



**TADPOLE**  
GARDEN VILLAGE

Summer 2022

my community news

## Hello dear residents and welcome to the July 2022 newsletter



This summer brought a lot of excitement around the village's businesses. We've seen the long-awaited opening of our local pub The Strawberry Thief which already hosted its very first Bake Off at the Jubilee Weekend. We have also celebrated a year anniversary of our independent retail stores: Jessica's Hair & Beauty, TGV Barbers and Project Coffee.

A number of successful Open Plot events have been delivered by the TGV In Bloom team, which have recently been rebranded to TGV Monthly Market.

You can find all the details of the upcoming events on our "Tadpole" mobile app.

Speaking of the app, we've introduced a new section called "Local Traders" which you can find on the main dashboard. This feature has a listing of all the local business in Tadpole whether you're looking for someone crafty, a plumber, photographer, or a marketer.

In this newsletter you will also find a new feature where we'll introduce members of the community who go above and beyond to support and improve the beautiful village we live in.

First up we are introducing Anna who is representing Mums On A Mission (MOAM) group run with five other mums in the village, who's aim is to improve the quality of living for their children who happen to have disabilities and complex needs.

I hope that you will enjoy the contents of this newsletter and that our community will keep growing with supporting each other.

**Kasia Ganzera, Community Mobiliser,**  
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## The Strawberry Thief has officially opened at TGV

We've seen the residents enjoying their first pint at the newly opened pub during the Queen's Jubilee Weekend, however the official celebrations took place on the 16th of June.

The pub is run by family-owned Arkell's Brewery offering an abundance of indoor and outdoor space with delightful decor. It's a wonderful new feature in our community, perfect for those summer days!

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# Year down the line with coffee shop, barbers & hairdressers

Kasia Ganzera talks to TGV Barbers, Jessica's Hair and Beauty and Project Coffee to find out how they are all settling in.

**Q. It's been over a year since you've joined our community, what's your experience been like so far?**

## TGV Barbers

Since opening The Barbers we have been overwhelmed with the support we've received. It's been such an amazing journey so far. We've made friends within our customers, watched babies become toddlers and built fantastic relationships with the families that come in.

We have such a great vibe in the shop, so much laughter and stories. We've been embraced by the community and that was our most important goal. We can't thank everyone enough for all the support.



TGV Barbers

## Jessica's

Tadpole Garden Village, what an amazing community. It's now been 15 months since we opened Jessica's Hair and Beauty, and it has been better than I could have ever imagined.

As many know I wasn't a start up business when we opened at Jessica's Hair and Beauty in the village, coming out of our third lockdown on April 12th 2021 when we opened our door for the very first time.

We received such a warm welcome from the community from day one and have been incredibly busy creating fabulous hair styles for many clients in the village, many of whom have become great friends and supporters of the business.

## Project Coffee

It's been a year since we joined the community and opened our doors to Tadpole Garden Village. Our experience thus far has been overwhelmingly positive. We've noticed shifts in demand for products throughout the year, and we didn't expect to have so much demand for vegan products and non-dairy milks. Naturally, we adapted and introduced a wider range. The staff are constantly talking about how the customers are so nice compared to where they've worked previously. It's been quite challenging to keep coming up with new products to remain innovative and it's been an interesting journey to try to please every palate. We've run multiple events and it's noticeably clear that the residents like to meet up with each other and socialise, they always get involved with anything we've put on.

**Q. What's been a highlight moment over the past year?**

## TGV Barbers

There's no one highlight as everyday brings a new memory, but I will say reaching the milestone of our 1st Birthday/Anniversary was a very special moment. After a three year journey of securing our unit it was a very emotional day.

## Project Coffee

I asked the team what their favourite moment was, and it turned into a long discussion! There were so many good moments. In the end we agreed that Christmas time was the highlight. We enjoyed producing festive drinks and decorating the place from head to toe. The overall ambience in the shop was brilliant with people lots of groups getting together to have fun, everyone was in such a good mood, people appreciating the efforts. Perhaps the nicest thing was that a lot of customers thanked us for the efforts we went to - the appreciation made it all worth it!

**Q. Where do you see your business going in the next few years?**

## TGV Barbers

We hope to bring in more barbers to join the team and maybe add a few more sections to be able to accommodate our growing customer base. We are also looking into introducing new treatments for male grooming and expanding our services. So watch this space!!!

Also one for you all, please feel free to offer any ideas of what you'd like to have here, we're open to all ideas. Lastly Duvi and I would just like to Thank everyone for all your continued support!!!

