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BEAULIEU GETS TOP MARKS FOR EDUCATION

In February, Essex County Council gave the green light to the plans to create a new 1,200-place secondary school at Beaulieu, as part of the development of the county’s first ever all-through school. The proposed new school will provide

an initial 900 secondary school places from September 2019, growing to 1,200 in future years. Together with the adjoining 420-place primary school and 56-place Early Years building for pre-school children, which have already

been approved and are set to open for September 2018, it would operate as the first all-through school in Essex. Essex County Council are now inviting proposals from operators interested in running the free school.

PLANTING WITH COLUMBUS SCHOOL

Recently, Beaulieu welcomed students from Columbus School, to help plant a mix of wildflowers around the swales on ‘The Heath’ open space. It is hoped that these small plants will grow and come into bloom, and over time will spread out across the open space brightening the grassland and providing a nectar source for bees.

The Beaulieu Estate Management Team will be looking at planting further wildflowers across Beaulieu as the open spaces develop to diversify the grass and increase the number of wildlife species supported on site.



The Beaulieu Square Community Centre

THE BEAULIEU COMMUNITY TRUST

Beaulieu Community Trust was formed in 2015 in order to manage the new community centre that will be at the heart of the new Beaulieu development. It is made up of representatives from Springfield Parish Council, Beaulieu Church and local residents, and is currently busy engaging with the developers in order to ensure the centre is open for residents to use by the end of 2017.

We have already had a number of expressions of interest from organisations that would like to use the building - including a pre-school, Beaulieu Church, local arts and theatre organisations and a youth group. The Trust is also working in partnership with the Church, Land Trust and Columbus School to see what other activities can be run for

the benefit of the residents of Beaulieu and the surrounding neighbourhoods.

The centre will include four rooms which will be available for hire and can be used for family parties and celebrations. It will be a fully accessible facility for those wheelchair users, and will have a Changing Places certified toilet which will include a hoist and wet room.

Please do get in touch with us if you would like to find out more.

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Beaulieu Square Neighbourhood Centre

WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of Beaulieu News, the first newsletter for the growing community of residents at Beaulieu. We will be bringing you more news and updates as we continue to make progress on the development and the new neighbourhood begins to take shape.

In this first edition, we'd like to share with you all the exciting plans for Beaulieu, including the many activities we have lined up for the green open spaces with Beaulieu Estate Management, the new all-through educational facilities coming to Beaulieu, and the progress of the Beaulieu Square Neighbourhood Centre, which is really taking shape.

BEAULIEU SQUARE TAKING SHAPE

Almost one year after Countryside and L&Q broke ground to commence the creation of the new Beaulieu Square Neighbourhood Centre, progress to deliver this fantastic community facility is clear, with completion expected this autumn.

Situated next to the site of the new primary and secondary schools, Beaulieu Square will feature five attractively-designed buildings, forming the heart of the new community. It will be home to Beaulieu's very own Community Centre and a range of amenities including a Sainsbury's Local Supermarket and Bright Horizons Day Nursery, as well as a selection of retailers.

One of the newest brands coming to Beaulieu Square is Kip McGrath. Kip McGrath Education Centres are a global education franchise network, with over 220 tutoring centres in the UK and Ireland and over 550 centres globally.

Over the past 40 years, they have helped hundreds of thousands of children improve their English, reading, writing, comprehension and maths skills. The Kip McGrath centre at Beaulieu will offer Maths and English tuition to those looking to improve on their skills, from basic

aptitude, preparation for 11+ entry exams, through to GCSE level.

Residents and the wider community will also soon be able to get involved with a wide range of activities and initiatives at the Beaulieu Community Centre, which will also serve as a place of worship. Under the guidance of the Beaulieu Community Trust, the Centre will help to establish a real sense of belonging, allowing both new and existing residents to come together as a community. It will be one of the largest and most accessible spaces available for hire in the local area.



The new Kip McGrath Education Centre

AN ARTFUL COMMUNITY

You may have noticed a lot of new artwork cropping up around Beaulieu, as our extensive public arts programme starts to bring parts of the site to life.

