



## Past, Present and Future

### Introducing our new Artist...

Crest Nicholson have commissioned Amy Goodman, a sculptor and portrait artist who grew up in Berkshire to create a breathtaking public art display at one of the key gateways to Arborfield Green. Amy has now begun sculpting the three life-size horses which will be sited on the new Nine Mile Ride Extension roundabout, which was completed in summer 2017.

The three horses will represent the past, present and future. Amy has had a very clear vision from the start, of a rearing Cleveland Bay gunner from WW1 to lead the installation. Across from the trench, following the edge of the road will be a sports horse mare galloping away towards her yearling who will be just ahead of her.

The sculpture will celebrate the history of the former Arborfield Garrison, originally established as a horse hospital and veterinary centre for the Remount Depot in 1904. During WW1 many thousands of horses passed through the centre, now marked by two remaining stable blocks that will be restored and form the focal point for the village meadow and bridleway.



### Amy Goodman

#### Sculptor and Portrait Artist

Amy Goodman started drawing and sculpting from a young age.

Having ridden all her life, horses have always been a passion and feature frequently in her work. Amy completed a Fine Art Degree in Southampton in 1997 and has been establishing herself as a Sculptor and Portrait Artist ever since.

Amy loves working in different media and has developed her unique style of welded steel, bronze sculpture, and a variety of 2D work, including her distinctive equestrian ink & acrylic wash paintings.

Her work is shown internationally and she regularly exhibits with the Society of Equestrian Artists where she is an Associate member.

[www.amygoodman.co.uk](http://www.amygoodman.co.uk)

## Arborfield Green: A Timeline of Development

1904

Land in Arborfield acquired by the War Office for the Arborfield Remount Depot. Land was part of the Bearwood Estate, which was owned by the Walter Family of the Times Newspaper. Land is first rented from Walter family and then purchased.

1914

Acreage increases beyond eastern boundary. Temporary stabling is constructed to accommodate more than 600 horses. Several thousand animals passed through the Depot during World War 1.

1937

Land in Arborfield acquired by the War Office when the Arborfield Remount Depot closes. The site now covers 500 acres. In the years it was open, nearly 100,000 horses passed through the Depot. The Depot was one of the largest employers in the local area.

1938

Reopens as Arborfield Garrison

1939

Army Technical School opens and Poperinghe Barracks is built to accommodate two Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiments of the Royal Artillery.

1942

Garrison becomes home to the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers of the British Army (REME).

# A Garden Village

The Garden City concept was originated in 1898 by Sir Ebenezer Howard. As Howard saw it, a Garden City should combine the very best of town and country living to create beautiful, well planned, healthy and vibrant communities. In many ways, his ideas were the precursors of today's principles of sustainable development and have a more contemporary application as the Garden Village.

Arborfield Green embodies these ambitions and will offer a range of healthy lifestyle opportunities and open spaces alongside characterful designs and a thriving mixed community.



## Infirmary Stables

The Infirmary Stables at Arborfield Green are a unique legacy of the former Remount Centre at the Barracks. Unfortunately, they were left in a poor condition but two single storey blocks remain, which are in alignment with each other.

With support from English Heritage, Crest Nicholson have been painstakingly restoring the stables, a listed building. A new and viable use is still to be considered to secure the stables' future.



## A Timeline of Development continued

**1944 - 1946**

Garrison serves as a medical centre and accommodation for troops before the Normandy landings and those off to service in northwest Europe. School renamed to Army Apprentice School.

**1990**

Original barracks replaced by modern, state of the art facilities

**2004**

The decision was taken to cease apprentice training at Arborfield. Over 50,000 men and women began their army careers as apprentice soldiers and tradesman at Arborfield Garrison.

**2010**

Wokingham Borough Council allocates Arborfield Garrison in its Local Plan.

**2013**

Crest Nicholson appointed as Development Manager for the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) the Army's property and land arm.

**2016**

Vacation of Arborfield Garrison completed and Crest Nicholson take over management



## 2016 - Autumn

Bohunt School officially opened their doors to Year 7 pupils in two former military buildings made available by Crest Nicholson

## 2017 - Summer

The Nine Mile Ride Extension (NMRE) opened, providing access off the A327 to Arborfield Green and Bohunt School

## 2017 - Autumn

Crest Nicholson took over the management of the former Garrison Community Centre on behalf of the DIO

## 2017 - Autumn

Local artist, Amy Goodman, appointed to create three horse sculptures at the entrance to the new NMRE

## Early 2018

Arborfield Green becomes the first scheme within Wokingham Borough to include consent for a development solely for the Private Rented Sector (PRS)

## 2020

Start of the District Centre development planned

# Arborfield Green Proposed District Centre Land use Plan

## 1. Market Square

- Shared, flexible space
- High quality public realm appropriate to semi-rural location
- Fronted by mixed uses to ensure active frontages day and evening
- External dining opportunities
- Short stay convenient parking
- Farmers' markets/community events

## 2. Mixed Uses

- Commercial, leisure and residential uses
- Food store to be in prominent location
- Other diverse, supporting retail opportunities
- Potential for dentists, hairdressers, independent retailers
- Residential apartments above retail
- Townhouses to northern side of market square
- Accessible and convenient parking integrated into the design

## 3. Community Hub

- Nurseries with outdoor play areas
- Healthcare
- Community/school leisure centre
- Community centre
- Accessible and convenient parking integrated into the design
- Linkages to Bohunt School

