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Welcome to the Voice...

Welcome to the Kingswood Parks Voice magazine, brought to you by The Kingswood Parks Development Company (KPDC). We hope you enjoy reading this issue of the magazine, which is packed full of exciting news about developments and community projects across the whole of Kingswood Parks.

Kingswood Area Action Plan - have your say for the future!

As reported in Issue 08 of the Kingswood Parks Voice, there are some very exciting major long term plans for Kingswood Parks, and Hull City Council wants to hear your views!

A Kingswood Area Action Plan is currently being produced by the council. The Kingswood Area Action Plan Issues and Options Questionnaire included within this edition is your chance to contribute your thoughts and ideas about what you would like to see in the future at Kingswood. Read more about the Area Action Plan on pages 4 and 5 and in the questionnaire.

In Bloom Finalists

We catch up with the winner and runner-up of this year's Kingswood Parks In Bloom competition, as they show us round their gardens and tell us why they entered, as well as all about the effort they have put into making their gardens so beautiful. The winner was delighted to be given £1,000 worth of B&Q vouchers! See page 7.

Winning twins set to meet the sharks!

Congratulations to twins, Luke and Toby Fry, 5, who won a family pass to The Deep in Hull, in our most recent Kidz Corner competition.

They sent us their completed word search and told us that their summer holidays would be spent swimming, playing football and climbing trees!

The twins' mother, Mrs Fry, said: "The boys are really excited to have won the competition. They have been to The Deep before and really enjoyed it. Their favourite part is seeing the sharks and fish as well as playing in the activity area."

Toby and Luke said: "We worked really hard together to write about what we do in the summer, so we are really happy to win."



Luke and Toby Fry, winners of the Kidz Corner competition

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Kingswood continues to develop

Kingswood Parks' residential developments are continuing to develop at a steady rate, with housebuilders Linden Homes and Beal Homes providing us with updates on their latest sites on pages 10 and 11. Linden Homes is a brand new housebuilder here. Its Lindenwood development includes 79 properties of varying size, which will have easy access to the emerging village centre in Kingswood Parks.

Best Wishes Kelly



Lisa Dobson (centre) with staff at Costa Coffee

"I'll be drinking free Costa Coffee for a year!"



Watch this space for Lisa's updates on the best places locally to drink coffee and relax!

Congratulations to Lisa Dobson of Halecroft Park who is the lucky winner of our Costa Coffee competition, which will see her claiming two free coffees there every week for the next year.

Lisa entered the competition by correctly telling us that 85,000 coffees had been served so far at Costa in Kingswood Parks.

She also answered the question "What do you like best about Kingswood Parks?" with the following entry in writing:

"I like Kingswood Parks as there is a wide variety of amenities and a great social community. I like the fact that on a weekend I can walk down to the shops, stroll around, get a nice spot of lunch and grab a Costa. It has brought jobs to the area and a great foot flow of customers and revenue. Everything is on your doorstep in Kingswood and it's a great place to raise a family. I

enjoy living in Kingswood and cannot wait to see what will be brought to the area next."

When we informed Lisa that she had won the competition, she said: "I decided to enter the competition because I am at Costa Coffee all of the time. My partner even says I should just move in! I am really excited that I have won the competition, I will definitely enjoy my coffee even more from now on!"

Kathy Burgess, Manager at Kingswood Costa Coffee, said: "We would like to say congratulations to Lisa from the whole team here at Costa. We look forward to seeing her every week!"

Kingswood Area Action Plan



The Kingswood Area Action Plan is currently being produced by Hull City Council. It is your opportunity to help influence how Kingswood develops and evolves in the next 15 years, ensuring it remains the best place to live in Hull. The past 15 years have seen huge economic benefits in Kingswood Parks with over 2,000 jobs created.

Residents only need reflect on the last 15 years in Kingswood to see what has been achieved so far in terms of shopping, leisure, business and residential opportunities.

Now marks the start of another new era for the development and residents are being urged to have their say. Make sure your voice is heard in terms of what you think and what you want for the future of Kingswood, as the responses to this questionnaire will help shape the area's future development. The success of the Area Action Plan will be helped by the number of residents who provide valuable feedback.

