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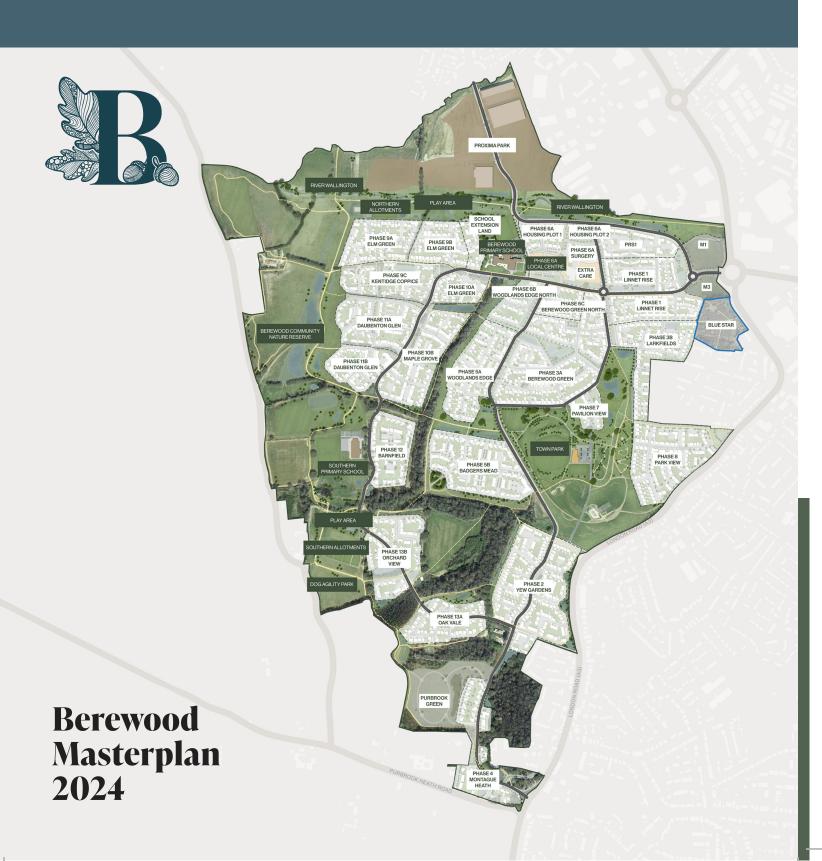






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Latest Site Updates & Timescales

Please note these dates are estimates only and subject to change.

- Local Centre Legal negotiations continue with the developer looking to deliver the Local Centre. This process is due to complete in 2025 with a planning application to be submitted following the completions of the legals.
- Bloor Homes building continues on (Larkfields & Woodlands Edge). Bloor Homes recently acquired Park View. This residential parcel will seek planning approval, it's anticipated to commence construction in 2025
- Redrow have also commenced on their new Ash Gardens development
- Bargate Homes recently acquired Maple Grove and Daubenton Glen South. This residential parcel will seek planning approval, it's anticipated to commence construction in 2025
- Persimmon Homes recently acquired Barnfield. This residential parcel will seek planning approval, it's anticipated to commence construction in 2025
- Berewood Town Park second phase estimated completion 2025
- Marrelsmoor Avenue final surfacing due early 2025
- Safe Routes to School due to be complete in 2025
- Newlands Avenue due to complete early 2025
- Northern allotments planning approval has been received. Works due to be complete in 2025
- Southern allotments due to be complete in 2025
- Newlands Primary Academy (the second primary school on the development) delivered by Hampshire County Council, Morgan Sindall are currently onsite constructing the Primary School which is due to complete July 2025
- Community Nature Reserve (CNR) to include 2 dog agility areas and play area due to complete 2025

You Asked... We Actioned!



We launched the first drop-in surgery on September 12th 2024 with 18 attendees.

Also attending were; Citizens Advice for financial guidance, Jeffries & Dibbens for home sales / shared ownership advice, Environment Centre advising on how to keep warm in winter, SERT training and Chichester University Academy Trust who brought along detailed plans of the new primary school. Those who attended gave the following feedback:

It was very useful, nice to put faces to names. All questions answered.

Good welcoming event, I spoke with Citizens Advice about budgeting and Jeffries about Shared Ownership.

The next "You asked... We actioned" drop-in surgery

3.30pm to 6.30pm on Thursday 13th March 2025 bookable slots with Citizens Advice and a local mortgage expert via berewood@graingerplc.co.uk.

