

# voice

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## BIG SCHOOL NEWS!

See inside this issue to read more about Hull City Council and Kingswood Parks' exciting plans for a primary school in your village centre

# Bloomin' marvellous gardens!

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Kingswood College of Arts being rebuilt

# Welcome to the Voice...

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

## New primary school plans

We are really pleased to be able to update residents about plans for a primary school in Kingswood Parks' village centre - see page 10 for more details and to read about the consultation exercise Hull City Council wants residents to get involved with.

## Exciting secondary school redevelopment in Kingswood

Kingswood College of Arts is just one of the schools which will be developed as part of the £400m Hull Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme. We have taken a sneaky peak at what is planned for the new build and found out what pupils, who are helping to design the school, think.

## Kingswood Parks In Bloom

In this edition of the Voice, we have got some exciting news about the winners of our first ever In Bloom competition, which saw residents in the development perfecting their lawns and primping their flower beds in time for our judges visiting their properties back in August. Our lucky winner is now in the process of enjoying a £2,000 garden makeover, so watch out for the "after" pictures in our next edition of the magazine. Read all about it on pages 4 and 5.

## Gardening special

We are having a real push on gardening in this edition and we're also delighted to reveal photographs of another garden we carried out a garden makeover in, after residents David Barrick and Emma Mackenzie (see opposite page) told us why they love living in Kingswood Parks in the last edition.

## Your local library in Kingswood

As part of National Children's Book Week 2010, we are hoping to make more people aware of the fantastic mobile library service operating in the area. If demand is high enough, the library will look at finding a second location in Kingswood, so that it can improve its services and widen its availability even further. Why not pay them a visit? (See page 10).

## Competitions

We have got another fantastic competition for our younger readers in the Kidz Corner page on the back. Plus, read on below to find out about the winner of last edition's competition, who was thrilled with her prize!

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*Best Wishes Kelly*

# Kidz Corner Winner collects £50!

The lucky winner of £50 worth of Asda George vouchers from our last Kidz Corner competition was Mollie Jackson, of Knightley Way.

As you can see, Mollie did a fantastic job of colouring the picture in and added some things that remind her of Kingswood Parks, such as her dog and a big balloon.

Mollie's entry told us what she was looking forward to doing during the summer holidays:

**"Playing out safely with my friends and meeting new people when I take my dog Louie for a walk. The people in Kingswood Parks are very friendly and it's a lovely place to live."**

Mollie, who was presented with her prize on the same day as her eighth birthday party, said:

**"It's the first competition I have entered in the magazine and I am going to get some new holiday clothes from ASDA George with my voucher."**

Congratulations Mollie and enjoy your prize!



Mollie Jackson -  
Our Kidz Corner winner

## Just a few entries other we received...

Alex Stewart, aged 5



Ellie Love, aged 7



Kian Hurley, aged 6



Yung Wen Ho, aged 6



**GREEN FINGERS:** Joe Russell from Landplan (UK) Limited is pictured with residents Dave Barrick and Emma Mackenzie after their garden makeover



## “Our garden has been transformed”

In our last issue we featured the story of first time buyers, Dave Barrick and Emma Mackenzie who moved into a new house in Persimmon Gardens. As a special thank you for telling us their story, we treated them to a £500 garden makeover.

With their back garden transformed and work beginning on the front of their house, the couple were happy to give us a quick tour.

Joe Russell from Landplan, which carries out much of the landscaping in Kingswood Parks, worked alongside the couple on the design for the garden. The final design incorporates their existing patio and decking, along with some new features – and what a transformation!

### Lush green grass surrounds decking area

Where previously the ground was bare, there is a patch of lush green grass surrounding the decking which Dave and Emma had added themselves. In one

corner, we added a modern water feature amongst some newly planted greenery, and some new patio furniture so the couple can enjoy summery evenings in their new garden.

Emma and Dave are really pleased with their garden so far, and are now looking forward to seeing what Joe has in store for their front garden.

