



Summer 2024



# WELLESLEY TIMES



# Project update

## Welcome to the Wellesley Times

As always, a big welcome to everyone who has just moved to Wellesley. We hope you are settling in well.

What an amazing start to Spring it has been! Despite the rain and wind, work is well underway now on the new play area and the community garden. New residents are moving in to the Taylor Wimpey phase daily, the Cambridge School held another fantastic May Fete and to top it off we even got to see the spectacular Northern Lights!



## New Accessible Play Area

As seen on the front cover, the Mayor of Rushmoor presented an engraved spade to Dylan Foo on 15th May. Dylan has helped us design the play area here at Wellesley. Work is now well and truly underway and the play area will be opening in the Summer - watch our social media pages for updates, the opening day will be one not to miss!



## Community Garden

Just off of Gun Hill we have been doing a huge amount of work preparing the ground ready for our community garden group to take over later on this summer. We'll be putting in the fencing and water supply shortly and then it'll be over to the group to get digging! If you would like to get involved please contact:

info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk

## South East Water Road Works

We have been informed by South East Water that they will be closing the Farnborough Road off from 23rd September - 27th September 2024 while they carry out essential works. The closure will be from the pedestrian footpath at Knollys Road up to the turn off for the Fleet road (both carriageways). Diversion routes will be in place while the works are carried out.



## Wellesley delighted to sponsor Rushmoor in Bloom 2024

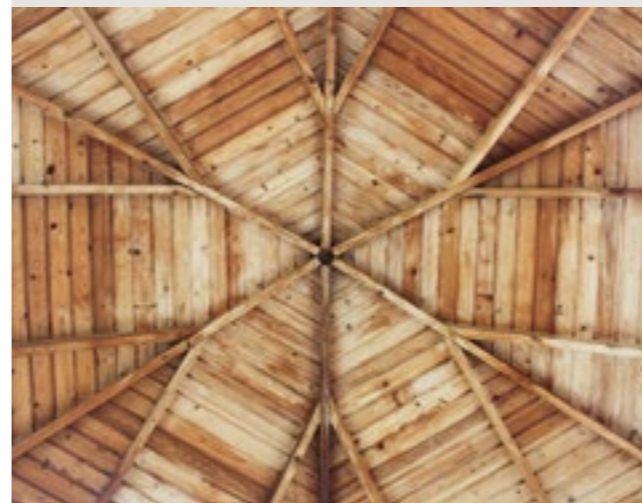
Rushmoor in Bloom, the beloved annual gardening competition, is back with a flourish this summer! Wellesley is thrilled to announce its sponsorship of the prestigious "Best Front Garden" category for this year's event.

To participate in the competition, eager gardeners are invited to complete an entry form here <https://tinyurl.com/rib2024> The judging process will commence in July when a team of local enthusiasts, including avid gardeners, previous award winners and environmental advocates, embark on their quest to explore the botanical wonders of Rushmoor.

# Wellesley Residents Trust

## Making Changes to your home

Just a reminder that there is a restrictive covenant at Wellesley. This means you must seek permission from the Wellesley Residents Trust (WRT) before erecting any out-buildings or making changes to the front of your property. This consent is in addition to planning permission from Rushmoor Borough Council. You can contact WRT for permission via email: info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk



## Handover of Areas

WRT has not yet accepted the handover of any areas. We know that here at Wellesley, residents take pride in their homes and their neighbourhood and the WRT expects no less. The Wellesley Residents Trust continues to take proactive steps to ensure that the areas to be adopted by the WRT meet acceptable standards before being handed over.

When land is sold to a house builder, they are responsible for the land (which includes the signage, roads, landscaping etc). If you notice that areas that are not up to standard then please contact the house builders directly.

If you are unsure who best to contact email us at info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk



## The Star of Wellesley

This is a new feature that was suggested by local Councillor Nadia Martin. We thought it was a brilliant idea! We love celebrating and recognising the many wonderful people who live here! So without further ado, our first ever stars of Wellesley are...

Mel and Debbie!

Here's why Nadia nominated them:

"A sincere acknowledgment to Wellesley's remarkable individuals, Mel and Debbie. Their unwavering compassion and readiness to assist not only within our community but also extending to anyone in need, exemplify the true essence of community spirit. Their actions stem from genuine kindness, and while they would not seek recognition, they undoubtedly deserve acknowledgment for their selfless contributions."

Congratulations Mel and Debbie and thank you for being an important part of making Wellesley such a fantastic place to live.

If you would like to nominate someone to be the next star of Wellesley please do submit your suggestion via email to info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk

# Aldershot Town Centre

## Victoria Day Parade

If you've not been to the Victoria Day Parade then make this the year you do! The carnival parade will be bigger and more colourful than ever before, with spectacular costumes and puppets!

