

Foxhole pupils look to the future

Pupils from Foxhole Primary School have had great fun collecting artefacts for a time capsule that they helped to bury in their village today. The event celebrates the completion of 21 new affordable homes in Foxhole and the capsule will be opened by residents in 2109



Ocean Group Chief Executive, David Renwick, said Ocean is proud to be building homes that will stand the test of time: "We are living in an era of unprecedented technical advancement when many everyday items are soon obsolete. It is therefore reassuring that the houses we are building now, will still be providing much needed homes for families in many years to come. What sets Ocean's homes apart from many new developments, is that we install the technology to 'future proof' them as much as possible, making them energy efficient for our residents and environmentally friendly for us all."

Mr Russell Reeves, head teacher at Foxhole Primary School, said it was a very interesting project for pupils: "It was quite a challenge to find items that will provide future generations with a snapshot of our current daily life. The pupils have chosen very well, including an aerial photograph of Foxhole Primary School, a school sweatshirt, a school newsletter, and all of the names of the pupils and staff."

This second phase of development at Foxhole was built by Rok and completed 8 weeks ahead of schedule. It now provides 17 houses and 4 flats for people with a strong local connection to Foxhole Parish. Fifteen of the homes are for affordable rent and 6 for Homebuy shared ownership. Phase I of the scheme was completed 18 months ago with 25 homes, and the third and final phase is in the pipeline with 15 homes proposed.

The Foxhole scheme was designed by Ocean's own design team and respects its village location. All the homes benefit from high standards of insulation and air source heating that help to reduce energy bills for residents. Recycling and composting bins and water butts are also installed as standard. The homes have parking and private rear gardens, with a ball park proposed for 5 – 10 year olds in response to residents' requests for facilities for younger children.

The £ 2.25 million scheme is a partnership between Ocean Housing, the Homes & Communities Agency that provided £ 900,000 in social housing grant funding, and the former Restormel Borough Council that contributed £ 80,000.