

THE ACRES

Brought to you by Barratt Homes, David Wilson Homes and Wates

It has been an exciting few months at Horley's newest address, The Acres in Langshott.

In August, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council approved Barratt Homes and David Wilson Homes' plans for the second phase of the development, which comprises of a further 248 new homes ranging from apartments through to family houses. In addition, this phase will incorporate brand new community amenities including an extra care housing scheme and a neighbourhood centre.

Work on the neighbourhood centre will commence in spring 2012 and will take approximately 12 months to complete. At the heart of the development will be a community hall, converted from the existing Tanyards Barn. It will be available for all local residents to use and will form a new social hub for the area. Work to convert the Barn will begin later in the construction of the second phase.

The neighbourhood centre will also include four retail units on the ground floor, with a number of apartments situated above. To ensure residents have access to these new amenities as soon as possible, Barratt Homes will be looking for potential tenants over the coming year. It is planned that retail tenants will move in as soon as the units are completed.

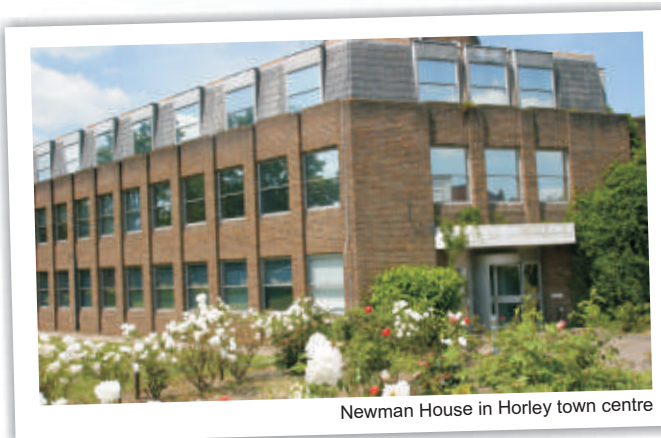
Work is progressing rapidly on the new allotments on the western edge of the site. They are scheduled to be handed over to Horley Town Council early in the New Year, when local people can then begin growing their own produce.

John Fitzgerald, Managing Director at Barratt Southern Counties, said: "The Acres' second phase is really starting to gain momentum. News that planning has been agreed means we can now start to press on and deliver some really fantastic and much-needed homes and amenities to the local area."

For more information about The Acres, visit www.barratthomes.co.uk/theacres



The new Acres development



Newman House in Horley town centre

Watch this space...

Newman House could be demolished in the New Year to help pave the way for the future redevelopment of the site, if the Borough Council's Executive gives the go ahead in December.

The Council is currently considering a number of options for the redevelopment of the office block, which it bought in 2006 to help bring about the regeneration of the town centre.

If the demolition goes ahead it will help to provide a clear, safe and secure site that will be more attractive to potential purchasers and reduce costs to the Council.

Watch this space for further news about Newman House in upcoming issues.

Free leisure pass

**Horley Leisure Centre
Anderson Way, Horley, RH6 8SP***

Valid until 31 March 2012

Name
Tel
Postcode
Email

Circle your choice: Gym session Swim session

* Terms & Conditions
Pass may only be redeemed by guest named above. One free pass per person. Pass entitles guest to a free swimming or gym session at Horley Leisure Centre, Anderson Way and is valid from the centre's opening to 31st March 2012. Surrender this pass to GLL at time of redemption. Gym use must be booked in advance and the participant will need to receive an induction as part of their session. Gym users must be a minimum of 11 years of age and proof of ID may be required. For use of the pool, swim safety rules apply. Please refer to the centre programme as restrictions may apply to some sessions. Only an original copy of this pass will be accepted. You agree to be contacted by GLL regarding other special offers at the Centre.



MAKE YOUR MARK

Ever wanted to name a street or a building? Well now's your chance! We'd like to hear your ideas for street names for the next phase of the new neighbourhood being built in Horley.

Local field names, farmers and landowners inspired the street names in the first phase. Newman Road is named after Thomas Newman who was a local farmer and Little Meadow after one of the old fields.

Ideas could include an important local person who you'd like to see immortalised, a historic event, or a name that reflects the area. Unfortunately we are unable to accept suggestions using names of people who are living.