Area Action Plans are important documents because they set out development proposals for future housing, shops, businesses, services and facilities and transport links. They form a key part of the Council's approach to planning and, once adopted, they are used to guide new development and to determine planning applications. It also helps plan for local employment opportunities. Meanwhile, the plan can help us look at the provision of not only shopping and jobs, but also community benefits and facilities. Voice readers will recall a feature in the last edition of the magazine about a potential £2m New Life church and community building, for example, and residents are actively encouraged to visit the Kingswood Parks website at www.kingswoodparks.co.uk to give us feedback on what new facilities they would like to see.



Kingswood District Centre



Kingswood Parks' residential development is thriving

This is your opportunity to have a look at some of the things outlined below that could be provided or improved through the Area Action Plan process.

- Provide more housing within the development, and an even wider variety of house styles and sizes, offering residents in the area a lifelong, versatile place to live
- Extend the shopping area to allow for further shops and services. The addition of shops would add even more choice, providing an even greater range of national brands on residents' doorsteps. Not only this, but hundreds more local jobs could be created and more car parking could be provided to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion
- Opportunity to provide affordable housing in carefully selected locations within the development
- Explore alternative uses for the undeveloped business park and employment sites, possibly with houses being developed on part of those areas reducing the possibilities of heavy vehicle movement
- Improve future footpath, cycle and road links, creating easier access to different parts of the development for residents and visitors
- Improve public transport routes in future phases, ensuring Kingswood's links with the rest of the city and surrounding region are even stronger
- Make Kingswood greener, providing opportunities for residents to enjoy the beautiful outdoors, as we know walks, picnics and bike rides are all popular activities with people locally too
- Improve access to the River Hull

- Provide high quality green spaces, creating additional areas for children to play in and more open space for residents to enjoy. We shall shortly have some exciting news about a wildlife centre in Kingswood... watch this space!
- Provide more community facilities, further enhancing the sense of community spirit in Kingswood
- Continue to build a high quality environmentally friendly community with increased facilities and increased choice

The Kingswood Area Action Plan Issues & Options Questionnaire is out to public consultation between Monday 5th September and Monday 17th October, a copy is contained within this edition of the Voice.

Please complete it and return it to Hull City Council through one of the various formats on Page 17 of the questionnaire.

Remember, this is your opportunity to help influence how Kingswood evolves in the next 15 years so we want to hear your views!

As well as replying to the questionnaire, please submit any other views you have in writing via the Kingswood Parks website at www.kingswoodparks.co.uk



An aerial view of Kingswood Parks

Sunflowers reach new heights in Kingswood



Scarlett Jameson

Holly-Anne Westbury

Isabella Wray

Joshua Harris

In the last issue of the Voice we challenged every youngster under the age of 16 to grow the tallest sunflower in their garden as part of our Kingswood Parks In Bloom 2011 competition.

Many collected their free sunflower seeds from the Persimmon Homes sales office and rushed home to plant them and see how tall their sunflower would grow. Others took the option of choosing seeds from other sources.

The competition saw many entries from children across the development. We narrowed it down to four finalists who we believe have the tallest sunflowers, and went to see them to find out just how tall their sunflowers are.

A delighted Scarlett Jameson was pleased to be announced as the winner with her sunflower reaching a fantastic 9 foot 5 inches. She has won a family ticket to Flamingo Land and a £25 Next voucher. She said: "I entered the competition as it sounded like a fun thing to do as I have been growing sunflowers at school as well. I am really happy to have won as I have never entered a competition before and I can't wait to tell my class at school during "show and tell" after the summer holidays."

In second place, winning a £50 Next voucher, was Holly-Anne Westbury with a height of 9 foot. She said: "I had grown sunflowers in my garden last year and when I saw the competition I decided to use the seeds from last year's sunflowers and enter. I have enjoyed growing the sunflower and there has been a lot of rivalry amongst contestants on our street!"

Isabella Wray came in third, winning a £25 Next voucher, with a height of 7 foot 5 inches. She told us: "I decided to plant the sunflower seeds because yellow is my favourite colour. I water them every day before my bath which is why I think they have grown so big."

