

See the latest site progress, as self-build homes spring up
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Be the first to see our new Tailored Finish Detached homes

Join us at the Plot Shop on 12 May for our Tailored Finish Detached home preview event. You can see the new designs, discuss the layout and finish options available and find out about Help to Buy, as well as book your place on a tour of the Graven Hill site.

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Message from Karen Curtin

Spring appears to have finally sprung, with the Graven Hill site bathed in sunshine and looking wonderful as the first shoots of the new community break through.



The homes of our early self-builders' are quickly taking shape, with off-site manufacturing playing a key role in the speed of progress.

We have a busy event schedule over the coming weeks. Our regular site minibuses for April were full, but we have plenty more planned – just search

for Graven Hill on Eventbrite. Next comes the launch of our Tailored Finish detached homes. Tying-in to National Custom and Self Build Week 2018, we will be holding a [Tailored Finish preview event at the Plot Shop on May 12](#), where those interested in our fabulous range of highly energy-efficient detached homes can find out more. The Sales Team will be at the Plot Shop on Sunday 13 May as well.

You can also come and see us in the Graven Hill zone at the [Build It Live Bicester exhibition on 9 and 10 June](#) at Bicester Heritage. Self-builders can find out more about the amazing opportunities at Graven Hill, take a bus tour of the site, then go on to meet hundreds of suppliers, access

expert advice and take part in educational workshops. We will also be drawing the winner of our Charlie Luxton concept home design competition – but don't worry if you haven't entered yet, as there's still time, with the closing date not until 29 May.

If there are any information articles you would like to see in future newsletters, please drop us a line at info@gravenhill.co.uk

So, as the first sunshine of 2018 brightens the sky and everyone's mood, we are looking forward to welcoming the first Graven Hill residents, seeing the first self-builders complete their homes and continuing to spread the word about the most exciting self-build development in the UK.

Site Progress Report

The first self-build homes at Graven Hill are going up fast.

Following our update in March, just one month on and the superstructures are appearing across the site. With lorries full of timber frames arriving almost daily, the Graven Hill self-build community is starting to take shape.

In fact, as the properties are being built by kit-home specialists who manufacture off-site, some of the early starters already have buildings up, roofs finished and are making headway on their internal first-fix.

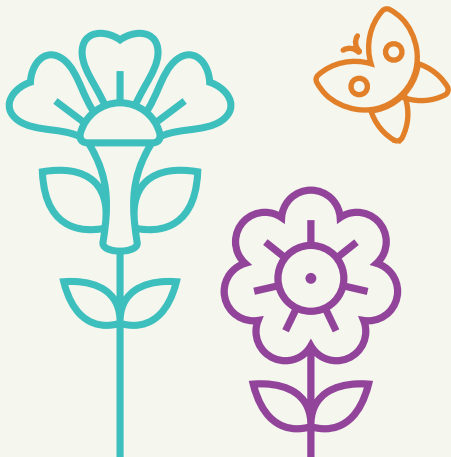
We can't wait to see the finished buildings in all their unique glory.

Speaking of finished buildings, our Tailored Finish terraced homes are also nearing completion, with the first residents set to move in to their fabulous new homes very soon.

“The Graven Hill self-build community is starting to take shape.”



Self-builders' superstructures are going up quickly.



Tailored Finish Preview Event

We are launching the latest Graven Hill Tailored Finish detached homes at a special preview event at the Plot Shop on 12 May.



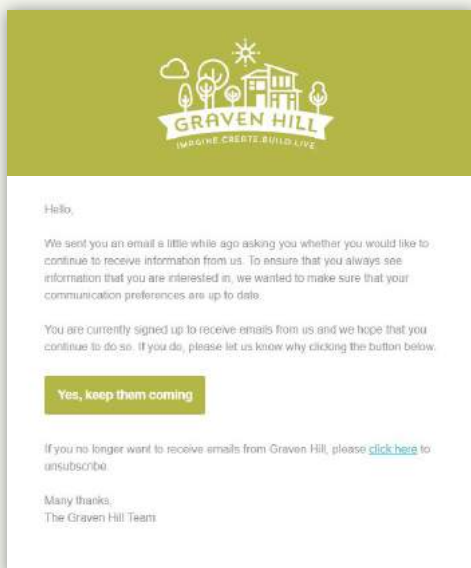
Our Sales Team will be on hand to discuss the range of customisable floorplan and finish options available to people who reserve early, as well as providing details of Help to Buy support from the Government.

You can meet some of the teams behind our incredible high energy-efficiency homes and chat about the benefits of their build systems – from reduced heating costs to improved environmental performance.

We will also be running minibus tours of the Graven Hill site throughout the day – so you can see exactly where your new Tailored Finish detached home will be located.

“We had lots of questions answered and came away feeling excited. It wasn't just a sales pitch it was an invitation to join a journey.”

Comments from a 'Self Build Made Simple' visitor.



The Plot Shop doors open at 10am, so don't miss your opportunity to be amongst the first to see the new designs and plot locations.

Book your place on the minibus via our Eventbrite page – just go to eventbrite.com and search for Graven Hill – but hurry, as places are limited and filling up fast.

So, if you're looking for an exciting new home in Oxfordshire, with the chance to put your own mark on the layout and finish – get yourself down to the Plot Shop, Pioneer Square in Bicester town centre on Saturday 12 May

and reserve your Tailored Finish detached home.

Our Tailored Finish Preview event is associated with the National Custom and Self Build Week 2018 (7-13 May), which features a series of events celebrating and promoting Custom and Self Build as a route to building your dream home.

