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It's been a busy few months for the Waterbeach Barracks Design team, working through the feedback from the previous consultations and pulling together the amendments, responses and additional information that has now been submitted as part of the next stage of the Outline Application for the Barracks and Airfield development.

Alongside that we are starting to explore in detail the first phase of development, and have also been working hard to deliver the refurbishment of the Barracks blocks for staff from Royal Papworth Hospital to move into over the Summer.

Throughout the winter months, it's been great to see the site's facilities used for everything from football training, badminton and squash through to brass band practice and blues music, and to see the Museum go from strength to strength. The Summer gives us a chance to throw the place open for some key events, including the recent Running Festival and Summer at the Beach which will be held the first three weekends in July. June will also see the important marking of the 514 Squadron Association Reunion on site. There is information about these events in this edition, along with an update on some of the other great local projects we have been working with, including the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey, Wicken Fen and the Tithe Barn Trust in Landbeach.

Meanwhile we continue to progress the details of facilities coming forward on site, connections through the site and onwards, and investment in local infrastructure and facilities across the local area. We'll be out and about talking to local groups about these over the coming months. We are always conscious there is a lot going on in and around Waterbeach at the moment. We are always happy to meet up to go through anything in more detail or come along to local groups or events to discuss the plans, so please do get in touch with me.

With best wishes



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Planning Update





Waterbeach Barracks Planning Application

Since the submission of the Outline Planning Application for the redevelopment of the Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield site in February 2017, Urban&Civic has been working through the comments received during the consultation and feeding them into the next stage of the planning process. This has included detailed discussions with key

stakeholders, partners and statutory authorities, including the Councils, National Trust, Wildlife Trust, the NHS and local education bodies.

In December 2017, South Cambridgeshire District Council summarised the key priorities it wanted Urban&Civic to address across the key themes and areas: responding to questions that arose; making amends to the plans in response to the feedback or to new developments – such as the transport work on the A10 Corridor; and doing further work to enable the local authority or other key stakeholders to make the next decisions. The team has been working through the key

points raised and then – due to the complexity and amount of documents linked to the application – ensuring that updates happen across the Application material to reflect these.

Some of the responses from the consultation have also been fed into later stages of the process, where detailed comments can help shape later stages of the development process, such as housing layout and styles, parking, etc. These are sometimes too detailed for the Outline nature of the Application at this part of the process.

As a result of this work, Urban&Civic has produced a range of amended and additional information that has been submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council and will be the subject of a further public consultation (see Next Steps on page 7).

The key changes within the amended and additional information include:

- extended green buffer to Denny Abbey to the north of the site, to protect its historic setting;
- extended park at the southern edge of the site and immediately north of Denny End Road, to extend the attractive and beneficial transition planned between the existing village and the new development;
- safeguarding land for a special school within the application site, in case it is needed;
- revised primary school locations, responding to detailed feedback;
- reduction in heights in areas immediately adjoining existing residential properties;
- retention of a larger area of woodland to the west of the lake; and
- revised design principles to ensure future design codes for detailed phases are consistent in achieving a high-quality environment and design.



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We use every part of our discussions with local residents and partners, formal and informal, strategic or minutely operational, to help inform how we best use this unique site to maximise the benefits development can bring to the local area and minimise the impacts.

A vast number of meetings and a huge amount of thinking, discussions, creative energy and testing has gone into developing the updated planning pack. This continues to drive the design team to make this development a place which everyone can be proud of and enjoy. ”

Tim Leathes

Further supporting information submitted includes:

- revised Transport Assessment to take account of the A10 Corridor Study (published in January 2018) and to provide additional detail on the improvements to be made in the short, medium and longer term;
- more detail on the planned heights of development, including illustrative sections and plans;
- updated ecological surveys;
- additional data on potential odour impact from the existing Amey operation;
- updated and bespoke flood modelling;
- updated green infrastructure, including more information on habitats across the site;
- additional health impact assessment, including how measures can be implemented; and
- a sports strategy setting out how high-quality indoor and outdoor sports provision can be delivered at the site.

Enclosed within this newsletter is a summary booklet that provides a 'Guide to the Changes'. This forms part of the consultation process and should support people who want to make additional comments and feedback to South Cambridgeshire District Council's consultation.

Copies will also be available on the website at www.waterbeachbarracks.co.uk.

A drop in session on the site will also be held in the Community Room at the front of the Barracks, from 2-8pm on Tuesday 29 May and Friday 1 June, if anyone wants to discuss the pack in more detail.

Tim Leathes, Development Director for the project, said: "Our team has been working hard to understand and address local issues as we progress our Outline Planning Application for

this important strategic site, which will provide much needed new homes brought forward in parallel with supporting community facilities and infrastructure.

"We'd like to thank everyone who has taken the time to attend our consultation events and feed into the process: these discussions are key to ensuring the development delivers the shared aspirations for this publicly owned site, whilst protecting and enhancing the neighbouring communities."

