



Welcome to Sherford's February Newsletter

Despite only being a couple of months into the year, 2018 has already been one of the busiest periods yet at Sherford, with more exciting announcements due in the coming months. Along with more residents moving in to their new homes in the town, Sherford is already quickly becoming a thriving community, buzzing with activity.

Just one of the exciting recent developments at Sherford include unearthing its ancient history, with archaeologists discovering artefacts dating as far back as over 6,000 years ago, proving that the landscape was once home to Stone Age families. There's more about Sherford's unique history later in this newsletter.

From the past to the present; 2018 is already set to be one of the most exciting for Sherford, with construction of the first primary school, Sherford Vale, and the revolutionary Skills Training Centre progressing well. Continue reading to find out what else 2018 has in store, as well as discovering the monumental amount of work that has already taken place in creating Sherford so far.

Construction Milestones


120+
new homes
completed


7,000
tonnes of
cement used

2 million
bricks laid



300+
workers
and **30** apprentices involved

£5
million
in funding
awarded by
Department of
Transport


3.5 miles of
sustainable
drainage

20
new roads
created


TWO YEARS, 2 MILLION BRICKS AND 62,000 TREES

New figures have revealed the tremendous progress made in the construction of Sherford in just two years. Since construction began in 2016, over 120 homes have already been completed and another 150 are in progress, with over 89 residents now living at the town – and more poised to move in!

To date over 2 million bricks and a staggering 7,000+ tonnes of cement have been used in the town's construction. More than 300 workers and 30 apprentices have also been instrumental in making the Sherford vision a reality, with 160 workers active at the site every day. The Sherford Consortium has also invested more than £1.6m towards eco-friendly initiatives on the site so far, with nearly 62,000 trees already planted at the town.

The official public opening of the community park is also set to take place later this year, and along with the completion and opening of both the Skills Training Centre and Sherford's first primary school, Sherford Vale, much will be achieved in 2018.

To see how Sherford has progressed, as well as finding out more about what's coming next, click [here](#).



SHERFORD'S STONE AGE HISTORY

Archaeological excavations taking place at Sherford have revealed that the landscape was once home to historic communities, dating back over 6,000 years to the Stone Age!

The work, funded by the Sherford Consortium and carried out by leading archaeology and heritage practice, Wessex Archaeology, alongside Devon County Council and consultants AECOM, has unearthed exciting artefacts that have helped to provide more information on the lives of early Devon settlers, including prehistoric pottery, Bronze Age tools and roundhouses.

Providing evidence of settlements at Sherford spanning thousands of years, one of the most significant findings has been the discovery of a large amount of Neolithic pottery found within a single pit. An extremely rare find and dating back to the late Stone Age period, archaeologists believe that the placement of the six pots may have had ceremonial significance to those living at the time.

Click [here](#) to find out more.



MEET SHERFORD'S LEAD ARCHAEOLOGIST

Meet Gareth Chaffey, Senior Project Manager at Wessex Archaeology, who is part of the team responsible for unearthing Sherford's ancient history. Working at the site since 2016, Gareth and his team have discovered fascinating artefacts, from a bone comb, to ancient roundhouses, which have helped to shed light on the communities that lived and worked at Sherford thousands of years ago.

Working as an archaeologist for 18 years, Gareth's most memorable archaeological find was the discovery of five Early Neolithic houses near Heathrow Airport. Here's what he had to say about working at Sherford: "This is a wonderful opportunity to work on a project of such an enormous scale. We were one of the first teams on the site, so we have had the opportunity to see the development take shape and grow.

"For me, the most interesting artefact has been an Early Neolithic polished stone axe which had clearly been used to fell trees. It was then deliberately broken and buried in the ground. It was a very rare and stunning find."

To find out more about Gareth, click [here](#).



LOCAL BUSINESS BENEFITS

Sherford is continuing to strengthen the region's business, economic and employment landscape, with South West businesses playing a key role in the construction and development of the new town.

One of several businesses already benefitting from its involvement at Sherford is Plymouth based landscaping firm, YGS Landscapes. As a direct result of working at the development since 2014, the local firm has seen its turnover grow by 45%, along with a staff increase of over 20%.

With £1.6m already invested by the Sherford Consortium and as part of its commitment into creating a sustainable, eco-friendly community, YGS Landscapes provides a variety of services across the development. This includes planting some of the 62,000 trees and 200,000 plants to date at Sherford, as well as working on the creation of the 500-acre community park.

To find out more about how Sherford is already supporting local business growth click [here](#).



THEN AND NOW

Sherford has come a long way since construction started in 2016. From placing the first brick, to welcoming the first residents, the past two years has been filled with major milestones in the development of the new community.

To help put this into perspective, take a look at these before and after aerial photos dated from 2015 to 2017, showing how much the landscape has changed and the astounding progress made. Both images showcase the true scale of the work that has already taken place, including building the first streets and homes.



SHARE YOUR SHERFORD NEWS

The Community News and Events page on the town's website, has been created for residents and local businesses to share community information, and already includes Sherford's first baby group and taxi service.

Are you planning to start a local running club? Do you own a local business which is close to Sherford? Offering a dog walking service? Holding a book club? Tell your neighbours and Sherford residents about it!

To have your news or event added, please email sherford@formedia.co.uk.

Check out the new Sherford taxi and Sherford baby group, by clicking [here](#).



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