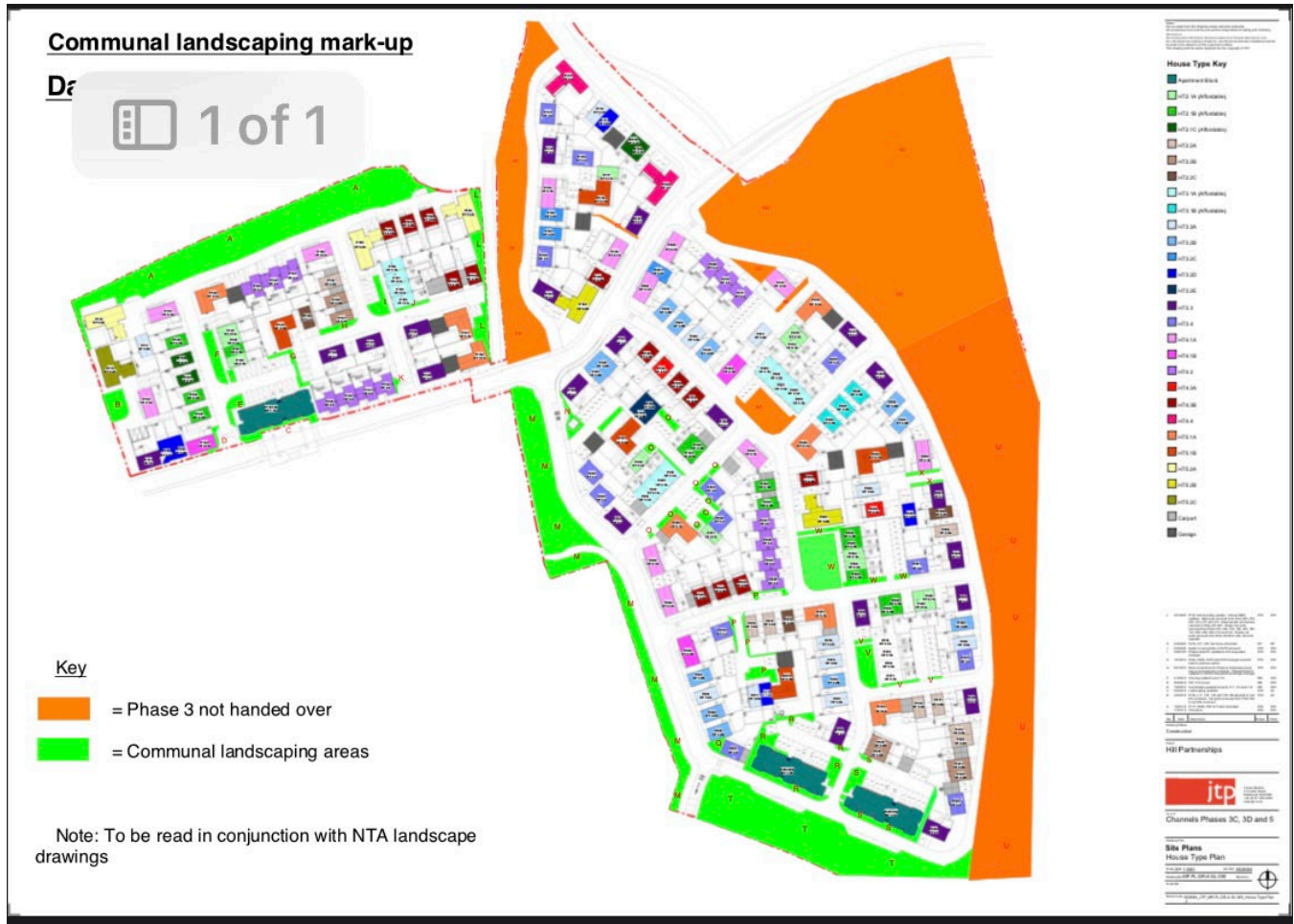


Dear Resident,

**1 Estate News**

**Landscaping on Home group parcel**

The Channels team is now working on the green areas shown below in the Home Group parcel, paid by Home Group (the CIC is not yet involved).



Home Group have agreed not to charge their residents for this local area maintenance this year in recognition of all the problems. They have already charged everyone however, and they say that they intend to credit everyone for this year's charges when they do their annual accounts at the end of the year.

We (the CIC) are in talks to take over the Home Group open space once their development is complete (later this financial year) and will report back on that later.



**Landscaping on Marden parcel**

Marden are in talks with the Channels Estate team (not presently through the CIC) to manage their local space areas, after the Council have taken enforcement action against Marden.

We expect that the Estate team will be managing this space for Marden, at no cost to residents, shortly, and the remit is to bring these areas fully up to the required standard.

