

# voice

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## Our village centre design ideas

**We want your feedback - see inside**



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# Welcome to the Voice...

..which is brought to you by The Kingswood Parks Development Company (KPDC).

## Village centre design

We're really pleased to be able to provide local residents with more information about our planned village centre and seek your views. We have included the latest design principles for the centre which will create a real village feel in Kingswood Parks.

## Thriving health centre

Kingswood Parks is continuing to develop and proving to be a popular destination for househunters. With community facilities continuing to develop, such as the Kingswood Health Centre which opened in the village centre area last October, and has seen over 1,000 new patients register there already, there is no wonder people are so attracted to the area.

## Beautiful new showhouse

In this edition, Beal Homes invites us for a tour of its stylish new showhouse, which offers even more variety when it comes to house styles in the area. In addition, we met up with a couple who recently moved into a Persimmon property to find out how they are settling into the development.

## Our winners

We are delighted to reveal our competition winners from the last edition and there's another Kidz Corner competition on the back page.

Don't forget to visit our website either: [www.kingswoodparks.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodparks.co.uk) which features a DVD taking a closer look inside Kingswood College of Arts, the thriving secondary school located nearby our development. We're also delighted to include a copy of the DVD inside this magazine.

## Kingswood Parks In Bloom

This year, we are launching a Kingswood Parks in Bloom competition for the very first time. Our lucky winner will be given a £2,000 garden makeover! Our judges will be looking for the best garden in the development, so submit your entry form now to ensure our judges visit your garden on August 7th which is judging day.

*Best Wishes Kelly*

Have you got an interesting story to tell us? If you have moved to Kingswood Parks recently and would like to be featured in the magazine, get in touch by emailing [kelly.todd@mercury-marketing.co.uk](mailto:kelly.todd@mercury-marketing.co.uk)

# FREE 12 month cinema pass for Elaine!

We had a fantastic level of responses to our competitions in the last edition of the magazine. Thank you to all those who entered and a big thank you to Cineworld for giving our prize winner a free 12 month Cineworld Unlimited pass.

The lucky winner of the competition was Elaine Hayes, aged 48, who lives in Chevening Park. Our competition asked readers the answer to a question about Cineworld's Unlimited pass and offered them the opportunity to win this as a prize. We had a record number of entries for this competition, leaving Elaine feeling especially lucky to be chosen.

She said: "I was actually out at the cinema when somebody rang me to tell me I'd won the prize. Having it on my doorstep means I do use it a lot but now that I've won the unlimited pass I'll probably be here a lot more. My daughter's already asking me if she'll be able to use it."

We were also inundated with entries to our Kidz Corner competition, which included a word search all about Kingswood Parks.

Jamila Harley, aged 11, from Weald Park, won the last competition and in her entry, when asked which is her favourite place to shop in Kingswood Parks, she said: "I like to shop at Asda so I can buy all the latest clothes."

Jamila was thrilled when she was presented with a fantastic prize from WHSmith, which was a rucksack filled with all of the essential equipment for school, including a fantastic geometry set, notepads, pens, files and all sorts. Congratulations to both Elaine and Jamila!

Keep your entries coming in for our next competition on the back page, which gives youngsters the chance to win a prize from Asda George.



Jamila Harley - Our Kidz Corner winner



Elaine Hayes is presented with her Cineworld Unlimited pass by Gary Cotton, General Manager

# New health centre signs up over 1,000 patients



More than 1,000 residents in Kingswood Parks and the surrounding area have registered at Kingswood Health Centre already.

Since the new facility opened its doors in October 2009, people have been flocking to the state-of-the-art building to enroll.

Representing an investment of £2.5m, the centre provides access to everything from a range of seven GPs (including female GPs) from the Haxby Group GP practice, as well as a range of NHS Hull services including pain management, community gynaecology, mental health, neurology, and ear nose and throat/audiology services.

“This new service in Kingswood Parks has been incredibly well received,” said Neil Hewson, Practice Manager. “People were literally queuing up on the first week we opened, so it’s clear that a facility of this nature was in demand in the local area.”