Alongside the changes and further information, Urban&Civic is continuing discussions about an extensive package of physical and social infrastructure that can be delivered through a legal agreement to be attached to a planning permission (Section 106 agreement). This will relate to the delivery of schools, on and off-

site transport infrastructure and measures, parks and other green spaces, community centres, health centre and sports facilities.

Next steps

May/June 2018

Submission of the changes and further information, followed by a 28-day consultation led by South Cambridgeshire District Council ending on Thursday 14 June.

Drop in Information Sessions in the Community Room, Waterbeach Barracks:

- Tuesday 29 May, 2-8pm
- Friday 1 June, 2-8pm

Comments can be made through the SCDC Planning Portal. Visit www.scams.gov.uk/services/planning-applications and use the reference number **S/0559/17/OL** to view the revised plans and have your say.

July 2018

Outline Application due to be considered by the County Council at the Economy and Environment Committee.

Sept 2018

Outline Application due to be considered by South Cambridgeshire Planning Committee.

Autumn 2018

Potential signing of the S106 Agreement.

After this planning framework has been agreed, additional applications have to be made for the first phase of infrastructure and landscaping, and then for the first homes, primary school and community facilities.



Meet the team

With good progress on the Outline Planning Application for the redevelopment of the Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield site, Urban&Civic is expanding its team to take the vision into delivery. We wanted to introduce the two newest members of the project team, who you will see out and about:

Caroline Foster

Senior Development Manager

Caroline is the latest addition to the team, joining us in February this year. As Senior Development Manager, Caroline is responsible for the successful delivery of the development. Before joining Urban&Civic Caroline led the delivery of a prime residential scheme in London and prior to this spent almost ten years at Lend Lease in a number of development and commercial roles on various mixed use developments.

Caroline said: “Waterbeach is a unique place, with a fascinating landscape and history that has evolved over the centuries. Urban&Civic has an innovative approach to large scale developments and it is great to work for a master developer committed to bringing forward the infrastructure and amenities to support the new community as it develops.”



Carlo D’Emidio

Project Manager

Carlo is responsible for construction delivery and is currently overseeing the planning of early enabling works for the redevelopment of the site, alongside the delivery of the staff accommodation for Royal Papworth Hospital.

He has extensive project management and engineering experience on projects encompassing infrastructure, residential, commercial, naval and estates having previously worked for Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority and the Ministry of Defence.

Carlo said: “Working on the redevelopment of the Waterbeach Barracks site is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am really enjoying being part of such a unique and exciting project. I am looking forward to developing the detailed designs and realising the vision for a modern, sustainable new community that will be great place for people to live, work and enjoy.”



Planning context

Planning strategic sites is always a complicated and multi-layered process, and this is particularly so in Waterbeach where there are a number of different levels of planning going on at the same time, which are all interlinked. We sat down with the South Cambridgeshire District Council's team to set out progress against each of these.

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2011-2031

The Local Plan is a set of policies and land allocations that will guide the future of our district up to 2031. It ensures we have enough homes being delivered for our population going forward, and links into wider planning for transport, green space, utilities and community facilities including health and education. The emerging Local Plan for South Cambridgeshire – which includes the allocation of the development of both the Barracks and Airfield site and the neighbouring farmland

up to the railway line, which is being promoted by RLW - has been subject to an independent examination since 2014.

Modifications on the Local Plan were consulted on during January and February 2018 and the Inspectors' report is now awaited. Once received, and if favourable, South Cambridgeshire hope to adopt the Local Plan later this year.

