# Overflow car park now open

**Over the autumn, the landscaped areas around the Village have taken shape with new trees being planted, stone walls being built and pathways being laid. At the end of September, we opened the new pedestrian path between Birch Road and Craigton Drive, complete with new LED lighting to provide a well-lit, safer route for pedestrians and cyclists.**

New lights have also been installed along the footpath connecting the train station to the Taylor Wimpey section of the development.

We have also completed work on the overflow car park at the train station. The new-look car park is now operational, providing 150 car park spaces – 60 more than it did before. We have installed new lighting throughout the car park to create a safer, well-lit parking area and a new cycle rack next to the car park for those travelling by bike.

The improvement works to Station Road are also complete and we are putting the finishing touches to Birch Road, which has been fully reconstructed. We have worked closely with Network Rail who have installed some new handrails along the walkways and we have installed new lights along Birch Road and Station Road to improve visibility. Birch Road will be completed and open to the public by the end of December.

# Other news

## New play areas create community spaces

**One of our priorities is to support the local communities where we operate.**

In Dargavel Village, we have started to create two new play areas – one on Newton Road and the other in Wester Rossland Woodland. In December, we will be installing the wooden play equipment into these areas to create safe, fun areas for local children to play in. The equipment includes: a carousal, swing and a slide. These play areas will be opened this winter for all children to enjoy.

## Getting ready for winter

**Winter is now here and we are already seeing the first frosts. To help keep the roads and paths around Dargavel Village safe and moving, we have once again appointed Balfour Beatty to provide a gritting service throughout the winter months. This includes Barrangary Road, Slateford Road, Craigton Drive, Mosshall Drive, the overflow car park and pathway connecting Dargavel Village to the train station.**

Whilst we will do what we can to keep the roads and pathways clear, we do ask all residents to take care when walking and travelling around Dargavel Village especially in icy or snowy conditions.

## Have your say

**Contact us anytime**

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# Bishopton regeneration Update

**Edition 5: December 2016**

**Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. As we come to the end of another year, we look back at what's been achieved and we are proud of the progress we have made in Dargavel Village. We opened Craigton Drive, extended and improved the train station's overflow car park and we are creating a more user-friendly route on Birch Road. In the summer, we made our first payment to the Bishopton Community Trust and sponsored the annual Bishopton Fun Run.**

We have also seen significant changes to the landscaped, green space areas around Dargavel Village. We have laid new footpaths, installed lighting, planted trees and sewn grass seeds to help improve the community spaces around the Village.

One major project has been the improvements to the overflow cark park, Station Road, Sachelcourt Avenue and Birch Road. The overflow car park, with its new LED lighting and 60 more spaces, is now open along with Station Road. We are still putting the finishing touches to Birch Road and this will be open to the public before the end of the year, providing cyclists and pedestrians with a more user-friendly route through the Village.

We are continuing to improve transport links into Bishopton and surrounding areas and in January, we will start work on the new M8 junction. We have worked closely with Transport Scotland and Renfrewshire Council on the design of the new junction that will connect Bishopton to the country's motorway network.

We have started to prepare the land for the next stage of development and early next year, there will be some building demolitions and land clearing before we start to make the land suitable for future development.

This winter we will be opening two new play areas, continuing with the landscaping around the Village and starting work on the Community Woodland Park.

We would like to thank all of you for your ongoing support and wish everyone a happy Christmas and New Year.

Jon Gettinby

# Development news

## Connecting Bishopton to the motorway network

**Creating new and improving existing transport links to Bishopton is important to the development of Dargavel Village and enhancing Bishopton's connectivity to the wider region. We have worked closely with Transport Scotland and Renfrewshire Council on the design of the M8's new junction, junction 29A, and this has now been agreed. The design also includes a safe cycle route around the new junction which will take cyclists along the A8 before linking them up with the cycle paths already in place on Barrangary Road.**

Earlier this year we cleared some of the ground, removing hedges and trees, in preparation of the work starting in January and we will shortly be appointing our contractor for the project.

The construction of the new junction will be done in stages and we expect it to be complete and open to the public in early 2020. Further updates will be included in our monthly bulletins and in future newsletters.

## Preparing land for future use

**Preparations for the next stage of land clearing are progressing well. Working closely with our ecology team, we are focusing on clearing the site and readying the land off Slateford Road for future development.**
**As with any land clearing, how we manage the ecology is a top priority. During the preparations so far, our ecologists have relocated a badger sett and completed our annual bat survey. We have also taken a number of soil samples to be analysed to help inform our land clearing strategy and plan.**

History also plays an important part on this site and we are committed to preserving it for future generations. That's why we have carried out a number of archaeological surveys ahead of the next phase of building demolitions. The results of these surveys are logged with the West of Scotland Archaeology Service as records of industrial heritage to ensure the site's history is preserved for the community and future generations to come.

We expect these building demolitions to take place in early 2017, with the land clearing due to run from spring 2017 to winter 2018.

# Ecology news

## Shelducks go quackers for the wild

**In our last edition, we talked about a couple of abandoned Shelducklings that were rescued by our ecologist from the shingle bank of the Cordite Burn back in May. The ducklings were taken to Hessilhead Wildlife Rescue Centre at Gateside in North Ayrshire.**

This was the first time Shelduck's had been recorded on the site and we're delighted that, after a few months at the Rescue Centre, they have now been released into the wild near Erskine.

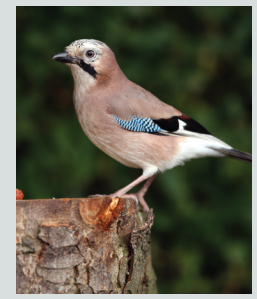
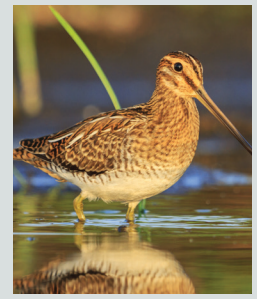
## Rare sighting in woodland area

**Our eagle-eyed ecologists have discovered a rare mushroom in part of the site that will become part of the Community Woodland Park in the future.**

Native to Kent in England, this is the first time this mushroom, a species of Shield Fungus, has been found in Scotland.

## Bird watching

**There is a huge amount of wildlife within Dargavel Village and the wider development site. One of the species that thrives off the land is birds.**

We have spotted a variety of different birds within our land and recently our ecologists provided the Scottish Ornithologists Club and Scottish Natural Heritage with the latest figures on our bird population.

Some of the significant sightings reported included Water Rail, Jack Snipe, Woodcock and Jays.