

Hello and welcome to your Yorke Drive Focus newsletter.

This newsletter, published by Newark and Sherwood District Council, is for all residents of the Yorke Drive estate and surrounding areas to keep you up to date on local news and events and on the proposed regeneration of the Yorke Drive estate and Lincoln Road Playing Fields.



Planning and Construction update

We want to keep you updated on the project's progress to start construction as soon as possible. After securing planning consent in February, the team has been working to meet the requirements of the planning conditions. As with any large project, there are technical challenges to resolve.

The main focus is on discharging planning conditions from the Outline and Reserved Matters consents before work can begin. A few conditions remain, requiring consultation with Nottinghamshire County Council (Highways) and Severn Trent. These conditions currently refer to 'pre-occupation' (tenants moving in) instead of 'pre-commencement' (start of works), which has impacts on our decant programme i.e. being able to only move residents once to minimise disruption. To fix this, we submitted a 'Section 73' application in April to change the wording and are now awaiting approval. Detailed designs for drainage, roads, and footpaths were submitted in May and are still under review.

Projects of this scale often take over 12 months to discharge conditions, and we thank you for your patience as we work through these technical details. We'll keep you updated on progress and any impact on the decant programme.

Additional funding secured for more energy efficient homes

On Monday 24 November, it was announced that an additional £1m has been allocated to the Yorke Drive project by the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA).

This additional funding will go towards increased energy efficiency measures being installed in the new affordable homes, adding solar panels and battery storage in addition to the already planned air source heat pumps. Residents should see a significant difference to the running costs of their homes, resulting in real cost savings.



Kids Christmas Party – save the date

Come for a fun-filled afternoon for children with festive activities and entertainment. This is a **free** event open to all families in the community.

Date: Sunday 14 December 2025

Venue: Bridge Community Centre

Time: 2:00pm until 6:00pm

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Debbie Darby's monthly soup

Join Debbie Darby at the monthly gathering at **Beaumont Walk Community Centre**. Come along for homemade soup with a roll, tea and coffee, biscuits, and cakes.

Date: Every 2nd Friday of the month

Time: 11:30am until 1:30pm

Price: £1

Booking is advised via the **Facebook group**. It's a great way to meet neighbours, enjoy a warm meal, and take a break from the day.

Results of Street naming survey

At our Resident Panel held in June, several suggestions were put forward for street names which could be used for the new streets being created as part of the regeneration scheme. The suggestions reflected key historical links to Newark and Yorke Drive, referencing their rich background and celebrating a new, brighter future for residents through the regeneration of the estate. Thanks to everyone who took part and voted! It was great to see what streets topped the list, with the four favourites being:

1. **Hope Close**
2. **Soldier's Walk**
3. **Eden Place**
4. **Bridge Inn Place**

We'll share these with Lovell to consider for the development.

Please note, these suggestions are indicative only and may be subject to change.

Public right of way update - Brunel Drive walkway closure

When construction starts on the playing fields in the new year, the public right of way connecting Yorke Drive to Brunel Drive will be closed for an extended period. The exact dates of the closure are yet to be confirmed, but we will share further updates as soon as they are available.

This may affect those commuting to work or accessing services in the area. Alternative routes will be signposted, added onto the website and included within the newsletter. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this important phase of the project.

Resident Panel – your voice matters

Did you know that the Residents Panel has played a vital role in shaping key decisions on the project and acting as a sounding board for the Yorke Drive project? Over the years, the panel, chaired by a resident from Yorke Drive, has made some significant and impactful contributions to the project, including being part of:

- the procurement of the developer partner;
- the procurement of the removal's contractor;
- development of the Decant Policy, offering tenants a clear choice to either remain on the estate or relocate, with a commitment to only moving residents once;
- development of the Equity Loan Model, providing a fair and flexible route to home ownership;
- contributions to different housing layouts; and
- the inclusion of the hedgehog highways.

A separate youth group also input directly to the design of the play areas across the estate.

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Ginnette Hardy wins Citizen of the Year Award

A huge congratulations to Yorke Drive resident Ginnette Hardy, who won Citizen of the Year at the Newark and Sherwood District Council Community and Sports Awards.

Ginnette's active involvement with the council and generous efforts in organising events have made a real positive difference to the community.

Well done, Ginnette!



Help us choose a new Yorke Drive logo

The original Yorke Drive logo has been with us for a number of years throughout the project's development and has become a familiar symbol of the regeneration scheme within the community.

Now, as we move forward into an exciting new phase, we believe it's the perfect opportunity to refresh our branding to something that feels modern, vibrant, and reflective of the positive changes ahead for Yorke Drive.

The new logo will represent the next chapter of the project. Let us know your thoughts on the four options below. Option 4 is the current logo which you can vote for, if you wish to keep the original design.



Option 1



Option 2



Option 3



Option 4

Please submit your vote by completing the survey, which should only take approximately 1 minute to complete. The survey will close on 1 January 2026.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YorkeDriveLogos/>



Welcome Emily to the Yorke Drive Project team



We're delighted to welcome Emily Price, who has recently joined the team as Project Assistant. Emily will be supporting the project and you may see her more on the estate – please say hello and introduce yourself if you see her passing.

"My name is Emily and I'm the Project Assistant working in Housing. I've been with the Council for two years, starting in the Tenant Engagement Team. I'm now proud to be part of the Yorke Drive project team!

I'm currently working towards a qualification in Project Management, so being involved with the Yorke Drive project is a fantastic opportunity for me to learn and grow while supporting the community. I'm passionate about making sure tenants are informed, involved, and represented in everything we do, and I look forward to supporting the Yorke Drive community."

Next Community Link Group and Resident Panel meeting

Date: Tuesday 27 January 2026

Times: 5pm until 6pm - Community Link Group and estate issues, 6pm until 7pm - Yorke Drive regeneration updates

Venue: Beaumont Walk Community Centre

We hope to see you there.

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