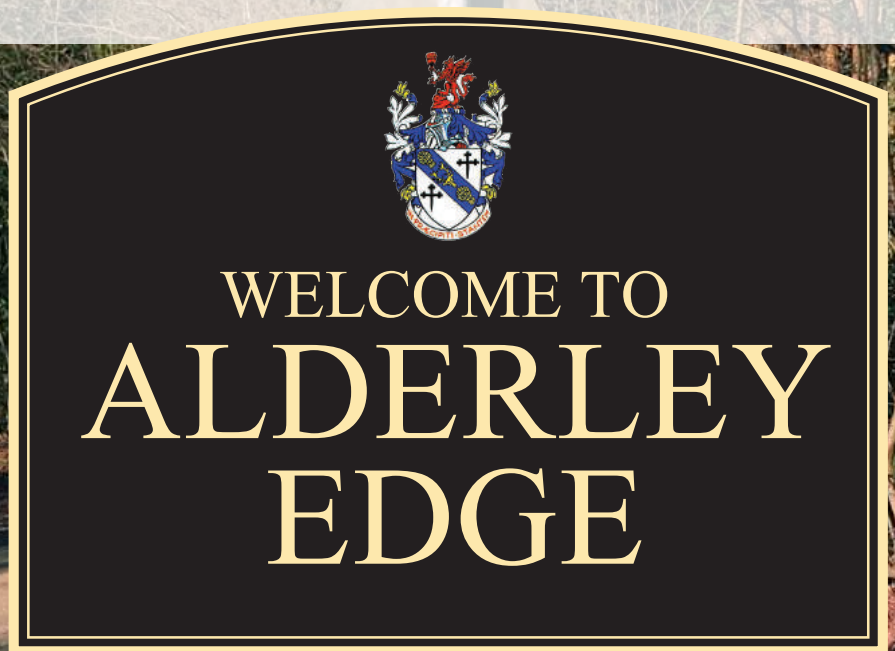


The Alderley Edge boundary signs project



By 197 votes to 66, the traditional boundary sign with cream letters on a black background has been adopted as our new sign.

We are now finalising details with our chosen suppliers and we are hoping to have our new signs in position by the Spring. A big thank you to everyone for helping us reach this decision.

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Welcome Rachael Grantham - Chair, Alderley Edge Parish Council



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2019 and may I take this opportunity to wish all residents of Alderley Edge – and those who work here – a very Happy New Year. There is a great deal going on!

In November 2018 Councillors Ruth Norbury and Ilana Higham resigned from the Parish Council to spend more time in their own busy businesses. On behalf of all of us on the Parish Council I would like to thank them both for their contribution to Alderley Edge over these past three years.

As a result of saying farewell to them, we have already been busy in appointing two new councillors to the Parish Council. We are delighted to welcome Councillors Sarah Greenwood and Bev Chapman both of whom are already very active members of our Alderley Edge community and are known to many in the Village. Both Sarah and Bev will be a great addition to our Parish Council team. We have introduced them both to you on page 3!



Christmas Lights

As many of you will have noticed, in 2018 the Parish Council invested in new decorative lights for the three village Christmas Trees; the old lights belonged to Cheshire East Council and we had been advised that they were nearing the end of their lives and would not be replaced. The new lights are certainly a great improvement and much more visible.

For 2019, we have allocated a sum of money to invest in improving the Christmas lights and decorations in the centre of the village. Starting in February, I will be setting up a working group comprising Parish Councillors, village traders and interested residents. If you would like to be part of this, please send me an email (rachaelgrantham@alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk).

Park Improvements

In the Autumn of 2018 we were fortunate to work with a local resident and horticulturalist who helped to advise us on a planting scheme for the flower bed next to the bandstand. As a result, the Parish Council invested in £500 of new plants for this bed and we had help from local residents, volunteers from Alderley Edge in Bloom and ANSA officers in bringing this to fruition.

This year we will be taking these plans further with the creation of two new flower beds (sponsored by Alderley Edge Windows & Doors), planting a row of blossom trees (sponsored by Wienholt's Pastrycook) and a new oak tree (planted by Alderley Edge School for Girls). Meanwhile, the Parish Council is working on an overall vision for the park, which we will be looking to implement in stages over the next 18 months.



