



WELLESLEY TIMES

A New Neighbourhood



Development Update

A third of the development is now under construction, with residents living on our Corunna, Maida, Gunhill and McGrigor phases.

Weston Homes to renovate the iconic Cambridge Military Hospital

Weston Homes has purchased the Grade II listed Cambridge Military Hospital, a collection of magnificent Victorian and Edwardian buildings which will be converted into 140 new private sale homes,

Find out more on the next page.

More rental properties at Gunhill now available

The next phase of The Grainger Collection at Wellesley rental homes are now available,

featuring 1 & 2 bed high rise apartments and stunning 4 bed townhouses.

Surrounded by woodland with amazing views across the development, each home is brand new with top range fixtures and fittings, no fees, and pets are welcome too!

To book a viewing (Mon - Sat) email wellesleylettings@graingerplc.co.uk or call George on 01252 351963

Pennefathers Junction to Open Autumn 2019

Works are currently taking place on Pennefathers Road to open access to the A325 Farnborough Road. The turning will be left in/left out with a pelican crossing to provide direct access for our residents to the sports pitches and Wellesley Woodlands. These works are anticipated to finish this Autumn.

Neighbourhood Centre

Work has begun on shaping the future neighbourhood centre, based at the former 4th Division HQ. Plans for the space may include a small supermarket, a pub/café, offices and community space. We anticipate the centre coming to life in 2022.

House builders on site:

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Ashberry Homes | www.ashberryhomes.co.uk |
| Bellway Homes | www.bellway.co.uk |
| Barratt Homes | www.barratthomes.co.uk |
| Cala Homes | www.cala.co.uk |
| David Wilson Homes | www.dwh.co.uk |
| Grainger Plc | www.graingerplc.co.uk |
| Weston Homes | www.weston-homes.com |



Weston Homes to renovate Cambridge Military Hospital

Weston Homes has purchased the Grade II listed Cambridge Military Hospital zone, a collection of magnificent Victorian and Edwardian buildings which will be converted into 140 new private sale homes, including one, two and three-bedroom apartments and two, three and four-bedroom houses set in landscaped grounds.

The restoration and conversion of the hospital and ancillary buildings is planned to start this summer, with the project to be phased over several years.

The Cambridge Military Hospital was built between 1875-79, the grand rooms and tall windows delivering light, air circulation and constant temperature based on design principles outlined by Florence Nightingale. The hospital was opened on 18th July 1879, named after HRH Prince George, Duke of Cambridge, cousin of Queen Victoria and Commander-in-Chief of the British Army from 1856 to 1895.



Alongside the main hospital building there is also Louise Margaret Hospital, opened in 1897 to treat the wives and children of soldiers, and Gunhill House, opened in 1907, providing accommodation for nursing sisters working at the main hospital. In later years the Louise Margaret became a maternity hospital treating both civilians and

military, with many of the people of Aldershot having been born there up until its closure in 1995.

The Cambridge Military Hospital was the first British hospital in history to receive casualties direct from the battle front, the injured from the battle of Mons in 1914. It is also the birthplace of plastic surgery, where Harold Gillies started a Plastic Surgery Unit in the hospital at the end of 1915.

There are plans for a feature penthouse in the landmark clocktower, and a new square in front of the building's main façade. The main entrances will be via two grand porches, reached by flights of steps. The work will reintroduce the elegant original elevations which will be enhanced with refurbished and new covered balconies. Between the pavilion wings Weston Homes will create private gardens and parking for residents.

Inside, the spacious rooms, high ceilings (up to 15.5 ft high) and original features such as fireplaces, paneling and staircases will be retained and incorporated into the new homes.

Gunhill House will be converted to provide 12 two and three bedroom apartments whilst the Gunhill Water Tower will provide two loft style apartments. The Louise Margaret Hospital will be converted to provide refurbished and newly built apartments and houses.

Around the restored heritage buildings there will be semi-private gardens and courtyards, open lawns and tree planting, creating a beautiful setting for the new residential development.

www.weston-homes.com



Wellesley May Fete - a magnificent success!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the first ever Wellesley May Fete on Saturday 4th May at the Cambridge Primary School!

Over 450 people attended and enjoyed a huge variety of activities and stalls, from a bottle tombola, raffle and face painting, to learning about bees from the local Beekeepers who have honey-producing hives at Wellesley. The Animal Experience brought a range of reptiles and furry friends which everyone could meet and handle, including a barn owl and meerkats!

There were football activities run by Aldershot Football Club, a taste of army life from 10 Queens Own Logistic Regiment, maypole dancing for the younger children, a brilliant Morris dancing display by Mayflower Morris, hula hooping, and flower crown making with the Blackwater Valley Rangers who manage the Wellesley Woodlands.

Local mental health gardening group Blooming Marvellous ran a plant stall, and the Sailors Charity ran a book stall selling everything from cookbooks to romance novels.