Unfortunately our fourth finalist, Joshua Harris' sunflower was not flowering on the day we visited so a true measurement could not be taken. He said: "I was given the sunflower seeds by my school (Stepney Primary) so when I saw the competition I decided it would be a good idea to plant them and enter. I have really enjoyed looking after them." Joshua won a big bar of Cadbury's Dairy Milk

Congratulations to all entrants for their fantastic efforts in growing the sunflowers.



Mr Jennison (left) and Mrs Harris (right) proudly showcasing their front gardens for the In Bloom competition



Kingswood Parks in Bloom 2011. "I've got the best front garden!"

Prizes: Winner - £1,000 of B&Q vouchers. Finalist - £50 Frankie and Benny's Meal

Residents across the whole of Kingswood Parks have been pruning, weeding and dead-heading to make sure that their front gardens were looking the best they possibly could to be entered into the Kingswood Parks In Bloom competition 2011.

We narrowed the entrants down to two finalists and Neil Jennison, of Parcell Drive, was delighted to hear that he and his wife Angela had been selected as the winners of this year's competition. Mr and Mrs Jennison have won £1,000 in B&Q vouchers, while runner up Carolyn Harris can treat herself with £50 in vouchers for Frankie and Benny's restaurant.

Upon hearing of their success, Neil and Angela Jennison said: "We are incredibly excited to have won the best front garden competition. We have put a lot of hard work into our garden and the whole family is really proud to have won. Until recently, we were growing vegetables in our back garden, however we have now acquired an allotment and so plan to spend the B&Q vouchers on making our back garden somewhere for us to relax and enjoy."

The gardens were judged by Landplan, Kingswood Parks' landscape gardeners. They told us: "the winning garden was well maintained, with a nice colourful design and demonstrates a very interesting use of cordoned fruit."

Neil added: "We have lived in Kingswood Parks for 11 years now and we still love it here. Our front garden is a beautiful and relaxing place to be. The apple stepover fencing was put in two years ago and the trees were bought with garden centre vouchers given to Angela as a gift when she left her job as a school nurse in Bransholme."

"We have designed our front garden to attract many different types of wildlife. The pond is central to this, but we also have birdfeeders and scented plants such as lavender and camomile to attract bees. There is also a pile of small logs, to attract insects, along with a 'frogitat' shelter and clay pipe for access to the ponds for frogs and newts."

"We have several fruit trees including a cherry tree which was planted last year and a pear tree planted two years ago. Alpine strawberries also grow under the hazel bush. The hanging and wall baskets attract bees and other insects and bring a splash of colour to the front garden."

"Gardens can be a way for people to express their individuality and personal tastes and interests. We are quite passionate about growing our own produce. We feel our garden is versatile and shows what possibilities there are, even in a small plot. The garden is simply a space for us and for wildlife to enjoy."

Meanwhile, runner up Carolyn Harris, of Meadow Drive, said: "I have started the design of my front garden, from grass which I dug up in three places and planted trees, lavender and a mixture of plants and shrubs, to make it visually appealing through all the colours. I have added blossom trees to the borders as well as tubs of dahlias and chrysanthemums. There is also a wisteria tree climbing up the partition fence which, although it has not flowered yet, has grown very well and I feel it really adds something to the garden."

"When it comes to gardening, I must confess that I am a learner and much of what I do is trial and error but I really enjoy it and have taken pleasure in watching the garden develop from nothing. I think maintaining a nice garden is very important as it improves the area and gives everyone a sense of pride in where they live. I am also keen to point out that this garden has been done to a very tight budget and I think it demonstrates that creating a beautiful garden does not need to be an expensive task."



Kingswood Parks' new Community POD

A new multi-agency Community POD has recently opened at Kingswood Retail Park. Situated outside of ASDA, the new facility aims to encourage members of the local community to drop in to the POD to gain face-to-face contact and gather information regarding local services and issues.

The facility benefits from the expertise of agencies such as community wardens, fire and rescue, the NHS and Humberside Police. The POD has the capacity to hold general drop-in events for local people to discuss any issues which will be hosted by local partners from each of the agencies.