Following the success of the deer located at the White Hart Lane entrance in 2015, a second commission has now been installed. This elegant herd of deer created by Jane Ackroyd marks the second entrance to Beaulieu from the Essex Regiment Way (A130) and reflect the history of the area as the former deer hunting grounds of Henry VIII. Both sets of sculptures mark the entrances to the development and start the next stage of the Beaulieu story.



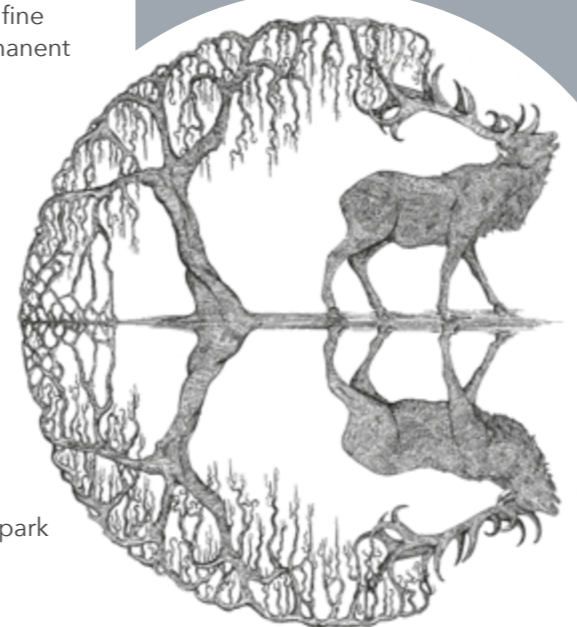
In addition to the large sculptural works, David Mackie, is creating a series of pieces that will be embedded within the 'The Chase' park and the Beaulieu Square Neighbourhood Centre. The artworks are the result of working with three local primary schools.

Look out for artworks starting to appear in 'The Chase' this summer.

Jane Ackroyd's expertise has been recognised by her recent election as a Fellow of the Royal British Society of Sculptors. This is an eminent position and reflects her outstanding reputation, experience and talent, and we are lucky to have such fine examples of her work on permanent exhibition here at Beaulieu.

The next phase of public art is currently under construction. Sculptor Matthew Lane Sanderson is busy welding in his workshop to construct a piece called 'Crowned Stag'. To be located at the northern end of 'The Chase' park and unveiled in June, the sculpture will balance the scale of the nearby houses, and sit as a focal point terminating the view from the park and from the site entrance.

A detailed sketch of the 'Crowned Stag' sculpture, which will sit at the top of 'The Chase' Park



BEAUTIFUL BEAULIEU BLOSSOMS WITH THE LAND TRUST

The national land management charity the Land Trust has been appointed to manage and maintain the impressive 176 acres of parks and open spaces that will be provided at Beaulieu. As the development progresses, Beaulieu's abundant variety of green open spaces will be entrusted to Beaulieu Estate Management Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Land Trust. They will take care of the estate parkland indefinitely on behalf of, and in partnership with, the Beaulieu residents and wider local community.

The Land Trust is an independent, national charity which owns and manages green public open spaces on behalf of, and in partnership with, local communities. Residents at Beaulieu can expect that the Beaulieu Estate Management team will ensure that the public open spaces, country parks, woodlands and gardens benefit from sustainable management and financial plans to safeguard them for the future. This fulfils one of the original visions for Beaulieu, to ensure its residents enjoy a high quality of life, by creating and safeguarding sustainable, high quality green spaces that deliver environmental, social and economic benefits.

INTRODUCING BEAULIEU ESTATE MANAGEMENT

It is really exciting to be working at Beaulieu, to see the homes being built and the new areas of green space being laid out. More importantly it is fantastic to see people starting to enjoy the development. Beaulieu Estate Management is a part of the Land Trust, and we see great benefit in well managed green space open for public use. There is a lot of evidence to show how it can make people feel better, physically and mentally, so we are keen to see you all out walking, running, helping us and coming to events. We have a lot planned, from adding colour and diversity to the grassland areas to help recreate meadows, to fun things for children to learn and enjoy being outdoors.

As for me? Well I've always worked in land management and community roles. I hope to get to know you and hear what you think of the site and what you would like to see happen. My role might be making it happen, or just saying "that would be great, carry on" if you have an idea and need the space to make it happen. I look forward to meeting you all soon.

