



TADPOLE
GARDEN VILLAGE

Autumn/Winter 2019

my community news

It's arrived! Your Tadpole Garden Village Community App

Crest and Preim are proud to announce the launch of the Tadpole Garden Village Community App exclusively for Tadpole Garden Village homeowners.

The app has been designed to enable homeowners to engage and make the most out of the community resources. The App will be available on the App Store and Google Play.

Attached to this Newsletter is a letter with your unique username and password. When you login for the first time please sign up to receive **push notifications** to be kept up to date with what's going on.

You will find information about the **on-going development of Tadpole Garden Village**, travel resources, local events, nearby activities and your **dedicated community forum**.

I believe the Tadpole Garden Village Community App will be a great addition to the way in which people keep up to date with life here at TGV. Smartphone usage has increased greatly and the app will make it easier for residents to perform a variety of tasks such as reading TGV news, finding out about an event or sourcing a useful TGV contact. It's an exciting development and one that can be improved and refined over time.

We hope you enjoy your Community App experience. If you have any questions or feedback, please, drop your Community Mobiliser Chris Tanner a line.

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Download free today!

Your Tadpole Community App is now available to download on the App Store! Search: Tadpole Garden Village and download the app onto your smartphone. Then login with your unique username and password on the letter which came with this newsletter. To chat on the social area - first tap on the wheel top right and create a unique profile.



You'll find all this and more on the new Tadpole Garden Village App

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Development News

Keep reading this newsletter for development updates and other news...

Paul Fisher,
Chairman, Tadpole Garden Village
Community Interest Company



Hello

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Tadpole Garden Village newsletter. Chris Tanner (Community Mobiliser) asked me to introduce this issue so that I can talk a little about the TGV Community Interest Company and the new CIC Steering Committee (SC).

For those who don't know, the SC is a residents led group that's independent of both Preim and Crest Nicholson, and is responsible for providing guidance and steering to Preim over how residents want CIC owned assets to be managed, as well as providing a collective residents' voice to Preim, Crest Nicholson and the other developers.

We had our first get together around six months ago and have already had some very productive meetings covering subjects such as the parking and traffic issues, CIC asset handovers, and ongoing maintenance. We've also had meetings with Crest Nicholson on items such as the proposed tenants for the new Local Centre, and general development updates.

Over the next couple of months we will start increasing the visibility of the SC to residents, including setting up a dedicated email address for any TGV resident to contact the CIC SC directly. We'll also begin looking at restarting some of the working groups within the CIC, so if you're interested in getting more involved keep an eye on tadpolegardenvillage.com for news over the coming weeks and months.

Paul Fisher
Chairman, Tadpole Garden Village Community Interest Company

You can find out more about the Community Interest Company at www.tadpolegardenvillage.com or on the new Tadpole Garden Village Community App.

You can use your new community app to view the latest Tadpole Garden Village news, events, chat and more. Sign up to Push Notifications to receive regular updates!

Crest Nicholson – Development News



Sainsbury's

The Local Centre

Construction for the local centre is well underway and the units will be complete in Spring 2020. Terms have been agreed with a Sainsbury's, who will occupy the new c.4,500 sq. ft. (417 sq. m) convenience store. CSP has invited expressions of interest for the four remaining commercial units. The deadline for the expression of interest has now closed, and Crest are in the process of reviewing the interest received with input from the CIC Steering Committee.

The Nature Park

CSP are in communication with the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) for the long-term management of the Nature Park. There will be a 125-year lease between the WWT and the CIC. CSP is currently undertaking the setting out works for the park, which are expected to be completed by January 2020. Nature trails will be provided as well as wayfinding signage and information boards. A soft launch of the Nature Park will be undertaken at the end of January with TGV residents, with an official launch in to coincide with the flowering season.



Custom Build

An outline planning application has been submitted by CSP to Swindon Borough Council for 14 detached custom build plots. CSP will be partnering with a timber frame provider, who will work alongside the plot purchaser to deliver a bespoke home that is compliant with the Design & Access Statement as well as the individual plot passport to ensure that the design is in keeping with the village. Andrew Dobson managing director at Crest Nicholson states; "As a leading developer, we are always looking for innovative ways to respond to market demands and how to deliver additional housing to the market. We are extremely excited



about the custom build proposition at Tadpole Garden Village. The custom build plots will allow a customer to select a serviced building plot and then design and build a house, which will respond to local context and meet their specific lifestyle and design preferences. This will be a fantastic addition to the established community at Tadpole Garden Village.”

Surfacing Works

Works have commenced in Greene Street on finishing the footpaths and road from Oakhurst roundabout to the Primary School. The works involve the replacement of kerb lines and damaged path edgings, moving a few road gullies, replacing defective manhole covers and ultimately laying the final road surface. Initially activity will be concentrated at the south end near Oakhurst roundabout. Activity will then transfer to complete areas near the school and work back toward Oakhurst. These works will take up to 12 weeks and every effort will be made to minimise disruption.

Central Common

CSP are commencing further improvements to the Village open space, works to this area started in the second week of October. The central area of the common will be fenced off to enclose the first of the junior and mini football pitches whilst they are laid out. To ensure the pitches are functional all year round, drainage will be installed to the whole area prior to preparation of the pitches for seeding. These works will take approximately six weeks, but the area will remain enclosed for several weeks following, to allow the grass to establish. The area will be re-opened to the public at the earliest opportunity; however, this will be dependent on the weather conditions and the rate of development of the grass. Work to the remaining pitches on the western and far western common will commence in Spring 2020.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust held eight events over the summer, enabling residents young and old to find out more about the nature in and around Tadpole Garden Village.