The amazing 'Carnival of the Animals' leaves Princes Hall on Saturday 8th June at 11am. Aldershot's very own Queen Victoria, Betty Bryce, will be leading the procession of over 800 local people.

There is so much more on offer in the town too, with market stalls, street entertainment, free family activities, live performances and much, much more! For more information visit: [www.rushmoor.gov.uk/victoriaday](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/victoriaday)



## Armed Forces Day - Prom in the Park

Aldershot owes so much to the military personnel who helped to make our town the amazing place it is today. Join hundreds of people in the Princes Garden on Saturday 22nd June from 2pm - 5pm as they wave their flags and sing along in celebration.

For more information visit: [www.rushmoor.gov.uk/armedforcesday](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/armedforcesday)



# Residents Committee

## Wellesley Residents Committee

The Residents Committee is made up of residents from the estate. We meet monthly to discuss arising issues and work with various other parties to support residents' interests.

Key focuses for the committee:  
1) Education - we continue to engage with the consultation on expanding Alderwood Secondary School and have begun discussions with the Trust building the new primary school. We're hoping to support an information session for residents in the coming months.

2) Crime - we have engaged with the local police. Their advice remains to report all issues - receiving more reports will allow them to prioritise our issues more highly. The police regularly run 'cops and coffee' events and members of the Residents Committee attend. The next event is on 6th June at 7pm

3) Health - we are engaging with representatives of the primary care network to build links in the local health sector.

4) Management company issues - we are trying to work with management companies across the estate to ensure transparency of communication and finances. If you have any particular issues with management companies, please let us know.

5) Wellesley Residents Trust (who manage the estate) have their own AGM at Smith Dorrien House and we will be in attendance - A letter with the date and time will be going out shortly.

We will be holding our annual general meeting on Thursday 26th September at 6.30pm at Smith Dorrien House. That will be an opportunity to meet the committee, amend the terms of reference and elect committee members. If you are interested in a role as a committee member or Chair of the committee, please let us know, email: [info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk](mailto:info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk) with the subject heading: "FAO Residents Committee".



## Free Ladies Cycling Sessions in Rushmoor



Starting on Thursdays from 6th June 2024

Coaching Sessions: 10-10:45am or 11-11:45am  
Social Led Ride: 12:30-2pm

\*\*Free bike hire available

Location:- BikeStart, Browning Barracks, Alison's Rd, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 2BU

Please email [balanceandride@gmail.com](mailto:balanceandride@gmail.com)  
To book on or for more information

HAVE A CHAT WITH US!

PCSOs Kath, Elaine, and Durga

Thursday 6th June 2024  
7pm – 8pm

Smith Dorrien House, Queens Avenue,  
Wellesley, Aldershot GU11 2BT

MEET YOUR  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
POLICING TEAM

aldershot.police@hampshire.police.uk

Get crime prevention advice and tell us your policing priorities.

# Over to you

## A Word From 'Resident Rev' Dean Pusey

Coming to Wellesley has been a new experience all round. In August 2021 we transitioned, as a family, from a house that we had lived in for well over a decade. It was a big moment. I had been ordained and so was learning to be a priest, whilst being present in this community. It was a massive learning curve. We were also transitioning from COVID times with its massive dislocation and disruption that we were still feeling the effects of.

We did not really get to some kind of normality until 2023. However, during these times I have had the privilege to be present with you all in life, like the Platinum Jubilee, Gatherings, School and Gym visits (the latter not as much!) Christenings and Memorials, joyful and sad moments and many more things in between. Thank you for allowing me to share with you some of these moments.

I asked a question when I first came here 'What makes a good community?' That question still stands. What really makes the community on Wellesley 'good'? Our neighbourliness is only as good as how we treat and view ourselves, as my ultimate Boss - Jesus Christ once said - paraphrased! You and I have been part of that story and others will be too.

I leave you an ancient blessing for a community that came out of a group of people learning to be a new community and how to live well together.

**'The Lord Bless You  
And keep you.  
Make His face shine upon you  
Be gracious to you.  
And give you peace.'**

Thank you Wellesley and we take you with us in our thoughts and prayers on our next assignment. I hope you welcome my successor to working through what it means being part of the Community here as a 'resident Rev'.



## Farewell Rev Dean

The Wellesley Team would like to say a big thank you to Rev Dean and his family. Dean has worked tirelessly in helping to build and shape the community here at Wellesley.

We wish you all the very best in your new parish, you'll be missed!



## Thank you Phoebe!

Phoebe's Grandmother got in touch with us after Phoebe decided to spend her May bank holiday doing a litter pick

"I asked her what made her want to do it and she said she noticed when she went out on her bike that litter had got blown into the bushes. She cleared her own front garden with her dad and they decided they would take a bag and litter picker out and tidy up the estate so it looked nice for everyone."

