



# WELLESLEY TIMES

## A New Neighbourhood

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2017 has been a busy one here at Wellesley.

### A bit of history- Mandora House

Part of the former Mandora Barracks constructed in 1895, Mandora House was once a bustling officers' mess.

Now one of the only remaining buildings of the barracks, the impressive two storey Victorian building is a buzzing community Enterprise Centre nurturing local start-up businesses.

Looking ahead, the building will be transformed into new homes, but for now, this is a place for businesses to grow.

For more information and the Enterprise Centre, visit [www.enterprisecentre.co.uk](http://www.enterprisecentre.co.uk)



### Development update...

Wellesley is now home to more than 130 families.

#### Corunna

At the beginning of March, we were delighted that Rushmoor Borough Council's Development Management Committee granted planning permission for our next phase of housing at our Corunna zone.

The phase is being brought forward by national housebuilder Bellway Homes and will see 277 new homes created on the land adjacent to Queens Avenue. We hope that construction works will start on site in summer.

#### Gunhill

Looking ahead, we are hoping to sign up the developer of our Gunhill zone in the next few weeks with work starting shortly after. The area will feature 107 private rental homes.

#### McGrigor

A planning application for our McGrigor zone, opposite the Cambridge Military Hospital is due to be submitted later this Spring. The area, which sits to the east of Maida will be home to 118 properties in the former McGrigor Barrack buildings.

#### Wellesley School

You may have also seen that work to our first school is now underway. The site, which sits on the corner of Queens Avenue and Alisons Road, is now hoarded and Hampshire County Council contractors will be leading the works.

The name of the school has now been announced as 'The Cambridge Primary School' and will be managed by Engage, Enrich and Excel Academies. The school is due to be open in September 2018.

#### Considerate Contractors

Here at Wellesley we are proud to work with contractors who are nationally recognised as 'Considerate Contractors'.

Our main contractors on site, Careys plc and Bellway Homes are both members of the scheme which ensures that a site cares about its appearance, respects the local community, protects the environment, ensures everyone's safety and values its workforce.





Caption: Pupils from Farnborough Sixth Form College

## Wellesley welcomes work experience programme

Wellesley has welcomed a group of Farnborough Sixth Form students to come and take part in a work experience programme here at Wellesley.

The group is currently on site learning about the different skills and disciplines that go into creating a new neighbourhood such as Wellesley. Including engineering, design, programme planning, health and safety, marketing and more. The course is made up of 10 half-day sessions and at the end of which will see the pupils tasked with designing their own mini development using all the knowledge they learn on site.

## Upcoming events:

### Wellesley Easter Egg Hunt

Come and be part of Wellesley's first Easter Egg Hunt in the woodlands on Monday 10th April. Starting at Rushmoor Bottom at 11am, tour the woodlands in search for hidden letters disguised as Easter Eggs. Then simply uncover the hidden word and collect your very own chocolate egg.

### Victoria Day

A date for your diary – this year's Victoria Day is back on Saturday 10 June in Aldershot Town Centre. The event celebrates Aldershot's close ties with Queen Victoria and attracts thousands of local people to the town centre.

The highlight of the day is the parade, which sees hundreds of people including marching bands,

schools, community groups, classic cars more parade the streets of Aldershot town centre.

For more information about the event, please visit [www.rushmoor.gov.uk/victoriaday](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/victoriaday)

If you are interested in getting involved to help organise the event, why not come along to the next Aldershot Community Together meeting on Wednesday 29th March at 6.30pm at the Princes Hall, Aldershot. Everyone is welcome.

### Aldershot Town FC – home matches

The Shots continue to have a strong season – if you have not been down to support them, make sure you go along to a home game. [www.theshots.co.uk](http://www.theshots.co.uk)

## Wellesley Community Rooms

This month sees the opening of our Wellesley Community Rooms. The former military portacabin which sits off Alisons Road has been converted into a community building with a small hall, two meeting rooms and a kitchenette. Anyone interested in hiring the building should visit [www.wellesleyhampshire.co.uk](http://www.wellesleyhampshire.co.uk) for more information.

## Resident Charity Night

Wellesley residents came together for a charity quiz night last month and raised over £140 for Breast Care Now - well done everyone!

## Community Matters Partnership

Grainger is proud to have recently become a member of the Community Matters Partnership in Rushmoor. The partnership, made up of 25 businesses and stakeholders from across the area, works together to fundraise, skill share and volunteer for a positive difference in the community.

## Keep up to date

The Wellesley team is on hand and ready to help. Please do get in touch by:

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