



WELLESLEY TIMES

A New Neighbourhood



Development Update

The Grainger Collection - new homes to rent

With a range of 1 and 2-bedroom low and high-rise apartments, and 3 and 4-bedroom houses, all professionally managed; the Grainger Collection at Wellesley offers renters hassle-free, modern living with excellent transport links, surrounded by trees and green spaces.

All the homes are pet friendly too, welcoming owners and their four-legged friends.

Built, owned and managed directly by Grainger plc, residents will benefit from dedicated onsite management, repairs and maintenance teams.

For more information email wellesleylettings@graingerplc.co.uk or call the Lettings Team on 01252 351967



Bruneval Gardens

Barratt and David Wilson Homes have begun building at Bruneval Gardens, with show homes now available to view. These new homes range from 1 bedroom apartments to 5 bedroom town houses and will feature direct access to the Wellesley Woodlands as well as landscaped green spaces.

The Barratt and David Wilson sales suites are now open on Knollys Road.

www.barratthomes.co.uk
www.dwh.co.uk

McGrigor

CALA Homes have started building at McGrigor, situated in front of the Cambridge Military Hospital (pictured above). This phase features the refurbishment of the McGrigor barracks; beautiful Victorian buildings which will form McGrigor Mews. CALA will be delivering homes ranging from 1 bedroom apartments to 4 bedroom houses.

The CALA sales suite is now open on Fire Station Road.

www.cala.co.uk



Wellesley May Fete

SATURDAY 4TH MAY

11am - 4pm Cambridge Primary School
Queens Avenue, Aldershot, GU11 4AA

Animal Encounters
Flower Crowns
& Crafts

Activities for all ages
Plant & Homemade
Produce Stalls

Maypole &
Morris Dancing
Traditional
Fun & Games
Tea, Coffee
& Cake

BRING A PICNIC!

Bring a donation to the Food Bank for entry
Limited parking on-site, sorry no dogs



www.wellesleyhampshire.co.uk



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Wellesley May Fete

Celebrate the start of the summer months at the first Wellesley May Fete!

Featuring a range of activities and stalls, there will be something for everyone:

- Bottle Tombola
- Bric-a-Brac
- Plant Stall (Blooming Marvellous)
- Morris Dancing (Mayflower Morris)
- Tea and Cake (Vine Dining)
- Book Stall (Sailors Charity)
- BFBS radio will be giving out free Ice Cream
- Free Face Painting
- Free Hand Massages
- Animal Encounters
- Hula Hooping
- Woodland animal activities (Blackwater Valley Rangers)
- Army assault course (10 Queens Own Logistic Regiment)
- Aldershot Football Club activities
- Alpine Snowsports activities
- Flower Crown making
- Badge making
- Raffle with amazing prizes

All this plus the Mayor will be presenting prizes for our woodlands photo competition.

Instead of an entry fee, every visitor should bring a donation for the local Food Bank. We have provided a list of items that are particularly needed below.

Picnic rugs will be provided so bring the family and enjoy a wonderful day out!

Having a spring clean? We need donations for the following stalls:

Bric-a-Brac

Items you no longer use, unwanted christmas presents, household items, toys, games, DVDs, clothing, jewellery, crockery, etc.

Bottle Tombola

Bottles of all shapes and sizes, from red wine to squash!

Please drop off donations at:
The Cambridge Primary School or Maida Gym

Items needed by the Food Bank:

- Cartons of Long Life Milk
- Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice
- Small Sponge Puddings
- Packets of Instant Custard
- Tins of Rice Pudding
- Tins of Fish (Tuna, Mackerel, Sardines)
- Tins of Chicken, Ham
- Tins of Large Potatoes
- Tins of Vegetables
- Shopping Bags
- Disposal Razors
- Tins of Dog Food

Wellesley Woodlands welcomes a new face

In January we welcomed Nicci Shepherd, Senior Community Engagement Coordinator to the Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership team.

