



THAKEHAM



*Community business at new
housing development*

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Who are Plunkett?

Plunkett UK is a national charity which supports people in rural areas to set up and run a wide range of businesses in community ownership. We do this to achieve our UK-wide vision for resilient, thriving and inclusive rural communities.

What is a community business?

Community-owned businesses are owned and controlled by community members, whereby members have an equal and democratic say in how the business is run.

Any type of business:

- Village shops,
- Pubs and cafes,
- Through to woodlands, fisheries and farms.

Plunkett UK has promoted the community ownership model for over 100 years because of its track record for delivering better businesses for people, communities, the economy, and the environment.



Woodgate, Pease Pottage

- 619 unit scheme in joint venture with Abri
- £7m motorway junction upgrades
- £4m new start of the art primary school
- Village green, natural play spaces and trails throughout
- New home for St Catherine's hospice in the heart of the development
- £1.5m Community Hub including café, meetings rooms and shop gifted to the community





Woodgate Shop

- Gifted to the community to establish a community-run shop
- Pioneering new model developed through Thakeham and Plunkett UK strategic partnership
- Community business model creates vibrant, resilient and sustainable places
- Governed by a committee of volunteers from the community with paid staff members and volunteers day to day
- Opened May 2024 for the benefit of all local people, run by a volunteer committee formed from the residents with the support of Thakeham and Plunkett UK

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL
Planning and Building
Business Licence Summary
PRIVATE

UNDER 25?
Please be prepared to show proof of age when buying alcohol



