Welcome to the Foundry Lea newsletter

FOUNDRY LEA

Dear Neighbour,

We are excited to share news of the progress being made at Foundry Lea, a new, sustainable neighbourhood being created by leading housebuilders Barratt David Wilson Homes and Vistry Group.

In this newsletter, you can learn about:

1. Our groundbreaking ceremony on 17 April
2. Community news
3. Details of our next 'Meet the Builder' event at Bridport Community Charter Fair
4. The updated project timeline and what to expect
5. How we are keeping in touch

We hope you enjoy learning more about our progress in creating this new community.

Andrew Spicer, Managing Director – Barratt David Wilson Homes Exeter
Peter Sadler, Managing Director – Vistry Cornwall South West





Groundbreaking ceremony

On 17 April a groundbreaking ceremony was held at Foundry Lea, marking the start of the construction phase for the new neighbourhood.

The event brought together key members of the consortium team from Barratt David Wilson Homes and Vistry Group alongside a representative from Symondsbury Parish Council to place shovels in the ground for the first time. This significant milestone represents a pivotal moment in Foundry Lea's journey towards becoming a cornerstone of the Bridport community.

Andrew Spicer, Managing Director at Barratt David Wilson Homes Exeter, said, "We're thrilled to have broken ground at Foundry Lea with key members of the community. This project represents our commitment to delivering high-quality homes in Dorset and creating vibrant places that enhance the local area."

Peter Sadler, Managing Director at Vistry Cornwall South West, said, "By building hundreds of sustainable, thoughtfully designed new homes that meet the needs of local people, we look forward to contributing positively to the Bridport community and working with local councillors for years to come."



Keeping in touch with you

Head to our dedicated project website for further details on Foundry Lea which will be updated as the project takes shape: **www.foundrylea.co.uk**

You can also get in touch and report issues relating to road access and the construction site at:

Telephone: 0800 130 3270

Email: foundrylea@JBP.co.uk

Find out more at **foundrylea.co.uk**

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Community news



Beach clean

Barratt David Wilson Homes and Vistry Group teams took part in a 'street to shore' beach clean in Bridport on 15 October. The team collected litter around Rope Walk car park, the harbour, and the sea front. We plan to take part in future beach cleans during the project to support the local community.

Donation of timber

After contractors accidentally removed some hedging and trees from the site at the end of 2022, we pledged to swiftly replace them and implement ecological and arboricultural improvements as part of the project.

Last year, the consortium donated logs resulting from the tree removal to Bridport Town Council. Following guidance from Bridport Citizens Advice, the council will distribute these logs to households facing fuel poverty throughout 2024.

Meet the Builder at Bridport Community Charter Fair

As an active member of the community, we are sponsoring Bridport Community Charter Fair with £1,200 as it returns on 18 May 2024.

As part of our sponsorship, we will be hosting a 'Meet the Builder' stall at the fair. If you're coming along, why not stop and speak to the team and have any questions you may have answered? As well as being an opportunity to provide information to local people on the homes coming soon to their area, we also aim to inspire those who are considering a career in construction. You can find us at Millennium Green, Mountfield, Bridport at 9:30am-3:30pm.

Project update

What we have been doing

Since September 2023, we have installed all the required tree protection for the first stage of the build and site security fencing. We have built the compound for the first phase of the project and have removed a tree, which had planning permission for removal, which was on the line of the loop road through the development.

What we're doing next

Now that we have broken ground on site, works can start on the infrastructure. We will complete the offsite services works, construct both site entrances, and will start to build the main loop road. We will also be diverting the overhead powerline that crosses the site and constructing the main drainage ponds.

As the project develops, the timeline may shift depending on conditions onsite and factors outside our control. If our timeline does change, we will be in regular contact with you so that you know what to expect and to help mitigate disruption.

Miles Cross

We are supporting the construction of a new roundabout, Miles Cross, at the junction of the B3162 (West Road) and the A35 outside Bridport.

Due to design approvals between National Highways and Dorset Highways taking longer than originally anticipated, the start date for works on Miles Cross has been delayed. We now have technical approval for the design of Miles Cross roundabout and will begin the tendering process soon. We anticipate starting construction in September 2024, and aim to complete the works by September 2025.

Road closures

To connect Foundry Lea with the essential utilities that are needed to power a new neighbourhood, we will be undertaking offsite works that will mean the short and temporary closure of some roads near the site. The roads which will be affected are St Swithins Road, Magdalen Lane and West Road. These road closures have been approved by Dorset Council. When closures are planned, details will be shared with the town council and parish councils to publicise diversion information to residents through the appropriate channels.

Public rights of way

During construction we are creating diversions for existing public rights of way across Vearse Farm, to ensure the safety of the public and our team. The tree protection fencing and site security fencing has now been installed, and we have diverted the public around the perimeter of the site. Public right of way signage will be installed soon.

Working hours

Construction will take place onsite each week from Monday to Saturday, at the following times:

- Monday to Friday: 7:30am to 5:30pm
- Saturday: 8:30am to 1:00pm