

Waterbeach

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Marketing suite and first
show homes coming soon

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Creating homes for our
smallest inhabitants

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We are coming to the end of a busy year, and we are gearing up for 2023 to be a transformative year with the first residents moving in and the new community starting to take shape.

There are already lots of facilities and activities at the former Barracks being enjoyed by local people, including the refurbished sport hall and studio, squash and tennis courts, and community rooms. We're also delighted to see the monthly Waterbeach Community Market flourishing and look forward to bringing together the existing and new communities as we open up more of the development and see more events and activities taking place.

In this edition, we share some of the recent highlights from the development as we approach the opening of Waterbeach's first show homes and marketing suites, provide an update on the development's first primary school and share details of the new play space being created.

We also provide a focus on our transport initiatives (on and offsite), along with the progression of the Sustainable Travel Hub. This will provide reliable and accessible alternatives to driving, with e-bike and scooter hire available, as well as the development's first onsite bus stop, enabling residents to travel sustainably to the railway station and employment centres. The Hub will also be home to a feature pollinator, which will become home to some of our smallest inhabitants.

Heritage continues to be a priority for Waterbeach, with our recent exhibition in Denny Abbey reporting on the latest archaeological finds and our street naming strategy helping reflect the site's history.

There's lots of festive activities taking place around Waterbeach this year but we appreciate it can be a challenging time for some families. We have teamed up with some of our contractors to support the local foodbank with donations this Christmas, as well as looking to provide long-term storage solutions as challenges in the economy continue.

We hope you enjoy the festive season, and we look forward to seeing you at local community events in the coming months.

Best wishes

Rebecca and Bruce



Planning and delivery

Meet the team

Paul Mumford recently joined the Waterbeach team as project director for the development of the Waterbeach Barracks site. He takes over from Caroline Foster, who has successfully steered the project through the planning process and into early delivery and is now focusing on our Hinxtton development.

Paul has extensive experience working on strategic developments in both the public and private sector. He joined Urban&Civic just over a year ago, following three years at Places for People heading up the delivery of a major development on the edge of Harlow.

Having previously worked as Team Leader for New Communities at South Cambridgeshire District Council, Paul saw the potential for the Waterbeach Barrack's development from an early stage and brings a wealth of local knowledge to the project team.

Paul said: "It's brilliant to see what we were talking about over seven years ago start to come into effect. In particular, all the open space and the lake that will form the active heart of the development.

"Caroline is now taking another strategic development through the planning process for Urban&Civic and has left me with a fantastic team and an emerging development on the brink of welcoming its first residents.

"It's an exciting time in the project and residents moving in will change the dynamics as the new community starts to establish itself and flourish."



My focus will be to keep the momentum going, continue to drive forward the high standards already set across the development and welcome our next high-quality housebuilder, who shares Urban&Civic's vision for a sustainable future."

Paul Mumford Urban&Civic

Site preparation and landscaping

Throughout Autumn and Winter, one of the key focuses for Waterbeach is landscaping, and the team at Ground Control has been busy working with ECL Civils to bring together the early facilities, alongside the landscape they nestle within.

Much of the focus of the team in recent weeks and in the months ahead is putting in place new landscaping, as well as ensuring the landscape installed last Winter has survived the long dry Summer and is establishing well.

A key focus has been installing the woodland paths and landscape in and around the new play area (see page 10) and laying down new areas of the wildflower mix turf, which has successfully flourished in areas established last year.

The team took delivery of the remaining trees to be planted in this phase of the development during National Tree Week* (26 November - 4 December), which will all be planted out in the coming weeks. These are all large, feature trees chosen for their colour, size or shape to have a real impact on the spaces they are going into and include tilia, sorbus, acer campestre and oak.

The other key project before Christmas will be planting native hedging mixes for landscaping around the external perimeter of the primary school. This will soften the fencing you can see from the A10, as well as form part of the corridors of woodland and hedgerow, which are a key part of supporting a net gain for nature from the development.

*To find out more about National Tree Week and how to support woodland and hedgerows around you visit <https://treecouncil.org.uk/seasonal-campaigns/national-tree-week/>



Showcasing excellence at Waterbeach

Ground Control's work at Waterbeach has been assessed and an 'excellent' grade awarded following a perfect score of 45/45 in the Considerate Constructors Scheme audit.

As a not-for-profit, the Considerate Constructors Scheme is an independent organisation founded to raise standards in the construction industry. It works with construction sites that voluntarily register, with the intention of showcasing how their day-to-day practices are beyond statutory requirements.

The audit highlighted Ground Control's engagement plan for supporting the local community, highlighting the companywide sustainability efforts that can be seen on site, and the defined wellbeing plans that demonstrate its investment in its workforce.

Paul Mumford, Project Director for Waterbeach, said: "Considerate Constructors is an important metric for us, supporting the best practice ways of working we expect from our contractors. This is a great result for the Ground Control team, and we look forward to continued work with them."

First primary school

Education is a key priority at Waterbeach and, once complete, the development will include three primary schools, a secondary school and a special school.

Key milestone

Cambridgeshire County Council recently consulted on proposals for the first primary school at the Waterbeach development, which will be run by Anglian Learning. Subject to planning permission and confirmation from the County Council and Department for Education, the school is expected to open its first class in September 2024, and gradually grow from there.

The new 630 place, three form entry academy will be an environmentally friendly building, set within extensive grounds. The school will be a nearly zero energy building (NZEB) with large solar panel arrays on south facing roofs, low flow devices and enhanced biodiversity. Carbon emissions have been minimised within the design, resulting in a building and grounds that are resilient to climate change.

