

DEVELOPMENT

Bulldozers prepare site for 47 homes

Work to bulldoze a warehouse and electricity sub-station to build 47 homes on former brewery land in Burton has been completed.

Demolition had been delayed as the owners were struggling to sell the land due to its high density surroundings, it has emerged.

Plans to build the homes in Victoria Crescent had previously been approved and the applicant, Coleman Investments Ltd, was given a year for work on the site to begin, said a council spokesman.

The applicant was later given further approval by the planning authority, East Staffordshire Borough Council, to extend this time limit from one year to 18 months.

The plan includes building four affordable homes and 94 car parking spaces.

The buildings were in a generally good state of repair and were, until recently, utilised by Ritchie's, a beer and wine manufacturing products specialist, and Consortia's, a construction completion service operator.

Ritchie Products later relocated to Derby Road in Burton. Consortia has consolidated its business in Derby.

HEALTH SERVICE

Nurse and prostate cancer team in line for top awards

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A nurse who has been at the forefront of promoting prostate cancer screening in Burton has been shortlisted for a prestigious award.

Sarah Minns, a urology advanced nurse practitioner at Burton's Queen's Hospital, is a finalist in the Nurse of the Year category run by the Nursing Times.

Her nomination is for her work in raising awareness of male cancer.

The urology team, led by consultant surgeon Jyoti Shah, have also been nominated in the Cancer Nursing category.

Burton Hospitals' urology team have been in the vanguard of promoting the fight against prostate cancer, and they linked up with Burton Albion Football Club to host screening sessions for



Jyoti Shah, consultant surgeon at Queen's Hospital, and urology nurse Sarah Minns.

the local population.

Mrs Minns said: "It is a tremendous honour to be shortlisted, not just for myself but for the rest of the team as well.

"We are incredibly passionate about raising awareness of prostate cancer and, hopefully, this will help us to continue to encourage men

to get checked out."

Miss Shah said: "As a team, we are incredibly passionate about providing the best care and treatment for our patients as well as raising the profile of prostate cancer in the community.

"The support we have had, particularly from Burton Albion Football Club, has

been terrific and the response from the community has been phenomenal."

The winners of the 2017 Nursing Times Awards will be announced on Thursday, November 2.

The screening sessions, aimed at men aged 50 and older, are a new way of getting men to take the potentially

life-saving test for prostate cancer by taking sessions directly to the patients.

It has been backed by Championship side Burton Albion with screening taking place at the Pirelli Stadium, in Princess Way.

So far, more than 350 men have been tested, with 24 needing further treatment.

Now the unit is aiming to encourage African Caribbean men to come forward to have the test as they are at a higher risk.

There is a one in eight chance of men being diagnosed with prostate cancer but in African Caribbean men it is one in four.

A screening talk was held at the Burton Caribbean Association, in Uxbridge Street, last Thursday, to encourage African Caribbean men to take the test.

Miss Shah gave the talk with help from former boxing star Neville Brown and she took part in a Q&A session afterwards.

BOOKSIGNING

Writer Dan backs parents' efforts to get kids reading

A celebrated children's author who visited Burton's Waterstones book store has lauded the efforts of families to get children interested in reading in Burton.

Dan Walker, author of children's novels Sky Thieves and Desert Thieves visited the shop in Coopers Square shopping centre for the second time this year, having presented his debut novel, Sky Thieves, at an exclusive reading in June.

At this month's event, around 20 children were given the chance to get their copies of the books signed.

Dan, speaking after the event, said: "I've been to a number of book stores over the last few months and met a lot of young readers.

"It was especially nice to meet with children in Burton who came back for my second book after reading Sky Thieves.

"The fact their parents were helping to nurture their love for reading was brilliant to see for an author."

Neil Moon, the store manager at Burton's Waterstones, explained the importance of letting children meet the people behind their favourite books.

Mr Moon said: "It's been great to have Dan in our store meeting young readers, as I



Author Dan Walker visited the Waterstones in Cooper Square shopping centre to sign books. He is with young fans Bruno and Martha.

am a firm believer in children learning to enjoy books from a young age.

"Sky Thieves and Desert Thieves are brilliant adventure stories. Why not read something exciting when you're on holiday?"

"You can't underestimate how memorable it is when children get to meet the author of a book they are reading.

"In Waterstones we love

books and we love helping spread our passion for reading to others, too - so we are extremely happy to give writers such as Dan Walker a chance to reach their audience."

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