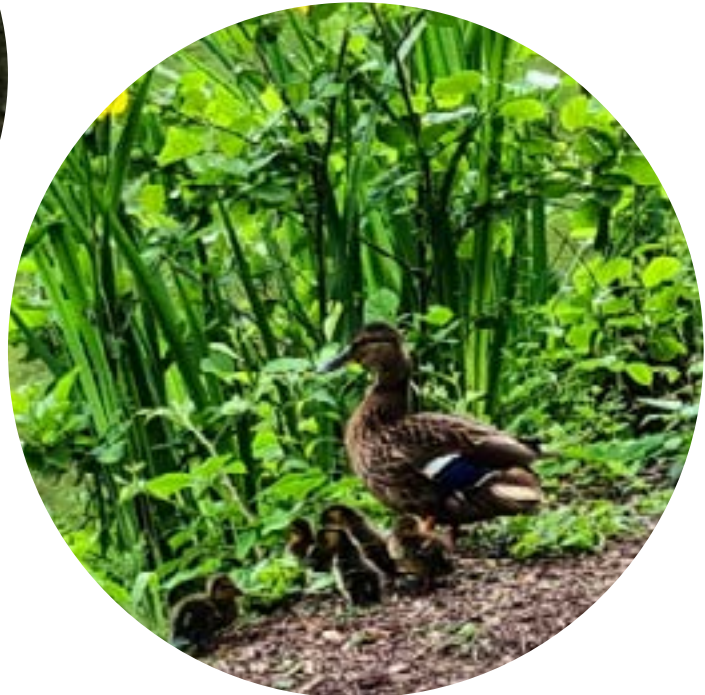


March 2023



# WELLESLEY TIMES



# Project update

## Welcome to our Spring edition of the Wellesley News

Firstly thank you to everyone who provided news and information for this edition of the Wellesley Times and to Mandy Morgan for sending in the beautiful duckling photo for our front cover taken in our very own Wellesley Woodlands.

Secondly, welcome to our new residents who have been moving in across Wellesley over the past couple of months. We hope you are settling in well.

And thirdly a reminder that the path at the end of Hope Grants Road is now open giving pedestrian access to Mandora House and our green flag winning woodlands, Heather Hill. Chappies Cafe, located in Mandora House, have been really enjoying getting to know residents from Wellesley, so if you haven't already, make sure you pop in and say hello to Jackie and her team.



## Roadworks

A reminder that the slip road from Alison's Road that leads on to the A325 southbound is now closed until the 1st May whilst we replace the water main, ready for the next phase of housing. A diversion route is in place and we will endeavor to keep disruption to a minimum. We thank you for your continued patience.



## Estimated Timings

With nearly 1200 occupations at Wellesley, we're just under a third of the way through the project and we estimate there are at least another 10 years before the project is complete.

Timescales are really hard to predict on a project of this size and scale. So much has happened in the world since 2012 when the original planning application was submitted. However as a rough guide, here are the timings we are currently working towards.

### 2023

- Delivery of the Community Garden
- Delivery of the new Adventure Playground
- Delivery of the 1st phase of the Stanhope Heritage Trail

### 2024

- Begin construction of the Neighbourhood Centre.

### 2025

- 430 homes in Stanhope East complete.
- Neighbourhood Centre to open
- Eastern Primary School to open

# Wellesley Residents Trust

## Handover of Areas

When you purchase a house at Wellesley you become a member of the Wellesley Residents Trust (WRT) "A management company which will uphold and promote Wellesley's vision for the area as well as ensure green spaces and estate areas are maintained to a high standard."

WRT has not yet accepted handover of any areas that they are to manage on the estate. We continue to work with the house builders to ensure areas are brought up to an acceptable standard prior to being handed over and hope to be able to finally take the first phase on later this year.

It is important to note that when land is sold to a housebuilder at Wellesley, they become responsible for the land (including signage, roads and landscaping etc). If you notice areas that are not up to standard then please contact the house builders directly.

If you are unsure who best to contact please email us at [info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk](mailto:info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk)

## Useful Contacts

Bellway Homes Thames Valley Region  
0118 933 8020

Bellway Homes South London Region  
01737 644911

Ashberry Homes - 0118 933 8020

Barratt Homes - 01483 508456

David Wilson Homes - 01483 508456

CALA Homes - 01784 225300

Weston Homes - 01279 873333

Taylor Wimpey - 01494 509090



## Wellesley Woodlands

Wellesley Woodlands is an area of natural green space spanning 110ha. The area is open for the public to use and forms part of the Wellesley development.