Provision for each year group at the school will be created using linked classrooms and shared breakout spaces to facilitate flexible and creative approaches to learning. The academy will also have additional facilities to provide bespoke provision for children with special educational needs.

The school has also been carefully designed into the wider development by providing nearby woodland play areas and a car free zone, so the children can walk, cycle and scoot safely to school. It will also have a shared public square in front of the school for parents to meet and the community to come together.

Jonathan Culpin, CEO of Anglian Learning, said: "We are delighted to be the sponsors for this new primary school. As a Trust our vision is for dynamic, empowered learners who will thrive and lead within their community. The school will be built with an outstanding setting and learning environment, both indoors and outdoors, and this will enthuse the children in their learning and deliver on our ambition."

Formed in 2016, the Trust spans education from early years through to Year 13 with nine primary schools and six secondary schools including two sixth forms. The new primary school at Waterbeach will be Anglian Learning's 10th primary school.



The delivery of the first school here will form a key milestone of the development and we're looking forward to working with Anglian Learning over the coming years.

Paul Mumford Urban&Civic

The new school will be called Deneia Primary Academy due to its proximity to Denny Abbey, establishing the academy's roots within the history of the local area. Anglian Learning is keen to work in partnership with local organisations, including the existing Waterbeach Community Primary School, to enrich the curriculum offered.



Next steps:

The development team, which is made up of the architects vHH, Cambridgeshire County Council and the construction team at RG Carter, will reflect on all comments received during the consultation and take them into consideration as the proposals are finalised. A planning application is expected to be submitted in Winter 2022/23.

Paul Mumford, Project Director for Waterbeach, said: "We're delighted to be working with Anglian Learning to develop the first primary school at the development of the former barracks. The Trust has an outstanding reputation and track record in delivering effective, unique schools that fit with the wider community and environment."



New homes

Waterbeach is rich in woodland, parks and green spaces and, with a 23-acre lake at its heart, it is the perfect place to call home. Whether you are starting out and looking for your first home, needing a larger home for a growing family, or looking to downsize – with options to buy or rent available – there's something for everyone at Waterbeach.

The first homes – being delivered by Stonebond and Cala – are within safe walking and cycle routes to the new primary school, community centre, cafes and shops, and some amazing play spaces for the young at heart of all ages.

Stonebond

Stonebond will be delivering 89 homes at Waterbeach. This will include a collection of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments, and 3 and 4 bedroom houses built in mews and terraced styles. There will also be a range of detached villas overlooking green open space.

The development will be framed by mature woodland on one side and connected to water features, woodland walks and play areas on the other.

The specification has been carefully considered throughout, encompassing a range of high-end features such as Crittall screens and wine coolers, without the need to pay for any additional extras.

Sustainability is also at the forefront of the design, with advanced construction methods being undertaken to create a development which is all-electric, featuring air source heat pumps and vehicle charging points as standard.

Stonebond will be launching its show homes and marketing suite in the New Year and welcoming first residents into their new homes in the Spring.



Cala

Cala Homes is working on 111 homes which will feature a selection of 1 and 2 bedroom apartments and 3 and 4 bedroom houses, with a Spring 2023 launch anticipated.

Plans for green and open space are also well considered, with young and mature trees to be planted incorporating an interesting mix of species. Shrub planting, hedgerows, and pollen and nectar rich planting have been designed into the landscape plan – as well as bat and bird nest boxes – to create an environment that promotes happy, healthy lives for our wildlife as well as our residents. The designs also ensure easy access between gardens and other green spaces for hedgehogs.

Sustainable thinking continues inside the home, which will include air source heat pumps and underfloor heating to maximise energy efficiency. Buildings will be positioned to optimise sunlight for heating, while incorporating shade for cooling. There will also be provision for fast charging points for electric vehicles.



Longhurst Group

Urban&Civic is working with Longhurst, a leading charitable housing association that works hard to put customers at the centre of its service, providing people with the support they need and the homes they want, where they are needed.

Longhurst will have a range of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom homes coming soon to Waterbeach. These homes will be available as shared ownership, rent to buy and affordable rent within the first parcels being delivered by Stonebond and Cala Homes.

Longhurst Group's long-term plan to provide great homes and services and deliver an integrated solution to housing and social care is set out in its 'Improving Lives 2025' strategy. It includes a commitment to provide the homes people want, where they are needed most and an ambition to deliver 1,000 homes each year.

Find out more at www.longhurst-group.org.uk

Find out more about the homes on offer at:

www.waterbeachwb.co.uk/homes-at-waterbeach/

Or register for updates on the development at:

www.waterbeachwb.co.uk



Play areas

At Waterbeach, inspirational and accessible play areas provide children with a magical space to let their imaginations run wild as they explore, play and make friends.

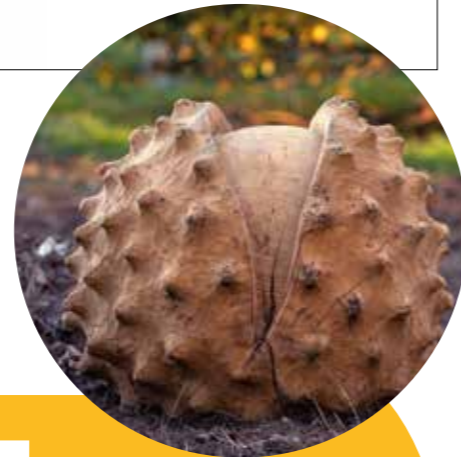


Space for imaginative play

In addition to the Wild Wood play area, with bespoke play equipment and educational sculptures inspired by the habitat of the hedgehog, Waterbeach will have a sensory imaginative play area at the northern gateway of the development.

