

Waterbeach

Newsletter Winter 2023

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first residents

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Welcome to the latest Waterbeach newsletter



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Hello and welcome to the winter edition of our newsletter.

It's an exciting time for the Waterbeach development, with our first residents moving in and looking forward to their first Christmas in their new home. November also saw the opening up of the walking and cycling route around the Lake, and the play area at the development Gateway, which has been great to see the local community enjoying.

With the new residents moving in, we have also been able to open up the walking and cycle routes through the new development. We include in this newsletter a map to show the route between the Denny End Road Barracks entrance and the development gateway at the A10 roundabout (opposite the Cambridge Research Park) – which takes approximately 10 minutes to cycle. We have also been working with our active travel partner **smart journeys** to bring forward sustainable travel options and in this edition we are launching a new liftshare scheme to Waterbeach and the surrounding communities. We hope you sign up and give it a try as it's a great way to save money as well as reduce your carbon footprint.

We have also been asked about transport plans in the wider area and have included an update from the Greater Cambridge Partnership, which includes the proposed relocation of Waterbeach station, and Waterbeach Greenway – which was recently consulted on.

The new planting at Waterbeach Woods is going well with nearly 70 mature trees planted in October and the rest of the planting taking place during the winter months. Work is currently running on schedule and we're looking forward to opening the Wild Woods play area in the spring.

We've had lots of great community events and activities this year and the Christmas Waterbeach Community Market on Sunday, 17 December promises to be something special. As well as over 40 stalls with festive food, drinks and gifts, there will be live music, bell ringers, bike servicing, a pop-up art exhibition, a Christmas trail around the lake and festive treats and activities from Stonebond and Cala. There are also lots of regular sports and activities in and around Waterbeach. Whether you want a game of squash, to try out the equipment and classes at Inspired Health & Fitness Club or explore Wicken Fen's new Winter Trail, there is something for everyone.

For those who are interested in the new homes coming forward, our housebuilders – Stonebond and Cala – have their show homes and marketing suites open now, with information about the range of apartments and homes available, as well as incentives to support buyers. The first shared ownership homes will also be available soon, so make sure you have registered with Longhurst Group if you are interested. You can also find out more on the website at www.waterbeachwb.co.uk.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and an active, healthy New Year!

With best wishes from

Rebecca, Fiona and Caroline

Around Waterbeach

Waterbeach welcomes its first residents

Waterbeach has celebrated an important milestone as the new development at the former barracks welcomed its first residents to their new home; a couple and their young son who have moved from Cambridge to invest in a better quality of life for their family.

Sam and Deni chose a three-bedroom Stonebond house within easy walking distance of the development's first primary school and the Wild Woods play area, which takes children from the forest floor into the canopy above through a series of play features that grow in scale and complexity.

Sam said: "We are so excited to be starting a new chapter of our lives in a new home at Waterbeach, which gives us lots of open space and more opportunities to spend time outdoors as a family. The location is also perfect as I can hop on a train at Waterbeach station and Deni has an easy commute to Cambridge Business Park.

"Our son is also excited about his new room and the garden, and is looking forward to other children moving in so he can make new friends. He can't wait to be the first person down the slide when the woodland play area opens in the spring."

The Communities Team at Urban&Civic, the master developer for Waterbeach, welcomed the family with a gift and a hamper of locally produced food and drink.

Peter Williams, Managing Director of Stonebond, commented: "With walks through the mature woodland that frames the development, water features and open green spaces to enjoy, Waterbeach provides an idyllic setting for an enjoyable active and healthy lifestyle. We are delighted that Sam and Deni have chosen a new home at Stonebond at Waterbeach as the perfect place to raise their little boy. The high-quality, sustainable homes and beautiful natural surroundings make this development a very special place."

Fiona Reardon-Rose, from Urban&Civic said: "The team has been working hard for a long time to get everything ready for our first residents to move in,



New homes

Stonebond

and it is fantastic to be able to welcome such a lovely family to Waterbeach. There is so much for them to see and do here already from regular fitness classes and sports clubs in the Studio and Sports Hall to the cycling/walking loop around the lake, as well as discovering the fascinating heritage of the former barracks at Waterbeach Military History Museum and stocking up at Waterbeach's thriving community market on the third Sunday of each month.

"Sam and Deni have already been joined by another couple of residents and they are all setting well into Waterbeach and looking forward to Christmas in their new homes. We are looking forward to welcoming more residents in the coming months and putting down foundations for our thriving new community."