## 4. Food and Drink Offering

- Opportunity for family orientated public house
- External dining opportunity
- Frontage onto Linear Park with its new pedestrian, cycle and bridle routes
- Good visibility from Nine Mile Ride to ensure commercial viability

## 5. Extra Care Housing

- Proposed location for extra care housing
- Good adjacencies with Community Hub, Market Square and Linear Park
- Vibrant outlook for residents
- Accessible and convenient parking

## 6. Residential

- Private rented sector housing (PRS)
- Adjacent to recently consented PRS scheme in Parcel Q
- Helps to drive diversity by delivering a new and much needed tenure type

## 7. Residential

- Varied mix of residential house types
- Apartments above retail space
- Potential for townhouses fronting onto the Market Square
- Creating vibrant and active frontage onto Market Square
- Parking to be included
- Central location with direct access to the District Centre facilities and transport links

## 8. Residential

- Medium density residential including houses and apartments
- Vision similar to Waterman's View working with the Garden Village Principles
- Semi-rural location adjacent maximising views over the Linear Park
- Conveniently located close to the District Centre facilities and transport links



## District Centre Public Consultation

A public consultation event was held on Thursday 18th January at Arborfield Community Centre. Thank you to all that attended. More information from the consultation can be found at [www.arborfieldgreen.co.uk](http://www.arborfieldgreen.co.uk)

# Community Centre

## Changes at the Community Centre

Crest Nicholson have now taken over the management of the former Garrison Community Centre on behalf of the DIO. The aim is to retain the existing amenities available to local military families whilst opening up the facility to the wider community.

We also have several spaces in the Community Centre which are now available to hire at reasonable rates, from the studio to the larger main hall for one-off events or regular bookings, All subject of course, to availability.

If you would like to get in touch to book a room, discuss an idea or raise an issue, please email

[community@arborfieldgreen.co.uk](mailto:community@arborfieldgreen.co.uk)



Would you be interested in joining one of our groups at the Community Centre?

### **You could try Hatha Yoga?**

Classes are suitable for everyone, from beginners to more experienced.

### **Are you a parent or carer with children under 5?**

Play and Learn sessions provide an opportunity for your child to socialise with their peers and for you to make new friends for yourself.



### **How about HIIT training and circuit classes?**

Inspire health and fitness offer HIIT training and circuit classes. All sessions are under a bootcamp umbrella, offering all components of fitness during the week, a fantastic way to get fit, get motivation and support, and meet new people.



## Have Your Say

To ensure the Community Centre provides the best possible service to the local community, it would be really helpful if you could let us know what things you would like to see the centre used for, whether its space for hire for community meetings, fitness classes or practice space for the local choir, we want to hear your views.

# Celebrating Christmas in style at Arborfield Green

On Sunday 3rd December 2017, residents from the local community were welcomed into the Arborfield Green Community Centre to enjoy an exciting day filled with Christmas festivities.

The event, which was organised by Crest Nicholson with support from Wokingham Borough Council and Aldershot Garrison, provided the opportunity for local businesses, crafters and schools to join with members of the community and promote their services while celebrating the start of the festive period. Visitors browsed a wide variety of stalls offered as part of the craft fair and small business showcase, enjoyed making Christmas lanterns, and even met Santa Claus.

There were performances from the Military Wives Choir, Coombes School Choir and St Sebastian's Band who led a lantern procession to Arborfield Green's Christmas tree where the lights were switched on by the Mayor of Wokingham Borough, Councillor Rob Stanton.

While Crest Nicholson were the main organisers of the event, several additional sponsors helped to make it a success. These were the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers Association (REME), Redrow Homes and Westbuild Homes.



## Date for your Diary

### Arborfield Green Easter Event

**Arborfield Green Community Centre,  
Sheerlands Road, Arborfield, Reading, RG2 9ND,  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 11am - 3pm**

Come along for some Easter fun! Arts and crafts, local businesses and community groups, Easter bonnet competition, games and much more.

## Your Opinion Counts

We would really like to understand your opinion of the Christmas Event (if you attended) and also to recognise the types of events that you would like to see happen in the community.



## Arborfield Aces

### Our home team goes from strength to strength!

The Arborfield Aces are enjoying showing off their smart new kit after being sponsored for a second year by Crest Nicholson. The award-winning developer also provided four new goals, footballs and the managers kit. Founded in 2014, the Arborfield Aces' successful Under 12 team are now joined by an Under 8 squad – the Mini Aces.

The club's home ground is in the former Arborfield Garrison sports fields which are now managed by Crest Nicholson, who have opened the area up to the local community since taking over management of the facility from the Defence Infrastructure Organisation. Crowthorne Rugby Club have joined the Aces to have their temporary training ground on the old rugby pitches, along with a range of outdoor fitness classes.

Louie, one of the Under 12 players said: "I love playing at our new home, I like it when people come and watch us and say come on Arborfield. I think Crest Nicholson really care about how we are doing and I like to do well to make them proud."

### Lauren Baker

#### Community Liaison Officer

Introducing Lauren Baker, your new Community Liaison Officer.

Lauren is working alongside Gemma Gallant, Community Liaison Manager, and brings with her experience of organising inclusive community events and coordinating volunteers. Lauren is enthusiastic about making a positive difference and will be able to help deal with any queries or questions that you may have. She is looking forward to working with the local parishes, community organisations, and residents here at Arborfield Green.



## Our new website is live!

Visit [www.arborfieldgreen.co.uk](http://www.arborfieldgreen.co.uk) to keep up-to-date with local events, development updates and for more information about Arborfield Green.