Chris Craven, from Hull City Council, said: "This is a one year trial pilot scheme which we hope will go from strength to strength. We are always looking for new ways to engage with the public. The POD is not there purely for crime prevention, but is a multi-agency facility. Through the Community POD, we aim to let people know what is going on in the area and provide them with an easier way to get hold of the information they need."

"We have had really positive responses from the public so far. The Community POD is a fantastic example of partnership working. If a particular agency is not available when a member of the public goes to the POD, the partnership is so strong, that we can quickly get hold of a representative of that particular agency."

Community warden Neil Cochran, said: "We staff the POD once or twice a week for two hours. We offer a free cycle etching service where postcodes can be marked onto the bike making it easier to recover them if they are stolen. We also offer crime prevention information and advice. I believe the POD can achieve quite a lot in regards to offering a one stop shop for the general public at a convenient location. It is important that the public can get access to the most appropriate agencies in order to resolve any situations professionally and quickly through a friendly, face-to-face service."

Councillor Danny Brown, from Hull City Council, said: "As part of my involvement in the Community POD, I want to get as many local groups and organisations to use the POD to make people aware of what they can offer the local community. I also intend to hold a monthly ward surgery there on a Saturday morning. Dates are still to be arranged."



Representatives of some of the agencies operating at the Community Pod

The Community POD project could not have come together without the support of ASDA Kingswood and Kingswood Retail Park. Tim Peace, General Manager at ASDA Kingswood Retail Park, said: "I am delighted to have been able to help out with such a worthwhile facility. I guess the biggest way I contributed to the POD, was saying yes to having it on site."

"I felt it was incredibly important to forge strong and effective relationships between myself, ASDA as a company and the local community. All the agencies that use the POD also have the use of our training rooms and offices. We also have monthly meetings held at ASDA, and agency staff are always welcome to use the ASDA staff canteen when they are on their break. It is all about different groups of people working together to achieve the best possible results for the local community."

PC Rachel Brocklesby, from North Carr Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: "Tim has been brilliant in facilitating this project. The Community POD really aims to make a difference to those who live in the Kingswood area. Such a facility will benefit the community in countless ways and each agency in the partnerships hopes that the POD will be well used by local people."

"It is thanks to the team work of the multi-agencies that the POD has so far proven a success. I hope the community make full use of the services we are providing at this site and continue to support us."

FACTFILE The POD is open from 2pm till 4pm, Monday to Friday (exc. Bank Holidays)

- It will be staffed by representatives from the various agencies: Community Wardens, Fire and Rescue, The NHS, Humberside Police
- For more information, contact PC 1310 Rachel Brocklesby, North Carr Neighbourhood Policing Team (non-emergency) on 01482 597245.
- The POD will operate on a flexible 'drop-in' basis where local residents can pop in to the POD to bring up any issues they may have.
- All issues are welcome at any time. If the right agency representative is not available when you visit, your details will be passed on and dealt with by the appropriate person as soon as possible.

Showhome opens its doors for Beal Homes' £20m Westwood development

Beal Homes has just unveiled its eagerly anticipated showhome at Westwood, a new £20 million development of family and executive homes in Kingswood Parks.

Visitors over the August Bank Holiday weekend were the first to see the Carlton, a brand new show house, which is set to be Beal's flagship property in the Hull area. A four bedroom detached property with double garage, The Carlton is said to have a classic architectural exterior. It is set in a fully-landscaped plot with an attractive block-paved driveway.

Underneath the Carlton's timeless exterior, this is a very modern, warm and energy efficient home designed and built by Beal Homes to the latest standards – the Carlton has won an excellent B energy performance rating, which for a detached house of this size is quite an achievement.

Linden Homes names its new development in Kingswood Parks

Housebuilder Linden Homes is laying the foundations for a wonderful new lifestyle for househunters in Kingswood Parks.

Work has now started on the first collection of high-quality homes in the Lindenwood development, which will eventually comprise 79 properties linking to the village centre via tranquil, tree-lined pedestrian avenues.

Homes will include spacious three and four-bedroom family houses, as well as a choice of stylish starter homes and apartments.

