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A Message from Lockley Homes Co-Founders, Tom and Karl Lockley

Welcome to the latest edition of Lockley Life! We're focusing this time on the idyllic Cotswolds; we've selected our favourite countryside strolls around the region's most awe-inspiring landscapes, and our latest 'What's On' guide is brimming with Cotswolds-based events and activities for the autumn.

We've also caught up with our buyers Andre and Kim, who found their dream Cotswolds home at our Old Manor Farm development in Alstone, while for those of you embarking on the exciting journey of settling into a new home, don't miss our expert tips on the latest trends in interior decorating from Kitch & Co.

Whether you are a first-time reader or a devoted one, we hope that this edition of Lockley Life will be enjoyable and inspiring.

Tom and Karl Lockley



The best places for a countryside stroll in The Cotswolds



Nottingham Hill Walk

Nottingham Hill in Gloucestershire offers a peaceful walk with gentle slopes, perfect for all levels. The trail winds through fields and woodlands, leading to stunning views of the Malvern Hills and surrounding countryside. It's an ideal spot for a relaxing stroll, with the option to extend the walk to Cleeve Hill or Gotherington.

Distance: 1.5 miles

Time: Allow 1 hour

Parking: Cleeve Hill car park, GL52 8LR. The public car park lies through a gate beyond the Cleeve Hill Golf Club, Club House.

Refreshments: The Rising Sun, perched on the top of Cleeve Hill.

Miserden Circular Walk

This charming short walk is delightful year-round, with the picturesque village of Miserden offering stunning views of the lake and ample swimming spots for dogs. It's especially beautiful in spring when the forest floor is blanketed with wild garlic. Like many Cotswold trails, it can get quite muddy in cooler months, so be sure to wear appropriate footwear!

Distance: 2.5 miles

Time: Allow 1.5 hours

Parking: Free parking next to The Gardens at Miserden GL6 7JA.

Refreshments: The Carpenters Arms in Miserden or the cafe at the gardens.



Coln St Aldwyns & Bibury Walk

This is a lovely walk for when the ground is dry, although it can get very muddy in wet weather. It visits the two lovely villages of Coln St Aldwyns and Bibury, taking farm tracks in one direction before following along the river all the way back to Coln St Aldwyns.

Distance: 6 miles

Time: Allow 3 hours

Parking: Free on road parking in Coln St Aldwyns GL7 5AN.

Refreshments: The New Inn is a fantastic dog friendly pub, great for a well-earned post-walk pint.

Broadway Tower and Fish Hill Circular Walk

Broadway Tower is one of the most scenic spots in the Cotswolds. This circular walk starts at the free Fish Hill car park, offering an alternative to the paid parking at Broadway Tower. We suggest taking the route clockwise, beginning with a downhill walk through fields into Broadway, where you can explore Broadway High Street and grab a coffee before heading back uphill to the tower. If you plan your walk for late in the day, you'll have fewer people at the tower and can take in the stunning golden hour views across the region.

Distance: 5.2 miles

Time: Allow 3 hours

Parking: Free at the Fish Hill car park.

Refreshments: Cafe at Broadway Tower or plenty of options in Broadway High Street (our favourite is Number 32 Broadway).



Naunton and the Slaughters Walk

Experience winding paths through charming villages, rolling hills, and scenic riverbanks. Starting in the peaceful village of Naunton, this circular walk takes you through Lower and Upper Slaughter, two of the most picturesque villages in England, known for their honey-coloured stone cottages. With stunning views, historic churches, and tranquil countryside, this walk perfectly captures the timeless beauty of the Cotswolds.