The intention is that the CIC will take over the Marden Open Space land when the development is complete.

**Landscaping on Croudace parcel**

The CIC now manages this space and this work is going well.

**Landscaping on Bellway parcel**

This space is managed by Remus on behalf of the Bellway residents. The Channels Estate team do the actual work.

**Vegetable Garden – a message from the Veg Garden team**

This was approved as part of the CIC Growth Points funding, and topped up with grant funding from Chelmsford City Council Greener Grant, Morrisons Essex Regiment Way, EALC microgrant and Active Chelmsford – many thanks to all of those for their support which we really appreciate.

This has enabled us to substantially expand the Veg Garden with a further 20 plots.

If you would like to apply for a plot and have not already done so please email [veggarden@channelscic.co.uk](mailto:veggarden@channelscic.co.uk)

The expansion is almost complete and people can start work on their plots very soon.

*We are organizing a dig day on November 19th, and we would be absolutely delighted if you could join us. This is a fantastic opportunity to get your hands dirty and contribute to the growth of our thriving community.*

*Speaking of community, we are proud to have a dedicated plot in our veg garden that is open to all residents. If you were fortunate enough to have received some delicious veggies from this plot, we sincerely hope you enjoyed them. Now, we invite you to become an integral part of the team that nurtures and maintains this special plot. By joining us, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the well-being of our community and witness firsthand the incredible power of collaboration.*

*We cannot express enough gratitude for the incredible support we receive from our CIC directors and volunteers. Their unwavering commitment and enthusiasm have allowed us to bring such a fantastic project to life. Together we are transforming our community into a vibrant and sustainable haven.*

*If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please reach out to our dedicated Project Lead, Carroll Crumpen, at [veggarden@channelscic.co.uk](mailto:veggarden@channelscic.co.uk). Carroll will be more than happy to provide you with further information and guide you through this exciting journey.*

*Join us as we embark on this thrilling adventure of growth, community, and the joy of gardening.*

*Together, we can create something truly remarkable!*

*Warm regards,*

*Channels Community Veg Garden*



**Skate Park and Play Area, and the Car Park**

After some vandalism and anti-social behaviour, we have introduced CCTV (with APNR) and Parking restrictions. This will be monitored by the Council's CCTV team and the directors in the event of any bad behaviour. We will see how this goes.

**Parking Restrictions (a copy of the signs in the car park is attached to this newsletter)**

Parking is permitted from 9am to 8pm for people using the park and visitors.

The choice of timing was to try and prevent contractor sparking there all day and using up the spaces (they should not be parking there anyway) and also to shut the parking before the anti-social drivers have been coming in and making life a misery for local residents.

This does seem to be making a difference and we will continue to monitor things.

**Dogs**

There have been some problems with dogs on the estate, particularly when off the lead and not properly controlled.

Please could everyone walk their dog responsibly and when at or near the playground or skate park please keep your dog on a lead.

We are reviewing whether to use the remaining growth points funding to provide a dedicated fenced dog safe area where dogs can be safely allowed to play off the lead and will report back on this soon.

**2 Newsletters distribution**

It costs approximately £1,000 to print and circulate a printed newsletter so we have decided to limit the number of written newsletters that are delivered. This one is coming to you by email.

If you know anyone who has not registered their email address with us please get them to email me at [residents@channelscic.co.uk](mailto:residents@channelscic.co.uk) and I can add them to the list.

**3 Community Interest Company**

Please do become a member of the company - please email [residents@channelscic.co.uk](mailto:residents@channelscic.co.uk) giving your full name and address saying you want to join and we will arrange it.

Everyone is welcome at meetings and can have their say.

**4 CIC Directors**

**We have directors from each parcel**

**The following are the CIC directors**

Bellway Parcel	Christopher Millwood; Carroll Crumpen; Kwex Nw; Andrew Wright
Croudace Parcel	Carol Farr; Sandrah Arnold; Simon Shaw
Home Group Parcel	Cris Simpson; Christopher Reilly
Marden Parcel	Megan Pickard

As ever – please let us have any questions at [residents@channelscic.co.uk](mailto:residents@channelscic.co.uk)

With best wishes Hugo Kirby, Olly Buck and Olly Stubbings



# **PRIVATE LAND**

**Protected by CCTV**

**anti-social behaviour and vandalism will be prosecuted  
monitored 24x7 by Chelmsford City Council**

**Parking permitted  
9am to 8pm**

**Parking outside those times is not permitted**

**Parking offenders will be fined £80 and  
may be clamped (removal fee £200)**

**The Channels Estate**

This is private land owned and managed by the

**Channels Community Stewardship**

**Community Interest Company**

Owned and funded by the Residents

**Please respect your environment**

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