

Village Centre Directory

The Village Green Café-Bar

(01482) 877547
Open Mon - Fri 11am - 11pm, Weekends 10am - 11pm

The Co-operative

(01482) 822802
Open Mon - Sun 7am - 11pm

The Hair Room

(01482) 877377
Open Tues 9am - 7.30pm, Wed 9am - 5pm, Thurs 9am - 7.30pm, Fri 9am - 5pm, Sat 9am - 4pm

Jhoots Pharmacy

(01482) 830411
Open Mon - Fri 8.30am - 7pm. Closed weekends

Kingswood Parks Primary School

(01482) 427870

Beercocks, Wiles & Wick

(01482) 426666
Open Mon - Fri 9am - 5.30pm, Sat 9am - 4pm,
Sun 11am - 3pm

Kingswood Health Centre

(01482) 303963
Open Mon - Fri 8am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 1pm

Kingswood Butchers and Deli

(01482) 877553
Open Mon - Fri 8.30 to 5pm, Sat 9.30am - 5pm

The Village Retreat Beauty Salon

(01482) 877767
Open Mon to Wed 9am - 5pm, Thurs - Fri 9am - 8pm,
Sat 9am - 5pm

www.kingswoodparks.co.uk

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- The Village Green Cafe-Bar
- The Hair Room
- The Village Retreat
- Kingswood Butchers & Deli

To enter the competition and possibly be featured in our next Kingswood Parks Voice magazine, we want you to tell us in your own words:

WHY DO YOU LOVE KINGSWOOD?

Send your entries in writing to the address provided with your name and contact details by 1st March 2016.

KPDC c/o Mercury, Unit F6, The Bloc, Springfield Way, Anlaby, HU10 6RJ.

Good luck!



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Contact the Kingswood Parks Voice Team on 01482 782 287.

KINGSWOOD PARKS VOICE

The Village Green celebrates one year anniversary

Kingswood couple purchase first home together in Kingswood Parks

Reflecting on our Christmas lights switch-on

New direction for Kingswood Parks Primary School

Community efforts at The Co-operative

Meet the man who is cooking up a storm in Kingswood



Popular café-bar celebrates one year anniversary

A popular family-run café-bar has enjoyed a successful first year in Kingswood Parks Village Centre.

The Village Green Café-Bar, owned by Andy Carter and son Reece, has had a fantastic first year and seen a regular local following since opening its doors. There have been a range of memorable nights including hosting an exclusive night for customers on New Year's Eve 2015. Diners enjoyed a 2 course meal and were treated to a DJ, disco and fireworks on the stroke of midnight.

“We have had a great first year since opening last January”

Andy Carter, who is also a resident in Kingswood Parks, said: “New Year's Eve in particular has been a highlight, as we hosted a really special night including a DJ and fireworks for pre-booked customers, who were mostly locals of Kingswood. Amazingly, we already have 32 people booked in for New Year's Eve 2016, which shows us how much they enjoyed the evening.”



Andy and Reece Carter, when the venue first opened

On a Monday and Tuesday night, the café-bar runs its 'steak special night', where two diners can benefit from steak and a free bottle of house wine to complement, all for just £22.95.



The staff at The Village Green

Andy says he prides himself on providing good value for money quality food, and really appreciates the local custom.

He continued: “Our steak special nights are very popular, and we do a Sunday roast every Sunday – that can get very busy too.”

“The Christmas lights switch on back in December was a good day for us as it helped to bring in the locals. We supplied mince pies and mulled wine on behalf of Kingswood Parks Development Company and it was great to see people pop in and enjoy a drink and a bite to eat. We also provided afternoon tea for over 400 people at the development's 20th birthday celebrations.”



Karl Ferguson, pictured in the kitchen, at The Village Green

Inside, the kitchen is open plan allowing customers to see exactly where their food is being prepared by head chef Karl Ferguson and his experienced team.

Karl is passionate about cooking and credits his team behind him, who have years of experience in the catering industry, for the success of The Village Green Café-Bar's food.

He said: “I love cooking for the locals. I only live down the road from here and often see my neighbours and other people I know come in. I've got to know a network of people who keep coming back here, I think it's the good food that brings people back.”

“My favourite thing to cook is the specials. We have a specials board each week which provides customers with a range of dishes using fresh seasonal produce from local suppliers. This is fine dining at its best and gives customers the chance to try something different.”

A day in the Life of The Village Green's Head Chef



The Village Green is one of many independent businesses to have opened in the new Village Centre. The Hair Room, The Village Retreat, Kingswood Butchers and Deli and estate agents Beercock, Wiles & Wick also opened last year, to add to the variety of retailers that occupy the Village Centre.

