

Cornerstone

Keeping you up to date with all the latest neighbourhood news



Welcoming in 2021 in Bampton

Welcome to our Cornerstone newsletter for Bampton Meadows, bringing you up to date with all the latest news from our new development in Bampton. Last year was tough and unpredictable for everyone, but we've been so pleased to see the hard work and positivity of our staff and customers throughout.

Throughout the national lockdowns, we've been committed to ensuring our developments are safe and our communities have been supported. In 2021, we are just as passionate about keeping safe, helping customers and supporting the areas where we build our homes.

During this third national lockdown, our developments remain open to customers for appointment-only visits. Of course, our priority has always been making sure that our staff and customers are safe, so we continue to follow our new working guidelines for all sales offices, show homes and construction sites. Both customers and staff have commented on how safe and reassured they have felt since these measures were introduced, and we'll continue to carry these forward this year.

Our sales and customer service teams have been working remotely through the lockdown period, and as restrictions ease we are still encouraging all of our customers to maintain contact digitally where possible. Those wishing to visit developments should first call the sales team to book an appointment.



Danielle Heard, our Sales and Marketing Director, said: "In 2021, we're not prepared to compromise on health and safety, which is why we are continuing to support our customers and staff with continued safety measures in our developments.

"We were so proud to be able to keep our doors open to our customers, and to be able to do this in a safe and hygienic manner. Our teams are doing an amazing job and it's lovely to see some of the positive feedback that we have had from customers over the past few months. We are so looking forward to continuing our efforts in the new year."



We pledge over £1.4m to Bampton community

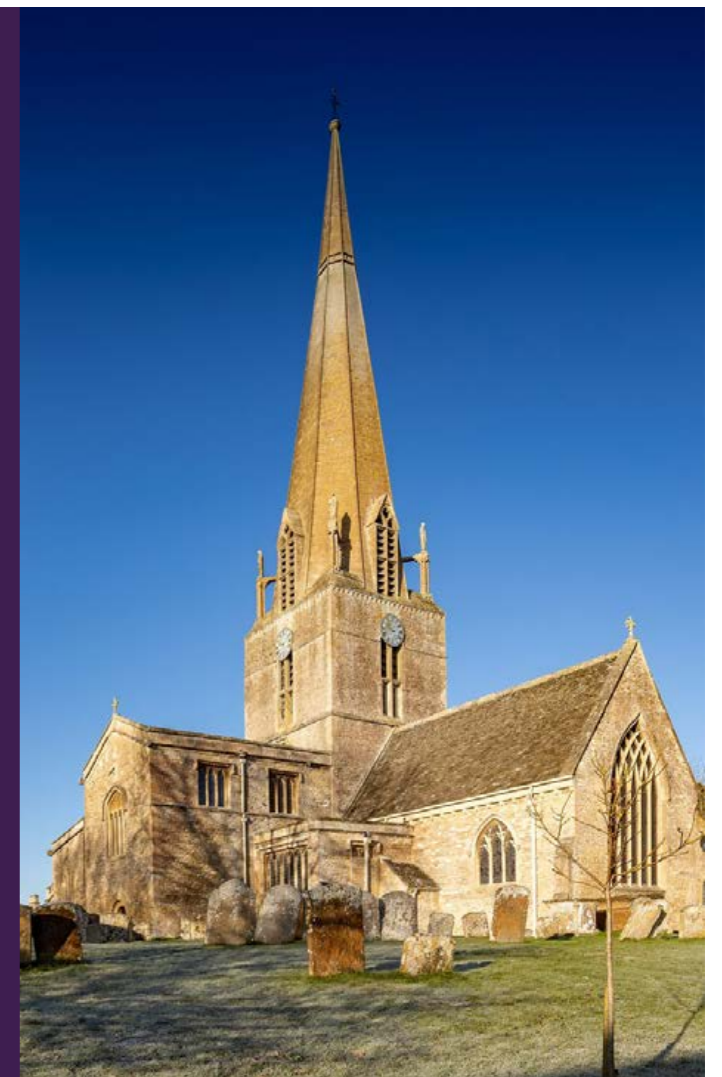
We're committed to supporting the areas in which we build and as part of this, we've committed over £1.4m into improving the area around Bampton Meadows.

Our pledge will see approximately £770,000 put towards the expansion of Bampton C of E Primary School with a further £80,000 going towards the expansion of nursery capacity at the school.

