

Other news

Two new house builders arrive in Dargavel Village

We're pleased to welcome Avant Homes and Bellway homes to Dargavel Village. The new developers have taken up plots to the north of the village.

Both Avant and Bellway will be building a mix of semi-detached and detached three, four and five-bedroom homes with construction beginning immediately.

With both companies now onsite, they join Taylor Wimpey, Stewart Milne and Persimmon Homes in providing a wide range of homes in Dargavel Village.

Pupils design speed awareness signs

You may have noticed the new special speed awareness signs placed around Bishopton and Dargavel Village over recent weeks.

These signs were designed by pupils from Bishopton Primary School to raise awareness of drivers to watch their speed throughout the area.

We asked pupils to submit their designs and a panel made up of local community members and representatives from BAE Systems deliberated to choose the winning designs. The three winning designs have now been turned into road signs. The three winners were:

- Abby Gray from class P4C
- Callum Scott from class P2C
- Zara Allan from class P4C

Each of the pupils has won a framed copy of their pictures as well as a prize and their designs placed around Bishopton and Dargavel Village.

As a thank you to all that took part, each pupil who submitted their designs received an art set to help them continue with their art.



One of the winning speed awareness signs

Ecology news



The platform aims to attract the majestic bird

Osprey platform installed in time for summer

Our team of Ecologists have been busy installing two new Osprey nesting platforms within the woodland.

As the images show, the new nests, called eyries, have been installed above the treeline with the hope to attract Ospreys in the spring when they migrate back to the north.

Although Ospreys are capable of constructing their own nests, they prefer to take-over established ones, as it saves time and energy, some nests have been known to be used for 20 years or more.

Our team will be checking regularly over the spring and summer months to see if any Ospreys have nested in the area and we will keep you updated in future newsletters.

Have your say

Contact us anytime

We are keen to hear your views on the Dargavel Village development. Send your thoughts to us at:
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Bishopton regeneration

Update

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Welcome to the winter issue of our newsletter, the first of 2018.

During 2017, the programme has continued to progress with the completion of key infrastructure. We started the work on the new M8 junction and since then we've made good progress, completing the first part of the work ahead of schedule. We are on course to complete the junction in early 2020. We've also continued to provide key facilities and amenities that create high quality green spaces and the opening of several new play areas.

Community engagement is hugely important to me personally, and to the success of the development. I was delighted to complete the transfer of Holmpark to the Bishopton Community Development Trust at the end of 2017. This is part of our commitment to improve facilities for sport, recreation and play within the area. The Trust has ambitious plans for Holmpark and the handover represents a significant milestone on their journey to create a sporting and leisure hub for the community.

This year, our key priorities are to finalise the design of the new primary school, commence the construction of the retail development and to start the second phase of landscaping works. We have also just welcomed Avant Homes and Bellway Homes to Dargavel Village, adding to the variety of houses currently being provided by Taylor Wimpey Homes, Stuart Milne Homes and Persimmon Homes.

On a final note, I recently spoke at the Brownfield Land Scotland conference; it was great to use the Dargavel Village as an exemplar brownfield development. This project is making the best use of derelict land, leaving a development fit for the next generation which reduces the need to use Greenfield sites in Renfrewshire and helps the council meet its Local Housing Strategy.


Jon Gettinby

Holmpark handed to the community

In November, BAE Systems completed the transfer of Holmpark to the Bishopton Community Development Trust.

The handover of the nine acre site, at no cost to the Trust, is part of BAE Systems' commitment to improve facilities for sport, recreation and play within Bishopton and Dargavel villages. These commitments include setting up a Bishopton Community Trust and payments to a Community Development Fund which is managed by the Trust.

To date, BAE Systems has made payments of c. £200,000 to the Trust and is committed to further payments of £200,000. Prior to the handover, BAE Systems completed upgrading work to Holmpark which included improvements to drainage and the boundary around the recreation ground.

A handover ceremony was held at Holmpark which was attended by Derek Mackay MSP, Cllrs James McLaren and Natalie Don alongside representatives from BAE Systems and the local community.

