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Hello

Hello and welcome to our latest newsletter, which we hope provides a useful update of the work that is going on to create Alconbury Weald.

Alconbury Weald is about creating places that people can be proud to call home, and in this edition we highlight some of the key facilities being rolled out over the next few weeks, for new residents and local communities to enjoy, including Swynford Stores and the Community Park with the latest play equipment, SkatePark and allotments. We also set out some of the masterplanning and landscaping underway to prepare the next area of community facilities coming forward around the Listed Watch Office building and Cricket Park.

Places need people to become communities, and this has been an exciting few months for Alconbury Weald with our first residents moving in and making their homes here. With the school filling up with pupils, and the Early Years Nursery and after school club thriving, the team now has a dedicated member – Steph – working with new residents to support the developing community; helping people get to know their neighbourhood as well as the villages and communities around them.

Integration between homes and businesses is also a fundamental part of the vision for Alconbury Weald, and we have been thrilled that both MMUK and IKO are already supporting local clubs and schools, as well as working through our jobs brokerage – EDGE – to recruit local people.

We continue to work with local partners and communities, as well as contractors and housebuilders, to put in place all of the foundations that create a community people want to be a part of.

If you, or any of the groups you are part of, want to have a tour, get involved, or find out more about any of the features in this newsletter, then please do get in touch with us.

With very best wishes

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Get fit this summer

Membership offer for local residents

The Gym
Alconbury Weald

The new gym at Alconbury Weald is being run in partnership with One Leisure, and is equipped with the latest range of Technogym equipment designed to meet your needs whether you are a beginner or a super fit athlete. As part of your induction, The Gym's friendly instructors will talk about your fitness goals and develop a programme that works for you.

Carl Ackerley, personal trainer at The Gym, said: "Our new members are all different shapes, sizes and ages but all have a common goal of achieving a level of fitness and maintaining an active lifestyle. Our friendly instructors are on hand at set times to provide you with the information you need to meet the goals that you set, but our approach is also about giving members the space and freedom to then use the equipment in a way that works for their busy lifestyles."

"Improving strength, conditioning, shape and tone are all provided for at The Gym and our team will steer you in the right direction with a training and eating plan (if you want one) that will help you achieve your goals."



Open weekend

24/25 June



Carl Ackerley, Personal Trainer

The Gym is holding an Open Weekend for people to find out more and try some free sessions on the equipment. The event will be held on **Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of June**. Throughout June they are also running a membership offer for people working on site, new residents at Alconbury Weald and the villages around the Weald, including the Stukeleys, the Alconburys, Abbots Ripton and Woodwalton.

Special Offer: 90 days for £90

No contract, no joining fee
 One-to-one inductions, consultation and a 90 day training plan.

The Gym is open:
 Monday to Friday, 6.30am-9pm
 Saturday and Sunday, 8am-4pm

To find out more or to join up, come along any weekday evening between 3.30pm-9pm, or 8am-12noon at the weekends, to chat to the One Leisure team.

To find out more or make an appointment with the team please call 01480 388111, or register your interest online at alconburywealdgym.co.uk.

Coming soon

Alconbury Weald's Community Park opening in June

The Community Park sits just north of the Primary School and pulls together a range of new amenities including:

- An adventure playground with a 7m tower and slide, climbing frames, balance beams, ropes and swings;
- A SkatePark, which will appeal to beginners as well as the more experienced;
- A multi-use games area for a variety of sports such as tennis, mini-tennis, netball and basketball. Designed for all ages and abilities including wheelchair users;
- Seating areas for people to relax and meet friends;
- The first of Alconbury Weald's allotments;
- The development's first community shop – Swynford Stores.

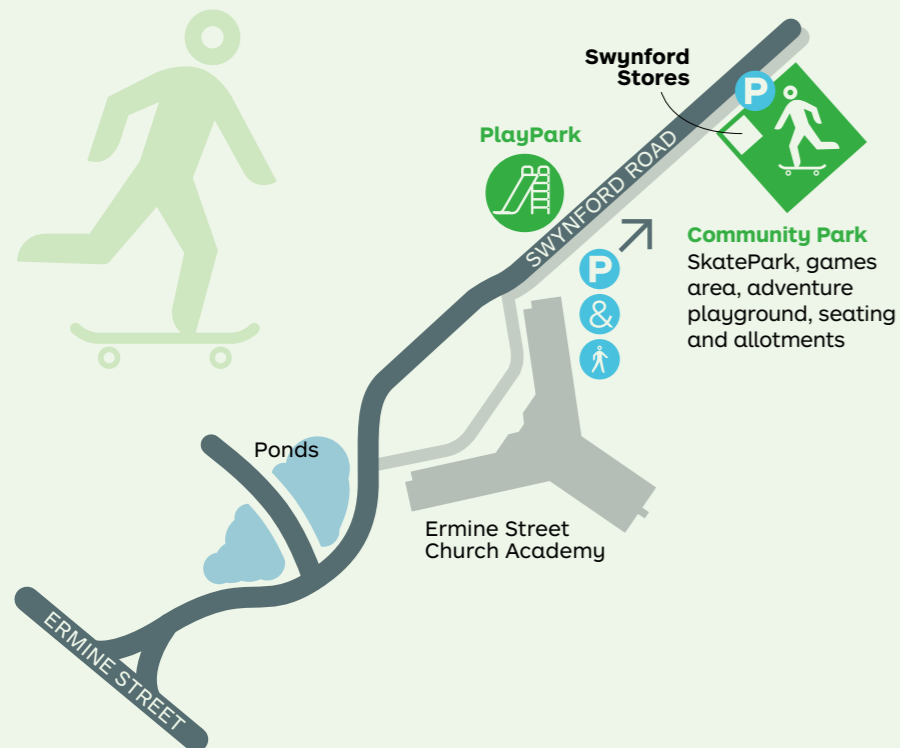
The next phase of the Community Park – following later in the summer – will also see a café open and a cycle and pedestrian trail, which will provide connection to the wider footpaths and cycleways across Grange Farm.

Play at Alconbury Weald

Both the existing play area opposite the school and the new larger play area at the Community Park have gained considerable interest and comment for their design and use of timber.

The team worked with play space designer, Stuart Deans, on the layout. Stuart said: "Creating an outdoor space for families to meet, socialise, relax and play is of the upmost importance; especially when building a new community. The play design ethos is integral to successful group and social play in this new outdoor space. The Park invites all ages and abilities to enjoy an open and friendly community environment."

One of the most important features of this project is the aspirational play element included within the overall design. The layout encourages children to start in a place where they feel comfortable based on their abilities and aspirations, beginning with negotiating smaller play products, and naturally progressing with confidence



Over the next couple of weeks a range of new facilities will be opening up for new residents and local communities.

onto the climbing tree tower through the trees. The larger feature tower is the ultimate rush with the 13m long tunnel slide, which requires upper body strength and a head for heights!

The play space incorporates free play areas and play equipment which stimulates dynamic, social, adventure and quiet play. The landscaping and wider setting look to expand this out into natural play around the wider area, and create spaces people will visit time and again.

The equipment is made from a special sustainable timber called Robinia, which is harvested, prepared and constructed in a way that ensures a natural look and feel while providing safety, strength and durability.

The SkatePark has been designed by Canvas Spaces, and throughout the summer skate classes will be running each weekend, see page 16 for more details.



Swynford Stores opens



The first community shop at Alconbury Weald has been fitted out and opens on Friday 7 July.



Located next to the Community Park, just past Ermine Street Church Academy, Swynford Stores will sell everyday essentials such as milk, bread and tinned goods.

Adrian and Samantha Wardman, who have run Abbots Ripton Village Store and Post Office for over three years, will be running the shop as part of an expansion that will enable them to take on staff and introduce a wider range of products to both stores.

Adrian said: "Local stores are an essential part of village life; they sit at the heart of the community and are a place where friends can meet, collect their newspapers and pick up everyday essentials."