Wellesley is surrounded by a Special Protection Area – an area of land which is home to protected species. A planning requirement for the development was put in place to provide an alternative Suitable Area of Nature Green Space (SANG) for residents to use. Wellesley Woodlands was identified for this purpose.

Wellesley Woodlands is managed in partnership by the Land Trust, The Conservation Volunteers and the Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership and offers an abundance of wildlife, nature trails and family events to explore. Further information can be found on the woodlands website [www.wellesleywoodlands.co.uk](http://www.wellesleywoodlands.co.uk)

Wellesley Residents Trust is responsible for the ongoing management charges payable to the Land Trust. The annual charge is apportioned based on the number of built homes each year out of the total 3,850 unit Wellesley scheme. Grainger Plc pay the apportion for any unbuilt homes or voids.

# Wellesley Residents

## About the Wellesley Residents Committee

When you purchase a property at Wellesley, you become a member of the Estate Management Company (Wellesley Residents Trust Limited) and pay an annual charge to help manage Wellesley Woodlands - and in time many of the common areas across the estate. WRT is a body made up of Grainger plc, local councils, other organisations, and also representatives of the Residents' Committee. WRC is therefore an important means of communicating views to the Estate Management Company.

WRC's aims are:

- To promote the interests of all its members on matters concerning the environment and the community at Wellesley
- To assist residents to have a greater say over the services they receive
- To contribute to the setting of standards for service delivery and monitor performance against those standards
- To promote and develop the relationship between the Residents Committee, Wellesley Residents Trust Board, Rushmoor Borough Council, and any other appropriate agency, with the aim of promoting greater harmony.

You can get in touch with us at:

[wellesleyresidentscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:wellesleyresidentscommittee@gmail.com)



## The Committee

Simon Wood - Chair and Resident Director on the Wellesley Residents Trust Board.

Eugene Kessler

Lyn Downes

Jules Crossley

Tim Crawshaw

Haydar Koher

Calum Stewart

## Wellesley Residents Committee

'The Residents Committee has made progress on several issues since the AGM in September. Particularly:

- 1) After the education forum to discuss the Wavell catchment area, the committee has sent a letter to Hampshire County Council supported by a residents' petition and the headteacher of Wavell in support of a revised catchment area
- 2) The committee has engaged with the police on various criminal activities in the area; key advice is to keep house and car doors locked, avoid leaving valuables on display and to report all crimes to allow effective tracking

The committee currently has vacancies for ordinary committee members and particularly a treasurer and secretary. Anyone interested in one of those positions should email [wellesleyresidentscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:wellesleyresidentscommittee@gmail.com)



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You can tell us if you've seen anything suspicious or something you think we should know about online at [www.hampshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/)

Call **999** if it's an emergency, there is a concern for safety or a crime is in progress. If you're deaf or hard of hearing use the textphone service **18000**

Call **101** for any crimes that aren't currently in progress or haven't happened. If you're deaf or hard of hearing, use our non-emergency text **0778 1480999**

# Aldershot Town Centre

## 100 Year Anniversary



## Town Centre - Latest Update

The new Union Yard Development which will provide flexible retail, new homes and public space, continues to progress well with a target completion date of Summer 2024.

The main concrete frame is now nearing completion. Windows have been going in on the Union Street side of the development and work will now start on the brickwork. Inside, internal fit-out has started on the residential floors, with stud walls going in alongside the first fix for drainage connections, electrics and wiring.

Demolition of The Galleries continues with the link bridge now removed, opening up the views between the High Street and Victoria Road. 596 new flats, an improved car park and ground floor retail space will begin construction once demolition is complete.



Edgar Jerome Ltd on Wellington Street will soon be celebrating 100 years in Aldershot and to mark this wonderful occasion, they are holding a celebration on:-  
Saturday 11th March 2023

Times to be confirmed from 11am

Live music throughout the day

Complimentary cupcakes and drinks

Museum Tour and Scooter display

For more information, please call John, Tina & the team on 01252 322020 or email [info@edgarjerome.co.uk](mailto:info@edgarjerome.co.uk).

