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# KINGSMERE NEWS WINTER



## KINGSMERE COMMUNITY FLOURISHES

With 2018 drawing to a close, we're looking back on what has been a big year for the development of Kingsmere, and forward to what's planned for 2019.

We've seen new services and community spaces opening over the last twelve months and have more due to follow soon. Read on to find out more about what's been happening.



*Countryside officially handed over the Community and Youth Centre to Cllr Barry Wood, Leader of Cherwell District Council, in May 2018, witnessed by Victoria Prentis MP.*

## HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

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*The latest from the Kingsmere Community Centre Group.*

We would like to say a big thank you to the Kingsmere and Bicester community for their overwhelming support of the Community Centre which opened at the start of September.

Since opening, the Centre has been a hub of activity seven days a week; with toddler groups, aerobics classes, martial arts clubs, the WI, prayer groups and many more using the facilities on a regular basis.

Run by the community for the community, the Centre has a huge sports hall and an outside basketball court, plus two upstairs meeting rooms, two youth centre rooms, and a kitchen and café area.

It is also able to host concerts, thanks to the special lighting rig and sound system that has been installed. The internationally bestselling Christian artist Lou Fellingham was the first artist to play here, bringing her show to Kingsmere in November.

The Centre has already played host to charity coffee mornings in a 'pop-up' café setting, raising money for MacMillan, the Poppy Appeal, and Children in Need. They are also raising money to purchase a defibrillator for the community, with several fun events planned for the coming months.

Everyone is welcome at the Community Centre, please contact us on 0333 555 6789 or at [hello@kingsmerecc.org](mailto:hello@kingsmerecc.org) for more information.



Yoga class at the Community Centre

## VILLAGE CENTRE AND NURSERY

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Work started in April 2018 to build new retail units and a day nursery alongside the new community and youth centre buildings at the Kingsmere Village Centre, off Whitelands Way. The Centre will include a Mid-Countries Co-op store, Haart Estate Agents, a Domino's Pizza and Starfish Fish and Chip shop. Fit out of the shop units by the individual retailers is now underway, and it is anticipated that the local shops will be open for business early in the new year with Busy Bees Day Nursery opening by the Spring.

# CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



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WELCOME!



MINCE PIES  
MULLED WINE  
BRASS BAND  
CAROL SINGING  
REAL LIFE NATIVITY!

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23 DECEMBER | 3-4PM

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

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Planning permission for the new secondary school at Kingsmere was granted in 2018. During this year Countryside has undertaken works to prepare the site in readiness to transfer it to Oxfordshire County Council in the new year. The County Council will then commission the building of the new school.



Community Centre

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Cherwell District Council's Community Development Officer for Kingsmere, Rosie Phillips is starting some community activity groups at Kingsmere Community Centre, and would love to hear from you if there is a non-commercial group or activity that you'd like to attend.

The first activity is a 'Knit and Natter' group, which is held in the café area every Friday morning between 10-12 during term time. It's ideal for anyone who is interested in knitting, crochet, embroidery or tapestry, and is suitable for all levels whether you're a new knitter or a long-term stitcher. There is no charge to attend the group, but any donations of materials such as yarn, needles, crochet hooks and patterns are gratefully received!

Rosie is also keen to begin a Book Group, so please get in touch if you are interested, letting her know the times that would be convenient for you. She will then find a day and time that works for the majority of people and run some trial sessions to see if it works.

Rosie can be contacted via the dedicated post box at the Community Centre or on [community.signpost@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:community.signpost@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk)



Children's soft play area

## GOOD SPORTS

The Whitelands Farm Sports Ground opened in September 2017 and has become a popular venue for many since. The 3G pitch means outdoor sport can be played all year round, and, there are also grass pitches for football and rugby. The perimeter track is great for running, cycling and wheelchair use, and there's a trim trail to explore too. Indoors is used for numerous activities including yoga, dancing and fitness classes, and the function room is also available to hire, with licensed bar and café area.

For more information on activities taking place at the Sports Ground, call 01869 814327 or visit <https://www.leisurecentre.com/whitelands-farm-sports-ground>. It's the perfect place to fulfil your January fitness resolution!

## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

All the open spaces created during Phase 1 of the development are now open and being enjoyed by local residents. There are several children's play areas across Kingsmere, and a network of pedestrian paths and cycle routes run throughout the area. The special green corridors designed to attract wildlife have been built, and are already full of life.



Whitelands Farm Sports Ground



Outdoor gym and cycle path





## DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

The remaining housing to be built as part of phase 1 of Kingsmere has started with Linden and Bovis Homes currently building their final phases.

Delivery of Phase 2 of Kingsmere also started this year. You may have noticed that in September Countryside started work on the main infrastructure needed to support the next phase of Kingsmere. The first stage of which is building the new entrance off Middleton Stoney Road, to be completed by the end of February 2019.

Works to the Balancing pond started in November and will be completed in early 2019.

Also at the beginning of 2019, we will start building the new southern construction access into Phase 2 from Vendee Drive. Once completed, this road will allow the majority of construction vehicles for Phase 2 to avoid travelling through the residential streets, meaning minimal disruption for the people already living in Kingsmere.

We expect the first residential development within Phase 2 to be built by CALA Homes, who have received planning permission to create 247 homes next to Middleton Stoney Road. The southern part of Phase 2 will be developed by Bellway who submitted their planning application in October 2018.

## GET IN TOUCH

We will issue further information and news updates as the development progresses. If you would like to be added to our subscriber database, please email us with your contact details.



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