All suggestions will be considered by the Borough Council and those that are chosen will be published in a future edition of NewLeaf. So get your thinking caps on! Please send your ideas to us at the address below by Monday 16 January 2012.

"I think it's a great idea that the new development remembers our town's past. I am sure local people will have a great many suggestions."

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

Don't forget to include:

1. The name/names you are suggesting
2. A short explanation of why you are nominating your choice(s)
3. Your contact details



Manorfield School children giving the new facilities a big thumbs up!

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Church Road allotments



Dear Resident,

In this issue we are turning our spotlight on what we're doing to provide a range of exciting new leisure and recreation facilities in Horley.

The first children's play areas have now opened in the Acres, the fantastic new Horley Leisure Centre will soon be revealed, much needed new allotments will be available next year, and we are now seeking your help in shaping the next phase of the Riverside Green Chain.

These were all commitments that we made to you as part of the Horley Master Plan and it's good to see so many now coming to fruition.

Although we are making great progress, we are not resting on our laurels, there's so much more to do!

Cllr Graham Knight
Chairman, Horley Regeneration Forum

Roll your sleeves up and get digging...

Tasty homegrown vegetables will soon be on the menu for many local families when new allotments are completed next year.

The allotments, which will be located off Langshott, will provide up to 80 plots and will come equipped with a secure store, a composting area, dedicated car parking and even a toilet.

The new allotments will go a long way in helping to meet the huge demand in Horley - currently there is a four year waiting list.

The allotments have been secured by Reigate &

Banstead Borough Council through a legal agreement with developers. Once complete they will be transferred to Horley Town Council to manage.

A further two allotment sites will be delivered in the longer term as part of the planned new neighbourhood in North West Horley.

If you live in Horley and would like to register your interest in getting an allotment, please email carolfenton@horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk or telephone 01293 784765.

Get fit for free!

To celebrate the imminent opening of the new Horley Leisure Centre, Greenwich Leisure Ltd (GLL) is giving you the chance to enjoy a taste of the state-of-the-art facilities with a free pass.

Your pass entitles you to a complimentary swimming or gym session at the new centre in Anderson Way, when it opens in the New Year.

Simply complete the voucher on the back page and hand it to a member of the GLL team to redeem. Have fun!



Decoration by Retreat



Neighbourhood Centre looking North-west

Let us know what you think about any of the articles you've read!

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EMAIL: horley.regeneration@reigate-banstead.gov.uk
WEB: www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/horley-regeneration/



Free get fit pass!
see back page

Riverside Green Chain... ...for people and wildlife

If you'd like to help shape the exciting next phase of the Riverside Green Chain, we want to hear from you!

What's the idea?

The Green Chain will provide an attractive, safe and accessible 'chain' of linked open spaces around Horley that follows the town's system of rivers and streams.

The Green Chain will not only support and protect wildlife habitats but will provide a valuable means for people to get close to nature and enjoy a range of recreational activities – be it walking, picnicking, cycling or horse-riding – hopefully something for everyone!

The Green Chain will also play an important role in creating a natural open setting between the town and the wider countryside, which will be safeguarded from future development, and provide essential flood protection.

How will it be delivered?

The Green Chain will be completed on a phased basis over a number of years. Some parts are already in place, such as the highly popular Riverside Walk, River Mole Park and Emlyn Meadows.

However the largest parts will be created adjacent to the two new neighbourhoods. With work gathering pace on the first of these new neighbourhoods, we are keen for local people to have a say, so that you can help us shape the design and management of the Green Chain around the North East Sector!

What improvements are proposed?

Over 28 hectares of land will be gifted by the developers to create the next phase of the Green Chain that will surround the North East Sector - equivalent to 28 full sized football pitches!

The land was previously farmed and you can still see many of the old field boundaries. Most is open grassland, although there is a small area of woodland known as Scotchman's Copse. The land also includes a number of important rights of way.

If you are familiar with the site, you'll have noticed that over the last few years, the developers have been undertaking some earth works. This was done as part of important flood compensation works that were agreed with the Environment Agency.

We recognise that the area is not a blank canvas! Being former farmland, it has a rich tapestry of natural and man-made features, which will form the backbone of any plans.

