

Regenerating North Solihull

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It's all go at Kingfisher!

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North Area Update



Last October, we talked to local people about the proposals for the North Area (see the map on the right to find out the area this covers). This consultation included ideas for improving green spaces, Village Centres, new primary schools, areas for new housing and proposals for improving how people could get around the area. Local people also gave their views on some detailed proposals for a number of housing sites, which were identified as part of the initial consultation in June 2007.

Solihull Council has asked us to invite residents living very close to the proposed development sites back to comment more on the new housing plans. So in February, anyone living near **Woodlands Highway** (Site C on map) and **X94** (Site B on map) will be invited to come and share their opinions.

We also would like to talk to residents again about proposals for **Lanchester Park**, (Site A on map) so we will hold a consultation event later in the year, inviting local people to give their views on our plans.

During the October consultation we talked to local residents about **Bosworth Wood Primary School** (yellow square on map). The school has very large playing fields and pupils rarely use parts that are furthest away from the school towards Alvis Walk. We want to improve the space the pupils use so the children at the school will be able to use much better facilities than they have now. Here are some of the suggestions you gave us for the land use:

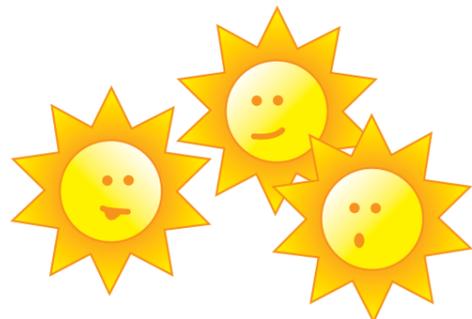
- Use as a park for local people
- Build new housing
- Use as a sports facility
- Have a café
- Use as a children's play area

No decisions haven been made about the use of this land but we promise to consult with local residents on any proposals that do come forward in the future.

Thank you to everyone who visited one of our drop-in sessions and gave their views. For more information please call us on, freephone, 0800 389 7997.



The North Area



Shout it out!

We would like to introduce you to Steven Brown, our Children and Young Person's Active Involvement Officer. Steven will help give the young people of North Solihull forums where they can express their views freely, and be listened to.

The word 'important' doesn't really do young people justice when it comes to Regenerating North Solihull. They are the future of the area and arguably one of the most important groups in the area. Over the next decade, every child will be attending a brand new school and the young people of today will be the community of tomorrow.

Steven told us, "My role is to help young people get their voices heard, be it at special consultation events, school councils or over a pool table, and then ensure that these views are taken into account by the North Solihull Regeneration Partnership and the Council."

"I love working with young people. I would like to see an increase in the involvement of children and teenagers in things like naming streets and parks and choosing what goes where. Young people are the area's future - our workforce, parents, homeowners and community leaders - so it's absolutely crucial that they have a voice in this life changing project.

We would like to welcome Steven onto the Regenerating North Solihull team and look forward to seeing his progress in making young people feel that they can actually make a difference.



Steven Brown



New homes for local people

New homes are really important to the whole regeneration programme, as they help fund all the improvements to the area. The project works almost like a recycling system. Funding is generated by selling land to Bellway Homes,

which the Partnership then ploughs back into the project, providing the funding for new primary schools, Village Centres and improvements to infrastructure and green space.

Burton's Farm Park, new home offers

We are pleased to offer great deals for people interested in buying a new home at our Burton's Farm Park development (just off Tamar Drive in Smith's Wood). The new homes have designer bathrooms with white suites, TV and telephone points in lounges and master bedrooms and contemporary kitchens, some with a choice of worktops, doors and wall tiles and integrated appliances. Plus, all properties have central heating.

Offers available at Burton's Farm Park

105% Part Exchange plan (giving you an independent valuation price on your home plus an extra 5%) when you buy a three or four bedroom house.

First time buyers can also enquire about the deals available on the apartments.

