

# Rural idyll

In the heart of the Norfolk countryside, Rymer Point is brand new and the ideal spot for anyone looking for peace and quiet. Anne Webb went along to check on its progress

It's always exciting to be involved at the start of any project, to watch it develop and to be able to have an input into its future. This is just the opportunity that residents on the first phase of the redevelopment of Rymer Point Park are enjoying.

Work started on this park over two years ago when the park was bought by Kingsmead. Kingsmead was subsequently taken over by Britannia Parks, an organisation that is currently acquiring parks in all parts of the country and then developing them to high standards.

Rymer Point is in the heart of the Norfolk countryside. It is small – just 30 twin-unit homes – and is surrounded by farmland and open countryside. It must be said that this is not a park for those who like the bright lights of a city and impromptu bouts of retail therapy. If, on the other hand, you are looking to escape the hustle and bustle of town or city life, you enjoy

walking, the countryside and wildlife, and peace and quiet is something you crave, then you should consider Rymer Point.

One of the benefits of moving to a brand new park is the opportunity to choose a new home and your ideal plot. You and your fellow residents will have the opportunity to get to know each other, to swap

ideas for décor and garden layout and to create the community spirit that is so much part and parcel of park home living.

### Between two busy market towns

The park is located between the busy market towns of Bury St Edmunds and Thetford. The nearest

**Main picture: Homes at Rymer Point are new and impressive**

**Left: These plots at Rymer Point have been laid out in readiness for new homes to be sited**

village is Barnham, about two miles away, which has a lovely country pub but no shops.

The nearest shop is about five miles away. Restaurants, shops and supermarkets are available in Bury St Edmunds, seven miles from the park, and also in Thetford about

four miles to the south.

Managers Ann and Reg Musket have fallen in love with the peaceful atmosphere of the park and are seriously thinking about moving there themselves.

I asked if it was essential to have your own transport if you were planning to live at Rymer Point and Ann told me that, as the nearest bus stop is in Barnham two miles away, a car is definitely recommended.

The park is for the 45-plus age group; resident children are not allowed, but pets are welcome,

provided they are kept under control. As the park is new, it benefits from an excellent infrastructure which includes piped liquefied petroleum gas to each plot, block paved roads, large plots and on-plot parking. Conifer trees surround the park and when mature these will virtually screen it from the road.

Security is of utmost importance in all forms of accommodation and Britannia Parks is very aware of this. A number of its parks are having security gates installed and others,

Rymer Point included, have them fitted already.

Those buying new homes on the park have the usual 'sited' benefits – brick skirting and steps, paved driveway, connection to services and landscaped garden. There is a choice of finished garden styles – either laid to lawn or finished with a low-maintenance surface where pots and tubs can be displayed.

### One of the pioneers

David Gort was the third resident to move into a home at Rymer Point Park. That was back in December 2007. He is from the local village of Ixworth (about three miles south of the park) and happened to see an advertisement for it. He went along to have a look, thought it seemed ideal and was able to move in fairly quickly.

David is adamant that he would not want to go back to bricks and mortar living, and he particularly loves the peace and quiet on the park. He is still working, as a self-employed landscape gardener, and says that park home living suits his busy lifestyle very well as his home is

## INFO POINT

» **PLOT FEES** £125.07 per month. The pitch fee is reviewed annually on 1 January.

» **WATER AND SEWERAGE** Water is supplied by the park and invoiced on a quarterly basis. Sewerage is paid direct to the utility company quarterly.

» **ELECTRICITY** Supplied through a meter outside each home that is read quarterly to record units consumed.

» **GAS** Piped LPG from individual tanks on each plot.

» **COUNCIL TAX** All homes are in Band A - £950.16 for 2008.

» **PARK RULES** Residents to be 50+. Pets at park owner's discretion. No resident children.

» **HOMES FOR SALE** Prices start from £119,950 for a 38ft twin. Call the telephone number below for more information.

» **WHERE IS RYMER POINT?** Off the A134 Thetford to Bury St Edmunds road. Exit at junction 9a on the M11, take the A11 towards Newmarket/Thetford. Then turn right onto the A134 heading south. After approximately five miles turn left and bear left in about 200 yards, where the park is about half a mile further on.

## Visit the park

Rymer Point Park, Barnham, Thetford, Norfolk IP24 2PY. Further details of homes for sale can be found on the website: [www.britanniaparks.com](http://www.britanniaparks.com). Contact Reg or Ann Musket on 07795 634913 to arrange a visit.



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### THETFORD FOREST

A patchwork of pines, heathland and broadleaves that is a welcome refuge for a rich variety of animal and plant life.



Above: The first residents have begun to make their mark with attractive garden pots



Above: Each home has an adjacent, block-paved driveway for residents to park their car

## 6 REASONS TO LIVE AT RYMER POINT



### These security gates provide peace of mind for residents

- Peace and quiet
- Brand new home and plot
- Opportunities for walking/cycling
- Pets are accepted
- Lower age limit than is usual on private home estates (45+)
- Good security arrangements



Above: Rymer Point has been developed to a very high standard with well laid-out roads and driveways

more to offer, being very local to the area he was familiar with and being brand new, too.

In fact, David's home is a Stately Chatsworth Silver – the home featured for our new model review in this issue on p44. It had been one of the park's show homes and he liked its layout and its position on the park. He has been delighted with his choice.

David Gort has played an important part in the development of Rymer Point, having built the walls and the flower containers at the front of the park.

### Local surroundings

The rural setting ensures that there is plenty for the wildlife enthusiast to see. The park is home to a large number of birds, plus Norfolk wildlife such as muntjac deer and the Norfolk hare are regularly seen.

Buses link nearby Barnham to Thetford, Bury St Edmunds, Norwich and other East Anglian towns and cities. The ancient market town of Thetford is about four miles from Rymer Point Park and is filled to the brim with history and heritage. There are quiet gardens, open parkland and a relaxing

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riverside. Thetford Forest, right on the doorstep, is one of the best places to discover the wildlife and outdoor pleasures of the surrounding area known as The Brecks, which is ideal for walking and cycling.

Thetford also has a good selection of shops, restaurants and public houses to cater for everyday shopping and entertainment needs. There is a mainline railway station and coach connections to London and other major destinations throughout the country.

Stansted Airport is less than an hour's drive from the park, as is the port of Harwich.

Bury St Edmunds (seven miles away) is a fascinating place with an abbey, cathedral and the famous Theatre Royal, as well as shops, restaurants and supermarkets.

The historic city of Norwich is not too far away either. Plus, if you fancy a dip in the sea or a walk on the beach, coastal resorts such as Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft and Southwold are ideally situated for a great day out.

The Norfolk Broads (the UK's largest protected wetland) are also within easy reach.



Above: David Gort loves the peace and quiet of Rymer Point and also the easy maintenance of his home



Above: Antique-style street lamps come on automatically at dusk