Thank you Phoebe, great work!

# Over to you



## Wellesley Library of Things

One of our residents been in touch. They are interested in setting up a "library of things" and wanted to gauge whether this would be of interest to other residents here at Wellesley.

If you've not heard of a Library of Things before, the concept is as follows: there would be a container/building of tools, DIY items, craft and decorating items and whatever the community requires (within reason) which could be lent out. Those interested may need to pay a small annual subscription to help with running costs and upkeep. There would also be buddy schemes where experienced users could help new users in learning a new skill safely.

The goal is to reduce over-consumption, to connect the community and to pool resources.

If this is something you would be interested in getting involved in, please scan the QR code or visit: [www.tinyurl.com/WellesleyLOT](http://www.tinyurl.com/WellesleyLOT)



## Edible Wellesley with Seed Bombs - Sunday 9 June 3pm - 4.30pm

At the planters (between Hospital Road and Scarlett's Road, near the Gordon Oak) on Wellesley, Aldershot.

Our friend Dennis from "Spaces for Growing" will join our usual fortnightly session and will help us all to make seed bombs of wildflower seeds, which will be ready for scattering in the autumn.

Come along and join us! There's no charge, and some refreshments will be provided.

Everyone is welcome.

Contact details for more information: [events@wellspringaldershot.uk](mailto:events@wellspringaldershot.uk)  
[www.wellspringaldershot.uk](http://www.wellspringaldershot.uk)  
07979 904097.

We look forward to meeting you.



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Some refreshments will be provided.

# Summer fun

Colour me in



My favourite thing to do  
in the sun is:

I am most excited  
about:

This summer I will:

The best food to  
eat in the summer is:

My favourite  
summer time treat is:

# Health and Fitness

## Move More, Make Friends and Do Good.

Are you able to lend a hand with a group that takes action to improve the community around you? Well, the **Aldershot GoodGym** could be the perfect fit for you! The new group is part of a national network that encourages local people to move more by taking part in practical tasks to help local community organisations. Members can also choose to meet up to walk, run or cycle to a task location.

Tasks could include:

- Cleaning up or painting community buildings
- Clearing an outside space to make it useable again – such as the garden at a community centre or a GP surgery
- Gardening and tree planting
- Collecting donations and sorting tins and produce for foodbanks
- Joining local litter picks
- Being marshalls at local events

A small core group is already in place, but more volunteers are needed to join the group, Suggestions for tasks are also needed, with the aim of having a community task to meet up and help with every week.

GoodGym is completely free to join, and all fitness levels are welcomed. All the tasks help people from every walk of life to move more.

To join, or simply to find out more please email: [debbie.aslin@energiseme.org](mailto:debbie.aslin@energiseme.org) or visit:

[www.goodgym.org/proposals/aldershot](http://www.goodgym.org/proposals/aldershot)



## FREE BOOTCAMP SESSION – ARE YOU SUMMER BODY READY?

Nutrismo UK Military Fitness is your local Bootcamp which is run by Carl Sharples PT a Wellesley resident. We strive to help you achieve your goals. Every session is planned with precision and no two sessions are the same. Here at Nutrismo UK Military Fitness we are very unique in the sense that we operate small groups so that we can give 100% attention to your fitness needs. Backed by more than 20 years in the fitness industry as well as 38 years combined Military Service.

**When:** Tues, Thurs 7-8pm & Sat 8-9am

**Where:** Aldershot Traction Club, Weyborne Road, Aldershot, GU11 3NE (1.2 miles from the Wellesley Estate)

**Cost:** First Session FREE - £8 PAYG or £45 Unlimited with No Contract!

Carl Sharples PT - Head Instructor  
07766 982563

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# What's on?

## West End Centre

**Family Pottery Workshops** - Saturday 13th & 20th July, 10.30am-12pm £14 per session. Calling all children and parents/guardians who love tactile and manipulation materials! Come and experience this wonderful natural resource and learn pottery. Ages 3+ with adult.

**Sustainable Textiles** - 8 week term from Thursday 6th June - 25th July, 2pm-4pm This fun, practical 8 week course will teach you how to upcycle and transform discarded textiles, saved fabric scraps, and old clothing into new usable fabric which will help you save money, be kind to the planet, and give you the opportunity to get creative.

**Comedy - Hecklers** - Aldershot's longest running comedy club! Every 2nd Thursday of the month - £14

**Music - Connor Selby** - Friday 14th June - £12 adv. The young bandleader-guitarist-vocalist draws on influences as diverse as Eric Clapton, B.B. King, Ray Charles, Free and Nick Drake, creating a soulful blend of hard-hitting blues and emotional, introspective song writing, which, at times, evokes a modern take on the best of the British blues boom of the 1960's.