Some plots also have a great family package with stamp duty and fees paid.

For more information on these deals and what is available please call the Burton's Farm Park Marketing Suite on 0121 747 9082.

Chapel Walk, over half sold already!

We have reached an important milestone at Chapel Walk, located on Chapelhouse Road, with the great news that over half of the homes are now sold! This is thanks to the quality, value and choice available at this prestigious development.

Don't take our word for it, come and see the for yourself. Maxine Dyer, who has recently bought a three-bedroom home at Chapel Walk told us, "Chapel Walk is a beautiful new

development and I am sure it will be a fantastic family home for us for years to come. Not only was it a good improving area for my family and I to settle, but also a good investment because property prices are bound to go up with all the regeneration work taking place."

Come and see Bellway's show home for yourself, drop into the marketing suite just off Chapelhouse Road, open daily from 10am-5pm. Or call the sales



Merstone Grange

Merstone Grange, only two remaining!

Bellway's successful Merstone Grange development has just two newly built homes left.

Both remaining four-bedroom homes include an en-suite off the master bedroom, a contemporary fitted kitchen with breakfast area, a spacious lounge with dining room and study. French doors open up to a large rear garden with plenty of space for your family to enjoy.

The two remaining homes are complete and ready to move into. Located off Exeter Drive, Merstone Grange is a opportunity you can't afford to miss!

For more information please call the Merstone Grange Marketing Suite on 0121 788 1883.

Regenerating North Solihull wins **National HomeBuilder Award!**

We are pleased to tell you that we have been given a top national award from the Home Builder's Federation. The award celebrates our commitment, the way we work and the success we have had with new homes so far. We are very pleased with this award and hope it will be the first of many as the project progresses.



**National
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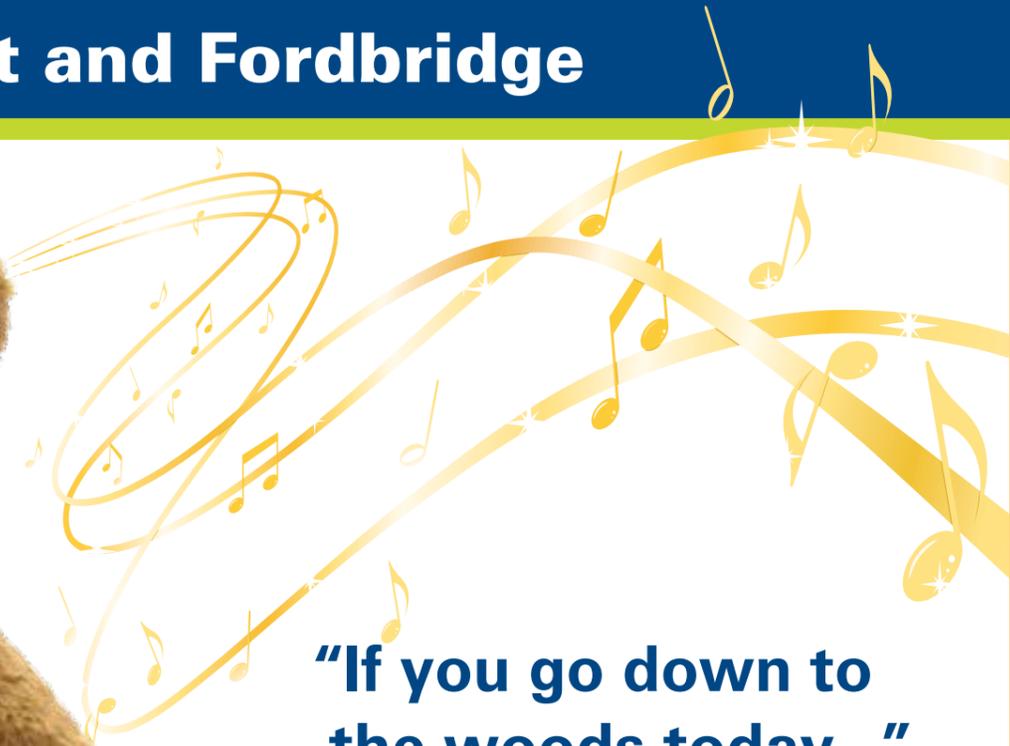


The Showhome at
Chapel Walk



Maxine Dyer,
at Chapel Walk

Kingshurst and Fordbridge



“If you go down to the woods today...”

