



THE WILLOWS

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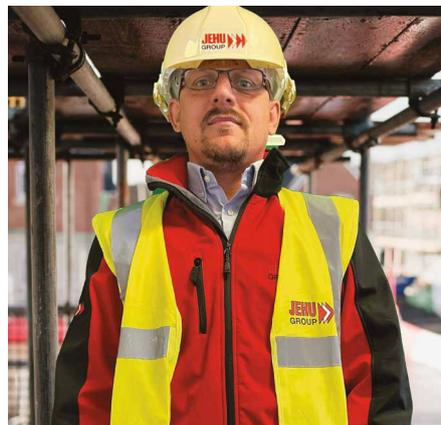


CGI of the new homes at The Willows

WELCOME TO THE SITE NEWSLETTER

Hello and welcome to the second issue of our construction newsletter about Curo's The Willows development scheme at Corbet Close, Lawrence Weston. Since the last issue of our newsletter we've made some changes to our site team and we thought this would be the perfect opportunity to introduce you to some of our new members.

I am Tomasz Magiera, the new Project Manager at The Willows, and I will be based on site every day. If you have any questions, queries or concerns about the construction works please let me know – you can find me in the top cabins just at the entrance of Holly House.



Tomasz Magiera, Project Manager

Please check out our community notice board which you will find at the entrance of our site office situated just off Corbet Close. The notice board will provide you with all the latest news on the development and you can also follow us on:

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EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Housebuilding at The Willows brings opportunities for local people

A Lawrence Weston resident is among the newest members of Jehu's site team at Curo's The Willows housing development.

James Beck joined the site team two months ago as labourer and construction traffic marshal for the project. The 34-year-old father-of-three and his family have lived in Lawrence Weston all their lives and their current home is just across the road from the new development site.

James says: "I've always been interested in construction and I started working on sites right after I finished school. I really enjoy this line of work and look forward to learning new skills in my current role."

"It's great to be able to work so close to my home. I saw the job advertised and I thought it can't get any better, it's straight across the road from where I live - the shortest commute!"

James believes that employing local people to work in their communities is a win-win situation for everyone. He says: "When you have a busy construction site there can sometimes be some difficulties with things like deliveries of materials. Having a friendly face on site, someone local people recognise and can approach with any comments or suggestions is great because whatever it is, if they tell us, we will do our best to sort it."

James' current goals include gaining some further construction qualifications. He says: "The teams here at Jehu and Curo are very supportive. In the long term, I would like to become a site manager myself and I know that with this job there are opportunities, training and support for this."

James was offered a permanent role with contractor Jehu and will continue to work alongside the team after construction at The Willows is completed.



WHAT IS SHARED OWNERSHIP?

Curo is delivering 57 new affordable homes at The Willows; 19 of these will be available to buy via the low-cost homeownership scheme, Shared Ownership.

But what is Shared Ownership?

This part rent/part buy scheme means you can buy a share in a property and pay a reduced rent to Curo on the share of the home that you don't own.

Shared Ownership gives you all the security and benefits of homeownership. You can stay in your home for as long as you want, and you can decorate it to suit your taste.

Shared Ownership does not mean sharing your home with a stranger, but you can buy jointly with a friend, partner or sibling.

Because you're buying a share in the property (usually around 40%-50%), you will need a smaller deposit and mortgage

than if you were purchasing the same property on the open market.

You can also buy more shares in your home as and when you can afford it. This is called 'staircasing'. Every time you buy more shares in the property, your rent will reduce. When you reach 100% ownership, you will no longer pay rent to Curo.

Our Shared Ownership homes at The Willows will be 2- and 3-bedroom houses and 1- and 2-bedroom maisonettes.

Find out more about Shared Ownership, if you're eligible, and how to apply on Curo's sales website www.curo-sales.co.uk/shared-ownership or by calling 0345 140 5050.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

We began working on site in March, this is what we've done so far:

- We installed hoarding around both the Rockwell care home and Long Cross Inn sites.
- We started the foundation work on the Long Cross Inn site.
- We have now completed the piling to support the foundations on the Long Cross Inn site and we aim to complete the piling to the Rockwell care home site in October.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We have a number of activities planned for the following 3 to 4 months on site:

- Drainage works
- Sub-structure below the floors of the houses
- Scaffolding will be installed at the Long Cross Inn site during November, at this stage the footpath will be closed temporarily. We will write to local residents and Oasis Bank Lease Academy once we receive further details of the works from the Council.
- Erecting the timber frame for the apartments which will be built on the Long Cross Inn site

STREET NAMING COMPETITION

Help us name the new street at The Willows

Curo is inviting local residents to suggest names for a new street at The Willows. The street will create access to the homes being delivered on the site of the former Rockwell care home. Residents in Lawrence Weston are encouraged to send their ideas, together with a brief explanation of the story behind their suggestions, as well as their name and contact details by Sunday 17 October:

- **By email to:** communications@curo-group.co.uk (subject line: Name the street)
- **By post to:** Curo – Communications Team, The Maltings, River Place, Lower Bristol Road, Bath BA2 1EP

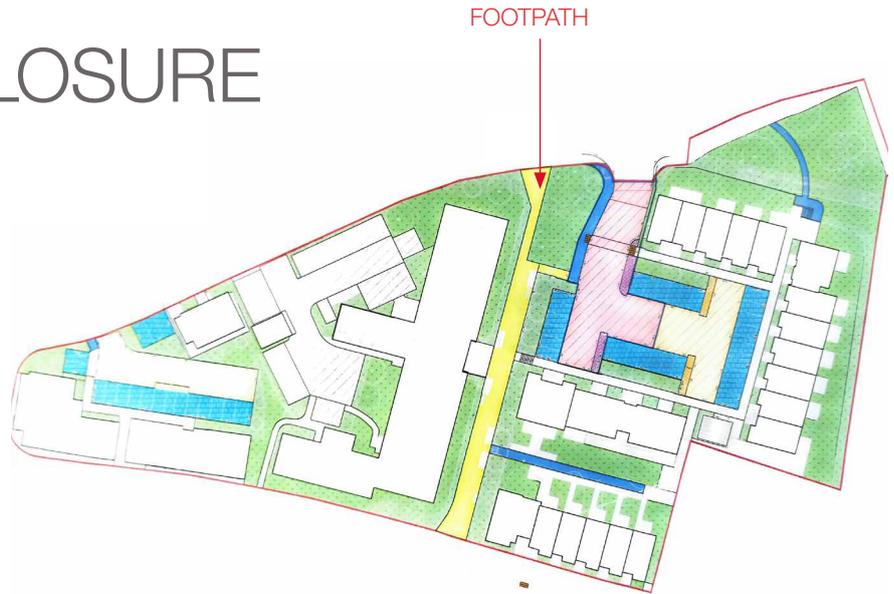
'The Willows' name was suggested by Lawrence Weston resident Rhiannon Beail, following a competition launched by Curo in 2019. The name celebrates the area's close connection to nature and the development's proximity to the Lawrence Weston Moor local nature reserve, home to many willow trees.

Once the ideas have been received, Curo will submit a shortlist of suggestions to Bristol City Council for consideration. The Council will make a final decision and we will announce the chosen name in our next newsletter.

TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE

From November, we will be carrying out works to create drainage connections for the new homes at The Willows. To enable us to do this safely, the footpath adjacent to Holly House will be temporarily closed.

We're hoping to complete this work by December and we will make every effort to minimise disruption. We apologise in advance for the inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.



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