At Newlands Community Hall, Marrelsmoor Avenue.

- Residents told us you wanted better signage (construction traffic & school). This was erected in November
- Residents flagged areas around the development where the green space management needed attention. We are responding quicker to get issues resolved
- We have had vandalism up at the Skate Park and are actively seeking alternatives on replacement seating and looking into organising a skate jam for next Spring / Summer.

Meet Jeff Picksley the Consultant Ecologist on Berewood



Jeff Picksley
Consulant Ecologist

It was a frustrating time over the summer as there was some vandalism under the bridges within the River Wallington where gravel bags were split open and dams were attempted to be created. This disrupts the natural wildlife and is saddening to see when this is a newly developed wildlife area which needs to be protected. I sat down with Jeff from Holbury Consultancy Services to talk about the River Wallington. Jeff joined the project in 2017 during the development of Phase 2 (west from the primary school), as the consultant Ecologist on the Berewood development; his advice, guidance and reporting have proved invaluable in creating the natural habitat spaces and the conservation of areas on the site.

The proposals to naturalise the manmade channel was already approved under the outline planning permission when Jeff joined the team in 2017. Prior to Grainger Plc beginning the works the watercourse was just functioning as a water drainage for run off from Waterlooville. For the majority of its length the river was contained in a concrete channel; the water was very shallow in most places, and held very little water life. There was no vegetation itself within the water pathway and the hedgerows either side just threw shade across the length. There was very little diversity to attract wildlife and plants.

A plan was devised to turn this concrete lined water course into a full flowing river, creating a natural habitat to attract a range of birds, insects and small mammals. Beyond the development the river runs into the Southwick Park Lake and down to Portsmouth Harbour.



Grainger and their partners took the model from a local stream to create a similar natural channel here with features; riffles, deep pools and back water areas to facilitate a range of habitats. All the banks were seeded and channels was planted with coir mats which have native vegetation within them. The team took advice from ecologists and landscape architects with a planting scheme as part of a management plan. This included native species such as Alder, White Willow, Water Mint, Meadowsweet, Marsh Marigolds, Purple Loosestrife and Brooklime.

The majority of the concrete was dug out. In places to protect further erosion of the river bank gravel bags and coir rolls were installed to protect these areas. The initial plan has changed as the river and nature creates it's own route as a natural river system would. The vast proportion of, which was dug out during the creation of the river channel in 2020, was deposited on the Town Park to form the cricket pitch and the surrounding mounds and valleys.

What do we now see living along the River Wallington that feeds through Berewood?

Kingfishers and green sandpipers in the Autumn and Winter, Little Egrets throughout the year and Mallards and Moorhens are regularly breeding now. We have an abundance of aquatic life now and the river supports fish species including Chubb and Roach. There is an array of Damselflies, Dragonflies, Butterflies and Bees that have made this stretch of the river home too, living amongst the diverse range of plants. Wetland environments like this provide high quality foraging for a range of bat species too. We have also had evidence of Otters in the local area and we hope in the not too distant future they will move into the area too.

Are you proud of having worked on this project?

"It is incredible. I have not worked on a project that has delivered river restoration on this scale in the last 25 years. It's a very special asset to have here on the Berewood development. We now need to protect it."

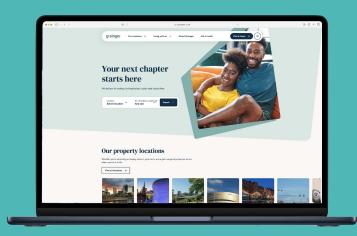
I regularly walk the development and I find walking along the river a different experience during all the seasons. The residents and visitors who I meet, tell me how valued this area of the development is, a place to embrace nature and enjoy the peace and tranquillity.



Exciting News: Grainger's new website is live!

Visit www.graingerplc.co.uk to explore our UK communities, catch up on the latest news, and get home styling tips. If you or a friend are considering a move, we might have the perfect home waiting. We believe in making renting better, easier and hassle-free.

Rent well. Live well.