## Town Centre Events - Easter

Enjoy a cracking day out during the Easter school holidays.

Families can enjoy a day of cracking free family fun at our Easter Eggstravaganza events. Hop into Aldershot town centre on Saturday 15 April between 10am and 3pm, for magical Easter egg hunts, owl encounters, crafty fun, face painting and an egg-citing visit to the Easter bunny's warren!

Easter egg storytelling hunt  
Discover the magical world of fairy tales in our action-packed Easter egg hunts. Farmer MacDonald's prize chicken has been stolen by the Big Bad Wolf! Can you help track down his feathery friend by hunting for her hidden eggs around the town centres? But watch out, there's a couple of strange Easter Characters about! With puzzles to solve, trails to explore, and stories to discover, children will delight in this interactive activity.

Birds of Prey  
Hop on over to meet our smart owls, majestic eagles and playful hawks. You can even have an owl encounter!

Crafty fun and face painting  
Families can also create some egg-cellent free arts and crafts to take home and a face painter will be creating colourful Easter designs.

# Community News

## A Word From 'Resident Rev' Dean Pusey

"This time has been one for beginnings and endings with some personal reflection. I recently went abroad to attend the funeral of a beloved relative. On my return, again I attended another funeral of a beloved friend. Now, in the calendar of the Church later this month after Pancake Day, we are about to begin the season of Lent. This also coincides with the 51st anniversary of the Aldershot bombing and remembering all those living with the consequences of that fateful day.

This is usually a time when people might say 'What are you giving up for Lent?' Usually people answer in various ways with Chocolate, Alcohol and even Social Media being current favourites. The Church of England's theme this Lent is about Dust and Glory and you might wish to follow on social media platforms #DustandGlory.

Lent is the story of Jesus Christ going into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. In that story we encounter the human and Divine in a tussle to do the right thing in the midst of forty days of physical fasting. The temptations were around scarcity of food, power and even life itself.

At the time of writing this column for the Wellesley Times a massive earthquake has occurred on the Turkey/Syrian border with more than 40,000 people losing their lives. Life is fragile in some places more than others, even in our midst on this development. The ideas of dust - our own mortality, and glory - life at it's best, are never far away from each other. Let's be mindful and maybe these themes might cause us to think how we can live well in the midst of the dustier moments of life."



Chappies Cafe and supplies now available via footpath from Hope Grants Road. Aldershot Enterprise Centre, Mandora House  
Monday - Friday 9am - 2pm  
[www.chappiesinc.com](http://www.chappiesinc.com)



## Quest for Quebec - Thank you Wellesley

Grace here, I would like to say a huge thank you to the Wellesley community for supporting my journey to play ice hockey for England U13's in Quebec, Canada in February.

Ice hockey is my passion but it is very expensive. I set up a go fund me page and my mum shared it on the community page. Your kind donations meant I raised £1690 in total towards the trip !!! I am so grateful to everyone that helped me on my journey. What an amazing community we live in! Thank you Wellesley.

# Community News

## Community Garden

Plans for the Community Garden which will be located midway down Gun Hill, are progressing well.

The Residents Committee, Greater Rushmoor Nepali Community and others came together to discuss next steps. They plan to hold an open morning on 13th May 10am - 12noon for anyone who might be interested in getting involved in the project to come along and find out more (and hopefully help with some digging too!)

Whilst the garden is unlikely to be complete by 13th May, the long term vision is that the garden will benefit from both ground level and raised beds to encourage everyone to be able to get involved. There will be a compost toilet, sheds, a greenhouse and in time even a community kitchen to allow the community to share the food they grow together.

If you would like to be involved, please email [info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk](mailto:info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk) for more information.



## Wellspring Nativity

Thank you to Wellspring who put on the free nativity and Christmas activities on Christmas Eve for our residents to enjoy.