The Cambridge Primary School parents baked delicious cakes for the cake stall, Barbarian Grill brought a huge smoker and sold pulled pork, halloumi, burgers, and hot dogs, local charity Karuna Action provided free premium

filter coffee, and BFBS radio (British Forces Broadcasting Service) brought their ice cream van and handed out free ice cream!

Overall the event was a great success, with money raised for different charities by each of the stalls, including £135 from the sale of Wellesley Honey alone.

We are already looking forward to next year!



Rather than charge an entry fee, we asked for donations to the local food bank, which is currently based on part of the undeveloped Wellesley site.

Thanks to the many generous attendees we were able to donate a whopping **189.7kgs of food** (that's the same as half a horse, or the heart of a blue whale!) and **£125.75** in cash!

These donations will make a big difference by helping local people in crisis.



Wellesley Woodlands News & Events

Fancy doing something good for the environment? Perhaps you'd like to get outdoors more but the idea of running gives you chills? Or maybe you'd just like to give back to the local community?

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



Keep up to date with activities in the woodlands:



www.facebook.com/blackwater.valley



[@BlackwaterVall9](https://twitter.com/BlackwaterVall9)



[@blackwatervalleypartnership](https://www.instagram.com/blackwatervalleypartnership)

#WalkingLunch

Give your desk a well-earned break and join us for a #WalkingLunch in Wellesley Woodlands.

A recent survey suggested that 55% of UK workers eat lunch at their desks and half only get up to visit the toilet!

Even a short walk of 30 minutes can help to prevent and control high blood pressure. Being active promotes mental health and well-being and getting outdoors will boost your Vitamin D levels too.

So, loosen your tie, pop on some sensible shoes and meet us by the Wellington Monument for a short (maximum 30 minute) walk in beautiful Wellesley Woodlands.

Meet at 1pm

Fri 14 June - Wellington Monument

Fri 12 July - Princes Road Car Park

Fri 16 August - Princes Road Car Park

www.welleseywoodlands.co.uk

[facebook.com/wellesleywoodlands](https://www.facebook.com/wellesleywoodlands)



Over 18 Winner Shaun Jackson



Under 18 Winner Jemima Davies



Highly Commended Izzy Bennet

Wellesley Woodlands Photography Competition Winners

The winners of the Wellesley Woodlands Photography Competition were each presented with their prizes and congratulated by the Mayor at the Wellesley May Fete on Saturday 4th May.

Shaun Jackson was the over 18s winner, with his spectacular image of the Firing Wall in the snow.

Jemima Davies, who won the under 18s category of the Wellesley Woodlands Photography Competition, is a pupil at St. Michael's Junior School. Jemima wrote this for her school newsletter:

"I was in the school office when I saw a flyer for the photography competition. I was eager to enter the under 18s category and totally over the moon when I won. At the beginning of Year Six I started

photography and did it as my 'All About Me' homework project, which led to my family buying me a lens ball. I used it for the winning photograph.

[Winning the competition] is one of the greatest achievements of my life and has really encouraged me to believe I can accomplish my dreams regarding photography."

Highly commended in the Over 18 category was Frances O'Sang, with her creative composite image of the Wellington Monument and Chalk Farm Lake.

The Under 18 category Highly Commended was Izzy Bennet, who is just seven years old. Her photograph of a girl creating a leaf angel perfectly captures the spirit of a family visit to Wellesley Woodlands.



Outdoor Shakespeare at Wellesley

Fri 2 August – Handlebards: Much Ado About Nothing
6:30 - 8:30pm, Wellington Monument

The world's first cycling theatre company, The HandleBards, pedal to Wellesley with all the set, props and costumes necessary to perform Shakespeare's famous comedy 'Much Ado About Nothing' in the woodlands!

Join the four-strong, all-male troupe for a riotous bicycle-powered production, filled with drunkenness, mayhem and cross-dressing a plenty.

Their take on Shakespeare is fast, funny and fearless. If you've never seen Shakespeare before, there's no better introduction. If you're a Bard buff, you've never seen it done like this...

This is an outdoor performance, so please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on, a picnic to dig into, and dress for the weather.

Running time: approx. 2 hours including interval.