Among the first plots that will go on sale are the three-bedroom 'Sumerby', available as a detached or as a semi-detached design, as well as the three-bedroom 'Fulstow' townhouse. In addition the terraced and semi-detached three-bedroom 'Marston' houses are also being developed there.



This showhome demonstrates what excellent internal accommodation the Carlton design provides, though Richard Beal, managing director of the family-owned house builder, is keen to point out that all purchasers at Westwood have the option of changing the internal layout of Beal's designs to create a bespoke home without additional cost, subject to build stage.

The Carlton is one of a vast range of 18 house designs, mostly detached and semi-detached, being built by Beal Homes at the 7.5 acre Westwood. Current properties released for sale start with the Appleby two bedroom coach house with a garage at £129,995. The choice of three bedroom homes includes the semi-detached Bedale at £164,995. The detached Carlton at £279,995 is the top of Beal's four bedroom range.

For the full portfolio of Westwood house designs, and for details of Beal's schemes to help buyers with a home to sell, see Beal's website. Westwood, Runnymede Avenue, Kingswood Parks, Hull. The showhome is open daily 10am to 5pm. Beal Homes free phone 0800 6121216. www.beal-homes.co.uk



Meanwhile, the three-bedroom detached 'Tockwith' and the four-bedroom 'Kelsey' end terrace homes are expected to offer an exceptional opportunity for those looking to move up the property ladder in Kingswood Parks.

Lindenwood is due to open the doors to a stunning showhome during the autumn/winter season, and the development will welcome its first residents in time for Christmas.

Linden Homes says it has worked closely with planners and architects to ensure it offers a wide selection of properties to appeal to first-time buyers through to growing families.

To register your interest in the new homes at Lindenwood and be among the first to see floor plans and prices when the properties go on sale, visit www.lindenhomes.co.uk or contact Gizzy Murray on 01482 359360.

Haigh family look forward to Westwood move

2011 promises to be an exciting year for the Haigh family. Mr and Mrs Haigh are looking forward to both a new addition to their young family and a move to Beal Homes' new Westwood development at Kingswood Parks.

Electrician Ian and his wife Victoria have purchased a brand new five bedroom detached Canterbury 'off plan' at the development being built on Runnymede Avenue.

The couple and their three children, ten year old Ethan and six year old twins Ruban and Adam, already live at Kingswood Parks. They enjoy the lifestyle at what is acknowledged to be one of Hull's most desirable residential locations. So, when they received the good news that baby number four was on the way, they started to look for larger properties in the area.

"We want to stay in Kingswood, but know we will need something bigger when our new baby arrives," said Ian. "With shops, a cinema, bowling and pubs all within a walk, Kingswood Parks is a great location for people like us with a young family."

Newton Contracting Services for which Ian works is one of the many local contractors, which Beal Homes employs to provide specialist services at its developments, so Ian knew what was on offer at Westwood.

"I know the lads building these houses and I know that they build to a high standard so it felt right buying at Westwood," he said. "I also know how flexible Beal Homes are when it comes to making changes to the interiors to suit the buyer, which is a real advantage. We talked to Beal about having five bedrooms, instead of the four in the Canterbury design, and they kindly agreed to include a second storey master suite, which will be great for us."

The Haighs have used Beal's Home Exchange scheme to sell their current property. "The Beal team have got it down to a T. As far as personal service is concerned we couldn't have asked for more help. Any query we've had has been answered, we've had plenty of advice when we've needed it along the way and their 24 hour helpline has been great."

The Haigh's new Canterbury home will be ready to move into in autumn and, with their baby due in November, they have good reason to look forward to Christmas and New Year in their new home.

Their Canterbury will have a central entrance hall, lounge with bay window, dining room, kitchen with breakfast area, utility room, study and downstairs cloakroom. Upstairs first floor accommodation will include a master bedroom with en-suite, a further three bedrooms and a family bathroom with the additional top storey including the additional master bedroom with en-suite.



Mr and Mrs Haigh have been enjoying choosing all the fixtures and fittings for their new home with visits to Beal's Customer Selection Studio. "It's been tremendous to have lots of good ideas and expert advice from Beal's Steve Arnold who has helped and guided us through all the choices at the studio to arrive at the design of our own interior," said Ian.