Distance: 9 miles

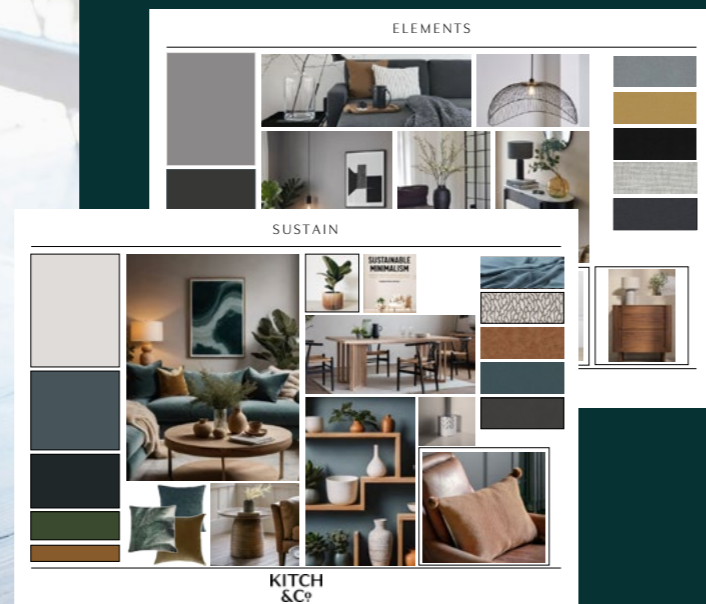
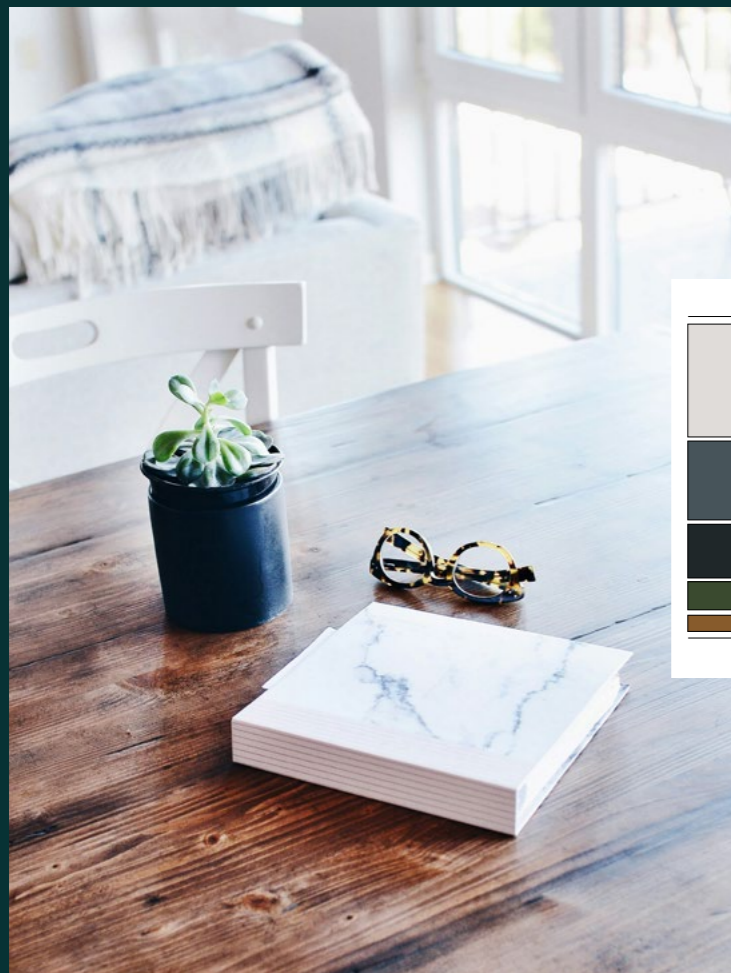
Time: Allow 3.5 hours

Parking: Free on road parking in Naunton GL54 3AD.

Refreshments: The Black Horse at Naunton, but also a couple of options in Lower Slaughter too.

Expert interior tips for decorating your new home, with Kitch & Co.

When it comes to decorating a newly-built home from scratch, even our much-visited Pinterest board can't always offer a solution on where to start. We've teamed up with Kitch & Co interior designer Dawn Kitchener to provide her expert advice for dressing your blank space – from concept through to completion.



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Begin your research, file the items you love, and keep a record of where you can purchase them, alongside their price. Collect images and samples to create a mood board and start to see where colours, materials and ideas complement each other.

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Start with neutral colours and add layers of colour and texture. This will help elevate and add dimension to your home. Balance playful colours with sophistication and keep it simple. Think about which colours make you feel good and what feels the most inviting to you in your home. Top tip: Take your time before deciding to paint the walls. It's a much bigger effort to change a wall colour if you don't love it than waiting a little while to ensure you understand the tones and lighting in each room.

05

Lighting is essential and should be chosen entirely based on your needs. Start with ceiling lights, consider the type of bulbs you prefer (cool white or warm white), and decide if you want bright or soft lighting or both. Place table lamps and floor lamps strategically to create the desired ambience.

Also, consider the functionality of the space, whether it's a workspace, dining area, or kitchen. Offices generally need much brighter lighting, while the lighting in kitchens and living spaces depends on the flow of your home and the atmosphere you want to create.