Age guidance: 8 + under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

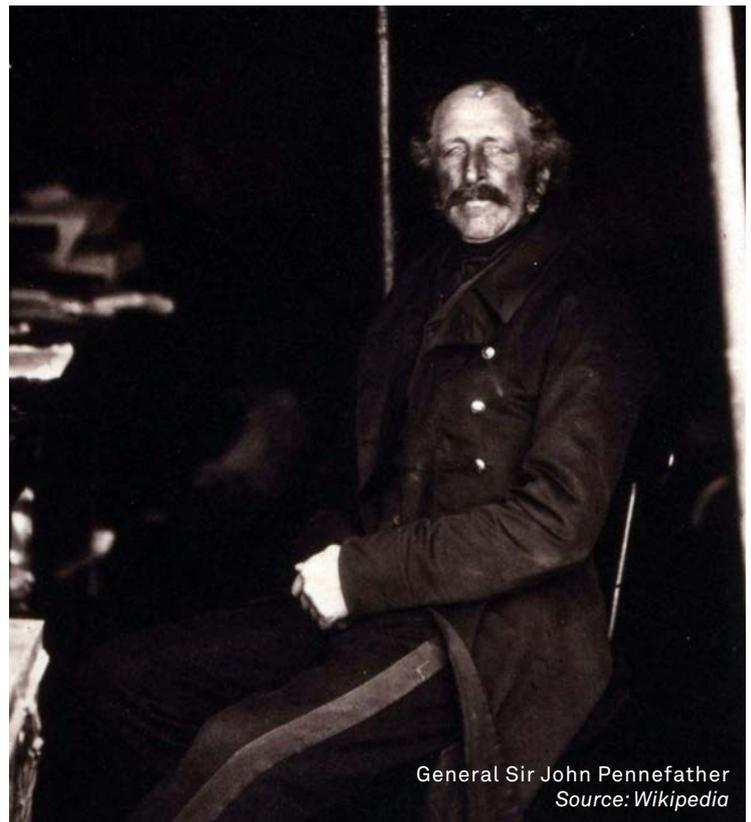
Book tickets at www.westendcentre.co.uk

Did you know...?

From 1860 to 1865 General Sir John Pennefather commanded Aldershot Division, and has a road named after him within Wellesley.

Pennefather won not one, but two remarkable victories during his time serving in the Army. His first took place at Meanee in India in 1843, where his 500 British soldiers defeated an opposing force of over 35,000 Indians.

His second victory came in 1854 during the Crimean War when he was in command of a division of 3,000 soldiers at the Battle of Inkerman (another road name on site). Fighting in thick fog, they defeated 35,000 Russians. Even when he couldn't be seen, it was reported the soldiers got great comfort from hearing the sound of his voice roaring down through the smoke, cheerily reciting his favourite oaths.



General Sir John Pennefather
Source: Wikipedia



Incredible Edibles at Wellesley

Residents have been busy planting up the raised beds on our Maida phase as part of Incredible Edible Wellesley.

The launch event in April saw residents planting a wide range of fruit, vegetables, and herbs for everyone on site to enjoy! Plants were generously donated by Longacres Garden Centre and residents themselves.

Many thanks the team at Millgrove Construction who kindly installed the fully accessible raised beds.

Incredible Edible is a nationwide initiative to create kind, confident and connected communities through the power of food. Find out more at www.incredibleedible.org.uk

Offers for Wellesley Residents

Maida Tanning at Maida Gym is offering a special rate of 75 mins for just £35. Open 11am-8pm Mon-Fri and Saturday 11am-5pm.

20% off beauty treatments for residents at **Maida Hair & Beauty** based at Maida Gym.

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: WWSR095 or visit www.ww.com/uk/hampshire

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





Local Events

The Summer Westival

Friday 19 - Sun 21 July

West End Centre, Queens Road, Aldershot

Three days of amazing music, a carpet of real grass throughout the venue (!), art and craft activities, a beer tent and a family day on the Saturday.

www.westendcentre.co.uk

Picnic and Pop

Saturday 27 July

Manor Park, Aldershot

A one day family festival featuring some of the UK's best tribute acts alongside the very best local bands and talent. Other family entertainment on the day includes a fun fair, inflatable slides and castles, plus delicious quality street food vendors and a licensed bar.

www.picnicandpop.co.uk

Playfest!

Saturday 3 August

Aldershot Town Centre

An action-packed day of hands-on play and games for all ages.

www.rushmoor.gov.uk/playfest



Dinosaur Invasion

Saturday 17 August

Aldershot Town Centre

Meet Reggae Rex and Blue, two amazing animatronic dinosaurs who will be roaring and stomping their way around the town centre, plus a range of other dinosaur activities.

www.rushmoor.gov.uk/dinosaurinvasion



Rushmoor Community Food Festival

Saturday 14 September

Municipal Gardens, Aldershot

A celebration of food and culture, with an international food street boasting 14 different foods from around the globe, music and dance, craft activities, face painting, a wellbeing zone and storytelling from different cultures.

www.rushmoor.gov.uk/foodfestival

Keep up to date

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

Phone:
01252 351966

Email:
info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk

Or visit our website:
www.wellesleyhampshire.co.uk

Follow us on:



facebook.com/wellesleyhampshire



[@wellesleyhants](https://twitter.com/wellesleyhants)



[@wellesleyhants](https://www.instagram.com/wellesleyhants)