### “We love our new garden and feel so lucky”

Dave said: “We’re over the moon and couldn’t believe we were given the makeover in the first place. Joe was very helpful and gave us some ideas but let us run with it. It’s mainly our design with some of his ideas incorporated.

“Overall we’re really chuffed with everything. Joe installed a water feature, which has turned out great.”

Emma added: “We are loving our new garden and are very excited about getting the front done, I can’t believe how lucky we have been!”

# Kingswood Parks In-Bloom 2010

Our first year of Kingswood Parks In Bloom received a relatively low number of entries, but we are hoping that when readers of the Voice see the winning entries they will feel inspired to put their own gardens forward next year. Who knows it could be you that wins our top prize in 2011!

The competition was separated into two categories, **Best Garden** and **Biggest Marrow**. We had the best response rate to the Best Garden category, with the Biggest Marrow category close behind.

Our judging panel, led by gardening expert Catherine Barker from our landscaping consultants Landplan, spent a sunny Saturday walking around Kingswood Parks chatting to entrants and looking at their stunning gardens. After much deliberation, our judges managed to narrow it down to the very best and most deserving entrants.

Now, we are proud to introduce our 2010 In Bloom winners, congratulations to you all and we look forward to seeing more of your gardens next year!

**Start preparing for next year when we're thinking of offering a prize for Best Front Garden too!**

## Winner of Best Garden & £2,000 garden makeover!

The judging panel's decision was unanimous that this entry was the strongest candidate to win.

The Frankish family have put a lot of effort into both the front and back garden and, although they have ambitions to do much more with it, on close inspection it's plain for all to see that they have already invested a lot of time and money into creating their own outdoor haven.

The whole family was very enthusiastic about entering In Bloom and even more excited to hear that they had won the competition.

Dave Frankish, of Templewaters, said: "Before we moved to Kingswood Parks four years ago we didn't really have a garden, it was more of a Coronation Street style yard, so since we've been here my wife and daughter have spent a lot of time in the garden.

"I entered the competition for the two of them, it's all their hard work - I kill more plants than I grow! But they are fantastic, sometimes they are out there until late in the evening doing bits and bobs, I just get roped in when the lawn needs mowing.

"For us, everything is trial and error, we're still learning and just enjoying our hard work along the way. Hopefully with the prize from Kingswood Parks Development Company, we'll look at working with Landplan to add a water feature and a rockery to our garden. I think we struggle with what types of plants to include as well, hopefully we'll be able to get some advice on that."

The Frankish family are the lucky winners of a **£2,000 garden makeover** so watch out for the "after" pictures next time!

**WINNING TOUCH:** Dave and Debbie Frankish pictured with their daughter Kayleigh, 5



## Winner of Biggest Marrow & £250 worth of B&Q vouchers

Why not see if you can beat 49cm next year?



The winner of our Biggest Marrow category grew his prize-winning marrow especially for Kingswood Parks In Bloom.

After reading about the competition in the magazine, David Moor, of Rivelin Park, decided to start growing a marrow and see how it got on.

Green fingered David managed to grow a marrow which measured 49cm. He also grows lots of other fruit and vegetables in his garden and greenhouse.

He said: "My girlfriend suggested entering the competition for the Best Garden category.

She thought it would be a good idea, as the garden is a bit different and I grow a lot of different vegetables.

"I've got sweetcorn, new potatoes, leeks and now marrows too. In fact, the marrow I have now has outgrown the one I entered into the competition.

"I like growing my own vegetables because I think they are much nicer and fresher from your own garden, everything tastes better homegrown, but obviously you need quite a lot of space to do it and I have a separate allotment for that."

David will receive £250 of B&Q vouchers to spend on his choice of gardening supplies.

## Highly Commended & £50 worth of B&Q vouchers



Wendy Normington and Mike Coulsey's garden in Knightley Way was 'Highly Commended' in our Best Garden competition.

This garden was one of the most creative our team visited and a lovely outdoor space, as such the judges struggled to see what could be done there in terms of a garden makeover as it seemed very much complete.