Stonebond at Waterbeach is the gateway to the new development, with 2 bed apartments and 3 & 4 bedroom homes currently available. The homes are arranged in mews and terraced styles, framed by mature woodland on one side and connected to the 23-acre lake with walks to the other.

Reserve your brand new Stonebond home before Christmas and save up to £50,000!



Open House weekend: 16/17 December 2023

Join Stonebond for a festive weekend to enjoy a glass of fizz and a mince pie while you wonder around the stunning Waterbeach show homes. You'll also have the opportunity to take a sneak peek behind the doors of a few homes ready to move into early next year.

Stonebond's show homes are open seven days a week 10am-5pm. During the festive period, they will be closed from 2pm on 23 December until 10am on 27 December and 1 January.

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New homes

Cala Homes

Cala has a host of incentives available for hopeful buyers when considering purchasing a new 3 or 4 bedroom home at Waterbeach.

- Cala's **Part Exchange*** means that Cala will act as the cash buyer on your existing home and, your move is not at risk of the problems that can come with being in a chain. Legal completion dates will be the same but there is no need to pay agent fees, Home Report or survey costs. In addition, no chain means less chance of delay.
- Cala can provide a **Guaranteed Buyer*** service that gives you the chance to put your property on the market first to achieve an open market price with its offer (which is based on a quick sale) waiting in the wings if needed. This service is only available on selected homes due for legal completion within a minimum of four months.
- With Cala's **Assisted Move*** the housebuilder can reserve a potential buyer's chosen Cala home for an agreed number of weeks while they help secure a purchaser for their existing property. Cala will arrange independent valuations of the property and if all parties agree on a fee, Cala will help manage the selected selling agents and cover any fees.

If you need help with a deposit, the **Deposit Unlock*** scheme created by the Home Builders Federation (HBF) in conjunction with the housebuilding industry is open to first-time buyers and home movers who wish to buy a new-build home from a registered HBF member with a deposit between 5% and 9.99%.

To learn more about the incentives on offer, speak to one of Cala's sales consultants, call 01223 080 712 or visit the website at www.cala.co.uk/waterbeach.

Cala's show homes are open daily 10.30am–5 pm except for 24, 25, 26 and 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024 during the festive period.

Cala Homes would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



Cala's Community Pledge

Cala Homes has invited local schools in and around Waterbeach to apply for its new education initiatives:

- **Land to Life** is a curriculum-based schools' project aimed at 7-11 year olds. The comprehensive suite of teachers' notes and detailed lesson plans aims to educate children on how new communities are created, from land acquisition through to sales and marketing.
- **Stay Safe Stay Away** is a health and safety interactive session to talk to children age 5-7 year olds about the dangers of playing in and around construction sites.

Both initiatives are free and provided by Cala Homes as a part of Cala's Community Pledge.

Earlier this year, Cala also held a food collection for Waterbeach Foodbank funded in part by the Community Pledge. Along with donated food items, Cala provided a transportation trolley and worked with PJA Carpentry to create a food collection box for the village post office.

To find out more and for funding, visit www.cala.co.uk/social-value/community-pledge/



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New homes

Longhurst Group

Longhurst Group is the affordable housing partner working with Urban&Civic to provide a range of ways for people to live within the new development through shared ownership, rent to buy and affordable rent options. It has a fantastic collection of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom homes coming soon to Waterbeach.

Partnering with Stonebond and Cala Homes, Longhurst Group is providing a mix of new homes – from apartments to mews terrace style and larger family homes – all with easy access to beautiful green spaces to ensure residents are never far from nature.

Its first shared ownership homes will be available to reserve very soon. Register your interest with Longhurst Group if you wish to find out more.

The office will be closed from 5pm on 22 December to 9am on 2 January.

The Longhurst Group wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and a joyful 2024. They also understand that Christmas can be a difficult time for some. You are not alone. Below is a list of not-for-profit agencies who can help and support you.



