



Arborfield Green

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— A NEW GARDEN VILLAGE —



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Arborfield Green Community Newsletter

Welcome to the Winter Newsletter!

This is your guide to what's been going on in Arborfield Green over the last few months. Keep reading for more information about our recent community events and updates on the development.

Arborfield Green celebrates annual Emergency Services Day with family fun

Arborfield Green proudly hosted Emergency Services Day on Thursday 31st October. The annual event, which was previously run by Thames Valley Police, was passed to the Arborfield Green Events Committee this year. Working in close partnership with Crest Nicholson, Redrow, Millgate Homes, Romans, and Wokingham Borough Council, the event was a roaring success for all at Arborfield Green, with over 1000 people attending.

Construction vehicles from on-site contractors Lawson and NATTA were available for children to climb on and take pictures with. The small animal farm, kindly sponsored by Romans, was a huge hit too, as families met goats, sheep, chickens and a pony.



Sammie Bryans,

Development Director for Crest Nicholson said:

"It was great to see so many families come along for our Emergency Services Day. We are very proud to host this event with our development partners each year in Arborfield Green, and this year was even more poignant as we collected £251.53 in donations for the family of PC Harper."

Could you be involved in our next event?

Our Events Committee are looking for new members! Chaired by Carly Jones, a local resident, our Events Committee take charge of all of our community events. If you have a passion for organising, or just want to have a say in our seasonal events calendar, please let us know.

Arborfield Green: A Timeline of Development

1904

Land in Arborfield acquired for the Arborfield Remount Depot

1914

Several thousand horses passed through the Depot during World War 1

1937

In the years it was open, nearly 100,000 horses passed through the Depot. It was one of the largest employers in the local area

1938

Reopens as Arborfield Garrison

1939

The Army Technical School opens and Poperinghe Barracks is built

1942

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

Coming soon to Arborfield Green



Lake and footbridge

Work on the footbridge by Waterman's Lake is now underway, and we expect the bridge to be open in early 2020. We are also aiming to have the lake accessible most of the way around by autumn next year.



Horse sculptures

Local artist Amy Goodman has produced three, life sized horse sculptures which will be installed by the Biggs Lane roundabout. We are planning the installation for Spring next year, so keep your eyes peeled for details of our exciting launch event!



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Primary School

As most of you will be aware, a primary school site has been enabled by Crest Nicholson in Arborfield Green. Work was supposed to begin earlier this year, but the council's contractor went into administration so this work has been placed on hold. We are expecting an update from the Council soon and we will keep you updated with any developments.



Allotments

We have received several enquiries about the allotments planned for Arborfield Green. There are several locations across site where we are currently considering installing allotments, and, as the plans progress, we will be able to tell you more about their locations and how they will be managed. If you are interested in taking one, you can be added to the waiting list by contacting community@arborfieldgreen.co.uk.

Village Centre FAQs

What is the Village Centre?

Also referred to as the District Centre, there are plans to create a new Village Centre as part of Arborfield Green. This will serve the whole of Arborfield Green and Finchwood Park to the south, as well as surrounding communities. It will be built near Bohunt School, with views towards the stables across the green spaces and linear park. This space has the potential for retail units, a new community centre, a food store and new homes.

How far along are the plans?

In June, we submitted the Development Brief for our Village Centre to Wokingham Borough Council. This is the first stage of planning and contains an outline of what we are aiming to deliver. As this brief has now been accepted, we will begin work on the Reserved Matters application for the first phase of the centre. This is where we will go into detail on exactly how the centre will look.

Do you know what will be built?

We have an idea of what we would like to see, but nothing is set in stone until the detailed planning applications are agreed. There are likely to be retail units, new homes, a community centre, a nursery, a food store and a cafe. We would like to also see a family-friendly pub and other service operators such as a dentists, vets and hairdressers, and we are starting to see strong interest from potential operators.

If you have any suggestions about what you would like to see in the Village Centre, or are a business interested in taking up space, please contact community@arborfieldgreen.co.uk.

What other facilities are being provided across Arborfield Green?

There are already hard courts, cricket nets, a 4G pitch and squash courts at the Arborfield Green Leisure Centre, which are also used by Bohunt School, and accessible to all. The tennis courts on Princess Marina Drive are open from 8am until 8pm and are free to use until they are refurbished as part of the development. We will also be upgrading the sports pitches in the centre of the site and providing a new multi-sport pavilion in line with Sports England standards.

Are there more parks and play areas to come?

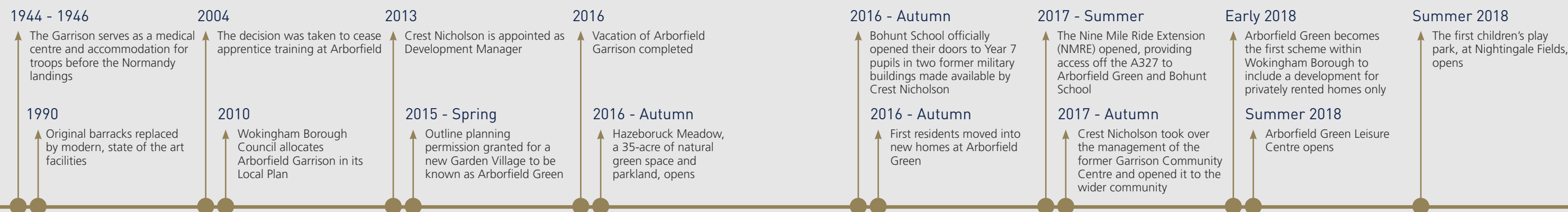
Arborfield Green will be linked together by a linear park, which will flow from Waterman's View and Barkham Place across the development to Nightingale Fields and Kingsley Park. This route will also connect with the Village Green, which sits between the Village Centre and the historic infirmary stables. Along this, there will be several play areas installed, much like the one already in place in Nightingale Fields. The next play area will be near Waterman's Lake and will be installed next summer.

