CHALTON LOWER SCHOOL

Tree saplings

Barratt Homes was once again encouraging children in Houghton Regis to think about taking a more sustainable approach to Christmas.

The housebuilder is building new homes at its Barratt at Linmere development in Houghton Regis and donated 120 replantable Christmas tree saplings to pupils at Chalton Lower School.

The campaign was set to highlight Barratt David Wilson Homes' own approach to sustainability, having committed to becoming the first housebuilder to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040, and to building net zero carbon homes by 2030, with the housebuilder committing to purchasing 100% of its operational energy from renewable sources.

Pupils were able to take home their sapling trees to be enjoyed for many festive seasons to come and it is hoped the trees will serve as a reusable alternative to single use cut or plastic trees.

The campaign served as a timely encouragement for children and families to think about how everyone can take small steps towards protecting the environment, and reduce waste during the gift-giving season.

Speaking at Christmastime, Liz Noble, Headteacher at Chalton Lower School said: "We must strive towards a more sustainable lifestyle, and we welcome this donation from Barratt North Thames to help our children do their bit to become greener. It's a very festive take on sustainability, as we look forward to seeing the children's trees grow!"

Karly Williams, sales and Marketing Director for Barratt North Thames, added: "Taking a more sustainable approach as we build new homes remains our top priority and it is something we are acting on now.

"This is the second year we have run this festive campaign at schools near our developments and it serves as a reminder to make more environmentally considerate options. The campaign aligns with our own

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sustainability targets, including a 29% reduction of carbon emissions by 2025. We hope the children and their families enjoy planting and caring for their trees."