

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

January 2024



### LOOKING FORWARD AT LOCKING PARKLANDS

Last year St. Modwen and the LPCIC ran a community survey, and we shared the results of this survey in our last newsletter. The key priority areas that arose focused on maintenance, communication, management and community building. St. Modwen and Locking Parklands Community Interest Company (LPCIC) have reviewed these outcomes to inform the plans for 2024, by looking at entrusting LPCIC with more powers, planning events for the year and further ahead, working with Preim - the estate management company, and general communication with residents, as well as continuing to deliver the phases of homes and infrastructure development. This newsletter aims to inform residents of progress across the project and plans to further enhance the experience of living in Locking Parklands.

### UPDATE FROM YOUR RESIDENT REPS

Hazel Brinton and Mike Turner, your Resident Representatives, have secured a new working relationship with St. Modwen. The LPCIC has formally delegated authority to the Resident Representatives to enable a more meaningful role. They now have the authority from the Directors of Locking Parklands CIC to be able to take direct action on items and issues that are raised by the community.

To begin with, they will focus on the following issues, which were highlighted in the last resident survey:

- Community Events
- Speeding
- Planting & Grounds Maintenance
- Community Communication

- Ensuring value for money & excellent service from the Estate Management Company
- Community Shops & Facilities

However, as two volunteers with full-time jobs, they are seeking help in the form of small working groups and would welcome anyone to come forward who would be willing to support any of the above projects, whether that's just voicing opinions, joining meetings or being more pro-actively involved contacting suppliers etc.

A regular email newsletter with snapshot updates will be rolling out soon, if you are interested in signing up to receive these contact:

[community@lockingparklandscic.co.uk](mailto:community@lockingparklandscic.co.uk)



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Your Resident Representatives have begun planning to events to get the community together. At the end of the year we saw two different but fun activities:

### Bulb Planting

Following your feedback, on Saturday 11th November residents come along and planted bulbs around the estate ready to bring some colour to Locking Parklands this Spring. Bulbs and tools were provided on the day and we all look forward to enjoying the results! Any photographs when they are out in bloom in the spring will be welcomed at: [info@lockingparklands.co.uk](mailto:info@lockingparklands.co.uk).

### Wine and Cheese Evening

Neighbours and residents reps got together on Friday 17th November for a hugely social evening of wine and cheese tasting at The Radio Wing. It was an excellent turnout and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.



### 2024

Your Resident Representatives are planning more community events for Locking Parklands throughout 2024. Currently lined up are:

- Saturday, 2 March Defibrillator Training
- Friday, 8 March Wine Tasting
- Friday, 31 May Family Fun Race Night
- Friday, 26 July Adults Evening TBC

To find out how you can get involved in upcoming community events, get in touch with the team at: [community@lockingparklandscic.co.uk](mailto:community@lockingparklandscic.co.uk)



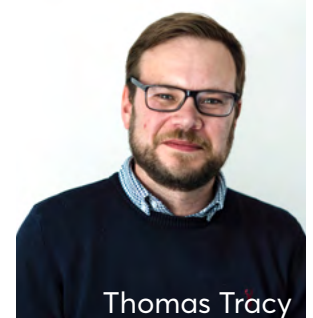
## PREIM UPDATE

Last month we were pleased to collaborate with the Resident Reps on the LPCIC to arrange a bulb planting event on the estate. Thanks to all residents who gave their time up on a Saturday morning to plant some bulbs. We can't wait to see how these look in the Spring.

The last few months have seen the focus of the grounds team shift, with the grass cutting finishing last November. The team working hard before Xmas decorating the trees around the estate to help get everyone in the festive mood. The team has also recently topped up the bark across various beds on the estate and is currently working through the winter planting programme.

New signage has been installed across the development to help tackle the parking issues across the estate. We do remind residents to be considerate when they or their visitors are parking at Locking Parklands, to be mindful of how that parking could impact other residents on the estate.

Wishing you all the best for the New Year from PREIM and looking forward to seeing many of you on site or at an event.



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## THE RADIO WING REVAMP



The Radio Wing has been open to the community for eight years. During this time several thousand people have stepped through its welcoming doors – community residents; hirers; visitors, trainers, teachers, toddlers, students; support and care teams, volunteers, vaccinators and many more. Regular maintenance, care, and cleaning work has gone on behind the scenes to ensure compliance and high standards of hygiene are kept for the benefit of all users.

