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# Welcome...

.. to the latest edition of the Kingswood Parks Voice, which is distributed by the Kingswood Parks Development Company (KPDC). KPDC is the primary developer of Kingswood Parks, an area that forms a small part of the Kingswood district of north Hull and is populated by approximately 2,000 people.

We are delighted to bring the fourth edition of the magazine to our readers and we're particularly pleased to report the excellent feedback we have received about the content of past editions. Testament to the magazine's success was our recent entry into Yorkshire and Lincolnshire's CIPR (Chartered Institute of Public Relations) Pride Awards, when the Kingswood Parks Voice won the Gold Award for Community Relations.

We're always keen to keep receiving feedback from our readers in order to continually improve the magazine, so please do send us your feedback and stories for future editions via our website:  
[www.kingswoodparks.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodparks.co.uk)

Kingswood Parks is continuing to develop and prove to be a popular location for househunters. We took a closer look at Persimmon's two showhomes and were impressed with the layout and contemporary decor - read more on pages 4 and 5.

We've also recently had an exciting addition to our retail park - WH Smith, which brings a brand new offering to shoppers in the development and is ideal for those "back to school" necessities and other stationery items, as well as a wide range of gift ideas. Meanwhile, we're really pleased to be able to give residents an update on a new, purpose-built health centre that you will have no doubt seen being developed within Kingswood Parks. It's fantastic to see that local primary school pupils are getting so involved with the project.

As always, we have profiled some of our competition winners in the magazine. Here at the Voice, we always like to ensure our readers are in with the chance of winning some great prizes - that's why we sent two lucky teenagers on a shopping spree to Next earlier this year. This time around, you could be in with a chance of winning a free weekend away in London courtesy of First Hull Trains and KPDC - make sure you get your entries in on time! All in all, this edition is packed with even more information about what's happening in Kingswood Parks, which is proving to be the most popular place to live in Hull.

*Best Wishes Kelly*

[On behalf of KPDC]

# Restaurant *spy*

Our new feature taking a sneaky peak inside some of the restaurants in the development...



## Fun for all the family at Frankie & Benny's

The Restaurant Spy team from the Kingswood Parks Voice sent a family of three to Frankie and Benny's in the development earlier this month to sample the quality of the food and the atmosphere.

The verdict? An all round thumbs up. The family we sent gave us excellent feedback and raved about the fantastic meals which were all cooked to perfection. Frankie and Benny's provides a cool mix of great music and a fun atmosphere.

The staff at the restaurant were excellent on the Saturday tea time we sent our undercover diners.

In fact, we had reports back that the staff interact very well with children, making it a great experience for little ones who will also love the goodie bag they receive on arrival.

Frankie and Benny's is perfect if you're looking for that special somewhere to celebrate an occasion with children and adults.

"The lasagne and burger we had were delicious, whilst the Children's Spaghetti Bolognese was an ideal portion size for our four-year-old daughter, who also loved the American theme decor and atmosphere."

**The verdict** Ideal for a family meal out, especially if you're celebrating a special occasion

**Opening times** Monday to Saturday, 11am to 11pm, and Sunday, 11am to 10:30pm

**Total price** (including soft drinks) £38

**Contact** (01482) 838388

## You review it...

Send in your own Restaurant Spy review and the receipt from your meal to the address on the back of the Voice. If your review is printed in our next edition, you will get your money back.

# Health centre development picks up the pace...



Six school pupils from a North Hull-based primary school donned their hard hats to lay the inaugural brick at the site of a new health centre in Kingswood Parks earlier this year.

The pupils from Broadacre Primary School – which is in Wawne Road, Hull – laid the first of an estimated 45,000 bricks and 22,500 breeze blocks that will be used overall in the construction of the £3.2m health centre.

Work on the new 1,232 square metre centre started in the New Year when representatives from NHS Hull and Hull City Council turned the first sod.

The youngsters laying the first brick were able to see how quickly the centre – which will house a new GP practice and other associated health services – is rising up from the ground.