"We came across the Abbots Ripton store by accident but it felt like home from the moment we moved in. There is a real community spirit – everyone looks out for each other and it is fantastic to be part of such a friendly village."

"We are very excited about the community shop at Alconbury Weald and we want to make sure it has the same spirit, at the centre of the growing community. We've been working closely with the Urban&Civic team who have been a tremendous help and support setting everything up."

Swynford Stores will initially open Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 1pm and on Saturdays from 8am to 12.30pm – with the range of goods and the opening hours increasing as more residents move in.

Coming next

With the Community Park going live, we caught up with the Project Team to look at the work that is going on to prepare the next community facilities, which are due to launch early 2018.



The priority for the Project Team is to co-ordinate the delivery of the plans across infrastructure, landscape, commercial buildings and new homes. Planning ahead so that the infrastructure is in ahead of time, landscape features are delivered as part of the natural cycle of seasons, and facilities are ready to be rolled out when needed is a full time job for Urban&Civic's Natalie Turland:

"Our next priority is completing work around the Listed Watch Office and its setting of the Memorial Garden and Green, as well as the Cricket Pitch and Green on the other side of the road. This is a critical part of the development, as it is the place where the Enterprise Campus meets the new homes, and literally where the old meets the new with the Listed World War II Watch Office as a central feature to the first phase of the development.

"The amount of careful masterplanning and design work that has gone into this next section of the development goes hand in hand with the care and thoughtful development that needs to happen around both a Listed Building and the area of a tragic incident of 1943, which will be marked on the Memorial Green.

"The design breaks down into a series of smaller project areas, which each has its own project plan with all the contractors briefed and working as part of a single team.

"Alconbury Weald is a fantastic project to be involved with and it's really rewarding to see plans become a reality. There's always a lot happening and we work with a great team of designers and contractors that share our commitment to quality and rise to the challenges we set them.

"The team live and breathe the project, and have embraced Urban&Civic's vision. Everyone working on the project has made a long term commitment, so we all want to see a great job done – from planting trees and installing play equipment, to putting in infrastructure and constructing iconic buildings."

Coming next

Work on the community spaces around the listed **Watch Office** is well underway and it won't be long before the area is transformed and available for the local community – both business and residential – to enjoy. The area will provide a focal point for the development, sitting in pride of place between the homes and business community in the first phase of Alconbury Weald's development.

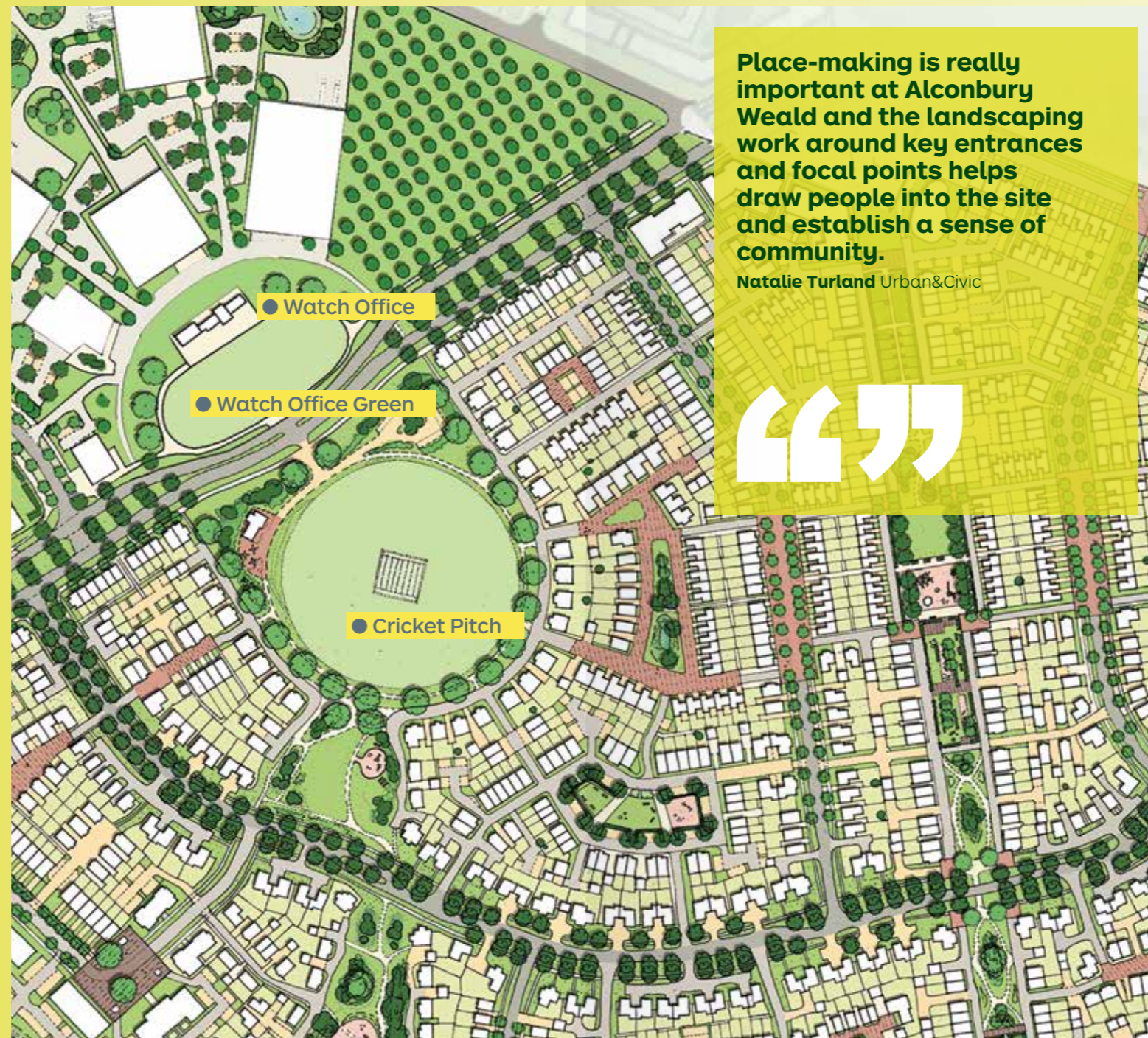
Watch Office refurbishment

Plans have been developed for the sympathetic refurbishment of the Listed Building, which was the first permanent structure when the site became an airfield; dating from 1940 and constantly updated during the war. The building includes a connected Nissen Hut, used as a briefing room for pilots setting off on missions and has various internal rooms, office space and a viewing platform on the first floor.

The plans have been developed with conservation officers to maintain as much of the original structure, doors, windows and other features as possible, while updating it to be structurally sound, comply with modern safety standards, and ensure it has a sustainable future to secure its long term use.

The plans will see the Nissen Hut come forward for community use, with some heritage features and displays, while the main office areas will become the Cambridgeshire headquarters for the environmental and social charity, Groundwork, with whom Urban&Civic has a long term collaboration.

In future phases, a lift will be put in to enable use of the first floor room, which will provide unique space for meetings and events as well as an important heritage space to tell the Second World War story of the site.



Place-making is really important at Alconbury Weald and the landscaping work around key entrances and focal points helps draw people into the site and establish a sense of community.

Natalie Turland Urban&Civic



Cricket Park

The Cricket Park is well underway, marked by a ring of lime trees, which will edge the boundary, and banked areas will provide informal green seating areas for spectators. Specialist contractors have been putting in an extensive drainage systems that sits underneath the pitch. The pitch areas and outfield are in development, and will take three years to mature before the pitch can be used for cricket. Just one example of the forward planning needed when working on a development like this.



Watch Office Green

The area in front of the Watch Office will become an important area of green space for people to enjoy, but also to contemplate the echoes of history as part of the Memorial Garden. Dipped slightly to ensure a reverence and clear view of the Listed Building, the green space will include a memorial to the 19 young men killed in a tragic accident in May 1943.