Women's Aid
womensaid.org.uk
0808 2000 247

The Men's Advice Line
mensadviceline.org.uk
0808 801 0327

Galop – LGBT+ Domestic Abuse
galop.org.uk/domesticabuse
0300 999 5428 or
0800 999 5428

The Mix – Essential support for under 25s
themix.org.uk
0808 808 4994

Rape Crisis
rapecrisis.org.uk
0808 802 999

Mind – For better mental health
mind.org.uk
0300 123 3393

Samaritans
samaritans.org
116 123

Alcoholics Anonymous
alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk
0800 917 7650

Stonewall – Acceptance with exceptions
stonewall.org.uk
0800 050 2020

Childline
childline.org.uk
0800 1111

Refuge – For women and children
Against domestic violence
refuge.org.uk
0808 2000 247

Beat – Beating eating disorders
b-eat.co.uk
Helpline: 0345 634 1414
Youth line: 0345 634 7650

Shelter
shelter.org.uk
0808 800 4444

No Panic – Helping you break the chains of anxiety disorders
nopanic.org.uk
0844 967 4848

Cruse – Bereavement care
cruse.org.uk
0808 808 1677

What is shared ownership?

Shared ownership is a great way for you to get a foot on the property ladder if you can't afford to buy a home outright on the open market.

It can take away the pressure off having to save for a high deposit or having to make large mortgage repayments.

Essentially, it means you'll be buying a share of your home – up to 75% – and paying an affordable rent on the remainder.

Find out more about all the homes on offer at:
www.waterbeachwb.co.uk/homes-at-waterbeach/

Or register for updates on the development at:
www.waterbeachwb.co.uk



New woodland planting



At the heart of Waterbeach's first new homes is Waterbeach Woods, a park with green space for people to enjoy and nature to flourish, and Wild Woods play area, which takes children from the forest floor into the canopy above through a series of play features that grow in scale and complexity.

The new woodland planting is progressing well, with diverse species of trees being planted to create a more naturally occurring woodland with varying canopies that will support a variety of flora and fauna.

In October, nearly 70 mature trees were planted, with the rest of the planting – 281 semi-mature trees, 56 whips, 417 woodland shrubs and 63 woodland climbing plants – going in during the winter months.

While these works are carried out, safety fencing will remain to allow the trees to settle into their new habitat and to give them the opportunity to flourish. Wild Woods play area is on track to open in spring 2024. In the meantime, children can explore the play area at the entrance to the development, opposite Stonebond's new homes. The design is inspired by natural play features and sculptures that spark the imagination of the young at heart of all ages.



Creating and enhancing habitats

In the last edition of the Waterbeach newsletter (Autumn 2023), we introduced the five key habitat areas within the development that will protect and enhance ecology at Waterbeach. In this newsletter, we take a closer look at the lake and runway grassland area.

Lake and runway grassland

The lake and runway are made up of an intricate patchwork of habitats including open water, woodland, grassland, wetlands and meadows that support a range of key species groups such as birds, bats, reptiles and amphibians.

These habitats will be enhanced for wildlife through additional planting and appropriate management such as scrub control to maintain open grassland areas:

- Areas of the lakeside and the southern islands will be managed primarily for wildlife with careful control of public access to ensure sensitive species such as kingfisher are not disturbed.
- Existing high value grassland alongside the former runway will be retained and managed to ensure it continues to support reptiles and invertebrates, as well as birds and bats.
- Areas of higher value grassland will also be retained along the eastern edge of the lake to provide other habitat types along the lakeside to support reptile species such as grass snakes and common lizards.



Indicative area of lake and runway grassland



Priority species

Nationally scarce pond skaters

Pond skaters can usually be spotted between April and November at the edge of ponds and lakes. A population of nationally scarce pond skaters was discovered at Waterbeach on the lake, along the southern shorelines and areas of water lilies in the north.

Pond skaters are brown and grey with big bug eyes and long legs. They occur in colonies on the surface of large, open water bodies such as lakes and reservoirs. Adults hibernate through winter months and mate in the spring. Eggs are laid beneath the water. Pond skaters are carnivorous at all stages of their lifecycle, feeding largely on other insects such as flies that have become trapped on the water surface.

- Conservation status: Nationally scarce. Distributed across Britain but largely in the South East of England. While there are about 260 recorded examples of the species, many of the Cambridgeshire records are so old, their presence at Waterbeach is significant. This may be the only current known site for this species in the county.
- Measurements: 14-16mm

Did you know?

Pond skaters can walk on water! They use hairs on their feet to repel the water enabling them to skate across the surface.

They hunt their prey by detecting vibrations of insects that have become strapped in the surface tension of the water.