Jo Barnes said: “This building is the first part of the jigsaw in the new village centre for Kingswood Parks.

“Once complete, it will be a vital asset for the community, providing great new facilities for the residents of Kingswood Parks and the surrounding area.”

The centre is amongst those being delivered in the second phase

of the city’s NHS LIFT (Local Improvement Finance Trust) programme. The programme is delivered by Citycare, the partnership between the city’s primary care trust NHS Hull and construction company Sewell Group.

Sean Henderson, Site Manager for Sewell Group, added: “We are keen to work closely with members of the local community throughout the course of the centre’s development in the run up to its completion in October.

“The brick laying ceremony was just the first in a series of activities we are running in conjunction with local school children and I am confident that the initiative will be a huge success in terms of engaging members of the community.

“Some of the pupils have also written a newspaper about the development to give to their parents.”

Citycare and Sewell Group are working with residents to minimise disruption throughout the construction of the building, and are proud to employ as many local people as possible in all of their developments.

For more information, visit [www.citycare-developments.co.uk](http://www.citycare-developments.co.uk)

## FACTFILE

- The hot water to the building is provided by ground source heat pumps, this involves sinking 10 bores into the earth, each bore is drilled 100 metres deep into the ground. 1000m of pipe work is then placed and linked back to the plant room
- 45,000 bricks and 22,500 breeze blocks will be used in the construction of the building – enough to run all the way from the site in Kingswood Parka to Beverley Minster
- The building is heated by under floor heating which is created by laying pipe work within the concrete floor screed. 10,000m of pipe work will be used for this
- Local people employed in the design and construction of the centre has topped over 90% of those involved with the site to date
- It is estimated that over 10,000 cups of tea will be drunk by the workforce during the 40 week build programme!



# Stylish homes for first time buyers in Kingswood Parks...



**Despite the economic downturn, houses in Kingswood Parks are continuing to be popular with buyers, who are choosing the development for its wide range of property styles and prices to suit all budgets. Kelly Todd took a closer look inside two of the showhouses to find out what's attracting househunters to the area.**

Nestled away in the heart of Kingswood Parks' residential development, Persimmon Gardens offers househunters a contemporary living concept in a leafy residential environment.

Benefitting from modern design features such as open plan kitchen diners and flexible living areas, the house styles provide everything you would expect from a new home, as well as only being a stones throw away from the wide range of facilities on offer within Kingswood Parks such as shops, restaurants and leisure outlets.

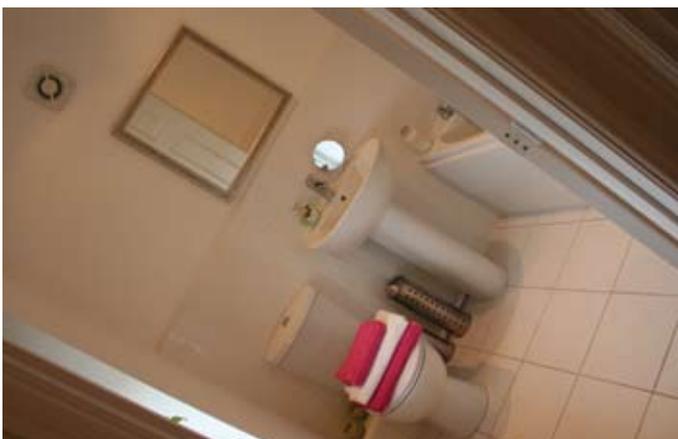
Persimmon Homes' development of one, two, three and four bedroom houses, offer something for everyone and continue to be popular with buyers in the area. I looked around two showhouses on Persimmon Gardens and was thoroughly impressed.

The Coniston was the first house I came to on the showhome complex, a three bedroom family home boasting many features.

The layout of the house is ideal for young families, providing attractive living space in which to spend precious family time, as well as bedrooms that provide space for parents with their own en-suite bathroom and playtime for children just across the landing.