Eco-Council

During December 2018, I was invited to meet with members of Alderley Edge School for Girls Eco-Council to discuss ways of making the school more eco-friendly, but also how they might help to expand their ideas to the benefit of the wider village.

The students have some fantastic ideas which I am in the process of discussing with Cheshire East Council and in the next newsletter I hope to be able to provide an update on the changes we will be seeking to implement.

New Boundary Signs

I am delighted that, at last, our Village will be properly 'marked out' in the early Spring, as you will have seen on Page 1. The discussions surrounding signage raised the issue of 'dirty signs'. This has traditionally been the responsibility of Cheshire East Council! We have now taken action as a Parish Council to ensure that all of our signs will be cleaned, maintained and straightened!

Please telephone our Clerk, Anne Ross on 01625 585503 if you know of a sign that we have missed and we will attend to it.

Calling the Parish Council into Action

When you notice things that need action in the Village please ring Anne Ross on 01625 585503; Anne is in the Parish Council office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday each week until 1pm. If you would prefer to email Anne – clerk@alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk

Please leave your contact details. Anne will contact one of the Parish Councillors who will then contact you about your concern – and then we will follow it up.

Welcome to our new Parish Councillors



Sarah Greenwood

Sarah lives on Heyes Lane, having moved from Wilmslow in 2017. She knows the village well; she has lived in Wilmslow most of her life, attending Wilmslow Grammar School for Girls before graduating from the University of Sheffield. Having moved to Alderley Edge Sarah sought to support the Neighbourhood Plan group, led by local residents, and soon joined the Steering Committee.

Councillors already know Sarah through her involvement on that Committee and residents who attended the last Neighbourhood Plan public meeting at Alderley Edge School for Girls will also know Sarah as she co-presented the event, together with Ward Cllr Craig Browne. More recently, she met many of our residents at the Neighbourhood Plan public consultation. Sarah commented: "I am delighted to join the Parish Council and contribute to the well being of the village. I am keen to build on the Parish Council's work to date, underpinned by their belief in the value of community and keeping local residents' interests a priority."

Sarah has enjoyed a successful career in marketing, with a specialism in medical and health higher education. She has worked as part of the marketing team at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston for some 25 years, helping to launch their Schools of Dentistry and Medicine. She is married with two children, who have successfully gone on from Wilmslow High School to study at university and gain employment.



Beverley Chapman

Beverley has lived in the village for 31 years and even though retired she is not sitting on her laurels. As well as being their Treasurer, Beverley is actively involved with the award-winning Alderley Edge in Bloom Group. Additionally, many residents will know Beverley through her role as Chair of our medical centre's Patients Participation Group.

She comments: "Whilst being a councillor is a voluntary unpaid role, with most councillors having full time jobs, the team has a strong and passionate commitment to our village. I am very pleased to be joining them on the Parish Council, to contribute in an appropriate and timely way to the many improvements they continue to make in the Village. My voluntary work in the village has focused on safeguarding the interests of our senior residents whilst also helping others to achieve the highest standards for our village environment and these skills should help me make an immediate contribution to the Council.

I am much motivated and inspired by my new colleagues. There will be many challenges ahead for us, I am sure, but I feel it will be fun and rewarding. Alderley Edge is growing back into being a wonderful community. We all want to be part of that."

Welcome to Fiona Gordon at the Festival Hall

Celebrate your own special event at the Festival Hall

In September Fiona Gordon joined the Festival Hall team and has taken on leading the marketing of the venue. "One of the most popular uses of the Festival Hall has been for parties and other special events, including weddings," she says, "We love helping to organise these events, so do get in touch if you'd like to know more".

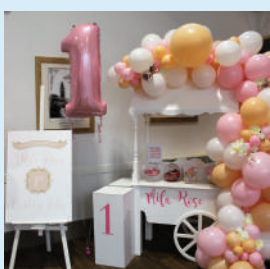
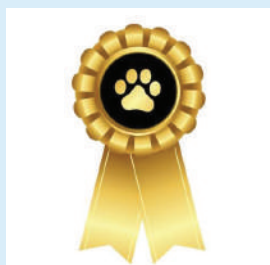
The Hall regularly hosts events such as children's parties, birthday celebrations and anniversaries. It can be set up to accommodate up to 250 people, with tables and dance floor. Its well-stocked bar is a popular feature and caterers can make use of the newly equipped kitchen facilities.