Kingfishers

Kingfishers are most recognisable by their bright orange belly and vibrant blue head, back and wings. Look out for them flying low or perched on branches over the water hunting for fish and insects.

Kingfishers nest in burrow-like nests dug into the banks of rivers, lakes and quarries. Around Easter time kingfishers lay their first clutch of 6-7 eggs with 2-3 broods often raised in a single breeding season. There are over 90 species of kingfisher globally.

- Conservation status: Amber (Birds of Conservation Concern); Protected in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
- Measurements: Length: 15-17 cm, wingspan: 24-26 cm, weight: 34-46 g.
- Listen: Kingfishers make dry, loud calls.

Did you know?

Kingfishers catch their fish blind. Once they have spotted their prey they remember its location and dive into the water beak first with their third eyelid closed.

Kingfisher chicks can eat 12-18 fish a day, meaning the adults need to catch over 120 fish per day for their brood.



Connections

Walking and cycling

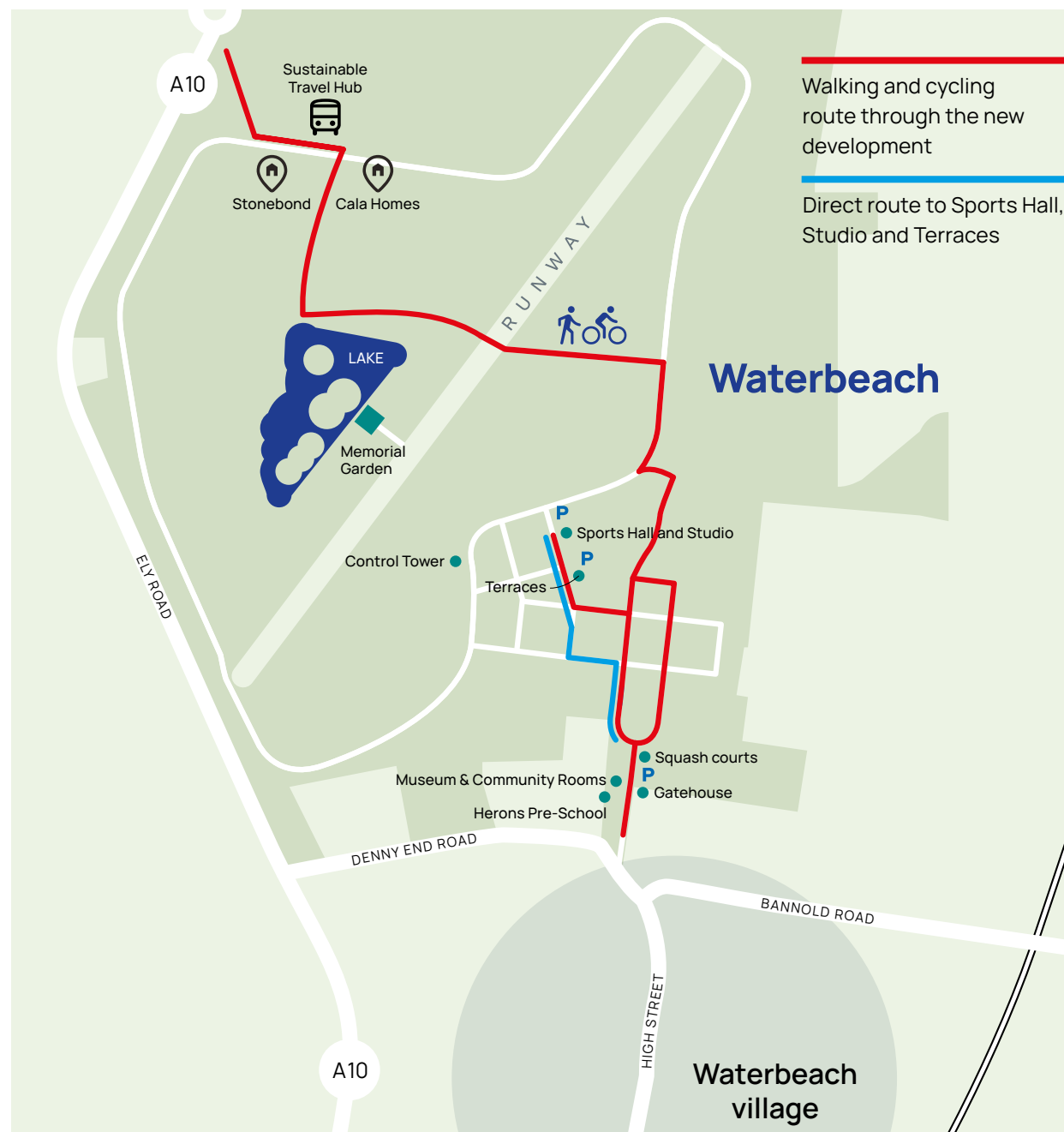
With investment in almost 40km of new and improved cycle connections, a new cycle bridge over the A10 to connect to the new Mere Way Cycle Route, and a Sustainable Travel Hub at the heart of the first phase, Waterbeach promotes healthy, active and car free travel options.

