

## WELCOME

This community newsletter is designed to keep you updated on progress as the various phases of the project are brought forward. Information can also be found on the website:

[www.meonvale.co.uk](http://www.meonvale.co.uk)

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## MEON VALE COMMUNITY FOCUS DAY

In September we hosted a community day at Meon Vale. It was great to see so many members of the community come together in what was a fun day featuring live music, food and refreshments, a woodland walk, as well as face painting and dinky donkey petting – plus a special visit from Stratford upon Avon Table Tennis Club.

We also used the event to share some ideas for the future of the village, and to get feedback from the community. This included large display panels with images and information about what could be delivered at Meon Vale. To gather views, we provided a feedback form that was available for residents to complete, along with an 'ideas chart' to which the community could indicate which initiatives and events they would like to see in the village.

The consultation focused on four key areas: the new playgrounds planned at Meon Vale, the future of the woodland and green open spaces and their management, the potential for a remote working facility at Meon Vale, and other initiatives and services for the community and how these could be delivered.

**The results are in! Read on to delve into the feedback...**





We received lots of brilliant ideas from the community about how we can collectively make Meon Vale and even better place to live.

- Feedback on the new playgrounds was positive and supportive, including views on their location and the variety of play equipment proposed. Also the need to ensure accessibility and to provide equipment for all age groups, with educational uses incorporated too.
- There was agreement that protecting Meon Vale's woodland and encouraging wildlife and biodiversity is a priority.
- There was a consensus that a flexible space within the community hall, that could be used for working, would be more beneficial to Meon Vale than a dedicated remote working facility.
- We were thrilled to hear that over half of respondents would be willing to volunteer for community initiatives, with particular interest in events and activities that could help bring the community together.

Meon Vale Residents' Association also held its own survey in autumn about the future of Meon Vale as well as the current standards of service and maintenance at the site. We're continuing to work with members and other community groups to make sure this feedback is taken on board as plans for the site move forward.

## SITE UPDATES: LIGHTING AND FOOTWAYS

### Street lighting - Bailey Avenue and Chestnut Avenue

We appreciate that the absence of streetlighting has been a major concern for some of our residents and we have been in liaison with utility suppliers regarding the installation of streetlights along Bailey Avenue and Chestnut Avenue. These works have been instructed and we are waiting for our subcontractor to confirm the programme.

We will be writing directly to residents that may be affected by the installation works as soon as we have confirmed dates from the utility subcontractor. In the interim, a series of temporary, solar-powered streetlights will be placed along Bailey Avenue and Chestnut Avenue. The locations of the proposed temporary streetlights are available to view on our website: <http://www.meonvale.co.uk>

### What next?

Given the support from the community for the new playgrounds, St. Modwen is now planning to submit a planning application to the local council so that these can be delivered.

We will be adjusting our plans for the community hall, with the aim of improving the space and creating flexible areas for the community to use.

Meon Vale residents are keen to see further measures put in place to protect and improve the woodland area, and we are liaising with potential third-parties that could be involved in this. We will report back on this to the wider community to discuss options and consider next steps.

We'll also continue working with residents' groups to support and facilitate other community-led initiatives and events at Meon Vale.

If you've any questions about next steps, please let us know by contacting [meonvalesstates@stmodwen.co.uk](mailto:meonvalesstates@stmodwen.co.uk)



### Chestnut Avenue Footways

The footway along the northern side of Chestnut Avenue requires repairing and surfacing. Prior to laying the surface, a series of actions were required in order to reach a stage where this is possible, including the repair to the open gas main which was damaged by a third party and other remedials that were required and not fulfilled by others. We are now working to rectify these issues and have instructed our subcontractor to commence the kerbing repairs and surfacing, all works are programmed to be completed by 23rd December 2021. We have written to the residents that are directly impacted by these works.



### NEW TREES ALONG BAILEY AVENUE

Whiting, our landscapers have been busy planting new trees along Bailey Avenue. Once they are established in a couple of years, they will complement the existing trees along the avenue.



### CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

A craft fair was held in the village hall on 28 November, which was well attended with a steady flow of customers all day. There was a good variety of stalls to browse and everyone enjoyed the day!



Season's Greetings from everyone at St. Modwen.