Westwood is located on the north western edge of Kingswood Parks. A number of properties have been released for sale 'off plan' including three bedroom homes like the Butterwick at £164,995 and the Ripley at £169,995. Beal is offering a wide choice of four bedroom, detached properties, including the Canterbury and ranging from the Windsor at £196,995 up to the Carlton at £279,995.

Set around secluded, block-paved cul-de-sacs reached via a horseshoe shaped road layout with no through traffic, homes at the Westwood will be substantial, mainly detached, family properties in classic, traditional architectural styles with generously-proportioned contemporary interiors, says Beal Homes.

Westwood, Runnymede Avenue, Kingswood Parks, Hull Marketing office open daily 10am to 5pm.

Beal Homes free phone 0800 6121216. www.beal-homes.co.uk

Kidz Corner

competitions

Win a watercolour painting set!

With back to school, comes a change in the weather and we know that it can be hard to think of interesting indoor activities to keep yourself entertained. That's why we have teamed up with WHSmith at Kingswood Retail Park to offer one lucky winner a Master Collection Watercolour painting set.

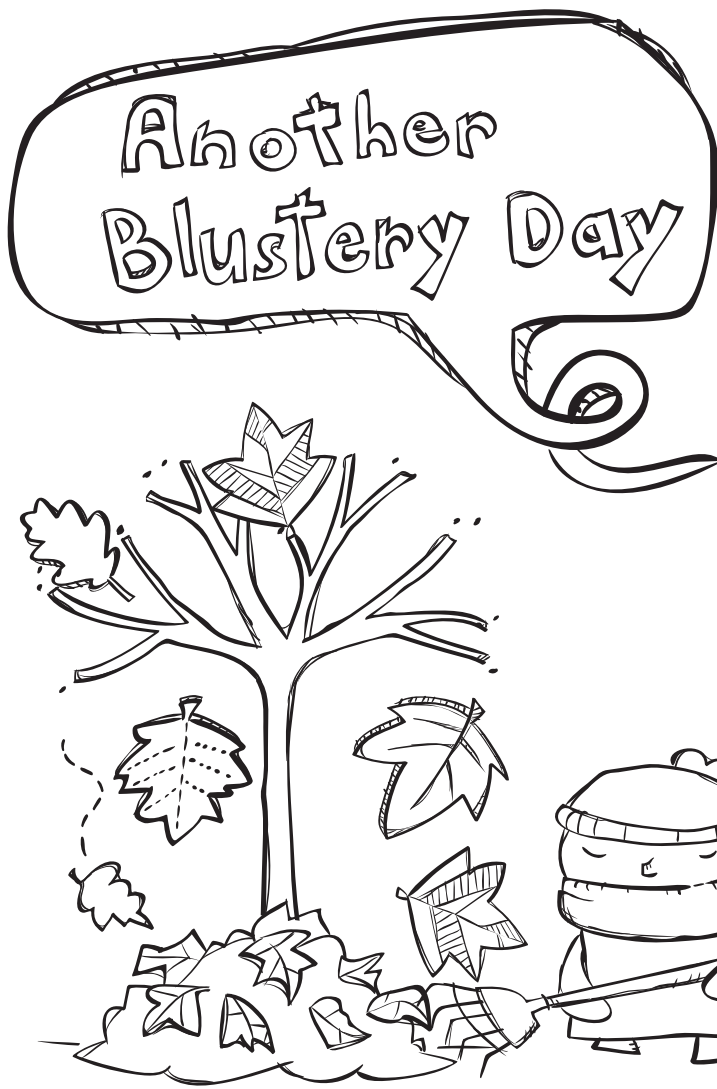
All you have to do to be in with a chance of winning is colour in the pictures of the autumn leaves below.

Don't worry, you can do this with any crayons or paints, it doesn't have to be watercolour to enter.

Send us your finished entry to the address at the bottom of this page before October 31st to be in with a chance of winning this fantastic prize!



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What would you like to see built in Kingswood Parks that isn't here already?

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Return all competition entries to: Mercury, Mercury House, Marfleet Lane, Hull, HU9 5RN - www.mercury-marketing.co.uk

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