Permanent or heavy furniture and constructions are not allowed.
- Portable chairs, clothes dryers and the like **are** allowed.
- Fixed washing lines are not allowed.
- Bicycles, pushchairs etc are not allowed.
- Hazardous items including plastic storage sheds are not allowed.
- Balconies should not be used to store a large amounts of material and must never be used to store flammable material.

If you need more information please speak to your Neighbourhood Officer on **0300 303 2500** or Hera on **0345 683 8812**.

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Regeneration Work Update



The development of new homes on the Beechwood West site is progressing well. Seven shared-ownership homes (pictured above) have now been built.

As you can see from the above photo, these homes are coming along nicely and will be ready to welcome their new residents soon

The site has been very busy lately focussing on the infrastructure works for the new development. You might have noticed one of our new drainage tanks being built in front of the shops. This is just one of four that will be installed across the Beechwood West site to help prevent flooding and water run-off on the new development.

We expect that work on site will continue to ramp up as more homes are delivered over the coming months.

The site is now operating at full capacity which will enable us to begin completing and delivering the high-quality homes we have planned.

If you have any further queries regarding the site or would like to find out more, please email Rhiannon Meredith at Swan on: rmeredith@swan.org.uk.

Beechwood Information Day

The next Beechwood Village information day will be held on Saturday 23 February from 11am to 2pm at The Beech Community Centre, next to Kams Loco convenience store.

At this event you can:

- Find out how the West phase is progressing
- Speak to Swan about buyouts if your property is in the northern or southern phase
- Discuss the next phase of the environmental programme with representatives from Basildon Borough Council
- Find out more about the Community Centre and the events and programmes that will be running there in 2019

Discount Rates for hiring the Beech available to residents

If you would like to book a venue for a birthday party, a regular class or event why not consider the Beech Community Centre? This is a modern venue which is easily accessible and available seven days a week.

Beechwood residents receive a special discount! If you would like more information please call our dedicated staff who are available to assist you with planning your events and activities on **01277 844 242** or involvement@swan.org.uk

Universal Credit - We Are Here To Help



Universal Credit has now been 'rolled out' across the whole country and Basildon is now a 'full service' area.

There are over 900 Swan residents who currently claim Universal Credit and approximately 50 more join them every month.

Universal Credit is intended to be simpler. It is a single monthly payment that replaces six legacy benefits:

- **Income Support**
- **Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Job Seekers Allowance**
- **Child Tax Credit**
- **Working Tax Credit**
- **Housing Benefits**

Anyone who lives in Basildon who needs to make a new claim for any of these six benefits, will now have to make an online claim for Universal Credit instead.

Universal Credit is only paid once a month, so anyone who receives it, must budget their money monthly.

This can be difficult to get used to but, if done correctly, can actually save money.

Most residents who receive Universal Credit will receive money for their housing costs directly so they are responsible for paying their rent themselves.

Pensioners aren't affected and unless their circumstances change, people of working age who currently receive the old (legacy) benefits have not been transferred to Universal Credit.

If you are affected, know someone who is affected or would just like some more information, help, hints and tips please contact our Welfare Team. It's never too late (or too early!) to start preparing for Universal Credit so ACT NOW!

Please contact Swan's Welfare Team on **0300 303 2500** to discuss your personal situation and to get more information about whether or how Universal Credit will affect you.

Beechwood Resident Association - AGM Update

The Beechwood Resident Association recently held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) where eight officers were elected for the committee including the following confirmed positions:

Chair- M Edwards
Vice Chair- D Hunt

The Committee will hold regular meetings and all 2019 meeting dates will be published on the noticeboards and leaflets throughout the estate.

Everyone who lives on Beechwood is automatically a member of the Association and the Committee would like to encourage everyone to come along to the meetings to help make Beechwood a better place to live.

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UPDATE ON BEECHWOOD WEST PHASE

The first fourteen homes in Beechwood West phase are now complete and the new residents have moved into their homes. The final three homes in Britten Avenue and Walton Avenue are currently under construction and due to be completed before Christmas. More properties in this phase will be completed over the next six months.



RISE AND SHINE - COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Come and join us at The Beech Community Hub for breakfast! On the last Saturday of every month, we invite everyone to come along and join us for a bacon roll (vegetarian and vegan options are available).

Share some breakfast, get to know each other, make new friends, support each other and share ideas! Everyone is welcome although children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to find out more about all of the opportunities available in your community please contact Ben Russell on brussell@swan.org.
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION DAY

Join us on **7 December from 11am-2pm** at The Beech Community Centre, Austin Road where Swan and the regeneration partners will be available to speak to residents about the latest progress on the regeneration of your estate.

Come along and tell us what activities you would like to see in your local community and learn more about how Swan can help to deliver them.

There will be activities for the children and festive treats available for all the family.





