

Spring into summer!

Let's get together for food and fun as Food Truck Revolution rolls into Wintringham!



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Hello and welcome to the first edition of 'The Wintringham Wagtail' for the Wintringham community!

This will be your quarterly publication which I hope you will find both useful and interesting, as we bring you the latest news and development updates as well as local features and community stories. We also hope to give you the spotlight too and the opportunity to tell us what you would like to see come forward in your community.



I am Urban&Civic's Community Development Lead and am delighted to be able to support new residents moving in to Wintringham. Since I joined the team in February, I have seen Wintringham in all four seasons already, from deep snow to glorious sunshine and now summer is on the way! Whatever the weather, I am excited to see the development progress and working with you to create and shape a community you are proud to be part of.

As the roadmap out of lockdown finally eases us back to enjoying life socially again, we are delighted you have been able to sample the various street food cuisines at Street Food Saturdays and have been overwhelmed with your support! We are pleased to say this will now be a regular fixture at Wintringham with food trucks offering a variety of sweet and savoury delights every Saturday from 5pm. We hope you enjoyed the May bank holiday weekend special as we also paired our food truck offering with some liquid refreshments to offer you a social excursion on your doorstep! We hope you manage to make it over to The Plaza one Saturday evening to enjoy some food and drinks soon. Further details can be found in this newsletter.

Over the next few pages, we set out an update on the development plans coming forward, and we will shortly be inviting you to take part in an online consultation survey for the new 'District Centre' at Wintringham. We want your input to shape this important space which will provide key facilities and amenities including shops, a nursery, a new community centre, café and in time the home for the

new health centre. We very much value your opinion and suggestions so please do take part! More details on how to have your say coming soon.

Alongside the Wintringham Wagtail, please don't forget to sign up to our list to receive new information and updates by email which will also include our Residents' Forums. Thank you to all who joined us last month to hear about our plans and it was great to e-meet you! You can register your interest by dropping us a line on info@wintringham.org or contacting me directly.

If you have any queries about local facilities, services, activities or community groups or would like help setting up something new yourself, please do get in touch on my email or number below.

On behalf of the whole of the team at Wintringham, we wish you the very best and hope you will be very happy becoming an active part of this new community.

I look forward to meeting you!

With very best wishes,

Christine

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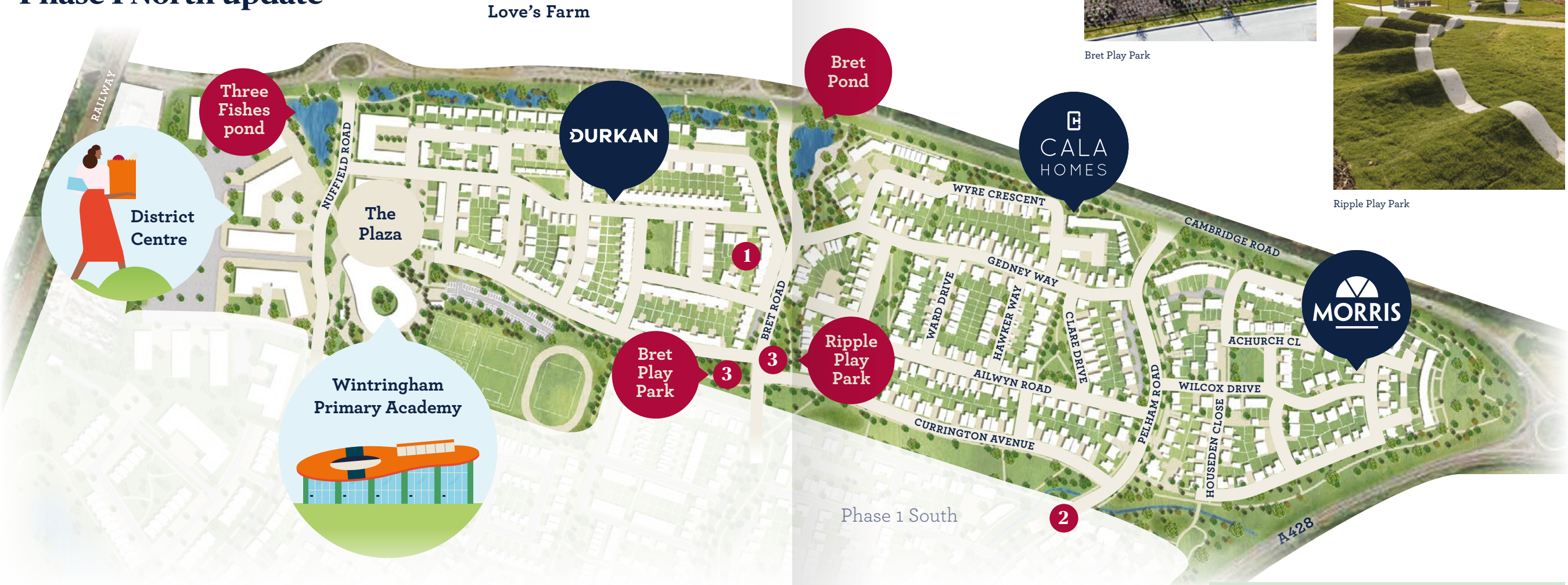
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Phase 1 North update



