

Pioneering and Praying

A LOOK BACK AT WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS

18 houses have been sold with moving in dates starting in April.

A photo journal is being compiled which can be viewed on Facebook.

A second sales office has opened which means Barretts and Davidsons are now actively selling on site.

Preparation work is taking place for the Work Units based in Enderby and the first Park spaces.

The M1 Bridge is complete with plans for its opening in the Spring.

I've joined a local initiative on a Lubbesthorpe Farm called 'Growing Communities'.

I've started work on a Welcome Pack which will be given to the first

progress of the project against them.

Finally as I put together a Welcome Pack please pray that it will result in a welcoming addition to the first settlers moving in week.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support, to hear more of my musings, check out my new blog at adventuringpioneer.wordpress.com

In Lubbesthorpe

The New Year is always a good time to reflect on the previous year and think about dreams/goals (or whatever you like to call them!) for the future. I guess when I look back at the previous few months I realise how good it is to feel like I know Lubbesthorpe and some of the people who live and work there. Getting a feel for the place and for the people has been an important priority for me so that when people move in I can help them feel at home. Initially I did wonder how I would do that as very few people live in Lubbesthorpe yet, however it's amazing how quickly you begin to discover where life is and become a part of it. Getting to know the builders, the sales teams, the council, some of the local farming community and the people living and serving the surrounding communities has been brilliant. So despite not having a house/home/ working space actually in Lubbesthorpe, somehow I'm beginning to feel at home because of the people I have got to know. I like that!!

Prayer Pointers

Please give thanks for

The growth of a personal Support Network. These are people who have experience in new housing developments, community engagement and formation/ transformation and ensure as a Pioneer I don't become isolated.

The good relationships I have with the sales teams and builders on site, despite the sporadic nature of seeing them.

The developing relationships with local groups such as the Leicester Forest East Community Library, B-Inspired Growing Communities Project, churches and members of the local farming community.



Current Challenges

Not having a permanent place on site yet means that meeting the builders, sales teams and buyers can be difficult sometimes. Having the promised 'posh shed' on site will make this easier. Please pray that this comes soon.

Building a team. I'm visiting local churches to try and seek out people who have a pioneering heart and might want to join me on the initial Development Team. Please pray for the Lubbesthorpe Action Group (LAG) as we work out a process for finding the right people across the denominations so that by the summer a small team will have formed.

For the LAG as we meet towards the end of January and think about the future, look to agree the core values and ways in which can measure the

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