

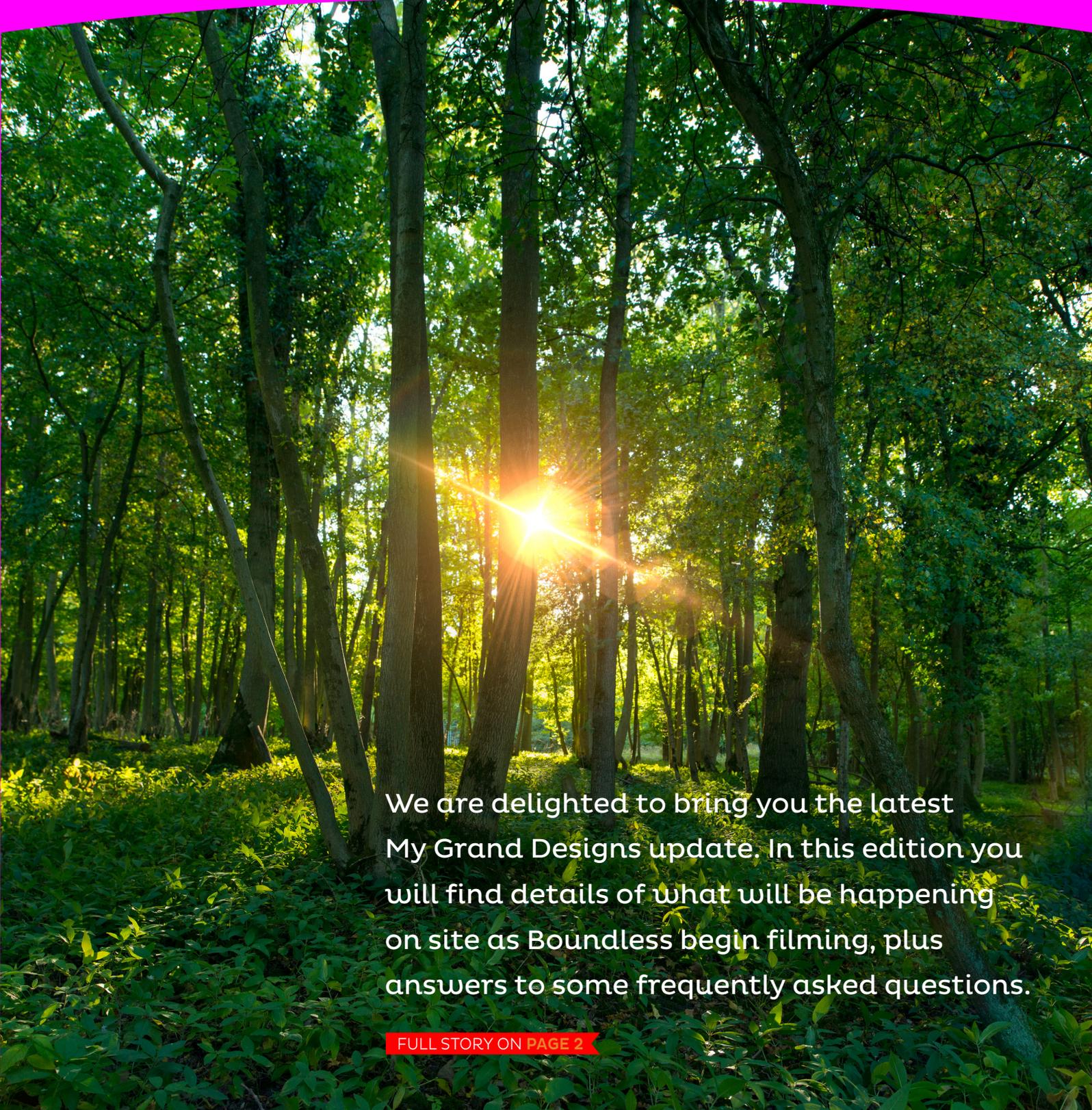
November sees another big step forward. For the first time, definitive plot prices will be revealed at our Price Preview event.

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We are delighted to bring you the latest My Grand Designs update. In this edition you will find details of what will be happening on site as Boundless begin filming, plus answers to some frequently asked questions.

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Cameras start rolling for **Grand** production

The application deadline for the ten 'My Grand Design' plots has now passed and Boundless Productions has started filming for the new Channel 4 series.

The judging panel recently came together in Bicester to meet with a shortlist of applicants and begin the difficult process of selecting the owners of the first plots to be developed at Graven Hill. The panel consists of experts including presenter Kevin McCloud and Karen Curtin, director and acting manager director for the Graven Hill Development Company and Cherwell District Council's commercial director (Bicester).

