

THE LINMERE TIMES

Autumn 2025

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LINMERE THIS AUTUMN

Autumn is a busy time across the development, with activity across a number of housebuilders.

In September the Linmere Team was excited to welcome the New Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP, for his first public engagement. He was welcomed by James Stone, Managing Director of Lands Improvement, and members of some of the major housebuilders on the development including Barratt, Bellway and Stonebond. After a walkthrough of the masterplan in The Farmstead he went to Barratt's construction site on Phase 3a to meet members of the construction team and some residents who recently moved in. The team was very proud Linmere was chosen for this first visit, and hopes it will offer a benchmark for others.

There has been a huge amount of progress at the Neighbourhood

Centre on Phase One, which is starting to take shape; opening of this area is planned next year. Some of you may have noticed groundworks for the park space behind the centre has started to take place as well. This is an exciting step towards a new park space for the community. Over the next few weeks, we will be completing final topping for the roads ready for hand over to CBC, this is a long progress, and you will see a lot of construction work across Phase One while this is happening, with some potential disruption to parking at times.

Over on Phase 3a Barratt have opened their new show home. They are already seeing sales and have some residents moving in. This phase has a different design code to Phase One and reflects the

industrial heritage of this area. We have delivered a small green space in this area for residents as well. The hoarding for the Care Home, being delivered by DMP, is going up and helping to make this area look much smarter.



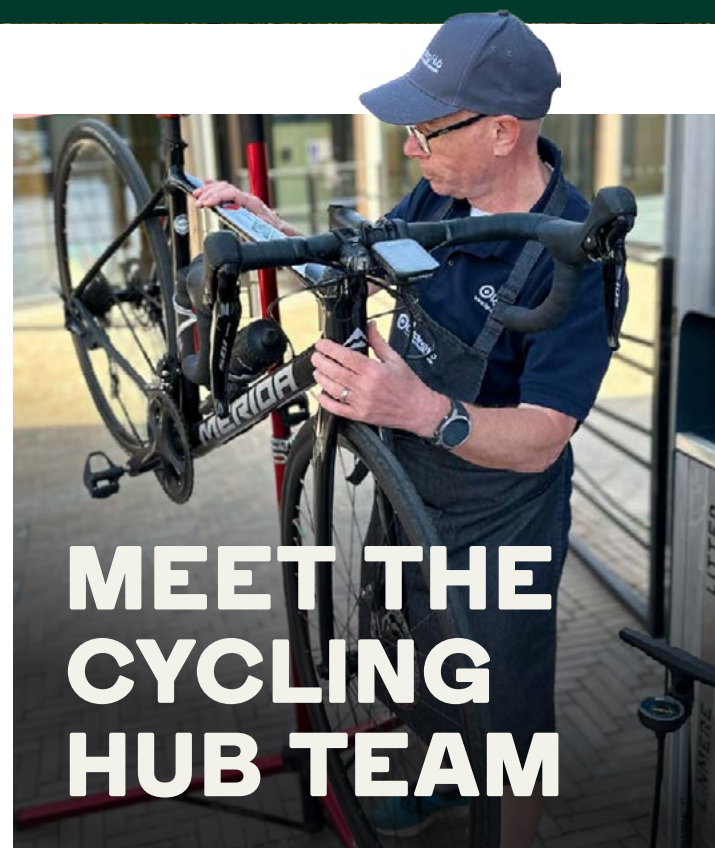
NEWS FROM THE FARMSTEAD



There will be some construction work in The Farmstead Courtyard this Autumn. All the shops and ROAM café bistro will remain open during this time, but we will be operating a one-way system within the courtyard to keep everyone safe. As an additional security measure, the car park directly behind The Farmstead will be locked overnight from 5.30pm in the evening. If you are visiting The Farmstead after this time, please ensure you use the car park on Hockett Street, which is open 24/7.

ROAM will be launching some new dishes with a refreshed Autumn/Winter menu. It's well worth popping in. Don't forget the team serves breakfast all day at the weekend, so whatever your plans, a visit to ROAM is a treat you don't want to miss out on.

ROAM will be providing the catering for our annual Residents Christmas event too. Mark your calendar for 11th December and watch out for your invite on our social channels soon....



Following its grand opening in April this year, the Linmere Cycling Hub has become a key destination at The Farmstead. We caught up with Ash, the cycling hub owner, to find out how it's going.