## Interview with Dr Sarah Blades

Dr Sarah Blades is one of two female GPs now working from Kingswood Health Centre’s Haxby Group GP practice. Kingswood Parks Voice spoke to her about her experience as a female GP and how she’s enjoying working at the new surgery in the heart of Kingswood.

### **How are you enjoying working from the new health centre at Kingswood?**

It’s been really fantastic, we’ve had some great feedback from patients and 1,100 people have signed up with the surgery in just our first four months. It’s a modern environment and I think that people are finding it great having health care on their doorstep.

### **What do you think you bring to the practice?**

Personally my individual interest within medicine is in women’s health and this has allowed the practice to offer examinations, coil fittings, contraceptive implant fittings and advice on all contraceptive issues, as well as sexual health advice. It’s about making sure patients are comfortable and often women are more at ease when talking about these issues with other women.

### **Are there any further plans to expand the services the surgery offers?**

We have recently gained advanced training practice status and we will have a range of nurses and doctors

training with us. This will develop education in the practice, which is incredibly important to us as it encourages doctors and nurses to the area and also increases staff education and skills development.



### **What do you hope to see happen at the practice over the next few months?**

As we continue to grow and the local demographic increases over the coming months, we will be looking to expand the services we are able to offer. This naturally means we will require extra doctors and nurses; we have a third female GP joining our Hull team in the summer and a further GP joining in the autumn. We have also recruited a new nurse trainer who starts in May. We very much look forward to welcoming the new staff into our friendly and welcoming team.

We also look forward to continuing to provide high quality primary care to the local community and to providing further services such as dedicated family planning clinics. This fantastic facility has a great deal of potential and we aim to maximise it fully, ensuring that it grows in value to the community.

# The evolution of a village centre in Kingswood Parks



## The design of our new village centre has been given the go-ahead

We are delighted to announce that the detailed plan for a "village centre" in Kingswood Parks is now emerging.

### Housing development could start in Autumn

Our exciting plans, which have been given Hull City Council's go ahead, mean that residents in Kingswood Parks can look forward to having their own village amenities right on their doorstep and housing development could start in the centre as soon as this Autumn.

As Voice readers will already be aware, Kingswood Health Centre was the first development to be completed, in October 2009, in land that is earmarked for the rest of the village centre, and the facility is already being well used by residents in Kingswood Parks and the surrounding area (you can read all about it further on in this magazine). Although the evolution of the village centre was slowed down by the recession, our plans are beginning to pick up pace again now.

### Designs given the go-ahead to create a village feel

The plan opposite shows the latest layout ideas for your new village centre and the artist's impressions below give a feel for the new style of housing that we are planning to develop.

This is a different type of housing to the properties that have been built in Kingswood Parks previously, as we want to give it a real village feel. The variety of styles are designed to add interest and character to the centre.

In addition, a village green and public square has been introduced into the design to give the village centre a focal point, with pedestrian and cycle routes/greenways around it providing easy access to the amenities. Our main objective of introducing a village centre to Kingswood Parks is to create a vibrant community and commercial heart to the development that will engender a real sense of belonging for our residents.

### A wide range of public facilities for local residents

At the moment, the exact facilities are still being confirmed, but we expect that the village centre will include a school, a range of retail units fronting onto the public square, sheltered housing for the elderly and potentially a pharmacy. The detail will become clearer on the exact use of each of the developments in time, but our plans are certainly moving in the right direction.

What services would you like to see provided in the new village centre? Send us your feedback via the Kingswood Parks website:

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

The design of the village centre is being developed with Beal Homes, which is to launch a brand new range of homes specifically for first time buyers and young families within the village centre.



## Possible new facilities

The visual on the left shows in 3D what your new village centre could look like. Some of the facilities we are proposing include:

- Village green
- Public square
- Play area
- School (including community use/sports facilities)
- Retail units
- Sheltered housing for the elderly
- Pharmacy



# Our new home in Kingswood Parks and a £500 prize!



## Couple treated to a £500 garden makeover for telling us their story

David Barrick and Emma MacKenzie were taking their first steps onto the property ladder when they decided to visit Kingswood Parks and find out what opportunities were available on the new build homes.

