

Forthcoming events

Alconbury Weald Community Association
7.30pm on Wednesday, 2 September at Swynford Coffee

Come along to hear the latest news and find out about the events and activities planned for the community – and how to get involved.

Resident Forum
6.30 for 7pm on Thursday, 10 September in The Club

As well as the latest news from around Alconbury Weald, this month’s meeting will include an update from Michael Fordham, the new head of Alconbury Weald Church Academy.

Farmers’ Market
9am to 11.30am on 12 September in The Pavilion

The monthly Farmers’ Market is back with a variety of local produce, artisan treats and baked goods.

Heritage Open Day
Midday-5pm on Saturday 12 September at The Club

This year’s highlights include an exhibition on Alconbury Weald’s military heritage, with artefacts from some of the World War II and Cold War buildings. There will also be a talk at 3pm and pre-booked tours of the Avionics Building. A Dakota flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight is scheduled in the afternoon (weather conditions permitting).

Family Fun Day
Midday-5pm on Saturday 12 September on Watch Office Green

Come along to Alconbury Weald Community Association’s Family Fun Day with food trucks, candyfloss and ice creams, as well as Pimms and scones with jam and cream. There will be sports and games, face painting, hair braiding, Wildlife Wonders and a police car experience. Live music will be played throughout, with performances from The Weald Thing, Brad Ariss and more.

Scarecrow Festival
19-27 September around Alconbury Weald

The Scarecrow Festival is back, with residents showing off their creative talents and displaying scarecrows of all shapes and sizes. The competition is expected to be fierce again this year, with winners announced on 27 September.

- The Watch Office Bar & Kitchen**
- **8.30pm on Friday, 11 September:** the talented George Elliot, a finalist on The Voice UK (kids) will be performing
 - **Midday on Saturday, 12 September:** outside bar during the Heritage Open Day/Family Fun Day
 - **8pm on Monday, 14 September:** Quiz night
 - **7pm on Monday, 21 September:** Fancy A Pint? night – turning familiar faces into actual mates
 - **7pm on Monday, 28 September:** Sip Happens! – an opportunity for Weald women to meet their neighbours and make new friends



- Save the Date**
- **7 October:** Alconbury Weald Community Association meeting at The Club
 - **16/17 October:** Octoberfest (beer festival) in The Pavilion
 - **31 October:** Halloweald Trick and Treat event
 - **28 November:** Christmas Market at Ermine Street Church Academy

Key Contacts

General maintenance

Including: grass cutting; clearing drains; gritting main roads in winter; repairing street lighting; trimming hedges and ensuring play area safety.

Managed by *Encore Estate Management*
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Housebuilders

Support once you’ve moved into your new home, to include outside lighting, electricity, water and network connections. Please contact your house builder with any queries.

Alconbury Weald community and events

Including: community events; activities; facilities; and new resident information.

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Health

Alconbury Doctors’ Surgery | 01480 890281
www.alconburybramptonssurgery.co.uk

Local Health Visiting Team
01480 418656

For a smooth healthcare handover, please remember to register at Alconbury Doctors’ Surgery as soon as you can. If you have moved locally and are already registered at the practice, please remember to update your new address.

Home-Start Cambridgeshire

Free, confidential, non-judgemental emotional and practical support to families with children under 5 experiencing a range of challenges.

01480 700242 | office@homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk
www.homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk

Community Newsletter

The Warbler

September 2026



Alconbury Weald

Hello from Natalie



Hello and welcome to the September 2026 edition of The Warbler.

I'd like to start with a huge thank you to the community library volunteers who supported this year's Summer Reading Challenge. We welcomed more young readers, had some fantastic events and handed out more medals and certificates than ever before.

The project team has been busy over the summer and we're looking forward to seeing what you think about the vision and first detailed plans for Prestley Country Park. If you haven't had a chance yet, head over to our consultation website and let us know your thoughts by 7 September: consultation.alconbury-weald.co.uk

On the topic of habitat creation, I wanted to remind residents that it is a criminal offence to put koi carp in public water sources as they can decimate local ecosystems. The koi carp put in Carnaile pond during the summer has been successfully rehomed, but at considerable cost in time and resources.