This play area, set within a woodland glade and using landscape features arranged concentrically like the growth rings of a tree, will help children learn more about the complexity of the natural world through play.

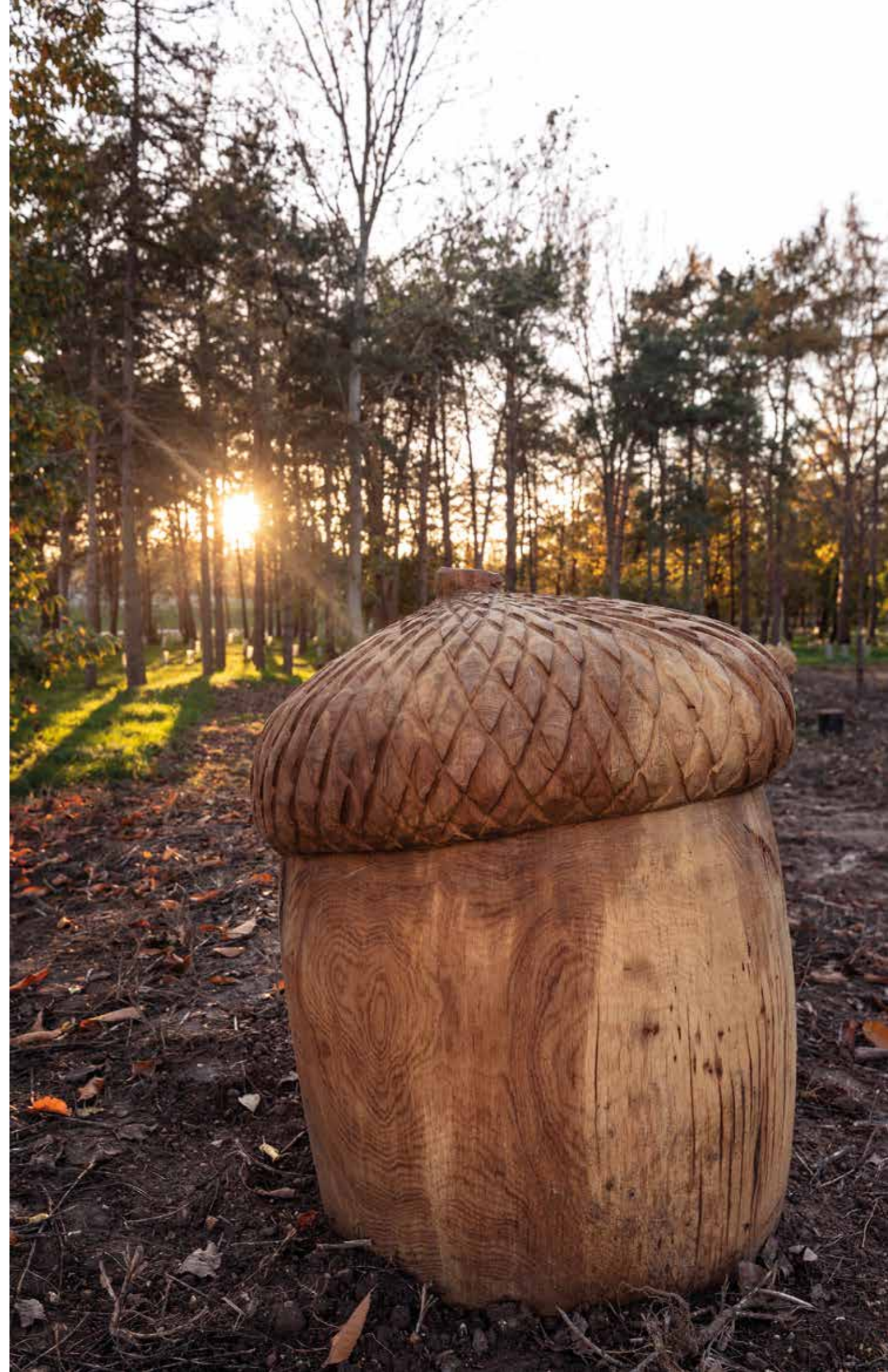
The space will also provide an outdoor classroom and natural features that will be used by the new primary school as a forest school for educational purposes.



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We believe it is important for the first residents to have established facilities and amenities from the moment they move into their new home at Waterbeach. These play areas are a great place for children to explore and make new friends and for parents to meet and start discovering everything their new neighbourhood has to offer.

Bruce Callander Urban&Civic



Connections

With investment in almost 40km of new and improved cycle connections, a new cycle bridge over the A10 to connect to the new Mere Way Cycle Route, and a Sustainable Travel Hub at the heart of the first phase, Waterbeach promotes healthy, active and car free travel options.



A summary of recent improvement works is provided in this section, and updates on the Mere Way route will be available on the website in the coming weeks:

www.waterbeachwb.co.uk/connections/

A10 cycle improvements

Work along the A10 - with a focus on upgrading pedestrian and cycling infrastructure on Cambridge Road, Milton - is nearing completion.

The works deliver an improved, safer route for cyclists and pedestrians along Cambridge Road and connect with the newly expanded pathway on the A10.

We are grateful for everyone's patience as the works have been carried out, and are pleased to say they are now coming to an end.

Mere Way

Mere Way is a key part of the vision to provide robust sustainable transport connections from day one of our development. It will deliver a predominantly off-road connection for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians, which includes a new connection across a bridge over the A10, improvements through Landbeach village, connecting to the historic Akeman Street and Mere Way routes.

The new section of the route has secured planning consent and a final decision is awaited from Cambridgeshire County Council on the detailed plans. Subject to a Section 278 Agreement, work is expected to progress early next year.



