

## Forthcoming events

### **Gardening Club** *Saturday 2 & 30 May at the Community Garden*

Lauren Kendrick, a passionate grower and permaculturalist with years of experience leading community growing initiatives from windowsill growing to over three acres, will be supporting these sessions with advice about sustainable and eco-friendly gardening practices.

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, the Gardening Club welcomes everyone to learn, share and grow together. For more information and to book your free spot, search for 'Alconbury Weald Community Garden' on Eventbrite.

### **Alconbury Weald Community Association** *7.30pm on Wednesday, 6 May at The Club and on Teams*

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



Teams meeting ID: 327 054 324 960  
Passcode: yYADVj or scan the QR code

### **The Watch Office Bar & Kitchen**

**Quiz nights** are on the second Monday of the month. Book a place for your team (up to four people) online at [ordertab.menu/thewatchoffice/bookings](http://ordertab.menu/thewatchoffice/bookings) or by calling 01480 583833.

### **'Fancy a Pint?' night** *7pm on Monday, 18 May*

Predominantly for men who want a bit of company or a reason to get out of the house, this is a great opportunity to meet up in a relaxed, welcoming space for connection, conversation and community.



### **Cold War Heritage Week**

The second annual National Cold War Heritage Week is taking place from 18–24 May this year. Led by The Cold War Network and supported by The National Lottery Community Fund, this nationwide event explores one of the most fascinating chapters in modern history.

Throughout the week, sites and museums will be opening their doors for guided tours, talks and exhibitions. This includes Alconbury Weald, which will be providing tours of the Grade II Cold War Avionics Building at 3pm and 5pm on Monday, 18 May. Find out more and book at [coldwarnetwork.co.uk/ncwhw](http://coldwarnetwork.co.uk/ncwhw)

There will also be opportunities to take this tour during the **Huntingdonshire Heritage Festival** in July and **Alconbury Weald Heritage Open Day** in September. Keep an eye on EventBrite to find out more and book your place.

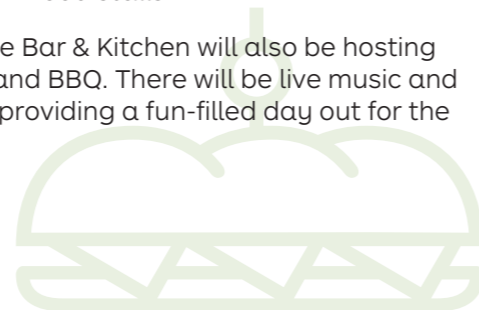
### **Alconbury Weald Resident Forum** *From 6.30pm on Thursday, 11 June in The Club*

Join us for the latest development and community news.

### **Alconbury Weald Food Festival** *12-6pm on Saturday, 13 June on Watch Office Green*

Our popular Food Festival — in partnership with Alconbury Weald Community Association and Off The Beaten Truck — is back this summer with a fantastic selection of street food from trucks, and savoury and sweet treats from food stalls.

The Watch Office Bar & Kitchen will also be hosting an outside bar and BBQ. There will be live music and entertainment, providing a fun-filled day out for the whole family.



## 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*  
01223 866980 | [info@encoreestates.co.uk](mailto:info@encoreestates.co.uk)

### **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](http://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](mailto:office@homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk)  
[www.homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk)



## Community Newsletter

# The Warbler

May 2026



**Alconbury Weald**

## Hello from Natalie



Hello and welcome to the May edition of *The Warbler*.

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who came along to last month's Beer Festival. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying the wide variety of drinks on offer and soaking up the atmosphere with friends and family. It proved so popular that The Watch Office Bar & Kitchen is planning an OctoberFest on the weekend of 9/10 October.

Swynford Coffee has also had a busy first month, featuring on the front page of *The Hunts Post* and on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire. Alongside the indoor and outdoor seating to enjoy delicious food and drink in this great setting, an outside hatch has now been installed making it easy to grab and go as you pass.

With more people walking and cycling around Alconbury Weald as the weather warms up and the evenings get lighter, we wanted to remind you that App Bikes are available to hire.

