

# THE HOULTON Signal

AUTUMN 2019

*First with the latest messages from Houlton, Rugby*

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING at Houlton

**It's been a summer of fun here at Houlton! And with over 200 families now living on site, it was wonderful to see the growing community get out there and enjoy the great outdoors. Here's what we've been up to this summer...**

You might have noticed the latest addition to the park – our own giant deckchair! Installed at the park in July, the deckchair brought even more family fun for residents throughout the summer holidays. Standing at an impressive seven feet tall, the supersized sun lounger provided the perfect spot to kick back and relax – and capture the ultimate sunny snap!

The Really Wild Adventure returned to bring little ones a fascinating free day exploring Houlton's extensive ecological habitats. Hosted by TV presenter and ecologist Mike Dilger, children took part in a 'Big Bug Hunt' and enjoyed a host of nature-inspired games and activities, as well as educational presentations from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust's expert team.

July also saw a huge annual art event, Warwickshire Open Studios, come to The Barn. Involving over 300 artists at 151 venues across



Houlton residents fire up their BBQs for a fun filled afternoon



Young residents make the most of Houlton's giant deckchair

the country, the month saw some of Rugby's finest artists showcase their work across several weekends, and was an unmissable event for art-lovers in the area.

In August, we teamed up with residents to organise a special barbecue for neighbours, family and friends. Hosted at the picnic area, over 170 people joined us for an afternoon of fun and food, helping to bring

residents together to get to know each other, and further enhance the strong sense of community here at Houlton.

***"We were thrilled to see so many families in our growing community come together to make our summer barbecue such a great success. After a week of rain the sun shone on Houlton, and friends and neighbours made some fantastic new memories."***

***"In addition to a wonderful barbecue provided by Urban&Civic and cooked by our Houlton resident chefs, we asked the community to bring along some pot luck dishes. Residents brought their favourite foods, snacks, sauces, desserts and treats; we had everything from fluffy pavlovas***

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**HOULTON  
School Special**

*Learn more about Houlton's new secondary school in our 4 page special inside...*



Houlton's community space The Barn

continued...

and homemade scones to pastas, salads, and quiches. Delicious!

*"Everyone said how fantastic it was to meet new neighbours, have fun and get to know each other better - so much so that we are already planning our next event. I love being part of such a special community, and feel blessed to live among such wonderful families who I can now call friends."*

Nina Murray - Houlton Residents Association

We are passionate about creating a community with outdoor living and family life at its heart. As well as these one-off events, Houlton's many open spaces proved to be a huge hit with residents of all ages. From the extensive nature trails, open green spaces and natural habitats to the state-of-the-art adventure play park, walkways and cycleways, there has been plenty to explore!

Read more about the wildlife at Houlton on page 4



TV presenter Mike Dilger and local children explore Houlton's ecology at the Really Wild Adventure

*Houlton's community space, The Barn, hosts a variety of weekly classes, workshops and events, so everyone can find their next hobby.*

### Weekly classes

MONDAY:  
BABY MASSAGE COURSES / ZUMBA

TUESDAY:  
PILATES / BEGINNERS YOGA

WEDNESDAY:  
MINDFUL YOGA / SALSA

THURSDAY:  
DOLLMAN DOTS / POWER YOGA

### Upcoming events

#### FELTING WORKSHOPS

14th September,  
12th October  
9th November

#### PUBLIC DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

22nd September  
17th November

#### LADIES INDULGENCE EVENING

20th September

#### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

27th September

#### ART EXHIBITION

23rd and 24th November

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## HOULTON School Special



Rugby MP Mark Pawsey unveils the impressive 3D model of Houlton School

# HOULTON SCHOOL PLANS REVEALED

**Back in May, we were thrilled to reveal plans for Houlton's new secondary school at a special event which marked the submission of its planning application.**

Rugby MP Mark Pawsey unveiled an impressive 3D model of Houlton School, showing residents and parents how Houlton's Grade II-listed Rugby Radio Station building will be transformed into the heart of the campus.

The afternoon allowed residents to talk to those involved in building and running the school, and CGIs offered a detailed look into its layout and scale.

Opening in September 2021 for Year 7, the state-of-the-art facility will grow each year to offer a first-class education for pupils aged 12 to 18 and provide much-needed secondary school places for Houlton residents and families in Rugby. It will be a six form entry school, meaning each year group will have six classes of 30 pupils.

Houlton School has been designed by leading architectural consultants, Van Heyningen and Haward Architects, and will be run by the Transforming Lives Educational Trust (TLET), which is already delivering Outstanding

OFSTED-rated secondary education at Rugby's Ashlawn School.

The planning application was submitted in May, and we hope to receive the green light and commence construction this autumn.

A joint venture between Urban&Civic, Aviva Investors, Warwickshire County Council and the Department for Education, the restoration of the former C Station will ensure a fascinating piece of Houlton's history will be preserved, while breathing a new lease of life into the stunning building.