The route through the site is now open, which allows walking and cycling access through the development to the Research Park.

This route will help to connect communities and provides an important active travel route from Waterbeach Village to the Research Park.

It is also part of the vision to provide robust sustainable transport connections to support the development of Waterbeach, as well as providing benefits to the surrounding area.

www.waterbeachwb.co.uk/connections/



Sustainable travel

At its heart, Waterbeach has been designed to encourage a healthy, sustainable lifestyle, with the right infrastructure and services being put in place for people to lead low carbon lives as the development rolls out. As part of one of the early interventions to help people use their cars less for single occupancy journeys, Urban&Civic and smart journeys are launching a car share App for the new development, the village and local communities.

Waterbeach Liftshare

Urban&Civic has been working with smart journeys, the Sustainable Travel Planning Team hosted by Cambridgeshire County Council, and Liftshare to design and launch a platform to support new and existing residents in the area.

Waterbeach Liftshare helps find matches with other people living locally and travelling to/from similar destinations – as a driver, passenger or both.

Liftsharing helps you to:

- Save money – share the ride and split the costs. A commuter will typically save over £1,000 a year!
- Reduce CO2 emissions – be part of the bigger picture and help to reduce global CO2 emissions. Liftshare is on a mission to save 1 billion miles, and you can be part of that by simply sharing your commute with someone else going your way.
- Reduce stress – by cutting congestion and reducing the stress of traveling by sharing a car with your new best friend.

How Liftshare works

1. Find and join your community. Search for 'Urban&Civic' and click to join the Waterbeach community.
2. Add your journey: enter your journey details in three simple steps and find out who is going your way.
3. Ask to share: once you've found someone suitable, introduce yourself and arrange how and when to meet. Please do not share your home address; meet at the end of a road or at a local landmark like a post box.
4. Travel happy: start sharing! Once you've arranged the details, all that's left to do is meet your new Liftshare buddy and enjoy the ride.

To find out how the App works, watch the liftsharing video at bit.ly/3uPu75b

Wherever you're off to, join the car sharing revolution. It's the easy, fun way to cut the cost of travelling. To find out more and sign up, go to

www.waterbeach.liftshare.com

On your bike

To help the local community get out and about more on their bikes, smart journeys arranged for bike servicing at the Community Market in October and November. The team will be back at the December Market, offering servicing, free lights, bike seat covers & panniers and security marking.



Connections

Update from Greater Cambridge Partnership

New public transport links and walking and cycling routes are being created to link the growing town of Waterbeach to Cambridge, surrounding villages and beyond.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) – the delivery body for the Cambridge City Deal with central government bringing investment worth up to £1bn – is developing plans to make it easier for people to travel to work, school and to meet their friends.

This is part of the GCP's new transport network which aims to provide more reliable walking, cycling and bus journeys to reduce congestion on the roads, and to help cut carbon emissions and improve air quality for people who live, work and study in the growing Greater Cambridge region.

Waterbeach to Cambridge

The GCP's Executive Board – made up by representatives from partner councils, academia and business – this autumn approved the outline business case and preferred alignment for the Waterbeach to Cambridge project.

The scheme will see the creation of a dedicated off-road busway between Cambridge and Waterbeach via Landbeach. A new travel hub will also be created just off the A10 to the west of Waterbeach to enable people to leave their cars and travel in and out of the city by bus.

The project will provide reliable, frequent, and direct buses that serve Cambridge Business Park, Waterbeach, and the proposed relocated railway station, Landbeach village, Cambridge Science Park, and the city. It would also link with the existing guided busway and Milton Park & Ride.

The GCP is now carrying out preliminary design work, including an Environmental Impact Assessment, to prepare for the submission of a Transport and Works Act Order to the Secretary of State for Transport. If approved, the current aim is to complete construction of the busway and travel hub by the end of 2028.