They have told us their story and as a special thank you we have given them a £500 garden makeover, to be carried out by our landscape gardening experts Landplan. Watch out for the “after” pictures in our next issue of the magazine.

## A brand new home is the perfect option

“We’d never really considered buying a new home until we visited Persimmon Gardens. We had looked more into buying a pre-owned home that needed work doing,” says David.

However, with friends and family who had bought new properties and been extremely pleased with the experience, the couple soon realised that moving into a brand new home would be a preferable option.

David added: “We’re both really busy people and when we thought about how much time and effort we would need to do up an older home, compared to buying a new house that you can just move into and not have to do anything, we decided it wasn’t for us.”

Buying off plan meant that David, who works as a delivery driver, and Emma, who is a teacher, weren’t able to see their home before it was built, so they visited Persimmon’s Lakeside development in Scunthorpe to take a look around the same Portsmouth house style.

Emma said: “It was really useful to be able to visit another development and see first hand the standard of the quality and finish that your own home will eventually be built to and Julie, our Persimmon sales advisor, was so helpful and able to answer any other questions we had about what we could expect.

## Finishing Touches package adds style

“Julie also helped us when we were deciding on what Finishing Touches we wanted to add to our home, which are a range of extras and upgrades on the property’s fixtures and fittings that you can choose to pay a little bit more for.”

David continues: “With Finishing Touches, we were able to totally re-vamp the kitchen and design it ourselves, adding a double oven and an American style fridge freezer amongst other things, which really made it to our own taste and didn’t cost as much as you would think.”

Of course there were a number of other benefits that buying a new home could offer and David and Emma, like many house hunters, were able to benefit from Persimmon’s wide range of financial support schemes, which include Shared Equity and the Government backed HomeBuy Direct.

## We are enjoying living in Kingswood Parks

Emma added: “We have been over the moon with the whole experience of buying at Persimmon Gardens and are really enjoying living in Kingswood Parks. We found the right home at the right price and the customer care has been great.

“There is a real village community feel that can be found here and yet you are only five minutes away from all the facilities you could need. We also have some great neighbours who we got to know through the shared experience of all moving in around the same time. All in all, living here is something that we’d definitely recommend.”

**Do you want your story to feature here?** Write to us, at the address on the back of the magazine, if you have recently moved to Kingswood Parks and tell us, in a minimum of 300 words, what attracted you to the area. You will have to be willing to feature in photographs for future editions of the magazine. The winning entrant will receive £500 to spend on garden plants through Landplan.



David and Emma’s new home in Kingswood Parks

Win a £2,000 garden makeover!

# Kingswood Parks in Bloom launches in 2010

## Have you got the best garden in the area?

For the first time ever, we're launching a **Kingswood Parks in Bloom** competition. So, if you think your green fingered efforts have ensured your garden is an outdoor haven, read on.

### **This is your chance to win a £2,000 garden makeover.**

Our expert gardeners from Landplan, the company that manages all of the landscaping in Kingswood Parks, will be judging Kingswood Parks in Bloom on **August 7th**. Once a winner has been chosen, they will meet with them to plan their dream garden and turn it into a reality.

We want to use Kingswood Parks in Bloom as a way of encouraging people to take real pride in their gardens to ensure we've got some of the very best in the city. As Kingswood Parks continues to expand, it's increasingly important that the area maintains its image of quality.

### How to enter to be in with a chance

If you want to make sure the judges visit your garden, simply complete the entry form below and we will be in touch to give you an approximate time that the judges will come to your property.

Not only are we looking for a winner of the **Best Garden category**, but we're also running a competition to find the **largest garden marrow growing in Kingswood Parks** – the winner of that competition will receive £250 worth of B&Q vouchers.

Readers will be able to see photographs of the winners in their gardens in the next issue of the magazine!