Houlton School is the second of four schools which will be delivered at the Houlton development, with the first of these, St. Gabriels CofE Academy, having opened in September 2018.

Be sure to pop into The Visitor Centre to check out the 3D model and CGIs of Houlton School, which are on display now!

**Register your interest in the school by contacting [info@tlet.org.uk](mailto:info@tlet.org.uk).**

## *Houlton School's History*

- The C Station opened in 1926. It was the world's most powerful radio station.
- There were 62 masts which supported the station, 12 of which were 820ft – that's 2.5 times the height of Big Ben!
- The masts enabled low frequency, long wave radio signals to reach around the globe.
- In 1927, the very first transatlantic voice broadcast was transmitted from Rugby Radio Station to Houlton in Maine, America.

**HOULTON**  
*School Special*

# Take a closer look...

**2. SPORTS HALL**  
New building

**3. STEM TEACHING BLOCK**  
New building  
Maths & Engineering, Science, ICT



FUTURE



**1. POWER BUILDING**  
Grade II Listed  
Dining Hall,  
Assembly Hall

PAST



**8. CIVIC SQUARE**

This takes you through the new school, showing you which parts of the school are Grade II listed buildings and what they used to look like in the 1920s. It also shows you where the new buildings are located and what they'll contain.

**4. HUMANITIES TEACHING BLOCK**

New building  
English, Humanities, Languages

**5. WATER TOWER**

Grade II Listed  
Outdoor/flexible  
teaching space



CGI showing heart of the school courtyard

FUTURE

**6. TRANSMISSION BUILDING**

Grade II Listed  
Sixth Form, Creative Arts,  
Library, SEN, Admin



PAST



1926 - C Station



1926 - Transmission Hall



7. SCHOOL ENTRANCE



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*What's next?*



The 3D model of Houlton School shows how the Grade II listed buildings will be transformed into the heart of the campus

# A WORD FROM THE TRANSFORMING LIVES EDUCATIONAL TRUST...

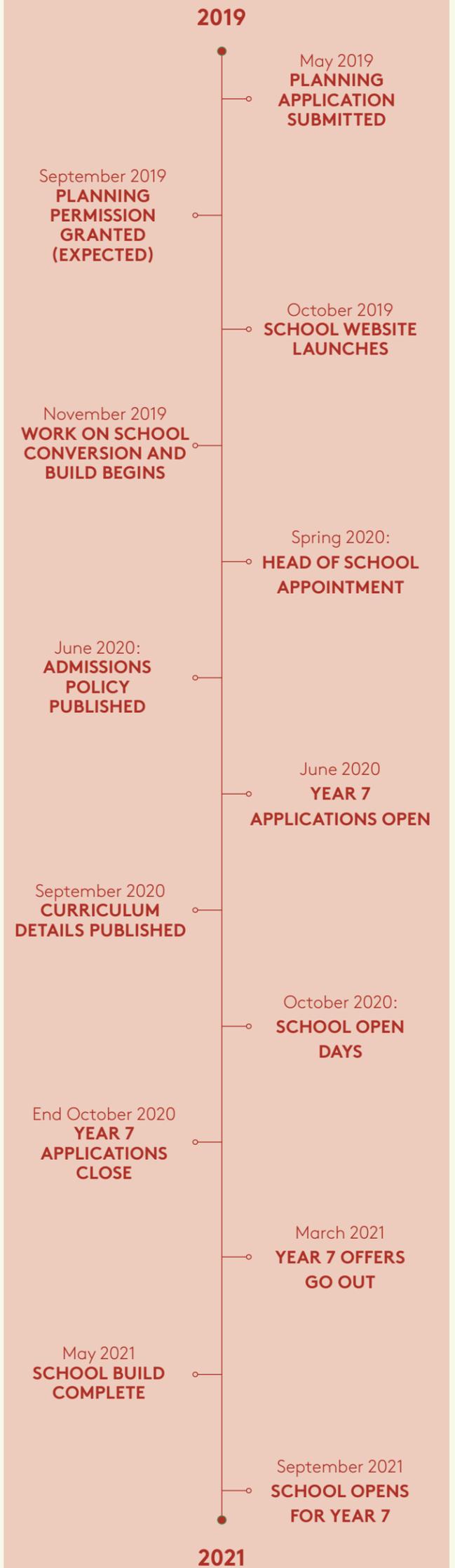
**James Higham, CEO of the Transforming Lives Educational Trust, who will operate Houlton School, said:**

*"This is such an exciting moment for Houlton School and the team here at TLET who get to work with Urban&Civic on designing, building and opening this new school for Rugby. The 3D model and CGIs which are in The Visitor Centre at Houlton really help to bring our vision for this school to life. Not only will the location be an inspirational place to learn in, but we will also be building on the experience and expertise of our high performing schools in the Trust to develop strong community and the highest educational standards.*

*"We know there is a lot of interest in the new school, especially around Admissions. We will publish our admissions policy in summer next year and hold open days to provide prospective parents with all of the information they need. Before then, we will be launching a website and logo for the school and appointing a Head of School."*



Ashlawp. Principle Siobhan Evans shows Houlton children and St Gabriel's year 3 and 4 pupils plans for their new secondary school



# Discover the world OF WILDLIFE AT HOULTON

Nature runs through the heart of Houlton, and when completed, the development will boast 500 acres of wildlife corridors, green spaces, ponds and ecological habitats. We are only just beginning our journey to create Houlton but there's an abundance of nature already established.

