

Newsletter April 2025

Canalside April 2025



Construction Update

Work is now well underway on the new housing parcels in Wichel Fields and Canalside with the first new homes coming out of the ground. The McCarthy Stone and Anchor apartment blocks are also well progressed and the first crane has been removed.

As we enter the warmer months the canal and earthworks activity is also restarting. These works have needed to be paused over the winter as the ground is too wet but the recent warm sunny weather means it is now possible to start again in earnest.

Detailed design is also underway for the road which will replace the construction haul road and connect the District Centre stretch of Peglars Way with Mill Lane roundabout.

Over in the Orchards, the archaeological investigation is now complete, and work will start shortly preparing the land for the next phases of both Orchards Rise and Orchards View. Construction of the roundabout which links Scott Way to the road under the M4 is also continuing.



The Orchards April 2025

Green Spaces

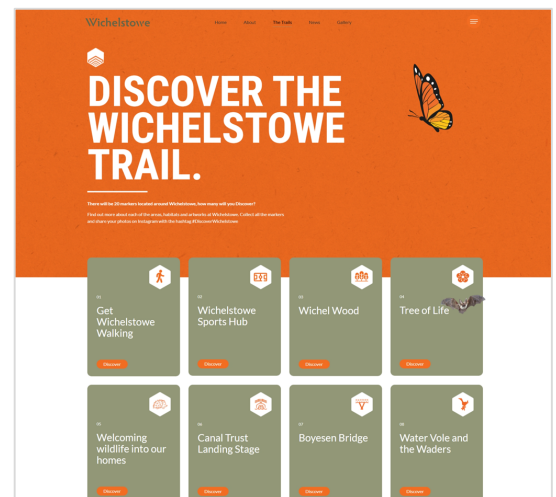
Wichelstowe includes large areas of green space which provide both habitats for a range of different wildlife species and footpaths for residents to enjoy.

If you would like to find out more about the different areas, take a look at the new Wichelstowe Trails website.

www.wichelstowetrails.co.uk

You may have spotted marker posts appearing around the development which you can scan to take you to the relevant page on the Trails website to find out more about the area.

The news page on the website will also provide updates on some of the measures we are taking to support Wichelstowe's wildlife and highlight new areas becoming accessible for residents to use. We already have articles talking about birds and bats for you to check out.



We'd also love to celebrate your Wichelstowe photos, so if you have a fantastic heron photo or have spotted some new ducklings please tag us **@DiscoverWichelstowe** on Instagram and we will share your photos.

News Roundup

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



Work is now well underway on the boardwalk joining Middle and West Wichel. The path will run past the central ponds and 'Kingfisher Island'. A new play area will also be installed this summer which can be accessed from these new footpaths.

Keep an eye on our social media for updates on when the board walk will open and how we will be celebrating this important Wichelstowe connection.



Swindon Hockey Club received a £1,350 donation from the Wichelstowe LLP Community Fund.

The club, which trains and plays its home matches at The Deanery Academy, has grown significantly over the past five years. The latest funding will enable the club to purchase much-needed equipment, including weighted blue hockey nets, mini goals, hockey balls and kit. It follows Wichelstowe LLP's previous £2,200 donation during the 2019/20 season to help the club install dugouts.



Willowbrook View, a new luxury care home in the Connaught Care Collection, officially opened its doors in March with a special 'champagne and cocktails' open evening for over 100 local guests. Attendees were treated to complimentary drinks, canapés, and live entertainment including a wonderful performance from local event singer Luke Greenhalgh.

Customer Relations Manager Chris Guest and other members of the teams led guests on guided tours of the fantastic new home.