

2nd November 2009

New GP surgery at Hartfield Handover

The keys to the new GP surgery at Old Crown Farm in Hartfield were handed over to The Groombridge and Hartfield Medical Group at 12 noon on Monday 2 November 2009 by the the Earl and Countess De La Warr. They also saw the final preparations for the first patients, due on Wednesday 4th November.

The practice, which is off the High Street, forms part of The Groombridge and Hartfield Medical Partnership serving a combined total of 4,500 patients.

Senior Partner Dr Andrew Wolfle says,

***“This is a great achievement for Hartfield and our Medical Group. I would like to thank all involved in the project for delivering a first class state of the art project on time and to a high standard. For Hartfield it represents a dedicated surgery which is an important part of community life in a small village but will also be available to all patients of the Group.*”**

We will shortly be turning our attention to upgrading the existing Groombridge premises and will continue to offer full facilities at both sites”.

The new surgery has three consulting rooms, a treatment room, new administration and staff areas, a dispensary and also a private interview room.

The GPs will be able to carry out more minor operations, provide enhanced diabetic clinics and family planning services and also private counselling, acupuncture, osteopathy and physiotherapy sessions.

Patients will be provided with a large, comfortable waiting area.

Marc Kerridge, Ashley House Development Manager says

‘We have hugely enjoyed working with the Doctors, PCT, Parish and District Councils and The Estate for the last four years. Having planned, designed and now delivered the new surgery, Ashley House is delighted to see the building completed, occupied and being used and enjoyed by the community.’

Partner Dr Matt James says

“There will be an open house coffee morning on Saturday 5th December from 10.00 am to noon when we will be showing patients and local residents the new facilities. The new surgery will help us provide an even higher level of patient service than we do now”

Graham Credland, Primary Care Premises Lead for NHS East Sussex Downs and Weald says,

“This project has been a challenging one and has involved many partners in getting to this stage. The new surgery will form an essential part in the network of GP facilities serving this rural part of the county”.

The new building is part of a programme to provide improved GP facilities in East Sussex.

This is the first phase of further development at Old Crown Farm, which will include affordable housing, a farm shop and a small number of offices. Construction is under way.



From left to right – Dr Andrew Wolfle (Partner, Hartfield Surgery), Marc Kerridge (Development Manager, Ashley House Plc), Earl De La Warr, Countess De La Warr, John Wilkin (Practice Manager, Hartfield Surgery), John Chalke (Chairman, Hartfield Parish Council), Nancy Holmes (Vice Chairman, Hartfield Parish Council), Kevin Hawes (Former Chairman, Hartfield Parish Council)

During the planning and building period, the GPs worked from a temporary surgery and would like to thank all patients for their understanding during that time.