Waterbeach Supplementary Planning Document

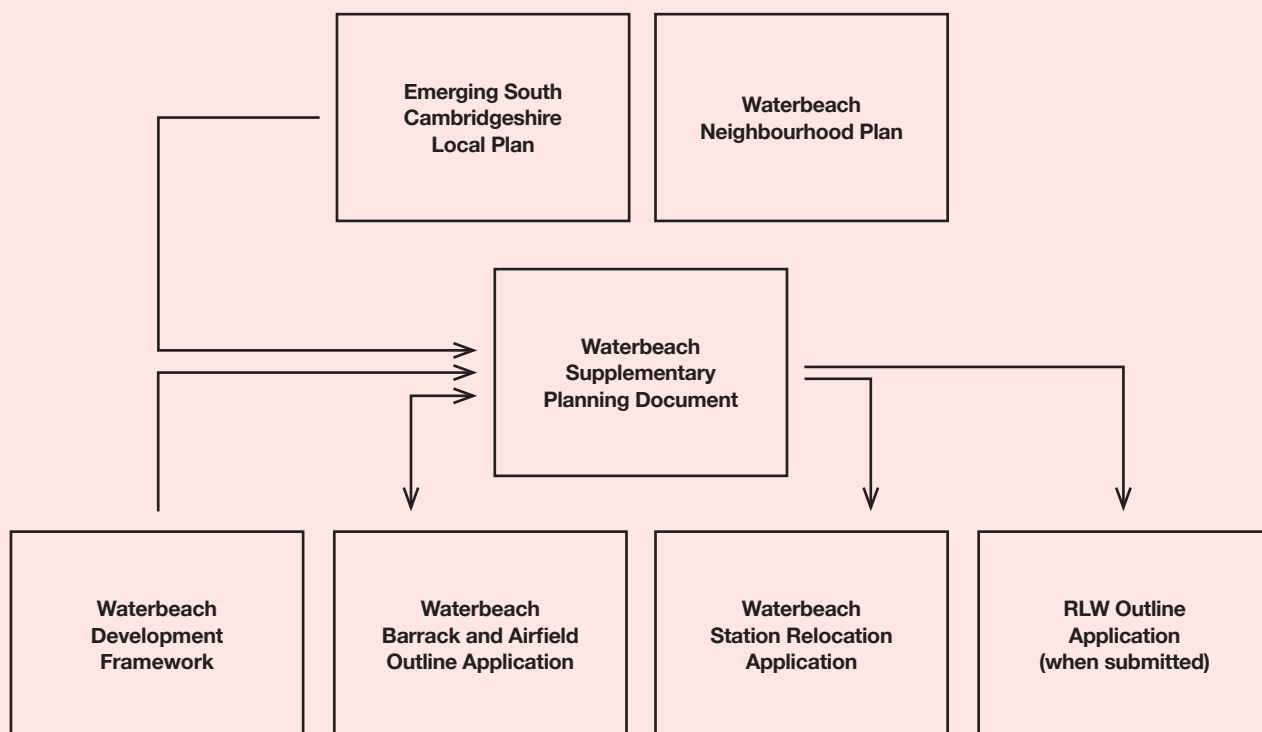
The Waterbeach Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has been developed, which will define the vision and framework for how development comes forward across the Barracks and Airfield site (managed by Urban&Civic on behalf of the MOD) and the neighbouring land to the east (promoted by RLW). The document builds on earlier work carried out by the two developers to create a shared vision for the broader development and

provides guidance on the way the infrastructure and facilities needed would be delivered as development moves forward.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is reviewing technical aspects as well as information received during informal consultations, which took place in late 2017. It is intending to agree a draft for consultation at its Planning Portfolio Holder's meeting in June 2018. This will then come out for comments to local communities.

The intention is to approve the final SPD once the Local Plan has been adopted, these two documents will then be in place as part of the framework supporting the Outline Application for the Barracks development. These will also provide the framework for the Outline Application that is due to be submitted by RLW in the next few weeks as part of the Waterbeach allocation.

The Emerging Planning Framework for Waterbeach



Transport Focus

Update on Cambridge to Ely Transport Corridor Study

The team working on the North Cambridge to North Ely (A10) Transport Corridor Study has been at a number of recent community forums and events to share the latest outputs from the work, which moves the process onto the next stage.

Much of that work focused on the fact that the Corridor needs investment in a range of solutions to provide real options for people to get out of their cars and onto reliable public transport options or cycle connections, alongside investment in the carriageway to improve the road and increase its capacity.

Recommendations from the Study include:

- Dualling or part dualling of the A10 between Cambridge and Ely.
- A new Park&Ride north of Waterbeach.
- Relocation and expansion of Waterbeach Railway Station.
- A new segregated public transport route between Waterbeach and Cambridge, together with new cycling and walking facilities.

Cambridgeshire County Council's Acting Assistant Director, Infrastructure and Growth, Bob Menzies said, "Rapid growth in recent years has seen demand on the network surge, with roads, junctions and rail journeys frequently operating at capacity. This has led to peak-time congestion over longer periods, with the potential to hinder future growth with no action.

"It is vitally important though that we recognise that, as well as increasing road capacity, we also need new and improved rail, bus, cycling and walking solutions to solve the problem."

On the back of the work to date, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board (CPCA) has given the green light to release £350,000 funding to develop the strategic outline business case for the whole corridor and to proceed with the procurement of an Options Appraisal for the full dualling option. This will provide a detailed consideration and evaluation of the specific interventions and investments proposed.

Running alongside the next phase of work will be a public and stakeholder engagement exercise, which will provide an opportunity to help shape the proposals, and identify early issues and priorities, which will help shape the timeline for delivering the proposals.

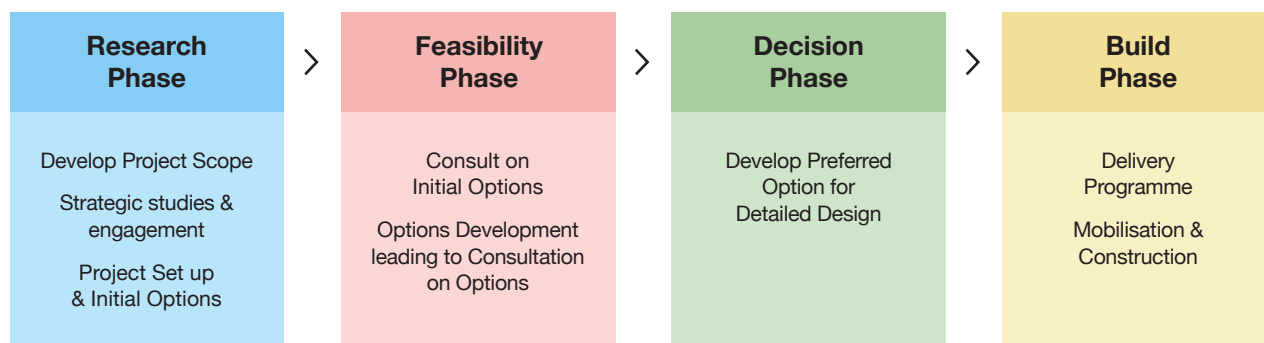
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It's hard to think of a road in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough that is more in need of investment than the A10... This report provides the necessary evidence base for the case for investment to be made.”

