

Welcome to this Christmas and New Year Edition of the Parish Update...



It has been some time since mid August when we last published the Parish Update so we are looking forward to putting this edition through your door over Christmas and the New Year. As always, at this time of year, the summer seems such a long time ago so I felt we should cheer this edition up with some memories of those summery times.

We have recalled the huge success Alderley In Bloom Group achieved in the RHS Britain in Bloom Awards and how well the Village looked throughout the Summer. We have applauded our residents, retailers, bar and restaurant owners and other Alderley business owners with the way they all enhanced the way our Village looked and have published the winners in each of The Shell Trophy categories - and we have drawn attention to the excellent Village Show, held in our fabulous Festival Hall, which was hailed as 'the best show ever'!

The Neighbourhood Development Plan continues to take enormous amounts of time to finalise and there is still substantial detail to conclude with Cheshire East Council before we can round the last bend to the finishing line! Sarah Greenwood has provided a useful update later in this edition and signposted the steps we still need to take as a community in 2020. We have a great team working through it all though, who do hope that you will be happy when you can read the final Plan document defining how the Village should look to 2030 and beyond. We will be providing you with more details of this by early February 2020.

I know that many of us in the Village have become increasingly irritated by the way in which Alderley Edge is invaded at weekends - and I need to report to you that we are involved with ongoing discussions with Cheshire Police at the highest level and Cheshire East Council. Action is being taken in a variety of areas to maintain our vibrant restaurant, bar and nightlife without allowing visitors to abuse our safety, our parking and our speed limits.

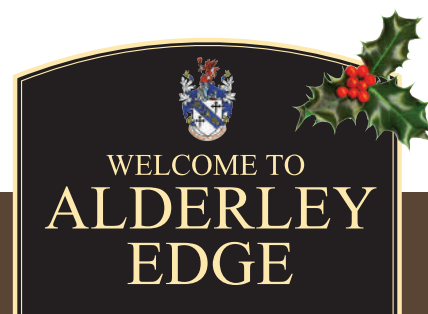
At a meeting yesterday two people who had recently visited Alderley Edge said to me that they thought our Village was the 'most beautiful Village in Cheshire at Christmas time'. They said our lights look wonderful. Naturally, I wholeheartedly agreed with them!

On behalf of all my colleagues on the Parish Council, may I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas time - and a very Happy New Year.

Mike DJ

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Alderley Edge in Bloom Group



2020 is going to be another very busy year for the volunteers of Alderley Edge in Bloom.

Following on from a second Britain in Bloom Gold Award in 2019 and a Pride of Cheshire East 2019 award, the group has ambitious plans for 2020. Even more attractive and unusual displays in the village are planned and we are looking to work with other community groups in an initiative Britain in Bloom has called 'Grow Social in 2020'.

A key part of the In Bloom Group is our Litter Picking Volunteers who are looking into ways they can work with other groups to reduce littering by avoiding it actually happening in the first place.



In addition to the village displays, work will continue throughout the year on the group's main areas of Environmental Enhancement namely, the Waitrose Woodland, the Station Garden, the wide verge along Wilmslow Road at the junction with Brook Lane, and Wood Gardens. Our allotment on Chorley Hall Lane, continues to flourish thanks to the hard work of our allotment team. The fruit and vegetables are grown for supply to local charities.



Our Group continues to evolve and develop so if you have any ideas about how the environment of our lovely village could be enhanced or improved, how litter could be reduced, or if you are interested in making a contribution to the work of the group, please see more information at www.alderleyedgeinbloom.co.uk and get in touch. We also have a Facebook and Instagram page as Alderley Edge in Bloom and a Twitter account [aeinbloom](https://twitter.com/aeinbloom). You could also text us on 07774 488458

The Alderley Edge Village Enhancement Competition

The Shell Trophy 2019 in memory of Ian Miller



The Shell Trophy is awarded every year to those deemed by the Judging Panel to have made the greatest contribution to the 'look' of the Village as viewed from a public road. There are five categories; residential, retail, cafe/bar or restaurant, non retail or office display and best church, charity shop or community. On this occasion the judges awarded the Trophy to a Residential Display.

