

HERRIARD VILLAGE CENTRE

As most people will now know Bewley Homes and their appointed contractor, Porchester Homes, started work on the Herriard Village Centre just after Easter.

Bewley and Porchester are renowned for their quality of build and are delighted to be working on this development as it will provide a legacy that everyone can be proud of.

The works are scheduled to take just over a year to complete, with the pavilion due to be completed by the end of this year (there'll be a 'topping-out' ceremony for the roof in August) and the new houses ready for occupation next spring. The sports pitches are being laid to the appropriate Football Association and English Cricket Board standards and Bewley will also be looking to hand them over to the Village within this period, although we have been advised that they will require several months to bed down and are therefore unlikely to be ready for use until the following season. Regular updates on progress will appear in the parish magazine and as bulletins, such as this, on this website. Other ceremonies will also take place to mark key events as they happen.

During the works the contractors will endeavour to cause as little inconvenience and disruption in the village as possible. A liaison group has been set up through which parishioners can feedback any comments or concerns. All site traffic will be told to use Weston Road only; you may have already noticed the new directional signs stressing this point, to ensure that no works vehicles go through the village. Over the next 7-8 weeks traffic should be fairly limited as works will be restricted to ground workers and landscapers moving thousands of tons of earth and laying out drains and services in preparation for pouring the foundations of the new pavilion and houses in June.

For health and safety reasons the site will be secured and it would be much appreciated if all parishioners would observe and respect this. Over the coming weeks the area will also be seeded and planted, so it is important that the site is left undisturbed.

If you have comments or concerns related to the Village Centre Development please contact any member of the liaison group:

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At the Annual Open Parish Council Meeting on 22 April 2009 more than 60 local people turned up to hear an introduction to the development plan by John Jervoise, followed by a more detailed presentation from Andrew Brooks of Bewley that included plans and layouts of the development.



Felicity Longfield and Nicky Van Der Gucht, who are hoping to move their nursery school from Weston Patrick to Herriard and operate from a new extension to the sports pavilion, also presented.

There was lots of interest and questions from the floor, and people seemed to be very enthused by the plans. Some concerns were raised about traffic movements and this was felt to be the ideal time to get speed restrictions on our village bye roads and more traffic calming installations.

It was also suggested that we organize a competition to come up with a name for the field and the housing development and details of this and the prizes will appear shortly in the parish magazine.