Bret Play Park



Ripple Play Park

1 Durkan at Wintringham

Durkan Homes have progressed their planning consent and will be starting on site in mid-June. The main construction route will cross the road from the back of the school and this is why this area is restricted. Durkan are bringing forward 293 new homes, including one to four bedroom houses and apartments. The sales and marketing suite is due to open in early 2022, with the first homes ready for occupation by Summer 2022.

2 Pelham Road extension

Pelham Road will be extended to serve the southern part of Morris Homes area. The works include diverting and refurbishing an existing tributary – Monks Brook – and creating a culvert crossing, which is expected to be completed by the end of June. This work will enable infrastructure to be progressed, but the area will remain under construction for some time yet, with the hope it can be completed (although not open to the public) by the end of August. The balance of the Phase 1 infrastructure is due to be completed by late 2022.

3 Play Parks Open!

We are delighted that our first two play parks; Bret Play Park and Ripple Play Park are now open. The play areas are designed hand in hand with Jupiter Play and our landscape team, with sustainability in mind, as well as lots of fun for children to enjoy.

Wayfinding

You may have seen a few wooden boards popping up across the development - these will become a trail of new information boards to guide you on walking and cycling routes but also share interesting facts about the history and ecology around you – including our cheery friend and resident, the Wagtail, who has given us the name of this newsletter!



Bringing the new community together at Street Food Saturdays!

May saw the successful launch of Street Food Saturdays at Wintringham, with not just new residents but neighbours from Love's Farm and the wider town coming to try out great food, meet neighbours and spend some (socially distanced) time in the fresh air.

The events, organised by Urban&Civic working with Food Truck Revolution, sees local independent food businesses such as - Pigcasso, Guerilla Kitchen, Pizza Passione, Churros and Banquet Inn Bar - bringing converted camper vans, horse trailers and trucks to the Plaza in front of the new Wintringham Primary Academy at the heart of Wintringham.

Christine Littlewood said: "Street Food Saturdays have had a fantastic response. As well as providing great food in a tranquil setting, it's a chance to bring people together, to make new friends and meet up with old ones. While we plan out the sort of amenities people want to come forward in the future District Centre, it's a great way to ensure people can treat themselves and try out some great cuisines from around the world right on their doorstep.

"We really appreciate everyone's continued efforts to keep each other safe by social distancing as they wait to be served and whilst enjoying the delicious range of dishes available.

"We hope to be able to organise many more community events as the development continues to take shape and it's been great to chat to people to find out the types of activities they'd like to get involved with."



All trucks serving food from
5-8pm
be sure to check our Facebook and Instagram feeds for up-to-date times and details!
[@wearewintringham](#)

Getting to know our local partners



Tracy Bryden
Headteacher of Wintringham Primary Academy

My name is Tracy Bryden and I am the Headteacher of Wintringham Primary Academy, the fabulous new school that has been built for the local community.

I am also the Headteacher of the well-established Round House Primary Academy, which is a sister school to Wintringham Primary Academy. I am keen for the existing relationship between the schools to continue, however look forward to Wintringham further developing its own identity.

We currently have children in school from Reception up to Year 2 but are looking forward to our numbers growing quickly as more families move in.

I have been very involved in the construction of the magnificent building and really feel that it will provide an exciting and inspiring learning environment for the children. I am only sorry that we have not yet been able to show it off to the community due to Covid-19 restrictions. Hopefully we will soon be able to invite parents and visitors into our school.

