

This is the last newsletter for 2019 and Sidcup Partners Ltd would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

2019 has been a very busy and challenging year. However we have delivered some great projects - some of these highlights include

Winning a silver award in London in Bloom

Working with the Lamorbey and Sidcup History Society, celebrating famous personalities from

Sidcup using banners on the lamp columns.

Welcoming over two hundred children at our Halloween event .

Supporting Armed forces day in June and installing Poppies in November.

Arranging the Love your local Business Awards and seeing several local businesses go forward and win awards at the Bexley Business Excellence Awards

Providing First Aid training for businesses.

Arranging a range of events including the Sidcup Fringe with the open air cinema and the year culminated in the Christmas Extravaganza.





Doing our bit for the environment encouraging Recycling

Waitrose store in Sidcup have arranged for a carrier bag recycling facility and it will be in place between now and the New Year please take this opportunity to recycle your bags and ensure that plastic is removed from the environment



Free public wi-fi roll out starts in Bexley

People living, working or simply visiting the borough can now start to enjoy a fantastic new free public wi-fi service in some of Bexley's main town centres.

As part of an exciting programme that will be rolled out over the next few months, the Council has 'switched on' free public wi-fi in Erith, Welling, Sidcup and Crayford town centres. Bexleyheath and Bexley Village will follow shortly.

Councillor Louie French, Bexley's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Growth said: "This is an important step forward for Bexley and is part of our strategy to improve digital connectivity so that the area is well placed to take advantage of future growth. By implementing this free to use wi-fi network we are giving local people what they need wherever they are – reliable internet on the go".

Telecoms infrastructure specialists, Ontix Ltd, are providing the service at no cost to residents or the Council.

Antony Tomlinson, Chief Executive of Ontix said “We are delighted to be providing wi-fi to the people of Bexley. Ontix is keen to deliver wireless infrastructure across the borough, including 4G and 5G, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with London Borough of Bexley.” The network requires a one-time only registration and allows users to experience high bandwidth services free from advertisements.



The former Blockbuster store in Sidcup has been demolished in advance of a new three-screen cinema.

The new building will also include a library and nine flats on the former site of Blockbuster which has remained empty since 2013. A cafe is also planned, a great addition to the library.





Library services will move from the current site on Hadlow Road to an area within this building.



We look forward to seeing the building progress in 2020.

New Year Start for works in Old Farm Avenue

Councillors took part in a short event at Old Farm Park Sidcup yesterday (17 December) to mark the start of work on the site in the new year.

BexleyCo Homes, the Council's wholly-owned development company, now owns the site and plans to start work to enhance the park in January.

It has appointed United Living, a provider of refurbished and new build living solutions, as its contractor. Work will take place in two phases.

Phase 1 will involve improvement works to the western section of the park.

Phase 2 will see the construction of 58 houses and apartments on the eastern part of the site, including homes for sale and affordable homes to rent and purchase through shared ownership.

"I am confident that local people will be very pleased with the park, its new facilities and the ecological environments that are being created," said Councillor Teresa O'Neill OBE, Leader of the Council. "Using our own company means we have control of the scheme and can ensure that the quality is right. The way the land is used will benefit the community and

money generated from the sale of homes will benefit the borough and our residents.”

Parts of the western section of the park are expected to reopen in the spring and all the park improvements should be completed by the summer. Construction of the residential element is scheduled to be completed by summer/autumn 2021.

Michael Hill, Bexley Co's Chairman said: “This marks Bexley Co's first development site to deliver quality homes for local residents. We are aiming to provide an exemplar approach to the design, marketing, sale and management of our new homes, starting with this exciting development at Old Farm Park.”

BexleyCo is providing almost £1m to cover the cost of the park improvements. This will be made up of £600,000 for the works and a commuted sum of £340,000 for 20 years maintenance.

United Living will be keeping in touch with residents living next to the site from the new year through a regular newsletter.

London Borough of Bexley created BexleyCo to support its growth agenda. The company will build quality housing for local people that will set the standard for other developers. Using the company for projects like Old Farm Park will also generate a financial return that will help protect local services.

Latest Local Met Update

No burglaries reported in the last week on Sidcup Ward which is excellent news. Please don't become complacent though, these people are out there and we have been fortunate. Lock all doors and windows and activate alarms if you are leaving the house unattended. Make sure you don't come home to a dark house, leave lights on front and back, or plug lamps into light timers. Remain vigilant and report anything suspicious by calling 101 in a non-emergency or 999.

Vehicle crime has also significantly reduced this past week. We had two reported incidents of theft from motor vehicle and one attempted arson of a vehicle.

Longmead Drive – Number plates stolen from a vehicle between Friday 13th – Monday 16th December.

St John's Road – Golf clubs, Glasses, cash stolen from a vehicle between Monday 16th – Tuesday 17th December

Station Road – On Tuesday 17th December, a male was seen pouring petrol over a vehicle on Longlands Rd near Station Road. Suspect was allegedly trying to ignite a match however failed due to the wet rainy conditions (fortunately)

We will be holding a Surgery at Sidcup Library on Friday 20th December. This will take place between 1400hrs-1500hrs so please pop along if you have any queries to ask us.

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