

The Granges

Newsletter

SUMMER 2026



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Welcome to the latest edition of The Granges newsletter which brings you up to date with everything going on this summer. Highlights include:

- Book onto one of our site tours of The Granges and see your new homes being built
- Pop along to our community information day to find out more about our latest building design plans for Blocks A and B
- Find out how our partners have been helping the local community through our Social Value programme



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The Granges - site tours for residents on Friday 17 July

Want to take a look at what is going on behind the hoardings? We are offering site visits of The Granges on Friday 17 July. The tours will take place at 9am, 10am and 11am. Contact Danielle for more information at Danielle.welburn@abri.co.uk. Spaces will be limited and you need to book by Friday 3 July due to site safety and event planning requirements. Don't leave it too late!

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Community Room

Community information & consultation day 18 July 11am-3pm

On Saturday 18 July we will be holding a community information day to update and consult with you on the next stages of the regeneration project. This will take place in The Granges Community Room and the project team will be on hand to talk you through the latest building design plans for Block A and B which we set out below. We look forward to hearing your feedback. There will be a free ice cream van to enjoy from 12-2pm.

Plans to update building design for Blocks A and B

We are working on plans to redesign Block B and A. We plan to reduce Block B from its current eight storey height down to six storeys. This should mean we can build this Block faster and move residents in more quickly. The homes we remove from Block B will be added to Block A1, A2 and A3 which will all be eight storeys high.

This will be submitted to the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead as a Section 73 planning amendment to reflect the changes of Block B and A. We aim to submit in August 2026 and expect the planning decision by the end of 2026.

Social Value- it's about more than just building homes

Social Value is a way in which companies and partners involved with The Granges can give back to the local community.

Enjoy our new look Community Room

Come and visit our revamped Community Room which has had an exciting makeover funded through Abri's social value programme.

We think the space has been transformed into a vibrant, practical and welcoming chill-out area for you all to enjoy. A standout feature is the colourful artwork displayed throughout the room, created by residents who took part in the 'I Matter' workshops, allowing the space to truly reflect those who use it.



Resident Jahid Hassan in the new look Community Room

Dedworth Library receives funding for Sunday opening

Dedworth Library has received £1600 from Claranet to support continued Sunday opening for another year. Claranet provide Abri with technology services.

Dedworth Library serves one of the most disadvantaged areas in the Borough, and extended Sunday opening will provide Abri customers with greater access to a trusted community hub at times that better suit their lives. It is anticipated that Abri residents will make around 1,500 visits to the library on Sundays each year, borrowing approximately 2,500 items.



Ward councillors Alison Carpenter & Helen Price joined us to reopen the Community Room

Local school children play Bingo with a difference on site walkaround!

Recently ten students from Queensmead School in Windsor came to The Granges for a site visit. Queensmead is a specialist school for pupils with complex educational needs.

Students were taken around the site by Hill. They gave students a bingo card to complete, with the first one who completed it winning a prize. This was an effective way to engage the students as they walked around. Following this tour, students went back to Hill's site office and were tasked with planning out their own development. The purpose of the challenge was to get students to start thinking about what needs to be taken into account when starting a new construction project.



Other social value highlights include:

- 49 people within the local area have so far been employed to work on site at The Granges. If you are looking for work, work experience or apprenticeships in construction please contact Hill at residents@hill.co.uk
- The Baby Bank has been donated three new double buggies to the value of £525 by our project management consultants RUND and £800 of clothes, baby essentials and toiletries from Hill and Careys (who did all the early landscaping and piling work).
- £120 donation by 3D Personnel to the Windsor foodshare to help cover Easter food parcels
- Two reconditioned laptops donated by Hill to West Windsor Hub, to support residents who need digital access

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Take a look at the latest drone footage of The Granges and see how much progress has been made building Blocks D and C over the last six months. And as ever you can go to your own specific block to see what is happening as the buildings go up floor by floor. www.yourgranges.co.uk

Update on Building and Fire Safety

Waking Watch will remain in place until we gain access to the remaining properties and complete the required alarm upgrade.

Works update:

We recently wrote to let you know that we are creating between 15-22 extra contractor car spaces next to Grasmere to ease pressure on parking elsewhere. We expect this work to take place next month for about two weeks and be ready by the end of July.

We are still waiting for a confirmed date when the path along Smiths Lane will need to close again for highway works, but we don't expect any work to start before late August. We will keep you updated on this.



Regular Events at The Granges

Every Monday afternoon 1-2.30pm (Not taking place on Monday 6th July)

Coffee Afternoon. **The Community Room**

Every Wednesday 10am-12 noon

The Community Hub. **The Community Room.**
The Hub now has employment support through Connect to Work.

Every Thursday. 10am – 12 noon

Regeneration drop-in. **The Community Room.**

Every second Saturday of the month Community Fridge Pop up 11-11:30am

Open to anyone to come along to save supermarket food from landfill in **The Community Room**, don't forget to bring your bag.

Keep an eye on the digital boards as we will also have lots more events coming up Summer 2026.

Recent 'topping out' event picture gallery

Abri welcomed its partners to enjoy the view and mark the milestone of reaching the highest point of Block D with a 'topping out' ceremony.



Councillors Alison Carpenter, Catherine del Campo and Helen Price celebrate the 'topping out' of Block D



Abri, Hill and partners get together on the roof



Francine Peck of Homes England with Cllr del Campo



Ryan Harris The Hill Group, Dasos Christou Abri, Francine Peck Homes England, Cllr del Campo and Stuart Binnie of Rund enjoy the view

Recycling – a reminder of what can and cannot be recycled

The recycling bins are now labelled to show what can be recycled. Thank you to everyone who is helping to keep these areas tidy. If you are unsure, please check the labels. In summary:

YES – paper, cardboard, tins, plastic bottles, and glass jars and bottles. Items should be clean and loose. Please do not place them in plastic bags.

NO – wood, metal, food waste, clothes, plastic bags, polystyrene, tissues, and crisp packets. These items contaminate the recycling bin, which means RBWM may refuse to empty it. Anything left on the floor in the bin shelters will be treated as general waste and collected by Abri's bulk waste team.



How to get in touch:

We are here to help you and will do our best to answer your questions. When we don't have the answers ourselves, we'll point you to the team who do.

Some disruption is inevitable on a building site of this scale, but we will try to minimise this as much as we can. Our contractors work to set hours of Monday -Friday: 8am-6pm and Saturday: 8am-1pm. Sunday & bank holidays are closed.

On occasion they will need to work outside these times, but we will endeavour to alert you to these in advance.

If you are a resident or a neighbour and you have a question about the regeneration or would like to raise an issue that affects you, please write to us at thegrangesteam@abri.co.uk and we will get back to you with an answer.

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