



# Newsletter - 07

September 2025

Florence Fields, Parkway, King's Lynn



Welcome to the seventh newsletter for our Florence Fields project, delivered in partnership with the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

Our last newsletter, delivered in April, shed some light on the numerous challenges and how we were dealing with them on site over the Spring period. We hope you found it informative.

The newsletter will still be distributed early in every school term to keep local residents up to date with all relevant information and progress on site.

If you have any questions or concerns during this construction project the best people to speak to are the site managers - 08:00-16:30 Monday-Friday:

Dan Saxon - 07721 676860

Paul Dean - 07353 895986

Alternatively, you can pop to site and ask the gate person to contact the team so your question or concerns can be addressed.

In case of an emergency please ring **0845 600 7695**.

Regards, Lovell Team

## COMPLETED WORKS AND WHAT'S COMING UP

Phase 1 and nearly half of phase 2, which are closer to the Parkway and KLA sides of the site, are now complete with several affordable and private rental sale houses in these phases.

As we go further into the site, Phase 3, which backs on to the Swaffham Belt and railway line, has also moved on quite considerably during the past few months with many of the plots now at roof stage and the first few of these plots being 'first fixed'. First fix means the structural elements of the building have been finished, for example internal walls, floors, ceilings and utility installations.

The road construction is progressing down through the whole development in readiness for progression of further phases to start early next year. You can see some of this progress on the photos below.



## WATER ON SITE

Thankfully we shouldn't have any further ground water issues going forward as all the tanks and pumping station works have been installed. Below is a picture of the pumping station area in build from a couple of months ago.





## INTERESTING FACT

We had a large quantity of peat to remove from site, as it is not suitable to sit under the road. There is a lot of peat in this area due to fen drainage centuries ago.

We have been able to send all the peat to a local company that can re-use the material and bag it up as a garden compost which can then be sold in various local garden centres. This has prevented it going straight into land fill and given the material a much better carbon footprint.



## SCHEME BENEFITS

As part of our commitment to improve and enhance the local area, the council has enhanced the skate park and play area on the existing Parkway recreation ground. Pupils from Howard Junior School were asked to create and design a panel that celebrated the theme of King's Lynn train station. More than 50 entries were received! The winning design features a cheerful train illustration with a cut-out face hole, so children can pose as passengers, along with a spinning wheel feature that adds movement and interactivity.





## RECENT SITE PHOTOGRAPHS





## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Work experience week



At the beginning of July, we hosted students from a number of schools in King's Lynn. The group spent some learning time in an office environment, based at the KLIC centre, and then spent time on site trying out some practical tasks. There were various tasks to do throughout the week from different departments within Lovell and the Borough Council.

The group had an opportunity to learn and understand what it takes to get a scheme like Florence Fields established: from design and planning to early financial estimations and pre-commencement tasks.

The group discussed site set up with the Operations team and some of the challenges the team have faced during our time on site. They discussed solutions and how to resolve problems.

An opportunity allowed the group to have a go at some practical tasks, including following plans to build a bat box from old pallet wood in a carpentry session and building a wall during a bricklaying task.

A day with the Sales and Aftercare team meant snagging a plot in readiness for sales completion.

The Borough Council also discussed their role and the opportunities a young person could have at the council.



It was a successful week! The group seemed engaged and asked loads of questions throughout the week: it was great to respond to these and listen to their views and ideas.

## **BOOST:**

The Boost team supports 16-30 year-olds in West Norfolk with opportunities for improved skills and jobs. On 8<sup>th</sup> July they visited Florence Fields to view what opportunities the construction industry has to offer. Our Construction Manager and the Borough Council Clerk of Works showed them around the site and talked through all trades that offer construction opportunities.



## **MENTAL HEALTH CURRY & CHAT:**



19<sup>th</sup> June saw our Regional Health & Safety Director attend site and deliver a fantastic opportunity to have a 'Curry & Chat'. This is delivered to all sites on occasions to help workers to open up and discuss any issues or concerns they have. It's an opportunity to have a delicious homemade curry and talk to each other. This was very well received and we are looking to get another date in the diary!