“We want people to feel they can come and socialise and relax here, while enjoying a drink or some good food”

Andy said: “We want to thank all of our customers who have visited us this past year, and welcome all residents of Kingswood to come and see us.”

For more information, or to make a reservation at The Village Green Café-Bar, call (01482) 877547.

Jack switched our lights on with pride

Jack Harris did the honours



“I’m so excited to turn the lights on”

A true sense of community spirit was created in the Village Centre of Kingswood Parks at Christmas time.

In December 2014, Kingswood Parks Development Company (KPDC) launched the first Christmas tree lights switch-on, with a pupil from Kingswood Parks Primary School lighting up the tree for the very first time.

The event celebrated the community spirit KPDC has strived to create since the launch of the new Village Centre.

Now, it’s clear to see that residents are embracing being part of the community and KPDC was delighted to see so many residents come along to support the lights switch-on.



Year 4 student Jack Harris did the honours of turning on the lights for us this time around.

Before the event, he said: “I’m so excited to turn on the lights, I can’t believe I’ve been chosen. I’d like to thank everyone – I feel like I’m famous.

“I was chosen because of a tree design I made at school – we were learning about circuits in class and I used my skills from that class to think of the Christmas tree lights to create it. It took me two days to do.”

The Christmas tree lights switch-on also featured carol singers from the local Revive Church group, mulled wine, juice and mince pies from The Village Green Café-Bar, and sausages, sausage rolls and buns from Kingswood Butchers and Deli.

The children also took part in a fun Christmas treasure hunt, which led them to various clues around the Village Centre.

“The Christmas tree lights switch-on epitomised the kind of community spirit we work to create within the development”

A spokesperson for KPDC said: “We anticipated a huge amount of people attending the event, especially after the success of our summer event which celebrated Kingswood Parks’ 20th anniversary last summer – and we were right!

“When developing the Village Centre, we aimed to create a community hub which would have all the amenities residents need on their doorstep. We are delighted to see the Village Centre continue to grow in popularity and watch our vision become a reality.”

Young couple who grew up in Kingswood buy first house here

First time buyers Lauren Record and Jack Drewry have purchased a brand new home at The Village II, here in Kingswood Parks. The young couple are delighted to have a foot on the housing ladder with their own place, a Beal Homes-built two bedroom home.

With her roots firmly in Kingswood, where she has lived with her family for almost 15 years, Lauren knew that she wanted to stay in the area, so Lauren and Jack concentrated their house hunting around the new Kingswood Parks developments.

“Kingswood Parks has everything we need”

“The Village Green is great, there’s the new health centre, new school, the local shops nearby and my parents just live around the corner,” said Lauren.

A friend had recommended Beal Homes to Lauren, who works at a nursery, and Jack, a marine engineer. They decided on one of the East Yorkshire builder’s ‘Tribeca’ designs, which, says Lauren, is just the right size for them. The Tribeca is very popular with first time buyers and is designed especially for first movers.

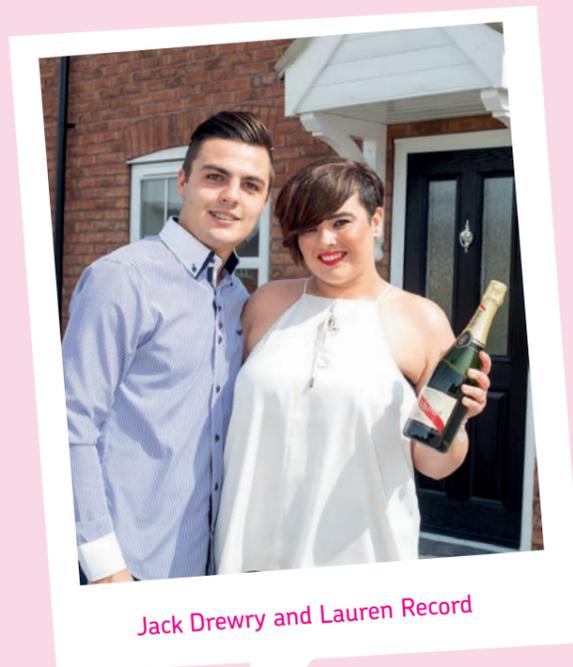
“We absolutely love the house and the area,” says Lauren. “Buying from Beal Homes has been a breeze. Everyone was so helpful, they kept us constantly informed as our home was being built and we got to design the house how we wanted it during our visit to Beal’s Customer Selection Studio.”

“We used Beal’s free independent mortgage finder service and Help to Buy was also a real help to us. It really did all run very smoothly.”