The incident occurred while bombs were being loaded into B-17s from the 95th Bomb Group. A temporary memorial was put up by Urban&Civic in 2013 to mark the 70th anniversary of the incident, but this will become the permanent memorial – developed with input from the USAF veteran groups and local aviation heritage groups – and will mark the spot of the airfield's worst loss of life throughout the conflict.



Green Team flourishes with 100% success

Following the successful pilot of its Green Team initiative in Cambridgeshire last summer, EDGE partner Groundwork East recruited a new team of volunteers to work on the allotments at the first Community Park at Alconbury Weald.

The project has been run by community charity Groundwork and Green Team members were given the opportunity to learn new skills, gain qualifications and improve their employment prospects while helping to create green spaces for the local community to enjoy.

The project work was supported by Whiting Landscapes to give the team experience in practical horticulture, landscaping, timber construction, concreting, fencing, planting and hedging. This was then supplemented by skills and employability training from Groundwork.

On completion of the 14 week course participants gained a Level 1 Diploma in Practical Horticulture and functional skills in English and Maths, but critically also undertook CV updating, interview skills and mock interview practice with real life businesses.

Andrea Finbow, EDGE Advisor and Employment and Community Project Supervisor for Groundwork East, said: "Groundwork has a strong track record of using landscape projects to give people the experience, confidence and qualifications to find their first job or get back into work."

"The Teams gain a real sense of achievement from seeing their work transform an area. It also helps them maintain a regular routine, work as part

of a team and gain valuable skills and qualifications, which put them in a good place to get a job going forward.

"We involve local companies at every stage – from practical experience to help with mock interviews and employability tips – so that, throughout the course, team members have the chance to build links with local businesses. This is especially true on the Alconbury Weald project where the team worked alongside Urban&Civic's contractors and had mock and real interviews for jobs coming up on site."

The allotment project was funded by Urban&Civic as part of Alconbury Weald's commitment to use the development of the former airfield site to provide training and employment opportunities for local people.

The team also worked hand in hand with the A14 Project contractors, who are recruiting to a range of vacancies for the £1.8billion investment project.

The project ended with an awards ceremony on 28 April, at which Groundwork was able to confirm that one of the participants had been offered a job at Huntingdonshire District Council's grounds maintenance team, while the other three had been offered jobs by A14 contractors, giving the scheme a 100% success rate.



Meet the Alconbury Weald Green Team volunteers:

Sam Coelho (28) said: "I was a professional chef for 10 years but the long hours and minimum wages meant it's not a good long term career. I want to work outdoors and am interested in botany and horticulture, but needed to build up my qualifications. Green Team has given me a great start."

Jayson Hunter (20) said: "After being made redundant from a major supermarket, I found out about Green Team at the Jobcentre and am really enjoying the change of direction."

Shane Fulcher (45) has had a variety of jobs and the Green Team has provided a step to getting back on his feet after becoming homeless. "The course has been a positive step for the future and a great experience. I have learnt a lot of practical skills as well as how to deal with people, manage stress and understand my weaknesses and how to overcome them. I'm in a shared house now as well and am feeling more positive about the future."

Lee Pearce (55) suffered a head injury that left him having to relearn basic skills after coming out of a coma, he said: "I am physically fit but have had some challenges following my head injury and want to channel hardships into something positive. I want to get back to work and see the Green Team as a stepping stone to future employment."

Left to right Philippa Crooke (Groundwork), Jayson Hunter, Sam Coelho, Andrea Finbow (Groundwork), Lee Pearce and Shane Fulcher.

Contractor focus

Whiting Landscapes

Whiting Landscape has been working hand in hand with the development's landscape design team from day one, using innovative and practical techniques to deliver the quality of landscape setting that is a core part of the Alconbury Weald vision.



Established in 1977, Whiting Landscape has around 120 staff and will soon be celebrating its 40th anniversary. The company has a team of 25 working at Alconbury Weald, and has recently been supporting the Green Team project on the community allotments.

Ian Collins at Whiting Landscape said: "We are deeply committed to enhancing the landscape and ecological impact of our projects and their influence on the environment and it is great to work with Urban&Civic as they embrace this approach on all their strategic development projects."

"Landscaping has been prioritised from the very beginning at Alconbury Weald and we have already planted hundreds of trees, sown thousands of wildflower seeds and established drainage ponds – all of which will be used to increase biodiversity and create new habitats."

Whiting Landscape also has extensive experience working with trees and plants, and has in-house facilities to container-grow semi mature trees. This provides flexibility to install landscape works outside the normal planting season.

Whiting Landscape work closely with other disciplines delivering Alconbury Weald. Close collaboration with the Breheny team working on groundwork and infrastructure, as well as other contractors, is vital.

Early landscaping activity included:

- Advanced and on-going woodland trees and shrub planting to create an attractive frontage along Ermine Street as the military fences started to come down.
- Trans-locating trees on site using the largest tree spade in Europe to save the trees and add instant maturity to the setting for new homes.

- Landscaping the Ermine Street entrance and planting trees including three large limes, each weighing over eight tonnes, which required a 200 tonne crane to put them in place.

- Creating a green corridor along the eastern boundary with Little Stukeley, providing an important ecological habitat.

- Establishing the setting for the school plaza and creating a woodland park.

Work in progress alongside the Cricket Pitch and Community Park includes:

- Avenue of lime trees with cherry trees at major crossing points along the main internal link roads.
- 28 mature London Planes planted around the cricket pitch.
- Enterprise Zone planting and drainage ponds to create landscaping and wildlife habitats across the first phase of buildings.



The Cafē Alconbury Weald

Relax with a view



- Freshly-made sandwiches, rolls and baguettes, jacket potatoes and salads. All made with seasonal ingredients
- A range of cakes and treats
- Hot and cold drinks

Open 08:00—17:00 | Monday—Friday
Find us The Club building, Alconbury Weald
Contact 01480 278826 / 07979 150470, or email alconburywealdcafe@outlook.com



Team update

As the development expands, so does the Urban&Civic team! Here are our latest recruits...



Stephanie Burton is our new Community Development Officer and will become the main point of contact for the new community – answering questions, providing information and offering support and advice for setting up new community groups, activities and events.

Prior to joining our team, Stephanie enjoyed working with families, schools and the local community. Whilst working for UK charity Living Streets, Stephanie engaged with schools in Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire and worked with families and Councils to energise and empower people to make more active, sustainable travel choices.



Joe Dawson has joined us as Development Manager.

Joe's background is in chartered surveying and project management. He was previously Senior Property Development Manager at Royal Mail and has extensive experience in development, planning, disposals, acquisitions, construction and managing multi-disciplined design and planning teams including architects, planners and engineers.



Peter Briggs has a background in architecture and has joined us as Technical Manager. He worked on the technical design for Urban&Civic's new homes and will be managing the process to ensure the buildings are constructed and finished to the high standards required.



And we've also said *adieu* to one of our finest... Head of security retires

Head of security, **Peter White** has hung up his uniform to exchange his daily rounds of Alconbury Weald for more time with his family and garden. Peter, who worked on the site since 2001, retired at the end of last year after a career that has seen some enormous changes at the former airfield.

Peter joined the development when it was destined to be an air and rail freight centre and said: "It was supposed to be a temporary job, just a stop gap until something else came along, but I never quite seemed to find anything else that matched it!"

He is known as a leading authority on 'stories' about the site, including ghostly goings-on at the end of the runway and in a couple of the older buildings – always told with a glint in

his eye. Peter said there were many theories about links to Area 51 and tunnels leading to other airfields, but in his 15 years he never found any evidence of them.

Peter plans to spend more time with his two grandchildren, Madalyn and Harry, and hopes to visit his son in Sydney sometime next year. He is also a dedicated Manchester United supporter and is hoping for a season ticket as he will have more time to spend watching them.

Rebecca Britton from Urban&Civic said: "Peter is part of the make-up of this site and we will miss his incredible knowledge, immense patience and many stories. He has seen some amazing changes here, and kept a tight rein on things as we have gone from a

closed old airfield to a busy site for businesses, residents and activities. We will miss him and wish him every happiness in his retirement."