SUMMER CONVERSATIONS ON BEECHWOOD

On one of the hottest days of the Summer, Swan staff and partners visited Beechwood for a Summer Conversation consultation event. There were activities at The Beech Community Hub and staff knocked on every single front door on the estate.

The consultation focussed on respect – do Swan residents feel respected and what can Swan do to improve this? Staff spoke to 40 residents at their front doors and left surveys with freepost envelopes with the households who were not home so that everyone had the chance to share

their thoughts with Swan. The results of the survey are still being analysed but, the overall response was very positive, and we look forward to holding more events like this in the future.



BEECHWOOD FOOD AND FUN

This Summer Swan fed and entertained 26 young people from the estate at the Food and Fun sessions at The Beech Community Hub. The sessions were held in partnership with the West Ham Football Foundation, Beechwood Boxing Club and Essex Library Services.

The children enjoyed a variety of sports, were introduced to gardening and had a visit from Essex Reptiles. The sessions were funded by Active Essex who granted £2,700. The sessions also helped to target summer holiday hunger by providing a lunchtime meal to everyone who came along.



BEECHWOOD COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Drop off, share, and collect food produce at The Beechwood Community Fridge. Every Tuesday and Thursday.



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Beechwood Village

Welcome to the Spring issue of our Beechwood newsletter.

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We would like to take this opportunity to ask all customers to follow Government guidance around social distancing and to ensure that they are observing the latest restrictions, aside from essential key workers at this difficult time.

Remember, if you can, **STAY HOME AND SAVE LIVES.**

“GROW IT, COOK IT, EAT IT”

Improvement works to The Swale and Wildflower Garden on Jordan Way are now complete so the improved landscaping can be enjoyed during our current one hour of exercise per day per person. Once the current lockdown is lifted, we hope this wonderful space can be enjoyed together by the Beechwood Village community.

We know that during this extended time of staying home, many of our inspired residents have been growing fruit and vegetables at home where possible, either in their gardens or on windowsills, and are being creative with lots of home cooking. Why not try growing some tomatoes in a pot or bunches of herbs or chillies to give a new twist to your growing and cooking skills and lovely for the children to join in too!

So that we can all come together when this pandemic is over, we are excited to announce that in partnership with

Basildon Council, we will be teaming up with Groundwork to collaborate on a 'Grow It, Cook It, Eat It' experience.

Not only will you be able to share stories on how you have been experimenting at home, experts from Groundwork will join us every 1-2 weeks at the upcoming allotments to be provided on The Swale, to support the community in learning how to plant, care for and maintain fruit and vegetables. Once the fruit and vegetables have grown and ripened, you will be able to take them to The Beech hub to cook and enjoy or take them home to share with your friends and family.

Groundwork will help us all to understand the benefits of healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle as well as talking about sustainable and environmental issues such as composting and wildlife in gardens – brilliant for all ages too.



THE AVENUE

We are pleased to announce that we completed seven more new homes at Beechwood in March and we excitedly launched our final show home, The Avenue. We saw many existing residents join us and some potential new residents, who look to be keen to join the Beechwood Village Community too.

The Avenue homes have been handcrafted by our team of talented craftsmen using sustainable Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) at our in-house factory in Basildon and can be configured to design a warm and welcoming home, just the way you imagine it.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUR RESPONSE

We know that this is a worrying and uncertain time for everyone. Swan Housing Association wants to reassure you that the safety and wellbeing of the residents of Beechwood Village, our staff and contractors, is our priority. We have been working very hard to create the right responses to what is clearly a fast-moving situation and we have followed government advice on this issue to date and will continue to do so.

In light of advice issued by the Government, our construction sites are now temporarily closed. Any essential work has been carried out so that our sites are left in a safe, secure and watertight condition, so that we will be able to restart our work as soon Government advice supports this. Please note that we may be required to attend the site for any emergency works, so if you do see anyone present please do not be alarmed.

In the meanwhile, we are proactively working behind the scenes and continuing with the projects, so if you do have any queries regarding the site, please email [Rhiannon Meredith](mailto:rmeredith@swan.org.uk) on rmeredith@swan.org.uk or call 0300 303 2500.

KEY WORKERS CASE STUDY

Swan and the rest of the UK are rightfully proud of all the key workers who are continuing to work during this difficult time, in many different roles and we are especially proud of our very own Swan Foyers in Basildon that remain open to support young people and elderly vulnerable residents.

Our key workers at the Foyers are committed to ensuring the Foyers remain open 7 days per week so residents are in a warm and safe environment during this difficult time. Recently one of our elderly residents David* celebrated his birthday, he would normally spend his big day celebrating with his family and a Chinese takeaway, however this year of course it wasn't that easy. Care workers where David lives, had to think how they could still make his birthday special even during this period so they arranged a surprise video call with his sister and even bought David a Chinese ready meal so he wouldn't miss out on his traditional birthday dinner. David and his family were delighted that our care workers had made the extra effort to make sure it was a birthday to remember.

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