

Project News

DARTMOUTH HEALTH & WELLBEING CENTRE

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Progress Since Last Update:

We are continuing to make good progress and are pleased that our contractors, Classic Builders, have reviewed progress and have re-confirmed that we currently remain on schedule (despite COVID still causing some issues) to complete the Health and Wellbeing Centre in August 2022. The Trust will then be able to start fitting out and equipping the internal spaces ready for everyone to move in and start fully functioning as a Health and Wellbeing Centre during the autumn.

In the past month, we have been working hard on progressing the first-floor walls, removing the final excess topsoil from site and progressing the car park works and drainage infrastructure.

We are continuing to work closely with the Trust, GPs and other users of the building to finalise how the building will operate on a day-to-day basis so that all the final details are agreed long before we need them.



What is next?

We are now working on completing the first-floor walls to enable the installation of the roof during January. Once we have a 'dry' building we will be able to commence internal partitioning.

External works to the car park base and the installation of the surface water drainage infrastructure will also continue.

Planning for 'topping out'

We like to celebrate reaching certain milestones in each building project. One of these is reaching the highest point of the build, when we plan to hold a 'topping out' ceremony. For the Dartmouth Health and Wellbeing Centre, this will be when the solar panels are fixed to the roof in March. We plan to mark this moment with a celebration on site – details to be confirmed.

Community Engagement

Healthwatch ran a survey (on behalf of the Trust and Dartmouth Town Council) from 8 November to 10 December 2021, to find out what 'social benefit' people would like to see from any future development of the former Dartmouth cottage hospital site.

The survey consisted of four questions asking people for their opinions and suggestions about the use of the site, two questions asking respondents how they would like to be contacted with updates about future redevelopment, plus nine optional questions collecting demographic information.

Respondents were able to complete the survey on paper or online. Paper surveys were made available at several locations in Dartmouth and the surrounding areas and the survey was promoted via websites, social media, Dartmouth Chronicle and BBC Radio Devon.

642 respondents completed the survey and Healthwatch are currently collating the results to report to the Trust and Dartmouth Town Council later this month, before sharing more widely with local people.

