

Central Park Development



What is the Central Park Development ?

The Central Park area was created by demolishing 136 houses to give Kendray a more open feeling at its centre. The community identified a need for a park to provide play areas for teenagers, young children and a place to relax for the older generations and these priorities were included in the Kendray Blueprint

Phase 1

The first phase of redevelopment has provided several pieces of play equipment for teenagers, including a zip line, climbing rock and slide tower.

There is also an amphitheatre to host community events like the live music played at the opening party, the Multi-Cultural Evening and the Carol Service at the heart of the neighbourhood. The Youth-Pod provides an area for young people to hang out which they say is really important thing for them.

This first phase of development was designed by local young people to meet their specific desires for the area. The development won a national award for the **"Best Youth Participation Project, 2004"**, from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM).

Phase 2

This stage of the park development created a play area for the under 12s on the fields between Birk Avenue and Birk Crescent. It includes a climbing net, balance equipment, hop scotch and other street games. The area is very bright and colourful and designed with little ones safety and enjoyment in mind.

Phase 3

There is now a landscaped area for older generations to use as an area to relax in. It has seating and planting themes that reflect peoples' aspirations for the area, gathered through consultation with the local community.

Consultation with residents regarding Phase 3 of this development was undertaken at: the Park Opening Event on 5th May 2007, through the Young at Heart residents group, Laying the Foundations and through Lavender Court.

Neighbourhood Pride delivered a very attractive area with railway sleepers used to create a raised bed that contains seasonal sections with sensory plants and feature rocks.

Who is doing the work?

Phase 1 of the development was funded from **Sport England, Single Regeneration Budget (SRB)** and **Waste Recycling & Environment (WREN)**. It was largely led by the Kendray Initiative, Berneslai Homes, BMBC and Groundwork Dearne Valley.

Phase 2 has been funded by **Regional Housing Board (RHB)** money, SRB funding and **BMBC** allocations. Berneslai Homes have played a significant role in co-ordinating the project, in conjunction with BMBC's Landscape and Design Team, the **Kendray Initiative**, and **Groundwork**

Dearne Valley. Both phases were built by NTK.

Phase 3 was managed by **Berneslai Homes** Regeneration Team working in partnership with **Community House**, BMBC's Neighbourhood Pride and the Friends of the Park Group and has been funded by the Regional Housing Board.

Kendray Updates

Work on Phase 3 of the park is now complete

(This information was correct in March 2008)

So that the Phase 3 area can be as inclusive as possible, the main bed will be raised so that mature Kendray residents can more easily help to maintain it or install their own plants.

Two large areas of mixed crocus bulbs will be planted next to the flower bed to give bold colours.

(This information was correct in January 2008)

Following consultation with Kendray residents at different events and different groups a clear brief for the final design of the Phase 3 area has been generated.

Residents would like to see a seasonal bed that will always have a colourful section throughout the year. People were also keen to see some sensory plants that either smell, look or sound interesting and many wanted to see feature rocks.

The bench that was most popular was the Thurnscoe style, which is quite traditional in its appearance and will look very attractive in dark green.

This area will be created in the new year, when the weather is more favourable.

(This information was correct in December 2007)

Consultation with residents regarding Phase 3 of this development has been undertaken at: the Park Opening Event on 5th May 2007, through the Young at Heart residents group, Laying the Foundations and through Lavender Court.

The results are being implemented into the design process and Berneslai Homes will keep this website updated with progress and inform the Friends of the Park group.

(This information was correct in June 2007)

"Friends of Kendray Park" is a newly formed residents group who are keen to see the area look its best now and into the future. They are keen for new members who would like to be involved in the development of Phase 3, the Quiet Garden Area. Some group members are keen to help in the maintenance in this new area, which will make it a very special place.

If you would like more information about this group or would like to join it, please call Gemma Stothard at Community House on 01226 201898.

(Above information correct in May 2007)

NEWS FLASH ---- OFFICIAL OPENING - Phase 2 of this park area that includes a play area for young children will be officially opened by Cllr Bill Newman, the spokesperson for Housing on 5th May 2007. A host of activities and events will entertain visitors, with live music, a birds of prey aerial display, bbq food on sale and the chance to meet and chat to the people working in Kendray.

The events will commence from 11:00 with the opening being announced at noon.

(This information was correct in April 2007)

Berneslai Homes, the Kendray Initiative and BMBC Highways department have negotiated a significant amount of improvement work that will be done to parts of the roads and footpaths around the new park areas,

which will be completed by April 2007.

(Above information correct in January 2007)

Berneslai Homes are pleased to announce that the creation of the Younger Person's play area for the under 12s will be finished this month. Work on the Quiet Garden and other community artist projects are still on going.

(Above information correct in July 2006)

The Community Artist has not been appointed yet, but a working group is being set up and needs resident members.

This group will play a significant role in appointing the artist later this year.

If you would like to become a member of this group, please contact Elaine Musset in the Kendray Initiative on 01226 732869.

Work began on the site on 6th February 2006.

(Above information correct in February 2006)

Work is set to begin in early February 2006

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(Above information correct in January 2006)

Who to Contact

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If you would like more information about the creation and development of the Kendray central park area please call Berneslai Homes on 01226 774388