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MINDENHURST Autumn 2020 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our latest newsletter, which aims to keep you updated on the construction of Mindenhurst, your new neighbourhood on the site of former Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut.

Working Safely Covid-19 Update

During troubling times, it can be valuable to take stock and look back. So, we would like to explain what Skanska has done to adapt to the challenges of the pandemic, specifically the changes implemented by our team at Mindenhurst, to enable us to work safely during these unprecedented circumstances.

Quite early on during lockdown, the construction industry was identified by the UK Government as being an essential business sector and construction workers were told that they should return to work as soon as possible. While this has given the industry and Skanska a mandate to continue to deliver our projects, it has also presented us with difficult challenges, both practical and moral.

Our core values are at the heart of everything we do, most notably our commitment to 'Care for Life',

which states that we work safely or not at all. Skanska has been committed to that value throughout this pandemic however, we also have a commitment to our customers, and cannot simply put our projects on hold.

Finding ways to work safely has been our priority and we have been closely following the guidance from the government and the Construction Leadership Council. During the eight days in March and April that we paused site activities, we put measures in place to protect our colleagues and the local community, while honoring our commitments to the industry and our customers.

There were substantial changes to our site layouts and working practices which have been adopted well by the workforce and are proving successful in ensuring safety on site, as well as avoiding activities that bring people working on the project into direct, or indirect contact, with the local community. There is a higher focus on hygiene with more cleaners on site and additional facilities for hand washing and sanitising.

It has also been important to continually inform and educate not only ourselves but also the workforce on the most up-to-date guidance and legislation. We will continue to stay adaptable during these changing times but we will not lose focus from our main priority which is to safeguard the wellbeing of our workforce and the community where we work.

ECOLOGY UPDATE



orking in an area surrounded by green open space and natural beauty we have a duty to protect the wildlife living here. Monitoring and protecting the ecology across the development is a commitment that Skanska take very seriously. Regardless of the season there is always a lot of activity, whether it is from birds, bats, badgers or reptiles, and our first step is to monitor their activity. To do this we work closely with the Surrey Wildlife Trust who you may well have seen around the area, carrying out wildlife surveys, day and night.

Recently we have been looking at habitat areas across the site that could support a range of reptiles and amphibians. Species recorded include grass snakes, slow worms, common toads, and adders.



Over the last couple of months we have undertaken a reptile translocation programme in an area marked for future works. This began with us situating 50 reptile refugia within this area. The refugia are made from corrugated roofing material which is lightweight and waterproof, providing excellent conditions beneath for reptiles. They were checked daily and within the initial 13-day period, six slow worms and three grass snakes were found and carefully moved to a safe site within the Central SANGs. After five days clear of reptile sightings each area was carefully checked for reptiles before a vegetation scrape took place. Soil mounds were left to settle allowing any further reptiles to be spotted. Over the two days of vegetation scraping one grass snake, six slow worms, and five common toads were found and carefully moved to a suitable area. This reptile translocation programme means that the future works can be undertaken whilst ensuring that our local reptiles remain safe.

Information on how to build a hibernaculum for amphibians and reptiles in your own back garden can be found at: www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/howbuild hibernaculum-amphibians-and-reptiles.

Commited to a **Biodiversity Netgain**

We have adopted a Biodiversity Strategy at Mindenhurst which aims to retain and enhance biodiversity and deliver an overall net gain. We are working closely with Surrey Wildlife Trust's Ecology Services to help us deliver this strategy. This is an approach that increases natural habitat and ecological features over and above that being affected by development. The strategy not only benefits the flora but also safeguards the habitats which allow our wildlife and protected species to thrive.

Carine Guenand, Senior Environmental Advisor explained 'We see this as a long-term strategy, not a short-term enhancement, to protect the environment in the area for future generations.'

TRIVSELHUS AT MINDENHURST LIVE A LIFE IN BALANCE

As we move into Autumn, we at Trivselhus are counting down the days until we can start on site at Mindenhurst. It's a wonderful time of year to be in Deepcut and the area is really starting to put on a show for us as the trees start to turn beautiful shades of yellow, orange and red. We are delighted to be involved in the Mindenhurst development and are pleased to have the opportunity to introduce ourselves to you and explain a little bit about our plans.

Trivselhus is a Swedish developer who has been building in the UK for almost twenty-five years. During that time we have grown our reputation for building stylish, high quality homes using sustainable materials - in fact our name literally translates as 'Wellbeing Home'.