If you'd like to know more and to discuss your own ideas for your own special event, please get in touch with Fiona:

fiona@aefestivalhall.com
01625 582150



Festival Hall *Events 2019*



February

2nd	8pm-11pm	Manford's Comedy Club
8th	7pm-9pm	Gin & Chocolate Evening
9th	10am-5pm	Alderley Edge Symphony Orchestra - The Big Workshop
17th	10.30am-11.30am	Rumble In The Jungle - Messy Play!

March

2nd	7.30pm	Alderley Edge Symphony Orchestra - Journey to Russia Concert
17th	1.30pm-3pm	Our Kids Social
22nd	10pm-12am	Revolution Dance
30th	7pm	The Barnby Choir Concert

April

7th	10am	Hyde & District Canine Dog Show
13th	10am-5pm	Retromania!
26th	10pm-12am	Revolution Dance
27th	7.30pm-11pm	May Fair Dance

May

4th	11am-4pm	Artisan Craft and Gift Fayre
7th-11th		Alderley Edge Music Festival
18th	7.30pm	Alderley Edge Symphony Orchestra Concert
26th	10.30am-3pm	Dolls House & Miniatures Fair

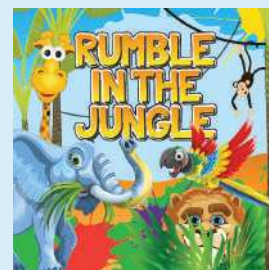
Getting ready to say 'I do'?
Come and join us for a complimentary consultation to see how the FH Team can create your perfect day, right in the heart of Aldersley Edge.

Whether you're launching your latest fashion line, raising money for charity, or running a market; Festival Hall is the perfect place to showcase your hard work!

Celebrate your little one's birthday with bouncy castles, soft play, chocolate making and more!



For more information on any of our events, please visit aefestivalhall.com/events, or simply sign up to our mailing list!



Voices Together singing in Alderley Edge just for Fun

Voices Together has now been running for 4 months and is proving to be very popular with everyone who attends. This new enterprise, initially funded by a grant from the Alderley Edge Institute Fund, has an average audience of 15 singers attending each week.

Sessions are either run by a singing leader, or the most exciting part of the group is that local musicians are coming along and helping out. "Alan from the Allotments" provides folk music, playing his guitar; Peter Spooner and Martin Steiger play uplifting songs from the shows accompanied by the piano, and the Rev Robin Pye has been known to provide some excellent warm up exercises, accompanied by some ongoing banter- and drinks and cakes.

People feel that these singing sessions are the highlight of the week. So, whether you want to just get out, or you are feeling lonely, have mental health issues or dementia or you have perhaps recently lost a loved one, you will find a warm welcome at Voices Together. You will find it hard to leave without feeling uplifted.

The Voices Together group meets at the West End of St Philip and St James Church, Alderley Edge every Wednesday; 2.00 -2.30 for tea and chatter, followed by an hour's singing. £3 per session.

If you have 'care' needs -come along with your loved one, and can get advice and support. Everyone is welcome.



Car Parking Councillor Mike Taylorson

In late 2015 and early 2016, as we promised we would, we completed our review of the village's parking needs, putting forward a number of possible options. Throughout this exercise it remains important to remember that the creation of a new Car Park on ANY green space (allotment site, playing field or parkland) is contrary to National Planning Policy - unless that green space can be replicated somewhere else. In a village which is surrounded by green belt, that is almost impossible for us to achieve - unless or until the Cheshire East Local Plan (completion sometime in 2019) or the Alderley Edge Neighbourhood Plan withdraws the greenbelt boundary.