Connections



Sustainable Travel Hub

The development of the Sustainable Travel Hub, located by our first housebuilder parcel and the entrance to the new community, is continuing at pace.

It will provide facilities for residents looking to travel sustainably and will act as a key part of the bus network, as well as supporting those looking to hire e-scooters, bikes and more.

A new canopy has recently been installed in the centre of the communal space to provide shelter for residents using public transport connections. The space will incorporate lockers for deliveries and storage, as well as being used by pop-up coffee and food providers.



Railway improvement works

Breheny recently completed the second phase of the railway improvement works programme. These works on Clayhithe Road included the creation of a turning circle and layby – within the current layby area outside the Sailing Club – to support a shuttle bus service to the station.

The works were carried out under a Section 278 agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council and form part of a wider set of measures agreed as transport improvements to support the development of Waterbeach Barracks.



Denny End Road junction improvements

As part of Urban&Civic's commitment to invest in local infrastructure to support the new development coming forward on the Barracks site, work is being carried on the Denny End Road/A10 junction to improve the capacity of the junction, ensure safer pedestrian and cycle crossing, and address and improve some of the existing drainage issues.

The improvement works will include:

Denny End Road improvements

Phase One Completed

- Installation of new culvert and drainage system to convey water to the south verge.
- Clearance of northern verge and filling of ditch, establishing new road edge, widening road width.

Phase Two Seven weeks starting early 2023 (dates to be confirmed)

- Utilities diversions.
- Widen A10 cycleway both sides of junction.
- Construct new south bound filter lane.
- Removal of existing traffic islands.
- Reconstruction and resurfacing of road (from the junction to Convent Drive).
- Installation of new drainage and kerbing.
- Part construction of one of traffic islands.
- Extend footpath north of Denny End Road junction (along A10 to meet future bridge infrastructure).

Denny End Road/A10 junction improvements

Phase Three Nine weeks (following immediately after completion of Phase 2)

- Reconfigure traffic islands.
- Install new drainage and kerbing.
- Install new traffic lights and street lighting.
- Install duct crossings and utility connections including under A10.
- Construct new maintenance bay.
- Resurface A10 carriageway across junction area impacted.
- Paint white lines and install road studs.

The second phase of work will require the complete closure of the Denny End Road/A10 Junction for seven weeks. A diversion will be in place for the duration of the works, which will route traffic through the village via Car Dyke Road (see map below). A traffic light system at the Car Dyke Road/A10 junction will manage the flow of traffic through the village.



The third and final stage will require lane closures whilst the work is being carried out, with three-way signals used on both the A10 and Denny End Road.

Bruce Callander, Communications, Communities and Partnerships, said: "We are conscious that these works will impact local residents and businesses and have been working with our contractors, Breheny Civil Engineering, to ensure disruption to residents and businesses is minimised.

"We apologise for any inconvenience caused and look forward to the improved junction fully opening in the Spring."

A door drop with full details of closures and dates will be distributed to Waterbeach residents ahead of the works starting. Full details will also be on the website: www.waterbeachwb.co.uk/connections/

If you have any queries or would like to find out more about these works, please contact the Waterbeach team on the details below:

Email: waterbeach@urbanandcivic.com
Phone: 01223 622 533

Environment

Creating homes for nature

At Waterbeach, alongside building sustainable homes for people in an inspiring setting, we're also creating homes and shelter for a diverse range of wildlife.

Meet some of our smallest Waterbeach inhabitants, including moths and ladybirds, and learn about the bespoke pollinator habitat that's been designed especially for them at Waterbeach's sustainable transport hub.

Cambridgeshire-based Green Earth Habitats was commissioned to design and create a pollinator habitat to cater for a wide variety of creatures, identified by Waterbeach's ecologists Bradley Murphy Design (BMD) through extensive ecological investigations. This includes solitary bees, lacewings, butterflies, moths, spiders, earwigs, beetles, woodlice, millipedes and ladybirds.

The habitat, which is being created in the shape of the initials WB – the call sign for the former airfield, which can be found by the Control Tower just next to the runway – is due to be installed at the Sustainable Travel Hub soon.

The pollinator habitat is made from local British cedar, sourced from managed forests in Oxfordshire. To ensure a minimal carbon footprint, Green Earth Habitats take delivery of the raw timber twice a year and then dry, mill and season it in a process that takes 2-4 months. The wood is then cut, steamed and stretched into shape – with offcuts used within the installation to ensure zero wastage. Most habitats created are 15cm deep to provide enough space for a solitary bee to lay 10-15 eggs in that cavity.



The new pollinator habitat at the sustainable travel hub is just one way we are integrating nature into Waterbeach. We understand it might take a while before it's fully established, but we're hoping that by next Spring there will be lots of activity in the pollinator, alongside our first residents moving into the new homes here.

Bruce Callander Urban&Civic



www.waterbeachwb.co.uk/ecology/

Different types of material cater for different pollinators. For example:

- Bamboo tubes/holes in logs are provided at different diameters to cater for pollinators of different shapes and sizes – for example flower bees, leafcutters and mason bees.
- Pinecones provide shelter for spiders and insects such as beetles, millipedes and earwigs.
- Straw provides a dry nest for pollinators such as lacewings.
- Holes in dried clay cob create an alternative habitat for solitary bees.

Designed with interactivity in mind, the tactile design includes sections that allow you to look inside to witness the lifecycle of these fascinating creatures and help harvest cocoons, which will then be put in a box and protected during the winter. Once hatched, they will be released in the area and fly back to the pollinator, to start the cycle all over again.

