

Sheltered Modernisation News

A quarterly newsletter for sheltered housing residents

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Concord consultation takes off!

Residents who live at Concord sheltered scheme in Nailsworth were invited to discuss what changes they would like to see when the improvements are made later this year.

In the previous issue of SMN we confirmed that the communal areas of Concord would be upgraded this year, so the Sheltered Modernisation Team went along to hear what the priorities are for our tenants.

Improving access around the two storey accommodation, alterations to

the parking area, security, seating at the main entrance and the general decoration of corridors were the issues that most residents would like addressed.

We have now appointed surveyors who will carry out detailed surveys so we have a clear picture of the layout of the building and grounds and what options are possible.

We will continue to work on the designs and plan to meet with residents again in July to discuss the various plans and gain their views.



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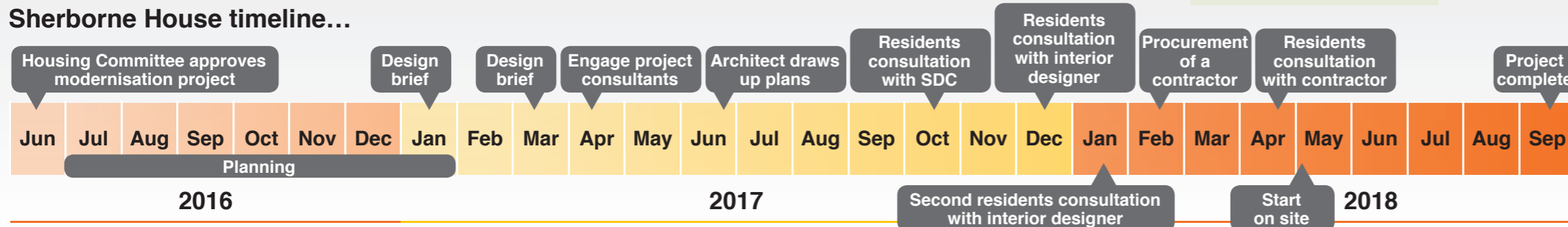


During



After

Sherborne House timeline...



Building work at **Sherborne House** in Stonehouse is now well underway. Our contractor Beard has started plastering the communal corridors, renovating the entrance making it larger and brighter, re-modeling the communal lounge and kitchen areas and constructing the mobility scooter path outside. These improvements will make the space open plan and much more versatile for the many activities that are undertaken in the lounge and the external works will improve accessibility to residents' homes.



Construction of the mobility scooter-friendly path

The finishing touches

Sherborne's residents selected the colour scheme for the scheme's new lounge and corridors...

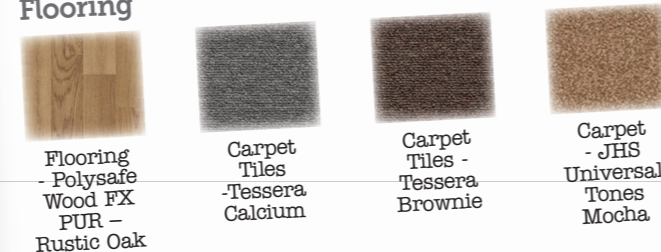
Paint and colours



Selection of fabric colours...



Flooring



Health and Safety spotlight

When we carry out modernisation work at your scheme, these are some of the things we'll do to ensure your safety:

- Choose our contractors carefully – only those with the highest health and safety standards will be appointed
- Section off all work areas so you can't access them
- Provide a safe entrance and paths throughout the scheme
- Communicate clearly with all residents throughout the project
- Put up a residents information board
- Involve your site officer and support worker during the work
- All site staff will wear PPE and be clearly identifiable
- Carry out regular health and safety checks

Local Updates

Wotton-Under-Edge

Dryleaze Court Several organisations expressed an interest in buying the Dryleaze Court site and we have now accepted an offer 'subject to contract'. We are hopeful that we'll be able to share further details with you soon.

Nailsworth

EG Carter based in Gloucester have been selected to build the eleven new apartments. They will be in touch with local residents to introduce themselves and discuss any concerns with them. The work is due to start at **Tanners Piece** in August.

Dursley

Our tenant liaison officer Chris Eadie is continuing to work closely with the remaining few residents to help them find homes they are happy with, ahead of **Cambridge House** closing.

Cam

In early 2019 we will start to move residents from **Glebelands** in Cam. As we did at **Cambridge House**, we'll meet with residents first to go through the plans in more detail and explain the support we'll provide when the time comes to move.

Stonehouse

We are continuing to explore a number of possible options for **Willow Road**, which include refurbishment, redevelopment (similar to **Tanners Piece**) or disposal. We will continue to consult with residents at the scheme to keep them informed about our plans.



Left: Denise Lee moving into her new flat in Grange View. Above: The kitchen and bathroom in the former scheme manager's home in Grange View.

Tenants move into new flats

We've now finished converting four ex-scheme manager homes into eight new one and two bedroom sheltered flats. The new properties in **Hamfallow Court** in Berkeley were completed in March, and at **George Pearce House** in Minchinhampton, **Grange View** in Stroud and **Malvern Gardens** in Cashes Green in April.

"I liked it as soon as I saw it"

Denise Lee
Resident

The homes provide good quality, warm accommodation with the incoming tenants' needs being carefully considered during the design stage.

Denise Lee moved into a ground floor flat in Grange View.

"I liked it as soon as I saw it," she said. "There's plenty of storage space here, and it was a bonus that it came with carpet – that saved me a lot of money."

Walking sports

If you loved playing netball, football or rugby but thought your playing days were over, then think again.

A whole new range of walking sports are now available at Stratford Park Leisure Centre, and are ideal for sport enthusiasts who, for whatever reason – age, disability, injury - can't play any more.

Walking sports are 'no contact' and all ages, abilities and genders can play.

Walking Rugby

Thursdays
10am-11am **£3.50**
per session

Walking Football

Mondays
10am- 11am **£3.50**
per session

Walking Netball

Fridays, 12-1pm **£3.50** per session

To book contact Stratford Park Leisure Centre on 01453 766 771.

