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**Look out for the *Sports Network Special* edition of Vale Vision News.**

The Market Town Games will take place in Spring 2010. People of all ages will be able to take part in new sporting activities.

## Sainsbury's Store Takes Shape



After months of ground works on the site in Castle Street the outline of the new Sainsbury's store in Dursley is clearly visible.

The design for the store, planned to open in spring 2010, has been changed to make it more energy efficient and improve its impact on the local environment.

Environmental improvements that should reduce the store's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 40% include the installation of sun pipes to make the most of natural light, reduction in warm air wastage, and the use of cool air waste from the chiller cabinets to cool the building in summer.

The pedestrian crossing on Castle Street will be moved to provide a more direct walking route to the main shopping centre, and the stone plaques from the old school will be inset at the front of the store.

## The Chantry - a new Business and Entertainment Centre

There is wide local support for renovating and extending the use of the Lister Hall in Long Street, Dursley

Representatives of the Lister Club, who currently own the Hall, along with local organisations and users of the Lister Hall, have taken the first steps to set up a charitable company, The Chantry Centre, which will take over the ownership and control of the current Lister Club and Hall site on behalf of the local community - so that it can apply for funding for the work needed on the Hall and the rest of the building. The charity will be the governing body for the whole of the site, overseeing the fundraising and work on the Hall as well as being responsible for the use of the hall now and in the future, plus the current activities of the Lister Club, such as the bar and skittles.



Members have visited a similar enterprise in Pershore (pictured) to investigate possible future facilities in the Chantry Centre.

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## Uley to Slimbridge by Bicycle

Would you like to be able to pedal your way from Uley to Slimbridge via Dursley, Cam and the railway station?

The cycle trail through the new developments on the Littlecombe and the old Bymacks sites are now built or planned. Changes to the roadway through Everlands will provide an extension for a safer cycle route to near the centre of Cam on Station Road.



There is now a designated route for the cycleway through the new industrial development at Draycott and, working with Cam parish and Stroud District Councils, the line of the route towards the other side of Station Road has become clearer.

In this part the cycleway can use much of the old rail track through Cam (pictured).

Vale Vision is now working with the national cycle route charity, Sustrans, and Uley parish Council to plan the route from Uley to Dursley.

An extension to Slimbridge and the national cycle route from Bristol to Gloucester looks feasible and will be part of future plans to make the area more friendly to cyclists.

## **Rednock School**

The new school year marked a significant change in secondary education in the Vale Vision area when Rednock School moved to its new building.

Over 1300 pupils from the local community attend Rednock secondary school, which while maintaining a broad and balanced curriculum has a high reputation as a science specialist college.

A new Sixth Form Centre has been created from the old school's Drama Suite, while the



new building includes drama facilities in its large hall areas. The building has been designed to make state of the art use of Information Technology in teaching and learning, and the Learning Resource Centre, above the entrance, is a prominent part of the new school.

The new Rednock School is one part of the continuing large investment in the Dursley and Cam area in the past few years. With its additional links to the community through the extended services scheme Rednock School is well placed to form a major part in promoting a successful future for the area.

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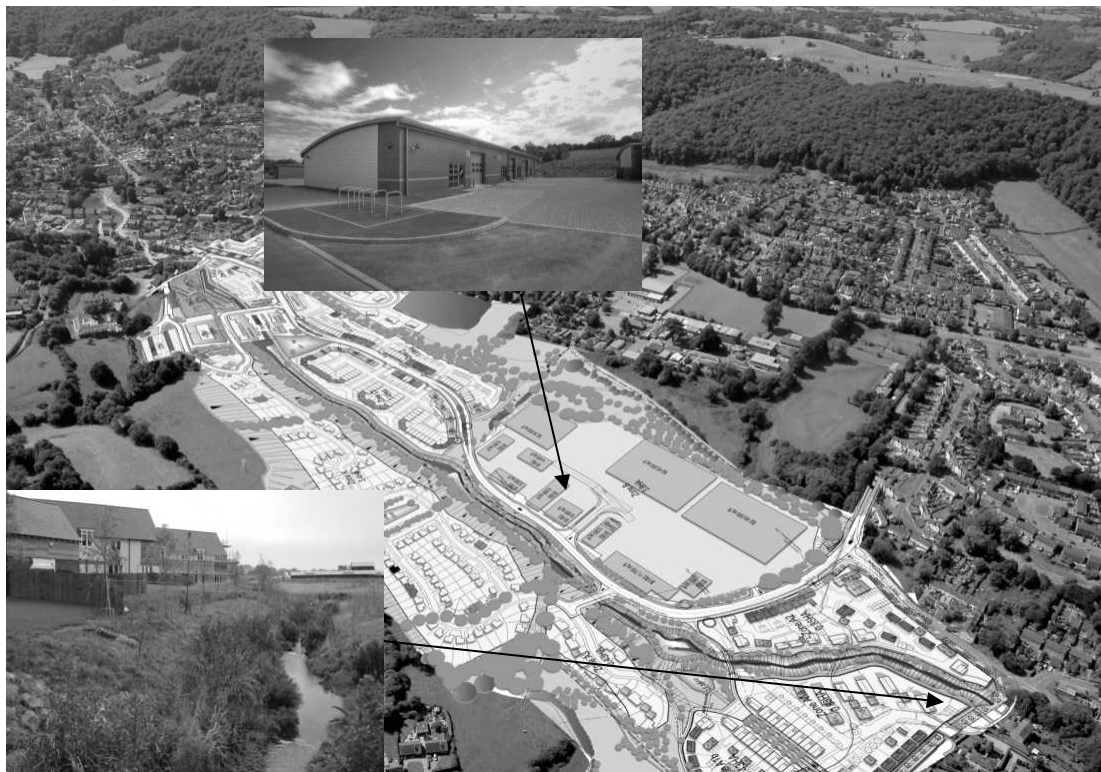
## **Breakheart Quarry**

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority has accepted in principle the proposal for Breakheart Quarry near Stinchcombe Golf Course to be leased to a community group. Breakheart Community Project, representing local interests and other organisations that would want the Quarry to be accessible for study and recreation.

The 20 hectare Quarry site is important for its geology, ancient woodlands and locally and nationally rare animals and flowers. The aims of the project are to conserve the area, make it available to schools and other groups who want to learn about the site and surrounding country side, and for compatible recreation.

Breakheart Community Project is raising funds to improve the existing buildings on the site. It has reached the finals of the ITV Peoples Millions competition for which the result will depend on a phone vote. Look out for the result to see if the Project has won £50,000 for the local community at [www.breakheart-community-project.org.uk](http://www.breakheart-community-project.org.uk).

## Jobs and New Houses at Littlecombe



A start has been made on the first 74 properties to be built on the Littlecombe site, and already sales and offers have been made for the first five of the eco-friendly homes.

This first phase of housing by Bloor Homes is being built at the Cam end of the site and will include two, three and four bedroom homes. Under the plans for Littlecombe there should eventually be 600 new households in a range of accommodation. Rupert Joseland, regional director for the site developers, St Modwen, said that that the start showed growing confidence by developers that the recovery in house building had started, although it will inevitably be slow at first.

Besides housing it is intended that Littlecombe will also provide 1000 jobs for the area. In the business park (pictured) 13 out of the 16 units for small and medium sized firms are now occupied or under offer, and when fully occupied this area will create 50 new jobs. Hundreds of jobs would be secured if Lister-Petter and Lister-Shearing move to new premises in the business park. Gloucestershire NHS has announced that Littlecombe is its preferred site for a new health and social care centre to serve the Berkeley Vale area.

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