

Trees & flowers

Information for Kingsbrook residents



As part of our work to help give nature a home at Kingsbrook, we are planting a wide range of trees, shrubs and flowers, including lots of fruit trees.

They have been chosen to give you shelter, shade, beautiful flowers and fruit to pick for free! Plus they are also great for wildlife.

This leaflet explains what is being planted, what you can expect to see and how you can help.

Retaining the past

We are saving all the old hedgerows and trees that were here in the first place; they will help give Kingsbrook much of its character.

Avenue trees

We are planting trees along most of the main streets through Kingsbrook, to create beautiful avenues. All the types of tree are suitable for growing near housing, and are native or cultivars of native trees, perfect for our climate and for wildlife.

Hedges

We are planting many more hedges than is usual for a housing development. We are using native shrubs, and it will help give you screening. Hedges have even been shown to soak up emissions from vehicles. We put plastic protectors around them for the first couple of years to

protect them from rabbits.

Black poplars

The black poplar is one of Britain's rarest trees, but is a particular feature of Aylesbury Vale. We thought it very appropriate to plant some around Kingsbrook, and more will be planted in the future.

Fruit trees

We are planting fruit trees in gardens at an average of about one tree per four houses. We hope you enjoy the harvest! Whatever is left will hopefully provide food for blackbirds and thrushes.

Orchards

On the opposite side of the Stocklake Link Road, we've planted the first of Kingsbrook's orchards, with apples, pears and cherries. In due course, we will add paths and seats. You are welcome to pick the fruit from here, and it should look very photogenic (great for Instagram!) when the blossom is out in spring.

Wildflowers

Many of the open areas are being sown with wildflower seeds. This will be just like Britain's old hay meadows, almost all of which have been lost. These areas will be great for butterflies.

To create these meadows, all the weeds will be cleared off first, so don't worry if you see bare areas to start with .

We will put up signs to explain what is happening when such work takes place.

Grass verges

Larger verges away from houses are being sown with wildflower grass mixes; those closer to houses will have lawns that contain attractive low-growing flowers but will still be mown to look short and neat.



How you can help

If you have a fruit tree in your garden, it shouldn't need much work at all. We have chosen trees that are suited to small gardens, and will give you shade and year-round interest.

Every few years, you might like to prune it a little. Do so, between about November and February, aiming to create a goblet shape of branches. This allows air to circulate, keeping the tree healthy.

Across Britain, all sorts of wildlife is in serious decline, from hedgehogs to house sparrows.

At Kingsbrook, Barratt Homes and David Wilson Homes are working with the RSPB and Aylesbury Vale District Council to set a new standard, creating a rich environment where wildlife can thrive, and which helps improve your quality of life as well.

Further information

If you have any further questions about planting schemes at Kingsbrook, please speak to the sales team in the Show Home offices. If they cannot answer your query, they will find out the answer for you!

For all information about Kingsbrook, go to www.kingsbrook-aylesbury.co.uk