Around £130,000 will be spent improving play areas around Bampton, with a further £48,000 being handed over for improvements at the town library. Approximately £185,000 will go towards sport and recreation facilities in Bampton, £160,000 will be spent increasing the frequency of bus services between Carterton and Witney, and just over £20,000 will be put towards artist-led enhancement of public areas in Bampton.

Gary Needham, Land and Planning Director for Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire, said: "Supporting the communities in which we build is a key priority for Taylor Wimpey, so I am delighted that we will be funding a wide range of projects in Bampton through our planning contributions, from helping the town primary school to take on more pupils to improving public transport links.

"Our work does not end here and we will continue to support local groups and organisations in the town to ensure that our Bampton Meadows development leaves a lasting positive impact in the town."



Making Bampton your forever home

There are so many reasons why people choose to settle in the peaceful Oxfordshire countryside, and we're delighted to have opened a development in a location as stunning as Bampton, which has been noted as one of the oldest towns in England. Now a thriving community which served as the filming location for the hit TV show *Downton Abbey*, this is the perfect place to call home.

Local arts and culture are celebrated at The Gallery in the centre of the town, where pieces from Oxfordshire-based creators are available to purchase.

The town is home to a wide variety of pubs, cafés and restaurants with locally-sourced food and drinks. The Talbot and The Horseshoe Inn provide great opportunities for socialising, while Bampton Coffee House and The Cake Element are the perfect places to satisfy sweet cravings and caffeine fixes.

From well-known convenience stores to independent boutiques, Bampton offers those who love retail therapy a chance to get their hands on some really unique, one-of-a-kind pieces.



Just south of the Cotswolds, Bampton is the ideal place to settle for those who love getting out into nature, with the architectural influence of the area being seen throughout the town itself. Nearby nature reserve Chimney Meadows has the River Thames running through it, so residents of the town are spoiled for choice when it comes to scenic open space.

Celebrating creativity in the community



We encouraged Bampton children to get creative last year, challenging Bampton C of E Primary School pupils to design their dream bedroom and offering the winner the chance to see their creation brought to life.

First prize was awarded to Year 4 pupil Cecilia Easterbrook for her pig-themed bedroom. Cecilia received a range of arts and crafts prizes, and her design was used to inspire the children's bedroom in the show home at Bampton Meadows.

Lisa Burrell, Interior Designer at Redditch-based Claude Hooper, helped launch the competition by filming a video for pupils and was part of the judging panel. She said: "It's been great to see such a range of thoughtful and imaginative designs using a variety of materials, and it was definitely a challenge to choose the winners.

"I was delighted to give first prize for Bampton C of E Primary School to Cecilia and her lovely pig-themed creation, and I'm now working hard to bring her design to life in the Bampton Meadows show home."

Julian and Karen Easterbrook, Cecilia's parents, said: "We thought that the bedroom design competition was a great way for Taylor Wimpey to get involved in the local community and it certainly kept Cecilia entertained during lockdown. Cecilia is so pleased that her design won first prize, and it was wonderful to see it so beautifully represented in the show home.

"Visiting the development has been fantastic, and then to meet the team for the grand opening was so enjoyable for us all. We felt so welcome and so safe with the COVID-secure protocols in place. The bedroom looks awesome, the houses are amazing and such a happy vibe surrounds the development."

Working from home, working in style

It's no secret that we have all had to be adaptable this year, with the Office of National Statistics reporting that over 46% of us switched to remote working as a result of the pandemic. With this drastic change in working style, many of us wanted to change up our living spaces to make them suited to work as well as play.

Our homes are all highly adaptable, offering so many options for personalisation. Some of our customers have opted for dining room desks, gravitating towards the sofa with their as the working day draws to a close. For others with a spare room, they've chosen to fully separate working and living spaces by creating a home office.

Our tips for creating a great workspace from the comfort of your own home are as follows:

- Investing in a good desk and chair is key for comfort; you may be sat there for eight hours a day!
- Making the room somewhere you feel excited to visit by adding accessories such as chair cushions and framed prints on the wall will keep you motivated.
- If you work best with music on, bringing in a small home speaker to air your playlists and podcasts makes the space feel more your own.

New Taylor Wimpey customers Conor and Aimee are both currently working from home. With Conor working in finance, and Aimee in the fashion industry, it was crucial that their workspace reflected their personal style and kept them motivated in the process.

They said: "Our new home is so unique and we're so happy that we can personalise it however we want. Given that we'll be working from home for a while now, we're really looking forward to turning one of the rooms into a home office."



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