Nicci will be organising community events and activities in the woodlands, as well as volunteering activities. She will be holding talks with community groups over the coming months to find out how we can help everyone make the most of the the Wellesley Woodlands.

Keep up to date with activities in the woodlands:

 www.facebook.com/blackwater.valley

 @BlackwaterVall9

 @blackwatervalleypartnership



New BVCP team member Nicci enjoys walking her dog, Mr Bear, around the Wellesley Woodlands



Woodlands Photography Competition

Showcase your photography skills by entering your best photograph of Wellesley Woodlands.

Closing Date Monday 22 April

Winners notified Monday 29 April

FREE to enter

To enter send your best high resolution image as an email attachment to: blackwater.valley@hants.gov.uk along with your name, age and contact details.

There are two age categories, under or over 18 and in each category there will be two prizes, First and Highly Commended. The four winning entries will be printed and framed and given to the winners at the Wellesley May Fete on Saturday 4 May.

Full details, including terms & conditions at www.wellesleywoodlands.co.uk

Sign up to be a Conservation Volunteer!

On the first and third Thursday of every month, the Blackwater Valley Rangers lead a small team of volunteers who complete practical conservation tasks throughout Wellesley Woodlands.

Sessions start at 10am and hot drinks and biscuits are provided, along with all required equipment. Details of tasks and meeting points are sent out the month before to all volunteers by email.

If you are interested in signing up for conservation tasks please email blackwater.valley@hants.gov.uk



News from our Neighbours

Congratulations to Talavera Junior School for being rated Outstanding in ALL areas by OFSTED.

The vision of Headteacher Amanda Webb, who believes every child should achieve their absolute potential, was echoed in the recent report, describing the school as being led 'with determination, tenacity and moral purpose'. It discusses the rapid progress children make and the high aspirations the school has for each child. Behaviour is simply described as 'outstanding'.



Local MP visits Wellesley

On Friday 18th January Wellesley welcomed a visit from Conservative MP for Aldershot, and Defence Committee member, Leo Docherty.

“The heritage of the garrison is being preserved in magnificent order” said Leo, who was taken on a tour of the site by Development Manager, Alan Chitson, and shown how we are preserving, restoring, and incorporating so many of the important historical elements into the new community.

You can follow Leo on twitter: [@LeoDochertyUK](https://twitter.com/LeoDochertyUK)

Photo: Alan Chitson and Leo Doherty outside The Smith Dorrien Building, one of six Grade II listed buildings on site. The Smith Dorrien was originally built for entertaining soldiers at the Garrison and featured rooms for reading, playing billiards, and listening to lectures. It has been lovingly restored and is currently used as the offices of the Wellesley team.

Wellesley Offers for Residents

Free 2 Weeks gym membership at **Maida Gym** - including classes - plus special membership rates. For opening times and class timetables visit www.maidagym.com

Weight Watchers is offering 12 weeks free to residents in Hampshire. Call 0345 602 7068 quoting: WWRS095 or visit www.ww.com/uk/hampshire

New weekly drop-in **Community Café** for residents at the Wellesley Community Rooms. Wednesdays 9am - 12:30pm, starting 17th April. Tea & Coffee, cakes, free squash and fruit for children, plus a toddler play area with toys and activities.



Did you know...?

Many of the roads on site are named after historical military personnel.

Toye Lane is named after Alfred Maurice Toye, a man born in Aldershot who showed extreme bravery on the battlefield during WWI, in a story which resembles a hollywood blockbuster:

He three times re-established a post which had been captured by the enemy and, when his three other posts were cut off, he fought his way through the enemy with one officer and six men. He then counter-attacked with 70 men and took up a line which he maintained until reinforcements arrived.

On another occasion, despite suffering from 2 injuries he remained on duty and re-established, after hard fighting, a line that had been abandoned before his arrival.

He recieved the both the Military Cross and Victoria Cross for his bravery.

He died on 6 September 1955 having retired with the rank of brigadier, and there is a memorial dedicated to him in the Municipal Gardens here in Aldershot.