Bruce Callander from Urban&Civic said: "Creating a place for people and nature to co-exist in harmony is an intrinsic part of Waterbeach's philosophy. As well as creating ways to help those living and working at Waterbeach reduce their carbon footprint, we're also enhancing habitats and ensuring a biodiversity net gain for nature; in the five key habitat areas, network of new green spaces and corridors that connect them, as well as throughout all aspects of the development."



Did you know?



Solitary bees make up over 90% of bee species found in Britain.

Unlike honeybees and bumblebees, solitary bees do not live in colonies, produce honey or have a queen. A single female will build her own nest. Some of these will be ground nesters, digging tunnels split into different chambers to lay eggs - using mud, leaves, body secretions or floral oils as their nesting material.

Some solitary bees are furry and larger like their bumblebee cousins, while others are virtually hairless and no more than a few mm in length. They do not sting!

Solitary bees to look out for at Waterbeach include:

- Hairy footed flower bee
- Leafcutter bee
- Red mason bee
- Wool carder bee.

To find out more about solitary bees, read Green Earth Habitat's blog: www.greenearthhabitats.co.uk/blogs/the-fabulous-solitary-bee



Environment

New entrance planters by New Meaning

New Meaning Foundation, a local charity offering training and patient employment for those who are disadvantaged or living in poverty, has been commissioned by Urban&Civic to design and deliver six feature planters to take pride of place at the entrance to the Waterbeach barracks development.

The charity, which has a factory workshop on site for building SPACE Micro-Homes for ex-homeless people, put its latest recruits to work building the bespoke planters.

John Evans, co-founder of New Meaning Foundation, said: "The planters were a great starter project for our latest trainees, who had the opportunity to work with timber and put their basic carpentry skills to the test. The planters only took a few days to complete, so it was great for everyone to be able to sit back and appreciate the products of their labour; many of our project take a lot longer to get to that stage."

The planters are now in storage for the winter and will be put in position and planted up in the spring.

The Foundation was set up in 2006 to give people from backgrounds of hardship an opportunity to learn new skills, gain workplace experience and develop their confidence whilst working on important community projects, like building homes for ex-homeless people. Find out more at www.newmeaningfoundation.org



Heritage



Latest archaeology finds displayed

This autumn, the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey hosted an exhibition of some of the interesting archaeological findings uncovered at the former Waterbeach barracks and airfield site since the start of the development.

The exhibition follows on from last year's highly popular event and included finds uncovered across the site by Oxford Archaeology East.

The archaeological team has been working with Urban&Civic and Cambridgeshire County Council's Historic Environment Team to investigate the site since 2016, following years of archaeological research and analysis in the wider area. The latest excavations finished in June 2022, and this exhibition was the first public presentation of key findings from that dig.

Evidence was found of an extensive farming landscape spanning the Iron Age and Roman periods, including the remains of roundhouses, a barn for

storing animals or grain and a corn drier or oven, as well as enclosures and a watering hole for livestock. The finds on display provided a fascinating glimpse into the lives of Waterbeach's ancient inhabitants, including personal items such as glass beads and a bone hair pin, and fragments of tableware and glassware used to serve diners.

Sarah Michael, Museum Manager at The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey, said: "We were delighted to host another exhibition of archaeological finds from our local area and showcase some more of the fascinating history of the land surrounding our museum. The exhibition was situated in the historic 12th Century Denny Abbey and we welcomed lots of local visitors who came specifically to learn more about the history of the former airfield and barracks site."

Heritage

Street naming

Following consultation last year, the Urban&Civic team has been working with the development's Heritage Group and other local stakeholders to refine the approach to street naming within the new development. This research and work reflect the strong desire from the community that the street names should draw on the rich and varied heritage of the area, with some of the new walks and woodland names influenced by the landscape.

The first part of this work was to agree some core zones, with historic activity providing themes for that area. The feedback from the consultation and work with the Heritage Group balanced out the desire to ensure the military heritage was established, but to also ensure the approach enabled historic field names to be captured and to ensure the agricultural history, and connections with Denny Abbey, also formed a key part of the strategy.

The zoning – shown in the diagram to the right – broadly captures these areas and lines up key parts of the new development with historic field lines and boundaries; the archaeological finds and focus area; and military activity both with the RAF around the old runway and the Royal Engineers areas of training and the Barracks focus.

The zoning strategy also enables some flexibility, as the key thing is to mark and commemorate heritage features within the development as accurately as possible, and to ensure they continue to tell their story to future generations. The strategy is now adopted and each parcel of homes coming forward draws from the zoning and heritage features within that area of land. The names are then consulted on to ensure there are no repetitions or confusing names within the local area – especially important for the emergency services - before being adopted by the street naming and postcodes teams at the local authority and Royal Mail.

The first phase of development at Waterbeach sits mostly within the Denny Abbey area of influence, but also contains some cross cutting routes. The diagram shows the names starting to come together from the strategy, including:

Gillyflower Lane: as the primary route running through the development crosses different aspects of its history, the name had to reflect different periods of history, as well as reflect the heritage and landscape it is crossing. The gillyflower, along with

the rose, was part of the RAF Waterbeach station badge and subsequently that of 39 Engineer Regiment. Crucially it came from the historic tradition that a rose and gillyflower were demanded by the owner of the land on which Denny Abbey was built in the 12th century, as an equivalent of a sort of 'peppercorn' rent.

The secondary roads within the first phase draw on the Abbesses at Denny Abbey. We have not been able to use the first two recorded Abbesses, due to guidance from the local authority on not using hard to spell names, but we are pleased to be using:

- Kendale Road.
- Massingham Way.
- Bernard Road.
- Milley Way.

