

Fashion on show

A fashion show is being held in the Deal M & Co shop on Thursday, November 2, from 6.30pm.

It is in aid of charities supported by the Rotary Club of Deal. Tickets are £3 each, and there is also a raffle at £1 a strip. Visitors are asked bring a folding chair.

All money raised goes towards the community/vocational committee of Deal Rotary Club for the local area.

Tickets are on sale at the shop in High Street, Deal, or from Marlene Burnham. Call 01304 372876.

Hall hosts bingo

Bingo will be held at Great Mongeham Village Hall tomorrow (Thursday). It starts at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Crafts for sale

A sale of unique, hand-crafted items is taking place on Wednesday, November 1.

It will be held at Ripple Village Hall where the Loose Fibres Group meets every other Wednesday.

The sale can be visited from 10am to noon and offers a chance to pick up Christmas gifts.

Bonfire planned

Ripple Parish Council will host a bonfire event on Sunday, November 5. It will be held in the parish hall and the bonfire will be on the field beside the hall from 5pm.

Promise of action at last over homes site problems

It is hoped that help is on its way for a large housing development in Deal which, new residents say, has been blighted by unfinished roads, overgrown green space and closed footpaths.

Residents in and near Timperley Place are fuming with house-builder Persimmon and want it to clean up the site.

After a visit there earlier this year, Dover and Deal MP Charlie Elphicke called a meeting with the developer on Friday.

He invited residents and encouraged them to speak out about their experiences.

Many claimed they had sent emails via the customer services department but to no avail.

Among the main concerns were the unkempt turf and green spaces, plants growing out of the drains, lack of street lighting and trees which had been left to die.

One resident said: "You tore down 40 100-year-old trees and promised as a condition of building that you'd plant new ones. You've planted some but they haven't been watered and have died."

There was also mention of work vehicles blocking driveways, dirty and unsightly bollards left in the roads and uneven roads causing damage to cars.

Families were also angry that



Uneven footpaths and overgrown green spaces were among the concerns raised by residents meeting MP Charlie Elphicke, top

Picture: Eleanor Perkins FM4965428

they were not being informed when heavy duty work was to take place, leaving them concerned for their pets.

Daniel Svendsen, of Hyton Drive, was concerned about the dust and dirt.

He said: "People are constantly having to have their windows cleaned because of the dust created by Persimmon. The white

parts on my house are no longer white. They're brown. The front of my house is a different colour to the back of my house."

He asked that the firm clean up the homes when it has completed the development."

Pam Wilson, who moved into Hyton Drive in June 2016, said: "The whole experience has been disappointing."

She had to liaise with the builders over issues that were wrong with the property, a process called snagging.

She added: "I moved in to my dream home as a cash buyer and paid £15,000 on extras and then I had 12 pages of snagging."

"I've been promised things like a new front door and I never got it."

'STILL WARY'

Charlie Elphicke, MP for Dover and Deal, said: "The development was not finished to an acceptable standard and there were serious communication issues."

"The new site manager seems much more on top of things. Some of the problems have been addressed but residents are wary, given past experience."

"They want to see recent activity continue. I will keep checking with both sides."

Persimmon construction director Steve Bray said: "Following our successful meeting on site at our Timperley Place development in Deal with Charlie Elphicke MP and local residents, we are happy to confirm our continued proactive approach to residents' concerns, and work further with the local community to provide the new housing required."

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"You've taken away the love for what I thought was going to be my new home."

Residents said efforts to improve things had been made in the days running up to the meeting.

The company said communication should improve after some internal changes, and action would be taken on the problems.



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