



# WELLESLEY TIMES

## A New Neighbourhood

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### Welcome to our spring edition

We hope the start of 2016 has been fun filled and as exciting for you as it has been for us here at Wellesley.

We hope you enjoy reading our updates and please do get in touch if you have any questions or comments.

### Canal Towpath Upgrade

We have been working closely with the Basingstoke Canal Authority to upgrade 4.6km of canal towpath that runs between Ash Lock and Eelmoor Bridge. The 12-week schedule of works commenced at the beginning of February and is currently on-going with a completion date due shortly after Easter.

The existing towpath had become overgrown and narrow in many places, with some areas muddy and uneven. To address this, we have worked with Basingstoke Canal Authority to ensure the upgraded towpath has a broad, firm and open surface that all users will be able to use without difficulty.

### Development Update - Progress So Far

#### Wellesley Residents Moving In

The Wellesley team were delighted to welcome the first residents to the neighbourhood just before Christmas with a steady flow of occupants continuing to move into the first phase throughout the start of 2016. The phase is known as Maida and is being developed by Bellway. The finished properties fronting Queens Avenue and Hope Grant's Road are looking great.

If you are interested in finding out more about the new homes in Maida please contact Bellway on 0845 548 1214.

#### Corunna

Meanwhile, opposite Maida on the other side of Queens Avenue, we are preparing for the next development phase. Since last April our contractors have been demolishing the former Montgomery Lines Barracks and are due to complete these works in May 2016. The large heaps of crushed stone material created from the former concrete buildings will be reused in the new development. The housing development on this area will be known as Corunna and we are hoping to start the road and service works for this phase in early summer.

#### The First School

The land for the first of the two primary schools in Wellesley is currently being prepared. This school is to the south west of the Queens Avenue / Alisons Road junction. Initially a number of trees have been cleared to enable essential ground works to be carried out but, as part of the school site, new trees will be planted to replace those removed.

Works will continue until June to clear obstructions and to construct a new road and drainage system to serve the school. The new school will be built by Hampshire County Council and their contractors.

#### Head Quarters 4th Division Building

The 4th Div building sited on the opposite side of the proposed new school at the Queens Avenue / Alisons Road junction, was the military headquarters in Aldershot and has associations with many military figures and significant events in British history. The building is Grade II listed and we are currently carrying out external refurbishment works to make the building wind and water tight. Some of the works required include repairs to unstable chimneys and roof maintenance. The works are due to be completed by late spring.



## Historic Maida Road Names

Aldershot is full of rich military history; you only need to look at the existing road names within the town to see the links to the area's heritage. We are continuing these important links within Wellesley by introducing road names into our first phase, Maida, that have significant historical links to the former Maida Barracks.

Maida sits between Hospital Road and Hope Grant's Road; named after General Sir James Hope Grant GCB, a British general who took control of the Aldershot Division in 1870. Within the area you will be able to see 'Stuart Lane', named after Major General John Stuart, the commander at the Battle of Maida in 1806 and the victory that the former Barracks are named after.

We will be introducing 'Kempt Lane' after Colonel James Kempt who commanded the Light Brigade

at the Battle of Maida, 'Oswald Street' after Colonel John Oswald who commanded the Third Brigade at the Battle of Maida and 'Acland Street' after Colonel Wroth Acland, Commander of the Second Brigade at Maida.

You will also be able to find 'Jerome Street' from the former Jerome Square and military married quarters; the name is originally associated with Royal Engineers surveyor Thomas Stroud Jerome. Relatives of the Jerome family still live in the local area today. There will also be 'Hatt Street' after Aldershot resident, Regimental Sergeant Major Frederick William Hatt who was awarded the Military Cross and Bar.

All of Wellesley's new street signs will include the Wellesley 'w' and the Aldershot leaves as shown in the picture above.

## What's going on...

March 2016 - Easter Craft Market

This Easter weekend Rushmoor Borough Council is organising the Aldershot town centre's first Craft Fayre. Open on Good Friday (25) and Easter Saturday (26) there will be a whole host of handmade crafts and gifts on offer. More information is available at

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

June 2016 - Victoria Day

This year we are sponsoring Aldershot's Victoria Day. The

town's iconic event brings the community together for a day of free family fun in the town centre.

This year, the event is celebrating the 90th birthday of Her Majesty The Queen as well as Aldershot's connection with Queen Victoria.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up to take part in the day, whether it be in the parade, performing on the bandstand, having a stall or helping promote the event. If you are interested, please complete one of the online participation forms by 11 April 2016.

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



## Community Development

We would like to introduce a new member of our team Carla Dale - Carla has recently joined the Grainger team at Wellesley as the Community Development Manager. Her role is to enable Wellesley to become a flourishing community and a thriving new neighbourhood for Aldershot. Carla has worked in the area for the past ten years and she will be working with residents and the wider community to integrate Wellesley into the town. To find out more about Carla, or to get in touch with her, visit our website:

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



## Contact Us

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