## Wellesley Living Advent Calendar

A huge well done to everyone who took part in the Wellesley Living Advent Calendar this year. The winners (voted for by the community) were:

- 1st place was window 16
- 2nd place was window 19 and window 3
- 3rd place was window 9

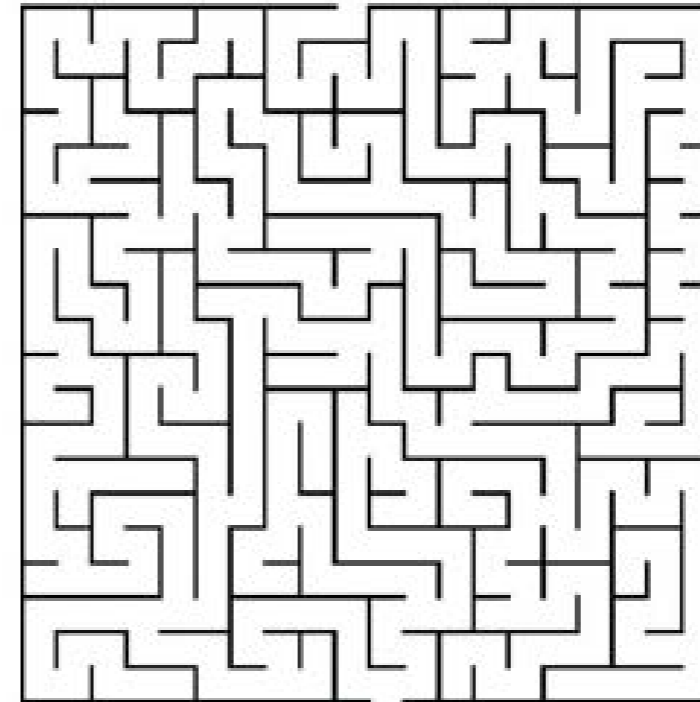
# Just for fun

Colour me in



# Just for fun

Did you know wellington boots are named after Arthur Wellesley (aka The Duke of Wellington)? Help the Duke get to his wellies!



Can you fill in the missing numbers?

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Can you spot the 5 differences between these picture??



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Can you find the following words?  
 Inkerman      Kempt  
 Frost          Normandy  
 Hospital      Guthrie  
 Rhine          Pennefathers  
 McGrigor     Acland

# What's on?

## Princes Hall - Aldershot

There is a huge variety of entertainment to suit all tastes this year at the Princes Hall, Aldershot....

Music lovers will be spoilt for choice with a return visits from How Sweet It Is and ABBA tribute Thank You For The Music, The Upbeat Beatles, Calling Planet Earth, The World Famous Elvis Show and Showaddywaddy. The hit-packed show That'll Be The Day, with music from the 50s, 60s and the 70s is a must, along with first time visits from 90's Live and The Steve Harley Acoustic Band.

Comedy lovers are in for a treat with Jasper Carrot and a return visit from Danny Baker (with the third and final show of his comedy trilogy; the Sausage Sandwich Tour) both in April.

For a more classical evening, the Ukrainian National Opera present the classic Madama Butterfly in April. Also, take a trip down memory lane with a return visit from the ever-popular Neil Sand's When You're Smiling. Britain's Got Talent winners The D-Day Darlings make a first time visit in May.

There's something for all ages at the Princes Hall, with performances from The Three Little Pigs in April, Horrible Histories Barmy Britain in July, and there's even a Dinosaur Adventure later in the Summer.

Tickets are available from the Box Office on 01252 329155 or via [www.princeshall.com](http://www.princeshall.com)



## Competition Time!

We have managed to get hold of 2 tickets to "How Sweet It Is" on Thursday 30th March 7:30pm at the Princes Hall, Aldershot. This stunning 100% live show combines first class music with the slickest choreography and an amazing band, to deliver truly outstanding performances for the best Motown experience you will ever have!

To be in with a chance of winning simply answer this question: **How many homes in total will be built at Wellesley?**

Send your answers with your full name and address via an email to [info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk](mailto:info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk)  
For full terms and conditions please check our website. [www.wellesleyhampshire.co.uk](http://www.wellesleyhampshire.co.uk)



## westendcentre

Breathe - Family Show  
5th April 2.30pm

An extraordinary journey through a busy forest. Experience a story told from the perspective of an acorn; the hectic forest floor, thrumming underworlds, and dazzling heights of icy branches. Join three storytellers as they lead you through an enchanting experience like no other.  
<https://www.westendcentre.co.uk/event/breathe>

Westival - Indoor Music Festival  
14th - 16th July

Founded in 2006 there are all the best bits of a festival - great music, brilliant comedy, family activities, fun, laughter and grass (yes grass) but all inside. It never rains on Westival!  
<https://www.westendcentre.co.uk/event/westival-2023-early-bird-three-evening-sessions>

