



Introducing De Vessey Village

Surrounded by mature woodland and a wealth of history, De Vessey Village is a charming rural development with an intriguing past.



Built on the site of a former hospital in the village of Greylees, this growing community boasts a rich heritage that has been carefully preserved and embraced by David Wilson Homes throughout the planning and building process. This landmark development, featuring some of the company's most exclusive homes to date, has been built around the hospital, while the central core of the hospital itself is to be redeveloped, with some of the original hospital buildings being the subject of major refurbishment.

Originally named Kesteven County Asylum, the purpose-built facility opened its doors for the first time on 20th June 1902 and was designed to house up to 420 patients. Later it became No. 4 RAF Rauceby Hospital during the Second War World and featured a specialist burns unit used to treat injured service men and civilians from 1940 to 1947.



Following the war and the founding of the National Health Service, the two-storey, red-brick building was rechristened Rauceby Hospital in 1948. During the next 40 years, major changes in psychiatric treatments and changing attitudes to mental health finally resulted in the closure of the hospital in 1997.

For 95 years, Rauceby Hospital played a vital role in the care provided to those with mental health issues in the south Lincolnshire area.



Rauceby Hospital's former airing courts, complete with octagonal-shaped wooden bench shelters, have been restored to the highest of standards and can now be appreciated by everyone living at De Vessey Village, with the backdrop of the most important of elements of the original hospital preserved for future generations.

The new village was named Greylees, following a competition run by Sleaford Town Council and the Sleaford Standard, while David Wilson Homes has adopted the name De Vessey Village for the development after running a competition in conjunction with the Lincolnshire Echo. By adapting traditional designs for the contemporary needs of its residents, De Vessey Village blends the old and new perfectly by sympathetically embracing the community's colourful past. De Vessey Village now offers a fantastic range of homes that are suitable for all buyers and is a modern development that complements the surrounding landscape and ancient buildings at its heart.



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