West Waterlooville – Arts Project update

A fast-paced 18 months of activity led by Studio Response in partnership with Southampton based writer development agency ArtfulScribe, will start early next year. Led by artists and writers and using the power of storytelling and words to connect people, its aim is to listen to your stories and anecdotes from living in West Waterlooville, to find out what's important to you. This will then feed into shaping how public art can help address these findings and make a positive impact to the area. You can find out more here.

www.winchester.gov.uk/arts/public-visual-arts/westwaterlooville-public-art-programme



Wildlife watch

Exciting new Wilder Schools project funded by Grainger Plc launches

For this issue we want to celebrate the launch of the Wilder Schools project that Grainger Plc are funding at Berewood Primary School for three years. We supported Craig Whitelock from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust on creating two wildflower beds with the Year 4 students. We returned in November to repurpose some of the excess Willow on the development to create a living structure in the school grounds. These Willow stems will eventually be woven into a willow tunnel for the children to explore.

Thank you to Portsmouth City College for funding the highvis vests, pencils and erasers for the Berewood pupils on this project.

The pupils and staff at Berewood
Primary School are so delighted to be
working with Craig from Hampshire
and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. The
sessions have been tailored to link
with our curriculum and support
learning in our own environment.
Thank you so much to Grainger Plc
and Craig for this wonderful learning
experience that will benefit the pupils
for years to come.

Megan Carter Head Teacher







Oak Vale Community Garden

The planters at this area had not been managed for a while and so the Berewood team took time out in November to weed the beds, dispose of the weeds and meet with the volunteers up there to support them in having the necessary equipment to start to rejuvenate the area. We are planning to plant out herb beds for residents to enjoy and a couple of new fruit trees close to the seating area so this will be ready again for residents to enjoy in the Spring.

Want to be involved? Whether you have time once a month, once a week or less please join the Facebook group: Oak Vale & Yew Gardens Community Planters Group to offer ideas and support.

If you take photographs of wildlife on the development and would like to share those in the Berewood News please do send them to our inbox (we do need them to be high resolution): **Berewood@graingerplc.co.uk**



Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust are delighted to deliver a 3 year Wilder Schools package at Berewood Primary School. Working with the Headteacher to use this opportunity to enhance the school's outdoor education and development of the school grounds for wildlife. The support from both the school and Lea from Grainger Plc has been amazing and has made this project a great success already.

We are looking forward to the next 3 years, there are lots of exciting projects going on including the newly sown pollinator patches and willow tunnel. We hope this Wilder School journey creates a legacy of conservation learning continuing the work of #TeamWilder.

Find out more information on how to be part of Team Wilder here https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/team-wilder.



Spotlight on Waterlooville

This new section within the Newsletter will highlight local restaurants / cafes / entertainment spaces & businesses that are within easy access of Berewood.

Minitown opened in the Wellington Walk parade of shops in Waterlooville with a start up grant from Havant Borough Council Vacant Shop Scheme in October half-term, this exciting new role play world was a hive of activity with young families during the week. The business idea comes from two local guys who run the Miniravers business up and down the country running events for families. I visited Minitown prior to the launch, and particularly loved the Berewood mini development. Redrow have donated much of the signage and dress up clothing for this section which looks great fun, it gives the children an opportunity to dress up and act out working in construction with play tools. Other pods include a police station (with scooter), A&E / Maternity nursery, Littles (community shop) and even a mini club with sensory lighting. It's a wonderful space for young families to meet up and enjoy the café treats. Thank you to both Liams for inviting me along. "We are both really passionate about the local area as we are bringing up our own families here. We wanted to create a space for young children to explore, where parents can also





relax and make friends. We are aware that many new families are moving into the Berewood development and coming to a new area can be daunting. By creating this space we hope we can support those new residents and encourage them to meet new people and walk into the town. The regeneration of the town is giving lots of new businesses like ours the opportunity to open up and bring new visitors into Waterlooville." During the run up to Christmas Minitown will have a mini grotto for the children to visit with Mr Claus, bookable slots for little ones to put in their stocking requests! Please visit the Minitown website for further information: https://minitown.onlineticketseller.com

We are always interested to find out about the businesses our residents have launched, here are two Berewood residents who wanted to talk with us about their start ups and raise awareness within the local community. If you have a local business and want to share this with the community please contact us at: berewood@graingerplc.co.uk

Travel







Bus travel

You have a number of bus routes accessible from your home provided by First Buses and Stagecoach.

