

WELCOME

Community Newsletter


Spring/Summer 2024



Welcome to the Spring issue of our Hanwood Park newsletter.

Packed with news, events, development updates, community insights and more.

We are always looking for ideas, initiatives and updates to share, so please get in touch if you want to be involved or have any suggestions for future issues.



This is a newsletter for you, so please do get involved and have your say. Turn to the back for all our contact details.



RESIDENT NEWS

Hanwood Park Residents Association (HPRA) is here for you. We are all about making sure your voice is heard. We give everyone here on Hanwood Park the chance to come together and strengthen our community.

2023 was another busy year with many events and activities. We have represented residents on regular walkarounds with contractors, kept up communication with the builders, supported and run a host of community events here on Hanwood Park.

From our quiz nights to our Christmas Fair, we try to run a range of events that can be enjoyed by all ages.

In 2024 we will be quizzing again and lots more is in the planning. Do get in touch if you have a specific idea or event, you would like us to hold – we are always open to your ideas and suggestions.

Fiona Banks, voluntary chair of Hanwood Park Residents Association

Membership of HPRA is only £5 per year, or £50 for a lifetime membership - your money helps run events throughout the year so please do consider joining up.

 More information can be found on our Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HanwoodParkKettering>

 Message our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/hanwoodparkresidents>

 Or email us at:
hanwoodpark@gmail.com

ESTATE MANAGEMENT UPDATES

Following our community meeting in January 2024 here is a summary of our commitments, the key issues raised and proposed next steps.

OUR COMMITMENTS:


- 90 day notice of new charges being raised.
- Setting up a resident's panel through the Hanwood Park Community Trust which will look at tendering, contracting, key decision making and performance management.
- Re-tendering the management and maintenance contract this year.

ISSUES YOU RAISED:

- We are concerned about future charges.
- We want more information on what the service charge pays for and the areas it covers.
- We want a more standardised approach across Hanwood Park.
- The portal needs improving.
- Handover procedures with housebuilders need to be improved.

NEXT STEPS:

- We are looking for residents to set up this new resident panel.
- We will agree timescales and actions.
- The resident's panel will report back to community meetings with improved communications.

 If you are interested in joining this resident's panel please contact info@hanwoodpark.co.uk



OTHER UPDATES

- The Ground Solutions team have planted a number of hawthorns along the linear park, to thicken up the existing natural hedgerow.
- Landscaping company Killingley returned to Hanwood Park at the end of 2023 to replant shrubs and trees across the site.
- Damaged and ripped out shrubs located at the Taylor Wimpey entrance, were replaced in January by the Ground Solutions team.
- The Persimmon open space handover is now due to take place this spring. When this happens Ground Solutions will be in charge of maintaining the open spaces around Persimmon homes.

If you have any questions about this please contact Ground Solutions:

propertymanagement@groundsolutionsuk.com

Ground Solutions are going paperless and have decided to discontinue with sending paper service charge demands, statements, breakdowns of anticipated expenditure and information letters. This has already started, and they appreciate your cooperation in making this eco-friendly shift.

To make sure that you receive relevant information, please ensure your contact details and email address are up to date. Scan the QR code below which will take you to the electronic customer information form:





IN THE PLANNING AT HANWOOD PARK

NEW APP TO CUT SCHOOL RUN CONGESTION

Reducing traffic and congestion during busy school runs is one of the key aims for our transport initiatives.

We have invested in a new app called HomeRun, designed to help schools and parents reduce their car usage, plan ahead and share journeys. To date, we are running this with Southfields School for Girls and Hayfield Cross CofE School.

Here is what our Kettering Mayor Emily Fedorowycz has to say: "This is a really great initiative to encourage local schools to track how they travel and encourage healthier and cleaner ways of travelling, such as cycling and walking. Congestion from school drop offs and pickups is something that affects the whole of Kettering, and reducing the cars on our roads will make such a huge difference, not only to people's journey times, but also to our local carbon footprint and making the air cleaner. Well done to the schools that have signed up to this trial, and I hope they can be pioneers in Kettering to lead the way!"

