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Project Update

Wellesley is certainly gaining momentum - with more than 400 families now calling Wellesley home and a third of the development under construction, the area is now looking and feeling very different.

There are currently six developers on site, not only creating new homes, also creating community facilities and renovating iconic historic buildings. We are now in talks with developers for our next housing phase, Stanhope Lines East and it is hoped that works will start in this area next year.



Highway Works

Our works to Hospital Hill are now complete – thank you to everyone for your patience while we have carried out these works.

We are now progressing with creating a pedestrian crossing across Farnborough Road. Our Contractors; Walker Construction are carrying out works to create a pelican crossing between Pennefathers Road and the Wellesley Woodlands / sports pitches allowing pedestrians to cross safely. The works will also see a new junction created to allow vehicles to exit and enter Farnborough Road at Pennefathers Road. The works are expected to be completed before Christmas – and during this time traffic management will be in place. The works will see traffic lights in operation along Farnborough Road between 9.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday. It is hoped that by having the traffic lights at this time it will reduce the disturbance to the area. There is also a signed diversion route for pedestrian and cyclist access through Knollys Road and Queens Avenue.

We are also carrying out highway works to upgrade the existing shared use footway/ cycleway facility along the A325 Farnborough Road between Queens Roundabout and Alison's Road. The works should be complete by the end of the year. Please note these timescales are weather dependent. Any changes to the scheduled date will be made clear on the yellow sign boards erected on site. During the works a lane closure will be in place southbound from the Queens Roundabout to the Alison's Road Exit Slip, from 9:30am to 3:30pm Monday – Friday, and Saturday's until 1:00pm. There will be an alternative signed route in place for pedestrians.

In the case of an emergency during any of our highway works, please contact Walker Construction on 07710 077737.

For more information about Wellesley and the latest development updates, please visit www.wellesleyhampshire.co.uk

Gunhill - Refer a Friend

Our Gunhill phase at Wellesley is a bit different. The zone features over a hundred homes available to privately rent with Grainger plc.

A selection of one and two-bedroom spacious apartments and three and four-bed town houses, the pet-friendly homes come with an award-winning, professional landlord, 24-hour assistance and a dedicated property manager.

Any Wellesley resident, or any employee of a site team working at Wellesley can refer a friend to live at The Grainger Collection at Wellesley and if successful both will receive a £100 voucher. *Terms and Conditions apply.

For more information about homes at Gunhill, please visit www.wellesley-homes.co.uk



THE GRAINGER COLLECTION
AT WELLESLEY

Resident Reminders

We have recently had a few similar enquiries from residents and we thought it may be good to include some general reminders for everyone in our newsletter.

Please remember, if you privately brought your property here at Wellesley you signed a Deed of Covenant document as part of your purchase. This document restricts the changes that you can make to your property. For most changes you will require consent from the Wellesley Residents Trust, the housebuilder and the Local Authority.

If you wish to make a change to your property, please send a brief description of your proposals by email to info@wellesleyhampshire.co.uk

Please also remember that visitor parking bays at Wellesley are for just that, visitors of residents living at the development. We have been made aware of some residents who are using the visitor bays as permanent parking areas.

Please also be courteous when parking next to or opposite a neighbour's driveway and allow them plenty of room.

Supporting the local community

We have been working hard to ensure that Wellesley has been giving back to the community.

Over the last 12 months, the development has created 24 job opportunities for local people, given 12 local students work experience opportunities and carried out 14 career talks in local schools and colleges.

Over 100 local stakeholders have had the chance to tour the site and learn about how the area is being developed and transformed from former military land into a new neighbourhood of homes, schools and community facilities.

Over the last year, Wellesley has given £20,000 in free rents to local charities to enable them set up premises in the local area and make a difference locally. As well as this, we have also given £3,500 in free venue hire for charities to hold community events, meetings and initiatives at Wellesley.

Wellesley is also proud to have sponsored £12,000 worth of community projects and events in Rushmoor.



Mandora House

Did you know that Wellesley is home to its very own Enterprise Centre? Mandora House, which sits to the east of the development is full of local small and medium enterprise companies. The former officers mess has been converted into flexible office space available for monthly lease by WSX Enterprise.

Located off Gallwey Road, the bustling centre is currently home to variety of businesses including gas & heating providers, graphic designers, upholsterers, a construction company, website developers, charities and recruitment. Mandora House also features its own café open for everyone to use.

For more information about the companies that are based at Mandora House, please visit our website www.wellesleyhampshire.co.uk

Go Wild in Wellesley

This Autumn the Wellesley Woodlands are focussing on the importance of children and young people connecting with nature.

Local families are encouraged to 'Go Wild in Wellesley' – an opportunity to play outside, away from technology and reconnect with nature, whilst having fun!

Four 'Go Wild in Wellesley' challenge sheets will be available to download at the end of September and will encourage families to follow trails throughout the woodlands and provide additional information about nature, the environment and local history.

With information, tasks and challenges – everyone in the family can get involved and have fun together outdoors.