		Average Frequency	
Service	Route	Monday - Saturday	Sunday
D1	Waterlooville - Hambledon	2 Hours	N/A
D2	Waterloo - Great Mead	2 Hours	N/A
7 theSTAR	Portsmouth – Cosham – Waterlooville – Wecock Farm	20-30 minutes	30 minutes
8 theSTAR	Portsmouth – Cosham – Waterlooville – Clanfield	20-30 minutes	30 minutes
39	Waterlooville - Havant	15 minutes	30 minutes

For detailed information either download the bus company app or visit:

- 7 & 8 service www.firstbus.co.uk/portsmouthfareham-gosport
- D1, D2 & 39 www.stagecoachbus.com
- £2 Single Bus Fares Extended!

Railway Travel

The nearest stations to the site are Bedhampton (5.5km) and Cosham (6km). Both are operated by Southwestern Railway. Both stations have plenty of bicycle racks with CCTV

surveillance. To view the departure boards and routes visit National Rail's website: www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations and select the station of interest.

Have you purchased a network rail card yet?

You could be saving up to 1/3 off rail fares and being able to travel across 16 counties including London! For more information visit: www.network-railcard.co.uk.

Your Closest Halfords Update

Waterlooville Halfords has now closed. Your closest store is now located at 1 Selbourne Rd, Havant PO9 1ND.

Catology





Cherise Harrison came into visit me at the end of the summer to tell me all about her new business. I love hearing about the diverse range of businesses launching on the Berewood development. Cherise trained in veterinary care and studied Animal Science and Behaviour at university over ten years ago and is really passionate, knowledgeable and fascinated by cat behaviour. She launched a feline grooming business last year, she has a young family and lives on the Berewood development.

I asked her what she feels is unique about her cat grooming service, this is what Cherise said "My clients get a really bespoke service. Prior to visiting I always have a telephone conversation with their owner to help gain a detailed understanding of their cat. Every cat is different, and I have to allocate time to build a rapport with the cat before I can start the grooming service. I go into people's homes where their pets are most comfortable. I work with all breeds and offer a natural groom, I stand by my ethos of "humanity over vanity!" by this I mean it's not about grooming a show cat, I focus on being empathetic and gentle so they can learn to enjoy the experience and I leave them feeling more comfortable and well." Cherise comes with treats and toys to help put the cats at ease.

What a difference between your first visit and your second one. Mr T is so much more laid back! You've worked wonders!

Cherise is looking to build her business in the local area. If you would like more details on her service, she can be contacted at the following:

- E hello@catologygrooming.com
- M 07718 650622
- facebook.com/catologygrooming

Clearview Cleaning



Chris and Brad have set up ClearView Exterior Cleaning, a local window cleaning service based in Berewood. They grew up in the local area, having gone through school together and now both ending up in the fire service. As they work so well together and have years of friendship, they decided to set up their window cleaning service that they have been steadily growing for the last two years while focusing on the local area (Porchester to Emsworth). They already have a number of clients on the Berewood development but are looking to focus more on this area and add more local residents to their client list.

The guys are really community focused, trustworthy, reliable and want to support the local community. Whilst they were in talking with me, they have offered to support on the upcoming volunteer planting day up at the community garden at the back of Yew Gardens. Thanks guys! It's so wonderful to have your help to water in the herbs, these will then produce a nice variety for local residents to pick from in the summer months.

To get a quote or find out about their other services, you can contact the guys directly:

Brad

M 07834 283111

Chris

M 07398 174171

- E clearviewextcleaning@gmail.com
- O clearviewextcleaning
- ClearView Exterior Cleaning Services

Education & Training

Havant Borough Council are funding this project for Havant residents. The SAMEE Charity offer fantastic support to those living with a disability or long-term medical condition in setting up self employment businesses. Please share the details below with anyone you feel could benefit from this service.



Lea Hampton, visited Oaklands Catholic School on 26th September to support their Careers Fair. "I met a number of students interested in working in construction. Two of which are keen to secure work experience placements with me here at Berewood for the summer". Lea also visited Crookhorn to support Y11 students with a mock interview day in October and met with Careers Leaders at Cowplain School and Portsmouth City College to liaise on site visits for their students for a better understanding of a development site and working in Housing & Construction.

Grainger Plc will be funding a 'Money Fun' interactive workshop at Newlands Community Hall from 10am to 12.30pm on Monday 7th April 2025. This will be a bookable event for children and families to come along and create money boxes, play games, competitions and more.