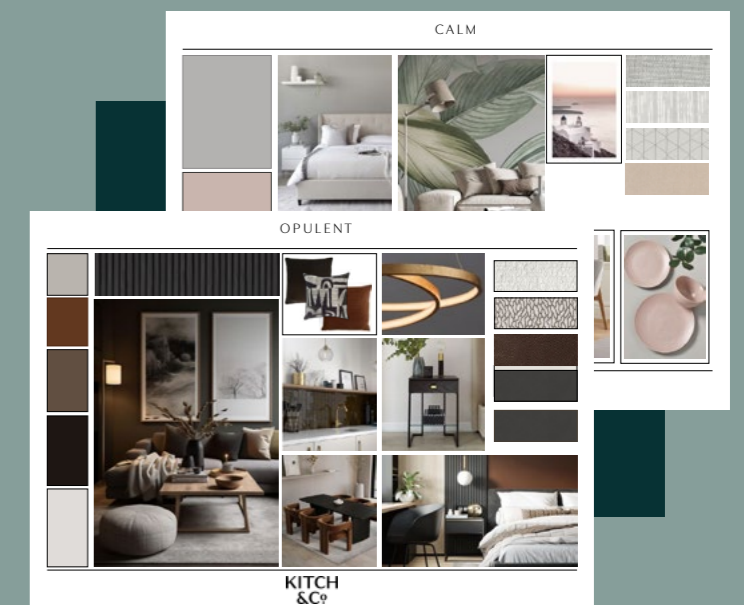
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When designing your living space, carefully think about how you want it to function and flow. Consider your daily activities, how often you'll have guests, and whether you need extra space for entertaining. A top tip is to measure everything before making any purchases! It's important to make sure that the furniture you choose fits and complements the area you're decorating. This can save a lot of time in the long run and ensures that your purchases will fit perfectly in the space.

04

Select a style and colour scheme and carry it throughout your home for consistency. I'm a big believer in choosing the colours that you love and adapting the shades and tones to suit the space. Consider using shades with different undertones for different rooms in the house. For north-facing rooms, opt for light shades with warm undertones (yellow, green, brown, pink, red) to brighten the space by reflecting light. For south-facing rooms, use off-white, neutral, and grey colours with crisp blue, green, and violet undertones for balance.



Hear from Our Residents

Meet Andre and Kim –

Andre, 66, and Kim Compion, 68, were in search of a forever home that would perfectly suit their needs. Before moving into their three-bedroom detached house at Old Manor Farm in Alstone in the heart of the Cotswolds, Andre and Kim had met with Tom and Karl Lockley to design and customise their home before construction began – to ensure a bespoke property perfectly suited to their needs.



How was your experience in buying a home off-plan?

Andre praises Lockley Homes' smooth, hands-on and bespoke building approach to achieve their dream home: "Buying before construction began allowed us to customise the kitchen, flooring, carpets, and bathroom tiles with the help of the Lockley Homes team. They even arranged for us to visit their kitchen supplier, to collaborate on the design and ensure it met our requirements. We opted to remove one upstairs bathroom to create larger bedrooms, leaving us with an en-suite bathroom to the principal bedroom suite and two bedrooms sharing a spacious guest bathroom."

How did you hear about Old Manor Farm?

The Compion's discovered Lockley Homes' Old Manor Farm development during their weekly food shop in the local supermarket. "We always pick up the free magazines - we came across an ad for Old Manor Farm and stopped by to take a look on our route home."

What do you love most about living in the countryside?

Andre and Kim had always treasured living in the countryside, a lifestyle they couldn't imagine giving up. They both regularly explore the local area and are happy to live closer to their friends and family near Banbury. Andre tells us: "We are very active, so Kim and I are always going on walks in the Cotswolds, we even go exploring further afield around the UK twice a week! It's great to come back home after an adventure to our very own sanctuary in the hills."



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Getting Involved with Our Community

We're active members of the communities in which we deliver new homes. Take a look at what we've been up to...

Pupils from Hindlip C of E First School's Red Class enjoyed a special day out on 9th July when Lockley Homes invited them to visit Britannia Gardens and see the diggers in action. The children were provided with their own high-visibility jackets and hard hats for their trip to the development, located right next door to their school in Fernhill Heath.

Accompanied by their teachers and Executive Headteacher Mr Gromski, the children watched the Lockley Homes construction team drive and operate the two diggers, as they start work on the paving and landscaping to the front of the six new homes being built. The pupils asked lots of questions and found out more about the process for building houses.

After the visit, the Lockley Homes team accompanied Red Class back to the school where each pupil was presented with a certificate and some digger pictures for colouring in. Lockley also presented the class teacher Mrs Mirza with a £200 voucher for Hobbycraft, for further art supplies for the school.





What's On This Autumn: Mark your calendars!

October

Piston Distillery Cheltenham Gin School

Renowned for its precision-crafted spirits, Piston Distillery is inviting gin enthusiasts to head back to class for an immersive experience: The Piston Gin School. Guests can immerse themselves into the artisan world of craft distillation, then develop and make their very own bottle of gin. Nestled in the heart of Cheltenham, the three-hour session is perfect for couples and groups who will have over 75 premium ingredients to trial to create their unique tippie to takeaway.

