



Dobbies launch community partnership with one month to go until new store opening

With one month to go to until the opening of its new flagship store at the Junction Retail and Leisure Park Antrim, Dobbies is cementing its support in the local community by launching a partnership with Riverside School in Antrim.

Dobbies, the UK's leading garden centre retailer, is set to open its new 110,000 sq ft store at The Junction on 5th October 2023, the biggest store in its UK-wide portfolio. Ahead of the new store opening, Riverside School, a special school for pupils aged 3 – 19 based in Antrim, has been selected as Dobbies official school partner.

Speaking about the important partnership **Dobbies General Manager, Ken Ferguson said:** "Dobbies is committed to giving back to the community on both a national and local level and partnerships like this with Riverside School are hugely important to our team.

"With outdoor play and learning having a big role in Riverside School, we felt this was the perfect fit for our store which includes indoor and outdoor gardening products and outdoor furniture.

"We look forward to developing our relationship with Riverside School further and the opportunity to bring real benefits to the pupils, teachers and the entire school community."

Olivia Lavery, Principal of Riverside School said:

"We were thrilled to be selected as the school partner to the new Dobbies store in Antrim. Outdoor learning is a big part of everyday school life at Riverside and we look forward to enhancing this through the partnership with Dobbies, which we know will help our children to 'Enjoy, Learn and Flourish'.

"The pupils are looking forward to attending the opening of the store and getting to know the Dobbies team better."

The new flagship Dobbies store at The Junction Retail & Leisure Park will open to the public at 10:00am on Thursday 5th October.

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Notes to editor:

- [Dobbies](#) was founded in 1865 by James Dobbie and is headquartered near Edinburgh. It is the UK's largest garden centre retailer, with 76 stores. The company employs around 4,000 team members