National Careers Week 3 – 7 March 2025

Lea Hampton, Community Development Manager, will be out and about in schools, colleges and groups talking about job roles and training opportunities in the Housing and Construction sector.

If you would like Lea to visit your school or community groups email berewood@graingerplc.co.uk.

Vandalism to woodland areas

Over the summer we saw a rise in vandalism at Town Park.

Two benches were pulled away from their fixings and needed to be removed, damage was done to the shelter and two trees were maliciously cut down to create a den area close to Oak Vale. This is a small minority of people who seem not to appreciate the beautiful spaces that are being created. We are working closely with Newlands Parish Council who are keen to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the area and supported by the local Police. Both ourselves and the developers onsite have set up additional cameras which are now more closely viewed, passing on relevant information to the police immediately. We are trying to cut down the incidents across the development. If you would also like to be a part of this please contact the Parish Council to join the Neighbourhood Watch scheme: clark@newlands-pc.gov.uk.



Litter and fly tipping has also been more prevalent over recent months, particularly in the playground areas and we would ask that residents please take their litter home or use the bins around the site which are emptied twice weekly. When larger items such as baths, trolleys, old furniture are dumped thoughtlessly on the development, this is very costly to have removed. We would prefer these funds to be used for the benefit of the community and go towards activities we want to fund / deliver

As well as Grainger's Berewood team we are very grateful to those in the community who give up their time to collect litter. The Newlands Community Group arrange regular litterpicks and are currently looking for new volunteers to join them.

Please contact them either on their Facebook page or by emailing: newlandscommunitygroup@gmail.com.

Social Value

Firstly, what is social value? Social Value is the added value a development project can bring to an area. Where developments like Berewood are being built the partners involved in the development give more than just their services or provide the product. Social Value discussions take place with all the contractors onsite with Lea Hampton our Community Development Manager. Lea then acts as a broker to facilitate that offer being delivered.

Below are just some of the initiatives that have been delivered under Social Value in the last six months:

- Redrow food bank donations to ASDA
- Grainger Plc funding the Wilder Schools Project
- Berewood team from Grainger giving half a day of volunteering hours to prep the Oak Vale Community Garden
- City of Portsmouth College funding 32 high vis vests, pens & erasers for Berewood primary students
- Site tours organised to the Redrow development for Berewood primary pupils and students at local senior schools

New job starters

New developments also open up new job roles and Lea captures those who are joining the sector with the developers and supply chain partners on Berewood. These have included in the period September to November:

- Morgan Sindall 1 x Degree Apprenticeship Quantity Surveyor
- Morgan Sindall 1 x Business Admin T Level
- Tetra Tech 1 x Degree Apprenticeship Quantity Surveyor



Remembering Ben Gould

As many of you know Ben was a passionate resident on the Berewood development. He could be seen regularly walking around the site and for the Grainger team here at Berewood, he had a fountain of knowledge on the development and shared his many thoughts and ideas with us. He had a gentle way of providing his suggestions and thoughts across, and we were very sad to hear of his passing. He will be much missed in the community. The Grainger team are liaising closely with the community group and Ben's family to decide on how we commemorate his life. We asked the Newlands Community Group to give us their best memories of Ben and the impact he undoubtedly made to this community:

A true community champion

As many of you are aware during the summer we lost a valuable member of the community, Ben Gould. We know many of you knew Ben though facebook and often in person, as he never failed to offer help and support to someone in need. He believed in people, and that people make a community so it's up to each person to create a community they are proud of.

Personally, I first met Ben through his desire to sort the pavements and roads in Berewood Green. He approached

me, along with Jay Campbell, to see if the community group could help. I took the issue on and through this we got to know each other and became friends.

Believing in a community voice he became a member of Newlands Community

Group, becoming vice-chair of the group. He found a vocation in this, surprising himself with some of the activities he took on. This work lead him to be nominated and win a Winchester City Council Community Champion Award (thank you to those who nominated him).

Ben was one of the most genuine people you could meet, no saint but honest, compassionate and caring. He loved to tease, friendly laughs and landing people in it—no malicious intent just true friendship.

He was open about his own struggles, particularly with mental health issues and encouraged the group to create activities to help, with the Repair Café being one of his ideas.

Thank you for being part of our lives Ben.



Events / Activities in the area

What's coming up...

