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# Youngsters having a ball with launch of Kingswood United

It's game on for over 140, four to 12-year-olds in Kingswood who have kicked off this year's football season representing the area.



Pictured from left Kingswood United team coaches James McDonald and Ricky Foster with Beal Homes' sales executive from Kings Vale and young players Mason and Harry

When Paul Richardson set up a soccer school earlier this year, with sponsorship secured from Beal Homes and Kingswood Parks Development Company (KPDC), little did he know how successful it would be.

A Facebook post inviting local families to bring their children along for a kick-about on the primary school pitch attracted 70 children to the first session, which very quickly turned into four separate sessions.

Now, 12 teams have been set up as part of Kingswood United FC - Sunday League for boys from under-7s through to under-12s; Saturdays for girls from under-8s through to under-12s, plus a weekly soccer school which is hugely popular.

Paul Richardson said: "I've lived in Kingswood for 25 years and there hasn't really been a sports facility for football in the area. My daughter plays football but I had to take her out of the area to play in the past.

"From that initial Facebook post, I knew there was some real potential based on the positive response. The demand has been really high and since setting up in January this year, we now have 12 teams, as well as the soccer schools - with over 140 kids taking part regularly.

"It is really positive for the area - from the physical health side of things to improving children's emotional well-being too. It gets them outside, enjoying being a kid again right on their doorstep.

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"It's great seeing them play with their friends, enjoying something, making new friends and getting out and about."

The club also recently achieved FA Charter Standard status and is a recognised Youth Development Club, with ambitious growth plans for the future.

Paul said: "FA Charter Standard status involves making sure all the volunteers are qualified and putting together a five-year development plan. The plan is to have 30 teams in the next five years."

One area which is really going from strength to strength nationally is women's football - something which is being seen at Kingswood United, where they are now looking to recruit girls for an under-8's team.

Paul said: "The girls' game generally is increasing, partly thanks to the recent success of the Lionesses. We're seeing the benefits here, with loads of girls wanting to join the four girls' teams we have at Kingswood United."

Beal Homes has sponsored the Kingswood United Tornados Under-7's team kit and helped with footballs, goals, bibs and kits, as well as covering the cost of hiring space at the school.

KPDC has also sponsored the Kingswood United Storms Under-7s team kit and helping towards the cost of equipment. **Visit [kingswoodunited.co.uk](http://kingswoodunited.co.uk) for more details about how to get involved.**

## Football's coming home



It's hoped sport will be returning to Kingswood Parks playing field next Summer following a meeting between local councillors and the Football Association to discuss plans.

The green space (managed by Hull City Council) has been closed since work took place on the expansion of the neighbouring Kingswood Parks Primary School, but all that is hopefully about to change.

The field is to be flattened and re-seeded with pitches marked on it, all due to be completed in time for the start of the new football season next summer. Councillor Mark Bisbey said: "It's not a safe area to play on at the moment, in terms of the potholes and the surface generally. We've spoken to an FA groundsman about what needs to be done and now we are focused on getting the fields back open and in use."



# Nailing the salon business

**An award-winning beauty salon in the heart of Kingswood Parks is certainly raising eyebrows as it continues to go from strength to strength.**