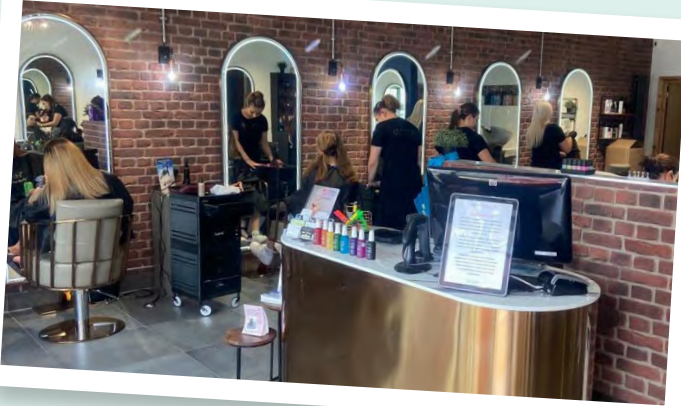
## Jessica's

Jessica's Hair and Beauty has an incredibly talented team of professional stylists, we have continued to grow



our business in the village, and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the support shown. We have never been happier and have found our forever home, I look forward to many many more years in Tadpole Garden Village.

Jessica's



From this week, week commencing Monday 4th July we are expanding our hours and now offering two late night openings on Tuesdays 9am to 8pm and Thursdays 9am to 8pm.

I would also like to congratulate two other incredible small businesses, TGV Barbers and Project Coffee for a very successful year, long may it continue and between us all we can continue to offer the very best services to the community in Tadpole Garden Village.

### Project Coffee

The future for Project Coffee is exciting, we are only at the start of our adventure. We plan to enhance the shop in Tadpole with a wider range, more locally sourced food and we will look to run evening events/experiences. Project Coffee won't just be in Tadpole - we are looking for another

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## Garden competition winners!

The latest TGV Monthly Market event brought a little celebration spirit as the winners of the front garden competition have been awarded with a trophy and a voucher from Gardiner Haskins, Cirencester.

Here's Donna's Wildlife winning garden providing bee & bug hotels, hedgehog house and bird feeders.



Pictured left is Elisabeth with her husband and Kraig from the TGV In Bloom with the award for the best front garden.



# Mums on a mission talk to Kasia Ganzera - community Mobiliser at TGV

Hi Anna, please tell us how the group Mums On A Mission was created?



Hi Kasia! We started Mums on a Mission back in 2019. We are six Mums of children who happen to have disabilities and complex needs. All our children go to one of the local specialist schools near Tadpole Garden Village and we became friends when they were quite little. But as they got older we started finding it more and more difficult to take them out shopping, or for days out, because our children need changing and standard disabled toilets do not meet their needs. We heard about Changing Places toilets and decided to start campaigning for more of them in our area.

## What is the aim of the group?

We are on a mission to make Swindon inclusive and accessible for our children! We actively campaign for more Changing Places toilets, which are fully accessible toilets with a height-adjustable, adult sized changing bench, a ceiling hoist and height adjustable sink. Without them we would have to change our children on toilet floors, which is unhygienic, unsafe and inhumane, We need them so our children can be changed in a safe, hygienic and dignified way. In 2020 we branched out into campaigning for inclusive play equipment because our children were getting too big for toddler swings, and we were increasingly finding that playgrounds simply didn't have anything for our children to play on. We now work with a number of Parish Councils in Swindon and different departments at Swindon Borough Council, when they are installing new play equipment or planning new developments, to ensure they're as inclusive and accessible as possible.

## What project are you currently working on?

Our biggest project at the moment is the new inclusive play park coming to Coate Water in Swindon. We started lobbying Swindon Borough Council for a flagship, inclusive play area back in 2020 and when we learned that Coate was in line for a big investment for a play park we just knew it had to be fully inclusive and accessible. Since then we've worked alongside project managers on the plans and we're really thrilled with them. We are hoping the new play area will be open in the autumn! Elsewhere we recently met with developer Crest to talk about future play areas in Tadpole Garden Village and how they could be designed to be inclusive. It was a great meeting and they were genuinely interested in our thoughts and ideas, so we're really excited

to see what the new play areas in TGV will look like. For a long time now we have also been working on some long-term Changing Places projects, and we are very pleased that funding for CPTs at Lydiard Park, Coate Water and the Swindon Designer Outlet has been agreed, and we are expecting some good news on a CPT at the Great Western Hospital very soon.

## Queen's Jubilee Bake Off Challenge

The Platinum Jubilee Weekend had a very sweet ending with a Sunday morning Bake Off Challenge. We've seen entries of traybakes, cupcakes, a strawberry feature and a showstopper ( pictured below). Congratulations to all the winners and thank you Strawberry Thief Team for hosting the event and providing wonderful prizes!



## Tadpole Tidy Litter Pick

Over the past few months Bradley Williams has organised litter picking events with the residents with great success! Some strange finds have occurred including the traffic cone pictured as well as a shopping trolley and a for sale sign! Luckily there's nothing that the team from Cut n' Clear can't dispose of.



Thank you to the volunteers for beautifying our village and Preim for providing the litter pickers to our community.

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