Looking for something to do over Easter?

Why not go along to the Teddy Bear's Picnic in York's Wood on Monday 24th March. Everyone will meet at Babbs Mill car park at 2pm, and then it's off to the woods to for the picnic, lasting until 4pm. There'll be fun and games for all the family.

For further information, and to reserve your place on the picnic, call 0121 748 3798. And don't forget your teddy bear!

Looking for a new opportunity?

The Kingshurst and Babbs Mill Resident Implementation Group (RIG) is looking to elect a new chair person in their meeting on 6th March.

Together a RIG looks at detailed local plans and works out what's better for the local community. They get to meet with our Regeneration Team once

a month and ask us questions and discuss their opinions on the Regeneration Project.

If you think this could be a great opportunity to get involved, and are interested in joining the RIG and contributing to the regeneration process in these areas, contact us on freephone 0800 389 7997.

Chelmsley Wood and Smith's Wood

Kingfisher construction underway!

The construction of Kingfisher School has officially started! The new school, which is being built next to the current school in Kingfisher Drive, Smith's Wood, will have room for 420 children.

There will be a two storey primary school, with space upstairs for the community to use. There will be a new 30 place nursery, plus the school will also have a crèche and facilities for adult learning.

As you can see, Scott Aitken, a pupil at Kingfisher Primary School, is already enjoying watching the diggers on site. So we're looking forward to some budding engineers in the future! Work is expected to be complete in winter 2008, so keep an eye on our newsletter for more information or to find out more. Or call us on freephone 0800 389 7997.



Hello Scott!



Kingfisher Primary pupil Scott Aitken helps work get underway on his new school



A computer illustration of Kingfisher School



Sue Vyvan, headteacher of Kingfisher Primary School, with Scott Aitken and Paul Hanbury from the North Solihull Partnership.

From **Special Effects** to **Special Pets**

The start of 2008 looks bright for the aspiring entrepreneurs in the area, with Solihull Council's new Enterprise for Success scheme.

In 2007, two very different businesses were launched in the Solihull area by entrepreneurs Cher Treagust and Chloe Hennegan. Both have made their dreams into reality by starting up their own businesses. Cher used her existing skills as a TV and film make up designer, in response to a lack of talent outside London, to create CJFX, providing freelance make up art and cosmetic special effects.

Chloe set up a rabbit rescue called Fat Fluffs, which not only helps to educate people in the responsibilities of owning a pet, but also offers a range of pet supplies. Setting up the business has allowed Chloe to make a living doing something she has always wanted to do.

The Enterprise for Success scheme hopes to encourage budding entrepreneurs by providing business assistance and mentoring to business start-ups, free of charge. There are business clinics and



From left to right: Julie Stevens (CJFX), Cher Treagust (CJFX), Hannah Reynolds (Mischievous Marketing) and Chloe Hennegan (Fat Fluffs)

also one to one mentoring facilities available. If you have always wanted to set up your own business but didn't know where to start, come along to one of the sessions to see if you can make your own business dream come true.

For more information on Enterprise for Success please contact the team on 0121 704 6920.

A new virtual space for young people!

There will soon be a young person's area on our new website, and we would love to hear what the young people of North Solihull would like to see on their virtual space. To give your suggestions, please email info@northsolihull.co.uk

In the meantime, visit www.northsolihull.co.uk for everything you need to know about Regenerating North Solihull.

