



## Welcome

by Mark Young, Senior Village Adviser



**70%**  
of Village  
Apartments at  
Richmond Witney  
now reserved

Since our launch back in May, we have already reserved 70% of the Village Apartments – I'm sure you would agree a remarkable achievement! Our Sales & Marketing Suite along the High Street (No. 58), Witney, has proved to be a real success. With free parking in Witney, prospective clients have been calling in to meet Nev and myself, as well as having the chance to look around Witney. May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and I look forward to welcoming you to Richmond Witney soon.

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## BUILDING WORK DEVELOPS NICELY



**The construction of the new Richmond Witney Retirement Village is continuing at a pace and progress to date remains on schedule for the anticipated completion in 2016.**

The Village Apartments are now well under way with the blockwork going up in record

time! In fact so well that the roof trusses on Abingdon are now erected and hopefully by the time you are reading this the roof will be tiled. We are hoping to have a show apartment ready to view early summertime with the first Village Apartment residents due to move in early Winter 2015.

Our contractors, BAM, started on site in July this year and have already completed the extensive ground works including the excavation of 6,200 m<sup>3</sup> of spoil which has been retained for use on site and a further 3,500m<sup>3</sup> of top soil which will also be re-used throughout the site, thus reducing the environmental impacts of landfill. A major part of the excavation was to facilitate the large void in the ground that will eventually be the swimming pool and Wellness Spa area and the concrete walls to this area are already nearing completion.

The partnership between BAM, Richmond Villages and the local Witney community is excellent and BAM are arranging site visits with some of the local schools so that the students can witness at first hand the day to day workings of a construction site.

# Village Suites – The ideal combination of independence and support



Our Village Suites provide more than just a new home – it means enjoying life in a safe, caring and socially active and supportive community. Sometimes referred to as ‘Assisted Living’ or ‘Extra Care’, all Village Suites come with an all-inclusive services package leaving you more time to do the things you enjoy! To find out more, we spoke to Richmond Villages Operations Director, Susie Oakley.



Village Suite at Richmond Letcombe Regis

## What is Richmond Villages’ philosophy around maintaining independence?

It is a philosophy of care and support services that promotes independence, dignity and well-being. It is now firmly established as an alternative to residential care, where people can retain much of their independence in a socially active community. By purchasing a Village Suite in a Richmond Retirement Village, it’s an ideal combination of having your own front door but with the reassurance that care and support is available on site 24 hours a day.

## So, are Village Suites all about promoting independence?

Absolutely! By providing supervision or assistance with activities of daily living, people who are finding it difficult to live independently at home, but do not need the 24 hour care provided by a care home, are able to enjoy prolonged independence in a safe, caring, socially active and supportive environment.

## Do people own the Suites?

We are still very much a nation of home owners and the majority of people do prefer to purchase the Suites, meaning they retain equity and reduce outgoings.

## What does the all-inclusive package provide?

The package is designed to take away the daily chores and allow people more quality time to enjoy the things that they prefer to do! This means that we prepare all meals, which can be taken either in the restaurant or brought to the Suite, a daily housekeeping service and all laundry. All utility costs are also included within the package.

## Is additional help and support available?

Where people require additional help and support, this is arranged by our own domiciliary care agency to meet the individual needs of that

person. The advantage with this is that our staff only look after people living at a Richmond Retirement Village meaning those receiving care in their Suite mostly get to see the same carers every day. Should care needs ever increase, then there is also the reassurance of our on-site Care Home providing 24 hour nursing and dementia care. However, one of the most important parts of life at Richmond Villages is social interaction with like-minded people. Our activity co-ordinators ensure there is a full diary of activities and events, plus having our own full time driver and fleet of vehicles means there are scheduled daily trips to local towns as well as social outings to places of interest.

## What kind of social activities can I expect?

We try and make sure there is something for everyone, so the activity team organise activities and events based on residents interests. This hopefully means there is a wide choice with everything from book clubs to bridge, or learning a new skill such as painting or learning to use a computer. We are also fortunate to have our very own Wellness Spa so residents can simply go for a swim or relax in the Jacuzzi, or take part in one of the many classes such as Tai Chi or aqua aerobics. The one thing I hear most from residents is that their social calendar is busier than ever since they moved here!

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**To find out more about the Village Suites please call Mark or Nev on 01993 768557**



# Taking care in later life

Wednesday 4th March  
2.30pm – 4pm & 7pm – 8.30pm

Witney Lakes Resort, Witney, Oxfordshire

You are invited to join us to find out more about care options in later life. The event will include two identical presentations from Oxfordshire Age UK, Carers Oxfordshire and Richmond Villages. The afternoon presentation starts at 2.30pm and ends at 4pm, and the evening presentation starts at 7pm and ends at 8.30pm. Topics covered will include:

- Entitlements and grants available
- Support and advice Age UK Oxfordshire and Carers Oxfordshire can provide
- How Assisted Living can help people retain their independence

*If you are looking for help and advice regarding elderly care for either yourself or a loved one, then this event is not to be missed.*

**BOOKING  
ESSENTIAL**

To book your place please call the Richmond Witney Village Advisers on **01993 768557** or email: **wendy.middleton@richmond-villages.com**



# Get Appy!



If you have an iPad, why not download Richmond Witney iPad App from the App store. The App will provide you with lots of information including animated flythroughs, floorplans, up to date availability, videos on the various types of accommodation and the local area, plus 360° images of apartments and facilities of current Richmond Villages. *Not currently available on other technology.*

# Meet the team

## Mark Young

Senior Village Adviser



This is now my 6th year working for Richmond Villages. I began working at our village in Letcombe Regis and was responsible for the off-plan sales

prior to the village opening in 2010. I have now moved across to Witney to launch the off-plan sales here and look forward to meeting all the new people who are going to choose to come and join us. I get a lot of job satisfaction from taking people from their initial enquiry and choosing their plot to moving into their new home. I have many years experience in the house buying and selling process and can offer invaluable advice to clients who have perhaps not moved house for 40 or even 50 years.

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## Nev Scott

Village Adviser



I joined Richmond Villages back in 2009 when the village at Letcombe Regis was under construction. It was great to see the Letcombe Regis

village literally grow out of the ground and turn into the community it is now and the new village at Witney is set to follow in the same way.

I enjoy being able to use the resources we have available to us in order to find the best retirement option for our residents. My aim is to help people at all levels of retirement find what they are looking for.

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## Wendy Middleton

Community Relations Manager



As Community Relations Manager I will be networking with Witney's businesses and professionals to act as the main point of contact for

the 'Witney Community'. This includes attending networking meetings such as Witney's Big Breakfast, the Buttercross Luncheon Clubs, participating in Witney Chamber of Commerce events and liaising with Community health professionals and GP surgeries.

So far every day has been different, from tweeting and blogging to organising charity events and helping out at Open Days.

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## Swapping shovels for cake tins

On the 26th September BAM held their own very own Macmillan coffee morning with the builders swapping shovels for cake tins and baking cakes for the event! The winning cake, which was a rainbow marshmallow cake, was made by machine driver Damien Trim. Over the last year BAM Midlands Construction sites staff and sub-contractors have raised an amazing £10,000 in total for Macmillan Cancer Support.

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