



Newsletter June 2024

Wichel Fields June 24



Construction Update

In May Wichelstowe JV and our contractors Fox (Owmbly) Ltd started work on extending the canal from East Wichel to Mill Lane. This will be the first step in connecting to the District Centre.

Work is progressing well and you will soon be able to see the canal channel running all the way to Mill Lane before the hard work of lining the canal with clay begins.





News Roundup

More details can be found at www.wichelstowe.co.uk/news



Wichelstowe has scooped a coveted Placemaking award.

The scheme impressed judges with its “harnessing of art, green initiatives and locally-led influences, creating a place that has a tangible sense of pride surrounding it.”

The development was honoured at Insider’s South West Residential Property Awards 2024 event.



The cost-of-living crisis has made initiatives like the Swindon Food Collective more precious than ever to the local communities they support. But the crisis has also had a devastating impact on the donations they receive. Teams from Barratt David Wilson delivered goods they’re collecting across the spring and summer at their local offices to help fill the shelves ahead of the half term and summer holidays.

Residents at Wichelstowe can donate food for Swindon Food Collective at Waitrose.



Clyde Cocking and Robin Clarke, the site managers at Orchards Rise and Orchards View, have won a Pride in the Job Award from the National House Building Council (NHBC), known as the ‘Oscars’ of the housebuilding industry.

The awards recognise the very best site managers across the country, with over 8,000 being entered into the awards annually. Each is judged on a strict criteria including technical expertise, health and safety, leadership and attention to detail.



FAQ's

A few questions have recently been asked by residents regarding the canal works in East Wichel and future plans in the area:

Q1) What are the plans for the fields between Middle and East Wichel?

This area will be a combination of sports and play facilities along with a pavilion. Keep your eyes out for more details on the plans later this year!



Q2) The canal level is dropping again near the aquaduct. Are you aware and what are the plans for removing the bunds?

The sensors in the canal provide readings which are checked daily so accurate data is being collected. Whilst the high levels of rainfall over the last year have kept the canal topped up, the team have been waiting for some dry weather to check how each section performs before the bunds are removed. One half of the aquaduct section does still have a small issue so the water level will be left to fall and depending when it stops dropping this will help indicate where the leak is allowing options to be explored.

Community Update

Introducing Wichelstowe Runners:

We meet on Saturdays at 9am at the Wichel Inn in East Wichel. Check us out on Facebook, search for 'Wichelstowe Runners.'

We are building back up after a bit of a breather, and currently have a mix of run/walkers, buggy runners, along with those pushing on to 10km and even the odd ultra runner. We specifically cater for local runners or those who have a local connection to Wichelstowe. We never leave anyone behind on a run, and in the past have been successful in the 'Beat The Street' competitions across Swindon and members have also completed in local competitions.