We seek to identify and affirm each child's gifts and talents and provide opportunities to develop them and firmly believe that a rounded and broad education lays building blocks for a child's future and that this is a collaborative effort between home and the whole school community. Our visions and values can be summed up in three words: Nurture, Inspire, Flourish.

I am very excited that we will be opening our own Pre-School within the school in September this year. Please do contact our school office if you would like to register your child for a place.

Please do visit www.wintringhamprimary.co.uk for more information including a virtual tour of the building.

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Cllr Stephen Ferguson
Mayor of St Neots

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As a fellow St Neots East resident (I live just across the road on Love's Farm) I can say without a doubt, you have made the right decision in moving here. St Neots is rightly regarded as "the jewel of River Great Ouse".

If you haven't already, I suggest you have a weekend stroll along the riverbank from Riverside Park, to Pocket Park and back. Or maybe have a wander around beautiful Priors Park. You'd be surprised how many long-term residents don't know about all of the beautiful spaces that we have on our doorstep.

There are exciting times ahead: The District Council have recently announced a £12 million investment aimed at revitalising the town's Market Square and restoring it as the cultural and economic heart of the town.

However, the single best thing about St Neots is the outstanding sense of community, which in my experience is stronger in St Neots East than anywhere. Seven years ago, I was a newcomer to the town who knew no-one, I threw myself into community life (in my case Pocket parkrun), and ended up being elected Mayor and delighted to now be in my second term.

If you'd like to have a chat, please email me, or telephone me using the details above. In the next issue I will share more updates and news from myself and other town councillors for you to get in touch with.



Helene Tame
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My name is Helene Tame, I'm married to Jonathan and we've lived on Love's Farm since 2014 when I took on the role here as community chaplain.

We've become used to having chaplains appear in a variety of places but why on a new community? I guess because it's understood that community doesn't just happen when houses are built in the same place - lots of people work hard to help nurture and support the emerging community here at Wintringham as well as the established communities of Love's Farm and St Neots. How will the role of chaplain complement all that's already happening?

It's probably true to say that although many of us wouldn't describe ourselves as religious, we might describe ourselves as spiritual, and feel there's more to us than our daily routines in the places we live and work. So it's good to ask how we care for ourselves spiritually. We know that we take care of our bodies by diet and exercise, our relationships by giving them time, our environment by stewarding our resources well but how might we care for our spirit and the spirit of our community?

I take care of my spirit by taking time to do the things that make me feel most alive and help to keep me connected to the people that matter to me. I take care of my spirit by paying attention to what and who is around me, by being grateful, saying sorry quickly and by looking for resources beyond my own when I get stuck. For me that includes prayer: for myself and others, sometimes with words, sometimes without.

I hope that we'll get to meet as neighbours soon; perhaps at a community event, or school assembly, or queuing in Tesco, or running the pathways, or over a coffee or all the other places we go to build community and take care of ourselves body, mind and spirit! And if not in those places then online perhaps via email or Facebook.

Partners of Wintringham cont.



John Keenan,
Go Travel Solutions

Sustainable transport and active travel is a key priority for the Wintringham development. That's why Go Travel work with the Urban&Civic team to help residents and businesses coming on to the development to plan how they get around more sustainably.

My name is John Keenan, and I am your Travel Plan Co-ordinator, and among other things, I have been working hard to set up incentives which are exclusively available to you as residents, when you join the LocalGo scheme, including a £50 cycle or bus voucher, 20% of home EV chargers or 15% off railcards.

To redeem any of the available offers, all you need to do is register for LocalGo, by going to www.localgo.co.uk/join, select the Wintringham scheme and enter wintringham@localgo.co.uk as the verification email.

As well as lots of sustainable and active travel discounts you can request a Personal Travel Plan (PTP) for your most regular journey via LocalGo. This will help you to plan your frequent journey to work, college or a social event.

To help better understand what sustainable travel initiatives or facilities residents would like to see at Wintringham, we are conducting an Active Travel survey. To participate in this survey please use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WintrActive21>.

This is more important than ever with Covid changing the way we think about getting about, to work, school or for our leisure activities and I would urge you all to have your say and help us shape the priority areas for this year. We will also be running an annual survey of how you get about every October, so we can measure how effective our work is, and ensure we have the right incentives in place to help you get about sustainably.