Friday, 6th December (TBC)

Newlands Christmas lights switch on (from 4pm) at

Newlands Community hall

6th to 24th December

Enlightened at Staunton Farm, Havant (from 4.30pm daily)

Bookable: www.enlightenedmoments.co.uk/events/staunton-farm-2024

8th to 15th December

Christmas at Stansted House, Rowlands Castle PO9 6DX

Bookable: www.stanstedpark.co.uk/christmasatstanstedhouse

Saturday, 21st December

Christmas crafting with Dragonfly Arts, Newlands Community Hall 1.45pm (bookable)

23th & 24th December

The Snowman with the enchanted cinema, The Spring Arts and Heritage Centre

Saturday, 21st December

Christmas Carols from Christchurch carol singers (drinks and mince pies available). Just turn up, booking not required,

Newlands Community Hall

Saturday, 25th January

Newlands Community Group Quiz Night

Saturday, 22nd February

Newlands Community Group Quiz Night

February Half Term (Day to be confirmed)

Grainger Plc funded music workshop

March 2025

"You asked . . . We actioned" drop-in surgery

Saturday, 29th March

Newlands Community Group Quiz Night

Monday, 7th April, 10am to 12.30pm

Free family event 'Money Fun', competitions and crafting

Easter Holidays (Day to be confirmed)

Easter Fun with Dragonfly Arts. An art / craft workshop for children. See Dragonfly Arts Facebook page for details

Saturday, 26th April

Newlands Community Group Quiz Night

Saturday, 24th May

Waterlooville Car Show

Wednesday, 28th May

Techtruck will be visiting Newlands Community Hall for local children to explore this digital experience

Saturday, 31st May

Newlands Community Group Quiz Night

Horizon Leisure have a new **Thrive** programme for children of all ages. These are a wide range of fun, engaging activities that go on at both the Waterlooville and Havant venues. The Berewood team have six Thrive activity passes for local children. Pop along to the 'You asked . . . We actioned' drop-in surgery to pick up a free pass. https://horizonlc.com/thrive-class-list/





The Newlands Community Group organise quiz nights, litter picks, arts and craft sessions and run the Repair Café. Follow them on Facebook for further details of dates.



Stay warm and well with Hitting the Cold Spots



The Environment Centre (tEC), a charity specialising in home energy, is offering Hampshire residents help with staying warm and well over the winter.

Residents are invited to phone the **Hitting the Cold Spots** team at tEC for advice on keeping their home at a comfortable temperature and ensuring household energy use is as efficient as possible. The service also covers support with energy bills, signing up for priority services, managing damp and mould problems and more.

Hitting the Cold Spots is funded by Hampshire County Council and operates on a case-by-case basis; recognising that each household has a different set of circumstances that will affect their eligibility for funding, in-depth support and referrals. Some clients, for example those on a low income and living with health conditions, could benefit from a home visit and even funding to replace heating and hot water systems.

Get in touch

- www.hantscoldspots.environmentcentre.com
- T Freephone 0800 804 8601 (Mon Fri, 9am 5pm)
- E staywarm@environmentcentre.com

If I hadn't used the Hitting the Cold Spots service, my parents would have struggled financially to afford to buy a new and energy efficient boiler and heat their home.

Advice was very helpful and they contacted [my energy supplier] on my behalf which made them listen and rectify the issue.

Five top tips for saving energy this winter

- Control your heating and hot water. Set the thermostat to between 18°C 21°C. Consider closing off rooms you don't use very often, and use the timers to make sure your heating and hot water aren't running all the time.
- Take shorter showers to reduce the amount of water you need to heat.
- Switch appliances off at the socket to help keep your electricity use down.
- Replace old light bulbs with LED ones.
- Consider installing low-flow shower heads (if your shower is not electric).

We know there are lots of people across Hampshire who are worried about keeping up with energy bills this winter, particularly those who won't receive the Winter Fuel Payment. It's really important that we reach these people and help them explore all their options. We keep up to date with all kinds of funding streams, both nationally and locally, from financial support to home improvements, so we can help our clients understand and apply for them where possible.