The winners were:

Best Residential Display and Winners of the Shell Trophy -
Brian and Jane Kerr of Moss Road

Best Retail Display - Granthams Fine Food and Wine
Best Cafe/Bar/ Restaurant Display - The de Trafford Arms Hotel
Best Non -Retail or Office Display - McAlister Family Law
Best Church, Charity or Community Display -
St. Philips and St. James's Church



Alderley Edge Neighbourhood Development Plan *Next Steps*

December 2019

The residents and businesses of Alderley Edge gave the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) resounding support during the public consultation held in August. All but one of the policies received over 80% support, with some achieving a 99% approval. 94% of respondents supported the plan overall.

The NDP has no powers to allocate new housing development. That is covered by Cheshire East's Local Plan, which also specifies where the new homes should be built, and releases the areas of green belt which are required to build them on. What the NDP can and does do is create policies covering the design, size and quality of the new houses planned for the village up to 2030.



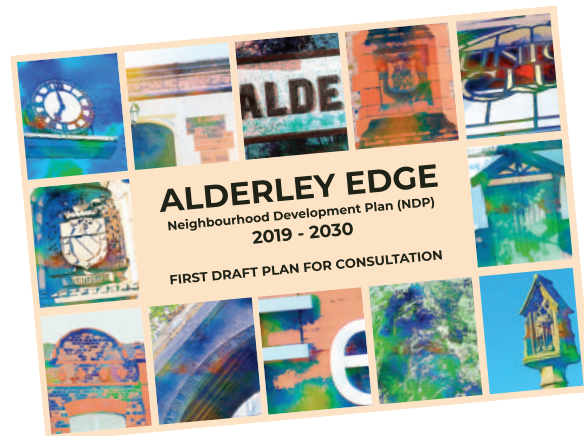
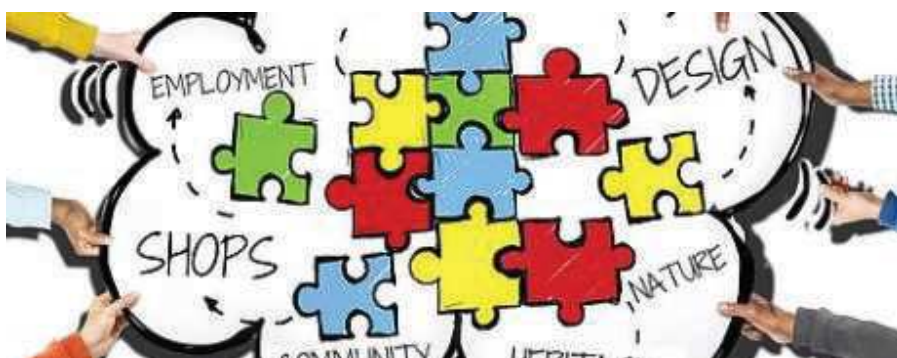
The NDP also provides support for the businesses of Alderley Edge, as well as protecting our green spaces, sports and leisure facilities and giving a clear indication of where the residents would be happy to see some additional car parking, which a majority still feel is much needed.

The members of the NDP Steering Group thanked all those who responded to the consultation. The group had 186 responses via the questionnaire, with an additional 121 letters submitted regarding the Heyes Lane allotments. No consensus was reached on the matter of the support needed for

the Festival Hall, so the policy proposing the future re-purposing of the Heyes Lane allotments into public gardens, together with a 40 space car park has been removed entirely. And at Chorley Hall Lane, whilst the plans to improve the playing fields remain, proposals for lighting and an artificial playing surface have come out in response to objections.