Proposed relocation of Waterbeach station

The GCP is part-funding the proposed relocation of Waterbeach Station.

The land next to the former Barracks, with 4,500 homes being progressed by RLW, has a commitment to bring a relocated station forward within the early stages of development, so that residents can access fast and frequent trains to Cambridge, London and beyond.

Surveys – including topographical and ground investigation – have been carried out to inform the design of the relocated station. Further work including stakeholder engagement will take place throughout 2024.



Waterbeach Greenway

A public consultation on a revised route for the Waterbeach Greenway – a new off-road walking and cycling route – was also held this autumn.

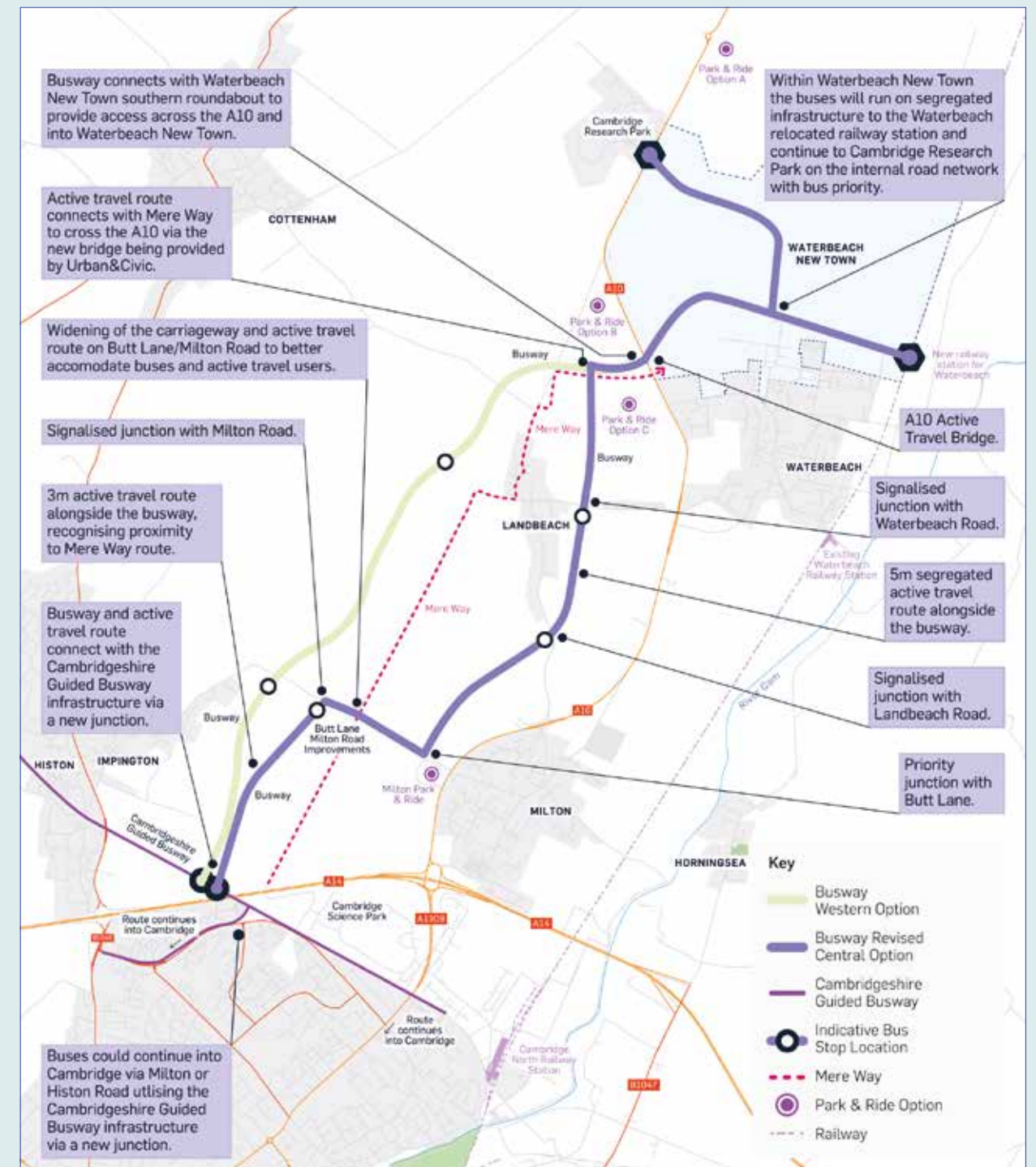
The proposed Waterbeach Greenway route starts on Cambridge Road, where it then travels on an off-road path behind Car Dyke Road and the A10 into Milton village, and over the A14 into Cowley Road, linking in with the Chisholm Trail and Cambridge North station.

