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THE LATEST NEWS ON CANE HILL PARK

We're happy to say we're making great progress, with 142 homes (including 32 affordable homes) now complete and delighted residents settling in. And with summer on the way, site managers have been busy getting Dunstan's Wood cleared and new play equipment installed.

The Chapel - the team are working with the community on future proposals for this important building.

SITE UPDATE

Work has also started on the Gateway, which is being built by Barratt Homes. Ninety new apartments will be completed by summer 2018. Over two thirds will be a combination of affordable rent and shared ownership.

In the historic centre, work will soon begin on Phase 2 of the David Wilson Homes development, with 75 private three, four and five-bedroom homes.

Barratt and David Wilson have been working with Thames Water on proposals to take pressure off the wider area's sewage system at peak times. Work started recently to install underground attenuation tanks (which store waste temporarily) near the junction of Lion Green Road and Brighton Road. The work will be completed this summer.

In the coming months you may notice work in the western fields behind St Aidan's Primary School and Smitham Primary School. This is the installation of sustainable urban drainage for the next phase of development. Once the work is finished, the fields will be levelled, seeded and restored to their original condition, before being managed by a tenant farmer for cultural use.

Finally, TFL has approved the proposals for some minor work to the junction of Lion Green Road and Chipstead Valley Road. This work will be carried out by Croydon Council in the next few months.

OUR APPRENTICES START WORK

Six apprentices have already been employed by Barratt and David Wilson and now we're offering four students from Carshalton College the chance to visit the site and gain some first-hand work experience. The traineeship will help students to complete Construction Scheme Certificate Scheme cards and Health and Safety tests. As part of our ongoing commitment to recruitment, Barratt and David Wilson also attended Carshalton College during apprenticeship week. Our award-winning Barratt Academy gives young people the very best skills and development environment, with professional training both on site and in the classroom. Apprentices gain industry-recognised qualifications, while building valuable relationships in the sector.

18 year-old Kieran from Shirley in Croydon, an apprentice electrician says: "I finished my A-Levels last year and realised that I didn't want to go to university like some of my friends planned to. I looked into the option of a trade apprenticeship as I thought it would be a more hands-on way into work and couldn't be happier with my decision. Through the support of David Wilson Homes and the team of experts and contractors on site, I'm learning so much every day and am well on my way to becoming a fully qualified electrician."

As well as following a very practical learning programme, through the creation of the new homes at Cane Hill Park, David Wilson Homes pays for Kieran to attend Croydon College one day a week in order for him to gain qualifications to support his learning. At the end of the paid apprenticeship, depending on whether he does a two- or three-year programme, he will also gain a Level 2 or 3 NVQ and diploma qualification in his specific trade.

SCHOOL PUPILS ROLL THEIR SLEEVES UP

We've also run on-site workshops to give local school pupils a chance to learn more about construction. Around 30 10-year-olds from Oasis Academy Byron visited the site in December for a tour of the site, a closer look at the design of the houses and a hands-on task in which they learned to build a wall.

EXCITING PLANS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, CHAPEL AND WATER TOWER

We've been working with a local developer on proposals for the old hospital buildings. These proposals are being developed in consultation with the new residents of Cane Hill Park, Croydon Council and the Greater London Authority. Currently, they include the following:

- The Administration Building – to be converted into new apartments
- The Chapel – to become a mixed-use development including offices, a crèche and a café
- The Water Tower – to be one new residential development

More details will be made available as the proposals are developed.

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