The next stage in the Plan process is for the revised Plan to be resubmitted for public consultation. This is known as the Regulation 14 stage and the NDP group hopes to embark on this stage early in the New Year, once Cheshire East and some other national bodies have reviewed the Plan. Geoff Hall, Co-Chair of the NDP Group, stressed the importance of public participation throughout this process: "Even if you approved the Plan at its last stage, we need you to reaffirm your support again. And if you called for the changes which we have taken reflected in the revised document - then we also need you to register your vote. The Plan cannot be passed without evidence of public support".

We will give more information on the Regulation 14 consultation early in the New Year.



The Alderley Edge Village Show *Record Breaker!*

The Annual Village Show took place on Saturday 31st August 2019 in the Festival Hall. And it was a record breaking event!

99 people entered exhibits for the Show! There were 539 entries overall!
And the estimate was there were well over 400 visitors!

The Village Show next year will be held on Saturday 29th August 2020. Please make a note of the date - and, if you have never entered something from your garden before, grab an entry form and join the fun!



Ellie Arkelaos *Girl guiding trip to Nepal*



I am Ellie Arkelaos, 14 years old and have been selected by Cheshire border Girlguiding to go on a trip to Nepal 2021. I have been in the Girlguides since I was 5. I have recently got my Baden Powell which is the highest award you can receive in girlguiding. I have 18 months to raise £3000 which is a lot but I can do it with the help of you! I am going to help in schools and villages with 12 other selected girls and I cannot wait. I feel incredibly supported by Alderley Edge and groups within it who I know will help me get there! As I have a lot to raise I will be doing lots of fundraising. This will be an adventure of a lifetime and I am so privileged for the chance to go, so please donate because every penny counts.

Thank you.

Can you help Ellie Arkelaos raise £3000 for GIRLGUIDING TRIP TO NEPAL 2021.

Please donate to her JustGiving Crowdfunding Page: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/elliearkelaos2021?utm_term=YzxX7YJmz

Festival Hall events



January

8th Introduction to Essential Oils, Nature's Medicine Cabinet.

Learn about doTERRA Essential Oils and how to use them as a natural medicine cabinet. Think of it as your own natural pharmacy, for the whole family!

11th Revolution Dance

A fabulous night with 4 hours dancing and 2 DJ's!

24th 'Nearly' Burns Night Ceilidh

Join us for an early Burns Night celebration with a fun-filled Ceilidh!

February

20th Echo Performing Arts Academy – 'Play in a Day'

Calling all children age 6 to 16! Echo Performing Arts Academy are very excited to announce a Play in a Day on the 20th February 2020 at Festival Hall. The children will take part in a series of Dance, Drama and Music lessons throughout the day. Leading to a small performance at the end of the day. For more information please don't hesitate to get in touch echoacademyuk@gmail.com or follow @echoacademyuk on social media.

29th Manford's Comedy Club

Manford's Comedy Club is back for 2020 with an incredible line up, handpicked by Jason Manford himself! Tickets are expected to sell out so be sure to book in advance, group discounts available! Tickets available via our website or from Festival Hall.

FlexiLink

Transport Service Solutions (TSS) took over the running of our flexible transport service, previously known as Little Bus, on 5 August 2019. The new service is called FlexiLink. FlexiLink is a demand responsive transport service providing an alternative means of travel for Cheshire East residents with a disability, are aged 80 or over, or who live beyond the reach of any other public transport. The fare is £3 per journey if you do not have a bus pass. All journeys must be pre-booked so that routes can be planned efficiently.

Hours of FlexiLink Service

The core hours of the new service will be between 9.30am to 2.30pm on weekdays. We offer a limited service for group bookings between 8.30 and 9.30am and 2.30 and 4.30pm.

How to book on FlexiLink

Call 0300 123 5110 to book a journey (local call charges apply, calls from mobiles may cost more). The booking line is open 09:30am - 12:30pm Monday to Friday.

Customers registered to use FlexiLink may request a booking by calling us between 24 hours ahead and one month in advance of when you wish to travel. The more notice customers are able to provide, the more efficiently we will be able to plan each journey and route.

