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AYLESHAM GARDEN VILLAGE NEWS

YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR THE WHOLE VILLAGE - WINTER EDITION

MAKE 2022 THE YEAR OF POSITIVE CHANGE WITH ASPIRE



After the upheaval and challenges of the past two years, ASPIRE's team and programme is expanding and continues to offer an amazing opportunity to local people to reconnect, reset and recharge.

The beginner-friendly, fully supported, free activities are aimed at helping you kick-start some key lifestyle changes, such as being more active, eating better and thinking about learning new skills and gaining qualifications for employment. Our wonderful team and expert partners are here to help you improve your health and wellbeing and get on the road to achieving your career and lifestyle goals.

The ASPIRE week

You are welcome to sign up and join a range of activities including:

Monday – Gardening, Health Walk, NHS One You Weight Loss

Tuesday – Cooking, Couch to 5K, Employability

Wednesday – Legs, Bums & Tums, Gardening, Health Walk, NHS One You drop-in

Thursday – Couch to 5k, Gardening, Beekeeping (starting mid-February)

Friday – Cooking, Couch to 5k, NHS One You Lifestyle support

All our activities have been COVID-adapted to keep staff, volunteers and visitors safe. Please contact the team at aspire@bechange.org.uk or call 01304 840134 for more information.

Spring Open Days

From February, we'll be opening the ASPIRE hub on the last Monday of the month for you to come along to see how the community garden is growing, try your hand at a few activities, meet the team and see what's on offer. Find out how to access all the free services, courses and support for yourself or a family member, and how to volunteer if you have any spare time and would like to get involved. Please come along to find out how ASPIRE could help you or how you might be able to help us.



Facebook: @AspireProjectEastKent

Instagram: @aspireeast

To book onto ASPIRE, phone 01304 840134 or email enquiries@bechange.org.uk

ASPIRE Spring Open Days:

Monday 28 February 10am-2pm

Monday 28 March 10am-2pm

Monday 25 April 10am-2pm



NEW KITCHEN FOR BECHANGE



Last year, DDC donated a kitchen, previously used in a show-home for shared ownership flats, to local charity Bechange to replace the old one that was on its last legs in the corner of the hall. Large units and appliances duly arrived and were tucked into every nook and cranny until Covid restrictions

eased and tradespeople could be lined up to instal it.

Step forward Mears... As part of their Social Value Programme, staff from the company very kindly gave up their spare time to remove the old kitchen and fit the new one, including plumbing and wiring. All the ASPIRE participants and visitors to Bechange now have a smart new kitchen area with all the 'mod cons' in which to make drinks and lunches.

Angela Doggett, Manager at Bechange, said "We are really grateful to Dover District Council for donating this amazing ex-showroom kitchen for our hub. A big thank you also to Mears who gave so much of their time and expertise to fit the kitchen. It is amazing to have this fantastic facility as we develop our activities and increase the number of participants using our hub, including those coming to access the ASPIRE Project."

BARRATT'S OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOEBOX DONATIONS

Barratt Homes received 40 gift-filled shoeboxes at its Aylesham Village Sales and Marketing Suite in November. Thanks to efforts from the local community, all shoeboxes were donated to Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child campaign and distributed to children across the world for Christmas.

Operation Christmas Child began in 1990 and has now delivered shoeboxes filled with gifts to more than 188 million children in over 150 countries worldwide. Residents and members of the local community in Aylesham delivered shoeboxes containing a variety of treats including colouring pens, soft toys and hygiene items.

SAPLING DONATION ENCOURAGES AYLESHAM SCHOOLCHILDREN TO THINK SUSTAINABLY



Barratt Homes donated 120 replantable Christmas tree saplings to pupils at Aylesham Primary School.

Pupils will be able to enjoy them for many festive seasons to come and it will hopefully reduce single use cut trees or plastic trees. The campaign encouraged children and their families to think about how everyone can take small steps towards protecting the environment, and reducing waste during the gift-giving season.

Mr Luck, reception teacher at Aylesham Primary School, said: "We must strive towards a more sustainable lifestyle, and we welcome this donation from Barratt Kent to help our children do their bit to become greener. It's a very festive take on sustainability, as we look forward to seeing the children's trees grow!"

Natalie Perry, Sales and Marketing Director for Barratt Kent, commented: "Taking a more sustainable approach as we build new homes remains our top priority and it is something we are acting on now. This is the second year we have run this festive campaign at schools near our developments. We hope the children and their families enjoy planting and caring for their trees."

Barratt Homes has committed to becoming the first housebuilder to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040, and to building net zero carbon homes by 2030, with the housebuilder committing to purchasing 100% of its operational energy from renewable sources.

NEXT PHASE OF 40 HOMES

Planning permission has now been granted for an additional 40 homes in Aylesham Garden Village's new development as part of Phase 2B (parcel 4).

The site sits alongside Abercrombie Garden (East) and the new two-storey, two and three bed semi-detached and terraced homes will front directly onto the central open space there.

A total of 64 parking spaces and 12 visitor spaces will be provided for the 40 houses, comprising a mixture of on site and communal parking areas.

COMMUNITY GRANTS HELPED LIGHT UP AYLESHAM AT CHRISTMAS



Photograph left to right: Ronnie Hill (Chairman of Aylesham4Aylesham), Mark Townsend (Chairman of Aylesham Parish Council), DDC Leader, Cllr Trevor Bartlett, Nick Evans, Emily Barnes and Marvin Fishley (DDC Community Development Officer for Aylesham).