Therefore, as a Parish Council, we have concentrated, in the meantime, on:-

- *reducing the maximum stay at South Street Car Park to encourage a quicker turnover of spaces; this has worked well with places available on most days.*
- *getting Ryleys Lane Car Park properly surfaced and marked out for the first time ever and keeping it free of charge to assist 'all day' parking.*
- *working with local residents and Select Property Group to secure planning permission for a new Car Park at Horseshoe Farm (taking 50 cars off nearby streets);*
- *creating around 15 on-street parking spaces in the village, with plans to create a further 14 on-street spaces later this year;*
- *exploring the possibility of creating a 44-space car park at Heyes Lane, to support the demand for parking at the Festival Hall and Medical Centre - independently costed at £233,000;*
- *exploring the possibility of creating an extra 35/40 spaces at Ryleys Lane Car Park, costed by Cheshire East Council at £180,000.*



As a community we are doing our very best to ensure that the infrastructure funds we will need in order to bring some of these parking projects to fruition can be achieved by having a well written Neighbourhood Plan. We are fortunate that Councillor Sarah Greenwood is taking the lead on this. With a team of volunteer local residents and advisers she is helping to prepare the village for the changing needs of future residents, workers and visitors.

Alderley Edge Neighbourhood Plan

You said, we did....

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Neighbourhood Plan policies consultation in November and December. We are now looking at the results, considering the opinions of all those who got involved, including residents, employers, employees and developers, amongst others. The information will be used by our team to refine the policies which we hope to share with you in Spring.

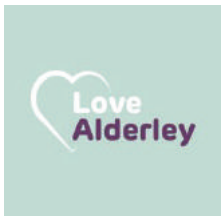


Meanwhile, the Housing Group have been busy briefing town planning consultants, AECOM, who are preparing evidence to underpin our policies, including a Housing Needs Assessment that will enable the group to have an up to date summary of the specific requirements of the village. Members are also involved in gathering data for character assessments of existing housing areas that will feed into design codes for new development.

The Economy Group volunteers are also busy further developing their policies and getting additional information to help with the detail. Look out for pupils from Alderley Edge School for Girls who are undertaking a village audit/small parking survey for us and local business group, Love Alderley, is sending out a business survey. If you are an Alderley Edge business not currently on their circulation list, please do get in touch and we can send the link.

The Community and Wellbeing Group are working on suggestions gathered from the public to reinforce the intrinsic benefits of The Edge to the village and its community. And finally, the Transport and Infrastructure Group are engaging with other bodies, for example Cycle Wilmslow, about how we can be more connected and facilitate improved cycling across the region.

Love Alderley



LOVE ALDERLEY have had a busy time over Christmas – thank you to all those who supported your local high street and utilised the businesses within the Village over the festive period.

Pressing forward with the year we have organised an exciting Valentines competition where there is an opportunity to win an amazing weekend in Alderley! Traders have come together and have given generously so this prize is really worth winning! Please see our website www.lovealderley.co.uk for details on how to enter for FREE – the prize will be drawn on the 14th of February!

We plan to offer a similar competition for Mother's Day – so keep an eye out on our social media for more details.

We will also be putting on an Easter Egg hunt in the Village for the children – the form for this will be available to download from our website."

Alderley Edge in Bloom

The Alderley Edge in Bloom Group was launched in 2016. That year brought success with the winning of a Silver Gilt Award in the RHS Britain in Bloom Competition and this was achieved again in 2017.

But in 2018 the Group struck gold! The village was awarded a Gold Award in the RHS Britain in Bloom scheme in recognition of the huge amount of work that had been done by the volunteers in the Group.

2019 looks set to be even better. With a generous grant from the Alderley Edge Institute Trust the group will be adding 8 more planters to those on the Waitrose railings and hope to reintroduce the tradition of lamp post floral displays on London Road with 16 new circular containers.



With the continued contributions made by local businesses and the support of the Parish Council, the Group is ready to make the village look even more attractive this year. The perfect place to live, work or visit. New volunteers are always welcome. Go to the Bloomers website on www.alderleyedgeinbloom.co.uk or **Facebook Alderley Edge in Bloom**.

Your Voice at Cheshire East Council

Cllr Craig Browne - www.cllrcraigbrowne.blogspot.co.uk



New Disabled parking bays

Some months ago, members of the Church Council at St Phillip & St James' asked me if a couple of the parking spaces on Church Lane could be designated for use by disabled people

Following a number of discussions with officers, the plans were drawn up and the new parking bays finally introduced just before Christmas. It has taken quite a long time to get there, but I am pleased that the work has now been carried out and I have had a lot of positive feedback from residents, as well as visitors to the church as a result.