I fell in love with the open plan breakfast kitchen, which provides a light and airy space in which to enjoy family meals and leisure time. Meanwhile, the living area features patio doors overlooking the garden.

The Cheltenham, which is situated across three floors, is the next door visitors will come to and the interior of the property will not fail to impress.





Featuring high quality fixtures and fittings, this beautiful townhouse is the perfect solution for people who want to enjoy living with more space. There's nothing quite like a master bedroom taking over the whole top floor of a townhouse and this one is really striking, with its own set of stairs leading up to the room and an en-suite shower room as well.

The floor below features the other two bedrooms and a family bathroom, ideal as bedrooms for teenagers or as guest rooms. This house provides such versatility that the bedrooms can meet the needs of individual buyers.

Couples or first time buyers might look to use one of the bedrooms as a study or "snug" - a popular concept for a second living space in the home.

Dedicated to giving househunters a helping hand on to the property ladder, Persimmon Homes is hosting a special open weekend for first time buyers on Saturday and Sunday, June 13th and 14th.

Ian Wilson, of Persimmon, said: "The HomeBuy Direct scheme is a government initiative which has made buying a home more affordable for first time buyers and key workers (such as those who work for the NHS), as well as for people who are returning from living abroad or have recently divorced. The scheme means that buyers just need to pay as little as 70% of the full purchase price on the property and the remaining 30% can be funded with a 30% five year interest free loan.

"First time buyers are being encouraged to visit Persimmon Gardens on the open weekend to find out more about whether they may be eligible."

Prices at Persimmon Gardens range between £115,999 and £219,999.

**For details, call (01482) 822111.**

The showhome is open between Thursday and Monday, between 10.30am and 5.30pm.

[www.persimmonhomes.com](http://www.persimmonhomes.com)



# Business focus

Taking a closer look at the businesses in Kingswood Parks. This month we meet Alex Taylor of Hutton's...



His family's long-standing reputation within the shipping industry goes back more than 100 years.

These days, Alex Taylor, Managing Director of Hutton's, is bringing the same level of success to his business right here in Kingswood Parks. Hutton's was originally established in 1820 and, following a series of buyouts, more recently came under the ownership of the Taylor family in 2000.

"We supply ships from all over the world with everything they might need on arrival into the UK – and that's not just in Hull, we have seven offices throughout the country from Southampton right up to Aberdeen," explained Alex, who commutes to Kingswood Parks from his home near York every day.

"Our base in Kingswood Parks is our main distribution centre – the business has always had a base in Hull and when my family took over Hutton's we were keen to remain in the area, yet not be in an area where we would be affected by congestion problems. The road links from here are excellent for our distribution lorries."

Alex's family started off as ship owners in Hull back in 1875 and have passed industry knowledge from one generation to another as the years have gone by. Now, thanks to their expertise and foresight, Hutton's has developed a reputation for providing excellent levels of service when supplying everything from food through to tools and even paints to ships that require top notch service within tight timescales.

Alex added: "We are a one stop shop for ship owners and about a third of our business each year comes from repeat purchase. It's a very specialist industry and there are plenty of pitfalls and potential problems, which certainly keeps you on your toes. I really enjoy my job, everyday throws new challenges at you."

Further demonstrating his commitment to the local area, Alex tries to source the products Hutton's supplies to the international ship market from local businesses wherever possible. The company's office in Kingswood Parks employs 30 staff, some of whom do live within the development – at the moment Hutton's isn't recruiting, but when vacancies do arise Hutton's is sure to keep the Voice informed.

[www.huttons-chandlers.com](http://www.huttons-chandlers.com)

# Kidz Corner winners enjoy a shopping spree in Kingswood Parks



The lucky winners of the last Kidz Corner competition were twelve-year-olds Dana Beadle and Lauren Elizabeth St. Jean. After writing in with their best memories of a time spent in Kingswood Parks, plus telling us what new facilities they would like to see in the area, the girls each won a £50 Next voucher and couldn't wait to go shopping!