We also recognise that a lot of people already use the area for a variety of activities

such as dog walking and informal recreation and so any improvements will take these into account.

Central to proposals for the Green Chain is to protect and to enhance what is already there, so that the area remains locally distinctive and characteristic of the local countryside.

How will it be managed?

The Green Chain will be managed in a number of different ways. More formal areas abutting the new development are

likely to be cut frequently by lawnmower. Other areas, such as hay and wildflower meadows, may be either cut or grazed.

Grazing cattle is one of the best ways to manage land for nature conservation and is used widely across the borough. Grazing animals eat the coarse grasses and scrub, allowing fragile wildflowers and other species to flourish.

A small number of carefully selected docile breeds will be used to graze parts of the Green Chain, such



Grazing cattle © Sussex Wildlife Trust



Volunteers at work © David Plummer, Sussex Wildlife Trust



North East Sector Green Chain

We are seeking to:

- **Protect and enhance historic field patterns** bounded by mature hedgerows and scattered trees and where there is new planting ensure that this is native to the local area
- **Protect and enhance habitats** that are home to a rich variety of wildlife and introduce new areas of biodiversity such as wildflower and hay meadows and wetland areas
- **Protect and enhance rights of way**, which will include a new orbital cycle and pedestrian path
- **Protect and enhance the riverine environment** and provide safe access to watercourses
- **Protect and enhance people's enjoyment and understanding** by providing opportunities for informal recreation, like picnic and kickabout areas, and through improved information.

as Sussex cattle, which are well loved by children and are quite approachable, as long as dogs are controlled. Even when they are grazed, you will still be able to have access to these areas.

Get involved!

It is important that we understand what local people want, so that we provide a space that meets your needs.

To do this we are working with Gatwick Greenspace Partnership, a local organisation with a lot of experience working with local people to improve such areas.

We are planning lots of ways for you to get involved, including:

- Workshops with local interest groups to put forward ideas
- Guided walks of the proposed Green Chain around the North East Sector
- A family event in the Green Chain
- Work with a local primary school
- The possible formation of a Steering Group of interested people.

As a first step in helping us to better understand your needs, we would be grateful if you could complete a short survey. You can either post the survey back to us or complete it on-line at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/horley-regeneration

"We are in real need of open space in Horley and I am pleased that we will be working with local people to help plan what, I hope, will be a great new resource for the town."

Cllr Miller, Executive Member for Prosperous Borough, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council

"This area has been safeguarded so that it can be enjoyed for years to come."

Cllr Dorothy Ross-Tomlin, Divisional Member for Horley North, Surrey County Council

Riverside Green Chain Survey

1. How important is access to areas of nature to you and your family? (please circle)
Very important Important Not important Don't know
2. How often do you visit any of the following: Emlyn Meadows, Riverside Walk or River Mole Park? (please circle)
Daily Weekly Monthly Annually More than twice a year Never
3. What **two** activities will be most important to you and your family in the Green Chain? (please circle)
Cycling Walking Horse riding Picnicking Nature watching
Dog walking Play Guided Walks Relaxing Other.....
4. What are the top **two** things we should do to improve the Green Chain? (please circle)
Improve access to river Protect/enhance wildlife habitats Improve rights of way for walkers
Improve bridleways Improve cycle routes Provide information signs/leaflets
Other.....
5. Do you support the idea of grazing animals on parts of the Green Chain to help manage the land? (please circle)
Strongly support Support Do not support Not sure
6. How would you like to be consulted in the future about the Green Chain? (please circle)
Website Newsletter Talks/workshops
Guided walks Family event Steering Group
7. Are you a member of an interest group that might like to be consulted? (please circle)
No Yes (state name of organisation).....
Address
8. Would you like to volunteer some time to help maintain and manage the Green Chain? (please circle)
Yes No
9. Are there any other issues relevant to the Green Chain that you would like to let us know about?
No Yes (please specify).....
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10. What are your contact details?
Name



Emlyn Meadows

**Please return completed surveys by Monday 16 January 2012 to:
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Reigate Town Hall, Castlefield Road,
Reigate, Surrey RH2 0SH**