Beal Homes’ new ‘The Village III’ development for first movers is adjacent to recently completed The Village II and includes 86 ‘FirstStep’ homes, including the Tribeca, which Lauren and Jack have bought, with starting prices from around £90,000 for a Soho property.

Beal Homes reports that buyers have already snapped up 19 of the homes to be built here.

Beal Homes’ marketing suites at King’s Chase and The Village II are open daily from 10am to 5pm. For information, visit www.beal-homes.co.uk or call Beal’s freephone 0800 612 1216.



Jack Drewry and Lauren Record

Work underway on £12m flagship new retail store

Work has started on a new £12m flagship store that will be built close to Kingswood Retail Park, providing 220 jobs.

Retail giant Next, which is set to build a new home, clothing and garden mega store, had planning permission approved by Hull City Council in November to start building.

Work has started to prepare the foundations on the site, with diggers now visible on the land between Runnymede Way and Ashcombe Road.

The store is set to replace the existing Next fashion store in the retail park and will have an in-store café, becoming a shopping destination in its own right.

Providing more than 200 jobs

The impressive new two-storey Next store is set to be home to one of the largest home and garden centres in the area, with a planned car park providing 280 spaces.

The new development is aimed to be open for Christmas 2016, and will stock a range of products including women’s, men’s and children’s fashion along with various household furnishings.



Artist's impression of the new Next store

Substantial improvements to the roads near to the Runnymede roundabout will be made, with the current carriageway made wider to allow more traffic to flow easily.

Jobs available at the new store will include both part-time and full-time work, as well as offering apprenticeship schemes for school leavers and a 12-month training programme for people under 25.

Watch this space for more details!

WIN!

To be in with a chance of winning a £100 Next voucher, visit: www.kingswoodparks.co.uk to enter

Store team rallies community to help out a variety of charities

The Co-operative mini supermarket, located in the heart of Kingswood Parks, has been collecting money for the British Red Cross throughout the last year.

Staff at the shop, which opened in 2014, have been busy baking cakes and hosting charity bake sales throughout the last year. All proceeds from the bake sales and their charity donation box in-store have been donated to the British Red Cross.

Russell Freakes, Store Manager, said: "We have been raising money for the British Red Cross throughout the year. Staff have made a real effort and have taken time out of their own lives to bring in cakes to sell at our bake sales. So far we've exceeded £200, it has been a real team effort."

The Co-op held a special bake sale with all proceeds going to the Text Santa appeal back in December.

Russell explained: "We raised £72.50 through a bake sale especially for Text Santa. We want to thank all of the locals who came and purchased from one of our bake sales, or donated to either the Red Cross or Text Santa this past year, we really appreciate it."

The store also gave back to the community over the festive period. A bag of Christmas related

grocery items such as mince pies, chocolate, vegetables and a bottle of wine was collected from the store and distributed to someone elderly in the community who would have been lonely at Christmas.

Kris Screeton, Assistant Manager at the Kingswood store, said: "We went knocking on doors in the local area to find older people who would benefit from the bag of Christmas items. It was hard at first to find someone as the majority of people who live in the Kingswood area are now the younger generation.

"However, we found an elderly lady who was very appreciative of the gesture – it's the little things that can make a huge impact and it is testament to the residents of Kingswood Parks and their generosity."

The Co-op will continue to raise money for charity in 2016, promising more bake sales and a raffle in the near future, as well as teaming up with other shops in the area to fundraise.



Kris Screeton, Assistant Manager pictured with Russell Freakes and Julie Lumb



Russell Freakes, Store Manager



"Still the best place to live in Hull"

Just over 20 years ago, building work started on an area of land which now attracts high numbers of house buyers and is home to thousands of families, as well as being named the best place to live in Hull.

The rapidly-developing Kingswood Parks development has become a shopping destination and a thriving family-focused community in its own right, meaning people now don't have to go far for their everyday needs.

The new flagship Next store is expected to be built by Christmas 2016, and will further complement the fact that local residents do not have to venture far to do their shopping, with the retail outlets at Kingswood also attracting shoppers from the East Riding villages.

Francesca Burke, of Beal Homes explains: "Kingswood is becoming the sought after area to live in Hull. It's the amenities, fantastic value for money housing and the help of the government's help-to-buy scheme, which is driving people to buy a house here. People now don't even have to leave Kingswood to go shopping."

Beal Homes has also seen a few instances of people from other parts of the country wanting more for their money and relocating to Kingswood.

Francesca said: "If people are not from the Kingswood area, they are blown away by the house prices and the good value for money properties.