Brigadier Alfred Maurice Toye
National Army Museum, London



Shared Ownership at Wellesley

At Wellesley we offer the option of shared ownership on a variety of properties in all shapes and sizes.

The homes are delivered by Grainger Trust Limited, a for-profit Registered Provider, bringing its commercial expertise to develop affordable homes.

If you are interested in finding out more about shared ownership at Wellesley, please visit Help to Buy South: www.helptobuysouth.co.uk

It is advisable to register with Help to Buy South even if you're just exploring options, as priority is given to those who have been on the list the longest.

If you would like to view the current shared ownership properties at Wellesley please contact Alan Dolman at Bridges by calling 01252 788101 or email adolman@bridges.co.uk

Women in Construction

This month we ran a Women in Construction Careers Event here at Wellesley to inspire female students from local colleges to consider a career in construction, and to dispel the myth that it is a male-only industry.

The students from Farnborough Sixth Form College and Aldershot Construction College were first taken on an in-depth tour of the McGrigor phase of the development.



The group then heard fascinating presentations from women in a wide range of careers on site, showcasing the many varied roles and career routes that are available to women wishing to work in the world of construction; Sustainability and Community Managers from Grainger plc, Ecologists from Holbury Consultancy,

Engineers from Mayer Brown, Rangers from Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership, Project Managers from R&M Regeneration Management, and Estate Managers from Strutt & Parker.

“We were delighted to be involved in such a fantastic event supporting women and educating them about their options for a growing and evolving industry” - Nicola French, Director at Holbury Consultancy

The informal nature of the event meant that students were able to ask questions and engage in a dialogue with the speakers, receiving personal advice and guidance. The key message from the event was that you don't need a degree to progress within the industry and that there are numerous routes in, with options to change roles later in life.

“It's been mind-blowing to find out about all the different jobs that I never knew existed, I really want to work on site now” said one student from Aldershot Construction College.

A fantastic additional outcome of the event has been that several work experience opportunities have since been arranged; one student is now doing work experience with a view to completing an apprenticeship with Strutt & Parker, and Barratt David Wilson Homes have offered work experience opportunities to another two students who attended.

Incredible Edibles

The amazing team at Millgrove Construction very kindly installed fully accessible raised beds on our Maida phase last month for residents to use as part of the Incredible Edibles campaign - planting fruit, vegetables, and herbs for everyone on site to enjoy!

We'd like to say an enormous thank you to the staff at Millgrove Construction for being so generous with their time and resources for this initiative.

This was a resident-led initiative that we were happy to be able to support. Got an idea for the Wellesley community? Let us know!

info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk



Wellesley Honey sales provide next charitable donation

Sales of Wellesley honey have reached over £200 so far, with the latest £100 donation going to Parkside, a charity that provides support services for over 230 children and adults with learning disabilities living in the local area.

The money will go to their Thursday Garden group, which is unfunded so our donation will be very helpful in buying seeds and plants for this year's vegetable plot.

Wellesley honey comes from bees kept on site by the Fleet Beekeepers Association.

Our third batch of honey is now available to buy from The Smith Dorrien building. Jars will also be available at the Wellesley Fete on Sat 4th May. Each jar costs £5, all of which goes to a local charity.



Local Events

Donkey Derby

Monday 27 May

King George V Playing Fields, Sycamore Road, Farnborough

Saddle up for the annual Farnborough Donkey Derby. Organised by the three local Rotary Clubs of Rushmoor, Farnborough, and Ash and Blackwater Valley, the annual Donkey Derby entertains thousands of people and raises large sums of money for charity.

www.farnboroughrotary.co.uk

Victoria Day

Saturday 8 June

Aldershot Town Centre

Victoria Day is a must-see annual event and the highlight of the town's calendar. The town centre will be transformed into a seaside themed hub of colourful activity for all the family to enjoy, from crafts to donkey rides, performances from local musicians and dancers, and of course the grand parade.

www.rushmoor.gov.uk/victoriaday

Keep up to date

The Wellesley team is always on hand with the latest development news. You can get in touch by:

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