When will you start building the Village Centre?

At the moment, we are hoping construction work on the site will begin in 2021. This all depends on how well the planning applications progress and the commercial viability and demand.



A Timeline of Development



New Homes in Arborfield Green



Waterman’s Reach & Nightingale Fields

Waterman’s Reach is the new development from Crest Nicholson alongside Waterman’s Lake and is currently on the market. Towards the south, the next phase of Nightingale Fields is well underway and is due to launch in Summer 2020.



Hilborn

Millgate’s first parcel, Hilborn, is currently on the market after launching in September. They have also just started work on their next parcel off Princess Marina Drive.



Equestrian Walk

Bewley Homes are beginning work on 56 homes towards the north of the site. Equestrian Walk will contain a collection of 2 bed apartments, and 2, 3 and 4 bed homes.



M&G

M&G will be managing the high quality private rental apartments at the south of Arborfield Green. The first phase was finished in October 2019, with the second phase expected to be finished in October 2020.



Kingsley Park

The next phase of Kingsley Park, near Bohunt School and the A327, is well underway with new 2, 3 and 4 bed homes, and is due to launch in 2020.



Aberleigh Gardens

Aberleigh Gardens is an exclusive collection of 12 houses built by local developer, Westbuild Homes, and currently on the market.

Community initiatives

Reading FC Kicks Project

Crest Nicholson are supporting Reading Football Club in establishing a Kicks Project at Arborfield Green. Kicks aims to engage young people who may otherwise be difficult to reach. They aim to create a safer, stronger, more respectful community through the development of young peoples’ potential. Sessions take place every Thursday night, 5:30pm - 6:30pm, at Bohunt School – just turn up and play (sessions will restart after Christmas on 9th January). All are welcome, boys and girls, ages 8 - 19. No drills, no coaching, just football.

The project aims to:

- Create routes into education, training and employment;
- Encourage volunteering within projects and throughout the community;
- Break down barriers between the police and young people;
- Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour; and
- Increase the playing, coaching and officiating opportunities for participants.

Get in touch for more information.



Community Assets – what are Crest contributing in and around Arborfield Green?

£9.5m

Primary School

£9.7m

Secondary School

£24.1m

Green spaces and play parks

£330k

Public art

£20.4m

Off-site roads

£2.6m

Cycleways

£8.2m

Sports facilities

400

Affordable housing units

Discover the history of Arborfield Green

Do you have letters, images, or stories of Arborfield? We’re looking to expand our knowledge of Arborfield’s past history, and particularly its military background. If you have any relics from the site or from families who lived here, please let us know.



What is still to come?



A schedule of events

There is always something happening in the community - look out for our upcoming Easter event!



New district centre

Potential for a convenience store, retail units, restaurant/pub and extra care housing. Keep an eye out for updates on our website.



Footpaths and cycleways

Continued construction of new footpaths and cycleways, linking with the borough wide network of walking and cycle routes.



A new primary school

This is being developed by Wokingham Borough Council. We are expecting an announcement on timescales for the opening of the school soon.



Horse sculptures

Installation of the horse sculptures, designed by local artist Amy Goodman, is expected in Spring 2020.



Additional play parks

Additional play parks to be delivered across the development.



Private Rented Housing

New high quality homes for rent.



Nature Trail

Coming soon to the linear parkway.



What's on at the Community Centre?

Arborfield Green is lucky to have a fantastic community centre in Arborfield Green. Here are some of the people, groups and activities that you can find based there. For booking enquiries, please drop us a line, give us a call or pop along to a session!

MONDAY

9am - 12pm



Mums & Tots (Main Hall)

7pm - 8pm

Yoga (Main Hall)



7pm - 8pm

Yoga (Main Hall)



TUESDAY

9am - 12pm



Pop Up Cafe (Main Hall)

1pm - 2:30pm



Post Natal Group (Studio)

WEDNESDAY

9:30am - 11:30am



Sure Start - Play and Learn
(Main Hall)

7pm - 8pm

Yoga (Main Hall)



8:30pm - 9:30pm

Pure Pilates (Studio)



THURSDAY

3:30pm - 5pm



Youth Club - Minis
(Main Hall)

5pm - 7pm



Youth Club - Junior
(Main Hall)

5:30pm & 7:30pm

Slimming World (Studio)



7pm - 8pm

Youth Club - Senior
(Main Hall)



FRIDAY

11am - 12:30pm



Mini Athletics (Main Hall)

SUNDAY

4pm



Church @ the Green (Main Hall)

WE ALSO HOLD MONTHLY GROUPS!

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

7:30am - 9pm



Women's Institute (Studio)

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

8:30am - 4pm



Health Visitors, Baby Weighing Clinic
(Meeting Rooms)

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

3:45pm - 5:30pm



United Kidz @ Play
(Main Hall)

Stay in touch

If you have a question about the development, or want to bring something to our attention, drop us a line at community@arborfieldgreen.co.uk. You can also keep an eye on our website for development updates!

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