However, we felt that this entry deserved a special mention and a prize for the creativity and hard work that has gone into it.

The garden had a bamboo beach hut and was very well co-ordinated in terms of the flowers that Wendy had

chosen. There is only a very small space down the side of the house which Wendy still has plans for. Wendy said: "I spend a lot of time in the garden, in summer I'm out there nearly every day.

"We've created a garden that's quite versatile and on a night when all the fairy lights are on it's a really nice space for a party. If I had any tips for people, it would be to create a theme to show that you really enjoy your garden and that you've thought through everything that's there, for example ours has a very beach-themed feel."

For the special Highly Commended accolade, Wendy and Mike will receive a £50 B&Q voucher.

# Exciting plans for Kingswood College of Arts to be rebuilt by 2012

Following the Government's announcement that the Hull Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme will be unaffected by recent changes in Government, staff and students at Kingswood College of Arts are delighted that their new-build will go ahead as planned.

The whole community at Kingswood College of Arts has invested massively in helping to define the vision for the new school and is convinced that the project will be one of the most successful BSF programmes in the country, bringing them a new and improved school building that they can be really proud of. Students who join the school this year will have a unique opportunity to contribute to the design and build of their new school.

The newest students there will be able to watch it be taken through from the initial concept as it rises up from the ground, before they eventually start year nine in the new building in September 2012.

Kingswood College of Arts has been selected by Hull City Council as a site for additional multi-agency provision, which will include a range of health and youth services, as well as a business enterprise academy. The area is already well known as a community hub and has a tremendously successful programme of adult and family learning. These additional facilities will mean that the school will be able to provide even more support and services for the local community.

This is an initial design concept and is subject to planning permission



## “We have spent years preparing for this” says head

Nicole Swallow, headteacher, said: “We are incredibly relieved and excited that Kingswood College of Arts will be rebuilt. We have spent years preparing for this and have developed a transformational vision for learning based on giving students more control of their own learning and allowing them to develop invaluable skills for life.

“The design of the new building will enable us to build on our ongoing improvement and be even more creative.”

Kingswood College of Arts will be rebuilt on the same site and following the opening of the new building the current premises will be demolished. The new school is scheduled to open in September 2012 and will include fantastic facilities for students, staff and the community.

Staff, students, parents and even primary school students have all been and will continue to be involved in the design process. In order to ensure this is well researched, staff and students have visited a range of new schools and buildings working closely with

the architects so they can better understand what students and staff want from their building.

Tony Hammond, director of resources, works closely with the school's architects and the BSF Team to ensure the design of the building will be the best it can be, and will provide truly integrated services.

He said: “We have gone to a huge amount of effort to look at a variety of buildings, not just schools, for inspiration. We have been working closely with our own students from year 7 right through to year 11, as we feel it is important to involve everyone and even though our year 11 class may never experience the new-build they can still help to shape it through their years of experience.

“On top of this we have worked with year 6 students to see what ideas they have about the project. They have very clear ideas about what they want and need from their secondary school and it has been really valuable listening to their views and translating them into the design..”

# Over to the students...

Kingswood College of Arts and Hull Building Schools for the Future have stressed that the whole point of the project is to transform learning, so what do the children and staff who will learn and teach in the new-build think of the ideas and process so far?

## Jade Driscoll, Deputy Head

"The new-build will be a design that fits the purpose and I think that can only be a good thing. We're working closely with the architects and the students to ensure that they get what they want from the building.

"We've visited buildings and places of interest across the country to inform and influence student opinion on their building, and it will be very much their building."

## Rowan Kirtley, 12

"The new ACE curriculum rooms look good because we'll be able to interact with people that we wouldn't normally talk to and I think the set up looks good. "The theatre will be great as well, as it means there will be more chances for dance and drama clubs and these will be great to watch in assemblies. "I'll be in year 10 when the new site opens, but I'm looking forward to it and I like being involved in sharing ideas."