Q. When is the Cycling Hub open?

A. The Cycling Hub is open Tuesday through to Sunday between 9.30am and 4pm, pop in and say hi any time. There's always someone in the shop available to offer advice and chat all things bike.

Q. Do you run regular rides and can I join one?

A. Yes and yes! Every Sunday at 10am we run a Spokes & Folks ride from The Farmstead; all you need to do is turn up with your bike. The distance depends on who joins us, but it's always somewhere local and pitched to an enjoyable level.

Q. Can you service my bike?

A. Absolutely! Pop in and we can give it the once over, you can book servicing via our website too. Don't forget Linmere addresses get a discount, so bring proof of address along too.

Q. I'm trying to teach my child to ride, can you help?

A. Yes, we can. We run a range of learn to ride courses, so book onto one and we'll be able to give you a helping hand. We can check over their bike at the same time too.

Q. I haven't ridden for a while; can you help me get back into it?

A. We'd love to! We've designed lots of cycle routes locally so we can help you choose something to suit your ability, or you could book onto a refresher course and check your skills, before you set off.



HELP US NAME YOUR NEW PARK

We're creating a brand-new park space on phase one, which will become a central feature of living in Linnere, and we want you to make the final decision on what we call it. This new, shared outdoor space, along with its name, will be used across generations to come, so it's important to share this process with our residents and neighbours.

Situated next to Thornhill School, opposite the incoming local neighbourhood centre on Silver Birch Avenue, the park will offer a variety of active features, for all ages, including a new bandstand, that's been designed in collaboration with pupils from Thornhill and The Chiltern School.

The position of the new park will provide a central focal point between phase one and phase four, as well as a key destination on the strategic cycling route, connecting all phases on Linnere. Progress on the development is moving quickly, with an estimated opening in Spring 2026.



NAME LINMERES NEW PARK

Vote for your favourite park name!

We've been gathering ideas for the new park name for some time. This has included contributions from our Linnere Community Forum, developers, designers and local

schools. From this, we've produced a final shortlist of 5 names for you to choose from, with the most popular name being chosen as the winner.

Look out for the poll coming soon on our Facebook pages, so you can take part and play a real part in the future of life in Linnere!



OUTDOOR LIVING IS A WAY OF LIFE



If you are looking to get out and explore the local area this Autumn, you might like to try our Linnere Loops or one of the Children's Walking Trail located on Linnere Park.

Loop One

Loop One is just over a mile and a half. You'll be able to spot wildlife in the Ouzel Brook before heading up along the Chiltern Way. It finishes up at The Star pub in Chalton.

Loop Two

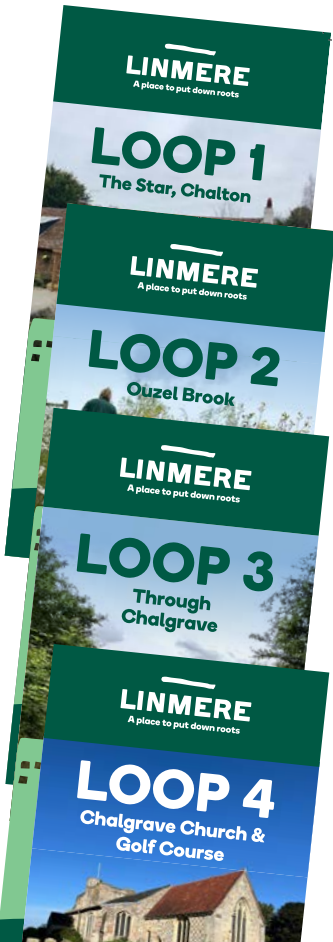
Loop Two takes a similar route but is slightly more challenging and longer route, taking in more of the countryside views.

Loop Three

Loop Three is another loop taking in a local pub. This time it's The Fancott in Chalgrave, a beautiful village with a stunning 13th Century church.

Loop Four

At just over six miles, this loop will take about three hours to complete. It will be worth it as you pass through some beautiful scenery.



We have two trails designed for our younger residents you might like to enjoy with the family.

Lime Tree Orienteers Trail

Suitable for older children, this self-guided trail has been designed to build digital skills and learn map reading, all whilst getting outdoors. You'll need a smart phone to complete this activity.



Tiny Acorns Explorer Trail

This self-guided, interactive trail includes several rubbing posts to keep little ones busy as you walk around the park and navigate the route.



