

New salon opens

A NEW hair and beauty salon that aims to provide the ultimate in pampering has opened in Birstall.

Davies & Greenwood Hair and Beauty at 121 Sibson Road opened in July with a launch party attended by the Mayor of Charnwood – guests were given a tour of the salon which occupies two floors of the new building near Boots the chemist.

“I am overwhelmed with the support from the local community, the launch party was a great success and we at Davies & Greenwood are looking forward to getting to know Birstall on a more personal level and helping the people of Birstall stay beautiful” said business partner Daniel Davies-Greenwood.

Cllr Roy Brown, the Mayor of Charnwood, said: “Having looked round the salon I think it's absolutely fantastic, each room is so different, very relaxing and peaceful. I think it will enhance the village and it's essential in these times that new businesses continue to open in the Charnwood villages for the vibrancy of the economy.”

The professionally trained team offer a full range of hairdressing – cuts, blowdrys, colours, hair up, extensions and conditioning treatments and a free blow dry bar. Beauty treatments are half price when taken on the same day as hair appointments and include eye-

brow shaping/tinting, eyelash tinting and perming, waxing, pedicures, manicures, facials and massage.

Davies & Greenwood: 0116 2680518 or www.daviesandgreenwood.com



Pic: The Mayoress of Charnwood Gill Brown, Daniel Davies-Greenwood, Darren Davies, Jack Walker (8) and The Mayor of Charnwood Roy Brown



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Funding for car park

EXTRA GOVERNMENT money means Birstall's 1,000 space park-and-ride scheme should be completed in 2010.

The facility, opposite Jelson's Hallam Fields development, will be provided by Leicestershire County Council, with all the £5.48million costs being met by the Government. The funding is part of the Government's strategy of investment in infrastructure to promote housing development and stimulate the economy.

But the investment means Jelson Homes have saved millions of pounds: one of the planning conditions of the Hallam Fields development was that a 535 space park and ride be provided upon

completion of the 401st house.

Charnwood Borough Council Planning Officer Steve Lewis-Roberts said: “Providing the park-and-ride site was not part of the developer's 106 obligations, it was part of the package of planning conditions.” This means that Jelson's are not legally required to provide the park-and-ride site – they have satisfied the terms of the planning permission as long as it is operational by completion of the 401st house.

With the taxpayer footing the bill and not the developer, Mr Lewis-Roberts said: “I can understand and am conscious of how the public might question that – it is an unusual situation and not one I have ever come across before. Central government has had to weigh

up the situation and assess where the public interest lies – waiting several years before Jelson's pay for a 535 space car park or providing a 1000 space car park in 2010.”

Before the housing market downturn, Jelson's had been negotiating a contribution to the park-and-ride with the County Council, who have wanted to bring the scheme forward to link in with the Enderby park-and-ride. But once the recession took hold, Jelson's withdrew, saying they could not contribute at this stage.

Jelson's are obligated to make a contribution towards the park-and-ride service as part of their Section 106 agreements – they must pay £50,000 a year for five years, with the first payment to be made when the facility opens for public use.

The County Council was awarded £2.75million from the Government's Community Infrastructure Fund earlier this year after asking for £4.5million – they declined to make up the shortfall. New funding

has since become available as part of the Government's investment strategy to combat the recession and in July a further £2.13million was provided in Growth Point Funding (GPF) which added to a previously provided £600,000 of GPF money, to meet the total budget of £5.48million.



A plan of the park & ride



Pic: an artist's impression of the terminal building

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