It is one of 12 Greenways being developed by the GCP to create a network of attractive walking, wheeling, and cycling routes to connect surrounding towns and villages to Cambridge.

The previous route for the Waterbeach Greenway would have run alongside the railway line and through Milton Country Park but it was discounted after further technical assessments of the route found that the alignment was prone to significant flooding.

For more information about the GCP and its projects visit www.greatercambridge.org.uk

Proposed route for Waterbeach to Cambridge Busway



Community

The Studio – which is part of the complex of inherited buildings with the Sports Hall – has become a busy location for events and activities, since it was refurbished as part of the commitment to bringing forward early facilities within the development.

From regular yoga and pilates to jazzercise and Waterbeach Brass Band rehearsals there are now a range of events, people can join, which you can see on the website at www.waterbeachwb.co.uk/leisure-and-community/facilities



Diwali at Waterbeach

One recent community-organised event, transformed the space with lights and colour as part of the local celebrations for Diwali.

Friends and neighbours celebrated the Festival of Lights at Waterbeach with sparklers, music and dance. Organiser Divya, said: “We had a fantastic evening and hope to be able to use The Studio to celebrate Diwali with the wider community next year.”



Waterbeach Community Market: Christmas Special

From 10am–3pm on Sunday, 17 December



Waterbeach Community Market will be in the Terraces space of the former barracks (accessed from the Denny End entrance to Waterbeach) on Sunday, 17 December with a Christmas Special, including:

- Over 40 stalls selling a wide variety of local produce including festive food, drink (including warm mulled apple juice) and gifts.
- Singers from the Purple Angels.
- Bell ringers from Landbeach Church.
- A Christmas trail around the lake with a hidden festive message to find.
- Show homes special with festive activities and treats from Stonebond and Cala.

- Bike servicing from **smart journeys** including free lights, bike seat covers, panniers and security marking. Book in advance: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Waterbeachbikeservicing
- Pop up exhibition with pottery, textiles, drawings, paintings, jewellery and sculpture.

A free mini bus shuttle service will be available – collecting from the Village Green and stopping at the Terraces for the Christmas Market and the Lake for the Christmas trail.

The Christmas trail is also accessible from the A10 entrance along with the show home open days. Parking is available at the Sustainable Travel Hub.

To find out more – including minibus schedule – visit the Waterbeach Community Market's Facebook page: [WaterbeachCommunityMKT](https://www.facebook.com/WaterbeachCommunityMKT)



Community

Happy healthy new year

Waterbeach has a wide range of facilities and activities for anyone looking to take up a new sport, improve their fitness and adopt a healthy lifestyle. Living Sport will be supporting and enhancing these opportunities through its Active New Communities project next year.

To find out more, visit www.waterbeachwb.co.uk/leisure-and-community/facilities/

Waterbeach Squash Club

In August, Living Sport held a squash activation event to encourage people to have a game and see if there was interest in developing a squash league at Waterbeach.

November saw the launch of fortnightly Waterbeach Squash Club nights, with local residents being joined by Mel Harradine, the new Living Sport representative who will be supporting the Waterbeach community to develop sport and physical activity opportunities at the development.

Iain Smith, Club co-ordinator, said: "It was wonderful to meet Mel from Living Sport tonight and I look forward to working together to develop the Squash Club as Waterbeach grows. We had our first Club round robin and got to meet a few new friendly faces. Our WhatsApp group of local players poised to take up the offer of game is growing and the new online court booking system is making booking courts more convenient. Once we have a few more players, we will set up a league. All abilities will be warmly welcomed to the group."



Mel Harradine from Living Sport added: "I had a great time playing squash for the first time tonight. The Club members were welcoming and helped me with some basic rules and skills. There are spare rackets for anyone wanting to come along and give it a go, which I would thoroughly recommend. It was also great to have a break in between games and watch the Club members have fun playing this great sport."