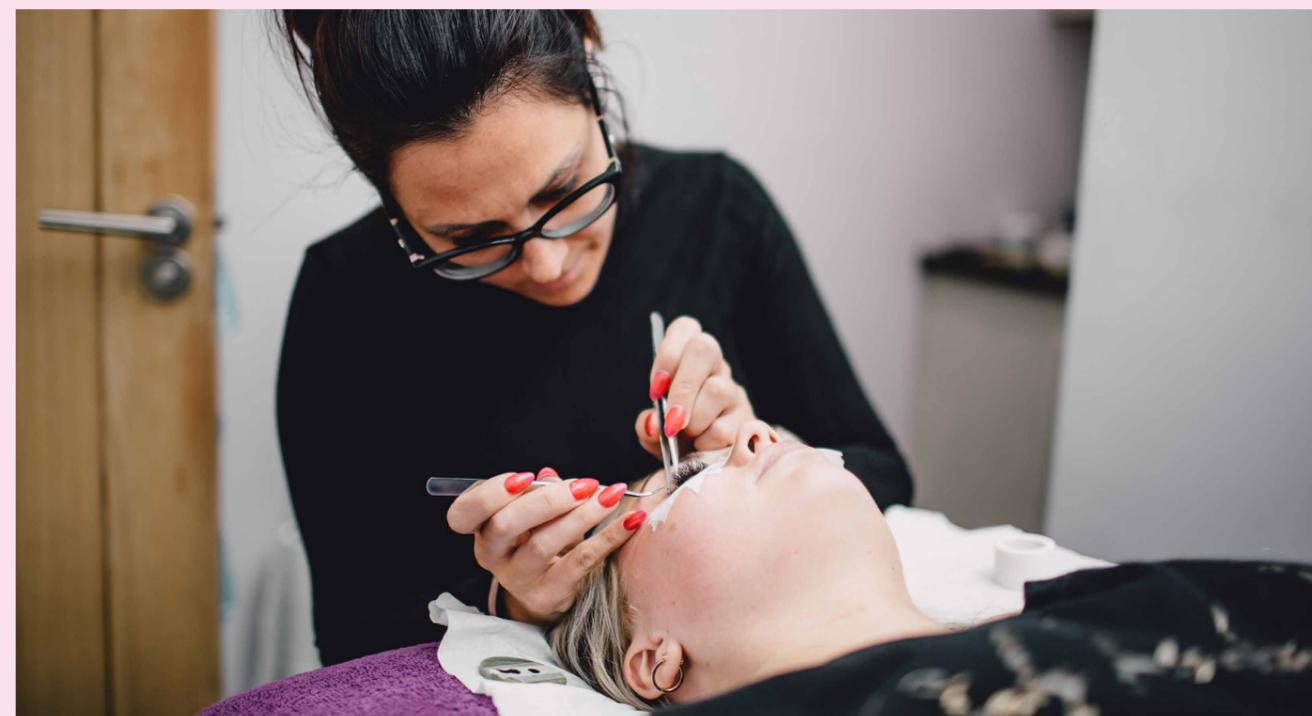
The Village Retreat was recently named Most Wanted Salon in the North East in the English Hair and Beauty Awards - a title it is going for again in 2020.

With nails, massages, waxing and more, the reputation of the salon's holistic approach to ensuring clients look and feel at their very best is growing among local residents and beyond.

Emma Wray owns the family-run business with her mum Kerry and says the salon is thriving.

She said: "We were so pleased to be nominated for the award earlier this year. It was an achievement just to be shortlisted so when we heard the name of our little salon from Kingswood announced as winners on the night it was a little overwhelming.

"We have had so much support from the local community. We're going for the award again next year so here's hoping."



**"It's been really busy and successful since day one. We've been overwhelmed at the support we get from the local community, but that has also spread further afield"**

Eight experienced staff currently work at The Village Retreat, offering a whole range of treatments ensuring local residents don't need to travel far for all their beauty requirements.

Emma said: "The salon has been really busy and successful since day one. We've been so well supported by the local community, but word has also spread further afield.

"As Kingswood Parks continues to grow, we are still seeing lots of new clients booking in all the time.

"Looking to the future we want to grow. In the last year we've added microblading to the list of treatments we offer which is a semi-permanent tattoo for your brow. We're listening to what clients want us to offer as they want us to have it all under one roof. "We do have a few exciting plans for 2020, so watch this space...!" **For more information on the awards or the salon, search for @thevillageretreatltd on Facebook.**



