Welcome to the Foundry Lea Newsletter

Dear Neighbour,

We are excited to share news as we are progressing well with works on site at Foundry Lea.

In this newsletter, you can learn about:

- Upcoming Works on Miles Cross Roundabout
- General Project Update
- Community News
- Sustainability

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The Miles Cross Roundabout - Upcoming Works

We are working alongside ecologists to complete landscaping works, with the agreement of National Highways and Dorset Highways. This preparation will ensure the site is ready for construction to start.

Discussions are ongoing with the relevant authorities to finalise traffic management plans and the timing of the works. Further details will be shared with residents as soon as they are available.



Project Update

Show Homes launching soon:

Construction is well underway and our team of designers will soon be working on the interior styling and decoration in our Show Homes, which will be launching very soon.

Register your interest on the Bovis Homes, David Wilson Homes and Barratt Homes websites to receive your invite.

What we're doing next:

Current efforts on site are focused on offsite service installations. Water and gas are now live with the remaining services due to be completed in October. Construction on the two on-site bridges is now complete.

In order to complete the water mains diversion and construct the road, the Vearse Farm track will be closed for up to 8 weeks.

Off-Site Electrical Works

To connect essential utilities that are needed to power a new neighbourhood, we will be temporarily closing some of the roads near the development to undertake offsite works. 60% of the works have been completed with a 6 week programme due to commence in October.

Working Hours:

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

- Mon-Fri: 7:30am to 5:30pm
- Saturday: 8:30am to 1:00pm



Public rights of way:

The Order to permanently divert the footpaths affected by development was sealed on 25 April 2025 and advertised in the Bridport & Lyme Regis News on Thursday 29 May 2025.

The objection period ended on Thursday 26 June 2025 and no objections were received. The Order will be confirmed prior to completion and opening of the routes

After the routes are constructed, they will be inspected and certified by Dorset Council and a third advert will be placed ahead of the Notice of coming into operation.

The rolling temporary closures are in effect until the permanent diversions are complete and this order was most recently renewed in July 2025. Every effort is being made to keep footpaths open around the development wherever it is safe to do so.



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Community News

Stampede by the Sea:

Following the Stampede by the Sea 'Wild in Art' trail across Bridport, West Bay and Lyme Regis in spring 2025, our incredible elephant was auctioned for £4,400, raising further funds for Weldmar Hospicecare.

During 2024, Weldmar provided care for almost 300 individuals in the Bridport, West Bay and Lyme Regis area alone, and almost 2,000 across Dorset. Every penny of the funds raised at auction will help their nurses, doctors, carers, therapists, counsellors and others to provide that care in the future, free, for local families.

Community Fund Donation

Thank you to all the local charities who got in touch with Barratt David Wilson Homes to apply for a community fund donation. Due to the high number of applications, funds have now been allocated up until October 2026.

Bridport Community Charter Fair 2026

We're proud to be sponsoring the Bridport Community Charter 2026 for the third year. The fair will be held on Saturday 16th May at the Millennium Green.





Sustainability & Ecology

The design of Foundry Lea accounts for sustainability in the broadest sense of the word, the development will include:

- 12 acres of open space and play areas
- 1.2 acres of allotments
- 1.75 acres of new woodland
- Photovoltaic solar panels for every home
- EV charging for every home
- 550 new trees
- 2 sports pitches
- A new primary school - discussions with the council are underway for the handover of this land
- 35% affordable housing provided by Abri, Aster and Magna

We're also contributing over £5.3m to the local community.

Social Cohesion

Health and Wellbeing

Economic Inclusion

Environmental Wellbeing

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**

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