Chat to your school headteacher to find out more or get in touch with the Hanwood Park team: info@hanwoodpark.co.uk



Voi scooters

Voi scooters are proving popular on Hanwood Estate. The Voi network has now been expanded to include the whole of Hanwood Park. We are looking into introducing a Voi hub on Hanwood Estate. What do you think and do have any suggestions for the best locations? Email info@hanwoodpark.co.uk

Traffic reduction bumps

In response to resident requests we have installed more speed ramps on Hanwood Park. Nine were installed in February along Eastwood Avenue and Hanwood Park Avenue.

Pedestrian crossing

We have upgraded the Hayfield Cross pedestrian crossing. We have had lots of thanks for the coloured pencils – great idea thanks to our contractor LMH!

Parking controls/ Yellow Lines

We are phasing in a trial of parking controls in late spring/summer as part of an overall strategy to address traffic congestion around the site, improve safety and the general environment. We are keen to promote safe routes to school. So please do get in touch with any ideas.

Wildlife Trust

Are you passionate about nature and ecology? We're excited to announce that we're establishing a local nature and ecology group with early access to the central open space. We've been in touch with the Wildlife Trust and local ecology groups, and we're looking for like-minded individuals to join us. There are lots of things to get involved in such as the wildlife gardening award or borrowing bat detectors and camera traps! If you're interested in getting involved, we'd love to hear from you at info@hanwoodpark.co.uk

Warkton Lane closure

Anglian Water is planning to perform repair and maintenance work on Warkton Lane in Kettering. As a result, traffic lights were put in place on Warkton Lane from March 25th to 28th. Additionally, a section of the road will be closed from April 2nd to 18th. If you want to learn more about the project, you can find updates on anglianwaterproject.com/Ketteringgrowth

You can also email them at onealliancecustomers@anglianwater.co.uk or call on **03457 145 145**



YES TO SPORTS CLUBS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES, GREEN SPACES AND SCHOOLS'

- OUR 2023 EXHIBITION

Community groups, councillors and more than 250 residents had their say at our public exhibition in November - asking questions, making suggestions and sharing their views about the future.

We had interest from local football groups keen to provide a range of football provision on Hanwood Park and especially to reflect the growth in popularity of women's football. There were plenty of requests for cycling facilities, pubs, parks and well-lit open spaces.

Parking and traffic were highlighted as areas of concern and sustainable travel proved to be a popular topic of discussion with Hanwood Park focusing on the government's plans for decarbonising transport. As well as launching our travel survey we showcased our new cargo bike. Our intention now is to share our cargo bike with local community groups and we held a training day at Wicksteed Park in February with volunteers, Brightwayz and Green Patch.



TRAVEL SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who completed our travel survey.

Congratulations to our lucky winner of the £50 voucher.

We have assessed key findings and are using the information received to help plan the future transport strategy for Hanwood Park. We had more than 140 responses, here's a summary of your replies:

- 46% use a car to travel to work due to a lack of alternative
- 28% use a car to drop off and collect children
- 61% of trips between 8am-9am are for work with 49% for school drop off
- 52% of the respondents stated that they do not work from home at all. 14% work two days a week from home, 11% work five days, 9% work three days, 8% work one day, and 7% of the respondents from Hanwood Park work from home four days on average.

Improving cycle paths and ensuring road safety, including measures such as traffic calming, were identified as the biggest opportunities to encourage more cycling. According to the recent survey, 61% and 43% of the participants identified these measures as the top priority. Other key issues that were identified include the need for more direct bus routes, more frequent services, and earlier and later schedules.

More updates to come in future newsletters, we think it would be a good idea to set up a local transport group!



HANWOOD PARK MASTERPLAN



We are working closely with North Northamptonshire Council to expedite the planning committee's decision as soon as possible.

During a recent parliamentary debate, Minister Guy Opperman responded to questions raised by local MP Philip Hollobone by expressing his support for J10a. The Minister made several noteworthy statements regarding the proposed development, including praising the impressive plans for the junction and stating that the scheme has the best business case in the country.

In addition, the Minister emphasized that the development is groundbreaking and game-changing. He also stressed the importance of progressing with the planning application as quickly as possible.

Watch out for exciting news with our plans for a David Lloyd leisure club, a new food store and an update on the mixed-sex secondary school.

We would like to express our gratitude to MP Philip Hollobone for his hard work in seeking government support for both the school and local road infrastructure.

We value your feedback and support, so feel free to share your thoughts with us.



NEWS FROM OUR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS



Bellway Homes

BABY NAMED AFTER BELLWAY SITE MANAGER

When it came time to choose a name for their baby son, Samy Salib and Sara Azer looked close to home.