NATIONAL CUSTOM & SELF BUILD WEEK



GDPR Opt-in Reminder

If you enjoy receiving our newsletter and other marketing emails about our upcoming events, plot releases, different home options and latest offers, please be sure to keep an eye on your inbox for our opt-in emails and complete the web form to let us know your preferences.

The rules around personal data change on 25 May and, unless we have your positive consent to use your email address for marketing

purposes, we will no longer be able to keep you up to date with everything that's happening at Graven Hill.

We don't want you to miss out, so be sure to sign-up when the next Graven Hill opt-in email comes through.

Build It Live – Bicester



The Build It Live exhibition returns to Bicester Heritage on 9 and 10 June this year and there's so much to see, including the Graven Hill zone, where our team will be happy to discuss the UK's largest and most exciting self-build opportunity.



Whether you're looking to build your dream family home or downsize to a property built around your needs and lifestyle, the Graven Hill zone is your perfect destination to start bringing your plans to life.

We will also be running a series of coach tours up to the development site – so make sure you head over to the Graven Hill zone to book your place on the bus and find out the latest news.

Remember, places on the coach tours are limited – so reserve your seats early to avoid disappointment.

Build It is encouraging visitors with existing projects to take their plans, ideas and questions with them to the show's Ask Our Experts lounge, where a variety of experts from across the self-build and renovation sector will share their wisdom and offer practical advice.

There will also be hundreds of suppliers waiting to show visitors their latest innovations – from Architects and Designers, through to underfloor heating specialists, and everything in between – perfect to help you develop your Graven Hill project plans.



Win a Charlie Luxton design for your dream home

Building the Dream is what Charlie Luxton does – from his popular More4 TV show to his sustainable architectural practice.

Now it's your chance to have Charlie design the home of your dreams.

Our competition seems to have really caught your imaginations, with entries flooding in.

It's really no surprise, as one lucky winner will get the chance to meet Charlie and his team, who will help them formulate their plans and create two concept designs for their dream home.

Visit the competition page on our website at www.gravenhill.co.uk/charlie and complete the questions, telling us a little bit



about yourself, your plans for your dream home at Graven Hill and how it will change your life.

The shortlisted entries will be invited to the [Build It Live Bicester exhibition](#) on 9 June,

where we will make the draw and discover the winner.

Not entered yet? That's OK, the deadline is 29 May, so there's still time to make sure you're in the draw to win this fabulous prize.



Birds of prey at Graven Hill

Graven Hill is lucky enough to be home to a wealth of wildlife, including several native species of birds of prey, such as Tawny Owls, Kites and Buzzards.

Earlier this month the team from our main contractor, Careys, invited a group of local children from Five Acres Primary School to join them for an ecology tool box talk and birds of prey display from a local falconer.

The Careys team discussed the importance of identifying the different species they see on site and the best ways to work alongside the wildlife of Graven Hill.

Nestled at the edge of Bicester, the rural site of over 180 hectares provides some of Graven Hill's key attractions. In addition to the birds of prey, the site is home

to a variety of flora and fauna, including the legally protected Great Crested Newts, for whom we have created sustainable habitats.

Conservation and wildlife awareness are key considerations when it comes to our construction journey. The master plan for Graven Hill, with the Gateway Park, meadows and green corridors created by the Swale Parks reflects our commitment to maintaining the natural environment and sustaining the diverse ecology of the site.

Graven Hill's latest investment in the local infrastructure will help reduce speed and improve safety on the A41 around Bicester.

Careys, Graven Hill's Civil Engineering contractor, will be undertaking significant improvement work to the Rodney House roundabout on the A41 at the entrance to the site, where the A41 meets London Road, Bicester and the A4421.

Running until August 2018, the upgrading of the current traffic island to a signalised roundabout will deliver a safer environment for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists by reducing speeds on the approaches to the island and providing push-button crossing points with guard railings and splitter islands.

Traffic management will be manned during peak hours,

Delivering safer roads



Location of the Rodney House roundabout on the A41

ensuring that traffic flow can be monitored and maximised.

Once completed, the roundabout will be signal controlled by a system with CCTV and fibre links to Urban Traffic Control that allows them to override the system should there be excessive build-up of traffic during peak periods.

Graven Hill hopes that these essential roadworks do not cause too much inconvenience and looks forward to delivering a safer environment for all road users around the entrance to the new community.

EVENT DIARY 2018

7 – 13 May

National Customer and Self-Build Week

• UK-wide

12 May

Tailored Finish Preview event • Plot Shop

13 May

Plot Shop Open Sunday

9 and 10 June

Build It Live Bicester • Bicester Heritage

16 June

Graven Hill guided site tours*



To keep up-to-date with our events visit **gravenhill.co.uk**, follow us on social media or call the sales team on **01869 396070**.

*Bookings for the site tours can be made via **Eventbrite.co.uk**



Plot Shop Open Weekend



The Plot Shop will be open all weekend on 12 and 13 May to make sure that everyone who wants to talk to our sales team has plenty of opportunity.

Saturday will focus on the launch of our exciting new Tailored Finish detached homes and Sunday is the chance to come and talk to us about all things Graven Hill.

Doors open at 10am on both days and the sales team will be available until 4pm on Saturday and 3pm on Sunday, so why not come down to Pioneer Square and start the journey towards your new dream home.



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The next Graven Hill Overview will be published in MAY 2018.

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IMPORTANT

Please note that the contents of this newsletter express Graven Hill Village Development Company's current thinking (APRIL 2018). Graven Hill is a pioneering, long-term project which will inevitably evolve and change over time. Our sales team will advise you of the processes, procedures and terms and conditions of the sales contract in force at the time of purchase.