Saturday: 15:00 - 18:00
**5th Oct 2024, 19th Oct 2024,
9th Nov 2024, 23rd Nov 2024**
Unit 2, Bamfurlong industrial park,
Staverton, GL51 6SX

Pumpkin Patch

Walk the field with your wheelbarrow and pick your own pumpkins! Perfect for families, friends, or even a first date, there's something truly memorable about picking your own pumpkin. You can even bring the dog! Whether you're searching for the perfect pumpkin, capturing picturesque moments, or just looking for a fun-filled day, there's something delightful for everyone.

1st-31st Oct
Open weekends: 10:00 - 17:00
Weekday afternoons: 15:00 - 18:00
**The Great Worcester Maize Maze,
Worcester, WR2 4QZ**

Spooktacular events at The Great Worcester Maize Maze

Grab your torches and prepare for a spine-chilling adventure through their three haunted mazes! Illuminate the eerie paths with head torches, lamps, phone lights as you navigate the shadows. Conquer the spooky challenges, solve the mysteries, and enter their thrilling prize draw.

1st-31st Oct
Daily: 18:30 - 22:00
**The Great Worcester Maize Maze,
Worcester, WR2 4QZ**

September

Summer Sundown Festival

Get ready for the biggest country music festival coming to The Cotswolds! You can look forward to delicious food and a variety of family-friendly activities. Enjoy incredible tribute performances from the best of the South including Luke Combs, Morgan Wallen, and Shania Twain, as well as talented local artists like Klaara and Fraser Leford. The weekend will feature first-class acts on the main stage, interactive line dancing, and classic attractions such as a rodeo bull and a coconut shy.

Friday 20th Sept: 16:00 - 21:00
Saturday 21st Sept: 09:30 - 21:00
Sunday 22nd Sept: 09:30 - 16:30
**Cotswold Farm Park,
Guiting Power,
Cheltenham GL54 5FL**

Lamb Feeding Experience

Immerse yourself in an unforgettable experience at Cotswold Farm Park with their annual event in the Animal Barn. The hands-on activity runs daily at 11:30 & 15:30 where visitors can feed bottles of milk to the growing lambs.

Daily: 11:30 - 15:30
Open until 29th Sept 2024
**Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power,
Cheltenham, GL54 5FL**



Dog Walking Sundays

Join the locals on the first Sunday of the month at 8.30am for a 1 hour guided walk with your furry friend in the Cotswold countryside. The walk costs £2 to join which includes a free drink from the on-site coffee bar. Simply arrive at the Farm Park, park the car, check in at the coffee bar, meet the leader and head off on a walk.

Sundays: 08:30 - 09:30
6th Oct 2024, 3rd Nov 2024, 1st Dec 2024
**Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power,
Cheltenham, GL54 5FL**



November

Orchard St Food & Craft Market

Located at the stunning Gloucester Docks, the market offers a great mix of delicious, locally sourced food and drink, artisan arts and crafts, jewellery, homeware, plants and seasonal goods, plus amazing street food and bars.

2nd-3rd Nov
Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 onwards
**Gloucester Docks, Gloucester,
Gloucestershire, GL1 5SH**



Cheltenham Christmas Gift Market

Experience a festive shopping extravaganza at the Cheltenham Christmas Gift Market, organized by Cotswold Markets.

The first event, the Christmas Gift Market, will take place from the 21st - 24th of November, offering a wide variety of retail gifts such as homewares and gourmet food & drink, all presented in delightful Christmas chalets. Following this, the traditional Arts & Crafts Christmas Market will run from the 12th - 22nd of December, featuring the work of local artisans, including handmade crafts like pottery, original art, glassware, and jewellery.

21st-24th Nov
Thurs - Fri: 10:00 - 19:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 20:00
Sunday: 10:00 - 16:30
Cheltenham Town Centre

The Cheltenham Ice Rink

The perfect Christmas activity for all the family. Each session lasts an hour, and the real ice rink is indoors meaning that you don't need to worry about wet weather spoiling your festive day out.

From Friday 29th Nov
**Imperial Gardens, Imperial Square,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 1QA**



News Updates

Live a Lockley Lifestyle: Our homes

This month marks the highly anticipated launch of Britannia Gardens, the newest development by Lockley Homes in Fernhill Heath, Worcestershire.

Britannia Gardens features six magnificent family homes and bungalows, each offering a luxury specification, individually designed layouts, and impressive energy efficiency credentials. Prices start from £565,000.



Location

Situated in Fernhill Heath, this small development consists of a range of property types, with purchasers having a choice of two 2 bedroom bungalows, two 3 bedroom houses and two larger 4 bedroom houses.

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