School news



Ermine Street Church Academy School update

Ermine Street Church Academy is Alconbury Weald's first primary school and, as well as welcoming new pupils, it plays a fundamental role within the new community and provides facilities for the community to use out of school hours.

We spoke to head teacher Adrian Shepherd to see how things are shaping up at the school and to find out more about how the school is being used by the local community.

Hi Adrian, how is it going at the school?

Everything is going really well. We now have 36 children, over three times more than when we opened in September, and we have over 60 pupils enrolled for the start of the next school year. Our before and after school provision – The Hangar Club – is now open from 7.45-8.40am and 3.20-6.00pm.

What have been some of your highlights this year?

There's so much to choose from! We held a Big Breakfast in February and were joined by around 60 people who came to school early to enjoy bacon sandwiches, toast and cereal to help raise money for Young Carers. Our Pancake Races event for the school and the local community on 28 February was a lot of fun and it was great to see the adults enjoying it as much as the children.

We had our first class assemblies in March, with some great performances, singing and lots of learning shared. Our reception children also enjoyed their first school trip – to Sacrewell Farm – and all the children are very excited about the trip we have planned to take the whole school to the seaside in July.

And what else do you have planned in the run up to the end of term?

We have lots to look forward for the rest of the summer term... the children being able to play on the school field and use the new skate park in the community park, our first sports event and a picnic for the children and parents, which will involve the burial of a time capsule.

We are also looking forward to our official opening on 20 September 2017 – information about the ceremony and celebratory events will be posted on the website as they are confirmed: erminestreetca.org.uk

How is the school becoming an integral part of the local community?

We want parents and the local community to feel a part of Ermine Street Church Academy. Parents come into the school regularly – for parents evening, sharing learning sessions, class assemblies and information sessions. Then we extend into the local community with events like the Pancake Races and our community coffee mornings where local residents and parents of children at the school can meet and catch up over a cuppa.

We also have facilities that the community can use out of school hours and hope to host some health provision, a mobile library for local residents and act as a postal collection point.

Can you tell us a bit more about the community facilities available at the school?

We have a space called 'The Studio' (a similar size to a classroom), the main hall (which can be divided into two smaller spaces), a community kitchenette, a fully equipped cookery room and community office space.

We currently have regular bookings for Brownies and table tennis and have adult evening classes in craft and cookery. Rock Choir has used the hall once and we have had enquiries about dance and fitness clubs.

Groups can make regular (weekly/monthly) or one off bookings to use these spaces any time outside school hours. For more information, please call Melanie Mathews, school Business Manager, on 01480 276510 or email businessmanager@erminestreetca.org.uk.



Jemima House Nursery update

Alconbury Weald's day nursery opened at the beginning of November last year to provide care for children from six weeks to five years of age, between 7.30am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, all-year round.

We caught up with Beverley Taylor-Carson (Operations and HR Manager) and Jo Whitmore (Nursery Manager) to find out how things are shaping up at Jemima House and to find out what they are looking forward to in the coming months.

Hello. How are you settling into Alconbury Weald?

We've settled in very quickly indeed, and it already feels like we've been open for ages! We were lucky to start with lots of beautiful new resources and it's been lovely to see the children using these and the specially-equipped age spaces we have available for them; the walls are already lined with the children's creative efforts and this has made the nursery feel very homely. Our current focus is on our beautiful outdoor area as we continue to add flowers, herbs and vegetables to our planting beds.

How many of you are there now?

We have 27 children on our register – who each attend different sessions and days – and four team members, headed up by Jo Whitmore. We have been pleasantly surprised at the speed at which numbers are building up and all three areas have a healthy number of children in them and it truly feels like a close family!

What have been some of your highlights since opening?

Some of our absolute favourite moments include our grand opening in November last year, as we were thrilled to be able to join Ermine Street Church Academy for the second half of their first ever school term. We welcomed in 2017 by inviting the reception class into nursery to share our wow moments/wishes with them and hanging them on a tree. We are also in the process of completing our first transitions into the primary school and have exchanged nursery/reception visits with our pre-school children so those going to school in September are feeling very comfortable with the reception team.

On a general note it's been a pleasure to be able to work so closely with the Ermine Street Church Academy and make use of all of the facilities on our doorstep such as the cookery classroom, library and adventure play area. We can't thank Adrian and the team enough for making us feel so welcome. We're also looking forward to using the



music suite and forest school area, enjoying our 'Picnic in the Park' with parents and children and holding our first 'Mini Graduation' before our first group of pre-school children make their next proud step into school.

What else are you looking forward to in the coming months?

Next in our action-packed calendar we have Superhero Day, where both the children and staff will dress up as their favourite superheroes. We cover this topic as a way of including the children's likes and interests, but also to promote positive social skills and open their minds to every day superheroes such as police officers, fire officers, doctors, teachers, and of course Mummy and Daddy!

For more information on Jemima House and/or to book a tour, please call or email Jo Whitmore on 01480 276513 or manager@jemima-house.co.uk.



Community news



Get your skates on

Free introductory skate lessons

To help celebrate the opening of the SkatePark at Alconbury Weald, Jason Emery from Let's Go Skate is offering a number of free lessons to those interested in learning how to skateboard.

Jason began skateboarding as a hobby in 2004 and developed his talent through his teenage years. He became an instructor with Skates & Ladders, teaching adults and children the tricks of the trade in Cambridge and London and in 2016 he started a number of after school skating clubs in the local area.

The first lesson will take place at the Alconbury Weald SkatePark in July. Lessons are for anyone from five years old upwards – but anyone under 18 will need parental consent. Visit the website for details and complete the online form to sign up.

letsgoskate.co.uk/alconbury-weald-free-skateboard-lessons



£2,500 raised for hospital

The Rotary Club of Huntingdon organised a special piano concert at the Hinchingsbrooke Performing Arts Centre and raised £2,500 for Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.

President of the Rotary Club of Huntingdon, Gloria Heywood, presented a cheque for £2,500 to Pat Butcher, the Chair of the Friends of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, who stressed that the funds would be used to improve patient facilities locally.

Over 200 attended to listen to concert pianist Elspeth Wilkes perform an eclectic range of pieces from the classics, opera, stage and screen – all played on the Centre's Borsendofer Grand Piano.

John Upham said: "It was great to have such an enjoyable evening while raising funds for a worthwhile cause. We would like to thank everyone who attended and donated to the hospital and want to extend a special thanks to Elspeth who donated her fees to the hospital and Urban&Civic for sponsoring the event."

Community enjoys Pancake Day



Around 60 local residents and children joined staff at Ermine Street Church Academy on Shrove Tuesday to enjoy pancake races and other activities. Due to the biting wind, and potential for pancake-tossing turbulence, the races took place in the school's main hall.

As well as the races, children and adults enjoyed pancakes and a range of soft drinks, entered an Easter egg colouring competition – with the most artistic receiving a prize – and wrote their Lent commitments on a tag for the promise tree.

The children had been learning about the significance of Lent, and one of the activities was to put what they would be giving up, thinking about or improving over the next 40 days on a tag. Each child then wrote their name on the back of the tag and hung it on the promise tree. As well as a number of children trying to give up chocolate, other promises included trying to give up a favourite teddy, helping set the table and thinking about people caring for animals.

Adrian Shepherd, Head of Ermine Street Church Academy, said: "It was great to see so many local people join us and make the event a truly community one. We'd like to thank everyone who came along to support us and are looking forward to more activities in the coming weeks."

Brownies at Alconbury Weald

In October, Alconbury Brownies set up a new unit at Alconbury Weald and currently have two adult leaders, two young leaders and 13 Brownies.

The Brownies have settled into their new home at Ermine Street Church Academy and have been having lots of fun on Wednesday evenings – making new friends, learning new skills and working towards new badges.

Dallas Pupins, Tawny Owl, said: "We have lots of fun and interesting things planned for the summer term. So far we've had a Queen's birthday tea with lots of party food and energetic team games; attended St George's Day parade and service at Alconbury St Peter's and St Paul's Church – displaying our new flag; and visited Tesco, with access to restricted areas, for the Healthy Heart badge.