Derek Mackay MSP for Renfrewshire North and West, said: "I am delighted to see the handover of Holmpark to the people of Bishopton.

It is encouraging to see the Community Trust and the development managers working together to ensure the local community fully benefits from the development."

Councillor James MacLaren, Councillor for Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank, said: "I was very happy to be included in the handover ceremony at Holmpark. It is great to see BAE Systems honouring their pledges to the village and handing over the land to the Trust. The people of Bishopton need to support the Trust in their progress and activities."



Derek Mackay MSP meets the project team



The local community will benefit from the development

Mark Reason, Director of BAE Systems Real Estate Solutions, said: "The transfer of Holmpark is a major milestone in our redevelopment project in Bishopton.

"Working with the local community is an important part of the project. I am delighted that the land is now with the Bishopton Community Development Trust so that new and improved facilities can be developed that will benefit the whole community."

Scott Wilson, Chair of the Bishopton Community Development Trust, said: "The community taking ownership of Holmpark is a major milestone for Bishopton and the Community Development Trust.

"We have ambitious plans to create a fantastic sporting and leisure hub for the village on the land and look forward to working with the wider community to deliver these much needed facilities."

St James interchange

Towards the end of 2017, we completed improvement works on the St James interchange at junction 29 on the M8.

The works included realigning the lanes and the widening of the carriageway. The upgrade to the interchange have meant a 10% increase to the capacity of the junction and improvement to the flow of the traffic there.

The work to the junction is part of BAE Systems' commitment to improving the infrastructure of the local area, including the new M8 junction 29A which is currently being constructed to connect the A8 with the M8.

Offsite drainage

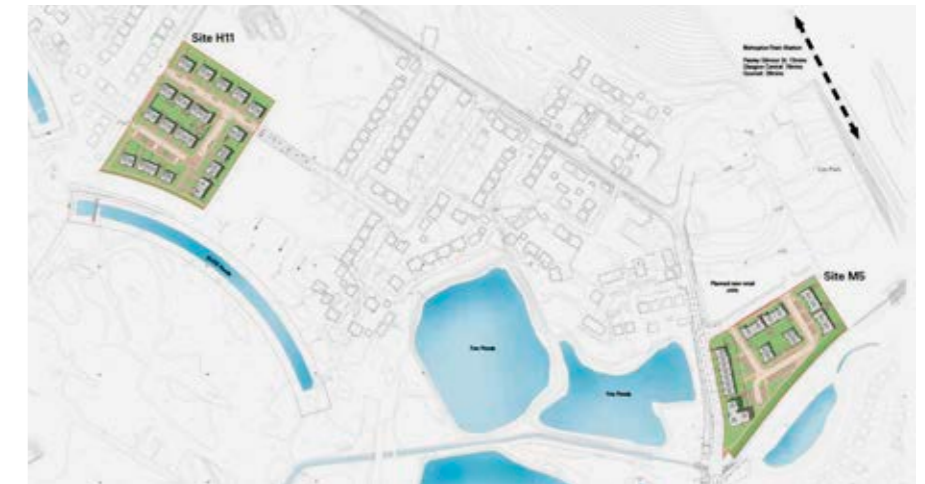
Since October 2017, you will have seen various works being carried out on the existing sewage network around Bishopton.

Scottish Water Horizons, on behalf of BAE Systems, have designed upgrades to the capacity of the drainage at the following locations in the village:

- Newton Road playing fields
- Churchill Drive
- Land Between the railway and Greenock Road, adjacent to the Scout hall

These upgrades were agreed with Scottish Water and have resulted in reinforcement of the pipes at the above locations. Scottish Water Horizons are due to complete the work in March 2018. The improvements have involved some road works on the A8 and we would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time.

Plots identified for affordable housing



At the end of 2017 we confirmed the two sites within the Dargavel Village development which will be provided to Renfrewshire Council at no cost to develop 80 new-build socially rented houses.

The new homes will provide modern, spacious and energy efficient accommodation and are part of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan which was announced recently by Renfrewshire Council. The first of the homes are expected to be complete by mid-2019.

More information can be found on Renfrewshire Council's website: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/dargavel