James Palmer, Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

The Transport Authority's phases of development for Major Transport Programmes





Creating new paths for our communities

A new off-road walking and cycling route into Cambridge from Waterbeach is moving a step closer, with community feedback aiding the development of a Greenway for the village.

The Greenways project aims to create a network of twelve cycling, walking and equestrian routes that link surrounding villages with Cambridge, creating a safe, largely off-road environment that is ideal for both commuting and leisure uses. The Greater Cambridge Partnership is funding the development of the routes.

Initial ideas for a Waterbeach Greenway suggest the route goes from the South Cambridgeshire parishes of Milton and Waterbeach to Chesterton in Cambridge city. Waterbeach

was one of the first routes to be studied in depth and local residents came out in force, with hundreds of people giving their views at a series of community workshops held last July.

Topics discussed at the community events for a Waterbeach Greenway included potential locations, landscaping, surfacing, signing and wayfinding, links to other networks, facilities, infrastructure and future maintenance plans.

The plans are being developed in collaboration with local communities and looking ahead to future developments. This will include planned investment in cycling as part of the Barracks development, with the potential for a number of routes and connections coming forward which connect the village to different locations in and around the City.

Officers are now analysing the data to create viable proposals for a safe, continuous Greenways route. They have also discussed options for all twelve Greenways with local communities at 25 public events. The Partnership recently

consulted on the Linton Greenway and consultations on the other routes will follow in due course.

Some 'quick wins' are also being brought forward where possible. These will include some widening and resurfacing of existing routes or creation of small links to allow better access to existing routes.

Each of the 12 routes will carry the new Greenways logo that was designed by Cambridge Regional College student Luke Nash. Luke's design – which highlights the Greenways' theme of nature and travel – was selected in a public vote in January as part of a competition with CRC students.

For more information about the Greenways, visit www.greatercambridge.org.uk/greenways



Early investment in the Corridor

The significant momentum behind investment in the A10 continues to push the process forward. The Barracks and the wider development to the north of Waterbeach can play a significant contribution to support that investment and to deliver supporting elements of investment through the infrastructure they are each bringing forward.

As part of the Outline Application Urban&Civic put forward a range of early transport interventions, which will invest up to £20m in advance of the strategic solutions being finalised. These measures address existing gaps and respond to the many discussions we have had with residents about their transport priorities. Further details of these measures follow overleaf.

Cycle

There are a range of proposals to improve the cycle provision and encourage people to travel by bicycle. These include:

- Mere Way: investing in a purpose-built cycle route, away from the main road, which connects Waterbeach, Landbeach and Cottenham residents to the Science Park, Cambridge Business Park and the Regional College, as well as linking in time to existing or planned cycle connections across the City, such as the Western Orbital Route and Chisholm Trail.
- Working with Waterbeach Cycling and other local groups to invest in a safe cycle route from the station and through the village, which will connect with the site's cycle connection through the Barracks and up to Cambridge Research Park.
- Working with other local cycling groups and the Greenways project to support cycle links between and through local villages including Waterbeach and Horningsea through to Cambridge, links across to Cottenham and down to Milton.
- Part of this work could also include options and funding for parking controls and traffic flows through the village to improve the environment for cyclists and pedestrians. Approaches would be co-designed with local groups, working through the Parish Council, Neighbourhood Plan or existing cycle and other interest groups.

Rail

While there is an application in from RLW to bring forward a new station, Urban&Civic continue to work with Network Rail to invest in enhancing the existing station to ease capacity issues and update facilities, including:

- Longer platforms, enabling more trains to stop at Waterbeach.
- Providing full-width safety barriers across the carriageway.
- Improved cycle parking and bus layby
- Taxi drop-off.
- Highway enhancements around the Station area.
- Improved waiting shelters and access to the platforms.

Bus

The strategic study includes a range of potential prioritised bus systems, but ahead of that we will:

- Invest in a temporary Park&Ride to the north of the Barracks site, which takes people travelling to Cambridge out of cars earlier, with free parking, and a looped bus service running as part of an extended Milton Park&Ride service, which takes in Landbeach, Cambridge Research Park and Waterbeach Barracks and the village.
- This would provide a bus connection every 20 minutes to the City, rising to every 10 minutes as the number of residents increases.
- The Park&Ride would also include a shuttle bus service to the station working frequently in peak hours.