## Courtney Brown, 12

"I think the new build is a great idea. It will be unusual from other schools and it seems to be popular with students. It's good to bring new ideas to the school, so teachers understand what students want. I don't think it would be such a big hit without this."



Pictured left, Tony Hammond with Nicole Swallow

## What facilities are planned for the school?

- large, flexible learning spaces that enable students and staff to work in different ways and make the best use of the latest technologies
- a variety of dining areas offering a range of healthy choices
- excellent sports facilities, for students and the community
- a state-of-the-art theatre and media facilities
- industry standard science, art and technology facilities
- attractive, stimulating outside spaces that can be used for learning and leisure
- the very best in community facilities
- modern, flexible and comfortable furniture
- clean and safe toilets

## Record breaking results for Kingswood College of Arts

It's a record breaking year for Kingswood College of Arts, where this year's GCSE results have continued to improve dramatically.

Staff are delighted that the percentage of students achieving five or more A\* to C grades, including English and Maths, has increased significantly to 32 per cent, which is above the Government's target for next year. The percentage of students achieving five or more A\* to C passes, excluding English and Maths, has increased by more than 40 per cent

to 75 per cent, which is well above the target of 56 per cent. The percentage of students achieving five or more A\* to G passes has increased to 95 per cent and every single student who left Kingswood College of Arts this year achieved at least one GCSE qualification.

Nicole Swallow, headteacher, said: "The overall results are a tremendous tribute to the hard work of students and staff and the support of parents. High academic achievement shows consistency of performance between

boys and girls: 12 boys and 13 girls each gained 11 A\* to C and above GCSE grades. Almost half of the year 11 cohort (47 per cent) gained A\* to C in English, which shows good progress compared with their KS2 SAT level on entry; 75 per cent five A\* to C grades and 95 per cent five A\* to G grades surpass last year's national average, 69 per cent and 92 per cent respectively.

"These results prove what we say, that we are constantly improving and have ever higher expectations".

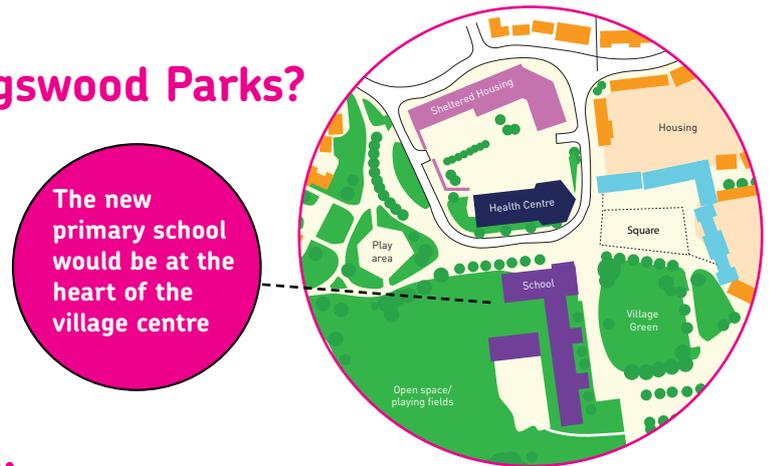
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# Primary school plans for Kingswood Parks begin to pick up the pace

Kingswood Parks Development Company is delighted to announce that we soon expect to be in a position to hand over a five acre site in the middle of the emerging Kingswood Parks village centre to Hull City Council for the provision of a primary school.

## Where will the school be in Kingswood Parks?

Hull City Council is beginning a consultation process in this issue of the Voice in order to sound out public opinion and suggestions. The proposed opening date of the new school is **September 2013**. However, read on to find out what the council is saying on this matter...



## Hull City Council gives its view...

Hull City Council has announced plans to develop a new primary school in Kingswood Parks, which will cater for 280 pupils and will have a 26 place nursery.