The couple, who bought their first house at Bellway at Hanwood Park, decided to call their second child Steve – after the site manager at the development. This was because the first-time buyers were so delighted with the customer service provided by Steve Beck, who oversees construction on site.



Barratt & David Wilson Homes

WEAR IT PINK

Back in October the site team at Hanwood Park's Bertone Gardens development switched their usual hard hats and high visibility jackets for bright pink hats and vests – all in support of the UK's 'Wear It Pink' campaign.

The campaign, one of the biggest and longest-running fundraising events in the UK, takes place every year during Breast Cancer Awareness Month and raises money for the UK's biggest breast cancer charity, Breast Cancer Now. Barratt Homes Cambridgeshire donated £250 to the charity.

Other highlights from 2023

FOOD BANK DONATION

Barratt Developments Plc Charitable Foundation donated £5,000 donation to Kettering Foodbank.

STORYTELLING

As part of World Book Day Barratt Homes Cambridgeshire arranged for experienced storyteller Mark Fraser to take pupils from Hayfield Cross CofE Primary School on a magical journey to promote the joy of reading.

ORBIT HOMES

Piloting different heat types

Orbit Homes is piloting new heating technology in one of its plots, including an Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP), underfloor heating and photovoltaic panels (PVP). Switchee thermostats have also been installed in two units, to enable the company to monitor energy usage between the two plots.



PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Grace Homes is promoting sustainable living - to benefit homeowners and to combat climate change.

Grace Homes wants to draw attention to imminent legislation, known as the 2025 Future Homes Standard, which they say will revolutionise the way homes are built and how they impact the environment.

Steven Bateman, Design Director of award-winning Grace Homes, said: "We're excited to bring eco-efficient, EPC A-rated luxury homes to Hanwood Park. The layout of this scheme has been carefully designed, and we are confident that with the considerable sustainable enhancements and high specification that sets Grace Homes apart from others, we'll deliver one of our most eco-efficient new developments to date."

Grace Homes have also worked with Hanwood Park to generously donate essential materials to the renovation of Green Patch's Poly Tunnel. If you wish to read more about Green Patch and their community, please go to page 10.



GRACE HOMES

Taylor Wimpey

Taylor Wimpey have recently started building their second 'parcel' of houses next to Hayfield Cross CofE School. They are building over 350 residential homes.

The latest information from our partner developers, including contact information, can be found on our website: www.hanwoodpark.co.uk/developers

OUR COMMUNITY

Hayfield Cross Church of England School

Words from Richard Albert, Headteacher

Hayfield Cross Church of England School is very proud to have been at the heart of Hanwood Park from the very beginning. We were the first school on the development built to serve the growing new community. We have many families now living within Hanwood Park and it is wonderful to see the community growing around our school and being able to play an important part in the lives of those moving into Hanwood Park. A growing proportion of our 420 children come from the Hanwood Park development.

In our school, everything is focused on providing the very best learning experiences for our children, underpinned by our richly embedded vision and values. As our children grow through the school, they are nurtured to build their confidence, knowledge and skills, as we celebrate their many accomplishments together.

You can be assured of always being greeted with a warm welcome at Hayfield Cross. So, whether you are a prospective family or a fellow professional who is interested in working with us, please contact our school office and we look forward to seeing you soon.



The Green Patch

The Green Patch is a large award-winning community garden nestled by the river on the east side of Kettering, hosting volunteer days, children's clubs, education sessions and family events. Come and pat a cat, chat with a chick and meet other assorted company.

The Green Patch is open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am till 3pm. Rake some leaves, pull some weeds, plant some veg, feed the ducks.

There's always something to do and you're most welcome to join in. On both days there are volunteer gardening sessions and health and wellbeing workshops.

The Green Patch runs a horticultural program and we have veg boxes for sale. Go to Facebook: [@TheGreenPatchKettering](https://www.facebook.com/TheGreenPatchKettering)

Thank you from Cransley Hospice Trust

Thank you from the Cransley Hospice Trust team to the Hanwood Park community for supporting the Community Christmas Tree Recycle. The hospice collected over 1,100 trees, more than ever before and raised over £15,000 to support end of life care for patients in their last year of life in North Northamptonshire. Ground Solutions assisted with the collection and wants to thank everyone who took part.