Road

- Investment in a new arm of the Cambridge Research Park roundabout, to provide both the initial construction access and main entrance to the new development
- Investment in Denny End Road junction and the Streatham roundabout to improve their capacity and safety, and enable easier cycle crossing.
- The potential for investment in Milton roundabout, depending on the timing of the strategic solutions under development.



Refurbished barracks provide homes for Royal Papworth Hospital staff



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Royal Papworth Hospital is one of the leading cardiothoracic hospital’s in Europe and our move to this amazing new hospital building on the biomedical campus is the next chapter in our story.

Andrew Selby ”

Urban&Civic is in the final stages of the extensive refurbishment of two former barrack blocks at Waterbeach and staff from Royal Papworth Hospital will soon be moving into their new accommodation.

The barracks blocks were built in the 1990s but stood vacant after the former Barracks and Airfield closed in March 2013. Five years later, the buildings have a new lease of life and have been transformed to give hospital staff a choice of more than 200 single bedrooms with shared living rooms, kitchens and laundry facilities.

The accommodation will help support Royal Papworth Hospital’s move to a brand new, state-of-the-art hospital on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and all Royal Papworth Hospital staff will be eligible to stay in the new accommodation, with priority given to new staff joining from outside Cambridgeshire.

Andrew Selby, Associate Director of Estates and Facilities at Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust said: “Royal Papworth Hospital is one of the leading cardiothoracic hospital’s

in Europe and our move to this amazing new hospital on the biomedical campus is the next chapter in our story.

“It is our chance to continue pioneering new treatments that save lives across the world. Our new location on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus will also give us much greater opportunity to work with other research organisations and hospitals to bring new treatments to patients more quickly.

“Our staff are fundamental to our success and we are delighted that we can offer them quality, affordable accommodation in Waterbeach.”

Tim Leathes from Urban&Civic said: “It is great to see these publicly-owned buildings re-used to support such a major NHS investment as the relocation of Royal Papworth Hospital and provide affordable living space for key workers within an attractive, landscaped setting. Staff living here will also be able to enjoy the facilities on site – including squash and badminton courts – as well as the great range of amenities on offer in Waterbeach village.”

Cemetery extension completed

The extension of Waterbeach cemetery onto an acre of Barracks land, which is connected to the existing cemetery via an opening created in the existing wall, has been completed and handed over to the Parish Council to provide additional space for burials.

The scheme included footpaths around burial plots in the extension as well as an upgrade

to paths within the existing cemetery to make them wider, with wheelchair and pushchair friendly surfaces. Additional landscaping including trees along the back fencing and grass seeding in the new area was also undertaken.

Rebecca Britton from Urban&Civic said: “We are delighted to finally be able to hand over this important space to the Parish Council. We know how important it is for local families to have space in the village for burial and interment of ashes.

While the discussions with MOD have been going on for several years about the transfer of land, we are pleased that not only

have we been able to hand over the land, but also carry out the groundworks and fencing designs agreed with the Parish Council, to ensure it provides an attractive and accessible cemetery from day one.”

Burial space for the new development is also planned as part of the wider masterplan process for the Barracks and Airfield site.



Record Breaking Waterbeach Running Festival

Over seven hundred people entered the third Waterbeach Running Festival on Saturday 12 May, making it the biggest yet and raising over £4,500 for local pre-school charity, Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup.

Whether a fun runner or a serious athlete there were races to suit all ages and abilities; from a 100m toddle for under 5s and a 200km fun run for 4 years old upwards to 5km and 10km races. The excellent running conditions and a flat course meant personal bests were being celebrated by many competitors.



Haverhill Running Club's Tony Bacon won the men's 5km, making it onto the top of the podium for the third consecutive year, whilst Lauren Thomas from Ely Runners was the first female home in the 5km distance. Charles Wartnaby from Cambridge and Coleridge AC and Miranda Reynolds secured victory in the 10km distance. There were also trophies for every first placed child aged from four to eleven in the 2km race and every finisher received a Douglass Digital sponsored medal.

Speaking on behalf of the organising committee, Jessica Kitt said: "This event is just getting bigger and better every year. There was a fantastic atmosphere and we're incredibly lucky to have so many willing volunteers and businesses who have donated time and money to support the event and ensure it is the success that it is.

"My highlight this year was taking part in the 2km with my daughters and running past Waterbeach Brass band on the homeward straight, which really gave us an extra boost to get to the finish."

This popular community event also has plenty of other activities to keep the whole family entertained and this year's Festival Village included food and drink stalls, an ice cream van, a bouncy castle and slide, a children's colouring corner and giant Jenga.

Rebecca Britton from Urban&Civic said: "It is great to be able to provide the venue for such an important local event that brings together the community, attracts runners from all over the region and raises money for the Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup, so they can continue to provide pre-school education and care for children in and around Waterbeach."

Event sponsors include Urban&Civic, Breheny Civil Engineering and Persimmon Homes.

