

My

Ockford Ridge

Autumn 2024



Welcome news from us this autumn....

I am delighted to be writing to you this autumn with news about our new homes at Ockford Ridge.

Niblock Building Contractors, who have been working with the council on our green technology pilot project, have successfully completed the refurbishment of seven homes, making them more energy efficient and fit for the future. Residents have started to move in and we hope they are as delighted with the new homes as we are. Thank you to Niblock, who have certainly helped us build for a greener future at the Ridge.

Thakeham are working on our new homes at Site C, aiming to bring 30 new energy efficient affordable homes to the Ridge by early 2025. Delivery has been delayed by a long wait for water to be connected to the new homes, and the scheduling of statutory road works. Thakeham would like to thank residents for their ongoing patience while these works are completed.

The new development will comprise 18 houses and 12 flats for social and affordable rent, and they have been built with energy efficiency in mind with Air Source Heat Pumps replacing gas boilers, solar PV panels on the roofs generating renewable energy and improved insulation, energy efficient doors and windows.

It's been heartwarming to hear from our residents in our Keeping Memories Alive film, which reflects thoughts and feelings about the build and the new properties at the Ridge, as well as some of the wider community benefits. The film is now available to view - see details below. A huge and heartfelt thank you to all who contributed.

Finally, thank you to everyone who took the time to comment on our plans for 20 new environmentally sustainable homes at Site F. We will be taking your views into consideration before we submit our planning application later this year. Don't worry if you missed our drop-in session earlier this month, you can still view our plans online at www.waverley.gov.uk/housingdev.

Very best wishes,



Councillor Janet Crowe
Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing
(Delivery)

Seven Green Tech homes completed

Work to the deep retrofit homes is now complete with seven properties refurbished and ready for residents to move in.

Delivered as part of a green tech pilot project at the council, the homes all have greater levels of insulation, new windows and doors, solar panels, air source heat pumps, ventilation systems and new electrical installations.

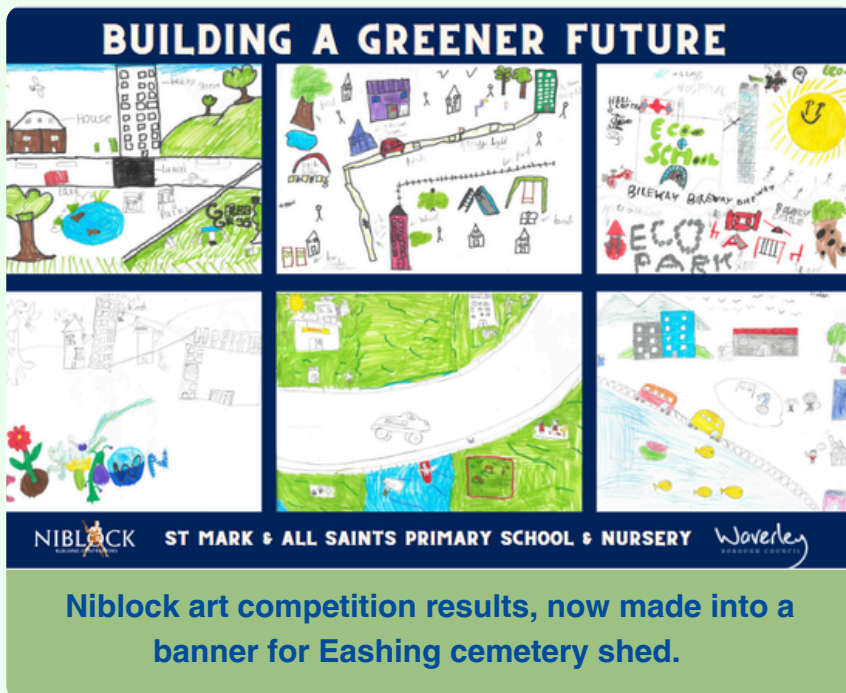


Working with Niblock, Waverley Borough Council has delivered:

- Eco friendly smart homes, using green technology and sustainable building practices at the heart.
- Better quality homes for our residents that reduce heat loss and energy costs.
- Action on the Climate Emergency, protecting the environment by providing energy efficient homes.

