



The Stray - photo by TGV Resident, Ade Tisdell

New Year, New Beginnings

Out with the old, in with the new – as the saying goes. Due to a change in work circumstances earlier this year, I made the decision to step down from the Community Mobiliser (CM) role. At the end of January I will pass on the (virtual) baton with a new person stepping into the job to continue to support the wonderful village we live in.



If you'd like to be that person – then the details can be found further on in this newsletter. But what does the CM role entail? It's a question I have been asked so many times and to be

honest, it's hard to pin down because of the variety of the role. In my four-and-a-half years as CM I have met so many awesome people, played a small part at so many great events and helped tell the countless stories of kindness and positivity that runs through the core of TGV. It hasn't all been simple; there have been many bumps in the road (literally), but issues – such as the visitors we encountered in the summer – often bring the community together.

Overall, I have absolutely loved the role and getting to know so many people along the way. 2020 was a

challenging year in so many ways, but I know brighter horizons are just around the corner and hopefully the many stories in this newsletter will raise a smile over the festive season.

Merry Christmas to you all – and thank you.

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New Units for the Local Centre

Sainsbury's are trading and are looking forward to welcoming the other tenants at the Local Centre. To date Crest Nicholson have identified three tenants. A press release will be issued in the New Year and uploaded onto the community website (www.tadpolegardenvillage.com) providing an overview of the businesses that will be occupying.

Joe Meesala, Acting Chair
TGV CIC Steering Committee



Hello from the CIC!

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for staying strong and fighting COVID19 since March. Obviously this situation is not over yet and there is still a long way to go - so we won't give up!

On behalf of the TGV CIC Steering Committee I would also like to say how sorry we feel for all who have suffered losses this year due to COVID 19, whether that be physically, financially or emotionally.

As we look back, 2020 seems to have gone so quickly and for a variety of reasons there have been many changes to the membership of the TGV CIC Steering Committee. However, I do believe that we now have an established group of committed members within the steering committee who will continue to contribute and devote time to the social and welfare needs of the community. In addition, to enable a greater ability to review progress of issues including matters arising from developer's work, repairs, asset handovers and other maintenance works etc., TGV CIC meetings are now held monthly as opposed to bi-monthly. I would like to thank Kathryn Cook who has been doing a brilliant job as an interim Secretary for TGV CIC Steering Committee, it does take a lot of time and efforts so we appreciate her interim commitment to perform this role in this real time of need.

During this year it has been much harder to ensure that work has been completed and issues resolved due to both lockdown and also strategic changes within the Crest management team of our TGV development. However, I am pleased to say that we are now building our relationship with the new Crest management team and trust that 2021 will be a better year.

I was sad to see that Chris Tanner has decided to

move on from his role as Community Mobiliser. We will certainly miss Chris as he has been such an active resident, CIC member, contributor and community mobiliser. Indeed Chris was the 'person to go to' within the community and so we want to thank him for all that he did for us and wish him well as he takes on new and challenging assignments.

Replacing Chris will not be easy but we are now in the process of recruiting a new community mobiliser and the successful applicant will start in February. Any interested residents can apply for this role on the Preim website.

I do hope you enjoy reading the newsletter as there are a number of things that are ongoing at the moment.

I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered and worked tirelessly behind the scenes during the year including SC members and those involved in Neighbourhood Watch, environmental, social events, and communications etc.

As the festive season has already started, I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year 2021.

Joe Meesala

Acting Chair TGV CIC Steering Committee

You can find out more about the Community Interest Company at www.tadpolegardenvillage.com or on the new Tadpole Garden Village Community App.

Arkell's Update

Arkell's hope to begin construction of the pub in the New Year.

To enable Arkell's to have additional land for the use of a car park Crest Nicholson have worked closely with the associated parties regarding the relocation of the Medical Centre.



Preim Update



Simon New - Customer Account Manager

As already mentioned by Chris and Joe, 2020 has been a challenging year for everyone, however I feel at TGV there have been positive developments for the TGVCIC and for all those involved. Despite the challenges 2020 has posed it is clear that at TGV the community spirit and engagement from residents is very strong, is unique to Tadpole and is unlike other new build developments.

As always, the Britain In Bloom team have been making positive contributions towards the upkeep of areas around the village and have been assisting Preim and the CIC to develop the allotments so that they are an even greater asset to the development. Thank you to all involved in BIB!

Likewise, I need to mention and thank the TGVCIC Steering Group (past members and present) who have also been working hard alongside Preim to review how the committee can be more effective, better represent the residents and improve the communication between the residents, Preim and the developers.

There have been more assets handed over to the TGVCIC and I anticipate there will be more handed over and completed in 2021. Updates regarding these handovers, along with a number of other development updates and news items can be found on the TGV Community Website:

<https://tadpolegardenvillage.com/>

Finally, a special thanks goes out to Chris Tanner who will be leaving his role as CM.