Gradual additions and improvements have been achieved including:

Foyer: Cloaks facility.

Main Hall: Table trolley; extra tables; additional plastic & comfy chairs; toddler height chairs; window blinds.

Toilets: Automatic hand driers & soap dispensers.

Meeting Room: Replacement comfy chairs; window blinds; dry wipe notice board

Kitchen: Replacement stainless steel flasks, coffee maker, stainless steel tea-pots, automatic soap dispenser

External: Auto solar lights on east & south walls

Car Park – New layout & markings, auto Solar parking lights at parking bays; replacement knee rail with reflectors added to aid parking;

Garden & Patios: development of environment friendly planting and grounds.

Led Lighting Project: Installation throughout the building has begun – first two phases completed.

Future planning includes: digital booking system – further information to follow; part redecoration; continued development of enhancing environment with friendly planting of gardens and grounds.

The Radio Wing currently hosts many local community groups such as :

Pilates; Dance & Fitness Classes; Singing Group; Baby & Toddler Group; Child Minding Network Group; Training sessions. It is also the perfect venue for talks, events, AGMs, exhibitions, rehearsals and special celebrations. If you are interested in Hiring or would like to arrange a preview, please contact:-

E: [theradiowing@gmail.com](mailto:theradiowing@gmail.com)

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## CURO SHOW HOME OPEN



Curo Show Home - now open

Curo, the Bath-based housing association and developer is making rapid progress towards delivering its 124 high-quality new homes as part of Phase 4 at Locking Parklands.

Curo has now opened their show homes and the Sales Marketing Suite for viewing.

"We are delighted to have increased the percentage of affordable homes on the site from the original planning requirement with the help of Homes England, demonstrating our shared commitment to creating thriving, sustainable communities for all. We are pleased to be able to contribute to the Weston-super-Mare community for the long term benefit of both our future residents and local people."



## WINTERSTOKE HUNDRED ACADEMY SCHOOL

Winterstoke Hundred Academy has marked the new year by opening the doors to North Somerset's first net zero school – while also welcoming the appointment of a new Principal.

Winterstoke Hundred first opened in Beaufighter Road in 2020, but work has been taking place over the past two years to build a 900-pupil second campus at Locking Parklands. That work is now complete, with students moving into their new classrooms at the beginning of January 2024.



The three-storey building has been carefully designed to meet rigorous environmental standards – making it the first fully carbon neutral school in the area. Solar panels covering the roof will generate electricity inside classrooms and send power to the national grid, providing green energy for the school, as well as the wider community.

The project also boasts a BREEAM 'excellent' rating for energy efficiency and 10% biodiversity net gain, which will protect and promote plants and wildlife.

For more information visit: [winterstokehundredacademy.clf.uk](http://winterstokehundredacademy.clf.uk)

## 168 PARKLANDS MEDICAL CENTRE

Weston-super-Mare's newest GP practice at Locking Parklands has opened its doors this New Year following completion of the building work. The construction of the practice is now complete and the keys have been handed over to the GPs at 168 Medical Group.

168 Medical Group, which is part of the Pier Health Group of practices, will run the health and care services at the new practice which is located on Anson Road.

Dr John Heather, GP and Executive Partner at 168 Medical Group, said: "We are absolutely delighted that we now have the keys for our new surgery. We officially opened on Monday 8/1/24 and have started seeing patients at Parklands Medical Centre. Our colleagues from Winscombe and Banwell Family Practice have also started."

Casper Fons, Executive Manager at 168 Medical Group, said: "Parklands Medical Centre is a branch location of both surgeries, hence we are initially both operating with 1 doctor and 1 nurse respectively on a daily basis. This will change over

time as the number of registered patients increases as the community grows, in fact we are already looking at having 3-4 clinicians from 168 Medical Group on-site occasionally from mid-February.

"So, please do come and register as a patient with either 168 Medical Group or Winscombe and Banwell Family Practice.



"Initially we cannot guarantee that an appointment will be at Parklands Medical Centre, as most of our activity will continue to be delivered from our main site on Locking Road."

For more information visit:

[www.168medical.co.uk/locking-parklands-faq/](http://www.168medical.co.uk/locking-parklands-faq/)