

## Wallcroft



Hadlow Road before the Wallcroft estate was built (Photo: Dennis Williams)

The Wallcroft estate was built in 1963. The houses then were selling for around £2,600. These photos show 42 Wallcroft being built. The fence line and trees at the back mark the disused railway at the end of the garden. (Photos: Ruth Hampshire)





Ruth Hampshire remembers: *Our garden backed onto the Wirral Way. Each house had a green gate in the fence (for a small fee when the Council was putting in the fencing), so the Wirral Way became our playground. We used to climb the huge oak tree on the bank of the old rail track and jump out to see who could jump from the highest branch down to the former track bed below. The area behind houses 38 to 44 Wallcroft was so well used as a play area, the grass was worn away. It was pretty much a flat, sandy base where local children would meet and we'd play football, cricket, rounders, hide and seek etc. Fun times!*