



Newsletter - Edition no.8

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Southend Road



Welcome to the final newsletter for our Southend Road development.

We are now nearing the end construction of the 32 apartments. The team have a few final finishes to get done and then we will be fully complete. It has taken some time to get to this point - longer than we had anticipated - but feel it's worth it now we have finished. We think it's a beautifully finished building and looks great - we hope you agree.

Thank you for your patience during the construction work - we know sometimes there has been disturbance to nearby residents: thank you for bearing with us.

As we are preparing to leave site, please contact the Corporate Projects team at the Borough Council if you have any questions after this. Their details are:

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Regards, Lovell Team

COMPLETED WORKS

We now have 32 apartments that are fully finished.

There are 32 - 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments.

The site has 6 stairwells.

There are 2 cycle storage areas.

There are a number of electric vehicle charging points which service the flats and visitor bays.

INTERESTING FACT

There is around 41,200m of cabling within the building, including electric, fire and TV cables.

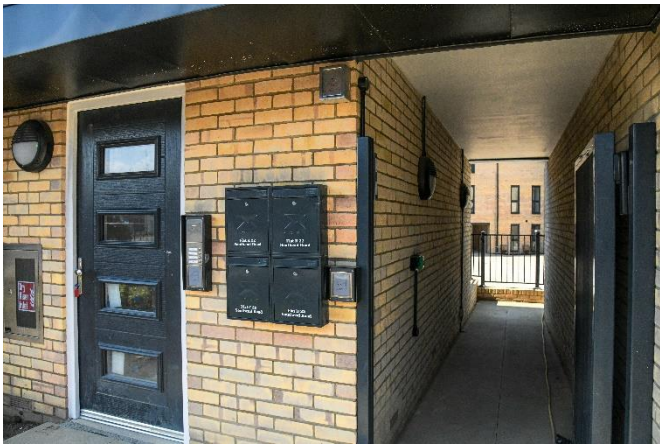
The Shard in London is 309.6 metres high, which means there is the equivalent of 133 Shards high of cabling in the building.

That's a lot of wiring!



RECENT SITE PHOTOGRAPHS





HUNSTANTON COMMUNITY - CREATING SOCIAL VALUE

Our contract with the council is about more than just completing construction projects. It is important to us and the council that our developments create 'social value': they must have added benefits such as social or environmental benefits. We'd like to take this opportunity to share with you some highlights of the work we have done to create social value during our time at Southend Road.

Charity swim - December 2022

In December 2022 three colleagues from Lovell braved 6° air temperatures, and below 4° water temperatures in the Hunstanton sea for a swim, raising £645 for Tapping House Hospice. Craig Baldry, Freddie Spence, Rob Preston, previous members of the Southend Road site management and project team at Hunstanton, planned and organised an early morning swim in the North Sea at Hunstanton Beach, to raise vital funds for The Norfolk Hospice.



Open Doors event - March 2023

The Southend Road site took part a national scheme called Open Doors in the Build UK Open Doors week. We opened our doors on Thursday 16th March with morning and afternoon sessions, each lasting around an hour and a half.

Each session began with an overview of the project followed by a site visit and then finishing with a Q&A session and refreshments. We were pleased to have 11 people attend in the morning and in the afternoon session we hosted 16 students from the College of West Anglia studying a construction course.

The people who attended told us they found the sessions insightful and useful. It was our pleasure to open our doors and share what we have been doing with members of the community.