It's also Water Saving Week this month (4–8 May). If you haven't already, sign up to Alconbury Weald Water Savers and find out how you can make a few small changes to save money and help protect the environment: [alconbury-weald.co.uk/water-savers](http://alconbury-weald.co.uk/water-savers)

With two long weekends to look forward to this month, it's the perfect time to explore Alconbury Weald.

With best wishes  
Natalie

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## Around Alconbury Weald

### The Glade

Work continues to progress on the healthcare facility on the first floor of the Co-op building and the new shops in The Glade. The new medical centre is expected to be ready to fit out in the autumn, and the shops are due to be available in late 2026/early 2027.

Please continue to follow safety signage and take care around construction sites.

### Garland Park

With the completion of Hopkins Homes, work is due to start on the final section of Garland Park this summer. As well as paths and landscaping, it will include a range of play spaces and equipment informed by feedback from last year's consultation. Once complete, Garland Park will provide an offroad route from Ermine Street Church Academy to The Glade.



### Redrow remedial works

Work will be taking place at the former Redrow site compound adjacent to Senliz Road for around six weeks. It will involve the removal of existing concrete hardstanding and reinstatement of the area in preparation for future development by Redrow. Noise and vibration will be monitored and measures used to minimise dust. We apologise for any inconvenience during these works.

## Making journeys count

### App Bikes

Available at Alconbury Weald, App Bikes can be hired to explore the development and the wider area. They can be picked up (and returned) outside the Co-op, at Swynford Park and at Crescent Park and are available for anyone over 18 years old to use.

Users just need to download the free App, register (with proof of age and address) up to two working days in advance of first use and get pedalling. Urban&Civic is funding the first 30 minutes, after which it costs £1 per 30 minutes.



### New cycle/footpath to Huntingdon

Work is due to start on a new shared-use footpath/cycleway along Ermine Street from Alconbury Weald to Huntingdon. The project will upgrade and widen the existing footway, creating a new 3 metre wide shared-use path for pedestrians and cyclists.

It is being part funded by Urban&Civic and will be delivered in phases, starting at Alconbury Weald, and will take around 50 weeks. To minimise disruption, traffic management will be used in active work areas and will move along the route as sections are completed.

## Regular activities

Alconbury Weald hosts a wide range of clubs and classes that cater for all ages and abilities. Find out what else is available at [alconbury-weald.co.uk/whats-on](http://alconbury-weald.co.uk/whats-on)

### Alconbury Weald Netball Club (AWNC) 7–8pm on Tuesdays at Ermine Street Church Academy

AWNC is looking for new players! It is a fun and friendly club with adult players of varying ages and abilities. To find out more, email [admin@alconburywealdnetball.club](mailto:admin@alconburywealdnetball.club)

### 2nd Alconbury Brownies 6pm Brownies & 7.30pm Guides on Wednesdays at The Pavilion

Having recently welcomed 13 new Brownies, the unit is currently full and in need of additional support. If you feel you have a couple of hours a week to spare and are interested, please get in touch by emailing [secondalconburybrownies@gmail.com](mailto:secondalconburybrownies@gmail.com)

### Mini Masterpieces 3.45–4.45pm on Thursdays at The Pavilion

Mini Masterpieces is a relaxed stay-and-create session for children aged 2.5-11 and their parent/carer. Explore five different hands-on creative activities each week and take home handmade creations. Email [helen@thecreativepalette.co.uk](mailto:helen@thecreativepalette.co.uk)

### Spring Yoga Flow 10.30–11.45am on Fridays at The Pavilion

A soothing and energising weekly yoga flow session. All welcome. To find out more and book, email [sonyaanneboo@hotmail.com](mailto:sonyaanneboo@hotmail.com) or message Sonya on 07748 869577.

### Bollywood Dance & Fitness 5.30/6.15pm on Fridays at The Pavilion

Session for fitness with fun learning. No experience needed. All are welcome.

### Children (3yrs+): 5.30-6.15pm Adults: 6.15-7pm

WhatsApp 07424 065351 for more details and to book.