Two pond dipping sessions were held in August at the Stray as well as a family-friendly bee and butterfly guided walk, a bird walk, a pollinators’ picnic and activity events. The events were led by Jo Morris, Naturehood Community Engagement Officer at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust:

“It’s been wonderful to see that so many residents in the Village want to learn more about local wildlife and connect with nature at their doorstep,” said Jo. “Over 200 people attended our events this year and we hope that the events inspired them to join naturehood.uk through which they can learn about how to implement wildlife friendly actions in their gardens and undertake simple wildlife surveys that help monitor the species found in Tadpole Garden Village.”

Naturehood is a National Lottery Funded project delivered by Earthwatch Europe in partnership with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. TGV resident Kirsty Rorks commented: “We all had a fab day pond dipping! The kids loved spending time out where we live and learned all about our local surroundings and wildlife that lives on our doorstep!”

Look out for news of more events soon or visit naturehood.co.uk for more information.



William Morris School Opens!

William Morris Primary School opened its doors on Friday 6th September 2019, to their first cohort of Nursery and Reception children. Justin Tomlinson, the local MP and Kevin Parry, the Mayor of Swindon, received the honour of officially opening the school and cutting the ribbon. The ceremony welcomed the pupils of the school along with their families, the local residents of Tadpole Garden Village, members of the council and members of staff from The Blue Kite Academy Trust. Gary Evans, CEO of The Blue Kite Academy Trust said, “We wish to give the children the best chances in life and the best start to education that we can possibly give.”

The guests of the ceremony had the pleasure of listening to the choir from schools across the Trust. Children from Abbey Meads Community Primary School, Catherine Wayte Primary School, Ferndale Nursery and Primary School and Ruskin Junior School sang various songs to all, providing such an uplifting atmosphere. The children had the

opportunity to get their face painted, make a personalised keyring and plant a seed of a flower, linked to their classroom name.

Jo Fraser, Headteacher at William Morris Primary School said, “Our opening day was a truly fantastic event and we were so pleased to see so many people attend. The children and their families had the opportunity to visit their classroom and see the school, before their official start date. It was lovely for us to see the children dressed in their school uniform and so excited about starting at William Morris Primary School.



Your Development Update From Preim



Since the last newsletter there have been a number of updates relating to the Tadpole Garden Village Community Interest Company (TGVCIC), the TGVCIC steering committee has been relaunched as Preim and Crest Nicholson feel the development is now at a stage where greater resident involvement is needed. The TGVCIC steering committee members represent multiple phases across the TGV development and the committee contains a wide range of skillsets that will be very useful moving forward. The steering committee will be working closely with your TGVCIC estate manager, Simon New, to manage all TGVCIC assets. There will be further information released via the TGVCIC app and the community website on the role of the steering committee and how to contact them.

Asset wise the TGVCIC is now responsible for the following areas: Eastern & Western Common, Phase 1 Allotments, Phase 1 LEAP & NEAP Play Areas, The Town Park Play Area, Five blocks of flats across the development, Phase 1A (landscaping only).

Currently Preim envisage that by the end of 2019 the TGVCIC will also be responsible for the following areas: The Stray, Phase 4.8a, Phase 4.2, Bovis and DWH 1st phases (dependent on handover timescales)

At the recent annual meeting Crest Nicholson Strategic provided a detailed plan confirming the proposed timescales for handover of phases. This plan has been posted on the community website and will be available via the TGVCIC App. The TGVCIC grounds maintenance team are a company called Cut and Clear and they currently attend TGV three days per week. Should residents have queries about what Preim and the TGVCIC are responsible for there are articles that have been uploaded onto the community website detailing this.

As mentioned, within this update and in the newsletter a TGVCIC App is being launched. The app will provide residents with quick access to the CIC information, Preim updates and a way to quickly report faults or defects on the TGV Development. The community website is still updated with news articles, plans and development news when it is available, the website will continue to be used as a communication method alongside the new App.

Your Estate Manager, Simon New, is regularly on site at TGV so should any residents wish to meet with him to discuss any issues please contact the Preim helpdesk and he can advise when he is next due at TGV.

The Knitted Golfers

Three knitted golfers have become something of local celebrities – thanks to the ingenuity of young Tadpole resident Alexander Ralph. The nine-year old, with the help of his father Rob, saved the famous trio and they are now well known throughout the Village. But where did the story begin?



“My Nan gave them to us a while ago but my mum didn’t want them at home anymore so I decided to put them on a bench outside our house. There’s Alfie, Bertie and Bettie – and they’ve been joined by Jafar.”

Alexander’s Dad, Rob – himself a golf professional – commented: **“They were knitted and put into a charity auction but my wife didn’t like them so they either had to be thrown away, or a new use found for them. The reaction from the community has been amazing! Alex decided they should tour around Tadpole and people have been having their pictures with them around the Village; it’s been brilliant!”**

TGV in Bloom

Tadpole Garden Village was assessed by the RHS Britain in bloom judges in late August for an award in the urban category.



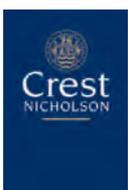
Britain in Bloom is a national competition run by the RHS which has evolved over the last fifty+ years, from flowers and hanging baskets to a now much wider community involvement.

‘TGV In Bloom’ is headed up by residents Stu Olden and Pete Welsh, and the introduction of a gardening club, nature events, garden, street and school competitions are some of the ideas so far.

The “In Bloom” project sees communities working together to help the village thrive. Whether it’s learning about how we can encourage wildlife in our own back gardens, looking after our surrounds through litter picking and weeding, encouraging grassroots gardening through competitions and events or just wanting to be more involved in the community, Britain in Bloom is there to recognise and reward community achievements



 **Read about the exciting results - in the news on the new Tadpole Garden Village App!**



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