

# Springfield Messenger

A community update for local people on the development of Springfield Village



Welcome to the November edition of the Springfield Messenger bringing you the latest updates from Springfield Village.

Since the last edition of the Springfield Messenger we have made some significant progress which I am delighted to share with you.

We have spoken many times during the past few years about the important strides made to break the stigma around mental health, for readers new to the community you can see how through the creation of **Springfield** Village, we are achieving this.

We are already well on our way to delivering the approved 839 new homes, 20% of which are affordable, importantly we are seeking permission for a further 449 of which 50% will be affordable (view the application details here), making our village the only policy compliant scheme coming forward within London. This is important because we know the beneficial effect it has on the mental wellbeing of our community to be able to afford to live and continue to thrive in their neighbourhood.

Chapel Square is starting to come alive with a new restaurant now open to all, fitout of the fitness Gym continuing (opening December/January) and other commercial outlets to support local people progressing up until summer 2024. The significance of the square in supporting mental wellbeing was highlighted at our

Summer Street Parties in July, when I was delighted to see more than 2,000 members of the community, patients, careers and staff celebrating together. I was delighted to be able to meet with some of you for the first time and hope to continue that dialogue as we further develop Springfield Village.

With the hoarding coming down in July and the big reveal to all of the new parkland; in October we were thrilled to formally open the first part of Springfield Park with a visit and tree planting by local Fircroft Primary School as part of our World Mental Health Day celebrations.

The park is home to a huge variety of plant and animal life as well as ponds, gardens, paths and a footbridge. Among the hundreds of sustainably sourced trees and plants, there are around four acres of wild grass and flowers creating vital wildlife corridors.

It's a genuine pleasure to see so many people enjoying the area, and already calling the park home are a range of geese, mallard ducks, heron and coots as well as common frogs and toads. We have also spotted dragonflies, ladybirds, butterflies, moths, and various types of bees as well as a wealth of creepy crawlies, which is amazing for the biodiversity of the park. I hope you are enjoying the



park and as a community will help us to look after it. An exciting and important difference to our park is the way we will undertake the formal management; in order to make sure the park is reflective of our inclusive new village, this will be undertaken by a collective of local partners, including the Trust, and we are very much looking forward to opening the second section, which will include the café, playgrounds and extension to the paths and trails later next year.

Inspired by the way new residents have come to live and work with us on Springfield Village, our Trust, On World Mental Health Day, launched a <u>free new mental health</u> <u>training programme</u> for you – our local residents!

Designed to break mental health stigma, raise mental health awareness and improve mental health literacy, the programme will provide over 400 places across 20 half-day and one-day mental health first aid courses over the next 12 months. The training is being delivered by Mental Health First Aid England and funded by NHS Charities Together.

The courses will take place both online and at Springfield Hospital and will provide an understanding of common mental health issues, skills and information to support positive wellbeing, and knowledge and confidence to spot signs and symptoms of mental ill health on a first-aid basis.

I know a lot of you have already registered for the first dates in November, December and January but some places still remain. Please don't worry if you cant find a course date, there will be many more throughout 2024 so keep an eye on our website and in future Messengers as well as the Springfield Village website.



Best wishes, Ian Garlington Integrated Programme Director

# STEP update on the delivery of Springfield Village





After handover of the Trinity hospital building at the end of last year, we're pleased to confirm that Shaftesbury is now also completed. Both are operational with NHS staff and patients moved in and using the new facilities.

# Infrastructure and parkland – delivered by **Sir Robert McAlpine**

The façade to the pavilion building in Park area A, which will be home to a new café is progressing this November with the fit-out to follow. The youth shelter – the form of which was influenced by a local school design competition has been installed in Park A.

Earth movement and pathways for the southern section of Park area A and all of Park area C are progressing. Soft landscaping is moving ahead with topsoil, tree and shrub installation and thelast attenuation pond located in Park area C is soon to be complete. The amphitheatre seating brickwork has commenced.

The northern section of Park Area A will progress now the new entrance off Burntwood Lane is open. The temporary entrance to the development is now closed, releasing the site for construction of the belvedere. The final play area in Park area A will also be installed.