### **Meet Joe Russell, one of our judges from Landplan**

Joe will be a familiar face in Kingswood Parks during our competition, as he is one of the experts we are sending out into the development in search of the very best entrants.



Joe, managing director of Hull-based, family owned, landscape contractors Landplan has been at the helm of the business since 1996 and oversees a team of 25 staff.

Kingswood Parks Development Company commission Landplan for much of the landscaping across the development, including planting trees and shrubs and landscaping the parks and gardens.

Joe and his fellow judge, sister and co-worker, Catherine, will be looking for the following qualities to choose a winner:

- A well planned garden
- Appropriate and co-ordinated shrubs
- Well laid decking, patios and good landscaping
- Good maintenance
- No weeds
- Interesting plants and features, appropriate to the surrounding area

\* Entrants must have a Kingswood Parks address to be eligible for entry. Please return the form below to the address on the back of this magazine.

**Cut along entry form here**

Name..... Address.....  
Postcode..... E-mail.....  
Telephone number.....

Tell us in no more than 25 words what makes your garden the best in Kingswood Parks .....

Are you interested in joining a gardening club with other residents in Kingswood Parks? Yes/No

Which categories would you like to enter?

Best Garden in Kingswood Parks  Biggest Garden Marrow [our judges must be able to see it growing]

# House hunters set to converge on new showhome in Kingswood Parks



## House hunters in Kingswood Parks won't be disappointed by a brand new show property that has opened its doors.

Beal Homes recently opened The Richmond Crescent show home, at its Oakwood development. The curvaceous row of just eight west facing, three floor homes, looks out onto an attractively landscaped area.

### Family-owned housebuilder offers modern living

The family-owned housebuilder says the plush décor of the newly-opened show house promises to give visitors to Kingswood Parks a taste for modern living. They say visitors will be struck by the spaciousness of these unusual homes, which, to accommodate their crescent setting, have a wedge shaped layout with rooms widening out to the rear.

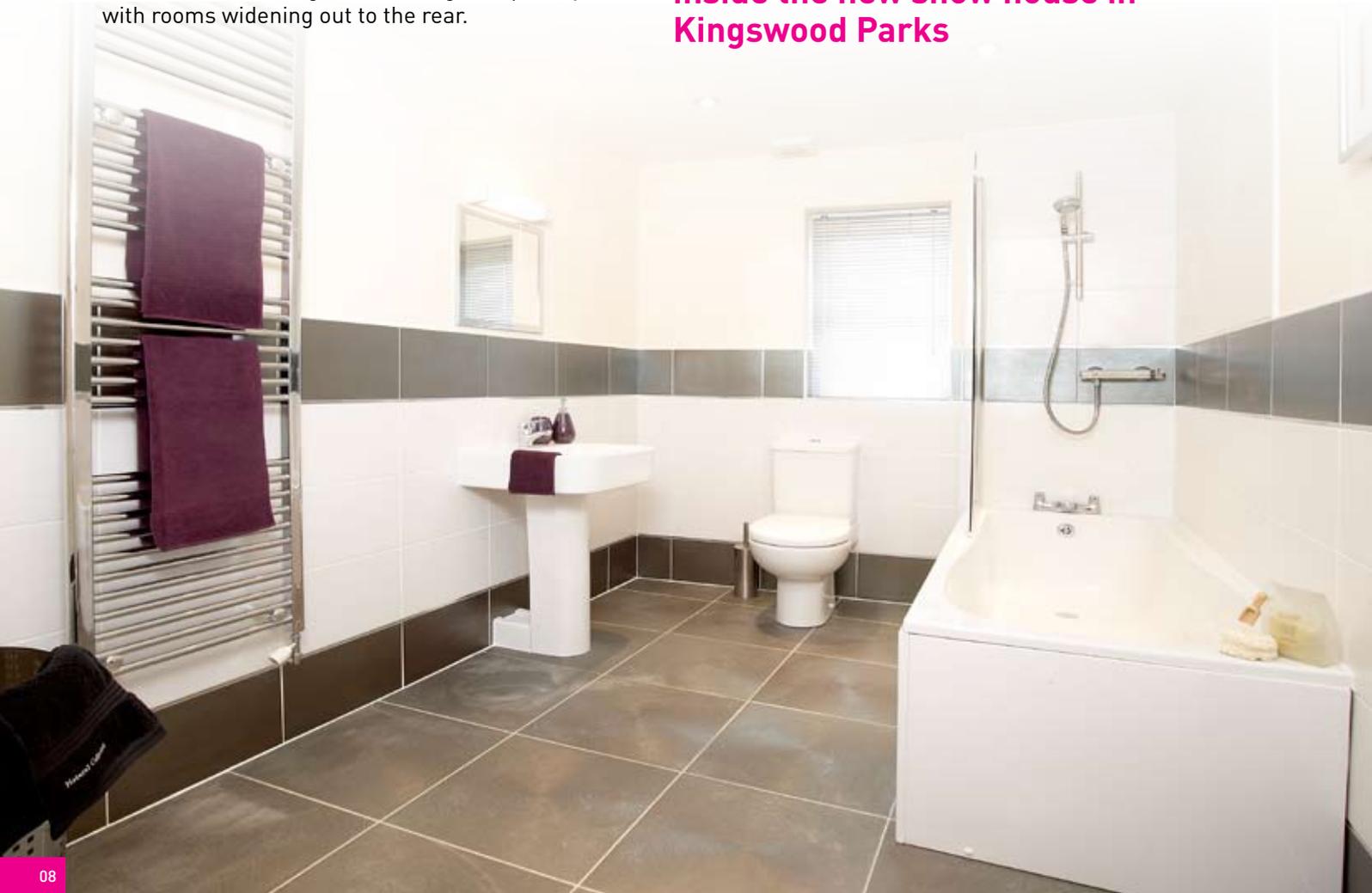
An attractive feature of the show house is its large open plan kitchen, dining and living space. Light floods into this open plan living area from two sets of French doors leading into the rear garden.