The EV chargers in the car parks by the Co-op and Swynford Coffee will be unavailable week commencing 7 September as they are being upgraded to 22kw. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Looking ahead, as well as regular clubs and activities, there are some great events this autumn including the Heritage Open Day and Family Fun Day (12 September), the Scarecrow Festival (19-27 September) and a Halloweald Trick and Treat event (31 October).

With best wishes
Natalie

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Around Alconbury Weald



Prestley Country Park consultation

Residents and local communities are being invited to help shape the future of Prestley Country Park, which will provide a multifunctional landscape combining biodiversity and heritage with health, recreation and education.

Urban&Civic, Alconbury Weald's master developer, is working in partnership with Nene Park Trust to help shape not only the physical design of the Country Park, but also the way it is delivered and the culture, care and community that will help it thrive.

You can find out more about the vision and the first detailed plans, and have your say in our online consultation - consultation.alconbury-weald.co.uk - which is running until 5pm Monday, 7 September 2026.

Garland Park

Work to prepare the ground for the final section of Garland Park has been temporarily halted as the concrete in this part of the former taxiway is denser than anticipated. We are working on a solution and will provide an update as soon as possible.

Secondary School admissions for 2027

The admissions process for entry into year 7 of Alconbury Weald Church Academy in September 2027 opens on 1 September 2026. Admission applications must be made directly to Grace Schools (formerly DEMAT), the admissions authority for Alconbury Weald Church Academy.

The Admissions Policy and online application form are available at <https://awc.graceschools.org.uk/admissions>

Alconbury Weald Community Association update

The Hardship Fund is open and receiving applications for anyone finding themselves in times of hardship. Apply at www.alconbury-weald.org/Hardship. Applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

Regular activities

Alconbury Weald hosts a wide range of clubs and classes. Find out more at alconbury-weald.co.uk/whats-on

Friendship Club

Looking for company? Whether you want a walking companion, cinema buddy or coffee pal, scan the QR code to join Alconbury Weald's new WhatsApp group and find like-minded locals to enjoy social activities together.



Alconbury Brownies, Guides and Rangers

Alconbury Brownies, Guides and Rangers are looking forward to a new term of fun, friendship, challenges and adventures and have spaces available. They are also looking for new volunteers to join their friendly team - no previous guiding experience is needed, with training and support provided.

Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus to find out more and register your interest.

The Gym

The Gym is fully equipped with everything you need to train confidently and see real results. Extra guidance and personal training is available to support you from day one. To find out more, email zara@theunitfit.co.uk

Alconbury Weald Netball Club (AWNC)
8-9pm on Tuesdays at Hinchingsbrooke School

AWNC is looking for new players! It's a fun and friendly club with adult players of varying ages and abilities. You'll have the opportunity to improve skills, get fit, make friends and play in matches.

Email: admin@alconburywealdnetball.club

Roots and Wings
10-11.30am on Wednesdays at The Pavilion

Baby-pre-school group during term times with soft play equipment, baby sensory area, storytime and craft activity. Entry donation £3 (if able) per family. Email: rev.paddison@outlook.com

Starting Rite
9.30am on Thursday mornings at The Pavilion
A five-week course for babies aged 0-1 and their parents/carers. Run by Alconbury Weald Church, it helps parents introduce their baby to God through a variety of activities: baby-massage, music, story-telling and multi-sensory play. Find out more and book: bit.ly/4xTwX4n

Dance House of Goonji
In The Pavilion – times/dates subject to interest
Fun dance classes for kids (3+), adults, couples and parent/child, with Bollywood, hip hop, semi-classical, contemporary and dance fitness.

Bollywood Family Night from 6.30pm on 12 September. Enjoy unlimited dancing, meet new people and make friends. WhatsApp: 07424 065351

Performing Arts Classes
Coming to The Pavilion in November
Develop skills in acting, singing and dance through games, play and preparation for performances:
4.15-5pm: Theatre Bugs (age 3-5) and 5.15-6.45pm: Junior Performers (age 6-13).

To find out more and book, email: stagescreativearts@gmail.com

Food trucks: new location
Food trucks will also be relocating from 10 September, and you'll find them between ESCA staff car park and Swynford Coffee. Please follow Off The Beaten Truck on social media for updates.