The hospice has a packed calendar of events for 2024. Visit www.cransleyhospice.org.uk

Brightwayz

Hanwood Park recently invested in an e-cargo bike, which they plan to share with local community groups. Thank you to everyone who attended our e-cargo bike training at Wicksteed Park and thank you to Hanwood Park for lending us your bike.

The aim of this training has been to nurture a strong 'everyday cycling' culture in Kettering, and we focused not just on how to ride the e-cargo bike but also how to load, store, charge and care for it. Participants were also able to have a go sitting in the back as a passenger. This training was largely funded by our Get Down to Town Kettering project, and part funded by Cycling UK's Big Bike Revival

Groups interested in using the bike are invited to chat to Chris and the Hanwood Park team.

It's all kicking off

Football seems to be one of the most popular local activities and Hanwood Park has been busy speaking with local groups including Fundamental Football. Tyrone, the founder, got in touch and is keen to support a Hanwood Park sports council and local team!

Go Hanwood Park Rangers!



Ise Lodge Community Centre

Hanwood Park have been working with local councillor Lloyd Bunday and the Ise Lodge Community Centre on a community energy project that we hope will see the installation of 20kw solar panel system, LED light replacement, electric vehicle chargers and new external seating area.



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?



Hear from Olivia Newman-Veal, Estate and Communications Manager at Hanwood Park:

We've recently been approached by nearby Kingsley Special Academy who have asked us to support them with a few projects. The school needs help to make their ambitious plans gain momentum. They want and need funds and support to create a calming room, a new soft play area, outdoor play area and play equipment. Can you help? I would love to help set up a Hanwood Park Community Action Group - to discuss projects such as this, as well as tree planting, volunteering and other fundraising initiatives.

If you can help with Kingsley Special Academy - we are appealing for funds, manpower and materials - or if you are interested in establishing a new Hanwood Park Volunteer Group I would love to hear from you.

Drop me an email: olivia@hanwoodpark.co.uk



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Hanwood Park Events 2024

<p>Tuesday, 28th May 6.30pm:</p> <p>Community Meeting, Hayfield Cross CoFE School</p>	<p>Tuesday, 13th August 6.30pm:</p> <p>Community Meeting, Hayfield Cross CoFE School</p>	<p>Saturday, 7th September 7.30pm:</p> <p>Outdoor Cinema, Linear Park.</p>	<p>Tuesday, 13th August 6.30pm:</p> <p>Community Meeting, Hayfield Cross CoFE School</p>
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Other events we are working on include a Summer Bake Off and a Summer Cook Out.

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JUN	- Weds 26th, 1pm
JUL	- Thurs 25th, 7pm
AUG	- Weds 28th, 1pm
SEPT	- Thurs 26th, 7pm
OCT	- Weds 30th, 1pm
NOV	- Thurs 28th, 7pm
DEC	- Weds 18th, 1pm (not on Xmas)

2024 Dates

Learn about climate change, the solutions and where you can start to make a big impact.

Register your interest via the link or QR code

Northants Carbon Literacy

future.org.uk/courses/free-courses

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Love Food | Sunday, 1st September
Wicksteed Park



Kettering Vegan Market | Saturday, 13th April
Market Place, NN16 0AJ



Monthly Community Fun Walk
Ghanaian Residents Association
Every third Saturday of the month





IN THE MEDIA

We've had lots of coverage of late – take a peek at some of our headlines.



'Yes to sports clubs, community facilities, green spaces and schools' – Hanwood Park residents have their say