If you have any questions about sustainable or active travel, please email info@localgo.co.uk



Home-Start is a local community network of trained volunteers and expert support. We help families with children under five with practical, emotional and confidential support. We know the earliest years make a big difference to a child's development, and we want to make these years count.

We understand parenting can be a fantastic and rewarding experience, but can also be lonely, frustrating and overwhelming. All parents struggle at one time or another. We can help you through the toughest of times and give you the support you need.

Families moving into newly built communities can sometimes find issues they already had have got worse, or need help to make the local connections they need to feel at home in their new environment. That's why we are working with Urban&Civic's support to be on hand at Wintringham.

Our trained volunteers provide support. All volunteers are parents supporting other parents to be the best they can be, giving children the best start in life possible. They offer no judgement, just compassionate and confidential help.

If you need our help or know of someone who does, please contact us.

Home-Start Cambridgeshire also provides training for new volunteers throughout the year. If you could give your time to support our work and help local families, then please get in touch.

Please contact Home Start Cambridgeshire:
Telephone: 01480 700242
office@homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk

Further information about the work of Home Start Cambridgeshire can be found at www.homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk



Local business spotlight

Cox's at the Lighthouse Fish & Chips, Love's Farm

Just across the road, on Kester Way, you will find Cox's at the Lighthouse Fish and Chips – a highly recommended local eatery serving some of the finest fish & chips around.

Founded by an award-winning chef, Cox's serve up the Great British Friday night favourite as well as offering a gluten-free menu every evening, including a special batter made with rice flour. Cox's also have a wide range of vegetarian options, including pies, garlic mushrooms and bean burgers as well as a children's menu.

Wherever possible, they use line-caught MSC certified fish from the clear, clean waters of Norway and Iceland. Their potatoes come from Lincolnshire, and their cooking oil is supplied by a company who aren't cutting down forests, instead are actively re-planting trees. Cox's are also proud to be plastic free – with biodegradable takeaway containers, wooden forks and paper straws.

Fish and chips has always been a great family takeaway treat. Founder, Mick, also provides catering for events. Mick said: "Firstly, a warm welcome to your new home and community! I am sure you are going to be very happy and we look forward to seeing you soon at our lovely shop. Don't forget, you can pre-order via our website www.coxslighthouse.co.uk"



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Business Spotlight

We are keen to feature regular spotlight slots on local businesses in St Neots to highlight the great businesses and amenities on your doorstep. We would also like to use this slot to shine a spotlight on some of your new neighbours, the team on the ground at Urban&Civic and the housebuilders at Wintringham. If you would like to be part of a future feature, please get in touch with Christine.

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Shaping the future of Wintringham's new community hub

Urban&Civic's design team are busy creating the first part of an exciting main community hub for Wintringham. This key area of the development will grow with the community. We look forward to when the District Centre opens, along with a civic square, shops and café; including a Co-op Convenience Store, and a new nursery.

This area will expand to the northern side over the next couple of years to include a health centre which will support Wintringham and Love's Farm, and commercial area which will provide space for new businesses.

The team are looking to share their designs with you over the next few weeks, with an online consultation, which will help you shape the future roll-out.

Rachel Arnold, from the Communities and Partnerships Team, said:

"We would normally be looking to hold some consultation events around a planning application like this, but in these restricted times, we will be working with the "Give My View" team to ask some important questions to residents about what they want this first part of the District Centre to look like, and how we can ensure it delivers the facilities and activities people want to see.

"While we have a core list of the key amenities the Centre must provide, there are different ways to do this, and design them; different ways the public realm works between spaces, and looks and feels; and some really important cues we need from residents about the sort of activities and events they want in community space, which could help define the way design moves forward for those buildings and spaces."

The online public consultation is being pulled together at the moment, with a plan to launch it in June. The feedback gathered will guide emerging designs as they are finalised for submission in the Summer. It is anticipated that the District Centre will move forward from Autumn 2021 with the first amenities opening in Autumn 2022.



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Rachel Arnold, Communities and Partnerships



Residents' Forum Meetings

The team hosted the first Residents' Forum on 20th May. Thank you to all those who attended the first meeting which provided a chance to discuss the latest progress at Wintringham and invite questions about any aspects of the development so we can ensure you can play an active role in its future.

We used the time together to discuss Urban&Civic's response on East West Rail's consultation, and sought residents' views to help shape this before the deadline.