## **SPRINGWOOD VISIT:**

On Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, eight Year 9 students from Springwood School visited Florence Fields. The students were provided with an insightful look into the various stages of modern housing construction, from completed show homes to the foundation work for upcoming properties.





## KLA YEARS 9&10 VISIT:

Following two successful assemblies earlier this year, Operations Manager for Lovell, Michael Saunders, led a hands-on workshop at KLA on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, aimed at students who had shown interest in careers in the construction industry. The workshop provided insight into the wide range of roles and opportunities in the sector, from engineering to project management. Students had the opportunity to visit the site, where they experienced first-hand the day-to-day workings of a live construction project. This immersive site tour was designed to give students a tangible understanding of the construction process, from the foundations to the final finishing touches.



## UPDATE FROM KING'S LYNN ACADEMY

Barnes Construction, a well-established and highly-respected family-run business based in the eastern region, has been appointed as the main contractor for the extension and refurbishment of King's Lynn Academy. Over its 45-year history, Barnes has successfully delivered numerous education schemes, and it will lead a transformative project that includes:

- Construction of a new Design Technology block
- Extension of the existing dining room
- Installation of a new kitchen
- Refurbishment of multiple classrooms

Work started on 18<sup>th</sup> August and is scheduled for completion by early September 2026. To minimise disruption to learning, internal refurbishment works will be carried out in three phases, primarily during school holidays. This approach ensures that the day-to-day operations of King's Lynn Academy continue uninterrupted.

Barnes Construction brings extensive experience in working within live school environments. The safety of students, staff, parents, and visitors is of paramount importance.

Following detailed planning with the Academy, a designated route has been established to ensure:

- Safe crossing points within the site
- Full segregation of working areas
- A mapped temporary fire evacuation route

Philip Browne (Contracts Manager, left) and Scott Casey (Senior Site Manager, right) are leading the project. Scott will be on site Monday to Friday, from 7am to 5pm. Deliveries will be scheduled outside peak times—specifically avoiding 8:30-9:30am and 2:30-3:30pm—to reduce congestion when students are entering and exiting the Academy. Weekend work may be required at times to maintain progress or to complete tasks unsuitable during school hours.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school directly. They will liaise with Philip and Scott on your behalf.



## Current Progress

As pupils return for the new academic year, they will notice the following works already underway:

- Groundworks for the new Design Technology block
- Piling for both the new block and extended dining area
- Installation of new drainage for the netball courts

We look forward to keeping you updated as the project progresses and sharing milestones along the way.





## CHARITY EVENTS

**Britain's Lovell-y Coast Challenge!**  
A challenge that runs for 365 days starting from 1st Jan all the way to 31st December!

A challenge where you can be a part of a team that will run or cycle the equivalent distance of the entire coast line of Britain! That's 17,820km!

We will be supporting three charities as part of raising money for this event: Priscilla Bacon Hospice, Big C & Norfolk & Waveney Mind.

We covered 7,030 miles at half-year results, meaning we have just 4,042 miles to go! In March we covered the most distance, and cyclists are rolling ahead with 4,248 miles under their belt!



Assuming we started at Hopton-on-Sea, Norfolk. In theory, if we hugged the coast, by 7,030 miles, we would likely be between Fraserburgh and Aberdeen, nearing the Moray Firth or entering Aberdeenshire.

Any donation—big or small—directly fuels this journey and helps us reach those who need it most. Join us in turning every kilometre into kindness. Donate today and be part of something truly meaningful.

<https://www.givewheel.com/fundraising/5684/britains-lovell-y-coast-challenge>

**Priscilla Bacon**  
Hospice Charity

**BIG**  
**Cancer Charity**  
— EST. NORFOLK 1980 —

**Mind**  
Norfolk and  
Waveney

## DANGERS OF BUILDING SITES

We know building sites hold great interest for some people, especially youngsters, and we would ask you to remind children of the dangers of building sites, in particular young children and teenagers.

