

INTRODUCTION

WELCOME to the seventh edition of Stamford Brook News. Stamford Brook is a sustainable and energy efficient new homes venture by Redrow Homes and Bryant Homes, in partnership with the National Trust.

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COUNTESS'S GREEN SILK BEDROOM TO RE-OPEN AT DUNHAM MASSEY



THE Green Silk Bedroom at Dunham Massey has spent the last two years being completely restored. It was on show to visitors from Summer 2005 to illustrate the National Trust's conservation and restoration work in progress. It will be re-opened for the start

of the 2007 season by Fiona Reynolds, Director General of the National Trust, on 14 March.

The bedroom's most colourful owner was the second wife of the 7th Earl of Stamford – formerly Catherine Cocks – an



'Equestrienne' or circus bareback rider, whom the Earl married in 1855, much to the chagrin of his family and the local Cheshire community.

The new Countess received such a cold reception when the Earl brought his new bride back to Dunham Massey that the couple eventually moved to the Earl's Enville Estate in Staffordshire – one of several estates owned by him – and never returned. Luckily, we have several etchings of the Countess, which will be on display in her bedroom.

The delicate gold/yellow wallpaper in the Green Silk Bedroom has been reproduced from the original blocks by Cole's Wallpaper Company, and is currently being re-hung. The carpet, green silk curtains and hangings, and the Countess's bed, together with many items of high Victoriana, will then be put back on display.

Archive photographs taken in 1883 show the interiors of various rooms in Dunham Massey,

including the Green Silk Bedroom. The photos have been used as a guide in the restoration of the room, which is being shown as an amalgamation of the original bedroom and the Countess's Sitting Room.

Also on show at Dunham Massey this season will be the restored Dunham State Bed in the Queen Anne Room. The bed, which dates from 1685, together with its hangings, has been undergoing restoration for the last 5 years. The final phase will be to reinstate the bed curtains, bedhead and back-cloth when they return from conservation in March. Luckily, when cleaning out Dunham's Clock Tower some time ago, several old wooden posts were found with examples of yellow silk from the bed wrapped around them. Although in a perilous condition, these have now been carefully restored.

Dunham Massey opens for the new season on 17 March.

ON THE HOMES FRONT...

A new milestone at Stamford Brook has been hit, with over 200 plots now occupied, as well as almost finishing the first phase of the development.

Paul Brickles says: "We're all feeling really happy at the moment with what we've managed to achieve at Stamford Brook so far. Now that plenty of people have moved in, you can see the community spirit developing, making Stamford Brook such a great place to live. It's going to

be exciting to see what we can accomplish next."

Redrow and Bryant have just completed the first phase and are now planning the next stages of the four phase development.



CARBON TRUST INNOVATION AWARDS

TURN on the news or pick up a newspaper – you can't miss stories about climate change and the work that's going on to achieve low carbon living. Stamford Brook is already demonstrating that it's possible to reduce carbon emissions without compromising standard of living. In recognition of the achievements to date, Stamford Brook has reached the second stage of the "Technological Innovation – Academic institutions/Research & Development" category of the 3rd Carbon Trust/Daily Telegraph Innovation Awards.

The award submission is based on the research project being undertaken by Leeds Metropolitan University, supported by the Department of Communities and Local Government, in partnership with the National Trust and the house builders.



STAMFORD BROOK HELPS POLICE UNIT GET ON THE ROAD

REDROW and Bryant have contributed to another good cause, this time by helping the local community police. Each builder has donated £5,000 toward a new mobile police station for Altrincham.

The vehicle will take the police out and about into the local community, giving residents easy access to the force's services. Inside the vehicle will be everything police officers need to function, and a team will be based permanently in

the mobile unit. It will then travel around the local area to trouble spots and places it is needed, making the police more visible to locals. Alongside community policing, the new unit will also be used as an education tool in local schools – introducing children to the police in a positive way.

The mobile police unit is due to be operational in May this year – look out for more information in the next newsletter!

RIVER RESTORATION CONTINUES

OVER the last 3 years, approximately 1.3km of Sinderland Brook has been restored to its original meandering path, reducing flood risk and also improving the river corridor for recreational use and wildlife. The National Trust will be extending this restoration work through the proposed community woodland to the west of the site later in the

Spring, thanks to a grant from the Environment Agency. A further 0.4km of the existing canalised brook will be restored, making the restoration scheme one of the largest of its kind in the country.

For further information on the river restoration scheme, contact Catherine Prasad at the National Trust on 0161 928 0075.



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