



# Press Release

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## **Construction to Begin on Kingsgrove Community Hub as Builders Prepare to Start on Site**

*Local Builder, Edgar Taylor, confirmed on site in April 2026 as long-awaited community project moves into construction phase*

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### **PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Construction of the Kingsgrove Community Hub in Wantage is set to begin, with **local builder Edgar Taylor chosen as the preferred construction partner for the project** and scheduled to be on site in April 2026.

This marks a significant milestone for the project, as the vision for a central community space moves into its construction phase. As part of the preparation, the builders will be knocking on some doors to speak with residents living next to the Hub.

The Kingsgrove Community Hub will serve as a welcoming place for residents and the wider community to gather, connect and access a wide range of services and activities. Designed as more than just a community centre, the Hub will bring together community life, enterprise, and support services under one roof.

The development aims to create a space where people of all ages and backgrounds can build relationships, access support, and take part in activities throughout the week.

Plans for the Hub include space for:

- Community groups and local activities
- Health and wellbeing services
- Business and enterprise through hot-desking and incubator space
- Youth and family programmes
- Events and performances
- A café and social meeting space

The Hub is expected to become a central point for the growing Kingsgrove community and a valuable resource for residents across Wantage and Grove.

Construction is anticipated to take approximately 18 months, with completion expected towards the end of 2027 and an official opening planned for early 2028.

**A groundbreaking ceremony will take place in the coming weeks** to mark the official start of construction, with community leaders and project partners expected to attend.



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### ***Eileen White, Chair of Kingsgrove Community Hub Charity***

*"I am so excited to be finally sharing the news that Edgar Taylor are going to be on site in April and that construction is to start. I now look forward to seeing the building grow in the next few months and cannot wait for the building to be open and to welcome everyone into a new exciting community space."*

### ***Paul Gander, Pastor of Wantage Community Church***

*"I am delighted that construction work will be starting as I know it will be such an important place for the local community and be integral for people belonging and being part of the community."*

## **Why This Matters**

The Kingsgrove Community Hub has been envisioned as a space that brings people together in a growing community. By providing a central location for services, activities and social connection, the Hub will help:

- Strengthen community relationships
- Support families and individuals
- Provide accessible local services
- Create opportunities for enterprise and learning
- Reduce isolation by creating a shared space for all

The Hub is designed to be a place that reflects the needs of modern community life, offering flexible spaces that can be used throughout the day by a wide range of groups.

## **Key Project Facts**

- **Location:** Kingsgrove development, Wantage
- **Construction start:** April 2026
- **Estimated build duration:** Approximately 18 months
- **Expected completion:** Late 2027
- **Planned opening:** Early 2028
- **Builder:** Edgar Taylor

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