While we are hugely supportive of investment in rail infrastructure and the project in general, we want to make sure the impacts on residents are minimised and are working through our response to the routes shared in the consultation.

If you would like to be part of our Residents' Forum please email me at Christine.Littlewood@urbanandcivic.com. We also look forward to holding future Residents' Forums in person once social distancing measures are eased so look out for updates and door drops as to when these will happen!

Plans submitted to complete the first phase of infrastructure at Wintringham

A planning application has been submitted for the majority of the remaining green areas, public spaces, roads, pedestrian and cycle routes within Phase 1 at Wintringham - completing the infrastructure proposals for the area between Cambridge Road to the north and Wintringham Brook to the south.

The plans for high-quality pedestrian and cycle links and key public spaces include a centrally located play area, community gardening and nature-focused areas alongside Wintringham Brook. It will also enable the future build out of homes and connections for the next part of Phase 1, and the development of the larger site coming forward in the next phase to the south of Wintringham Brook.

Two new parks are proposed, delivering open space for recreation and leisure, including outdoor table tennis tables. Wayfinding boards are incorporated into the landscape design, containing facts and activities to promote learning and recreation as residents and visitors explore Wintringham. These green spaces will complete the first phase network of leisure routes already delivered.

Joe Dawson, Senior Development Manager from Urban&Civic, said:

“We are committed to putting health at the heart of Wintringham, and the team have worked hard on these designs to ensure we create something really special: space for people to enjoy, space for nature, and space where people and nature can come together. We look forward to taking these plans forward and continuing to create a great place for people to call home.”

Subject to planning approval, the proposed green areas, public spaces, roads, pedestrian and cycle routes within Phase 1 will be delivered in stages over the next three to five years, as additional housing parcels come forward.



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At the heart of the proposal are three key concepts which focus on Wintringham’s themes of health, activity and nature.

A destination play area

Known as ‘The Fort’, this is inspired by the history discovered during early archaeological excavations at Wintringham. The area will provide opportunities for natural play, alongside a tunnel, bridges, and a variety of other timber play equipment, together with picnic tables for families to relax and soak in the fun.

A new central pond

Proposed for the north of Wintringham Brook, this will complete a group of three ponds in this location that include walking routes around the water features. These ponds are anticipated to provide a haven for wildlife, with bird watching areas enabling residents to immerse themselves in nature.

‘Eat Streets’ garden spaces

While formal allotments will come forward in the second phase, plans for community gardening spaces are being developed featuring interactive triangular spaces providing orchard trees and picnic areas framed by wildflower, shrub and hedgerow planting.

Key Contacts

Hopefully you have had a chance to look through the Welcome Pack you received, and this should have a wealth of information about local facilities and amenities. Below is a handy summary of the key contacts you might find useful if you have any issues on the development:

General Maintenance

Including: grass cutting; clearing drains; gritting roads in winter; repairing street lighting; trimming hedges; and ensuring play area safety.

Managed by Encore Estate Management
01223 866980
info@encoreestates.co.uk

Housebuilders

Please contact your house builder with any queries about the new homes you have moved into, including outside lighting, electricity, water and network connections.

Wintringham community development and events

Including: community events; activities, facilities and new resident information.

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Community Development Lead
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Employment and training

Support with recruitment, employment and training opportunities in the local area.

EDGE
01480 435654
info@sharpperskills.co.uk
sharpperskills.co.uk

Health

Lakeside St Neots provides GP services for 24,000 patients in and around St Neots. Please contact Reception to register as a new patient. If you have moved locally and are already registered at the practice, please remember to update your new address. If you are looking to register we urge all residents to do so in good time, as it can take some time to update and transfer medical records, and it is better to have this sorted out before you need to see a doctor.

01480 406677
lakeside.stneots@nhs.net

Please also refer to your Resident Welcome Pack for further information and contact details on local hospitals, dentists and healthcare providers, and a range of other facilities and services.

Health Walks Are Back!

The Huntingdonshire Health Walks scheme is provided free as part of the national Walking for Health initiative.

The scheme runs a range of regular walks across the district including routes around the St Neots area in June. You can enjoy the walk at your own pace, but with the added benefit of being in the company of other walkers and trained walk leaders.

For more information and booking details please go to:
<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/leisure/health-walks/>

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