Please be particularly aware of the lorries delivering to and leaving the site. Please make sure you are seen, and we can see you!

Lovell Partnerships take care to ensure the site perimeter is safe and secure and the site is fully locked up at the end of each day. Our gateperson works tirelessly to ensure public safety at the site entrance and cleans all vehicles leaving site.

## MINIMISING LANDFILL

As a partnership that cares about the impact of construction on the environment, we are always striving to eliminate the waste we create during the construction process. This in turn reduces the amount of waste that goes to landfill. Typically, Lovell will use this approach:

**REDUCE:** can we prevent and reduce waste generation in the first place?

**REUSE:** can we give the products a second life before they become waste?

**RECYCLE:** can waste materials be re-processed into products, materials, or substances whether for the original or other purposes?

**RECOVERY:** if we can't reuse or recycle, can we incinerate to produce alternative energy?

**DISPOSAL:** as a last resort, some waste is sent to landfill. Currently only 0.28% of Lovell waste goes to landfill. 99.72% gets reused/recycled etc.



## MINIMISING DISRUPTION

We would like to thank you for your patience regarding construction vehicle movement into and out of site, particularly with the size of some of our deliveries.

We appreciate that construction projects have an impact on our neighbours and surrounding residents.

The designated site working hours are:

7:30am - 5:00pm Monday to Friday, with occasional Saturday mornings (if necessary). Deliveries are between 8:00am and 4:00pm.

## CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS SCHEME



The site has been registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS), which means that how we interact with our neighbours and operate our site will be assessed by an independent body. More information on CCS can be found at [www.ccscheme.org.uk](http://www.ccscheme.org.uk).

CCS is an independent scheme that monitors our construction site against a code of considerate practice, designed to encourage best practice beyond statutory requirements.

- There are three main areas monitored:
- **Respect the Community** - Constructors should give utmost consideration to their impact on neighbours and the public
  - **Care for the Environment** - Constructors should protect and enhance the environment
  - **Value their Workforce** - Constructors should provide a supportive and caring working environment

At Lovell we pride ourselves on community engagement. Throughout this development we will be looking for local projects or charities to support: if you have any suggestions for this please contact us.

If you want to comment on our site or workforce, please contact Lovell Partnerships on 01603 709800 or the Considerate Constructors Scheme on 0800 783 1423, quoting our registration number **512272**.

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## MEET THE TEAM



**TREVOR HAYSTEAD**  
REGIONAL OPERATIONS  
DIRECTOR



**MICHAEL SAUNDERS**  
OPERATIONS MANAGER



**KYLE FARR**  
CONTRACTS MANAGER



**ADRIAN BOULTER**  
HEALTH, SAFETY &  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER



**DAN SAXON**  
SITE MANAGER



**PAUL DEAN**  
SITE MANAGER



**AARON WARD**  
ASSISTANT SITE  
MANAGER



**ALEX FLETCHER**  
TRAINEE ASSISTANT  
SITE MANAGER



**RYAN BUDD**  
Telehandler Operator



**ELLIOT PRIOR**  
Telehandler Operator



**JOE ATKINSON**  
LABOURER

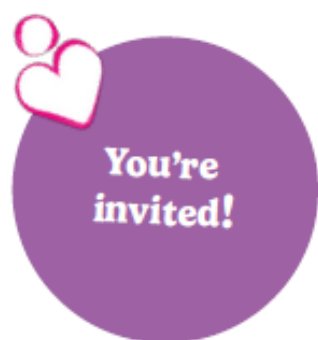


**PERRY BUDD**  
GATEMAN

**Parkway, King's Lynn**







# Creating Communities

*Gaywood*



## Free drop-in event for Gaywood residents

**Saturday 27 September, 11am–1pm**  
**Gaywood Church Rooms, Gayton Road**

Pop in to meet other people in your area and find  
out about activities, support and local groups.



Find out about local services  
available to help your wellbeing



Discover local groups and  
activities for all ages



Get advice on how to set  
up your own group or club



Meet other people from your  
community