**WINNER**  
**Kingswood Parks is home to the Most Wanted Salon in the North East of the UK!**

## WIN A £200 VOUCHER TO ENJOY AT THE VILLAGE RETREAT

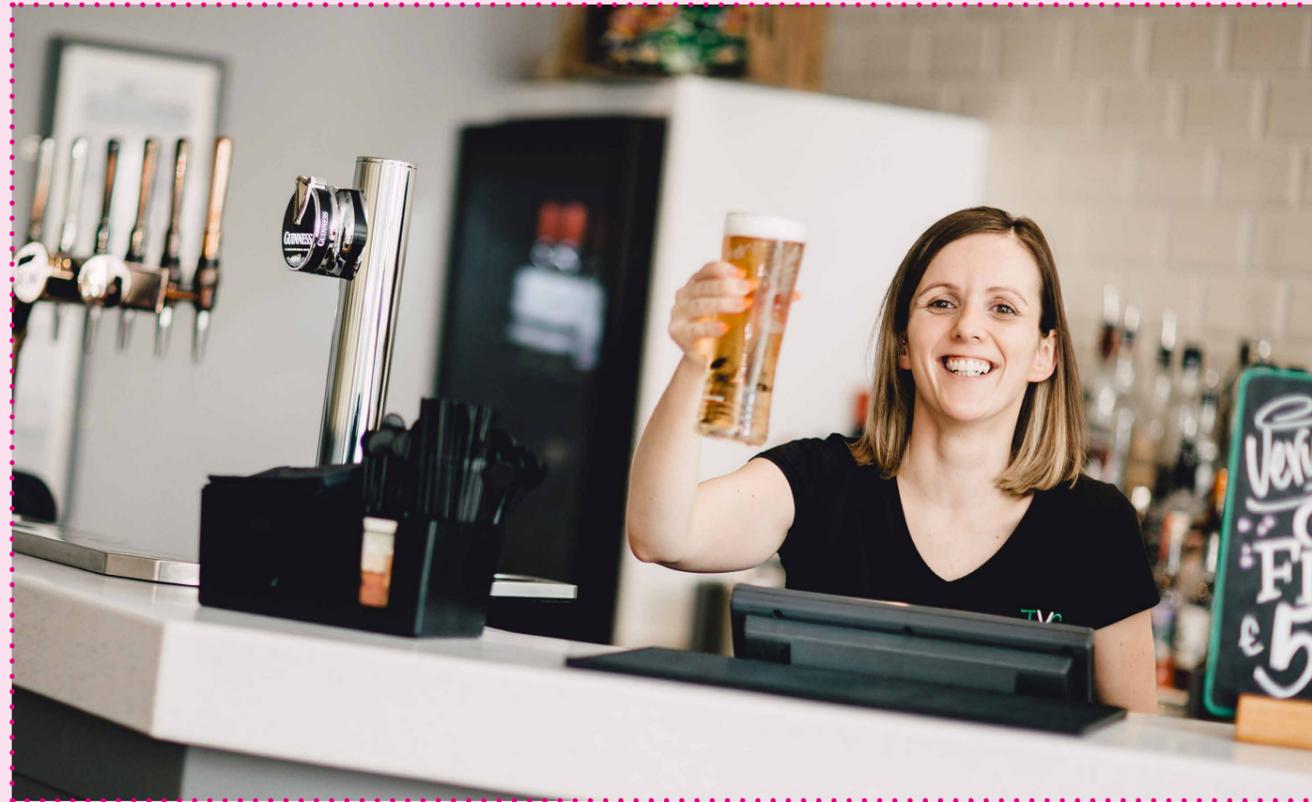
**To celebrate the success of The Village Retreat, Kingswood Parks Development Company is giving one lucky reader the chance to win a very special prize.**

We have teamed up with the salon to offer a £200 voucher\* for you and a guest. To be in with a chance of winning, simply email us and tell us why you deserve to win: [kingswoodparks@mercury-group.co.uk](mailto:kingswoodparks@mercury-group.co.uk)



# Cafe bar expands to meet demand

Glasses are being raised following the exciting expansion of a popular family-run cafe-bar in Kingswood Parks' Village Centre.



The Village Green Cafe Bar has become a fantastic destination not just for local residents, but visitors from further afield too, since its expansion last December into the unit next door.

The growth has allowed the business to add an additional bar area where people can simply enjoy a few drinks without having to reserve a table, with guests also enjoying a few pre-dinner drinks in there.



The expansion was made possible by the relocation of Beercocks estate agents, which moved to a vacant unit just a few doors down. Beercocks has quickly established a reputation as the leading estate agent for the Kingswood Parks development and beyond, with the move to enhanced premises further strengthening its position and further improving its ability to display the latest properties prominently within the Village Centre.

It builds on the cafe-bar's strong reputation locally for its delicious menu and fantastic atmosphere since opening in 2015.

Owner Andy Carter, a Kingswood resident himself, said the changes have given them more flexibility: "The expansion has been a success so far, it was definitely the right move for us. We get a lot of local people coming in, but we also get a people from the surrounding areas to come here too."

The Village Green Cafe continues to be a popular spot for everything from great alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks through to fantastic quality food.

# Children jumping for joy about new athletics' club

Kingswood's younger residents have been running, jumping and throwing at a new club encouraging healthy lifestyles.

The Mini Athletics was launched at David Lloyd in September for children aged between two and 5-years-old.

Andy Marshall is leading the sessions: "They were started in Kingswood Parks due to demand from parents. There are more and more people moving into the area and more and more reasons to keep active.

"The earlier that kids get involved in sports, the more likely they are to stick at it. Kids at a young age are also so receptive to new experiences, parents might find themselves surprised by how good they are."

Mini Athletics is a national scheme created by strength and conditioning coach for elite athletes Kirk Bowyer and primary school teacher Clare Bowyer.