Miss Curtin said: "We were very pleased to see some exciting and innovative designs being put forward and it was great to meet the self-builders behind the ideas."

All ten homes will be built next to each other and become part of a fledgling new community. The progress will be documented by production company Boundless and filmed for a six-part series which will be fronted by Mr McCloud.

COVER STORY

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Price Preview Event

Over the past few months the Graven Hill team has received numerous questions from potential self-builders but the big question remains; **how much will the plots cost?** Although indicative prices were issued earlier this year, the prices for the first 157 plots will be revealed at a special price preview event later this month.

On 20 November, members of the Graven Hill Delivery Company will host the event at the **Bicester Hotel Golf and Spa in Chesterton**, just two miles from the development site. Throughout the day they will host seven sessions which will unveil the prices of the first 157 plots, explain more about the golden brick process and talk about the reservation system, which will begin in spring 2016.

Due to limited capacity, places must be booked in advance. Sessions are free to attend and will take place at the following times:

- **Session 1** 10am
- **Session 2** 11.30am
- **Session 3** 1pm
- **Session 4** 2.30pm
- **Session 5** 4pm
- **Session 6** 5.30pm
- **Session 7** 7pm

Following the short presentations, members of the Graven Hill team will be available to answer individual questions. Attendees will also have the opportunity to speak to BuildStore about arranging personal finances for their potential self-build.

Although prices will be revealed at the event, **plots will not be able to be reserved until spring 2016.** For those unable to attend on the day, the plot prices will be available to view on the Graven Hill website (www.gravenhill.co.uk) from the week commencing 23 November.

Venue Details

Bicester Hotel Golf and Spa, Chesterton, Bicester, Oxon, OX26 1TE.

Visit bicesterhotelgolfandspa.com for directions

This is sure to be a popular event, so book early to ensure your place. Simply click on the Book Now! button below and enter the details requested. Please note that only two places are available per booking.

BOOK NOW!

Graven Hill sights first demolitions

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A lot of activity has been taking place behind the scenes to prepare for the **November Price Preview event** but amongst this, work is continuing at Graven Hill to prepare the site for development.

In September archaeological investigations began on the parcel of land which will house the first phase of development and this will continue throughout November. Providing nothing significant is found, this work is scheduled to be completed by Christmas.

In the new year the first major changes will take place to the landscape as machinery arrives on site in late January to begin the first demolitions.

Among the buildings due to be flattened are the Garrison Theatre which had previously been used to hold social functions, as well as Romney and Belarus Huts which were used by the Ministry of Defence to store items during the Second World War.

With the land clear, the first infrastructure works will take place in February ready for the ten My Grand Designs plots. This will be followed by 'newt trapping' in March and April, which will involve capturing and relocating great crested newts living within the first phase area. As a protected species, development cannot take place until the animals have been relocated to a safe environment where they cannot be harmed.



Oh deer; muntjac stag-gers out of shot!

Last month the Graven Hill photographer spotted muntjac deer in the woods and since then he has been attempting to try and photograph the deer to illustrate the local wildlife to future Graven Hill residents. Unfortunately the muntjac has been faster than the photographer's shutter speed and has so far managed to avoid being 'papped'. However, efforts will continue to try and photograph the deer and any images will be printed in future newsletters. In the meantime, the photographer did manage to capture some beautiful shots of the woodland and surrounding area.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Each month the newsletter will feature some of the questions received by the Graven Hill team over the past four weeks in a bid to offer widespread clarity on areas of confusion...

Q. Can you build different foundations for the Golden Brick?

A. The Golden Brick is specific to the design which the client wants and the Graven Hill Development Company can build various types to suit design.

Q. Do I have to build the house myself?

A. You can either build your home yourself or chose a turnkey contractor/supplier who can design, project manager and deliver your new home so that you don't even need to get your hands dirty.

Q. The Masterplan appears to have a number of apartment blocks, how will these be sold?

A. We have a number of apartment blocks which will be custom build or self-finish. The team has good experience of these projects through our successful Build Programme.

Q. With the rise of electric cars, will Graven Hill have charging points on the development?

A. We are currently investigating with our sustainability consultants where the best locations will be to place the charging points. We will have charging points at our vision centre/marketing suite which is due to open in summer 2016.

Q. How big is the wood on Graven Hill?

A. The wooded area is approximately 30 acres.



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The next Graven Hill newsletter will be published in December; in the meantime the Graven Hill website (www.gravenhill.co.uk) will provide up-to-date information about the site. Alternatively contact a member of the Graven Hill team on **01295 753700** or email info@gravenhill.co.uk

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