"Later this term we have a night of games and activities planned for our Father's Day fun night; are fundraising for British Heart Foundation and Children with Cancer UK; are visiting

Hinchingsbrooke Park for the Out and About badge; and have an evening of silliness and team games involving the Rainbows, both Brownie units, Guides and Senior Section planned for the end of term."

The Brownies at Alconbury Weald have plenty of capacity to grow as new families move into the area and are looking to welcome new leaders to support their expansion. They are also keen to set up a new unit of Alconbury Rainbows at Alconbury Weald – as the Rainbows are currently running over capacity and have a long waiting list.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering – or joining Alconbury Brownies – please contact Jacqui Fairbrass on 07771 615457 or email ggalconburydistrict@gmail.com.

We will feature more news on the Brownies in our next edition.



New homes

With around 30 families having moved in, and more joining every week, Alconbury Weald is becoming a thriving community. Furthermore with Morris and Redrow now on site, and many different house sizes and styles available, those thinking about joining the new community are spoilt for choice.

In addition, all the house builders at Alconbury Weald operate *Help to Buy Schemes*, which means you could secure your dream home for a deposit as low as 5%. If you want to find out more, give them a call or drop into the marketing suites on site for more information.

An update on our expanding neighbourhood is provided on the following pages and more information can be found on the website.

➔ alconbury-weald.co.uk/what-is-happening

Hopkins Homes Unprecedented demand for first homes

One year after launching the first new homes at Alconbury Weald, Hopkins Homes is enjoying record demand and expects to sell all of its 128 homes within the next 18 months.

Hopkins Homes' development lies at the gateway to Alconbury Weald, around the new school. On launch weekend demand was such that extra plots had to be released and sales have not slowed down. Almost half of the homes have been sold and around 30 families are now in residence.

Lee Barnard, Sales and Marketing Director at Hopkins Homes said: "We are delighted with the response we've had to our homes at Alconbury Weald. Buyers are extremely excited to be amongst the first to move into this ground breaking new development and we expect demand to continue to increase as Alconbury Weald takes shape."

Hopkins Homes offer a range of two, three, four and five-bedroom styles, with 73 currently under construction. The emerging street scene has drawn inspiration from local village layouts and architecture.

For information about the Hopkins Homes development or to view the showhome, visit the sales office or call 01480 435108 between 10am to 5pm seven days a week.

➔ hopkinshomes.co.uk

Morris Homes development welcomed at Alconbury Weald



Morris Homes has announced the opening of its new development at Alconbury Weald and potential home owners were given the chance to reserve from Morris' range of modern, high-quality three and four bedroom houses at its launch weekend in May.

Morris' unique designs at Alconbury Weald have resulted in a collection of characterful homes that fit the area seamlessly. The red and buff coloured bricks complement the surrounding properties, while crafted detailing such as brick eaves and stone heads, give the homes a sophisticated edge.

The investment in landscape across the wider development ensures greenery and trees provide a beautiful surrounding landscape, while inside some properties have been designed to feature beautiful vaulted ceilings.

Dawn Dolloway, Morris sales director said: "We're very pleased to put our Morris mark here and contribute to what will turn out to be a fantastic new place for people to live and work. We pride ourselves on thinking differently, creating beautiful homes that are characterful and individual and we hope our new development will reflect this to the public."

Morris is building 165 homes in a range of detached, semi-detached and mews style homes with a section of two, three, four and five bedrooms – ideal for first-time buyers looking to get a foot on the property ladder and downsizers as well as families looking for space to grow.

To find out more visit the Morris Homes marketing suite, Thursday to Monday, 10.30am-5.30pm, call 07484 040412 or visit morrishomes.co.uk.



We're really pleased that Morris has opened its quality development on site and look forward to welcoming new residents moving in later this year.

Rebecca Britton Urban&Civic

We still have homes of all sizes available in over 20 exceptional styles – each carefully crafted to reflect the local architecture – allowing buyers to find a perfect new home whatever their requirements.

Lee Barnard Hopkins Homes



Welcome Home

Alongside the welcome information provided by housebuilders, new residents also get a *Welcome Pack* about the wider development and area, which has been developed by the Urban&Civic team with input from local communities, authorities and agencies.

The Pack sets out local facilities and amenities, from schools and services, to days outs and restaurants, and a range of helpful local contact numbers. The booklets also include travel advice and contain the free bus travel vouchers and cycle discount vouchers that new residents receive to encourage sustainable travel choices.

Rebecca Britton, Communities and Partnerships for Urban&Civic, said: "Between Steph, our newly appointed Community Development lead, and myself, we make sure all residents get the chance to sit down with us, find out about the wider development and different facilities planned for the future. It also gives us a chance to start supporting new residents with setting up groups and events for the new community, or signposting them to existing local groups and activities which they can join."



Sustainable solution for Redrow homes

Timber frames are being used in the construction of 200 new Redrow homes at Alconbury Weald, offering a sustainable solution and speeding up the build process.

The use of timber frames means buyers should find that, not only will their home be built quicker enabling them to move in sooner, but they will also be able to decorate immediately.

Tonia Tyler, sales director for Redrow Homes (South Midlands), said: "A lot of people who've enquired about the homes we're building at Alconbury Weald have been surprised to learn that we're using timber frames."

"We recognise that there's a greater environmental awareness among homeowners and are proud of our record in sourcing timber sustainably. We only use timber from credible, certified legal and well managed sources, with minimal energy used to fell, mill and transport the wood before the frames are constructed."

Redrow was the first major UK housebuilder to score a maximum rating of 'three trees' from the WWF with 99.83% of timber sustainability sourced.

This traditional method of house building is a fast, reliable and sustainable technique enabling each home to be made watertight quicker so the components are not exposed to the elements.

The frames are precision-engineered under factory conditions so room dimensions are more accurate, which is useful for fitting kitchens or carpets. Plus, because a 'dry' plasterboard lining system is used, homeowners can decorate straight away without having to wait for the property to dry out first.

Redrow will clad the timber frames with bricks or render and from the outside it would be difficult to tell how the property was constructed.

The Redrow homes will include a selection of three to five bedroom homes derived from its award-winning Heritage collection as well as bespoke designs created exclusively for Alconbury Weald.

The Redrow sales centre is located near the entrance to the community park and is open daily from 10am to 5.30pm. Alternatively you can call 01480 802430 or visit redrow.co.uk/alconbury.



Urban&Civic homes

The next parcel coming forward will be next to the Enterprise Campus, off The Boulevard and is being developed by Urban&Civic's new housebuilder arm. The area will include 101 homes of modern bespoke designs, work units, a local food store and a day nursery. More detail on these new homes – which will be launched early 2018 – will feature in the next edition of the Alconbury Weald newsletter.



Heritage

It's all in the name



The history of the site is vitally important and we are keen to reflect this in the street names at Alconbury Weald. While streets in the residential area will include the names of those who historically owned or farmed the land, the Enterprise Campus will incorporate some of the engineers, design teams, aircrew and aircraft that were based here at the former airfield.

PIERSON ROAD

Reginald Kirshaw 'Rex' Pierson CBE was an English aircraft designer. He joined Vickers as an apprentice in 1908 and by 1917 was their chief aircraft designer. He designed the Vickers Vimy heavy bomber during World War I, the first aircraft to cross the Atlantic non-stop.

He was also chief designer of the Vickers Wellington twin-engined bomber, which formed the backbone of RAF Bomber Command in World War II. They were based at RAF Alconbury from November 1941 and saw action over a number of German cities – remaining on site until the handover to the USAF in 1942.

Pierson was promoted to chief engineer in 1946 and his postwar designs included the Viking, Valetta and Viscount.

BARNWELL ROAD

Captain **Frank Sowter Barnwell** OBE was a British aeronautical engineer. He built the first successful powered aircraft in Scotland with his brother in 1910 and when war broke out in 1914 he enlisted as a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps. In August 1915 he was released from service to become chief designer at Bristol Aeroplane Company where he put his experience of service conditions to use designing the Bristol Fighter.