### Open plan layout is a popular style

The open plan arrangement creates a very modern feel, however, depending on build stage, Richmond Crescent home buyers will also have the option of selecting a more conventional ground floor layout with separate kitchen and living/dining rooms.

This Richmond Crescent show property features an eye-catching, very modern gloss black kitchen with walnut worktops, ceramic floor tiles and chrome fittings.

## These are the first photographs inside the new show house in Kingswood Parks





For the living area, Beal Homes' interior designer has chosen chairs with chrome bases in chic cream leather contrasting with matching seats in dark fabric to continue the monochrome décor theme throughout the living space. An entrance hall and cloakroom complete the ground floor accommodation.

### Interior decor adds style and interest

Fashionable striped carpet leads from the hallway through to the first and second floor landings. Two double bedrooms and a smart silver and white bathroom occupy the middle floor. At third floor level a large master bedroom, walk in closet and bathroom provide a private suite ideal for parents or for buyers planning to share the cost of purchasing a home whilst still each having their own personal space. Furnished with pieces from Habitat and Ikea, this is a show home with bags of style and interest.

"We are looking forward to showing people around this new for 2010 show home and visitors will be made very welcome," says Sue Waudby, Beal Homes' sales and marketing director. "These Richmond Crescent properties are classy city homes which are sure to tempt buyers."

### A helping hand on to the property ladder

Beal Homes offers a range of services to help new home buyers, including free mortgage advice via an independent mortgage advisor with access to more than 100 providers, a First Time Buyer package, First Step 85/15 scheme, Home Exchange, Smooth Move, loyalty and discount schemes for armed forces personnel and key workers.

The Richmond Crescent homes are priced at £159,995 and £164,995. Beal Homes also has three bedroom Glaisdales for sale at Oakwood from £144,995.

Coming soon – Westwood – a new Beal Homes development of traditional three and four bedroom family homes at Kingswood Parks

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



# Business focus

Taking a closer look at the businesses in Kingswood Parks. This edition we speak to Paul Clements, Depot Manager at **Super Storage**.



