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**Source Abbreviations**

GRO	Glamorgan Record Office
	Electoral registers, directories, parish records – all in the GRO
D/D	Deeds in the GRO
chs	Cowbridge History Society

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Date	Woodlands and Woodlands Close, Westgate, Cowbridge	Source
1922	Lot 12. Freehold building land (now in hand) situate on the north side of, and with a good frontage to, Westgate Street containing a little more than three-quarters of an acre, now in pasture and to be sold with vacant possession. Note – the adjoining land is now undergoing building development	Edmond's 'Old Hall' estate sale, D/D SA 16-6, <i>chs00193</i>
1926	Ernest Ward, The Woodlands, Westgate Street (a 'private resident')	Kelly's directory
	<p>Woodlands House, on Westgate, was built between 1923 and 1929, and the row of semis behind (Woodlands Close) in about 1938.</p> <p>Mr and Mrs 'Willie' Whone lived at the house, and owned the land behind. They had the houses in the close built for their children, but these all went their separate ways.</p> <p>The builder was Robert Thomas and his son, Gethin. The manhole covers on the footpath at the side of no.4 Woodlands Close have his name on them.</p> <p>Tim's parents (his mother was Linda Edwards) had the first choice of the houses to rent, and later they took up the opportunity to buy. They lived there from the day of their wedding in 1937 (had just 12 months in Porthcawl first).</p>	Tim Edwards (who grew up in 4 Woodlands Close in the 1950s) – <i>chs03964</i>
	<p>Later into Woodlands came Arthur Jones (the garage) and his wife, 'Braces'. <i>His father, also Arthur, lived in the big house by Cross Inn, backing on to the Llanblethian road.</i></p> <p>They had two children, Susan and Peter. They then moved to Llansannor Court.</p>	Tim Edwards
	After them came Dr Hinde, a radiologist at Llandough Hospital.	Tim Edwards
	<p>Woodlands Close - Tim's parents were at no. 4 and bought it for £800 in the mid-1950s.</p> <p>At no. 3 were the Haymans, no.2 Mr Lathrope, who was in charge of the gas works and later the calor gas supply, and finally at no. 1 Mr and Mrs Woosnam (Elsie, who worked at Crossways hospital during the war with Tim's mum, Linda).</p> <p>After war ended, a Mr and Mrs Davies replaced the Woosnams.</p>	Tim Edwards