How to register as a member

The FlexiLink service is open for new customers. To start using the service, call us on the booking line number 0300 123 5110 (9:30am - 12:30pm Monday to Friday) to register your details.

If you used the Little Bus service in the last 12 months we will transfer your membership details so you will not need to re-register to use FlexiLink.



Our Planet on the Edge *of an enviromental revolution*



In the summer, we launched an environmental group to explore what we might be able to achieve in our Village to combat climate change. Our Planet on the Edge (OPE) Group has been born. Our volunteers represent the whole community: residents, businesses, and schools.

From our beginnings in September, we now have a list of projects that will contibute towards our wellbeing and start to impact on our environment. Like all good projects it is difficult to know where we are going until we know where we are! To that end our first project is to understand the current environmental state of the village.

A small team of our volunteers have been busy researching how best to investigate the village's environmental impact using a 'best practice' approach gleaned from other successful ventures. As we begin the New Year we will be asking residents, businesses and schools for

help by asking for a short questionnaire to be completed. We want to know a little about your current habits, e.g. how you dispose of waste, how often you use your heating and more. The answers will help us calculate our village's overall environmental impact, and the data will help inform our decision making, going forward. The questionnaire will be sent out in early 2020, so do please keep a look out for it.

It is rewarding to see that more and more shops are stopping the use of plastic bags. Some have launched bio - degradeable products. To encourage Alderley Edge to turn its back on plastic bags for ever we are excited to launch our Boomerang Bags. No matter how good our intentions are, it is inevitable that we will all occasionally forget to bring bags when we shop. Instead of buying yet more plastic - reach out and grab one of our Boomerang Bags - but remember it's a Boomerang so bring it back and hang it on a boomerang hook - in any shop in Alderley. Handmade from recycled material, these bags should be moving around the Village more and more as we move into the New Year! It's a 'fashion statement' - or it could be!?

If you would like to join us - or if you have a project that you feel we should tackle - or you have a sewing machine and would be happy to help us build our Boomerang 'fashion' stock then do please contact me - Lydie Grantham (lydie_grantham@hotmail.co.uk)

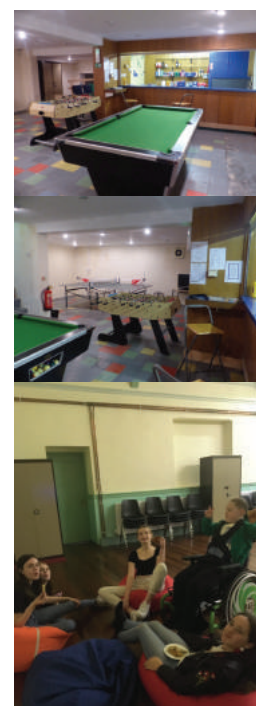


BREAKOUT

Breakout Youth Club at Alderley Edge Methodist Church runs fortnightly on a Monday night from 7pm -8.30pm. We aim to provide a safe space for young people in year 6-year 9 to meet up out of the school environment . This is a community based youth club for young people living in Alderley Edge and the surrounding areas. We usually have a sports activity such as badminton or football , arts and crafts, and the cellar downstairs (known as The Net) has a pool table, table football & table tennis and an area to chill out in. The Leadership Team has changed this term and we want to make sure that the young people in the community and their parents know that this youth club exists and all are welcome to come along see if they like it.

We are also looking for more volunteers from the community who enjoy working with young people, and would be happy to go on a rota following a routine DBS check.

For more information contact the church office 01625 586713 or email aemcbreakout@gmail.com
Future dates : 13/01/2020



The Alderley Edge Institute Trust

Are you a member of an organisation or group that needs funding for a project which could benefit the residents of Alderley Edge, Nether Alderley, Over Alderley, Chorley or Great Warford?