The local branch of Northern based chain Super Storage, has been conveniently located at Kingswood Parks since June 2007, with storage units ranging from one cubic metre lockers to double garage size.

We spoke to depot manager, Paul Clements, about what makes the storage business so successful.

“We predominantly handle domestic storage here but it isn’t the only thing we offer and our service is proving very popular,” he explained.

“The storage units are about 70 per cent full at the moment, with people coming and going all the time. Summer is often our busiest period as we offer special rates for students, whether they want a small unit for themselves or all club together for something bigger, it’s more convenient than having to take all their belongings back home.

“We live by our tagline ‘self store to your door’, and we bring storage units to people’s homes, and then drive them back here. I think people appreciate that convenience.”

The Kingswood Parks branch of Super Storage offers a full range of facilities, including storage for domestic, business, students, archives and pallet storage, the business even has a Forklift Truck and Collection Trailer. Plus all units are fully monitored with CCTV and a number are available for access 24 hours a day, if you wish.

To find out more visit [www.super-storage.co.uk/super\\_storage\\_hull.html](http://www.super-storage.co.uk/super_storage_hull.html)



# News from Kingswood College of Arts



## Students aiming high with exam success

Pupils at Kingswood College of Arts have got their hearts firmly set on aiming high this year.

All of the Year 11 pupils sat their Maths and English GCSE examinations early this year, in a bid to improve their results.

### Early exams improve results

Sitting the exams early means that students will not have to sit the exams again, if they achieve high grades the first time round. The school believes that this new approach will place them under less pressure and ensure they get two chances to get the results they deserve.

Teachers at the Wawne Road-based school will be able to focus on exactly what each pupil needs to do to improve their grades should the pupils not achieve the grades they were hoping for in the first set of exams.

As a result of the early examinations, 20 per cent of Year 11 pupils have already passed both exams. This

is another positive result for the school, which just last year saw 24 per cent of its pupils achieve the government benchmark of 5 A\* to C grades at GCSE, including English and Maths.

### The school is aiming high

Loz Wilson, deputy headteacher at Kingswood College of the Arts, said: "Every six weeks we have a learning cycle and so every six weeks I know where every pupil is. It is set up automatically so each pupil has a green, amber or red by them so we can see who has not made progress.

"Already 31 per cent of pupils have passed English, 27 per cent have passed Maths and 20 per cent of the year group, which comprises 173 pupils, have passed both, with grades A\* to C."

Pupils at Kingswood College are also still working hard to earn free cinema visits as part of the reward scheme in partnership with Cineworld, located just down the road at Kingswood Parks' leisure development.

Vouchers for the cinema are awarded for positive behaviour and good effort, amongst other worthy attributes.

### Action packed timetable

It's been a busy few months for the school, which has also been welcoming visitors from The Beijing Space Middle School in China. Liu Xuexiu, the school's principal, and her colleague from their English Department, enjoyed a tour of Kingswood College of Arts, during which they met students and observed various lessons in progress.

Year 8 pupils welcomed the Pyramid Theatre Company to perform an anti-smoking presentation as part of the school's effort to tackle underage smoking and the school has also been involved in e-safety talks and workshops with local primary schools, to inform parents of the dangers of new technologies.

**Please find enclosed with this magazine your copy of a DVD all about Kingswood College of Arts.**

# Kidz Corner

## competitions

**WIN £50 of Asda George vouchers!**

You could be in with the chance of winning vouchers to spend on the kids clothing range from the George department at Asda Kingswood.

We're offering one lucky reader the chance to enjoy a shopping spree to remember. All you have to do to be in with a chance of winning is colour in the picture below.

The drawing shows a child playing in Kingswood Parks in the Spring time.

We want you to add anything to the drawing that reminds you of Kingswood Parks and then colour it in.