The sessions at David Lloyd take place on Tuesday mornings, running throughout this school term. A free taster session is available for first timers. Call 0345 129 6794 for more information.

Visit [www.miniathletics.com](http://www.miniathletics.com) for more details.



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As the business has grown, so has its number of staff - with 20 now employed in a mixture of roles from serving, working in the kitchen and cleaners.

Andy said: "We had the extension done because a lot of people were telling us they wanted a bar to drink in. It has been good, busy, really busy, and we've been very pleased with the response from customers. We would like to thank our loyal customers for their continued support as we've expanded and hope it will continue long into the future."



**FREE!**

**1 free pint of Carling Lager/Cider or Worthingtons/ medium glass of house wine for the first 50 readers to hand this page of the magazine into The Village Green Cafe & redeem before the end of 2019**

# Planning permission granted for Revive Church



**Work on the new £2 million Revive Church hub in Kingswood Parks could be completed by the end of 2020 – after the plans were approved.**

The team are now in the process of completing the detailed drawings required for the next phase and working hard on some other financial elements. Nigel Lendon, Operations Manager for Revive Church, said: “We recognise that, although buildings are important, we consider what happens in them to be more important.

“This will allow many of the successful community projects, already operational at our current site in Kingswood House, to form the platform for further growth and additional community support.

“These already reach a wide spectrum of Kingswood residents across all ages. In addition we continue to receive interest from other community groups, activities and projects that have need of a venue in Kingswood Parks.”

**For more information on the church and its activities, please call 01482 420620. Visit [revivechurch.co.uk/home/kingswood/](http://revivechurch.co.uk/home/kingswood/) for more details.**

The groups using their current facility and set to grow with the new building:

**Little Angels** is a toddler group which offers sessions for parents with babies up to 18 months on Wednesdays, and those with children aged 0-4 on Thursdays and Fridays.

Project Manager Emily Phelps-Jones said: “For those new to Kingswood and wanting a place to go with the little ones or just wanting to connect with others, this is a valuable base. In the new building we hope to develop the range of activities we can offer to families and the amount of sessions we can put on to support them.”

**Community Money Advice** is a member of a national debt advice network helping people who need money advice every Monday. You can phone for an appointment on 01482 420620 or email [cma@revivechurch.co.uk](mailto:cma@revivechurch.co.uk)

Community Money Advice Centre Manager Jacqueline Berry said: “We have been helping people for around 11 years and know that struggling with money worries is very stressful and harmful. It can affect you physically, emotionally, relationally and behaviourally. Our trained debt advisers help with budgeting issues and debt issues.

**Extend Exercise** is rooted in exercise, health and movement, with the teachers able to plan and deliver classes to suit the physical needs of the over 60s and anyone less able of any age every Monday morning.

Extend Tutor Myra Barker said: “Clients tell me they feel more energised, supple, have improved balance and mobility, feel relaxed and less isolated. We are very much looking forward to the new building, due to the size of the room we are now full to capacity and have a waiting list to join us.”

# All the ingredients for success



**The owners of a family-run butchers and deli say it continues to see new customers on a daily basis, attracted by their mouth-watering fresh foods.**

Darren Williamson and Toni Rackley, who co-own Kingswood Butcher's and Deli in the Village Centre, go above and beyond to delight their customers – always happy to take suggestions of foods they would like to see behind the counters.

Darren said: “We're getting new people coming in every single day, some people who have lived here four or five years who didn't know we were here. They are trying new things and enjoying what we have to offer.

“We do have some loyal customers, who have become more like friends. We serve them every day, we know their names, they tell us what they're doing, where they are going on holiday. It's a great community.

“Some customers have been giving us suggestions on what they would like us to sell, so we've been giving that a go. This includes chilli and garlic chicken kiev's and also chicken with chilli, cheese, jalapeno and salsa. We're doing minted lamb pasties as well now.”

With everything from the perfect BBQ pack and the highest quality joints of meat for Christmas, through to the deli serving sandwiches and salads to takeaway, the business's reputation continues to grow.

They recently extended their opening hours, now open seven days a week, adding Sunday mornings from 9am until 1pm due to the popularity of their breakfast sandwiches.

But things are only going to get busier in the coming months, with Christmas their busiest time of the year.

Darren said: “Christmas time is really when the butcher side of things pays off and we're expecting it to be busy again this year – particularly with our Christmas hampers which basically sort out the Christmas meal in a box.

“The hampers go down really well and are the best sellers around Christmas. There was a time when I'd put notepad for Christmas away until the end of September, but I've started getting orders for Christmas by the end of January.