Cllr Carl Minns, of Hull City Council, said: "Hull City Council are committed to providing the best educational opportunities and raising education standards for all our children and young people. In helping to achieve this we feel it is important to provide parents with a good choice of schools within their local communities. The development on Kingswood Parks has seen many new houses being built in this area of the city and I am delighted that we are now in a position to start consultation on a new primary school for this area of the city"

The school will be developed alongside our exciting Building Schools for the Future (BSF) plans for Kingswood College of Arts (the secondary school in Wawne Road), which will have its own state-of-the-art new building opening in September 2012.

David Martin, BSF Director commented: "We're delighted to be able to develop another new Primary School in Hull as part of our commitment to transform learning and opportunity in line with the BSF strategy. This will ensure that families living in, or moving to the Kingswood Parks development will be able to access a new primary school in their community. This will help to develop a sense of belonging for the children, support friendship groups, promote community development and reduce the need for car journeys as well as provide the opportunity to be part of a network of new and existing 'excellent' schools across our city".

The cost of the school will be funded, in part, by Kingswood Parks Development Company (KPDC), following an agreement with the council, which states that the developer would provide a suitable school site and a contribution to the costs of the construction and fitting out of the primary school.

## Local residents invited to share their views on Tuesday, October 19th

Hull City Council is committed to providing the best educational opportunities and raising education standards for all our children and young people. In helping to achieve this we feel it is important to provide parents with a good choice of schools within their local communities.

We would very much like to hear your views about whether you feel a new primary school is needed in the Kingswood Parks development and what sort of school (if any) is needed.

Please come and share your views with us on **Tuesday, October 19th, at 7pm, at Kingswood College of Arts, Wawne Road** and we will explain the process for opening a new school and how you can become involved in the decision-making process.

**Look out for our consultation document, which came through your letterbox with this edition of the Kingswood Parks Voice. It provides further details about this exciting opportunity.**

# A library on wheels for bookworms!

Following on from National Children's Book Week, which ran from Monday October 4th and finishes on Sunday October 10th, we can't think of a better time for bookworms of all ages to think about paying the **mobile library in Kingswood** a visit.

Residents in Kingswood Parks have access to their very own mobile library service, which visits the area **once every fortnight on a Saturday morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm**. It stops at Kesteven Way, in the bus turning circle.

The mobile library service offers much more than just books, with DVDs, CDs, books on tape and public access computers that allow users free internet access. Some of these items have rental fees, like DVDs, but books are free.

With a limit of up to 20 books at a time, you can be as ambitious as you like with your challenge – the perfect solution to a rainy autumn day! Plus, when you can sign up and take items out on the same day you can't complain that the service is not convenient. To register, simply pop down to the mobile library, and take along proof of your address, such as a recent utility bill.

The service has been running in Kingswood for almost five years now, following the closure of the local library, and over this time has become a firm favourite with local residents, especially children.

Two people operate the service on a Saturday, a driver and assistant reader, and library manager Angie Riley, regularly goes out with the vehicle on a Saturday. She said: "We often get up to 20 people coming on a Saturday to take books out in Kingswood, which isn't as many as we had when we first started the service, but is still a reasonable number."



"If demand is there, we would like to split the site and operate across two different sites in Kingswood."

"We're constantly trying to improve the service we offer people and if demand is there we would like to split the site and operate across two different sites in Kingswood. The library runs lots of different things for children, National Children's Book Week being just one of the initiatives we're involved with."

"Over the summer, we organised a reading challenge through local schools and we often set things up for people to get involved in."

**If you feel strongly and would like the mobile library service to come closer to home in Kingswood Parks, why not write to Hull City Council and tell them or call them on the number below?**



## Win a £20 WHSmith voucher!

WH Smith in Kingswood Parks is offering one lucky reader the chance to **win a £20 book voucher!**

To be in with a chance of winning, simply write in to the address on the back of the magazine before November 5th and answer this question: **Where does the mobile library stop in Kingswood every fortnight?**

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/Campaigns/Childrens-Book-Week>

**For more info about Kingswood mobile library, call 01482 300300**

# Kingswood Parks is hot property, according to newest residents...

## Hull FC's Airlie Bird nests in Kingswood Parks

Most birds fly south for the winter but at the turn of the season Hull FC's mascot, the Airlie Bird, will still be firmly planted in his brand new nest, built by Persimmon Homes.