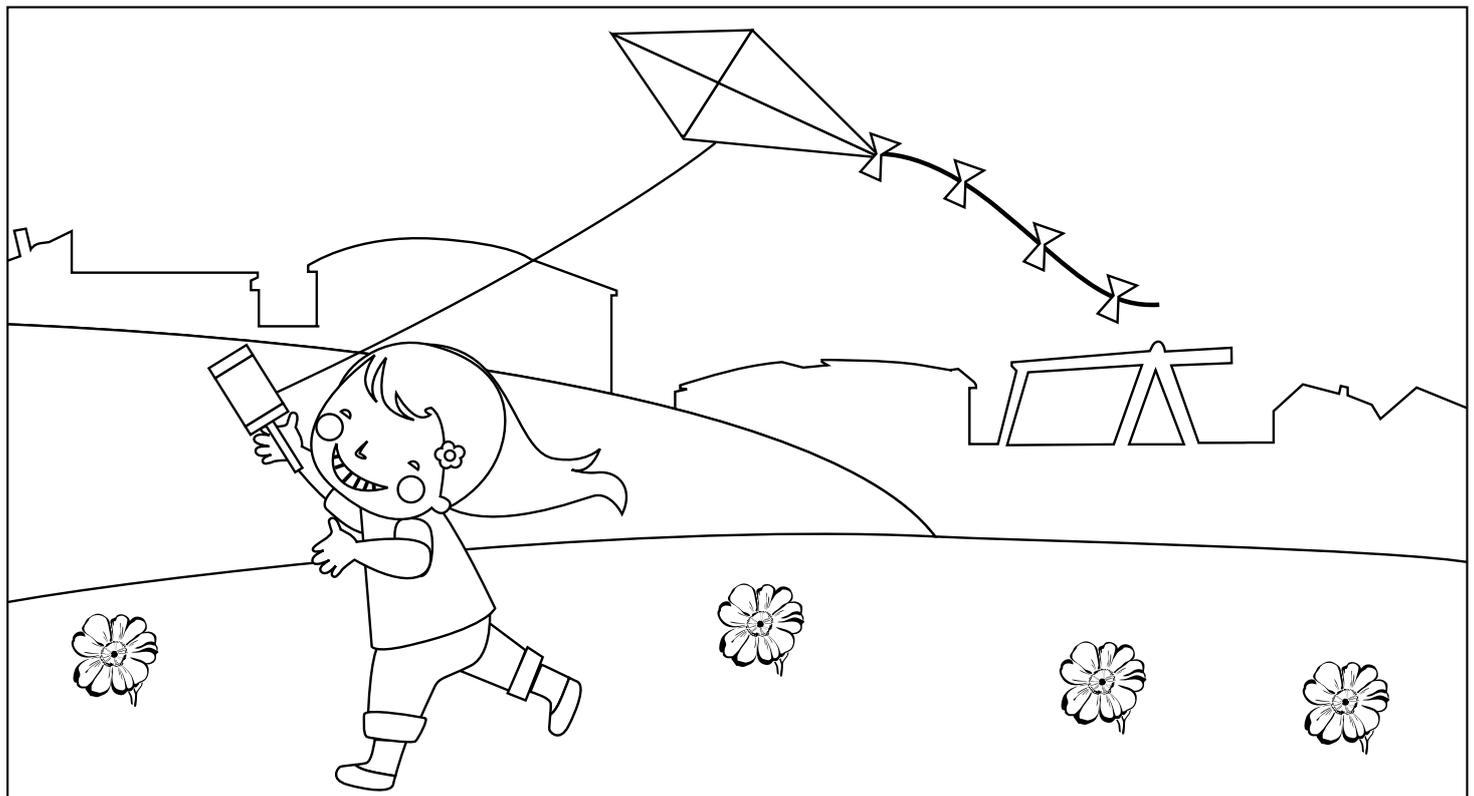
Start designing your Spring scene in the space below now, complete the entry form and send your entry into us.

We can't wait to see how artistic our young neighbours are!

*The Kidz Corner Club*



 **Cut along here**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email: \_\_\_\_\_ What are you looking forward to doing during the

Summer holidays in Kingswood Parks? \_\_\_\_\_

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