Lauren and Dana are both big fans of Next and admit it is one of their favourite shops. "I shop here most of the time really", said Dana, who quickly found a pair of jeans she liked. Lauren also likes Next's great range of clothing and was hoping to spend her prize on

a new jacket, shoes, and a top if she has some money left over!

The girls have lived in Kingswood Parks for five years and eighteen months respectively, and agree that it is a great place to live.

While Lauren explains it is a nice, quiet area with attractive houses and polite neighbours, Dana says that the appeal for her is having everything close by and that the great choice of outlets mean there is something for everyone.

That said, they also believe that an ice arena and cosmetics boutique would be welcome additions to the retail site.

Despite their love for this wealth of entertainment on their doorstep, it was the simple things in life that came to mind when recalling their best Kingswood Parks memories. Dana commends the good variety of parks there are to choose between and remembers a particularly sunny day out when she was playing with a friend. "I just thought it was really nice" she said. Lauren describes how she and her best friend, Lou, played and slid on the ice and then made up dances on their way home, much to the amusement of passers-by: "We just thought it was funny if we fell, if we get hurt we just laugh about it."

See back page for the latest Kidz Corner competition

**Dana:** "It was a bright sunny day and my friend and I went to play out at the park (there is a selection of parks to choose from). We had a picnic and played on the swings and were joking and having a great time. On the way home we could hear birds singing and saw a rainbow."

**Lauren:** "Well, I had just got my pocket money and me and my best friend Lou went for a massive shop, but it was really icy and we were falling all over, it was so funny! All of the shops were so high in quality that we were there for ages. I love Kingswood! Also, on that day, we decided to make up a dance and all the passers by were laughing! Kingswood is great! Thank you!"

# Toddlers in Kingswood Parks blow out 10 candles



Kingswood Day Nursery celebrated its tenth birthday in April.

The Voice was delighted to be invited to look round the nursery, which looks after approximately 77 children everyday – about 70% of them are from the Kingswood Parks development. The nursery has the capacity to look after up to 85 children per day.

It's clear for all to see that Lindsey West, Nursery Manager, knows her job inside out – she joined the

nursery, which is situated within a secure area of David Lloyd Health Club, when it first opened in April 1999.

Lindsey, who has a team of 23 nursery staff – three of whom live within the development, was originally the Deputy Manager at the nursery, before becoming Nursery Manager four years ago. The nursery, which is part of the Asquith Nurseries, takes babies and toddlers right from three-months-old through to five-years-old.

Lindsey said: "Kingswood Day Nursery is a real home from home, where children are welcomed into small, cosy rooms, with a happy family atmosphere. Colourful displays and modern equipment create a stimulating environment, and our qualified and experienced staff plan a wide range of fun and developmental activities appropriate for each age group.

"Pre-school children are encouraged to use our computer and children of all ages enjoy

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regular outings to, and also visits from, the local fire station, children's farm and many more. Outside, there are plenty of opportunities for outdoor play with tents, balls and bikes, or climbing on safe, fixed equipment in our large play area with a safety surface and shady parasols."

Kingswood Day Nursery also has a crèche facility for David Lloyd Club members, open throughout the week and children can be left in the crèche for up to three hours.

Don't just take it from us that the Kingswood Day Nursery is excellent – we also took a look at their Ofsted report from last year's inspection, which was very encouraging. One of the many positive comments included:

"The teaching and learning is good. Children are motivated and interested in what they do. Staff provide the children with a variety of activities and resources which are linked to areas of learning. Children make decisions on what they do and

this is promoted through continuous play opportunities."

The nursery, which also has a safe outdoor play area and garden, is open between the hours of 7.30am and 6pm, from Monday to Friday. If you would like to find out when the next open day is at the nursery, or arrange an appointment with Lindsey, call (01482) 838850.

