

OnStream

LATEST NEWS FROM NEWARK'S NEWEST NEIGHBOURHOOD



A year like no other

Despite the challenges of the first half of 2021, development has progressed at pace at Middlebeck, and our community is flourishing!

Following a series of lockdowns, spring brought about positive change and it was all systems go for the team on the ground here at Middlebeck who were busy safely coordinating the build of the brand-new Christ Church CofE Primary School.

Through the summer, Middlebeck's new school really started to take shape and in September opened the doors to its first pupils. The school, which has been delivered as part of our plan to provide school places for our growing community, comprises of seven classrooms, a large nursery, open-plan library, main hall, dining hall, and extensive sports and community provision.

In October, Newark MP Robert Jenrick returned to the development to celebrate the school's opening, just 12 months after he was pictured on site with a hard hat

and digger to celebrate the beginning of the construction.

As the darker nights began to roll in, Chancellor Rishi Sunak announced that funding for the Southern Link Road had been given the green light.

The creation of the Link Road, a significant piece of infrastructure that has been discussed in Newark for many years, will link the A46 at Farndon and the A1 at Fernwood.

Not only does this mean improved connectivity in and around Newark, it also signals the further expansion of Middlebeck in line with its masterplan for 3150 homes, providing more opportunity and options for living in this new community.

The road will also provide more jobs for

the local area. There is a lot of work still to do before we start building the road (see overleaf) so look out for more information on this in the next OnStream and on our social media channels.

Now, as we look ahead to 2022 with hope, excitement and continued ambition for Middlebeck, the future is brighter than ever for our flourishing community.

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Your Dream Home



Construction of new homes at Middlebeck has continued to forge ahead, with the neighbourhood's growing residential streets now home to over 347 families, with approximately 140 more set to move in over the next 12 months.

From the idyllic luxury of Countryside Homes to the exceptionally well-specified spacious Bellway and Avant Homes, there is a stunning selection of different homes on sale for home buyers looking to find their dream home.

Visit www.middlebecknewark.com/buying-a-home/ to book your showhome visit.

Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for news and updates on new homes.



Newark
Business Awards 2021
★★★★★

Kyle from Urban&Civic with Cate and Aliko from BeanBlock Café.

Proud Sponsors of the Newark Business Awards

Master developer of Middlebeck, Urban&Civic, were proud sponsors of the Best Social Enterprise category at the Newark Business Awards back in September.

The Social Enterprise category is open to charities and social enterprises who can demonstrate the significant commercial and social impact of their activities.

Having sponsored the awards for the last few years, it was great to return to celebrate the fantastic work taking place across the community, and to meet and mingle with local businesses. Picking a winner to reign supreme in the Best Social Enterprise category was incredibly difficult as there were so many outstanding entries, but we were delighted to name BeanBlock Newark, the family house café worthy winners and present them with their award on the night.





The BeanBlock Team and guests at the Newark Business Awards.

The Best Social Enterprise category has always been important to us as it really resonates with our values and our commitment to the wider Newark community.

BeanBlock, Newark's family-friendly play café is a fantastic initiative set up by mums Cate and Alikí. Designed by parents for parents, BeanBlock provides a safe haven that really stands out from the crowd, through its dedication to the mental health and resilience of local families.

The practical eatery, which serves fresh and healthy food for the whole family, has been expertly designed specifically to eliminate the anxiety that so often comes with eating out with young children.

We were in total admiration of Cate and Alikí's vision and what they've been able to make a reality within a short space of time. Within two months of opening, the café was registered as a 'community interest company' which means profits are now distributed to support local families and charity initiatives.

Since we crowned BeanBlock Café with their award, it was our pleasure to have them join us at our resident carol service this month, where they kindly set up alongside Gannets to provide refreshments at the event.

Other very worthy nominees in the category were, Counselling and Support for Young People (CASy) and Newark Community Hub at Carriages Café, both who provide priceless support for people in the local community.

CASy, a registered charity is dedicated to promoting and preserving the mental and emotional health of children and young people locally, providing confidential counselling services and workshops – an invaluable resource used by people aged 6-25.

As we emerged from lockdown, The Newark Community Hub at Carriages Café ran a series of 'Life After Covid' sessions to support people who may have been struggling to ease back into socialising after restrictions eased.

Both outstanding examples of organisations within the community going the extra mile and making a difference, while providing vital support to members of the community through their work.

Southern Link Road

Keep moving

Following the government announcement in November that funding for a new link road has been approved, work is underway behind the scenes.

The funding itself, which stems from the original bid submitted to central government by Newark and Sherwood District Council, is expected to take around nine months to come to fruition, which means the diggers won't be immediately rolling onto site. Surveying work, archaeology and ecological work will be starting in January 2022 in preparation for the road's construction later in 2022.

The funding for the road and its construction will be in line with the outline planning permission that has been in place since 2011.

The first section was built and opened in 2016 connecting Staple Lane to the first phase of Middlebeck and this recent funding will enable the full connection from the A1 to the A46 enabling the creation of more new homes at Middlebeck, new jobs for the area and improved connectivity for the town and people travelling within it.

We'll keep you updated via the Middlebeck website (www.middlebecknewark.com/the-plan/) and social media channels. We'll also be keeping you regularly updated here in OnStream, and via other events as appropriate.



Photo taken in September 2021 showing the first section of the Southern Link Road opened in 2016.

Christmasie' apple strudel

(Vegan)

Ingredients

- 1 X pack ready rolled puff pastry
- 3 X eating apples – chopped skin on
- ½ tsp ground ginger
- 50g brown sugar (soft)
- 30g dried cranberries
- 30g chopped walnuts
- Juice + zest of 1 medium orange

Steps

1. Place the puff pastry on a greased baking tray.
2. Bring to the boil in a pan the orange juice/zest, dried cranberries, ground ginger and eating apples.
3. Simmer for 5 minutes or until the liquid is thick and sticky – then cool.
4. Spread the cooled apple mixture over the puff pastry evenly – leave a gap at the edges.
5. Sprinkle over the chopped walnuts – roll the pastry into a spiral (on the tray) lengthways – not the short ends. Seal end with a little water.
6. Sprinkle top with a little extra brown sugar and a few slithers of almond.
7. Cook in the oven for 10 minutes at 160°C and then a further 10-12 minutes at 195°C until golden brown.
8. Serve warm with brandy cream.

Merry Christmas



Festive Fun

Fancy getting your hands on a fabulously festive hamper of Christmas goodies worth up to £150?

Of course you do! And it's super simple to enter: Grab your family, friends, the dog, or just step into the limelight yourself and pose up a storm with our festive frame. Whether you opt for a traditional family portrait or a silly snap of you and the family in your best Christmas jumpers, be as creative as you can!

When you're done, upload your photo and share it with us on Facebook or Twitter, tagging @MiddlebeckNewark and using the hashtag #OnStream

The winner will be contacted privately from the @MiddlebeckNewark account in the first week of January. Good luck!

Terms and conditions apply, please see the Middlebeck website for more information.