NEWS FROM BEYOND LINMERE

Linmere sits across the boundary of both the Houghton Regis and the Charlton parish. We've asked them to share any events that Linmere residents might be keen to get involved with.

Houghton Regis Town Council and Houghton Hall Park are planning lots of events for the next few months ahead, and we look forward to seeing you there!

On Friday 31st October, a Halloween extravaganza is taking place from 10am – 3pm at Houghton Hall Park! The days spooky fun includes Ghost Busting themed activities, a Halloween Trail based on 'The Witch and the Moon' by local author Mark Bolan, followed by story telling from the author himself! There will also be face painting and fancy-dress competitions. The event is free to attend, and no booking is required!

Saturday 1st November sees the free Fireworks Bonanza

at Thorn Park, West Highland Drive, Houghton Regis, LU5 6RR. The gates open at 2pm for the Fairground and food stalls, and there is entertainment from singer Billy Lee from 5.30pm – 6.15pm. The Fireworks begins at 6.30pm! There is no booking required for the event, but we do ask that attendees park responsibly in the local area (there is limited Blue Badge parking at the venue) and don't bring Fireworks or Sparklers to the event.

The annual Services of Remembrance will be taking place on Sunday 9th November at All Saints Church (9.45am start) followed by an Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Stall on the Village Green at 11am. The Armistice Day Act of

Remembrance will take place on Tuesday 11th November at 11am. Please note that some local road closures will be in place surrounding 11am.

The Christmas Tree Light Switch On is taking place on Saturday 6th December at 6pm, just after the Mayor's Carol Service. This is happening just in front of Bedford Square, and all are welcome to attend. Please note that some local road closures will be in place surrounding 6pm.

The final event of the year is Santa's Grotto at Houghton Hall Park on Saturday 13th December. Please check social media soon for more details of how to book into this very special occasion.

Chalton Parish Council Working for Our Whole Community

Chalton Parish Council represents residents across the parish, including those in the growing Linmere development. We're here to ensure local voices are heard on issues such as planning, highways, and community facilities, helping shape the parish as it evolves.

In recent months, the Council has reviewed several major planning applications to make sure growth across the parish reflects local priorities. We're also involved in the current Community Governance Review, which is considering parish boundaries and councillor representation as the Linmere community continues to expand.

Closer to home, we've been exploring ways to enhance community spaces and connections, including improvements to the Chalton playground and introducing public Information boards under our Chalton in the Chilterns project. We continue to keep a close eye

on local Rights of Way. A lovely walk from the back of the Linmere allotments, crossing over the green metal bridge, leads into the village via Chalton Heights. Our councillors remain vigilant about the condition of local footpaths and recreational routes, ensuring they stay open, safe, and well-maintained for walkers and cyclists alike.

If you're exploring Chalton, why not take the route and stop by The Star, our friendly local pub at the heart of the village?

The Parish Council meets every 2nd month and welcomes residents' input. Contact us at clerk@chalton-pc.gov.uk or visit www.chalton-pc.gov.uk.