Mr Airlie Bird, or Ian Whiteway as he is better known by friends and family, along with fiancée Katie Gellatly reserved their three storey town house back in November after a spontaneous visit to the show home complex at Persimmon Gardens.

The couple had been saving up for a while whilst living at Katie's parents homes in north Hull, so when they realised they qualified for the HomeBuy Direct Scheme as first time buyers they were thrilled.

Ian said: "We crunched some numbers and realised that our mortgage repayments would work out at less than we were looking at paying to rent, so we made the decision to reserve and start the buying process."

Both lifelong Hull FC rugby league fans, the couple will undoubtedly join an army of Hull FC supporters in Kingswood Parks, though possibly none quite as unique as Ian.

"I'm in my seventh season as the Airlie Bird," explains Ian, "and I love every minute of it! I attend as many games as possible and I work with the community team, visiting schools and various events all over the East Riding, flying the flag for Hull FC. When I'm not doing that, I work part time for the Royal Mail and I'm based at Malmo Road, just a stone's throw away from our new home."

The couple regularly visited the site before moving into Kingswood Parks, watching their dream home become a reality.

Katie said: "Part of the attraction of moving to Kingwood Parks has been the many facilities available on your doorstep. Whether shopping or socialising, everything is in walking distance and with the future development plans for the village centre, it is an area with large potential to be part of a community."

"Making the move away from home is a bit daunting, particularly as it means leaving our three-year-old Shih Tzu Harry behind, though I am negotiating a custody arrangement with my mum so that he can come and stay."



Telling us their story won both these lucky residents a prize with a value of £500 – why not tell us yours?

# Development is still first choice for househunters in the region..



## “We shop, eat and entertain here – it’s all on our doorstep”

Mike Thompson and his partner Victoria Liversedge moved to Woodheys Park, in Kingswood Parks, in November 2009.

After spending a while looking at properties to rent, they decided to take a stroll through the development after a meal at Frankie and Bennys and a passing suggestion by Victoria.

After spending a while looking for ‘To Let’, signs the couple stumbled across the Barratt show homes and ended up looking round both the Kingswood Parks and Waterside Park homes.

The couple’s sales advisor, Dawn, explained what was available across the two sites and the different ways they could consider buying their first property.

A few meetings later, after discussing their needs, which houses would best suit them and what options were available to them, the couple make the decision to take the plunge and

bought their first property with Barratt, along with the help of the government’s HomeBuy Direct scheme.

Mike said: “This was a big step but the help we received from Dawn, as well as looking into what was feasible and within our budget twinned with the HomeBuy Scheme, we thought it was the best option to look into owning our first property, rather than the rental market.

“Doing this resulted in what was possibly the most exciting few months of our lives, being able to choose the interiors and watching the building grow from a shell into what would soon be our new home.

“We shop here, eat out here and entertain here. I don’t know anywhere else in Hull, or the surrounding area, where all of this is on your doorstep and for Victoria and I that was the carrot that pulled us to Kingswood Parks.”

**Write in to the address on the back page and tell us why you have bought in Kingswood Parks!**

# Kidz Corner

competitions



**WIN** a bowling party & meal for you & 5 friends!

Budding artists, get your colouring crayons ready! In this edition we want you to get creative and make your own scary Halloween pumpkin design for us.

You can win a bowling party for you and five friends at Hollywood Bowl on Kingswood Parks.

So what are you waiting for? Send your spookiest designs into us by November 5th 2010 at the address below and you could be celebrating at Kingswood Parks' Hollywood Bowl before you know it!

Cut along here

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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

Parent's email: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your plans for celebrating Halloween and Bonfire Night in Kingswood Parks? \_\_\_\_\_

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