As head of design, he developed the Bristol Blenheim, which flew out of Alconbury from April-November 1940 with 15 Squadron and 40 Squadron.

LOBELLE WAY

Marcel Lobelle was a Belgian aeronautical engineer who spent his professional career in Britain. He fought in the Belgian Army at the start of World War I, with the 1st Regiment of Grenadiers. He was seriously wounded during the Battle of the Yser in October 1914. On being discharged from the army in 1917 he moved to Britain and eventually became chief designer at Fairey Aviation, where he designed the Fairey Swordfish and Fairey Battle bomber, which was based at Alconbury in 1940-41.

EMERY CRESCENT

The prototype B-17, with the Boeing factory designation of Model 299, was designed by a team of engineers led by **E. Gifford Emery** and Edward Curtis Wells. It combined features of the experimental Boeing XB-15 bomber with the Boeing 247 transport aircraft.

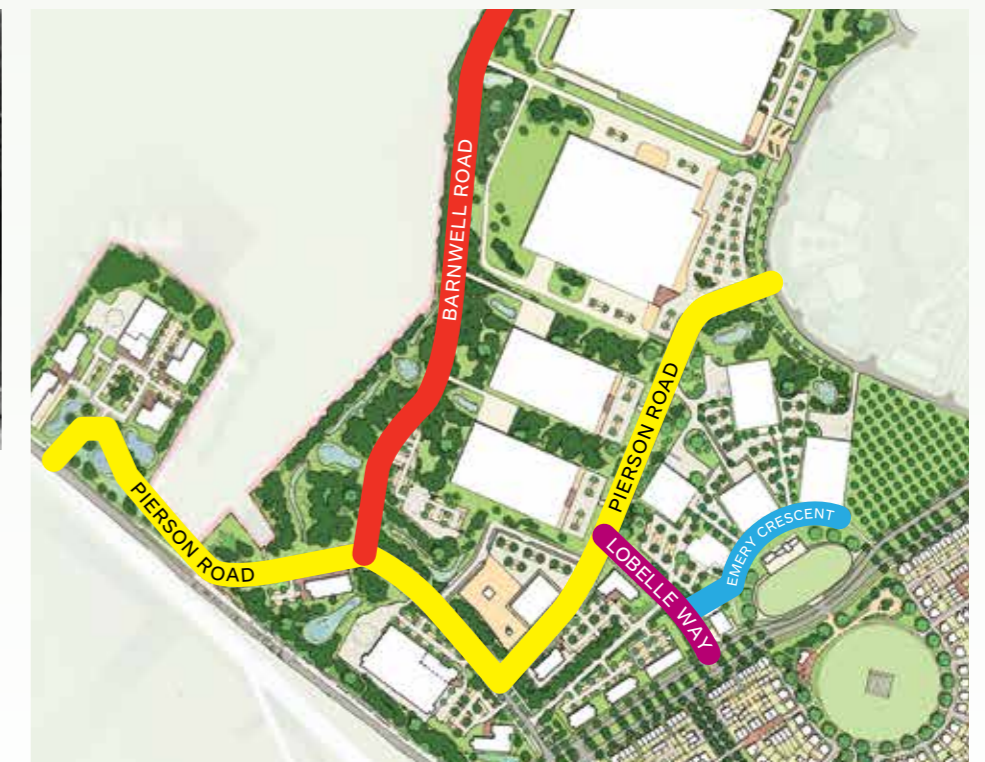
The B-17's armament consisted of up to 4,800lb of bombs on two racks in the bomb bay behind the cockpit, and initially possessed five .30 caliber machine guns.

B-17s flew from across the region, as part of the Eighth Air Force, and in 1943 the legendary 482nd Group was formed, known as 'Pathfinder', which used radar-led 'blind bombing' techniques in specially adapted B-17s, many of which flew from Alconbury.

The Crescent runs around the location of the B-17 explosions of 1943 that killed 19 aircrew. They will be commemorated with a Memorial in front of the Listed Watch Office, where the explosion took place.



B-17 Bomber





New office space

Planning permission has been granted for new office space, which will be located on the main tree-lined Boulevard alongside The Incubator and The Club.

The new offices will have a flexible floorplan to ensure the immediate and future needs of tenants can be realised and is being developed in response to strong business demand to be part of the growing business community at the Government-backed Enterprise Zone.

The office was designed by Allford Hall Monaghan Morris (AHMM) – architects of the award-winning Incubator and The Club – and will complement these buildings in design approach, form and character.

The building will have a strong sustainability focus and the efficient use of resources such as water and energy will be ensured through a variety of methods including natural ventilation, a solar shading canopy and photovoltaic panels. In addition, links to pedestrian and cycle routes, a covered cycle store, public transport and a Green Travel Plan will encourage new tenants to use sustainable modes of transport.

A number of businesses have already expressed interest in taking space in the new office, which should be available from late Spring 2018.



Left to right: Robin Butler (Urban&Civic MD), Jonathan Djanogly MP, Andy Williamson (IKO PLC MD), Cllr Roger Harrison, Cllr Robin Howe, Karl Gasson (Stukeleys Parish Council)

Ground breaking marks start of IKO construction

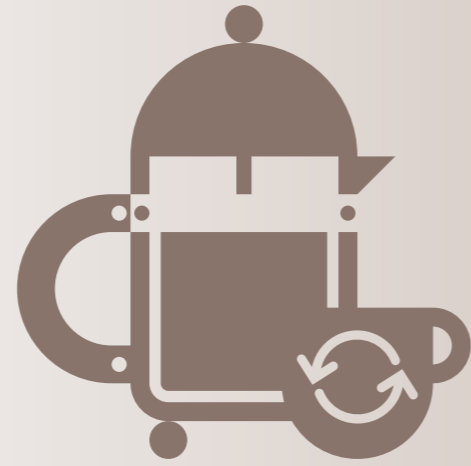
IKO, global leader in roofing, waterproofing and insulation products, held a 'Spade in the Ground' event in March to mark the start of construction of its 470,000 sq ft insulation factory at Alconbury Enterprise Campus.

Local stakeholders including Jonathan Djanogly, MP for Huntingdon and representatives from Huntingdonshire District Council, Stukeleys Parish Council and Urban&Civic joined IKO at the event.

Andy Williamson, IKO UK Group Managing Director said: "I'm delighted to mark the start of construction of IKO's new insulation factory with an event that involves key members of the local community. IKO is already employing people from the surrounding area and the plant, once operational, will create an additional 160 jobs. The development of this factory is a great example of UK manufacturing."

The new factory represents a £30 million investment by IKO and, when fully operational, the factory will produce insulation for around 40,000 homes a year in the UK. This will have a major impact on helping the Government achieve the Climate Change Act's current target to reduce carbon emissions by 80% by 2050. By manufacturing insulation boards in the UK, the factory will also help reduce the environmental impact and cost of importing materials from abroad.

The factory is due to be completed by the end of 2017, with an official opening planned for March 2018.



bio-bean: powered by coffee

Award-winning, clean technology company bio-bean established the world's first coffee recycling facility at Alconbury Enterprise Campus in 2015 and is going from strength to strength – launching a new product, growing its team and taking its story global.

bio-bean has industrialised the process of recycling waste coffee grounds into advanced biofuels and can process 50,000 tonnes a year, one in 10 cups of coffee drunk in the UK. As well as making effective use of a waste product, the process reduces the amount of coffee waste being sent to landfill and the associated financial and environmental costs.

Waste coffee grounds are collected from coffee suppliers – including chains such as Costa and Leon – and are transported to the facility where they are processed to create a high-performance, sustainable alternative to conventional solid fuels, fossil fuels and imported woody biomass.

Alconbury Weald is a great place for companies like us to build a new home.