“It's going well at the minute and we'd like to thank all our customers for their support. We just hope our great customers stay loyal and keep coming to us for their fresh meat.”

**Christmas hampers range from £60 to £120 and include turkey crowns, joints of beef, joints of pork loin and gammon, homemade stuffing and pigs in blankets. Call 01482 877553 to order.**

**WIN!**

**To be in with a chance of winning a £120 Christmas hamper, visit [www.kingswoodparks.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodparks.co.uk) to enter!**



# Something to blog about



**Year Five pupils at Kingswood Parks Primary School are being introduced to the art of blogging whilst learning about internet safety.**

Kingswood Parks Voice was invited along to a lesson, where pupils were given the responsibility of setting up their own blog, which they will be managing and maintaining in the next two years.

Paul Wright is a Computing teacher, who was teaching the pupils: "I don't know of any other primary schools where the pupils have their own individual blogs which they have to manage and maintain.

**"It's a bit of an empowerment thing really. It reinforces what they're learning. It's also motivation for them to write"**

"It's based on Wordpress and I'm showing them how to manage and maintain and use the internet responsibly. They can write about the topics they're doing during the rest of the curriculum or personal interests. By the time they leave Year 6 they will have a portfolio of work."

The blogs can only be viewed internally with pupils able to comment on each other's posts.

Paul said: "They are writing to an audience - the rest of the school. Other children can see it.

"Other children can critique it. It's a bit of an empowerment thing really. It reinforces what they're learning. It's also motivation for them to write.

"We mention internet safety in every lesson. They're told what information shouldn't go on - personal information, email addresses, phone numbers, that sort of thing. Also, when it comes to comments on the blogs, be respectful to users at the far end."

Among the pupils setting up their own blog was nine-year-old Ellie. She said: "I've been learning how to do blogs. At a computer club after school we've posted about plastic pollution and about how to save some animals from the plastic."

Freddie, also 9, said: "I've been learning about how to blog and using the dashboard and that. I found it quite easy. I've posted a picture of the school. I'm excited about the blog being published."



# New £4,500 outdoor learning space enhances education



**The latest addition to the Kingswood Parks Primary School has been revealed - a new outdoor classroom.**

These Year 1 pupils were among the first to test out The Pavilion - built for 30 children to do their reading or lessons if it is nice and bright.

The funding, of just over £4,500, came from a community fund from the Kingswood Parks Co-Op store, thanks to local shoppers voting for the school.

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School Business Manager Wendy Crombleholme said: "I'd like to thank everyone who voted for the school - thanks to their help we received over £4,500. It is fantastic and thanks to their support the children have the amazing opportunity of an outdoor classroom.

"They absolutely love it. They love sitting out here and being out in the fresh air.

"They're really enthusiastic about it. They're all engaged and it just adds a different element to the classroom."

The school has significantly grown since being opened in November 2014, opening its doors with 315 children to 630 learning there today. Watch this space for more updates as the school thrives...



# Tails are wagging over scenic dog walking spots

These photographs show just how much dogs are loving the new Greenways for their daily walks, with beautiful greenery on our doorsteps.

It's proving a fantastic spot for a wander, especially for pooches and feels a million miles away from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Among those making good use of the space is Tracey Stead, a dog walker and cleaner, who said: "It's a really good spot and lovely for walking dogs. It's so green and means I can take the dogs off their leads."

Hattie Donkin and Davie Overmeer agree, describing it as "a nice spot". Meanwhile Amy Potter, from Potter's Paws, said the dogs love it, as does she, saying: "I walk along here every day. Sometimes the dogs go for a swim. You meet a lot of local people - it's popular with dog walkers and joggers."



The Greenway landscaping, including trees, footpaths and overall development along the whole stretch represents a significant investment from Kingswood Parks Development Company of £300,000.

## Keeping your Village Centre tidy, thanks to new bins

Five new litter bins have been installed in the Village Centre to keep Kingswood looking its best.

It comes following calls from residents after the existing bins were getting filled up quickly. Now there's no excuses for littering in the streets.

Please help keep Kingswood Parks tidy!



### Useful contact numbers for Village Green stores

**Village Green Café Bar**  
01482 877547

**Jhoots Pharmacy**  
01482 830411

**Kingswood Butcher's and Deli**  
01482 877553

**The Hair Room**  
01482 877377

**Kingswood Parks Primary School**  
01482 427870

**The Village Retreat**  
01482 877767

**Beercocks**  
01482 426666

**The Co-operative**  
01482 822802

**Haxby Group - Kingswood Surgery**  
01482 303963