Waterbeach Squash Club currently has 34 members, with free Club nights held every other Wednesday. For more information, please email hello@waterbeachwb.co.uk or iainwithani@googlemail.com



Local business focus



Inspired Health & Fitness Club



The investment coming forward with the new development also provides opportunities for existing businesses as people move into their new homes. We will be promoting businesses and services already established in the community.

Our first focus is on Inspired Health & Fitness Club, located at Cambridge Innovation Park in Waterbeach. The fully equipped gym has recently been expanded and new equipment has been introduced including a multi-station rig, additional plated leg press, sled and track and assisted pull-up machine.

The gym has a friendly fitness team on hand to give expert advice to help members achieve their goals. They can also provide personal training for those with specific goals such as losing weight, gaining muscle or training for a particular event or activity.

Fitness classes are also available including HIIT, Circuits, Box-Fit and Yoga, which are also available to non-members on a pay as you go basis.

Inspired Health & Fitness Club has launched a New Year sale that includes:

- Discounted annual membership by paying for a year up front at £299 (usually £349) – essentially getting two months free.
- 20% off the first three months when someone signing up to a 12 month individual contract.
- No joining fees.

Find out more at www.inspiredfitnessclub.co.uk

Days out

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 (RE) arrived. It is located at the entrance of the former Barracks.

Adrian Wright, Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum Chairman, said: "To everyone who visited the Museum this year, thank you for coming and please come again and bring your friends and relations. We enjoy sharing Waterbeach's RAF and RE days with you.

"This year we had the addition of an interactive display courtesy of our new partners – the Duxford Radio Trust! The display has been well received and has been a great education tool for young people – and the not so young – who have tried their hand at Morse Coding. Come and have a look at the replica Lancaster Bomber wireless operator's position!

"We are looking forward to welcoming new residents to Waterbeach and hope they visit the Museum to learn something of the heritage of the RAF Station, the Royal Engineer Barracks and training grounds that once covered the area where they are living.

"The trustees of Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

Looking for a Christmas present? Friends of the Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum subscription comes with a splendid badge exclusively designed for the Museum by one of the Trustees. Application forms can be downloaded from the website.

Much of the history of Waterbeach RAF Station and RE Barracks can be found in 'Sappers At The Beach' and the RAF version 'At The Beach', which can be purchased from Rosemary News or from the Museum. The booklets are £10 each.

The Museum is looking for volunteer stewards to help during opening times as well as someone to help create a digital catalogue of all the Museum artefacts. It involves photographing items and recording them in a database already setup, with training and support provided. If you would be interested in joining the Museum's friendly team, pop in when it is open or email waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org

www.waterbeachmilitarymuseum.org.uk



Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey

The Farmland Museum, which sits within the grounds of Denny Abbey, tells the 850-year story of farming and life in the Cambridgeshire Fens. It is open from March to October each year and has a range of indoor and outdoor exhibits, interactive displays and family events and activities



The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey is now closed but staff and volunteers are working hard behind the scenes to care for the collection and get everything ready for next March.

As well as welcoming volunteers to help throughout the year, the Museum is also looking for a Café Manager to join the team – fixed contract from March-November 2024 with the opportunity to renew each year. More details can be found on the website.

Sarah Michael, Museum Manager, said: "We've had a fantastic year, and it has been lovely to see so many individuals, couples, families and groups come along to see our fascinating exhibits and enjoy our events and activities."

www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

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We would like to wish all our visitors and supporters a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we hope to see lots of Waterbeach families back at the museum when we open in March.

Sarah Michael Museum Manager



Days out



Wicken Fen

Wrap up warm and head over to Wicken Fen to watch groups of winter thrushes creating colourful sights and chattering sounds around the reserve. Corvids can also be seen swirling overhead, particularly in the later afternoon just before dusk and there have been regular sightings of short-eared owls and large numbers of lapwing. It's a great time to get out your binoculars, put on your wellies and heading to the Fen for some wildlife watching.

Explore the Woodland Walk and experience the new Winter Trail – the team's take on the classic carol, 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. No French Hens or Gold Rings, but lots of the creatures that call Wicken Fen home. Games and activities to enjoy along the way. No need to book, drop in with family and friends to enjoy some festive fun.

Wicken Fen is open every day over the festive season except Christmas Day. The Visitor Centre and shop are open from 10am to 4.30pm and the Docky Hut Café is open from 10am to 4pm.



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