Alongside these Denny influences, two of the main walking routes within these early parcels follow historic field boundaries, so we have drawn on the old Field Enclosures map to include:

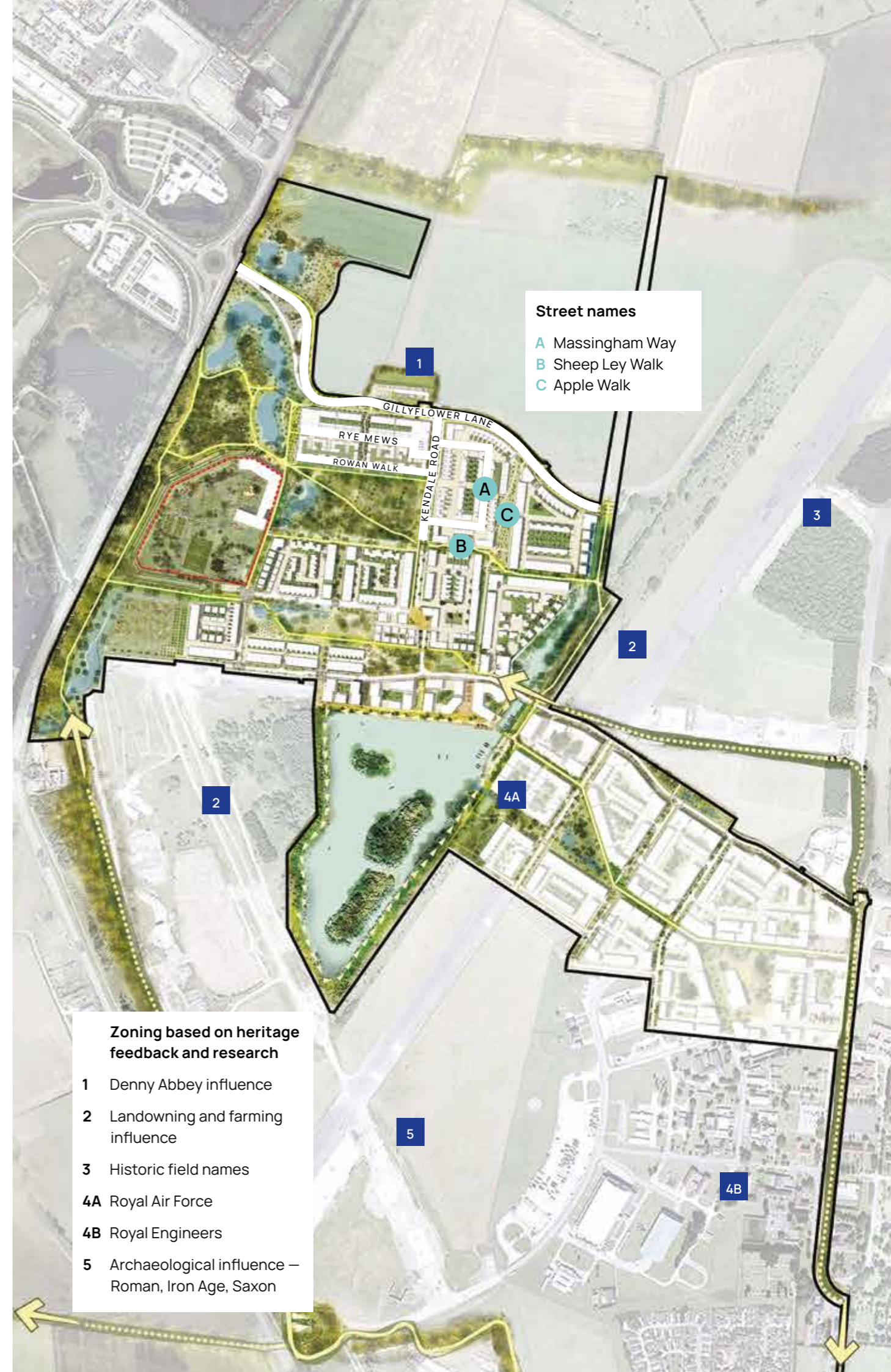
- Rye Mews.
- Sheep Ley Walk.

Two other key walks draw on the tree planting around them, and include Rowan Walk and Apple Walk, which will run adjacent to a new orchard coming forward that will celebrate local apple varieties grown historically.

Additional wayfinding and information in new residents' welcome packs will provide additional information about the naming approach, to ensure people living here or visiting the area can connect with the history under their feet.

Rebecca Britton from Urban&Civic, said: "The approach has been a real labour of love, and we are so grateful for people's time, research and sharing of information to help us pull together an approach, that we think has real integrity to the important and varied history of this unique place.

"We are really excited about ensuring this has real resonance with future residents: connecting them to the history around them, and ensuring the rich heritage of Waterbeach remains a core part of its future."



Community

Female students make their mark on future development

Over 80 female students from local secondary schools across Cambridgeshire visited the development at the former barracks and airfield at Waterbeach for an event designed to highlight the wide range of career paths and opportunities for young women in the world of development, construction, property and the built environment.

Urban&Civic created the Make Your Mark event to inspire young women to pursue a career in the development industry by showcasing some of the diverse people and roles needed to create a sustainable new place, literally shaping the landscape around us.

From design, planning and play to heritage, sustainability and community, students were given an insight into the challenges of creating attractive, healthy and sustainable places to live, that are resilient to climate change events, and accessible to all. The students involved came from Years 8-10 at Bottisham, Impington and Cottenham Village Colleges and Northstowe Secondary College.



Supported by organisations including South Cambs District Council, David Lock Associates, Bradley Murphy Design, Make Spaces For Girls, Fletcher Priest Associates, Mills&Reeve, Jupiter Play and more, Make Your Mark also gave participants the chance to get hands on to help shape future parts of the project.