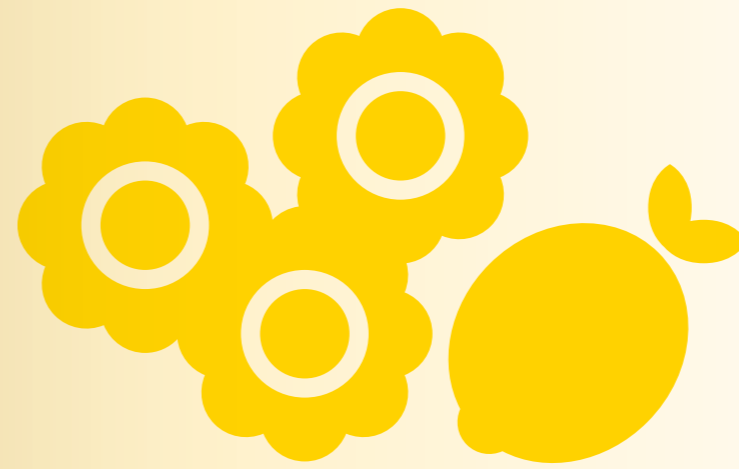
Tom Bage bio-bean



In 2016, bio-bean launched a new product – Coffee Logs. Made at Alconbury Weald, they burn hotter and longer than wood, are a 100% carbon neutral biofuel, can be used in stoves and fires (including chimineas) and offer better value than other briquettes.

Tom Bage, Head of Communications and Marketing at bio-bean said: “We are very proud to have built the world's first coffee recycling facility at Alconbury Weald – where our fantastic team creates Coffee Logs, a carbon-neutral, high performance solid fuel made from recycled waste coffee grounds.”

To find out more, visit bio-bean.com.



Meet our new neighbours

MMUK move in



With MMUK and MMFlowers moving into bespoke new premises at Alconbury Enterprise Campus and looking to recruit locally, we thought we would take this opportunity to tell you a bit more about the company and its products.

Established in 1972, MMUK is one of the largest citrus and grape specialists in the UK, leading in variety innovation and working with specially selected growing partners around the world to ensure a high quality product is available to customers all year round. Using its fruit expertise, the company also develops and produces a wide range of chilled juice products and ice cream for the UK and internationally.

MMFlowers was established in 2007 and provides a vast array of cut flowers to leading UK and European retailers.

The company prides itself on providing a world class, sustainable and innovative connection between the grower and retailer. Its philosophy is based on long-term, ethical and fair relationships with its growers together with industry leading development programmes, supply chain development and strong, sustainable credentials.

Andrew West, Head of HR for both firms said: “Our mission is to be the best in our business, whilst helping making the world a better, healthier and

more ethical place. We are very excited to be moving into our new premises and are looking forward to putting down roots at Alconbury Enterprise Campus, becoming part of the Alconbury Weald community and recruiting local people to join our team.”

Its purpose built facility at the Campus will be one of the largest fresh produce facilities in the UK and will enable the company to bring together its grape and flower teams to grow and develop its offering to customers, which include some of the UK's leading supermarkets.

Over time, the facility will have over 400 people working on the site and the company is currently looking to recruit 17 positions across a range of job roles, including production, administration, quality control, maintenance and warehouse operatives.

To find out more about the jobs available at MM visit sharpperskills.co.uk, drop into the EDGE shop in Huntingdon between 10am and 4pm on Wednesdays or call 01480 435654.

To find out more about the company, visit mmuk.co.uk.



Jobs and skills



EDGE is a jobs and skills partnership that works for businesses at Alconbury Enterprise Campus and across the wider area to help them recruit and develop staff, and to help local people access jobs coming forward. EDGE organises a number of events throughout the year to promote the opportunities available in the area and bring together employers and jobseekers.

EDGE Jobs and Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship Day (March)

As part of the 10th anniversary of National Apprenticeship Week (6-10 March), EDGE held an event on 8 March to help local young people and their parents understand the opportunities apprenticeships provide to earn money while gaining qualifications and learning skills in a practical environment. It also highlighted construction, manufacturing and engineering opportunities on their doorstep, including with local businesses and contractors at Alconbury Weald.

Rachel Kelly from EDGE partner, Groundwork, said: "The National Apprenticeship Week is all about celebrating traineeships and apprenticeships and the positive impacts they have on individuals, companies and the wider economy. Apprenticeships provide an alternative

approach to education and career development and we are fortunate that our region has such a wide range of businesses in different sectors looking to recruit and develop staff in this way."

Rebecca Britton, Communities and Partnerships for Urban&Civic, said: "EDGE does an amazing job bringing together job seekers, training providers and businesses to recruit and develop apprentices. A number of our contractors and businesses at Alconbury Weald run successful apprenticeship programmes and value the opportunities they provide to invest in and develop the talent on our doorstep. The events EDGE organise are a great way for people to drop in for a chat and find out more."



To find out more about EDGE and the services it offers:

- Call 01480 435654
- Email info@sharpperskills.co.uk
- Drop into the office on Wednesdays in St Benedict's Court, Huntingdon (near Waitrose)
- Visit sharpperskills.co.uk

EDGE

Jobs & Apprenticeship Fair
Friday 16 June 2017



EDGE's Jobs and Apprenticeship Fair at the Priory Centre in St Neots provides the opportunity for students and jobseekers to meet a range of companies recruiting locally and looking for apprentices to join their schemes.

Sectors included: care; catering; construction; design; education; engineering; office/admin and retail.

If you were unable to attend but would like to find out more about jobs and apprenticeship opportunities in the area, contact the EDGE team.



iMET Innovation Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Work is progressing well on iMET – a £10.5m Skills Centre to deliver advanced technical skills training in manufacturing, engineering and technology to help address the industries' skills gaps and increase productivity.

The bespoke facility is due to open at Alconbury Weald in January next year and will be a centre of excellence for manufacturing, engineering and technology, working with employers to identify essential skills training needs.

Mark Robertson, principal of Cambridge and Huntingdonshire Regional Colleges, the key training partners in iMET, said the new centre represented a huge opportunity for regional employers.

"iMET is an employer-led innovation in training that is commercially-focused, flexible and specialist. Collaboration is key and it will provide the essential training needed to fill the skills shortages identified within our target sectors," he said.

"We are very proud to be leading the way in delivering the technical, advanced and higher vocational skills training needed to support our booming regional economy."

The building has been designed using the latest Smart technologies to make it efficient and sustainable in both construction and day-to-day running, and flexible enough to deliver bespoke training courses for businesses on the Enterprise Zone and across the wider region.

The centre will include specialist sector-leading training areas, with courses designed to answer business needs – identified through ongoing discussions between the leadership team and industry. To find out more, or to talk about the skills needs facing your business, contact CRC's head of employer engagement Paul Skitt on pskitt@camre.ac.uk.

We'll be talking about iMET in more detail in the next edition. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about iMET, email hello@imet.co.uk or visit the website: imet.co.uk.



Partner update



Urban&Civic continue to work closely with local authority and business group partners to ensure that Alconbury Enterprise Campus delivers the best possible opportunities to support local businesses and attract inward investment to the area.

Huntingdonshire District Council



Business support surgeries

Huntingdonshire District Council and Urban&Civic host a programme of events at the Alconbury Campus to highlight the range of support and assistance available to local businesses.

These free, informal business breakfast meetings provide the opportunity to hear from specialist support agencies on a variety of topics and enable one-to-one meetings to be arranged for interested parties. Through these introduction meetings a number of attendees have benefitted significantly from both funding and technical support.

Recent events have included:

- a focus on **cyber security**, where the audience heard about a government-backed Cyber Essentials accreditation/certification initiative and were given tips on reducing business vulnerability to existing and new scams.
- **Scaling up your business**, where business leaders from David Ball Group and MSF technologies shared their experience and lessons learnt. Run in conjunction with Cambridge Cleantech and KPMG, the event also launched and showcased a range of new support services for growth companies in the area.

- **Accessing finance and support to develop your products, services and people** provided insights into connecting businesses and academia, specialist academic support to develop new products and services, and solutions to help develop people and drive performance.