For more details about the event, photos of the day and full results visit www.waterbeachrunningfestival.co.uk.







Update from the Museum

During the last twelve-months Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum (WMHM) has seen over 600 visitors come through its doors. A few have brought the Museum artefacts and photos of Waterbeach Royal Air Force (RAF) Station and Royal Engineers

(RE) Barracks, which are always welcome and will be catalogued and recorded before being displayed.

WMHM's secretary Mike Barry has been compiling files on each of the 37 Waterbeach men who lost their lives in the First World War, which are available for anyone who is interested to look through. They make interesting reading and include the war diary of each serviceman as well as details of where each lost his life or was fatally wounded and where they are buried.

The Museum is appealing for mannequins to display its full collection of military clothing. So far, it has two full and two half mannequins showing the uniform of an airman, a Mae West (life preserver), RE desert camouflage uniform with helmet and a dress uniform including boots and spurs loaned by Col. D M Adamson RE ret'd., former Waterbeach Station Commander. In the next month, further objects will find their way into the displays and the Museum also has a mystery object - see if you (or the children) can guess its use.

To create more space, especially in the RE section, two volunteers have utilised the areas under the displays that were previously boarded in. These have enabled the many signs collected from around the Barracks to be used as back drops. New exhibits include four belts with military badges and buttons donated by Martin Jones and a mine detection collection that includes footwear to walk over mines!

A 10-draw plan chest has been donated, which enables WMHM to store flat RAF bombing raid charts and flight plans together with the bomb aimers charts of a number of raids into Europe. Books and other papers or photographs can also be stored in the chest, which means the Museum can have more of the collection out on display.

To find out more about the military history of Waterbeach Airfield and Barracks, visit the Museum between 10am and 4pm on the first Sunday and Wednesday of the month from March to October. Group visits can also be arranged outside these times. Entrance is free but the Museum welcomes donations and has books and notelets for sale of the aircraft which flew from Waterbeach.

For more information, contact: waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org

Summer at the Beach

For the third year running Waterbeach Barracks is providing the venue for 'Summer at the Beach' over three weekends in July.

Last year, around 600 people came along to enjoy the eclectic mix of creative talent on display including the art and craft exhibits as part of the Cambridge Open Studios event, the 'Beach

Sessions' music from some of the region's best acoustic singer/songwriters, screenings, book signings and a variety of workshops for all ages.

Gideon Pain, local artist and event coordinator, said: "Summer at the Beach is a fantastic community event with something for all the family - whether perusing the diverse range of creativity on display at the Open Studios, listening to live music, taking part in one of the workshops or enjoying the range of refreshments on offer - no two weekends are the same."

More information will be available on the website soon:
www.summeratthebeach.co.uk

If you have an artistic talent you would like to showcase at this year's event, contact Gideon Pain

at gideonpain@hotmail.com



This year's events

Cambridge Open Studios
With local artists displaying a range of paintings, prints, illustrations, photography, sculpture and textiles.

The Beach Sessions
Original music in intimate places.

The Repair Café
Bring your broken objects along to be fixed, free of charge, by a panel of volunteer experts.

Pop Up Café
Choose from a range of home-baked goodies.

Bike bling workshops
Put some sparkle back into your old bicycle.

The Great Nepal Book Swap
With proceeds going to an orphanage in Nepal.

And so much more!



Rugby Under 14s thwart French rivals

Urban&Civic-sponsored Cambridge Rugby Club Under-14s returned home victorious from their recent tour to Toulon.

They won their first game, against local league champions RC Le Beausset, with a 35-22 victory and dominated their second game against RC Toulon with an overwhelming victory of 50:0.

Captain Oscar Coppins said: "We travelled with a really strong squad in all departments. We

have incredible coaching and support staff who prepared us physically and mentally, but facing up against the 'Real Madrid of rugby' was really daunting. We stuck to our game plan and played disciplined and creative rugby. Every last one of our boys played at their absolute optimum. I am so proud of them all."

During the tour, the team also went to watch Toulon play Castres and had a two-hour training session with Toulon

first-team manager, Tom Whitford (a former Cambridge mini and youth player) and former England second row, David Atwood.

Rebecca Britton from Urban&Civic said: "We have been deeply impressed with the team's drive, commitment and enthusiasm. Events like this not only show the health benefits of being involved in sports, but the teamwork and discipline of the players, and the confidence they gain from taking on new challenges."

Each newsletter we feature an activity happening on site. This edition, it is

Beach Balls: Waterbeach Juggling Club

If you are interested in learning new skills, developing your hand-to-eye coordination and improving your balance, Waterbeach Juggling Club could be the answer.

The Club is run by Waterbeach residents Liam Guyton and Felix Clay. Liam said: "I learnt to juggle as a child and having developed those skills it is important to practise and it's much more fun

in a social environment. Felix and I started practice sessions on the Village Green last year and some people stopped to chat, took an interest and have joined us to form Beach Balls, the Waterbeach Juggling Club."

