

Winter 2023

# Community Newsletter



## New hoarding announces Thrive Living to Tunbridge Wells

In September, we unveiled bespoke artwork on our site hoarding with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the former ABC Cinema site. The artwork now adorning the hoarding was created by primary school students from The Wells Free School, Temple Grove Academy, Bishops Down Primary School and St Barnabas Church of England School. Some of those involved came to officially open the new hoarding and cut the ceremonial ribbon (with safety scissors!), officially unveiling their amazing art to Tunbridge Wells town centre. We're so grateful for their involvement – read on to find out more about their input...

# Behind the scenes

We started our workshop classes by asking each school class “what makes the older people in your life extraordinary?”

The students involved then provided us with their answers, and drew colourful pictures of the extraordinary older people in their lives. Thrive Living is all about celebrating people in later life, so we thought the best way of challenging perceptions was by looking through the eyes of younger people, and they didn't let us down.



**"Grandma. She's really kind and supportive and I love her"**

St Barnabas CoE Primary School

**"David, because he always inspires me to do my best and never give up and he tells me I can be whatever I want to be"**

Temple Grove Academy

**"Grandad Don. He is so funny you just can't stop laughing"**

The Wells Free School

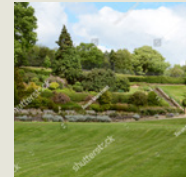
Each school was also given part of a wider collage to create a collaborative artistic skyline of Tunbridge Wells, which has now been placed on the hoarding situated directly opposite Tunbridge Wells Town Hall.

To celebrate all that Tunbridge Wells has to offer and encourage people to explore their local area – our hoarding signposts people to some of our favourite places in the town such as Calverley Grounds, The Chalybeate Spring and The Pantiles, all within a short walk of our town centre location.

# Love where you live

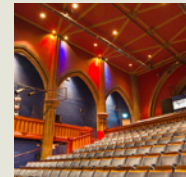
Check out our favourite places in Tunbridge Wells:

With a vibrant high street and a rich history and culture, we think Tunbridge Wells is the perfect place to live and to thrive. This is why we are so excited about developing our integrated retirement community here.



## Calverley Grounds

A historic park with beautiful walks, ornamental gardens and a playpark, perfect for family day trips.



## Trinity Theatre

A vibrant cultural hub, offering a varied seasonal programme of productions and films



## The Pantiles

With over 70 independent stores, the Pantiles offers the opportunity to find something unique, rarely found in other shopping hotspots

Check out [www.visittunbridgewells.com](http://www.visittunbridgewells.com) for more activities happening this Christmas.

## Christmas Time in Tunbridge Wells

It's that time of year again and we know Tunbridge Wells is a perfect place to celebrate the festive season! With a rich array of events to choose from, we wanted to share some of our favourite festive activities that are accessible to all generations.

### This Christmas, why not:



Test your balance with Ice Skating at Calverley Grounds?



Share your Christmas list at Santa's Grotto in Salomons Estate?



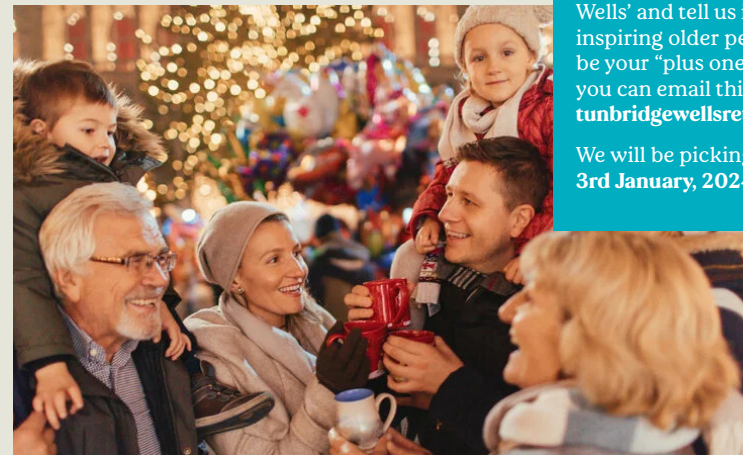
Watch a festive film at Trinity Theatre?

## Cinema Ticket giveaway

It's competition time! To celebrate those inspirational older people in our lives, we have paired up with Trinity Theatre to give away two free cinema tickets to five lucky winners!

To be in with a chance to win, visit our Facebook page 'Thrive Living in Tunbridge Wells' and tell us in the comments which inspiring older person you would invite to be your "plus one" and why! Alternatively, you can email this to us at [community@tunbridgewellsretirementvillage.co.uk](mailto:community@tunbridgewellsretirementvillage.co.uk).

We will be picking five lucky winners on **3rd January, 2024** – Good Luck!



# Construction update

We are nearing the end of the contractor procurement process and all is on track to have boots on the ground on our site next month. This translates to site cabins, hoarding adaptations and enabling works starting ahead of piling, and then breaking ground taking place beyond that.

In the interim, you may see construction vehicles come and go. We will continue to share construction updates as work progresses so watch this space.

## Temporary closure of the Public Right of Way

With works starting on site in the new year, the Public Right of Way ("PROW") that bisects the ABC cinema site and provides pedestrian access between Clanricarde Road and Mount Pleasant Road will be closing in January 2024.

Rest assured that signage will be provided to direct pedestrians to alternative routes during this closure period and a realigned public right of way will be opened once construction is completed. This new route will run through the central courtyard of the new community being developed here, offering an opportunity for residents and the wider community to come together in a shared environment.



Artist's impression of the new central landscaped courtyard