More information about 'Go Wild in Wellesley' and the downloadable forms are available at www.wellesleywoodlands.co.uk

Wellesley Woodland Improvement Group

Would you like to help us look after the woodlands? If so, there are lots of ways you can get involved.

The Wellesley Woodland Improvement Group (WWIG) meet every other Thursday and every third Saturday to carry out a variety of tasks to help improve the woodlands for both visitors and the natural environment.

The friendly group get together and undertake different tasks each session, from removing invasive species and preparing for events, to general habitat maintenance and tree clearance. All tools and training are provided.

For more information about how you can get involved in the Improvement Groups, visit www.wellesleywoodlands.co.uk



Rushmoor Wellesley 10K

Sunday 13th October sees the return of the ever-popular Rushmoor Wellesley 10K in the Wellesley Woodlands.

Up to 1000 runners will take part in the off-road race in Aldershot. Organised by the Blackwater Valley Runners, the route takes in the beautiful sights of the Wellesley Woodlands and along the Basingstoke Canal towpaths.

The race starts at 10.30am - for more information and to sign up, please visit <https://rushmoor10k.co.uk>

The event will also see a Free 2k Fun Run take place on the polo field. Entries into the fun run are only available on the day (no pre-booking available).

Wellesley Bonfire Night

A date for your diary!

Following the success of last year's event – we are once again hosting Wellesley's very own Bonfire Night on Monday 4th November. Wellesley residents are invited to come along and enjoy a free firework display and hot drink. Pre-booking is not available, all residents will receive a ticket a few days before the event which they need to bring with them to show on the gate.



Local Events

Aldershot vintage car show

Aldershot is gearing up for its second vintage car show on Saturday 28 September. Classic, exotic and unusual bikes and vintage vehicles will be taking over Aldershot town centre from 10am until 3pm.

Rushmoor Fireworks Spectacular

Manor Park will be hosting another amazing free fireworks spectacular on Saturday 2 November. Gates open at 5pm. The magnificent 20-minute fireworks display will take place at 7.30pm.

Aldershot Christmas light switch-on

Christmas will get started in Aldershot town centre on Saturday 16 November with the Christmas lights switch-on. From midday, there will be an afternoon of festive family entertainment.

Aldershot Community Christmas Festival

Save the date of Saturday 30 November, when the community will come together for the Aldershot Community Christmas Festival from 10am to 4pm.

History

Sir James McGrigor: Wikipedia

Our McGrigor phase at Wellesley is progressing well with its first residents now living here. The zone is named after Sir James McGrigor, the Duke of Wellington's Surgeon-General. McGrigor is credited with working to improve the conditions of military medical care for the Allies throughout the Peninsular War (1807-1814). The improvements he instigated during his time as Director-General had a lasting impact on the standard of military medicine in the British Army.

The development is on the site of the former McGrigor Barracks, which accommodated personnel of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and we are very proud that we have been able to preserve and restore the last original Victorian barrack blocks and convert them into housing.

Within the phase and you will see that all the apartment blocks are named after local Royal Army Medical Corps soldiers who lost their lives in WW1:

- Betts - Quartermaster Serjeant Ambrose Betts, Royal Army Medical Corps. Died 31st December 1919. Age 39. Julia, his widow, lived at 62 Grosvenor Road in Aldershot. Ambrose is buried at Addolorata Cemetery in Malta.
- Bowen - Serjeant Walter Bowen, 1st Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps. Died 23rd July 1917 age 27. Walter's widow, Dora, lived at 19 Station Road in Aldershot. He is buried at Coxyde Military Cemetery.
- Chappell- Corporal George James Chappell, No. 1 Coy. Royal Army Medical Corps. Died 29th January 1921. George's widow lived at 69 Gordon Road in Aldershot. He is buried in Aldershot Military Cemetery.
- Cooper - Private Arthur James Cooper, 107th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps. Died 22nd October 1917 age 22. Arthur had been born in Aldershot and his parents, James and Emily, lived at 1 Havelock Villas, Coleman Road in Aldershot. Arthur appears on St Michael's Church War Memorial in Aldershot.



Last remaining McGrigor Barracks currently being restored into new homes

Resident Offers



We are happy to announce that we are working with Stagecoach bus operator to offer Wellesley residents half-price bus travel. Residents can purchase one four week 'South Megarider Gold' bus pass, usually priced at £86.50 for only £43.25. The pass is available for use on all Stagecoach services in West Berkshire, Hampshire, Surrey, West Sussex and Wiltshire including Andover, Basingstoke, Blackwater Valley, Brighton, Chichester, Havant, Hayling Island, Portsmouth, Winchester and Worthing* (*subject to terms and conditions). To take advantage of the offer, visit www.wellesleyhampshire.co.uk for more information.



Maida Tanning at Maida Gym is offering a special rate of 75 minutes for just £35 or 100 minutes for £45. For more information visit www.facebook.com/maida-tanning



Businesses at Mandora House are offering Wellesley residents a variety of special offers on their services. For more information, please visit www.wellesleyhampshire.co.uk

Get in touch

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

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