**Cultural Day After Party** - Saturday 6th July - £10 adv

Visit [www.westendcentre.co.uk](http://www.westendcentre.co.uk) to find out what else is going on, there's LOADS!



## The Princes Hall

Here at the Princes Hall theatre in Aldershot, we offer a wide variety of shows and events throughout the year. From comedians, to music, kids shows, dance shows and our incredibly popular pantomime each December. We also run cinema screenings, with our next film being Wicked Little Letters on Tuesday 25th June at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

Have you got a budding performer in the family? Or are you looking for school holiday entertainment? We run holiday workshops for children aged 6-11 years old, where they can spend a day learning theatrical skills in Play In A Day or strut their stuff at Dance In A Day. During the holidays we have family shows and this year that includes Horrible Histories and Dinosaur Adventure Live in July, Milkshake! Live in August, as well as The Smartest Giant In Town and Science Museum Live in October.

Head to our website for our current availability and remember to book early to avoid disappointment! We really do have something for everyone, and we look forward to welcoming you here soon.

Princes Hall Box Office 01252 329155  
[www.princeshall.com](http://www.princeshall.com)



# Wellesley Woodlands

## What's On at Wellesley Woodlands

Please see our website: [wellesleywoodlands.co.uk](http://wellesleywoodlands.co.uk) or Facebook page: @wellesleywoodlands for more details of our free fun activities for all. Highlights include:

**Health Walks:** Join us for a gentle stroll every Friday morning from 10-11am starting from different points each week. Enjoy the beauty and diversity in our woodlands with a small friendly group. Children & dogs on leads welcome.

**Wellesley Woodlands Sensory Trail:** The basic route with suggested sensory stopping points is live on Sensory walks in nature | Hampshire County Council ([hants.gov.uk](http://hants.gov.uk)) Further enhancements such as audio recordings and signage will follow as the project develops.

**Victoria Day (8th June):** Visit our stand as we all come together to celebrate Victoria Day in Aldershot. We will be offering nature-based crafts, and information on what you can do to support your local environment.

**Evening Wildlife Walk (26th June, 7.00-8.30pm):** Wildlife experts Anna and Edwin will lead you through the beautiful woodlands around the Wellington Statue and along the Plane Trail looking for plants and animals.



**Wellesley Woodlands Dog Show (17th August):** Our annual festival featuring TJ's Dog Training, Heathland Hounds and a range of activities culminating in a fun dog show. There will also be stands offering advice and accessories for our canine friends.



**Playfest (24th August):** Come and find our stand in the town centre for a day of fabulous fun activities for all the family. We will be offering nature-based crafts, and information on what you can do to support your local environment.

Calling all photographers! We are hoping to arrange a photographic event for Wellesley Woodlands this year and are seeking a photographer to lead this. It would be super if this were a Wellesley resident. If you are a photographer, or know of someone, who would be able to help bring this together please get in touch with either Marianne or Suzie.

As with nature, we are constantly evolving. If you have any suggestions for events or activities, or you would like to volunteer within Wellesley Woodlands, please do contact us at [Wellesleywoodlands@tcv.org.uk](mailto:Wellesleywoodlands@tcv.org.uk)



# Community Notice Board

**Rushmoor Link**  
your community directory

One place to find information  
about local activities, groups and  
community services

Are you looking for support to improve your health and wellbeing, to socialise more, get active, learn something new or find a place to meet?

This is the place to start!



[www.rushmoorlink.org](http://www.rushmoorlink.org)

**RUSHMOOR**  
Voluntary Services  
Local support for local people

**RUSHMOOR**  
BIOLOGICAL COUNCIL

A collaboration project with local partners

## We love your stories!

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)

## Calling The Wellesley Youth!

The Wellesley Residents Committee are planning a Youth Consultation in September 2024 to gather the views of young people living on the estate and look at ways to make Wellesley a better place to live for young people. This could be by improving facilities, considering youth areas or through organised groups or outings. We believe the first step is to listen to what the youth have to say. The outcome of the consultation will be published in the Wellesley Times and from there, the residents committee will work with Grainger to see how we can implement changes.

If you are aged 13 to 17 and would like to take part, please contact the committee via email: [info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk](mailto:info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk) with the subject heading: "FAO Residents Committee".

**FREE Pizza and refreshments will be provided.**

## Don't forget 7pm 6th June!

The local PCSO team are coming to the Smith Dorrien building on Thursday 6th June at 7pm. They will be running free bike security checks.

This is a great opportunity to get crime prevention advice and to talk to them about your policing priorities

## Contact us

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

**Email:** [info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk](mailto:info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk)

**Website:** [www.wellesleyhampshire.co.uk](http://www.wellesleyhampshire.co.uk)

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