



## WELCOME TO SHERFORD'S FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first Sherford newsletter of the year! Hitting the ground running, it has been a busy start to 2019 at Sherford, with Invictus Games athlete, Mark Ormrod, joining members of the local community to celebrate the official opening of Sherford Vale School as part of the school's first Open Day.

As one of the first major events for the new school, pupils joined Sir Gary Streeter MP and guests to bury time capsules in the school grounds, containing an array of poignant items. The children also treated guests to a series of special performances, including singing an original song about Sherford!

Last month also saw the return of our Open House event series, which gave residents and those interested in life at Sherford the opportunity to have their questions answered by the team behind its development. Thank you to everyone who attended; it was good to see so many familiar faces as well as new ones.

With more resident living at Sherford than ever before, this year is set to be monumental for the new community, promising even more reasons to celebrate. Stay tuned for more exciting news!



## VIP OFFICIAL OPENING FOR SHERFORD VALE

In January, Mark Ormrod – celebrated Invictus Games gold medal winner, motivational speaker and author – and Sir Gary Streeter – Member of Parliament for South West Devon – joined local dignitaries, families and members of the Sherford Consortium, to officially open Sherford's first primary school.

As well as being one of the first major events for the new school, the official launch also gave local dignitaries a chance to tour the building, guided around by school ambassadors. Guests were then treated to a performance from pupils, a short film they created for the occasion, as well as a song they had written about building a new community.

Marking a major milestone in the development of the new community, Sherford Vale opened its doors for the first time in September. There are now 88 pupils at the school as well as 22 children in the separate nursery. These are the first of 420 children, aged between 2-11 years old, set to attend the primary school, run by Westcountry Schools Trust.

We would like to thank the Sherford Vale team and pupils for making the event a fantastic success. Visit the [Sherford website](#) to view pictures from this special occasion.



## SHERFORD PAST AND PRESENT PRESERVED FOR THE FUTURE

As part of Sherford Vale's Open Day, children joined Sir Gary Streeter MP, Sherford Consortium and guests to bury two time capsules in the school grounds. One was buried by the school's youngest and eldest students, to be dug up in seven years' time as the earliest intake of pupils finish at the primary school.

The other time capsule is set to be dug up in 2038, when Sherford is complete. It contained an ancient piece of pottery unearthed by archaeological teams at Sherford, as well as a 3D reconstruction of a Stone Age comb found on the site. It also included a small wooden ornament, hand-carved by a member of the Sherford Skills Training Scheme, as a reminder of the skills gained, careers developed, and futures built in this unique town.

Both included an array of letters and drawings created by Sherford Vale pupils detailing their hopes and visions for the future of Sherford. We hope that in 20 years some of the children will return to help dig up a little piece of Sherford history!

The [Sherford website](#) features photographs from the time capsule burial.



## **OPEN HOUSE AT SHERFORD**

Helping to kick off the year, Sherford welcomed residents, members of neighbouring communities and prospective buyers to the first Open House event of 2019, giving them the opportunity to ask any questions they had about life at the new town.

The event, held by the team behind the development, was a busy and successful drop-in session. As the town continues to grow, it was fantastic to meet even more Sherford residents, as well as receiving some useful feedback. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Topics raised ranged from parking and transport, to commercial and community facilities. You asked and we answered; to see answers to some of the questions posed at the event, please visit the [Sherford website](#).



## EXPLORE SHERFORD IN OUR NEW MAP

Without a doubt, it is an exciting time at Sherford, with construction continuing to ramp up. More than 200 homes have been sold and many families have made Sherford their home already, the town's first primary school has opened, the Country Park has opened to all, and major arterial roads are now under development.

The Sherford Consortium has updated the Sherford map to enable you to explore the town in more detail. Head over to the [Sherford website](#) to see it for yourself. A handy key also provides more detail about everything available at the new community.



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