Did you know Houlton is home to...

- Over 17 types of trees in Dollman Common alone, from wispy willows to beech and oak trees! Since 2016 over 2000 mature and semi-mature trees have been planted.
- 62 acres of green spaces and natural habitats, including recreational ponds, walkways, wildflower areas and hibernacula.
- The rarest of the UK's amphibian species, the Great Crested Newt. Look out for their bright orange underbelly and large jagged crest!
- A wide range of animal habitats, from bat boxes and badger sets to hedgehog highways and rabbit warrens.
- Over a mile of walkways and cycleways weaving through the development for the residents to explore on foot or two wheels!
- Friendly cows and sheep grazing the surrounding fields.

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# Latest news



## THE TUNING FORK IS GETTING NEW NEIGHBOURS

As work across Houlton continues to progress at pace, more new amenities are coming to our bustling community hub.

The expansion of Dollman Farm will see the addition of an onsite Co-op, offering residents a fantastic range of everyday essentials right on their doorstep.

Families will also benefit from a new, purpose-built nursery, meaning Houlton is well on its way to offering educational facilities for all ages from new-born through to 18 years (once our secondary school opens in 2021).

A planning application for the new Dollman Farm buildings has been submitted, with an anticipated opening for the shop and nursery in Winter 2020.



### Coming soon to Dollman Farm

- ① Co-op shop
- ② The Tuning Fork
- ③ Nursery
- ④ The Barn
- ⑤ Storage
- ⑥ Path to play park & nature walks
- ⑦ The Visitor Centre

## LINK ROAD CONNECTS COMMUNITIES

After some 18 months of construction, we are delighted that the Houlton Link Road is almost complete and will be open to the public in October.

Connecting Houlton to Rugby town, the 1.5 mile route will include a purpose-built cycle road and off-road footpath, allowing safe, quick and easy access into Rugby, for the whole community.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for an opening date. Search Houlton Rugby.

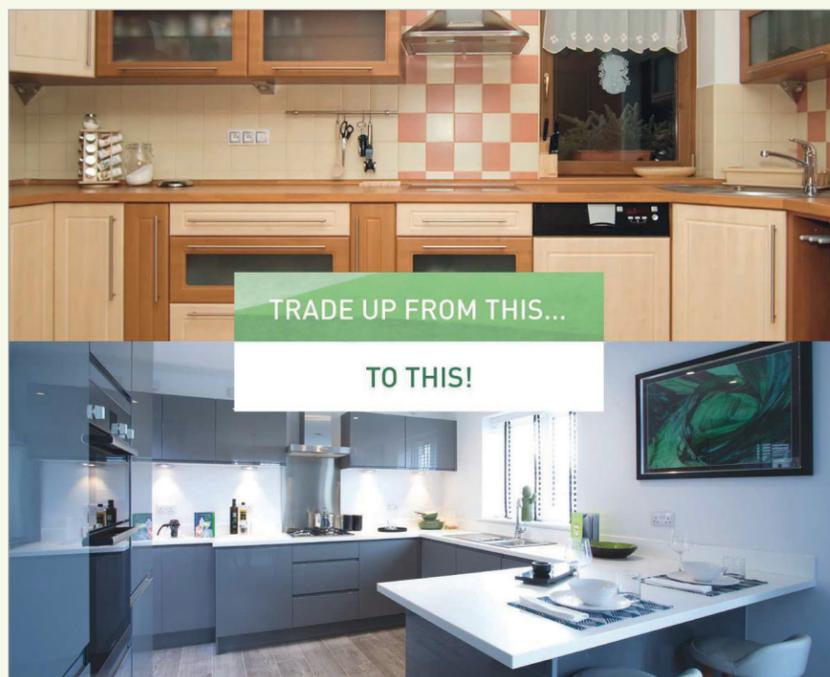
## REDROW SET TO OPEN SHOW HOMES

Future residents will be able to view Redrow's three stunning new show homes when they open in October.

Redrow will deliver 248 three, four and five-bedroom homes, offering prospective homebuyers an even greater opportunity to discover their dream home.

Redrow's show village, which is located at the western edge of Houlton where the link road joins, will bring the number of show homes at Houlton to an impressive twelve different styles - more than any other development in the region.

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