Aylesham4Aylesham received £1,416.67 and £1,900 respectively from Dover District Council's (DDC's) summer and winter community grants scheme.

The money contributed towards the Aylesham Christmas Lights Project which was much appreciated by the Aylesham Community as they enjoyed the Christmas festivities.

Emily Barnes, who served as DDC's Community Development Officer for Aylesham until this summer, and Nick Evans, Aylesham's former DDC Communications Officer, were invited back to the village as the community's special guests to perform the Christmas lights switch on. Everyone enjoyed the festive afternoon with a Christmas Fayre, Lantern Parade and performances from both the Snowdown Colliery Welfare Band and the Snowdown Colliery Male Choir.

COMMUNITY CATCH UP SESSIONS

HI!

WELCOME

HELLO

YES!

DROP IN AND MEET US!
#chatwithacoffee

'Community Catch Up' sessions are hosted by Marvin Fishley, DDC Community Development Officer and PCSO Emma Carmichael. These will be hosted on the last Friday of each month from 9am-11am at the Bechange Community Hub.

You can share any local issues you may have and get advice, discuss ideas or simply just pop in to meet them. There will also be information available about local support available.

The kettle is always on, and you are promised a friendly welcome.

Future dates for your diary:

Friday 25 February

Friday 25 March

Friday 29 April

Friday 27 May

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Aylesham Networking Meetings take place monthly online via Zoom 3pm-4pm. The next dates are:

Wednesday 23 February

Wednesday 23 March

Wednesday 20 April

Please email marvin.fishley@dover.gov.uk if you would like to attend/for the meeting link.

DDC ALLOCATES £8,000 TO SIX AYLESHAM COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN THE WINTER GRANTS SCHEME

Community groups have received winter grants from £100 up to £2,000 to support activities that will benefit a community within the Dover District.

DDC recognises the immensely important role that local groups have played, and will continue to play, as the district slowly recovers from the pandemic.

The Aylesham projects benefitting from the Winter Community Grants Scheme are:

- Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir (pictured) who were given £1,170 towards their Men United in Song charity project (in addition to an £882.50 summer grant)
- Aylesham4Aylesham received £1,900 towards the Aylesham Christmas Lights project
- St Peters Church has benefitted from £1,500 towards their youth and toddler community projects
- Aylesham Hub Ltd has been awarded £1,437.35 towards the development of Aylesham 'In Touch' Magazine
- West Faversham Community Association were given £1,296.10 for soft play equipment and support for their families' project.
- Aylesham Majorettes received £795 towards equipment to support them at their events and performances

David Rance, Chairman of the Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir, said: "It was good to welcome representatives from Dover District Council to our rehearsal - particularly since they turned up with a giant cheque! We're extremely grateful for DDC's generosity in awarding us not just one but two community grants to help finance our 'Men United In Song' project next year. In this initiative, we'll bring together a group of novice singers, introduce them to the delights of singing - including a gala concert - and also raise significant money for Prostate Cancer UK."

Cllr Trevor Bartlett, Leader of DDC, said: "We are delighted to be able to support our community groups and organisations with the popular Community Grants Scheme. This year's scheme is the biggest one to date and has played a particularly important role as we slowly recover from the pandemic. Our local groups and voluntary organisations are the backbone of our community, and this funding will truly help them deliver projects that benefit those that need it most. We also thank everyone contributing to the Dover Lotto, whose funding helps local causes."

For more information on grants and funding from DDC: visit: www.dover.gov.uk/communitygrants email: communitygrants@dover.gov.uk or call: 01304 872277.



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Community meetings are held
monthly online. All welcome.

Contact Marvin for more
information and the
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YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Aylesham and Snowdown form part of Dover
District Council's ward of Aylesham, Eythorne
and Shepherdswell, represented by three
councillors. They are:



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Cllr Charles Woodgate
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posts and retweets of local news and activities
going on in your local area.

Local Aylesham groups all have their own
Facebook pages too. Search 'Aylesham Facebook'
and they will pop up for you to visit/follow.

Please email pr@dover.gov.uk if you have
anything you wish to include in the next
Aylesham Garden Village News.

Useful phone numbers and emails

Please help Kent Police and Dover District Council maintain
Aylesham's record of low crime by reporting directly to them
anything suspicious you may see or hear.
The more detail you can provide, the better.

You can report antisocial behaviour of any kind by simply
phoning Kent Police on 101 and leaving a voice message or
calling Dover District Council's Community Safety
Unit on 01304 872220.

Fly-tipping and dog fouling issues can be reported to
the district council via 01304 872289.

You can email civil enforcement officers via
envcrime@dover.gov.uk

For incidents at the railway station or on the tracks,
please text the British Transport Police via 61016,
call Eyewitness on 0330 095 8444
or email eyewitness@southeasternrailway.co.uk

For after sales support on the Aylesham Garden Village
development, Persimmon Homes customers
can contact local site manager Aaron Bhat
on 07990 004640.

Persimmon's out of hours team (4.30pm-9am Monday to Friday
and 24 hours a day at weekends)
can be reached on 08700 605520.

For customers of Barratt Homes, please call 01304 841214
who will be able to arrange help and advice.

You can also email the district council's planning
enforcement team via planningenforcement@dover.gov.uk and
in emergencies only 07864 608817.

Aylesham Garden Village News

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