

Wyvil Estate and Sainsbury's

Sainsbury's invited the Chair and Secretary to the opening of the Vauxhall Motors commemorative plaque on the front of the building on **Wednesday 14th September**.

The undoubted highlight was a short but informative talk on the history of Vauxhall Motors and their connection to Vauxhall – and seeing a restored version of one of the original 'horseless carriages' that was brought along to the unveiling!



On Sunday 18th September, Sainsbury's then gave residents a tour of the store, including the stockroom and new facilities, before providing coffee in the new cafe.

The Manager, Andy Robbins, took the fifteen residents who had replied to their invitation around the store before it opened. He showed us the new Starbucks on the ground floor (due to open on **11th October**) and the new Habitat store at the back of the far right of the main store (which is scheduled to open on **28th September**), the Sushi Gourmet outlet in the fresh foods area (due to open on **25th September**) and the Explore and Learn Centre where children between the ages of 5 and 13 can stay under qualified supervision while parents do their shopping (opening date not yet fixed).

Andy pointed out that the pharmacy in the centre of the store was now run by Lloyds Pharmacy group and that there is a Travel Money and Remittance kiosk that represented Sainsbury's Bank on the far right of the store. He encouraged residents to use it if thinking of sending money overseas and to explore its range of services.

He told us that there are still job vacancies (apply on line at <https://sainsburys.jobs/>) and that a 25% sale reduction on TU clothing starts on **Tuesday 20th September**. In addition, home delivery services will start on **25th September** (also available via Sainsbury's on line).

The busiest time in the store by far is between 5pm and 7pm so this is a good time period to avoid if you can. There will be a formal opening of all the store facilities on **11th October**.

Sainsbury's has also promised to donate some litter bins, dog foul bins and planters across the Estate so that we can help keep it clean and increase greenery in our home environment. They have also agreed to sponsor one of our newsletters. After a lot of disruption to our Estate while the new Sainsbury's was being built we are now pleased to be developing a positive relationship with them.