

OnStream

LATEST NEWS FROM NEWARK'S NEWEST NEIGHBOURHOOD



Avant show homes

Building a *Brighter Future*

It's safe to say that 2020 has been a challenging time for us all. Yet, here at Middlebeck, we are proud to be building a brighter future for our growing community once more.

Despite the difficult restrictions in place, our onsite team has continued to forge ahead with construction work progressing safely within government guidelines over the summer.

In September, we invited Newark MP Robert Jenrick to discover the progress across the development since lockdown was lifted, and since work began in 2017.

Joined by representatives from Urban&Civic and Newark and Sherwood District Council, the visit saw Robert

explore the site of Middlebeck's new primary school, Christ Church CofE School, where work has now begun on the state-of-the-art facility.

Welcoming its first intake of pupils in September 2021, the school will become the new home of the existing Christ Church CofE School currently located in Newark.

The move to the new facility here in Middlebeck will be implemented gradually, with pupils relocating to the school in stages, and eventually offering 525 places... **continued on P2 & P3.**



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Above: L-R: Cllr David Lloyd (Leader, Newark and Sherwood District Council), Richard Coppell (Group Development Director, Urban&Civic), David Chambers (Chairman, Lindum Group), Robert Jenrick MP, Nigel Hugill (CEX Urban&Civic), John Robinson (CEX, Newark and Sherwood District Council)

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During his visit, Robert stopped off at our popular independent eatery, Gannets Middlebeck, where he chatted to owner Neil about business since their opening in November last year.



Left: Robert Jenrick met with Neil Stevens, owner of Gannets Middlebeck

With construction of new homes now forging ahead once again, Robert also explored Middlebeck's growing residential streets, which are now home to over 150 families.

Prospective house-buyers looking to join our community can now view stunning showhomes by Bellway Homes, Countryside Homes, Avant Homes and Ashberry Homes, who are continuing to deliver some 550 homes in Middlebeck's first phase.



Above: Robert explores Middlebeck's residential streets with the Urban&Civic team



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Preparing for a warm welcome



The Christ Church CofE School Team are working hard behind the scenes with Urban&Civic and the Southwell Diocese to prepare for their new school in Middlebeck, in September next year – with all hands to the pump looking at layouts, designs, materials and timescales.

Work is well underway now on the construction of the building and some of Christ Church’s current primary school pupils will be able to get involved in laying bricks and planting trees for their new school over the coming year.

As well as planning their move from the existing primary school site on Victoria Street in Newark, they are also looking forward to welcoming new families living at Middlebeck for whom this will be their local school.

The applications window is now open for Reception intake in September 2021 and so any families interested in a place for their child should apply through the Nottinghamshire County Council process at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions. Alternatively, they can contact the Christ Church team on 0115 8041237, 01636 680051 or visit www.christchurchinfantschoolnewark.org.

In the next issue of On Stream, we will be interviewing the new Head Teacher for the school and hearing from some of the children on their excitement at moving to their new home.



A CGI Impression of Christ Church CofE School at Middlebeck

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L-R: Joe Oxley and Helen Oxley, Ashberry Eastern Counties assistant site manager Hannah Berry and sales advisor Chrissie Fielding, Michael Topley and Kirsty Topley.



A cup of coffee *on the house*

Have you heard the latest? Our independent eatery, Gannets Café, has launched a new loyalty card scheme – so there's another great reason to pop in for a drink! All you have to do is collect 8 stamps to receive a hot drink on the house on your next visit. Just pick up your loyalty card from the café and get sipping...

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When neighbours *become good friends*

Firm friendships have been formed during lockdown, where the strangest of circumstances have brought new neighbours even closer together.

Back in March, we welcomed our first residents to their new Ashberry Homes, just a week after the Government instructed people to stay at home to stay safe, and it seems that the shared experience of settling into new surroundings under strange circumstances has created an even stronger sense of community.

Among the first people to arrive at Middlebeck were Michael and Kirsty Topley, both 30, who moved into a three-bedroom semi-detached house with their white Westie dog Alfie on 31 March. Just a few weeks later, on 30 April, Joe and Helen Oxley moved in next door with their three-year old son James, and the two couples quickly formed a close bond.

Joe, who works for a builders merchant in Newark, said: "Our neighbours have been such a great support system throughout lockdown, and the community is one of the main things that makes it feel like home here. In our neighbourhood everybody talks to each other, and it's the small things like that which make it feel like such a safe and relaxing place to live."

"We've made great friends with Michael and Kirsty, who welcomed us with a lovely house-warming gift the day we moved in. We've been spending time isolating in our new gardens together, and we've even shared some lovely barbecues together!"

**Want to join our growing community?
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