Andrew New, Preim's Director, commented: "Preim's appointment of Chris, initially funded by Crest Nicholson, was a bit of a social experiment. The idea was to appoint a resident living at Tadpole to become the Community Mobiliser helping other people moving into the Village to meet and to engage with their new neighbours. To help begin to build a community.

Chris' particular skillset and his personality have been instrumental in developing the role and building that real sense of community at Tadpole".

All of us at Preim very much appreciate the hard work and effort that Chris has put into the role over the last few years. Whilst we will miss working with Chris, as a homeowner he will of course remain a Preim customer. We wish him, Aga and Blake every success for the future."

Merry Christmas from all at Preim to the residents at TGV.

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Nature Park



Crest Nicholson have been in regular contact with the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and have undertaken various site walks to review the Nature Park. The signage and wayfinding boards have been installed throughout, enabling residents to understand the natural environment and the habitats that are present.

The lease will be signed early in the New Year where the Nature Park will be handed over to the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust on a long leasehold. Upon the lease being signed a press release will be undertaken and made available via www.tadpolegardenvillage.com

The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will then communicate with residents to create a focussed nature park group.



TGV in Bloom

TGV In Bloom is an RHS 'Silver Award winning' voluntary group within the local community that encourages people to take pride in where they live. The group was founded just over a year ago by neighbours and friends, Stu Olden and Pete Welsh.

A project the group set their sights on was the 'Thankful Village Memorial' – a memorial not just recognising those that paid the ultimate sacrifice in conflict, but also those public services such as our fantastic NHS who are on the front line battling COVID-19.

£5,000 was raised and the memorial base is now set at the end of 'The Stray' with the stone to be delivered soon. Events committee member Coral Van Der Kamp organised a 'live' stream first remembrance service for the village.



A National Lottery Grant of £5,000 helped the group's second major project – 'The Community Greenhouse' come together. The Gardening Club have been working hard to lay the concrete base on an un-useable allotment plot. The greenhouse is due to be constructed in early 2021.



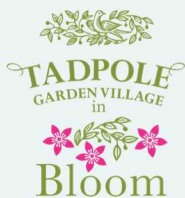
Our hugely successful open plot events, which draw together both the local community and businesses once a month, are set to return in mid-March – watch this space for fresh produce and cut flowers ready for spring!

TGV in Bloom celebrated its first birthday and all the hard work our fantastic volunteers have achieved, whilst highlighting some of the projects to come in 2021:

- More village planters
- Herb planters outside Sainsbury's
- Snake stone art work
- Children's Gardening Club

Rounding off a very strange but very rewarding year the TGV in Bloom group were recognised once again by the RHS for our achievements!

If you'd like to join the gardening club or our committee please get in touch via our Facebook group or TGVinbloom@yahoo.com



'Thankful Village Memorial'

Hampers support local families

For the last four years, a group of Tadpole Garden Village residents have been creating Christmas hampers for underprivileged families. This year's effort raised over £1,100 which saw 47 hampers delivered to local schools.



Kyrie said: "The original idea came about as our neighbour is the Principal of Swindon Academy and has a number of children there that often don't have food on the table. This year more than any, we think that help is needed to support them."

Carols on the Stray

TGV Carol Singers held a small, informal gathering on the Stray on Sunday 13th December.

Thanks to Coral Van Der Kamp and Mark Blackwell for organising – and it is hoped that a larger event can take place next year, free from Covid-19 restrictions.



The Stray - photo by TGV Resident, Shohini Dutta

Spiderman named TGV Community Champion

The winner of the inaugural Tadpole Garden Village Community Champion Award has been named – with Andrew Pike – aka Spiderman – receiving the award.



Andrew Pike

The competition was set up by TGV in Bloom to recognise a number of residents who have gone above and beyond to help others during this challenging year. Residents voted via ballot boxes in Sainsbury's Local with the winner unveiled on Friday 18th December.

The runners-up were Alex Quigley, one of the initial set up team of TGV volunteers that helped reach out to vulnerable residents during



Alex Quigley

lockdown, and Coral van der Kamp, for organising a range of village activities, including the recent poppy displays and Remembrance Service.