[www.asquithnurseries.co.uk](http://www.asquithnurseries.co.uk)



# News from Kingswood College of Arts



## Kingswood kids are leading the way

Kingswood College of Arts' student leadership initiative is providing good role models for students and improving communications throughout the college.

For the senior student leadership team's head boy and head girl, getting involved with opinion forming and decision-making was something that both Year 11 students were enthusiastic about from day one.

Rachel Wood, 15, said: "We thought it sounded really good and our teachers told us how impressive it would look on our CV in the future."

Dalton Berry, also 15, added: "It's a good experience. You are working with teachers and staff which is something that we wouldn't do otherwise. It sets us up for the future."

Kingswood College of Arts was praised in its glowing Ofsted report recently for giving students a voice and the opportunity to take responsibility and express their opinions.

Particular strengths identified in the report are the support and care provided for students and the links with the local community, with aspects of the college's work in the community being described as "outstanding". Headteacher Nicole Swallow said: "I am delighted to read such a positive report and particularly pleased that the curriculum is graded as 'good', and that the proportion of good or better lessons has exceeded the Local Authority's target. This testifies to the hard work of the whole staff team and the support we have had from students, parents and the wider community. Kingswood is most definitely on the up."

The senior student leadership team comprises 10 students. The teams meet every week to discuss a wide range of issues at the college including student welfare, hospitality and student voice. They chair their own meetings and take minutes. Findings are then taken back to the headteacher and to their peers.

Rachel added: "We talk to all of the students in our year and go into

assemblies to introduce ourselves. It's easy to talk to those in the years below but it can be quite daunting to talk to people in our own year."

Dalton added: "A lot of the feedback we get from students is about events and we've been setting up the Year 11 committee that will organise the end-of-year prom and a year book."

Rachel and Dalton plan to go into further and higher education once they have completed their education at Kingswood College of Arts.

For more information, or to read the full Ofsted report, visit the school's website:

[www.wearekingswood.co.uk](http://www.wearekingswood.co.uk)



# WIN

## ... a weekend in London

Win a pair of free tickets on First Hull Trains, as well as two free nights in a hotel, including breakfast, and your chance to see the sights in London!

We are delighted to be able to offer readers the chance to win two train tickets, provided courtesy of Hull Trains. The winners will be able to take advantage of Hull Trains' "London for Less than a Tenner" campaign, which includes tickets on the 19:18 train travelling from Hull to King's Cross on a weekend of their choice before the end of September 2009.

On arrival into London, you will check in at the Premier Inn just next to King's Cross Station. The next day, you can enjoy a full day in London with two Big Bus tickets thrown in for free.

This will be followed by a second night in the hotel, giving you the opportunity to have a night out. The challenge while you are there is to see how many different things you can see and do in London, whilst spending the least money. We want our winners to report back to us on how much they spent in London in comparison to how much they did!!

**How to enter:** Visit the following weblink

<http://www.hulltrains.co.uk/kingswoodvoice>

Please submit your entry form before August 1st, 2009 and tell us in no more than 100 words why you should be chosen to take part in the London for Less than a Tenner Challenge.

**Good luck!**

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# Kidz Corner

competitions

Budding photographers in Kingswood Parks could be in with a chance of winning a Fuji digital camera, with a built in LCD screen and flash, as well as a movie capture functionality, from Comet.

*The Kidz Corner Club*

# WIN



**How to win:** All you have to do to be in with a chance of winning this camera is send us one photograph of a place in Kingswood Parks that you have taken yourself. On the back of the photograph, please ensure you write your full name and age, as well as including a letter about why you took this particular photo and what you love about the place. Please also complete the entry form below, along with your completed Spot the Difference game, by August 1st 2009. The winning entrants will have their photograph published in the next edition of the Voice, as well as receiving a camera like the one shown here.



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What do you enjoy doing on a weekend in Kingswood Parks? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Spot the difference...



See if you can spot the eight differences between these two photographs of a David Wilson showhome in Kingswood Parks, you will need to look very closely!