At Mindenhurst we will be building a stunning boutique collection of 21 homes. Each one of our three, four and five bed houses feature our scandi design and sustainable build ethos that together produce beautiful but practical homes for modern living. Drawing on our Swedish roots, these homes at Mindenhurst are designed for open plan living with higher ceilings and larger windows for a light, bright and airy feel. Each house has been given a little something different and special such as a home office, walkin wardrobe, a laundry room and for some house types, a first floor terrace.

Our energy efficient homes are embedded with ecofriendly technologies and renewable materials through the Trivselhus Climate Shield® system and even include locally sourced bricks. This plus our use of sedum roof car ports, triple glazed windows and MVHR heat recovery system, means that the sustainability and build quality at Mindenhurst is quite literally a breath of fresh air.

The Swedish lifestyle is focused on the outdoors and exploring the abundance of beautiful forests, national parks and nature reserves. That is why Trivselhus at Mindenhurst feels like a home from home for us with its plethora of green open spaces and woodlands and we are really excited to start building this autumn.

Our programme will be as follows:

Autumn 2020: Open sales cabin and start building

Summer 2021: Open Show Home

Autumn 2021: Welcome first movers into their new homes

To find out more please call 01753 944 350 or visit **www.trivselhus.co.uk.**





Pumpkin Carving Competition

Spooky season has arrived so why not embrace your creativity and take part in our pumpkin carving competition. Whether it's a family effort or your own creation, just carve or decorate your pumpkin and send us a photo at hello@mindenhurst.co.uk. The closing date for entries is 1st November. The top three designs will be announced on Monday 2nd November and will win a £20 Amazon Voucher. We will post as many as possible on our website so that we can celebrate the imagination and creativity of the community.



Skanska Team Lend a Hand

Our team at Mindenhurst recently took part in various volunteering activities as part of our commitment to create lasting value for the community and environment in which we work.

We were proud to take part in the 'Great British September Clean' and members of our team spent an afternoon around Mindenhurst and Deepcut picking up litter. We joined this national campaign which aims to help improve the environment on our doorstep, eliminate litter and create great places for everyone to enjoy.

We have listened to the local community's feelings about the cutting of wildflowers at the Red Road Roundabout. Unfortunately we were unaware that wildflower seeds had been sown by the community when we carried out this maintenance. Whilst we cannot change what has happened we understand the community's desire to support our reducing bee population and native pollinators. We have therefore donated wildflower seeds back to the community and Skanska volunteers spent the day sowing additional wildflowers and planting spring bulbs. We chose an area along the Minorca Road temporary footpath and hopefully this will provide a beautiful display and habitat come spring.

Sadly this year the British hedgehog became officially classified as vulnerable to extinction. Hedgehogs are thought to be one of the oldest mammals on earth but since the millenium we have lost over a third of the population. As hedgehogs are about to go into hibernation we spent time building and locating hedgehog houses in the SANGs to provide a safe habitat for them to sleep, hibernate, and nest throughout the year. If you would like to help keep hedgehogs a common and familiar part of British life please visit www.hedgehogstreet.org.

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Construction programme

The timeline below outlines some key milestones for the development.

Autumn 2020

- Bovis and Trivselhus start on site
- Mindenhurst School completed

Winter 2020

- New services infrastructure commences

Spring 2021

- Road upgrade works commence
- Works to Green Swathe (subject to planning)

Summer 2021

- Loop Road to new residential parcels commences

New homes

For more information about new homes in Mindenhurst, please see the details below:

CALA homes mindenhurst@cala.co.uk

Bovis Homes info.southerncounties@bovishomes.co.uk

Trivselhus Please visit trivselhus.co.uk





Building for the future

MINDENHURST is a new neighbourhood in the village of Deepcut, Surrey. Situated on the site of the former Princess Royal Barracks, Mindenhurst will offer 1,200 new homes and essential local amenities including a new primary school, retail outlets, sports facilities, business premises and over 69 hectares of public green space. For further information and the latest news please visit **mindenhurst.co.uk**.

SKANSKA, a leading construction company and developer, is an inclusive and responsible business that is helping to build a better society. Drawing on our Scandinavian heritage, we are green, innovative and progressive, bringing people and technology together to build, upgrade and maintain the country's buildings and infrastructure.