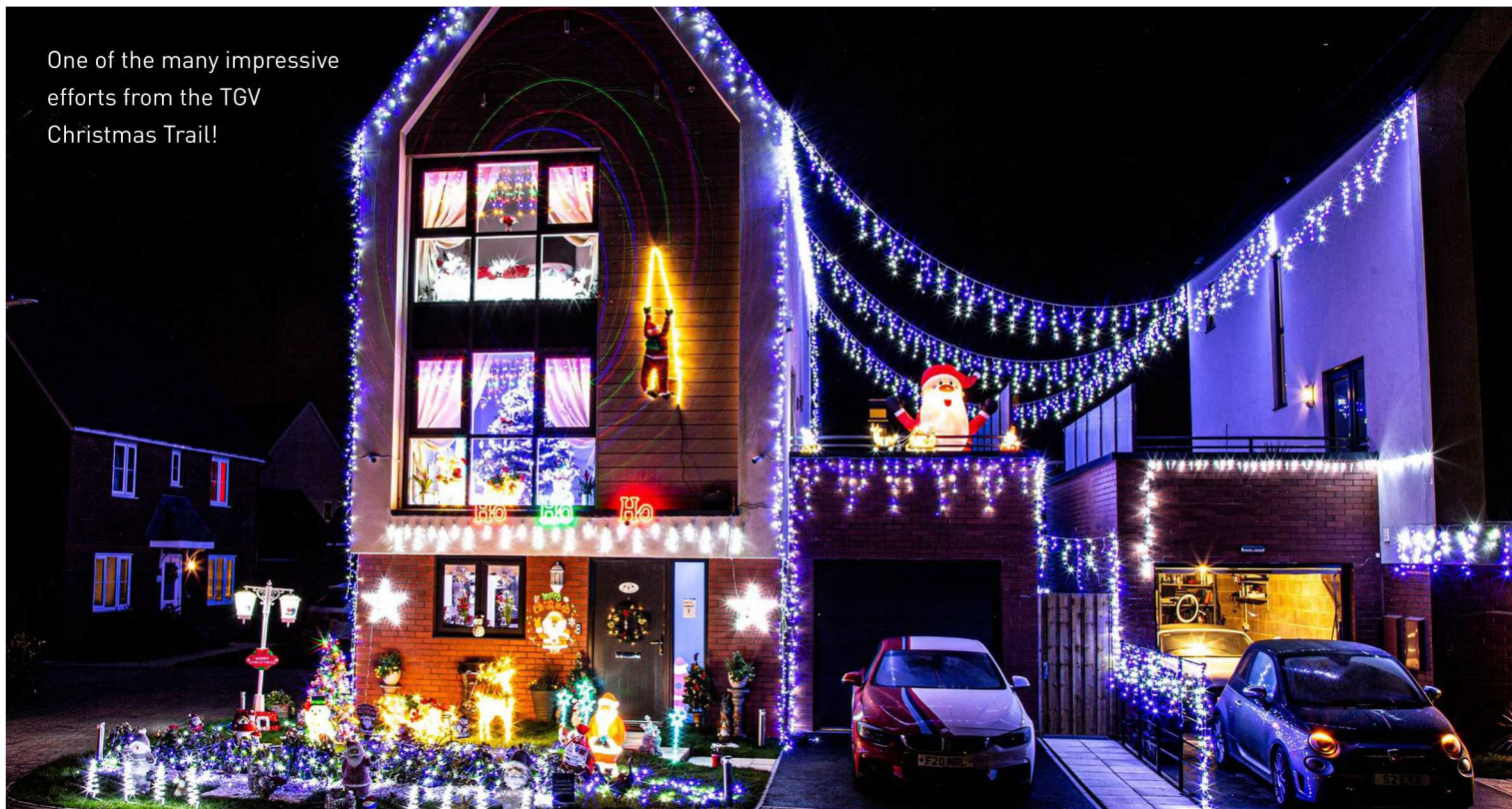
Coral van der Kamp

But Andrew was voted for as the winner – having spent much of the year putting a smile on residents' faces with appearances throughout TGV as 'Spiderman'.

Andrew wins a £50 Sainsbury's voucher and Alex and Coral two fab £25 Sainsbury hampers, with the prizes handed over by the ever-supportive Sainsbury's Local manager, Holly Peters.

Katy Cook and the TGV CIC have now taken over the running of the competition, where it is hoped community spirit will be celebrated for years to come.

One of the many impressive efforts from the TGV Christmas Trail!



Christmas Trail lights up TGV

The TGV Christmas Trail – organised by the Tadpole Neighbourhood Watch group – proved extremely popular this year, raising almost £500 for local charities.

The trail opened on Saturday 12th December with local children and families visiting houses around the Village that had been decorated for Christmas. There were some impressive set-ups around the Village, with maps downloaded over 1,000 times.

A total of 370 packs were sold at £3 each, with £210 raised for Swindon Food Collective and £210 for Cricklade Preschool Playgroups.

Huge thanks to organisers Amy, Bron & Damien for arranging and to all those residents who took part!

Vacancy: Community Mobiliser

Tadpole Garden Village is seeking to appoint a new Community Mobiliser from February 2021, as a successor to Chris Tanner, who is stepping down after four-and-a-half years in the role.

This part-time paid position will require the post holder to commit at least eight hours a week to the role, working with the Community Interest Company (CIC) and Preim on a range of exciting and varied projects and tasks.

The Community Mobiliser will work with the CIC and be an important contact for residents, community groups, businesses, clubs and schools.

Should residents be interested then please contact the Preim Ltd helpdesk, helpdesk@preim.co.uk or by phoning 01778 382210 option 3. Preim can then provide you with the full job specification, salary details and information regarding the application closing date.

Preim and the TGVCIC will be looking to create a shortlist of applicants by the end of December with a view to holding Zoom interviews in early January 2021.