



Barratt Southern Counties staff with Meath Green Infant School pupils

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The Acres - a focus on community

As part of its commitment to the local community and part of its agreement with the Borough Council, Barratt Southern Counties has submitted proposals for a new community building at the heart of a new neighbourhood centre at The Acres in Phase 2. The five star housebuilder will be fully refurbishing the listed Tanyards barn to provide the much awaited community hall.

In addition to the community hall, the new neighbourhood centre will include three retail units, two small office units and a recycling centre.

It is anticipated that Reigate and Banstead Borough Council's Planning Committee will be considering the proposals for the neighbourhood centre and the Phase 2 housing layout in March.

Barratt working in the community

Barratt Southern Counties is delighted to be helping out Meath Green Infant School in Horley. The housebuilder behind The Acres development has agreed to carry out work to the school's pond over the course of the Easter Holidays. The pond which over the last few years has dried up will be brought back to life for the pupils to enjoy again this summer.

Lynnette St-Quintin, Sales Director at Barratt Southern Counties, comments: "We are looking forward to helping the pupils at Meath Green Infant School bring their pond back to life. Our team will work hard over the Easter break to ensure that they will be able to benefit from all the wildlife attracted to the water over the summer."

The school, which is a short distance from the Acres, is attended by many of the pupils that live at the development.



Neighbourhood Centre looking North-west



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A great space for young people

A new venue in town is proving to be a huge hit with local young people.

In the first three months of opening, the Horley Young People's Centre has attracted an impressive 400 members and that number just keeps on growing!

The Centre, which opened last September in the Old Fire Station, provides a modern and relaxed space for young people, aged between 11-19 years.

Run by two dedicated youth workers and in partnership with a range of other organisations, the Centre offers a fantastic range of activities and specialist support services.

A dedicated radio station, open mic events, dance classes and a new internet café are just some of the things that are on offer at the new Centre.

A variety of expert advice, guidance and counselling

services help young people in the many issues that can affect their lives - everything from careers guidance and educational support, to sexual health clinics, young parents groups and personal safety classes.

But the Centre isn't just for young people! The building includes Katie's Cafe, which is a great new place to grab a healthy and cheap bite to eat whilst surfing the Internet and is open to the general public during the day. So why not go down and enjoy a coffee!

Cllr Hammond, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Surrey County Council, says: "I am so pleased with the success to date of the new Horley Young People's Centre. Young people are clearly seeing it as a space of their own, where there is so much to do and they can access the expert support and guidance they need."



Brother and sister team, Katie and Danny of Katie's Cafe

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Image of the new Horley Leisure Centre

A commitment to a better Horley

Dear Resident,

After years in the planning you can't have failed to notice the fantastic changes that are taking place in Horley.

Exciting new facilities such as the Horley Young People's Centre have recently opened and good progress is being made in delivering a brand new leisure centre and a second phase of town centre improvements.

All this is being done, despite the current economic uncertainty and tighter public sector resources, because of partners' commitment to building a better Horley, which is being shaped by the Horley Master Plan!

Just some of the things we have done so far...

- Introduced the Fastway 20 and 100 bus services
 - Upgraded Horley Station
 - Remodelled the Longbridge roundabout
 - Opened the Horley Young People's Centre
 - Created new cycle ways
 - Provided a safe new pedestrian crossing at Horley Row
 - Started site work to build the new Leisure Centre
 - Begun to undertake environmental improvements in the town centre
 - Started to build the Riverside Green Chain
- So read on to find out more.

The Borough Council is currently preparing its Local Development Framework (LDF).

The LDF is a set of documents that will guide future planning and development in the Borough.

In Horley, the LDF will be particularly important in helping to shape the future of the town centre. As such it's really important that the Council takes account of the views of local people and organisations in helping to develop its policy.

To find out more about the next stage in preparing the LDF, visit the Borough Council's website or ring the Policy Team on 01737 276000.



What we say...

"The Master Plan provides a comprehensive range of improvements that are being delivered over a long period of time - up until 2026. It's important to remind ourselves of the things that we have achieved to date, whilst continuing to work hard to deliver further improvements in the future."

Cllr Kay, Executive Member for Regeneration, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council.

"I am pleased that, the County and Borough Councils, along with our partners, are helping to bring about real change in Horley that will help to improve the lives of local people."

Cllr Hammond, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Surrey County Council.



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New homes but some familiar faces



Horley resident Laura Andrew relaxing in her new home at the Acres

The Acres is fast becoming a very popular place for people wanting to make it their home and there is a good chance that you might already know some of them!

The Acres is the new neighbourhood currently being built in northeast Horley, and when complete, will boast over 700 new homes, a community hall, a primary school, allotments and recreational open space.

To date the developers, Barratts and David Wilson Homes, have been concentrating on building the first phase of the scheme, which comprises 287 new homes. About two thirds of phase 1 has now been constructed and sales are progressing well.

So far over 40% of sales, by Barratts, have been to local people, who already lived within a five mile distance of the Acres - places like Redhill, Reigate, Merstham and Crawley, as well as from other parts of Horley!

The Acres also provides much needed affordable homes for local people including social rented housing, which is owned and managed by two local housing associations - Raven and Orbit, and also intermediate housing.