Phase 2 new roads are completed in front of the 1840 building and progressing in the south-west corner of the development. The roads in this area will be complete by February 2024. Access remains in place to all live hospital buildings and new homes.

The last substation on the development has commenced with works around the Elizabeth Newton Building. The substation construction will commence at the end of the year.

### City and Country – The 1840 (Plots R & S)

Works continue on the 1840 listed buildings, with 70 apartments now occupied.

#### Phase 1 (70 units)

All units and communal areas are now complete with residents moved in and becoming part of the growing community

#### Phase 2 (109 units)

The first tranche of nine units within the old kitchen block have been completed with five units achieving contract completion in October 2023.

Also progressing within this section is final fit-out work and commissioning. Elsewhere in the listed building, the team is continuing roof and masonry repairs and necessary structural alterations.

## **Barratt London – Springfield Place** (Plots B-E and L-M)

The Springfield Place community continues to grow and flourish, with full occupation of Buttercup, Bluebell, Daisy, Foxglove, five full mobility units have now also been handed over in Thistle House and Cowslip. Handover and occupations are now also progressing in Cornflower House. Our two stunning beautifully designed two and three bedroom show homes houses are proving to be very popular with a fantastic insight into the high quality, energy efficient build delivered by Barratt London.



Looking ahead for the remainder of the year, handovers and occupations continue in Cornflower House with fit-out progressing in Honeysuckle (E2) and Violet (D) Houses, plus the external façade to Primrose (D1) getting underway.



# London Square to commence work in January 2024

Following London Square's recent planning consent for 253 new homes on the Springfield site, they are getting ready to start on site in the new year.

London Square now have a permanent site presence which will grow over the coming week to assist with their planned commencement of works in January 2024.

The newly approved 253 homes represents the next exciting residential phase of Springfield Village, with the new units creating further positive transformation on the Springfield site.



### Working hours on the site are:

Monday - Friday: 08:00 - 18:00

Saturday: 08:00 - 13:00

Sir Robert McAlpine have additional approved working hours in place on Monday - Friday between 7am-8am, 6pm - 7pm, and from 2pm-4pm on Saturdays. No noisy works will be undertaken within these shoulder hours.

## Any questions about construction?

STEP works closely with the Springfield Village construction and development partners to keep you informed. If you have any questions on upcoming works or any suggestions on how we can improve how we work, please let us know of any comments you may have by contacting.

STEP e-mail: community@springfieldvillage.info Visit: www.springfieldvillage.info/get-in-touch





**Chapel Square** Christmas Tree light switch on 2023

Wednesday 13 December 2023, 5:30-7:30pm **Chapel Square, Springfield Village** 

Join us at the Christmas tree for the inaugural Springfield Village Christmas Tree light switch on.

There will be mince pies, drinks, carol singing and more.

There is no need to register for this FREE event though a donation to the Trust Charity would be greatly appreciated.

Our Charity funds people and projects striving to improve care, support recovery and prevent mental illness. We support charitable initiatives that add value beyond the limits of what can be funded by the NHS and go the extra mile in improving people's lives.







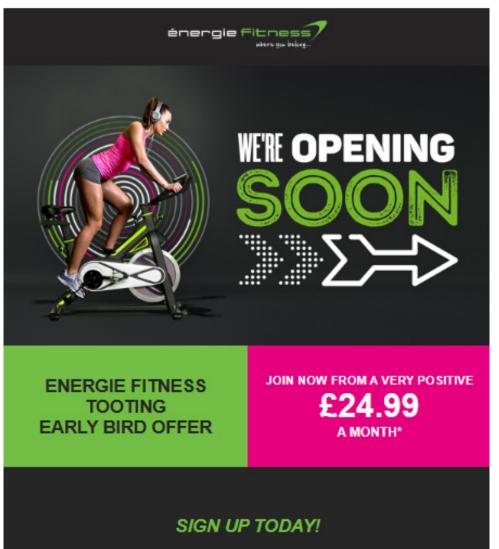




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