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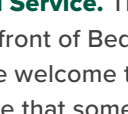
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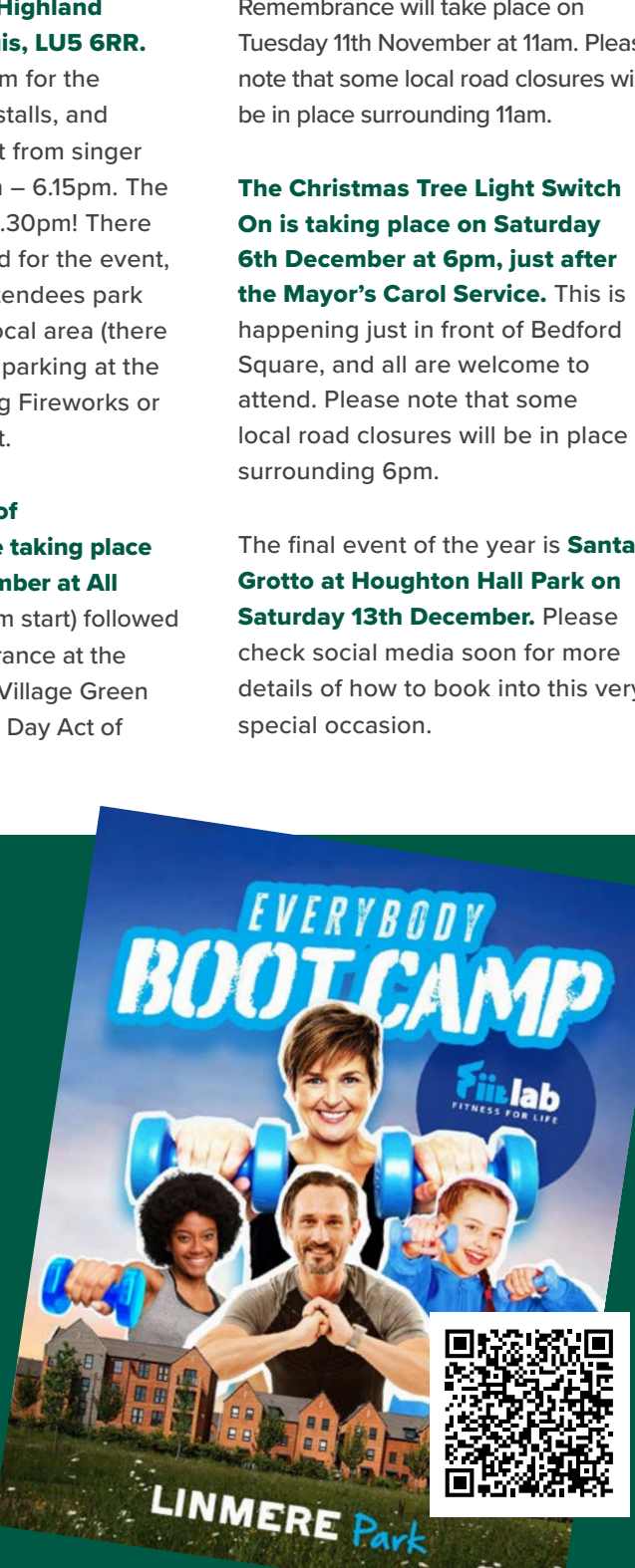
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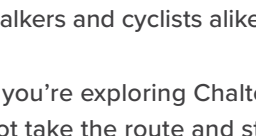
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To claim your FREE session use the code **LINMERE** to book via the Linmere website **Linmere.com**

EVERYBODY BOOTCAMP







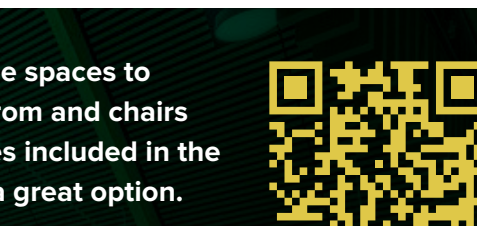
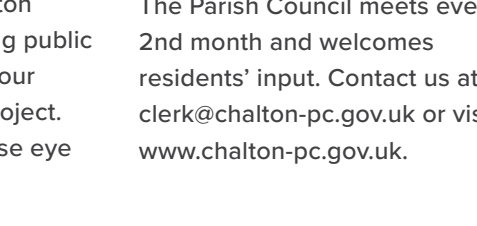
LINMERE Park

Book The Farmstead Hall for your next event

With three spaces to choose from and chairs and tables included in the hire, it's a great option.

Check availability today!





FARMSTEAD CLASS SCHEDULE

CLASSES IN THE FARMSTEAD

Come down to The Farmstead and join in one of the classes, running every evening. To book a place in a class, or find out more information, use the contact details for the instructors below.

Monday

7 – 8pm Kick, Box and Burn with Emma Sier

Contact: emma.sier@hotmail.com

8.15 – 9.15pm Balance and Breathe with Shelley

Contact: shelley.whitney@icloud.com

Tuesday

4.30 – 5.15pm Children's Street Dance PA Collective with Miss Alicia and Junior Musical Theatre PA Collective with Miss Morgan

5.15 – 6pm Junior Musical Theatre PA Collective with Miss Morgan and Junior Acro PA Collective with Miss Alicia

6 – 6.45pm Street Dance with Miss Morgan and Mini Acro with Miss Alicia

6.45 – 7.30pm Street Dance with Miss Alicia

For all classes contact: contact@pacollective.co.uk

Wednesday

7 – 8pm Zumba with Helen Collier

Contact: helencollier@aol.com

Thursday

7 – 8pm Fit Steps with Louise

Contact: dancefitwithlouise@btinternet.com

7.45 – 9.45pm Buskerteers Choir

Contact: admin@buskerteerschoir.com

