

Village *life*

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Marketing suite set to open in October



Solihull Village's marketing suite and show homes are all set to open in October 2019.

The construction of the 261-home site is making fantastic progress since building started in February 2018. The village will be one of a kind, featuring a purpose-built children's soft play area so families can play safely while visiting relatives. There will also be a bistro, bar, gym, hobby room, crafts room, hairdressers, beauty salon and guest suite.

Our contractor, Galliford Try, has started work on the final roof covering for the 13-storey tower section of the site, and the village's concrete frame is now complete. External walls, windows and balconies are being constructed and decorating is well underway in many properties, along with the installation of kitchens and shower rooms.

Work has now begun on a unique feature at Solihull Village; the roof garden. This will be one of the biggest we have ever built and is sure to be extremely popular in the summer months.

The marketing suite was completed at the end of June, allowing us to decorate, furnish and install IT systems in time for us to open to the general public in October. Our staff team will be moving in before the show homes open, ensuring that there will be someone on hand, Monday to Friday, to answer any questions you may have about life in an ExtraCare village.

The village is still on schedule to open to residents in spring 2021. Dates for the opening of the show homes will be released in the coming weeks. **VL**

For all the latest updates, visit [facebook.com/solihullvillage](https://www.facebook.com/solihullvillage)

Spring 2021
Official opening

Oct 2019
Marketing
suite opens

Aug 2019
Early reservations
available

Two generations unite to fill time capsule

Pupils at Haslucks Green Junior School in Shirley have been made guardians of a time capsule to be buried onsite at Solihull Village. The aim is to educate the children on the 'forget-me-not' generation and concluded a week of activity during Dementia Action Week in May.

The children will fill the capsule with examples of community work they are doing up until the opening of the village in spring 2021.

The event forms part of a two-year intergenerational project between The ExtraCare Charitable Trust and Haslucks Green Junior School to raise awareness and understanding of the two generations and how they can benefit from time spent with each other. It follows the success of the charity's participation in Channel 4's BAFTA-nominated Old People's Home for 4-Year-Olds late last year. [VL](#)

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"We're really looking forward to the next few years when there are people living at the village who can engage closely with the school. It's going to be great fun for the future."

**Carol Taylor, Head Teacher,
Haslucks Green Junior School**

ExtraCare Charitable Trust retirement villages encourage healthy, active, and independent lifestyles for over 55s

The benefits of living in our villages have already had a positive impact on over 4,000 residents, as verified by independent research into healthy ageing carried out by Aston and Lancaster Universities, 2019. **VL**

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Of those residents who arrived at ExtraCare in a 'pre-frail' condition, **19% returned to a 'resilient' state** after 18 months or less



The number of residents suffering with **clinical levels of depression fell by 64.3%** over 18 months



NHS costs for ExtraCare residents were **cut by 38%** over 12 months compared with when they first arrived



Routine and regular GP appointments for ExtraCare residents **reduced by 46%** after a year



Upcoming events



Preview event
Saturday 20 July 2019
10.00am to 3.00pm

Village Hotel Solihull
The Green Business Park
Dog Kennel Lane
Shirley B90 4JG

Join us for an update on the village and free refreshments

If you'd like to find out more about Solihull Village and keep up with the latest news get in touch.

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