# Helpful Information

## Let's talk rubbish

Did you know Rushmoor Borough Council 's website has a whole wealth of information on all things rubbish? Here's just some of the things you can do and find out:

- Report a missed collection
- Report a lost bin
- Report a damaged bin
- Swap your bin for a smaller or bigger bin
- Request an extra bin
- Report an unwanted bin
- Order a brown garden waste recycling bin
- Arrange a collection of larger bulky items
- find out what small electrical items can be recycled
- Report a dead animal

<https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/recycling-rubbish-and-environment/>

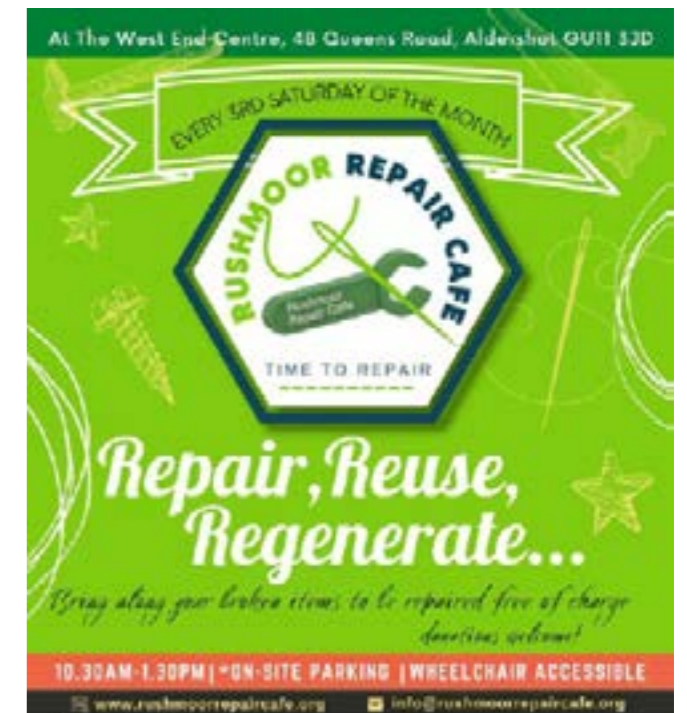


**Recycling in plastic bags is just rubbish**



[www.rushmoor.gov.uk/rubbishandrecycling](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/rubbishandrecycling)

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## Voting

You will need to show photographic identification to vote at your polling station for the local elections on 4 May.

If you usually vote at a polling station, this year you will need to show photo ID before we can give you your ballot paper. This is a new requirement that has come in from the government.

You are not required to provide photo ID for a postal vote.

To check the photo ID you can use to vote visit:  
[www.rushmoor.gov.uk/your-council/elections-and-voting/voter-id/](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/your-council/elections-and-voting/voter-id/)



# Wellesley People

## Introducing Marie-Anne from the Land Trust

“As the Estates and Community Officer for national greenspace charity The Land Trust, I work in partnership with 2 fantastic local organisations – The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) and Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership (BVCP) to help deliver the long-term care of Wellesley Woodlands.

I am passionate about supporting and promoting Aldershot as a fantastic place to live, having moved here almost 5 years ago. My current role allows me to do this by providing an amazing, wildlife rich, community connected green gem, known as Wellesley Woodlands. To showcase the quality of this area, in 2022 the site won its first Green Flag award, a national mark of excellence!

I recommend exploring the Wellesley Woodlands website and Facebook pages which have a wealth of resources including downloadable walking trail maps alongside regular events and volunteering opportunities to help you enjoy and engage with this fantastic 110 hectare site.

[www.facebook.com/WellesleyWoodlands/](https://www.facebook.com/WellesleyWoodlands/)  
[www.wellesleywoodlands.co.uk](http://www.wellesleywoodlands.co.uk)”



## We'd love to hear from you!

We want to make sure the news we share in this newsletter is interesting and relevant to all of our residents. Would you like us to share more information on a certain area of the development? Do you have a story or photo you'd like to share about Wellesley?

Whatever it is, we'd love to hear from you, email us [info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk](mailto:info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk)

## Contact us

There are lots of ways you can keep up to date with the latest development news.



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