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### **WORK BEGINS AT AUDLEY SCARCROFT PARK**

Work has started on a new retirement village at the heart of the desirable 'Golden Triangle' formed by Ilkley, Harrogate and York. Audley Scarcroft Park, as the village will be known, will be home to 172 high-quality retirement properties and nine residential properties.

Preparatory groundwork has begun on the site ahead of the demolition of a 70,000 square foot 1970s office block due to take place in May. Audley, the UK's leading provider of luxury retirement villages, will then begin construction of 18 new buildings and start the sympathetic restoration of Grade II listed Scarcroft Lodge.

Scarcroft Lodge, built in 1830, will be converted by a specialist team into the home of the Audley Club which will provide owners and the local community with a restaurant, health spa with hydrotherapy pool, gym and wellness studio. The village will also offer delivery of care to both owners and the local community through Audley Care, Audley's stand-alone Care Quality Commission-registered care provider.

Scarcroft Cricket Club currently rents a cricket pitch and pavilion on the site and the club will remain in the location as part of the development.

**Kevin Hudson, Construction Director, Audley Group commented:** "We're really pleased to get work underway at Audley Scarcroft Park, our third village in Yorkshire. A lot of change will take place on site in the coming months, the village will start to take shape and I know the team are looking forward to the restoration of the beautiful Scarcroft Lodge. We'll just have to keep an eye out for any stray cricket balls as the season gets underway."

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**Audley Group**

Audley Group is a specialist retirement housing provider which acquires sites, develops and then operates retirement villages. The Group has two brands: Audley Villages, founded in 1991 and aimed at the luxury end of the market, and Mayfield Villages, a proposition with broader appeal. Audley Group now owns a portfolio of 19 villages across the country.

Owners buy their own house or apartment on a 250 year lease with access to facilities and flexible care and wellbeing services if needed, enabling them to live an independent and healthy life. Audley Group is an accredited care provider and a founder member of The Associated Retirement Community Operators, ARCO.

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