Students were given the challenge of designing the type of community they would want to live in, using an intuitive, web-based tool that goes through the choices involved in designing new places, and providing everything they need. They were also tasked with designing sustainable, safe and accessible play spaces and public areas for girls and young women.

The charity Make Space for Girls and landscape designers from Bradley Murphy Design worked with them on their ideas, as well as drawing their feedback into future designs for the development.

The students were also treated to anecdotes and insights from a range of female role models and senior figures from the development, planning and both built and natural environment industries, across both public and private sectors.

Liz Watts, Chief Executive of South Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "Make Your Mark showed the energy, interest and creativity from the students involved, but also I hope showed them the routes and choices they can take to really make their mark on the future of the area they live in."



It was brilliant to hear from young people about what they want from new developments, and what matters to young women. These are voices that we often don't hear, but they are the future of our new communities and so their voices really matter.

Liz Watts South Cambridgeshire District Council



Onsite amenities and activities

Waterbeach Barracks already has a range of community and sports facilities, including the recently refurbished Sports Hall and Studio, which form part of Urban&Civic's commitment to reuse some of the community buildings from the site's military legacy.



Key information on the facilities and how to book them follows below.

Sports Hall: the newly refurbished Sports Hall is set out with four badminton courts, a basketball court and an indoor football pitch and includes improved kitchen, toilets and changing facilities. The Sports Hall hosts a range of local groups and clubs you can join, or you can hire the hall yourself.

Studio: newly refurbished with kitchen, toilets and improved access, the Studio provides flexible space for 50 people theatre or 30 boardroom style. It is currently used for a range of activities including exercise classes and music rehearsals.

Squash courts: two courts available to challenge friends and family to a game of squash.

Tennis courts: enjoy a game of tennis on one of the outdoor courts.

These facilities are managed by Urban&Civic and can be booked by calling 01223 622533 or completing the online form. For more information, go to www.waterbeachwb.co.uk/leisure-and-community/facilities/

Waterbeach Barracks is also home to The Playground's 1km assault course, which includes the refurbished obstacles in the original Army assault course and a host of additional challenges to overcome by yourself or as part of a group or event. Annual membership or 'pay and play' options available. Find out more at www.theplaygrounduk.com/cambs



Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum

Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum tells the story of the former airfield from 1938 to 2012, with the RAF stationed there from 1941 to 1966, until the Royal Engineers arrived. It is located at the entrance of the former Barracks.

Falklands War

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War and the retaking of the Island. Waterbeach 39 Engineer Regiment played a fundamental role in the reconstruction of the Island and the community there and continues to do so.

The following is an extract from the booklet 'Sappers at the Beach':

On 2 April 1982 Argentinian forces invaded the Falkland Islands. Three days later, a naval task force set off from Britain to engage the Argentinian forces, landing in the Falklands at San Carlo's Bay on 21 May. The war lasted for 74 days, ending on 14 June 1982. 255 British service personnel were killed during the conflict, eight from the Royal Engineers (none from Waterbeach).

Squadrons from Waterbeach were not involved in the war itself but after it ended, they rotated through four-month tours of duty: 34 Fd Sqn from December 1982 until May 1983, handing over to 48 Fd Sqn (Airfds) who were there from September 1983, working the rock quarry among other tasks; RE Squadrons are still serving tours in the Falklands.

After the end of the war the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her husband Dennis made a visit to the Falklands in January 1983... The then-commanding officer at Waterbeach, Lt Col David Adamson, visited the Falklands at the same time as the PM, to see the work of 34 Fd Sqn and the situation generally.

Waterbeach Squadrons continued to do occasional tours of duty in the Falklands, carrying out construction tasks such as installation of radar stations on the mountain tops.

Copies of 'Sappers at The Beach' and the RAF version 'At The Beach' can be purchased from Rosemary News or Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum.

Exhibits

The Museum has an impressive collection of artefacts and memorabilia on Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield – and the men and women who served there – many of which have been donated by family and friends of those stationed at the airfield.

A recent acquisition, given to the Museum by 48 Squadron Engineer Regiment Kinloss, is an impressive Argentine officer's sword. The citation on the plaque, reads: This Argentine sword was uncovered after an explosion in Mary Hill Quarry RAF Stanley, in August 1983. This sword was first presented to Sub-Lieutenant Abel Eduardo Aguiar on the occasion of his commissioning in 1981.

It is believed that the sword was part of a cache hidden by Argentine officers to prevent them from falling into British hands.



Friends of Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum

If you would like to support the Museum by becoming a 'Friend', an application form can be picked up at the Museum or downloaded from the website: www.waterbeachmilitarymuseum.org.uk

The Museum is now closed for the winter and will reopen in March 2023.

The Museum will be opened from 10am to 4pm:

- March: Wednesday 1st, Sunday 5th, Sunday 19th
- April: Sunday 2nd, Wednesday 5th, Sunday 16th
- May: Wednesday 3rd, Sunday 7th, Sunday 21st

The opening on the third Sunday coincides with Waterbeach Community Market at the Barracks.



Col. Retd. David Adamson

Born in 1943, David left school at the age of 16 and joined the Army. In 1963, he was commissioned into the Royal Engineers (RE) from RMA Sandhurst.

After completing an engineering degree in King's College Cambridge (1964-7), David's military career went from strength to strength, with highlights including:

- Leading a climbing expedition in Jotunheiman Mountains in Norway.
- Jungle-warfare training in Malaysia.
- Leading a UNESCO project in Laos – diving through dry-season rapids in the Mekon river as Chinese-backed insurgents were blowing up roads and bridges.
- Served two tours in Northern Ireland, one as Commanding Officer of 53 Squadron.
- Teaching construction materials in RSME Chatham.
- Research into control of high-speed water flow and site supervision of a hydro-electric dam project during a secondment to the Australian Government.
- Building a military road through a mountainous training area in Canada.
- Staff College Director for the new Zimbabwean army and lecturing in the University.

