

# Court Place Report for 2023 AGM

Monthly meetings continue with the site team. WE are in regular contact with OUDs Project Manager Jeremy Titchen who continues to be very supportive. This has enabled RIC – Rosehill & Iffley Community group to foster a collaborative approach with Felthams.

The project is on programme for completion autumn next year. The courtyard buildings can now be seen on EastChurch and from Rivermead Nature park. There were some historic finds in the Mansion house – Georgian pugging and spars from ships that traded with the Baltic states.

We have been able to secure funding for a number of activities within Rosehill and Iffley. However there continue to be ongoing issues with operative/van parking and delivery vehicles accessing the site. The later causing damage to the pavement. Our lobbying has resulted in the site entrance being widened which has partially solved the problem. Further parking issues arose this month and Felthams taken up our suggestions for good practices to alleviate the issues. We are now more hopeful that a proactive approach to mitigating the impact of construction on the community.

Our objective remains that we ensure the project delivers a legacy for the community. We have suggested that a Christmas initiative could be supporting the local foodbanks.

The external appearance of the site has now been enhanced with the information hoardings. And we have arranged for the EastChurch hedge to be trimmed, enhanced perimeter checks to ensure rubbish is removed. It is hoped that the hedge at the blind corner of Eastchurch will be trimmed as a goodwill gesture.

We now propose topics/writing them for the monthly newsletter. Your feedback on the newsletter content would be most welcome.

Discussions between the Church/LOUD/OU/Felthams are being facilitated to about Project Vista. This is the initiative to enhance the environment and sight lines from the West Door of St Marys, seizing the opportunity now the existing hedge needs removing due to blight and Court Place erecting a new fence.

We continue work with Felthams to identify a good time for the project to be opened for the community to be shown round. There will know doubt also be a formal OUD opening event.

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