Redesmere Drive Parking Restriction

Another scheme that has been several months in the making has been the introduction of double yellow lines at the entrance to Redesmere Drive, opposite the junction with Windermere Drive. Double parking had been a particular problem at this location with the footpath regularly being blocked by parked cars and as the section from the rear entrance of the park to the junction with Ryleys Lane is a popular walking route to school, it is important that young children are now no longer forced to walk in the road to pass parked cars.



Volunteer Library Service Launches

We have now launched an additional volunteer-run library session on Tuesday afternoons. This follows a reduction in hours the by Cheshire East Council from 25 hours to 20 hours per week. With the help of local volunteers, we have been able to increase the opening hours back up to 24 hours per week, with the library now open from 1.30pm to 5.30pm every Tuesday afternoon.

We are always grateful for more volunteers, so if you feel you can spare a couple of hours once a month, please send an email to aelibvolunteers@gmail.com I would like to thank local residents Jacqui & Peter Bugler for helping to arrange the rota.



South Street Car Park

A number of residents and business owners have contacted me about the lighting at South Street Car Park, as of the seven street lights located in the Car Park only two were found to be working. After a couple of emails to Cheshire East Parking Maintenance and a month or so later, all of the defective lights have been repaired or replaced and the improvement is clear to see. I hope this will help to make everyone using the car park after dark to feel a little bit safer when they either leave or return to their vehicles.



Improving Our Local Roads

Following on from the resurfacing of Heyes Lane last September, I have continued to press Cheshire East Highways for improvements in our local roads. Recently, this has resulted in additional patching work on Heyes Lane, at the junction of Carlisle Street and remarking the roundabout at the junction of Brook Lane & Knutsford Road (the latter of which marks the ward boundary between Alderley Edge and Wilmslow West & Chorley).

More recently, I have reported and requested work at the junction of Orchard Green, as well as on Oakfield Road and Moss Lane. I hope to give an update on these in the next newsletter.



Exploring the need for Community Transport

Many residents in Alderley Edge who are dependent on public transport will be aware of the Arriva changes to the 130 Bus service – and how the service is under review with a report expected in early 2019.

In the light of this, the Parish Council has started to explore the whole subject of Community Transport for those in our community who would be most disadvantaged by any further changes. There are a number of successful community operations in the North West which we will be in contact with.

That said, during 2019 the Parish Council is keen to engage with anyone in Alderley Edge who would like to play a part in exploring this with us, particularly if you have had experience of a similar venture elsewhere. The sense of well being generated by a community service like this can be immense.

If you feel you could help Alderley Edge explore this in greater detail, please contact The Clerk, Anne Ross clerk@alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk and leave your details.



So what does a Parish Council actually do?

Following on from our article in the October edition some people have asked us to give some more specific examples of the kind of work the Parish Council does. You will see a lot of this in the articles in this newsletter but here are a few more things we do:-

- Representing residents with objections to inappropriate property developments.
- Supporting the community Speedwatch Group to help cut down speeding in the village.
- Working with the PCSO and Cheshire East CCTV operators to cut crime in the village
- Managing the new Medical Centre and the refurbished Festival Hall
- Exploring options for improving car parking in the village and moving them forward
- Working with ANSA to monitor hedge cutting and litter collection.
- Supporting the launch of the Neighbourhood Plan to give residents and businesses more say in future developments in the village.
- Launching the Youth Council to give younger members of the Village an early chance to experience local democracy.
- Installing new flower planters in the Village by working closely with generous residents and – by supporting and working with Alderley Edge in Bloom Group.
- Supporting and attending the meetings of community groups and events – Christmas Lights Switch On, the May Fair, The Tommy Remember Appeal, the Civic Service, Good Friday and Remembrance Parades, Love Alderley and Aetag.
- Improving boundary signage in the Village
- Monitoring public transport issues.
- Editing and publishing a quarterly Parish Newsletter to keep residents closely informed
- Maintaining financial budgets, cash flow and stock registers.
- And lots more!



Come and chat with us if you feel you would like to join us. Clerk@alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk

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Environmental Protection: for issues of pest control / noise nuisance / fly-tipping & waste on private property (T) 0300 123 5015

Street Lighting - report online at: www.cheshireeasthighways.org or (T) 0300 123 5020