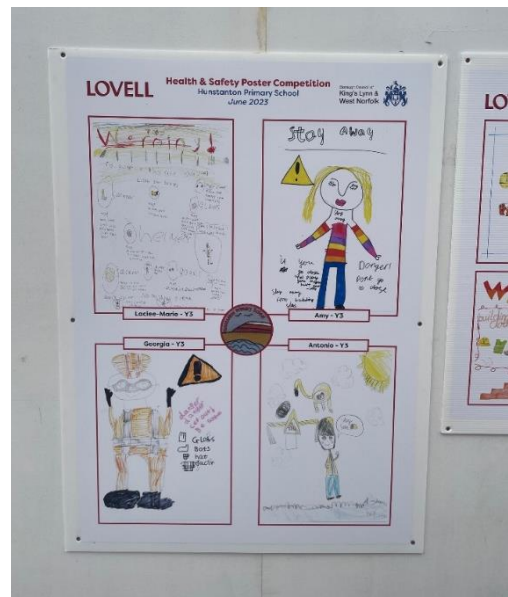
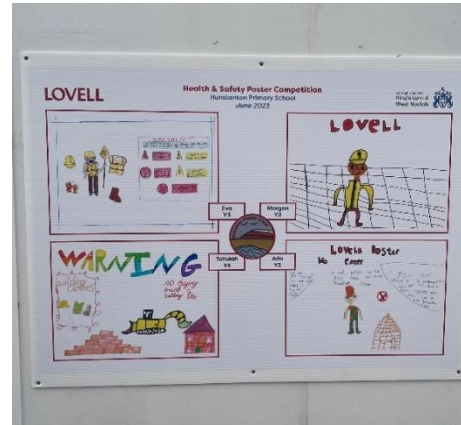
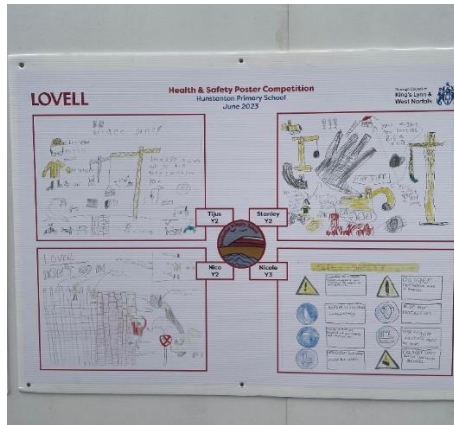
Hunstanton Primary School visit - May 2023

In May 2023 Lovell Partnerships and the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk attended Hunstanton Primary School to deliver a presentation about our development, which included information about health and safety around construction sites. We asked the students to design a health and safety poster to highlight personal protective equipment and hazards around construction sites. We have some photographs of the assembly at the school and one pupil who dressed in site personal protective equipment!



Health and Safety posters

Below are some of the posters that the children created, which were subsequently printed and displayed on the site hoarding.



Mental Health Awareness Week - May 2023

On 19th May 2023 to mark Mental Health Awareness Week and World Bee Day, our team came together to plant a site garden in the welfare area of the site. We want to create a workplace where talking about mental health is viewed positively and supportively and this event helped us to promote that while also doing some good for the environment.

All had a fantastic day with lots of smiles, laughter, talking, and discussion around how the garden could grow and what other additions could be made to make the area a place for colleagues to come together and find time to talk. There are some photos from this event below.



Bird and bee boxes - September 2023

In September 2023 the site team had a visit from two borough councillors who have a particular interest in wildlife welfare. Councillor Michael de Whalley is the council's Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Biodiversity, and Councillor Andy Bullen attended on behalf of the council's Urban Wildlife Working Group. They came to see the site and how we had incorporated bird and bee bricks. The site team described how these are used and showed them in place.

Both were pleased to see how this recommendation from the Urban Wildlife Working Group had been taken up and hoped it would set an example for other developers in west Norfolk to follow. Pictures of their visit are below.



Gift of carrstone to CWA - March 2025

Earlier this year we were able to help the College of West Anglia to support the next generation of skilled tradespeople by donating surplus carrstone. The locally-sourced carrstone, which is synonymous with Norfolk's architectural heritage, was used in the construction of the Southend Road development.

Rather than going to waste, the leftover carrstone is now being put to good use, providing students with hands-on experience in working with traditional materials.

120 pallets of carrstone were ordered, and two were left over: it is this material which has been donated, giving bricklaying apprentices the opportunity to train with a material they may encounter in their future careers.

Jane Burton, College of West Anglia Construction Programme Manager, said: "Using a material that has a long history locally supports us in our increasing focus on Built Heritage, with the college developing a new online programme that will provide an introduction to historic buildings, their styles, materials and preservation."

Lecturer Tony Smith added: "Working with the borough council, we were able to provide our brickwork students with the experience of working with carrstone in our workshops. This is a material that has a long history in this area but is still used today, being quarried locally. New building projects often combine brick and carrstone, and this was a chance for the students to work with an unfamiliar material that they may well encounter in the future."

The college added the donated material will help to ensure Norfolk's traditional construction techniques continue to thrive.



Gift of carrstone and timber to The Beacon Church - 2025

Surplus material was also gifted to The Beacon Church in North Lynn who are making use of this to build their own pizza oven for the Pizza Projects group.

Pizza Projects is a free drop in on a Friday afternoon for young people ages 11 - 16 to come and enjoy free pizza and drinks and chat with youth workers.



That's all from us. Once again thank you for your patience during the construction work. It's a project we have enjoyed completing and we hope you agree that what we have achieved locally is more than a building.