

# The Applegate Park Newsletter

Dear resident,

We are writing to you to provide an update on the ongoing activity at our Applegate Park development on Wises Lane. We will be continuing to work hard over the coming months as we prepare for our first new homeowners to move in this summer, and deliver new homes and green open spaces. Please read on for more information.

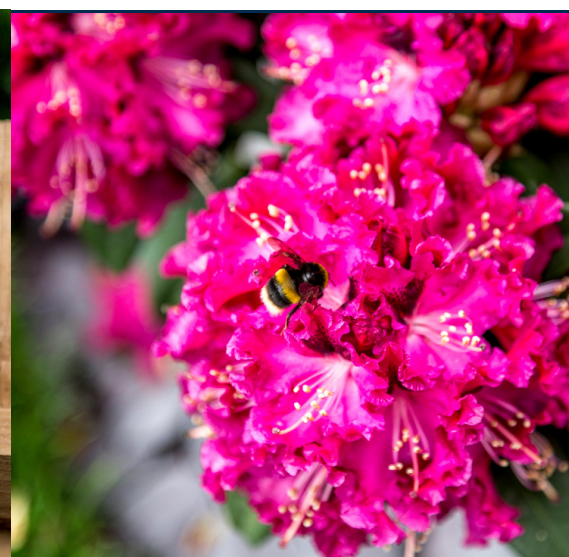


APPLEGATE PARK

## OVERVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT WORKS & LATEST UPDATE

You will be aware of ongoing works at Applegate Park, where our dedicated site team is currently working on Phase One, and with our show home and permanent sales office due to open on 22nd July, our capable team of contactors and subcontractors are now busying themselves with building the first release of three and four-bedroom homes.

Excitingly, we are also preserving and, where needed, planting our green open space, ready to officially open towards the end of the year.



## BUILDING GREENER

Some of our neighbours have asked us how we are creating safe, sustainable habitats for wildlife at Applegate Park. To enhance the biodiversity of each of our developments, we began an award-winning national partnership with the RSPB, Britain's largest nature conservation charity, in 2014.

Our sustainable strategy continues to be shaped the fantastic work the RSPB is doing, alongside working with local authorities and independent ecologists to ensure that any and all birds and wildlife nesting within our boundaries remain safe and protected.

As part of our commitment to creating a home for nature at Applegate Park, we will be installing 66 bird boxes to create a home for nesting birdlife. Furthermore, we have created 600 metres of hedgehog highways – safe walking routes for hedgehogs to travel around the site and between gardens. These highways are kept well away from driving-routes, and ensure our spiky friends can live and explore safely at Applegate Park.

In addition to this, we will be creating three new wildflower meadows and three new biodiversity areas, planting 120 new trees and retaining many more, and planting over 3,000 new hedgerow saplings across the entire site. Plus, 79% of our homes will contain integrated electric charging points.

We will keep you updated on these works in future newsletters



Indicative imagery taken by David Wilson Homes



## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

As part of our planning agreement, we have committed to a comprehensive local investment package, which will help to support your community services for the long term. You may have also heard this referred to as a 'section 106 agreement'.

As part of our community investment agreement, we have committed to the following contributions:

- £86,292 for the improvement of NHS primary healthcare facilities
- £4,834 towards the new Sittingbourne Hub and/or a provision of community facilities
- £18,160 towards the new Sittingbourne Hub Library and/or supporting existing library provision
- £4,268 for the new Sittingbourne Hub and/or other facilities and resources for older people with learning disabilities and people with mental health issues
- £328,789 towards a new primary school at the development
- £339,809 towards a new secondary school off Quinton Road
- £3,006 towards new facilities at New House Youth Centre
- £40,000 towards the management and maintenance of Borden Nature Reserve
- £50,807 for artificial grass hockey pitches at Old Bordenians Hockey Club and £5,000 for cricket nets at Gore Court Hockey Club
- £42,000 towards the provision and maintenance of new facilities at Playstool Recreation Ground
- £63,810 to extend public right of way footpath extension to Borden village
- £7,500 towards the maintenance of the woodland area adjacent to Playstool Recreation Ground
- £30,000 towards the provision of walking and cycling links on Cryalls Lane and Riddles Road

All funds will be handed over incrementally to Swale Borough Council throughout the duration of works at Applegate Park, and we endeavour to keep you updated as we proceed.

In addition to our S106 obligations, David Wilson Homes is working closely with the local community to support important community initiatives, and we have already worked with a number of organisations including the Kent Bus Shelter Project, Swale Foodbank, Milton Creek Country Park and ALP Sittingbourne.



## AFTERWORD

Thank you for reading our development update, which we aim to issue on a quarterly basis to keep you informed on our work at Applegate Park. If you have any questions about the ongoing development programme, you can reach out to our team via [wiseslanedevelopment@dhaplanning.co.uk](mailto:wiseslanedevelopment@dhaplanning.co.uk) or visit [www.wiseslanedevelopment.co.uk](http://www.wiseslanedevelopment.co.uk).