

## New focal point for Weddington

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A FORMER pub which recently called last orders for the final time is set to become the focal point of a new housing development.

The Fox and Crane building is set to become luxury apartments as part of a residential development and will be an integral part of the revamp of the land in Weddington.

The Heartland Evening News can reveal that AR Cartwright Ltd has purchased the site and plans are underway to build properties.

Rumours have been circulating that the Fox and Crane building was set to be demolished, but Andrew Cartwright told the Evening News that it would be retained and turned into apartments and making it the focal point of the development.

At the moment no plans have been submitted to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, but it is hoped that they will be in place by the end of February.

Mr Cartwright said: "I can confirm that we have bought the Fox and Crane and the plan is for a new residential development on the site.

"There are no plans in place as yet, but we will hopefully be submitting them to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council by the end of February.

"But the plan is that the building that used to be the Fox and Crane will be the focal point of the development and will be turned into apartments.

"Obviously we are still in the planning stages, as the purchase was very quick, but the building that stands there now is a lovely building and one that will be retained."

The clearing process on the site has already begun with trees being cut down and fencing put in place to stop members of the public getting on it.

Staff at the Weddington Road-based public house pulled their last pint on January 15 when it was closed permanently.

Brewery Mitchells and Butlers decided to close the pub and sell it during the Christmas period when staff were notified and it caused much sadness with the regulars.

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