

Billericay District Residents' Association

St Andrew's Site

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St Andrew's Hospital started life as a Victorian workhouse. After 1930, the workhouse became Billericay Public Assistance Institution under the control of Essex County Council. The site later became St Andrew's General Hospital. In May 1973 a Regional Plastic Surgery and a Rehabilitation Unit was built at St Andrew's. By the early 1990s the hospital buildings were in need of extensive redevelopment and after long negotiations on 1 April 1995 the St Andrew's Centre became part of the Mid Essex Hospital Services NHS Trust. The first removal vans arrived at St Andrew's in April 1998 and the first batch of staff were transferred to new quarters at Broomfield Hospital. The site has now been redeveloped for residential use.



When the St. Andrew's Hospital closed, and the Basildon Hospitals Trust was considering selling the site to Tesco, it was the BDRA that campaigned that the site be used for housing

From The Resident
in December 1997

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As many of you will know by now Laing Homes has bought (subject to contract) St Andrews Hospital site and will take vacant possession of the site in Spring 1998 when the regional Burns and Plastic Surgery Centre moves to Broomfield Hospital in Chelmsford. This is a most satisfactory outcome for the people of Billericay the alternative, a retail outlet, was unacceptable and our thanks are due to the planning officers of Basildon District Council and members of the Billericay Area Committee for their efforts in bringing this exercise to a satisfactory conclusion.

From The Resident in June 1998

Road Names – St Andrew's Site

The Secretary, Mrs Maureen Dann, informed the meeting that Basildon District Council had written to confirm that some of names suggested by the Association for roads through the housing development on St Andrews Site had been approved by the Council and the Post Office viz:

ST ANDREWS DRIVE – named after the hospital.

BURNS CLOSE – named after the Burns Unit.

DAWSON MEWS – named after Dr J Dawson, Consultant Chemical Pathologist at St Andrew's.

GREY LADY PLACE – named after a ghost who allegedly haunted the hospital.

NEEDHAM CLOSE – named after a lady whose father was in charge of the workhouse.

COULTER MEWS – named after a person who donated money to the IT Ward and named Coulter Ward.

LANGDON MEWS – Named after a ward at the hospital.