Beach Balls moved to the squash courts at Waterbeach Barracks in September 2017 when the nights started drawing in and the weather was less conducive

for outside activities. Adults and children are welcome and there are a wide variety of activities on offer including: juggling balls, clubs and rings; diabolos, devil sticks and cigar boxes; spinning plates; unicycles and balance boards.

The Club meets every other Wednesday from 7.30pm to 9pm and has a small charge for venue hire and use of equipment. The next Beach Balls sessions will be on 6 and 20 June 2018.

For more information and confirmation of future dates, please visit www.tinyurl.com/waterbeachballs or search Facebook for 'Waterbeach Balls'.



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I learnt to juggle as a child and having developed those skills it is important to practice and it's much more fun in a social environment.

Liam Guyton ”

Waterbeach Brass celebrates 40th anniversary

Waterbeach Brass was formed in 1978 and over the past 40 years has grown from a handful of players into a successful competing band.

For many years, up to the closure of the barracks in 2013, the army provided Waterbeach Brass with a rehearsal space and storage for its growing collection of percussion instruments. The band then made alternative arrangements before returning 'home' to Waterbeach in 2015. Urban&Civic made a rehearsal space and storage available in one of the buildings on the barracks site and sponsors Waterbeach Brass, providing funding for new kit and music.

The band continues to be in demand and in 2018 has already finished in the top half of the London and Southern Counties second section competition; supported the athletes in the recent Waterbeach Running Festival; and played to a big crowd at Hunstanton bandstand over the May Bank Holiday weekend.

A Sterling
Classical Spectacular

Tchaikovsky
1812 Overture

Berstein
Candide Overture

Mozart
Marriage of Figaro Overture

Holst
Mars and Jupiter from The Planets

West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge
23 June 7:30pm

Waterbeach lines with guest soloists:
Glyn Williams (Cory Band), Rachel Neal (Farey Band),
Sarah Lenton (Foden's Band), Andy Kershaw,
Helen Williams (Cory Band) and Luke Pallister (Foden's Band)

Tickets from www.waterbeachbrass.org/tickets or on the door

The concert will take place on 23 June 2018 at West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge and will provide a spectacular evening of musical entertainment from Waterbeach Brass, featuring pieces by Holst,

Mozart, Berstein and Tchaikovsky and solos from principal musicians from the country's top bands.

Richard Dean, Chairman of Waterbeach Brass said: "We are really excited to be celebrating our 40th anniversary and have a fantastic evening planned to mark this milestone. We have been rehearsing hard and hope the local community will come along to support us."

You can buy your ticket for the 40th anniversary celebration concert or find out more about Waterbeach Brass at www.waterbeachbrass.org.



Community



Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey is a fascinating place, set in a green and tranquil setting, with lots of attractions and activities to inform and entertain visitors of all ages.

Exciting times at Farmland Museum & Denny Abbey

There is so much to see and do that no two visits are ever the same. You can:

- Look around the Abbey with its rich history dating back to the 12th century.
- Explore the Farmland Museum's regionally significant collection, which provides a unique insight into rural life in Cambridgeshire through the ages.
- Visit the exhibition in the Cottage Gallery – this year's temporary exhibition (opening in late June) documents the rise and fall of the Chivers preserve company, which originated in Cambridgeshire.
- Take a stroll around the grounds and gardens.
- Let your children's imaginations run wild with a range of activities in the education centre, equipped playground and play shed.
- Pop into the second-hand book shop and peruse the diverse collection that has been donated.
- Enjoy a range of snacks and refreshments at the Docky Box Tea Room, which is open at weekends, Bank Holidays and family activity days during the school holidays. Hot and cold drinks and wrapped snacks can be purchased in the shop at other times.

Local resident season tickets are available, so people living in Waterbeach and the surrounding areas can enjoy further discounts and special offers.

Forthcoming events

In addition to the fascinating exhibits, well-tended gardens, children's play areas and school holiday activities, there are a number of fun-filled events in the next few months.

40s at Denny

27/28 May: 11am to 5pm

Two day event celebrating all things 1940s! With costumed re-enactors, period demonstrations and vintage vehicles to admire. There will also be a special themed 'make and take' area for children and a family trail.

Steampunk at Denny

24 June: 10.30am to 5pm

A special event with Steampunk Cambridge and the Cambridge Museum of Technology for a great day of entertainment, fantastic costumes and lots of fun.

Countryside – Past & Present

8 July: 11am to 4pm

Celebrating rural heritage and the natural environment, this family-friendly day will include lots of different craft demonstrations and the chance to have a go.

Children's Archaeology Day

26 July: 11am to 4pm

A popular event with hands-on activities that launches a programme of family-friendly activities for the school summer holidays.

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Help to shape the Museum's future

There are exciting times ahead and the Farmland Museum is looking for new trustees and volunteers to help shape its evolution at a time of great change.

Dr Jane Williamson, Chair of the Trustees for the Farmland Museum, said: "We are preparing for an exciting future as the new town between Waterbeach and the Abbey site becomes an increasing reality.