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Beaulieu Estate Management Ltd



UNEARTHED - LIME KILN

The archaeological work at Beaulieu forms part of a long running programme of research, survey and archaeological excavation commissioned by Countryside and L&Q.

One of the most exciting finds to date was the discovery of a lime kiln which dates back to the 16th or 17th century and was constructed to manufacture lime, which would have been used in lime mortar or plaster. The date and location of the kiln suggest that it may have been associated either with the construction of Henry VIII's Palace of Beaulieu, now New Hall School, or subsequent renovations/repairs by one of the later owners. Thomas Ratcliffe, Earl of Sussex, George Villiers Duke of Buckingham and George Monck, Duke of Albermarle, all owned New Hall during this period.

The main red brick New Hall school building with the coat of arms of the Earl of Sussex over the entrance is all that remains above ground of Henry VIII's palace albeit rebuilt by the Earl



of Sussex in the 1570s and heavily remodelled during the 18th and 19th centuries.

The results of the archaeological works will in due course, be published and all the finds will be entrusted to the Chelmsford Museum, for the wider public to view and learn more about. Furthermore, the site where the lime kiln was discovered has been set aside for a community garden, the layout of which will draw its inspiration from Tudor garden design. The lime kiln has been preserved insitu and it is planned to commission an artist's representation to be located above ground to mark its location.

MORE NEW HOMES TO COME

Countryside and L&Q are continuing to develop more new homes within the Beaulieu Heath and Beaulieu Chase neighbourhood areas. Two new phases of homes will come to market this year offering local buyers a superb choice of new properties at Beaulieu. Modern apartments and duplexes will be launched at Beaulieu Square, and a second phase of family homes to be known as Beaulieu Keep.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

EASTER EGGS-TRAVAGANZA

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2017

11am to 3pm at Beaulieu Chase marketing suite

Easter-related fun for all the family, from Easter Egg hunts for toddlers and older children and an egg decorating competition, to a nature trail for adults and teenagers, a bird-box building workshop and a book exchange. Come and join us for a nice lunch, meet your neighbours and start your long Easter weekend off the Beaulieu way!



FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR 1 YEAR

FROM 2ND APRIL 2017

As the first resident/occupier of a new home at Beaulieu you are entitled to one year's FREE bus travel in Chelmsford, for up to FOUR members of your household. A leaflet will be posted through your door providing details of how you can apply for your free season ticket. A new Express Bus Service will commence from Beaulieu to Chelmsford Town Centre/Station on the 2nd April.

PEDAL FOR THE J'S

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2017

8am from Admiral's Park, Chelmsford

Pump up those tyres, clip on your helmet and Pedal for the J's! The popular annual cycle ride is returning to Chelmsford for its eighth year and is proudly sponsored by Beaulieu. The ride will raise funds for The J's Hospice Charity, which supports young adults with life-limiting conditions across Essex in their own homes. We are keen to build a Beaulieu Team and we'd love for you to join us. The event caters for all abilities with three circular routes through the beautiful Essex countryside for you to choose from - 15, 35

and 50 miles - plus the new 'Pedal in the Park' 2 mile route for younger children. Alternatively, you can simply come along and cheer all the cyclists on, or offer to help out on the day. If you want to take part and get involved in fundraising, please call the 'Beaulieu Team' registration line on 01702 220324 with your details. FREE registration for the first 20 residents to sign up. All Beaulieu team members will receive a branded cycle jersey. For more information about the Pedal for the J's, visit thejshospice.org.uk.



SUMMER RESIDENTS EVENT

SATURDAY 1ST JULY 2017

We will be hosting an event in early July, exclusively for the residents of Beaulieu, with plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy. More details to follow soon.

NEW ENTRANCE TO BEAULIEU SET TO OPEN

SUMMER 2017

With construction progressing well on site we will officially open up the second entrance to Beaulieu, off Essex Regiment Way in early summer, enabling residents and visitors to gain access through the development via Armistice Way. This attractively landscaped entrance is marked by a wonderful new art instalment - a second family of deer, created by artist Jane Ackroyd, grazing by the newly constructed pond.