If you are, you may be interested to know more about The Institute Trust which was set up in 2003 with the proceeds of the sale of the old Village Institute. The Trust's responsibility is to administer these considerable funds on behalf of the village residents and consider well thought out applications for funding that would benefit our local residents and community.

Over the years grants have been made to assist in building works, repairs and the provision of new equipment to local schools, the Scout Hall, churches and reading rooms. Local football teams, the Beech Road Play Area, the Alderley History Group and the David Lewis Centre have also received funding. In addition, individuals, clubs and charities have received grant support from the Trust.

So if you, or a group of your colleagues, have an idea that you believe will benefit our Community and you can show the evidence to support your well documented proposal, then The Institute Trust would welcome discussing your project with you.

Applications Forms for a grant are available from the Trust Secretary, Ashley Comiskey Dawson. The Secretary can also arrange a time for a preliminary discussion with a Trustee.
Email: alderleyedgetrust@mail.com



Cllr Craig Browne *Deputy Leader, Cheshire East Council*



I would like to begin this edition by talking rubbish!

For some parts of the village, bin collection days have changed from a Friday to a Thursday. There have been some teething problems as collection teams get used to their new routes; however, once things have settled down, this change will save the Council £600,000 every year. Unlike before, teams will return to the waste transfer site at Middlewich, deposit their refuse and then go out on another round. This means that some parts of the borough now have afternoon, rather than morning collections. From the New Year, we will all be receiving a new “caddy

bin” which has been designed to encourage the recycling of food waste. Once collected, all food waste will then go off to be converted into compost at the Council's new high pressure, high temperature treatment facility at Crewe. We will then be able to sell the resultant compost, helping to generate revenue and reduce the pressure on Council Tax. The other good news is that this means the green (garden bin) collection will continue all year round, rather than there being a break in service, which used to happen during the winter months.



Addressing London Road Speed Concerns

High speed and poor driving behaviour are issues that residents regularly raise with me at my monthly surgeries (these continue on the last Saturday of each month, starting at 10am at Alderley Edge Library). In late November, I arranged for a speed assessment at three locations on London Road: outside the former Royal Bank of Scotland, by the pedestrian crossing in the centre of the village and outside the De Trafford Arms. Cheshire East Highways will only be able to take action if the results show that the AVERAGE speed of all vehicles is in excess of 30mph, so I have also provided them with data downloaded from our Speed Indicator Device on Congleton Road to help support the case to make our village safer for pedestrians and cyclists. I am delighted to have been able to get agreement for traffic calming measures to be introduced on Wilmslow Road, on the approach to our village. I am hoping to have these in place during the first half of the New Year; the plans will also include an extension of the existing cycle lanes, which currently finish at Harden Park.

Arriva Pull Out of 130 Bus Services

In November, we received the disappointing news that Arriva had decided to deregister the 130 service from Didsbury to Macclesfield (via Wilmslow & Alderley Edge). A number of residents have contacted me to complain about this and I share their concern; however, the 130 is currently a commercial route, i.e. it is not in receipt of a public subsidy from the Council. Cheshire East is expecting an alternative commercial provider to register an interest in taking over the 130 route and assuming this happens then the service will continue seamlessly after 26th January. There is a window within which alternative providers are able to register their interest and the Council is not permitted to intervene in the market during this window. If no alternative provider has come forward once the window closes, the Council will need to decide whether to provide support (a subsidy) to this route. I will keep you updated on this, via my blog – cllrcraigbrowne.blogspot.com



Improvement Plan for Alderley Edge Park

Since the summer, I have been working closely with ANSA (Cheshire East Parks Maintenance) on devising an improvement plan for our main park. The first draft of this has now been produced and we will be consulting on our ideas early in the New Year; however, the key features include:

- introduction of a community orchard
- a new play area for older children
- a concession selling refreshments at or close to the bandstand
- reopening the public toilets at the bowling hut
- a skateboard area
- improvements to the bowling green
- creation of raised flowerbeds