"It is widely accepted that that the Museum and Abbey will be able to play an important part in the life of the new community but to do this there will need to be some major changes in preparation for the extra visitors.

"We hope that the ancient medieval causeway route to Waterbeach village will be reinstated which will make the site much more accessible to Waterbeach village once again, as it was before the causeway was closed at the outbreak of war in 1939."



The Board of Trustees is especially keen to hear from people with an expertise in business, architecture, marketing, education, fundraising, museums or agriculture. Trustees meet six times a year on a Wednesday morning, with occasional additional meetings if needed.

Volunteers are needed all year around to help out with a range of activities including general maintenance and gardening, fundraising and event support, and collection care and research. Whether you are available a couple of days a week, a few hours each month or are interested in a specific project, the team would like to hear from you.

Visit the website for more information and the full calendar of 2018 events. www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

Wicken Fen Nature Reserve

Wicken Fen was the very first nature reserve to be owned by the National Trust and this unique remnant of undrained fenland that once covered the vast lowlands of East Anglia has been in its care since 1899.

The Trust worked hard for 100 years to protect the rare species there through intensive management of the fen habitats. By the late 20th Century, however, it had become clear that the reserve was just too small and isolated.

A radical plan was needed and in 1999 the Wicken Fen Vision was launched to extend the reserve from Wicken to the outskirts of Cambridge over the next 100 years - covering an area of 53sq km - creating new habitats for both wildlife and people.

The Trust aims to buy land as and when it is available and restore it to fen and wetland habitat. It has adopted a sustainable approach to restoration, allowing for the natural regeneration of plants, reducing the loss of water, and extensive grazing using herds of free ranging Konik ponies and Highland cattle.

An important part of the Vision is also to provide publicly accessible countryside for people to enjoy leisure and recreational activities as well as to help them better understand this historic and unique landscape. Sarah Smith from the National Trust's Wicken Fen team said: "Wicken Fen is a very special place and our Vision is one of the largest habitat restoration projects being undertaken in lowland Britain. The Trust's core purpose of looking after special places, forever, for everyone, makes us ideally placed to deliver this long-term vision, both now and far into the future."



In recent years over 48km of paths have been improved or created. The main access route is the Lodes Way, a cycleway from Wicken to Anglesey Abbey, with onward connections to Cambridge to the South and Ely to the North. Development of the Lodes Way involved the construction of two bridges over local waterways, which had previously been a barrier to north/south movement. This route was developed in conjunction with sustainable transport charity, Sustrans, and now forms part of National Cycle Route No.11.

There is a shared ambition to one day create a link across to Waterbeach, and the Trust is working with the local authorities and the developers to explore options that balance the opportunities of connections with the needs to protect sensitive areas of the landscape.

Rebecca Britton, Communications, Communities and Partnerships for Urban&Civic said: "Wicken Fen is an amazing place with a unique and historic landscape. We will continue to work with the National Trust to explore ways we can ensure both existing and new residents of Waterbeach are connected to the site and can learn about how to protect and enhance all of the things that make it so special."

Since 1999, the Trust has more than doubled the size of the original nature reserve, to just over 800 hectares and seeks to further increase this; creating a landscape for people and wildlife of 53 square kilometres.

There are lots of exciting pursuits and interesting things to discover at Wicken Fen – including walking, cycling, geocaching, photography, bird watching, camping and boat trips.

To find out more, visit
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve.



Summer activities at the Tithe Barn

Tithe Barns are rare in the UK and the one at Landbeach is the only remaining one in Cambridgeshire in its original condition – with thatched roof, timber frame, timber granary and brick threshing floor.



Experts believe the barn dates back to the medieval period when farmers were required to give a tenth of their crops to the church, and these contributions would be stacked and stored in the barn for winter threshing and storage.

The Tithe Barn at Landbeach has sadly fallen into a state of disrepair and the Tithe Barn Trust is holding a programme of events to raise awareness of this national treasure and collect donations to help restore this unique Grade II listed barn for the local communities to enjoy.

Events and activities include:

Tithe Barn Theatre

14 June: 6.30pm to 7.15pm
Watch the Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts' performance of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Old Enemies;

Auld Alliances – Concert
16 June: 7pm to 9pm
Enjoy an evening of 'lute and voices from Scotland, England and France' with musical duo Robin Irvine and Jennifer Bastable.

Summer Fruit and Veg Competition

28 July: 1pm to 4.30pm

Enter your summer fruit and vegetables to win prizes in a range of categories, including 'best ugly veg'.

Holiday Fun

26 August: 1pm to 4pm

Storytelling, I-Spy, dressing up and traditional games for all the family.

Guided tours of the Landbeach Tithe Barn can also be arranged. Tours take around 45 minutes and you will find out all about the history of the barn and the plans of the Tithe Barn Trust to save and restore this unique structure.

Admission to all events is free but donations are welcome and will be used towards the restoration of the Barn.

Visit the website for further information and a full list of this year's events: www.tithebarntrust.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.

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

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