- An interactive and thought provoking workshop on how to **grow your business through innovation** – designed to help established companies looking to introduce new products and services to explore the importance of innovation. The workshop included information on how Signpost2Grow and Innovate2Succeed can help organisations innovate and grow.

The next business seminar on **exporting** will be in September. For more information call 01480 388074 or email Economic.Development@huntingdonshire.gov.uk.

The **Invest Huntingdonshire** website offers a variety of functions to help local businesses including: information on future funding streams; a business directory; events page; and comprehensive property search facility.

Accompanying the website is a regular e-newsletter keeping local businesses in touch with the latest funding sources, business support initiatives and news.

investhuntingdonshire.co.uk

Chamber celebrates centenary

2017 is a very special year for Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce as it celebrates the 100th year anniversary of the inaugural meeting of Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, which took place in the Guild Hall in Cambridge on 15 January 1917.

It is commemorating its centenary with a series of special events, bringing members together to celebrate the many achievements of the business community and the role Chamber members have played. The main celebration event will take place in Huntingdon on Friday, 13 October 2017 and it is encouraging local companies to

get involved and support the Chamber as it paves the way for another 100 years inspiring business success. Details will be announced shortly.

The Chamber is also using its centenary year celebrations to shine a light on its charity members and encourage members to make connections and provide their time and professional expertise to those who need it.

Details of the charity drive can be found in the centenary section of the Chamber's website cambridgeshirechamber.co.uk.

Local Enterprise Partnership

£37.6m cash boost to help create local jobs and growth

In February, Communities Secretary Sajid Javid announced a government cash boost of £37.6 million for the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough area.

New investment in business scale-up and innovation on the area's Enterprise Zones – including Alconbury Enterprise Campus – are just two of the locally-chosen programmes set to benefit over the next few years; alongside others that will improve skills attainment, create jobs, build homes and improve infrastructure.

This latest award of 'Local Growth Funding' is on top of £109 million of Growth Deal funding already awarded to the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP. The total award could see 8,000 jobs created, 2,000 homes built and attract £29 million extra investment over the next five years.

Alongside historic devolution deals – one of which will mean Cambridgeshire and Peterborough benefits from an extra £800 million investment and a range of new powers – the Local Growth Fund equips local leaders with the cash they need to invest in and support locally determined projects.

Mark Reeve, Chairman of the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP, said: "Our Growth Deal award of £37.6 million comes on the back of a strong Devolution Deal for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, funding for work on East-West Rail worth £110 million and an additional £27 million to support study work for the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. This continued investment in our LEP area is critical to unlock key barriers to growth, delivering infrastructure upgrades and new housing that are vital to the economic success of both our area and UK Plc as a whole."

In the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough area the Growth Fund is funding the construction of iMET, a new training facility that will deliver advanced technical skills in manufacturing, engineering and technology and located at Alconbury Enterprise Campus (see page 27 for more about iMET).

HCA grants £45million loan for Alconbury Weald

Alconbury Weald was given a major boost in March when the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) announced it had granted Urban&Civic a £45 million loan to help accelerate the delivery of the 1,400 acre former airfield site by funding the provision of vital infrastructure.

Speeding up house building is one of the key measures set out in the Government's Housing White Paper, so that the right homes come forward in the right places. The £3bn Home Building Fund has been developed to support large housing sites like Alconbury Weald to be delivered more quickly. The agreement follows a series of visits to the site, where the quality of landscape, infrastructure, housing and facilities coming forward has been held up as exemplar.

HCA Chief Executive Nick Walkley said: "This deal is exactly the sort of thing we are here to do – providing the means to realise the full potential of development sites and provide the impetus to enable a real transformation in local housing markets."

At Alconbury Weald, Urban&Civic has been able to phase major infrastructure to support the development of new

homes, community facilities and the Enterprise Zone. This funding will support an agreed phased investment plan in infrastructure over the next 10 years, including in roads, utilities and remediation works to unlock specific future parcels of housing. This funding will also enable Urban&Civic to bring forward its investment to put in place the Southern Gateway of the site onto the A141.

Tim Leathes, Development Director for Urban&Civic said: "This is great news for the development and a welcome endorsement that whilst Cambridge-shire needs housing, all partners are committed to ensuring that it is not at the expense of quality of life and setting, and comes alongside the infrastructure to support it. This funding does not change our plans, but enables us to get going quicker on preparing the next parcels of land for development."

Alconbury Weald is a major development of recognised quality and we will work closely with Urban&Civic to accelerate the new housing and community facilities that this site can deliver for a major growth region of the country.

Nick Walkley HCA Chief Executive



Outline planning application submitted for Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield

As part of the Company's commitment to regenerating brownfield sites to support local housing and economic need, Urban&Civic has been working with the Ministry of Defence to manage the development of the former barracks and airfield in Waterbeach, three miles north of Cambridge. The site was vacated in 2013, to enable development and remains in MOD ownership.

Following over two years of engagement, partnership working and forensic analysis of the site and local area, in February Urban&Civic and the Secretary of State for Defence submitted plans for the construction of up to 6,500 new homes, new schools and community facilities, and extensive investment in transport connections and green space. The development will support the acute need for housing North of the City, and develop strong public transport links to key employment centres such as the Science Park.

The plans reflect an incredible military legacy of a 20 acre man-made lake and extensive woodland created by the Royal Engineers 40 years ago, as well as protecting the setting of the listed Denny Abbey, which sits north of the site. Much of the masterplanning centres around re-establishing an historic Causeway link between the Abbey and the village of Waterbeach, which was severed by the military use of the site.

The Waterbeach development will follow a similar ethos and approach to Alconbury Weald, with early investment in major infrastructure to support the emerging residential and business communities. This includes nearly £15m of investment to early cycle and bus connections and to support improvements to the local rail station, ahead of a significant contribution towards a strategic solution being developed for the Milton Interchange/A14/A10 upgrade and improvements.

Nigel Hugill, Chief Executive of Urban&Civic, said: "Outside London, Waterbeach is the best brownfield site in the country. Three miles from the Cambridge Science Park with some of the most dynamic employment in the world, Waterbeach can help meet a demonstrable shortage of accessible accommodation in the north of the city, both from an expanding workforce and local residents who have lived here for generations.

"We have been working hard and listening hard to come up with the right plans to allow people to live near to where they work and ensure transport options to get people out of their cars and onto cycles and public transport."

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Urban&Civic invests in St Neots

Urban&Civic, as master developer, will be leading the future development of Wintringham Park in St Neots, following an agreement to acquire a one third partnership stake in the development alongside the Nuffield Trusts.

The 400 acre site (162.3 hectares) – which lies by the railway station – is allocated under the Local Plan for development, with plans for up to 2,800 residential units, 63,500 sqm of employment space, a district centre and two primary schools. The move will see a new masterplan being developed with input from local partners and communities which is likely to be submitted later this year.

The land at St Neots has been in the ownership of the Nuffield Trusts since the 1940s and forms a major part of their bequest from the late Lord Nuffield. The Trusts are able to draw upon significant expertise in health and innovation and this will become a core part of the ambitious vision to design and deliver a well-planned development, supported by robust connections and infrastructure, high quality green space and improved well being.

This project represents Urban&Civic's third major holding with ready access to Cambridge. It is situated in a priority growth corridor for the area, with the development looking to unlock further investment in transport connections.

Diary dates



EDGE shop

Every Wednesday

EDGE open 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
St Benedict's Court, Huntingdon

School tours for prospective parents

2.00pm on Mondays and 10.00am on Fridays

Tour for prospective parents and local community.
Ermine Street Church Academy

Open weekend at The Gym

24 and 25 June

For more information call
One Leisure on 01480 388111

Alconbury Weald Summer Fair

3.30 to 6.30 pm, Friday 7 July

For more information call
Steph Burton on 01480 413141

Free introductory skate lessons (booking required) Throughout July

For more information visit
letsgoskate.co.uk/alconbury-weald-free-skateboard-lessons



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