Francesca Burke and Emily Douglas of Beal Homes

"When you speak to people about their reasons for moving to the area, many have mentioned the new Next store which is being built, the City of Culture title is getting people excited and even the Siemens contract is bringing people to the city because of the prospect of jobs."

Kingswood Parks offers a range of housing from one bedroom apartments and semi-detached houses to three-storey homes and luxury five bedroom properties.

With hundreds more houses to be built in the next few years, by nationally-renowned housebuilders such as Beal Homes, Persimmon and Charles Church, Kingswood Parks continues to be the best place to live in Hull.



New direction for Kingswood Parks Primary School

Jan Drinkall, Principal of Highlands Primary School, and Debbie Smith, Associate Principal of Highlands, are currently leading Kingswood Parks Primary School after the departure of its first Principal, Carolyne Bellamy, at the end of the Christmas term.

Mrs Drinkall said: "We are grateful to Carolyne for establishing a strong foundation upon which to build.

"Being a principal is about having belief, resilience and never being satisfied – always striving for better. It's about supporting and challenging both staff and pupils and ultimately believing in them. The children at Kingswood Parks are delightful and hardworking. We will continue to support the school in a part-time capacity until a new Principal is appointed."

Kingswood Parks was built in response to the increasing number of children now living on the Kingswood Parks development, and was opened as a sponsored academy in September 2014.

As an Outstanding primary school, Highlands Primary School in North Bransholme was selected to be the school's sponsor in 2013. Along with Bude Park Primary School, Highlands and Kingswood Parks make up the North Carr Collaborative Academy Trust.

Jan Drinkall and Helen Miller, the respective principals of Highlands and Bude Park have had a successful and long established working



Helen Miller, Jan Drinkall and Debbie Smith

relationship and are delighted to be supporting Kingswood Parks.

Highlands and Bude Park teachers have a wealth of experience when it comes to supporting schools across Hull and the East Riding in delivering sustained school improvement.

Mrs Drinkall is a National Leader of Education and for a number of years has worked closely with the National College for Teaching and Leadership. She said: "Between Highlands and Bude Park, we have a depth of experience and expertise including more than 10 Specialist Leaders of Education."

More than 300 children now attend the popular Kingswood Parks Primary School, with the Foundation Stage and Years 1 and 2 now full to capacity, meaning the school cannot admit any more children into these year groups.

Mrs Drinkall added: "The new school has seen a very positive response and the only places available are in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). We understand parents, particularly in the local area, are frustrated by this, but we are working with the Local Authority to increase the school's future capacity."

Kingswood Parks Primary School is hosting a series of parent events on February 11th and March 22nd. Contact the school for more details!

Community brought together with a festive fair

Kingswood Residents' Association (KRA), in partnership with Church of England and Revive Church, held a Christmas Fair bringing the community together for an action-packed afternoon.

The event saw more than 700 people attend, and was the first community-run festive event to be held locally.

The fair was held at The Kingswood pub, and included numerous stalls set up by local residents showcasing their skills.

A face painter was present along with traditional fun fair rides, a hot roast chestnut stall and a DJ playing Christmas music to get everyone into the festive spirit.



Members of The Kingswood Residents' Association

The event was supported by many local companies including Kingswood Parks Development Company (KPDC) donating raffle prizes, such as vouchers for The Village Green Café-Bar, Kingswood Butchers and Deli, The Village Retreat and The Hair Room, all located in Kingswood Parks Village Centre.

KRA would like to thank everyone who attended, with a special thanks to The Kingswood Pub which went above and beyond to help at the event.

Watch this space for details of future KRA activities and if you would like to get involved contact kingswoodra@gmail.com.



Congratulations to the raffle prize winners!

- Frankie and Benny's voucher – Jo Wharton
- Fuzzy Ed's vouchers – Odette Doran
- The Oystercatcher meal for 2 – Rob Pritchard
- Costa cup set – E Smith
- Rugby Ball – Melanie Crossland
- M&S £5 voucher – Michelle Lo
- Chiquito voucher – Janet George
- Saks cut and finish – Cheryl Payne
- Cineworld 2 tickets – Jo Hawksworth
- Hollywood Bowl family ticket – Gary Smith
- The Village Green Café-Bar £50 voucher – E Peterson & Becx
- Kingswood Butchers and Deli £50 – Louise Dyas & Anthony Oxtoby
- The Village Retreat £50 voucher – Sarah Weichardt & E Smith
- David Lloyd 2 week pass – Odette Doran, Rachel Faucett, Kelli, Sue Weir & Jo Hawksworth
- Two Dimensions laser and skin treatment – Kaylee Namps
- David Lloyd 1 year membership – Alfie Hesp