



Welcome!



Hello, and welcome to the June 2021 TGVCIC Newsletter. As the lockdown has been easing, the TGV community spirit has been on full display over the past few months with competitions, community driven events and the new retail units opening.

As we move into the summer months, and hopefully in line with further easing of restrictions, the residents at TGV will see more community events being organised, further TGV In Bloom events and Neighbourhood Watch Activities.

Preim, led by our TGV Community mobiliser Kasia, will also be starting a Facebook Live drop-in session to try and further answer resident queries.

Hopefully residents will enjoy the contents of this newsletter and that the community spirit and events can continue throughout the summer.

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the end of May 21. For further information on this issue please refer to the [TGV Community website](#).

In terms of works across the handed over TGVCIC areas residents should note the following:

- The wild grass basins at the top of The Stray will have their first cut of the season towards the end of June/early July.
- David Wilson Homes will be undertaking remedial works to the parts of The Stray that border their phase.
- Residents will have noted that during May the weather was very wet, this led to some weeks where certain parts of the CIC areas were not cut. Due to how the TGV Soil can retain water for long periods of time it has been agreed with the TGVCIC landscapers that they will not cut the grass when it is too wet or if the land is still sodden following long periods of rainfall.
- The annual tree survey will be completed in August 2021.
- The Play Area Survey was completed in May 2021 and any works will be completed in June or July. Once the works have been agreed information will go out via the app and website.
- Basins will be cleared in early September, as will any ditch clearance work and hedges that require cutting

Any major works will have additional information issued via the website and app and as always should residents have any concerns or queries regarding any areas handed over to the TGVCIC then please contact the [Preim Ltd Helpdesk](#).

Maintenance update

Preim has received reports from residents regarding the lack of maintenance on certain parts of the TGV Development. An update was issued via the TGV App and Website confirming that the developers will be instructing their landscapers to start works towards

Greenhouse Project allows our community spirit to blossom

Our superstar residents Stu Olden and Pete Welsh are well known as the green fingered duo behind TGV In Bloom – which won a coveted Silver medal in last year's Britain in Bloom campaign.

As part of this, they launched the TGV In Bloom Club - which meets once a month to carry out work on the community allotment, build street planters, litter picking and engaging with residents through the RHS Three Pillars; horticulture, environment and community.



As a result, additional planters have been placed around the village for use by green-fingered residents; also offering fresh cut flowers and home-grown vegetables.

But with the temporary greenhouses often taking a battering due to the British weather, the team successfully applied for a £5,000 National Lottery grant to pay for the new greenhouse, which stands on a vacant and unusable allotment plot near to the community plot.

Volunteers have been working on the 'Greenhouse Project' for the last six months; digging out the foundations, filling with cement to form a solid concrete base and building a path around the outsides. The area is finished with raised beds, a stone/gravel path and a seating area for volunteers to enjoy.

All this work has been conducted by our fantastic TGV In Bloom volunteers. The group has received

many kind donations of building materials and heavy discounts on plant hire to allow them to work together to complete this community project.

They already have several more projects lined up, including installing a brand new 'Thankful Village' Memorial, Children's gardening club, herb planters outside our village shop, open plot events selling fresh produce to our fellow residents and much, much more.

COVID may have slowed us down, but it hasn't dampened our spirits!



First Open Plot Event of the year hosted by TGV In Bloom



The start of the month marked a great milestone for TGV In Bloom, which held its first Open Plot Event of the year in line with Covid safety guidelines.

Around 500 people attended the three-hour open-air event around the allotments, raising funds for the village and local good causes.

Nearly £700 was collected from donations kindly exchanged for fresh produce grown by the TGV In Bloom volunteers at the community allotment. All proceeds will be put to a good use in and around the Village as well as helping to fund the group's major project for this year, the completion of the Thankful Village Memorial Site at the end of The Stray.

We were delighted to co-host the event with 13 local businesses who had a stall at their Open Plot, and everyone enjoyed seeing and sampling, their wares.

A huge thanks to:
Garden Village Bakes
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Fantastic Plastic

Maggie's Doggie Delights

Billy and Bobby's Naturals

Em & Nellie's
Homemade Jams

Nurture Garden Design
and Maintenance

The Greenhouse Project received its official opening from MP Justin Tomlinson who was very impressed with everything that had been achieved in such a short space of time and praised the greenhouse allotment site as a credit to everyone involved.