This significant investment is improving our housing stock, meaning long-term energy and maintenance costs are more reliably managed.

Building a greener future....



Throughout the duration of the project, Niblock developed and implemented a local community plan to help benefit Ockford Ridge. Their work involved:

- Supplying materials and volunteering hours to improve the local community garden at Eashing Cemetery.
- Donating to and supporting the Surrey SATRO Mentoring Programme.
- Volunteering at the Youth Club hosted at St Marks Church.
- Holding a sustainable drawing competition with KS2 Students at St Mark and All Saints Primary School.

“As a business we are keen to support the local communities in which we work. We had the pleasure of working with Kate, Community and Estates Development Worker at Waverley Borough Council to help deliver these initiatives and we are very proud of the work we have done within the community through interacting with a range of residents” Niblock’s Social Value Executive.

Keeping Memories Alive

Waverley Borough Council has made a short film about the new housing at Ockford Ridge to document how The Ridge has changed over recent years.

At the start of the regeneration, the Keeping Memories Alive project was launched to preserve the history of this important part of Godalming.

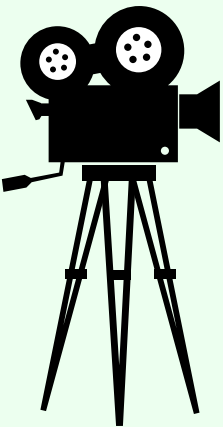
With the help of National Lottery Funding, residents created audio clip recordings and a brochure to document how life used to be. The latest short film builds on that work, allowing residents to share how their lives have changed and what it's like to live in their new homes.

It includes drone footage sourced from developers, our own photography, and additional archive material from Godalming Museum.

It's a wonderful reflection of life at The Ridge. You can view the film by using the QR code below



www.youtube.com/@WaverleyBorough



Top marks to Thakeham

Top marks to Thakeham for winning a Bronze Considerate Construction Scheme (CCS) National Site Award. Winning a CSS national award shows the highest levels of performance in three areas of the Code of Considerate Practice: 1) Respect the Community, 2) Care for the Environment, and 3) Value the Workforce. Well done Thakeham and huge congratulations!



Site C progress

Work continues to progress at Site C, of the regeneration, where leading local house builder Thakeham is working to deliver 18 houses and 12 flats for social, affordable rent and shared ownership

The homes are expected to be handed over to residents early next year. A detailed Home User Guide that explains how to use the new renewable energy technology like air source heat pumps with in house 'smart' thermostatic controls will help residents manage the heating of their home and hot water, save money and lessen the impact on our environment. It's taken a little longer than Thakeham hoped to complete Site C, so thank you for your patience.



Your community garden



Eashing Cemetery Community Garden and Orchard is a joint initiative between Waverley Borough Council, Godalming Town Council, and Thakeham Partnerships Ltd, with COPSE Community Orchard Project South East and Roots for the Future as green contractors. It's there for everyone to enjoy all year round.

 **Follow us on Facebook:**
Eashing Cemetery Community Garden

Come along and join us on Tuesdays between 4pm and 6pm to plant out plants donated by local residents and our contractor Bloom and Green gardens. The new bus stop is a welcome addition and we will be planning some autumn shrub and bulb planting over the coming months. The next 12 trees (pear and apple) will be planted with the school and parents in November – dates have still to be set. St Marks and All Saints had to abandon the pollinator count due to poor weather! But enjoyed a bug hunt instead.



**New volunteers
welcome
at the Community Garden**

**We have plenty of space for new
volunteers to help in our community
garden.**

**If you are interested in being part of the
team, on a one off or regular basis
check the Facebook page or
banner by the cemetery bus
stop for details.**



Your Ward



Hello! We are Paul and Victoria, your local ward borough councillors for Ockford Ridge, Aaron's Hill, and the town centre. In this edition of My Ockford we would like to remind you about the advice line run by our partners at Children and Family Health Surrey.



Families with children up to the age of 19 can call 01883 340 922 for support on all aspects of child health, development and parenting. You can also book an appointment with the Health Visiting and School Nursing teams. The line is open from 8am until 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays).

If you'd like to have a chat about a local issue that is important to you, please do get in touch with us, we would be more than happy to meet.

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