Intermediate housing enables people to get on the property ladder and includes various schemes including shared ownership, shared equity and rent to buy accommodation.

Just one of the new residents who have recently moved in to the Acres is Laura. Laura grew up in Horley and attended Oakwood School as a student. Having lived in the town for most of her life, Laura wanted to remain close to her friends and family and be near to her job as a stylist in Reigate.

Laura says "Renting privately can be really expensive, so shared ownership was really appealing to me".

Asked what features she likes about her new home she says: "I love the fact that

"I am really pleased to see Horley people getting real benefit from the new development"
 Cllr Miller, Executive Member for Planning, Transport & Housing.

when I moved in, everything was new, and I didn't need to do a thing. I was amazed that Raven provided me with a brand new fridge freezer, a washing machine and a lovely stainless steel oven and hob. But what I really like is my bathroom, which is so big I could fit a wardrobe in it and, because we have got solar panels, I have loads of free hot water!"

Cllr Miller, Executive Member for Planning, Transport & Housing, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, says: "Providing affordable homes for local people, like Laura, is just what we need to do. I am really pleased to see Horley people getting real benefit from the new development."

Building the new leisure centre - it's a local affair

The £7.5m contract to build the new Horley leisure centre is providing a real boost to the local economy, with local businesses winning work to provide vital goods and services to support the construction.

So far eleven local businesses have been awarded sub-contracted work by Pellikaan, which was awarded the main contract by the Borough Council to build the leisure centre. The businesses provide everything from demolition and waste management to security and supply of materials.

Just two of the local businesses that have secured work are Lion Security and Britaniacrest. Lion Security is based in Horley and is ensuring the site is kept safe and secure while building work takes place, whilst Britaniacrest, based in Hookwood, is providing

important recycling and waste management services.

Pellikaan's commitment to use local companies, wherever possible, was one of a number of reasons why the Borough Council selected the company as its main contractor.

Pellikaan is also showing its support for local businesses in another way - by becoming the proud new sponsors of Horley Town Football Club which is good news for all the Claretts out there!

Cllr De Save, Executive Member for Leisure and Wellbeing, says: "The Borough Council is delighted that the £7.5m contract to build the new leisure centre is helping to benefit local businesses - this is excellent."



Top: Clearing the site for new works
 Above: Image of the Horley swimming pool

"The £7.5m contract to build the new leisure centre is helping to benefit local businesses"
 Cllr De Save, Executive Member for Leisure and Wellbeing.

A sweeping success

An extra pair of hands is helping to keep Horley's town centre and parks cleaner.

Bob Freestone is one of a group of young people who were recently given a six-month work placement to keep the Borough's towns and green spaces clean and tidy.

The placements, which were offered under the Surrey Future Jobs Fund, were thanks to a partnership between Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, Surrey County Council and Job Centre Plus.

When his placement came to an end, the Borough Council decided to offer Bob a job as a "Town Centre Caretaker". Well done Bob - keep up the good work!



Bob 'on the job'

New phase of award-winning homes at The Acres

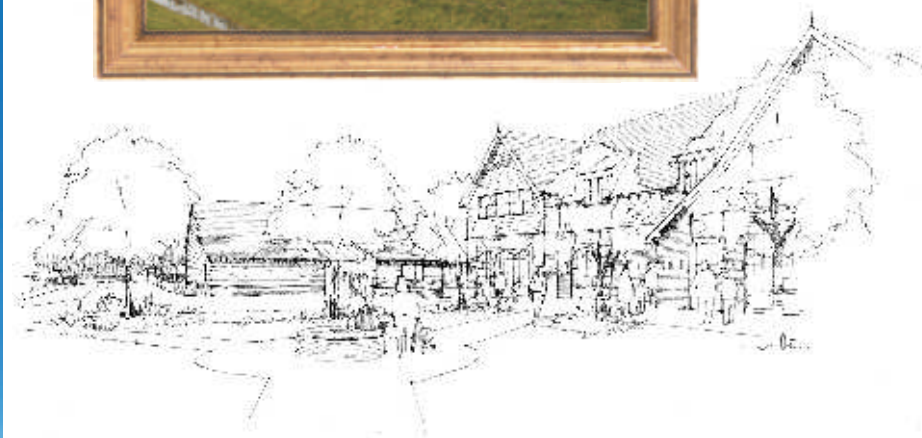
Following the superb success of Phase 1 at The Acres, Barratt Southern Counties is very much looking forward to launching the second phase of stylish new homes at the development. The initial phase of homes last year won a 'highly commended' accreditation as one of the best new homes developments in Surrey at the UK Property Awards.

The second phase of housing at The Acres, expected to launch later on this year, will see the arrival of 308 new homes, which will include a 60 unit extracare home for older people.

The majority of new properties in this new and exciting phase will be much needed three, four and five bedroom family homes and many will be available with Barratts unique Part-Exchange scheme. This popular scheme allows homebuyers to upsize into a new home at The Acres with Barratt buying their current property directly from the purchaser. Part-exchange has proved very popular with purchasers in the initial phase of development at The Acres and is expected to help many purchasers move house this year.



Picture perfect: New housing at the Acres



Neighbourhood Centre including Tanyards Barn

The Acres Phase 2