A raffle was held which raised over £100, and TGV In Bloom would especially like to thank Morrison's, Jessica's, TGV Barbers, Tadpole Farm Governors and all the stall holders for their kindly donated gifts.

SAVE THE DATE - The next Open Plot Event will be held on Sunday 6th June from 10.00am to 1.00pm at the De Morgan Crescent Allotments.

Flower Power



TGV In Bloom's Sunflower Competition is under way – sponsored by Morrison's as part of their Seeds of Hope campaign.

Many of you are already rising to the challenge. Judging will take place at the end of August, and prizes will be awarded at their 2nd Anniversary Open Plot Event on the 5th September. There will be first, second and third places given to those who grow the largest flower head, and first, second and third places given to those who grow the tallest sunflowers.

There will also be a special prize awarded to the judges' favourite sunflower in the competition.

A special Facebook page has been set up, so contestants can share their growing experience with each other, which is called **TGV IN Bloom Sunflower Competition**.



A double business boost as we follow the road out of lockdown

Along with the rest of the country, we at TGV were delighted to be able to return to the hairdressers, barbers and beauty salons after restrictions eased in April.

And we have been spoilt for choice at the retail park with TWO amazing new businesses opening their doors to deal with unruly lockdown locks and post pandemic pampering.



Both have been super busy since opening, and we think you will agree that as well as looking stunning, they are doing a wonderful job!

Business is booming for well-known resident Duvi and his wife Rita at their traditional barbers. Living and working in one fantastic location is a win win situation for the family, who moved to TGV in 2017.

Rita said:

"We knew TGV would be the ideal place to have the kind of barbers we wanted, a community-based environment, that is fun, friendly and comfortable for our customers. We love the village, and we love the people here - so for us there was never any place we'd rather be."



Meanwhile, customers have been flocking to Jessica's Hair and Beauty. As well as providing a ladies' hair and beauty service on the doorstep, the

gents can also take some time to get pampered with a range of men-friendly treatments!

Jess (pictured) started her business in 2013 and opened her first salon in the Wichelstowe community. Having outgrown her second salon in Haydonwick, she will now be combining both in an exciting move to TGV. She said

"To finally be handed my keys for this unit was a breath of fresh air and worth the wait. This area has the 'wow factor' that matches our standard of work. I have a strong loyal client base, many of whom live here already, which puts me at ease being the new girl on the block. We have been so excited to open our doors and welcome new and returning clients."

New coffee shop owners are full of beans!

Another great reason to celebrate the lifting of lockdown restrictions this summer is to be able to enjoy a great cup of coffee and a bite to eat at the village's new coffee shop.

After sampling hundreds of coffees and sandwiches to find something really special to complement the community, Project Coffee founders and friends Adam and Ash are now gearing up for their **launch on July 1st**.



The entrepreneurs got together over a passion for excellent coffee and the craftsmanship behind it.

Adam explains: **"We have sourced exceptionally high-quality beans from places including Melbourne, Australia. We want to deliver a contemporary experience in a warm and relaxing environment, with rustic and industrial décor.**

We will be serving a variety of coffees, hot chocolates, teas, smoothies, milkshakes, freshly squeezed juice,

sandwiches, cakes and perhaps a few other surprises. We will be open early enough that you can get your breakfast & drinks on the way

to work, and late enough for the journey home too! Looking at the current offerings, the big chains have dominated the mass market, so we are trying to approach things a little differently. We believe in taking the coffee shop to the next level with more attention to a speciality product and much better quality of food to go. We hope to be opening our doors on July 1st at 7am."

Both Adam and Ash have backgrounds in the hospitality and technology sectors. They also have a huge passion for food and drink and have now fulfilled their desire to open a coffee shop; and will welcome general manager Duncan to oversee the day to day running of Project Coffee.

"We have a concept that we believe the residents of Tadpole Garden Village can appreciate. We preferred a more community focused area where we can get to know our customers on a more personal level - they will help shape the business and hopefully help pave the way for future branches! We want to be a big part of the community and encourage social meetups and competitions and family friendly events."



Thanks for staying in touch!

Finally, a huge thanks to everyone who continues to use the TGV App to stay in touch with us and other residents. We have seen just how useful and widely used this has been during lockdown, in particular for those residents who have been isolating or have not been able to see each other in person – and to generally feel part of the community.



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