From 1982-5, David was Commanding Officer of 39 Engineer Regiment based in Waterbeach, with visits to Squadrons in Falklands (with Margaret Thatcher MP), Belize, Kenya and Germany. During this time he also started the Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum and a drama club for Regiment and village (still running).

Figures from history

If you visited Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum during the Summer, you would have spotted portraits from past servicemen and women stationed at Waterbeach Barracks.

After two fascinating years as Military Assistant to the 3-Star US civilian Science Advisor in the Supreme NATO HQ based in Belgium, David retired from the Army in August 1987.

Since then, David has lectured in UK and USA Universities, and worked on reform and sustainability in construction projects for the UK Government

He was appointed Honorary Fellow of RIBA and international Design Futures Council and is now involved in various charities including FoodBank, refugees, Rotary and Cambridge Past Present Future (CPPF), is Trustee of Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum, is in a local amateur choir and plays clarinet (occasionally!).

We'll be introducing some of the other faces in future editions of the newsletter.



Volunteering

The Urban&Civic Waterbeach team will be donning their overalls next year for a corporate volunteering day at the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey. They will be put to work cleaning the displays and exhibits that have been shut up for the winter, ready for the new season to start in March.

There will be lots of work to do, but it should be lots of fun and a great opportunity to work together in a new environment.

The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey is keen to hear from other local companies looking for a bit of team bonding whilst helping a local cause. There are lots of jobs to do, from cleaning and gardening to painting old barns! Find out more at: www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk



Donating



Urban&Civic is teaming up with ECL, Breheny and Stonebond to support the Waterbeach branch of Ely FoodBank this Christmas. As well as a donation of goods in excess of £1,000, the team is looking at ways to help with shelving solutions to make it easier to stock and process the wide variety of products that will be supporting local families this year.

Ely FoodBank Facebook post:

“Our clients are telling us that the cost of food is pushing them over the edge. Families are eating food which is past it’s best, watering down their milk and juice, and cutting right down on healthy but more expensive items like fruit and meat.

“Homeless clients may need food that is easy to open and doesn’t need to be cooked. Young children may appreciate a well-known brand of cereal or biscuits. Older people who can’t leave the house easily may need food that doesn’t go out of date too quickly.

“It all helps to turn a little smile into an even bigger one. Thank you for your kindness.”

To find out more and donate, visit www.ely.foodbank.org.uk



Food donations are vital to help give everyone referred to Ely FoodBank a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Current shortages include biscuits, coffee, rice, long life milk and juice, tinned goods – fruit, tomatoes and meat, rice pudding, custard, toilet rolls (4 pack), laundry and cleaning products, men’s deodorant and shower gel, squash (1 litre).

They have plenty of pasta, soup and baked beans.

Please note, they do not take bottled water or alcohol, or items with a short ‘use before’ date.

If you are able to help, please drop off your donations at Waterbeach Baptist Church on Thursday evenings.



We are wholeheartedly grateful for each and every donation. We also encourage anyone donating to think about the kind of food that our clients really need at this difficult time.

Ely Foodbank

Christmas events and activities

There are lots of festive events and activities taking place in the local area, including:

Waterbeach Community Market: Waterbeach's thriving community market, which takes place in the Community Rooms by the Barracks entrance on the third Sunday of each month, is having a special Christmas event from 10am–3pm on 18 December.

With over 40 stalls expected, you'll find the perfect gift for friends, family and even pets, as well as being able to stock up on tasty treats to take you through the festive period.

Food and drink include:

Baked goods, vegan cakes, fruit and vegetables, fish, meat, jams and preserves, chocolate, cheese, coffee, cider and wine.

Gifts include:

Toys, jewellery, wood, glass, artistic wares, clothes, bags, homewares and laser engraved items, as well as pet food and dog toys.

There will also be a Christmassy photo studio offering mini photo shoots, music from Purple Angels signing duet and hot food and drinks including coffee, tea, pulled pork rolls and warm crepes.

Gaynor Clarke, Co-Founder of Waterbeach Community Market, said: "Our Christmas promises to be our biggest and best yet. Taking Covid into consideration, we're classing December as our 3rd Anniversary and hope the community will come along to enjoy the festive atmosphere and support our local creative talents and producers. We've been fundraising for Arthur Rank Hospice and will be presenting a cheque with a donation to help support people in Cambs living with an advanced serious illness or a life-limiting condition and those who need end-of-life care this Christmas."

www.facebook.com/waterbeachcommunitymkt/

GreenBlueYou, a regular stall holder who sells eco friendly goods and does doorstep refills in the Village.



Waterbeach village: It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Waterbeach village and Urban&Civic is delighted to have sponsored the Christmas tree on the village green again this year.



Sunday Services at St John's, Waterbeach

1st Sunday of the month:
10.15am – Holy Communion

2nd Sunday of the month:
10.15am – Holy Communion with Kids Church

3rd Sunday of the month:
9am – Holy Communion
10.15am – All Age Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month:
9.30am – Breakfast in the Church Room
10.15am – Breakfast Church
10.15am – Holy Communion

5th Sunday of the month:
As announced

For more information:
www.stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk



Urban&Civic is the Ministry of Defence's development manager for the Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield site; one of the largest brownfield sites in the country.

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If you would like to meet the team, discuss any ideas or issues about the development, have a tour of the site or look at the community facilities, then please contact:

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