News | November 13, 2023



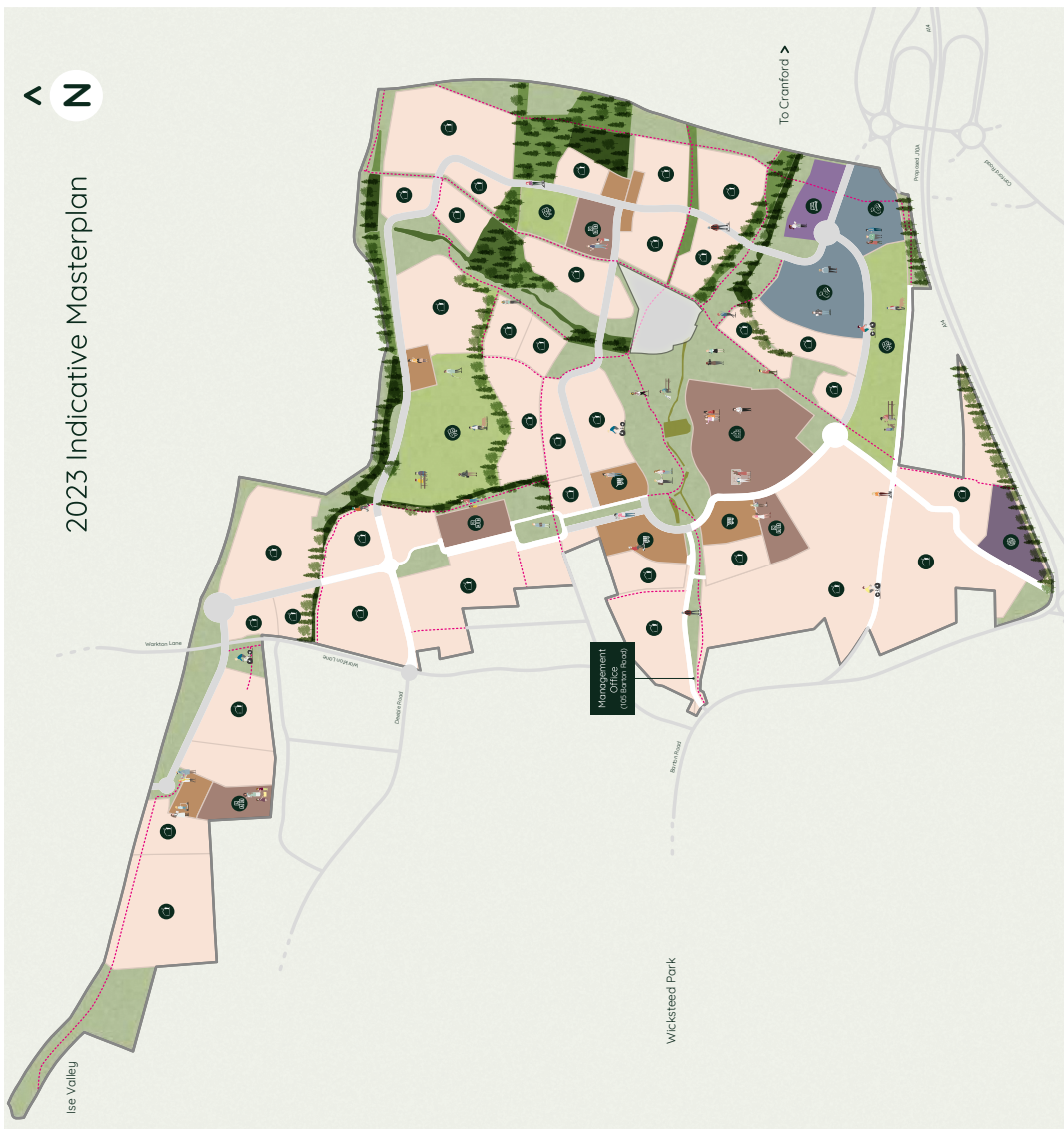
Community groups, councillors and more than 250 residents had their say at a recent Hanwood Park public exhibition – asking questions, making suggestions and sharing their views about the future of the Kettering housing development.

Chris Langdon, Project Director of Hanwood Park reported an "overwhelmingly supportive" response at the exhibition.

"There was such support for the project and positive comments about living at Hanwood Park," explained Chris. "People generally want us to get through the next stage of planning permission so we can deliver shops, amenities and sports facilities, and start opening up more of the area to the



2023 Indicative Masterplan



Development Masterplan

COLOUR KEY

- Residential Area
- Mixed Use (District & Local Centre)
- Employment & Leisure
- Employment and Hotel
- Employment Area
- Primary & Secondary Schools
- Formal Open Space
- Retained Woodland Planting
- Informal Open Space
- Proposed Woodland Planting
- Hedgerows & Planting
- Footpaths & Cycleways

ICON KEY

- Residential Area
- Employment and Hotel
- Employment and Leisure
- Employment Area
- Primary School
- Secondary School
- Mixed Use (District & Local Centre)
- Formal Open Space
- Woodland Planting

HAVE IDEAS? WANT TO GET INVOLVED?



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Keep an eye on our website www.hanwoodpark.co.uk
for our latest project news, events and updates.

