

YOUR COMMUNITY: MEET HANNAH

We caught up with Hannah Glover, a Kingsgrove resident, to find out what she loves about living in Kingsgrove.

"The short answer is 'community'" says Hannah.

"In a time when everything had changed in the world, yet each day seemed monotonous and the same, getting the keys to our new home in November was a welcomed change and brought much needed excitement and hope for the future. And despite social contact being limited, I have seen a taste of what this community will eventually become as it grows. And it is one that I couldn't be happier to be a part of.

I have experienced this community spirit in so many ways, starting with my lovely neighbours. Offers to help move furniture, help with car issues,

advice on utility providers, to receiving flowers from a new neighbour which have all made it a great place to live.

To the school, GEMs Wantage Primary Academy, where my son attends foundation; a school that I cannot praise highly enough. The teachers and staff are wonderful, the lovely headteacher Leah, knowing each pupil and parent by name. The welcoming parents and the support and encouragement they provide whilst home schooling through lockdown.

I have also seen the community start to connect via social media on the facebook page 'Kingsgrove Residents Wantage' which you are all welcome to join and

encouraged to be an active part of. One of the ideas that has come out through this page is the starting of a 'neighbourhood watch' scheme. I also look forward to attending the new 'virtual cafés'. The highlight for me is being a member of Wantage Community Church who currently meet at GEMs albeit virtually currently, we do hope to be able to meet physically at some point soon."



YOUR COMMUNITY MEET PAUL



I am Paul Gander and together with my family (my wife Francesca and three children) will be working for Wantage Community Church, with a focus on Community development for Wantage and Kingsgrove. I started working part-time for Wantage Community Church

(WCC) in January. After Easter, along with restrictions easing I hope to meet more of you.

I have worked in the community for the last 18 years, first as a youth worker and more recently in my role at Kings Church where I led the community development work. I am currently vice chair of a Charity called Didcot Community Partnership, which I helped to create after the closure of Children's centres in the town a few years ago. As I start to work for WCC (and ideally live in Kingsgrove) our hope is that we will be able to work with everyone in order to help

create a wonderful and thriving community on Kingsgrove.

We are familiar with Wantage already as our eldest son attends Fitzwaryn (Special School for children with additional needs) and have not lived that far away having lived in Didcot for the last 18 years. When I am not working or with the family, I enjoy most sports but particularly enjoy football and cricket. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Paul Gander

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YOUR MANAGING AGENT

MEET PREIM

We are pleased to announce that the Kingsgrove Estate Management Company now has an Estate Management Partner: Preim.

Many of the communal amenities at Kingsgrove will not be adopted by the Local Authority or the County Council so they must be privately stewarded. These amenities will be managed by the Kingsgrove Estate Management Company (KEMC).

An Estate Management Partner, Preim, has been appointed by the KEMC to deliver all aspects of the estate management service.

Preim is dedicated to using their expertise and experience in estate management to maintaining the communal amenities to a high standard and bringing communities together, which

makes them the perfect fit for our vision for Kingsgrove.

Andrew from Preim, said: "We are looking forward working with the Kingsgrove Estate Management Company to help create a community spirit that stands the test of time.

Whether that's through placemaking, place-keeping (such as maintenance of green space and community amenities) or general administration and support; we want to ensure that Kingsgrove continues to thrive long after the building works have been completed."



Preim will be in touch with all residents shortly, but you can get in touch using the below details:

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YOUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Over lockdown, Sophie Milton, your Community Development Officer at the Vale of White Horse District Council, has been working hard to make sure that you have the best chance possible to get involved in your community, despite not being able to meet face-to-face.

This has resulted in the creation of a Kingsgrove Virtual Café, an online forum in which you can meet and get to know your neighbours in a Covid-safe manner.

The café is open to everyone, whether you want to facilitate a discussion or take part in the conversation, chat about the weather or just listen in, the Kingsgrove Community Café is an opportunity for you to meet and

connect with your neighbours.

Upcoming Café dates are as follows:

Wednesday 7th April 1-2PM
Wednesday 21st April 1-2PM

For any questions, including further upcoming dates for the café, contact Sophie on kingsgrovecommunity@southandvale.gov.uk

Kingsgrove Virtual Café

An opportunity to connect with your neighbours



- Facilitated discussions and guest speakers
- Join and leave at any time
- Take part in the conversation or just join us to listen
- The space is open to everyone

The virtual café will be held on Microsoft Teams. You can access the link to the online café via the Facebook page '[Kingsgrove Virtual Café](#)', or we can send you a link by email.

UPCOMING CAFE DATES

Wednesday 7th April
Wednesday 21st April

If you have any questions please contact Sophie, the Community Development Officer, who will be hosting the cafe, at kingsgrovecommunity@southandvale.gov.uk