Rebecca Windwood

Hitting the Cold Spots Project Manager

Community Food Support Network Havant Borough Council

https://www.havant.gov.uk/community-and-living/community-food-support-network

Community partners

Useful websites

To find out more about your local community groups, please visit:

Newlands Community Group | Community Movement | Waterlooville, UK

www.newlandscommunitygroup.com

Waterlooville Community Centre – Waterlooville Community Centre www.waterloovillecommunity.org.uk

Clanfield Centre
www.clanfieldcentre.co.uk

The Spring Arts & Heritage Centre | Havant, Hampshire www.thespring.co.uk

Community First www.cfirst.org.uk

Havant Orchestra publicity.havantorchestras@gmail.com





The aim of the project is to help encourage everyone to move more. We deliver physical activity sessions for anyone living in the Havant borough. These sessions can include bowls, female family boxing, circuits, swimming, self-defence, Pilates, Netball and much more. We have a wide range of activities on offer.

We know that physical activity can bring a multitude of physical, mental, and social benefits to us all, and we try to provide a range of fun activities which utilise and help us appreciate our beautiful local area and help to make it as enjoyable and easy as possible to be active.

We are always looking for ways to improve and expand our project, is there any activities you want to try that we don't currently offer? Let us know by contacting our admin team.

To find out more about our project and what activities we currently have on offer please visit our website: www.getupandgohavant.com

Our admin team are also happy to help contact us via email on infogetupandgo@havant.gov.uk



What is Shared Ownership?

We asked Gary Nealgrove, Branch Manager, Jeffries & Dibbens to share his knowledge around Shared Ownership and how it might be the solution for someone.

Over the last 10 years or so buyers have found it increasingly difficult to get themselves on the housing ladder due to rising house prices, higher mortgage interest rates and other cost of living increases.

At Berewood, Grainger Plc are supporting buyers and homeowners with an extensive development of affordable homes which are sold on a shared ownership basis.

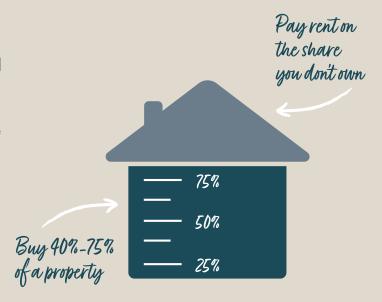
Shared ownership or, part buy / part rent, as it is sometimes referred to, is an opportunity to purchase a share in a property, rather than the full amount (value) and pay rent at a discounted level on the remaining share that is not initially purchased.

Example:

If a property has a full market value of £300,000 and a buyer wished to purchase part of the property, they can choose to purchase anywhere between 40% and 75% as an initial purchase, with the ability to buy further shares at a later stage if they wished to.

If the full market value is £300,000 and the buyer wished to purchase 50% they would buy 50% of the property for £150,000 and pay rent on the remaining 50%. If they wished to purchase 40% then rent would be payable on the remaining 60% etc... The rent is always based on the unsold part of the property (Grainger's share) and is 2.75% of that figure. Based on the example above the rental due would be £4,125 per annum.

A major attraction of this scheme is that it allows customers to get on the housing ladder with less initial funds required as the deposit requirement for most lenders will be significantly lower. It also helps give customers security as they will not be given notice to leave, which could happen if they were in solely rented accommodation. They are effectively home owners, their share in the property is likely to go up in value over time and hopefully their mortgage will go down as they make regular repayments.



Shared Ownership properties on Berewood are marketed through Jeffries & Dibbens Estate Agents and we usually have several releases throughout the year as well as re-sales. The properties are a mixture of 1 bedroom apartments through to 3 bedroom houses and are beautifully presented and fully fitted to a high standard throughout.

To qualify, customers must be able to obtain a mortgage and not own any other property. The minimum household income requirement is £18,000 per annum and maximum income of £80,000 per annum. Preference is afforded to customers who are in the armed services and those who have a local connection through work, family or residence.

If you would like any further information, would like to discuss your affordability or have any questions, please feel free to contact anyone at the Jeffries & Dibbens team



- T 02392 231 100
- E waterlooville@jeffries.co.uk



Holidays activity sheet

Colour in...



Wreath

Small hands create this keepsake wreath. Put creative hands and minds into the holiday spirit:

- 1. Trace hand(s) several times & cut out
- 2. Decorate hands; paint / glitter / stickers / text
- 3. Cut out the middle of a paper plate
- 4. Glue cut out hands overlapping to create a circle
- 5. Loop a piece of ribbon & tape to the back
- 6. Dry for 3 4 hours

Hang from a door, the fridge, mirror or bedframe for a bespoke, personal festive decoration.



Advertise in Berewood News

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If you would like to advertise your community group / charity or a public event in a future issue of Berewood News please contact us at:

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