

Introduction

When I introduced the last Parish Update I had hoped that there would be good news for all of us before too long – and yet here we are in mid October, over 6 months on from lockdown, facing our nation's 'second strike', still uncertain about what the future will bring. "It will all be over by Christmas" has been heard in this country before – and even though it was not to be in 1914 we still came through it all then with huge courage and sacrifice and I believe we shall do the same again now as we fight this virus which continues to blight our lives.

So, a different period of Remembrance this year with no Parade, just a solemn socially distanced Wreath Laying Ceremony in St Philips and St James Church with quiet reflection; and no Christmas Lights Celebrations in our Village just a 'Switch On' without ceremony. It is all we can do as we protect each other from possible infection and look forward to better times.



In this edition we have attempted to bring you up to date with what is happening in our Village. Much of it is 'work in progress' but the developments that we outline will benefit us all greatly over the coming months and years. I would like to make special mention here of Craig Browne, our Ward Councillor (and Deputy Leader, Cheshire East Council) who has worked tirelessly to get so many important issues addressed. His report starts on page 2.

When times are a little sad and gloomy, we all need to look forward to something special with optimism. Our Community Primary School is looking for urgently needed help from us all to build an all-weather multi use games area for the school and the local community. We have helped them to tell you the story of how they want to build 'a better tomorrow' for the 200 children in their care later in these pages. I hope you will join me and my fellow Councillors in supporting this incredibly special facility.

With Cheshire East now added to the list of areas in Covid Tier 2 we should all remind each other to make washing our hands, covering our faces, and making space around us an important new habit. New rules need to be observed. They will help us, our families and all those around us to stay safe. They will save lives.

*Cllr Mike Dudley-Jones
Chair, Alderley Edge Parish Council
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COUNCIL REMOVES GREEN BELT SITES FROM DEVELOPMENT PLAN

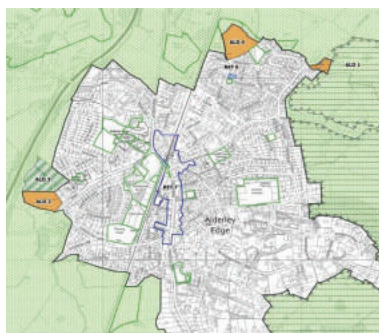
Following a meeting of Cabinet on Tuesday 6th October, Cheshire East Council has proposed to remove from the SADPD all green belt sites which had been allocated for development by the previous administration. The SADPD seeks to respond to housing needs across the 13 Local Service Centres (including Alderley Edge), as well as allocating land for a gypsy & traveller transit site at Middlewich and requiring future planning applications to comply with more exacting environmental standards. At local level, this means that the following sites have been removed from the plan:

ALD1 – land at Jenny Heyes for the development of approximately 10 homes

ALD2 - land at Ryleys Farm for the development of approximately 50 homes

ALD4 – land north of Beech Road for the development of approximately 25 homes

This follows a consultation on the draft SADPD last year, to which c.3,000 residents responded and argued that sufficient green belt land had already been allocated across the borough as part of Cheshire East Council's Local Plan (Part 1). Annual monitoring by planning officers has revealed that of the target



(set by government) for Local Service Centres for 3,500 homes to be built by 2030, a total of 3,210 had already been built by 31st March 2020, leaving 10 years to build the remaining 290 (an average of just 29 per year).

It is clearly very good news that we have been able to protect the green belt around Alderley Edge and other Local Service Centres for the foreseeable future; however, we do need to recognise that this will mean land does not become available for affordable housing provision, additional car parking, new sports or allotment provision within the period of the plan (before 2030).

An area of 2.29ha at Ryleys Farm will be reserved as “safeguarded” land;

however, this should only come forward for development if Cheshire East is unable to demonstrate a 5 year housing land supply. (currently, Cheshire East Council is able to demonstrate 7.5 years).

ROAD SURFACE INVESTMENT CONTINUES – TRAFFORD ROAD

As reported in my last column, Cheshire East Council had already decided to make an unprecedented investment in our Level 2 road repair programme this year. Historically, the Council has invested an average of £2m each year in Level 2 (patching) and Level 3 (resurfacing), but this year has chosen to invest £5m. Subsequently, we have received a further £6.85m from central government and this has meant that at a local level, first Moss Road and more recently Trafford Road have benefitted from surface treatment works this year.



130 BUS SERVICE SAVED – FOR NOW!

At the beginning of September, we received the disappointing news that D&G had decided to de-register their interest in operating the 130 bus service from Macclesfield to Wythenshawe via Alderley Edge, Wilmslow & Handforth. Fortunately, with the help of the government's Covid Bus Service Support Grant (CBSSG), Cheshire East Council has been able to step in to support the service on a time-limited basis to enable it to continue. Prior to notice of de-registration, the service had been reduced to a 90 minute



frequency, but thanks to Cheshire East Council's intervention the new service will operate every 60 minutes Monday to Saturday, although it will terminate at Handforth. Unfortunately, the CBSSG funding is only available until 31st March (unless the government announces an extension to the scheme) and therefore I am trying to put together a funding package with contributions from businesses, town & parish council's along the route to enable the service to continue from 1st April 2021. The tender price for the current service is £129,500 for the six months from 1st October to 31st March, so it is going to be a significant challenge to continue subsidising the service on an annual basis especially given current low levels of patronage and the government's advice to avoid public transport where possible. Details of the new timetable can be

found at: <https://bustimes.org/services/130-macclesfield-wilmslow-handforth-dean>

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HIGH PERFORMANCE VEHICLE SURVEY

Following complaints from a large number of residents, I have been working with officers from Cheshire East Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Cheshire East Highways and Cheshire Police to consider the scale of the problem and agree a proportionate response. During mid to late August, we visited all businesses and the vast majority of residents on London Road and surrounding streets to ascertain the extent to which residents and businesses in the area feel that their lives and livelihoods are being impacted by the behaviour exhibited by some drivers of high performance vehicles (or so called “super cars”) through the centre of our village.

The survey had the highest ever level of response to a comparable consultation carried out by Cheshire East:

- 1,342 responses of which 97% were residents of the village or wider area
- 85% agreed that anti-social use of high performance vehicles is an issue in Alderley Edge
- 87% identified loud revving of vehicles and excessive engine noise as being anti-social
- 78% identified fast acceleration (not necessarily speeding) as being anti-social
- 68% identified speeding as one of their main concerns about these vehicles
- 59% identified gathering of spectators at the kerbside as a public nuisance

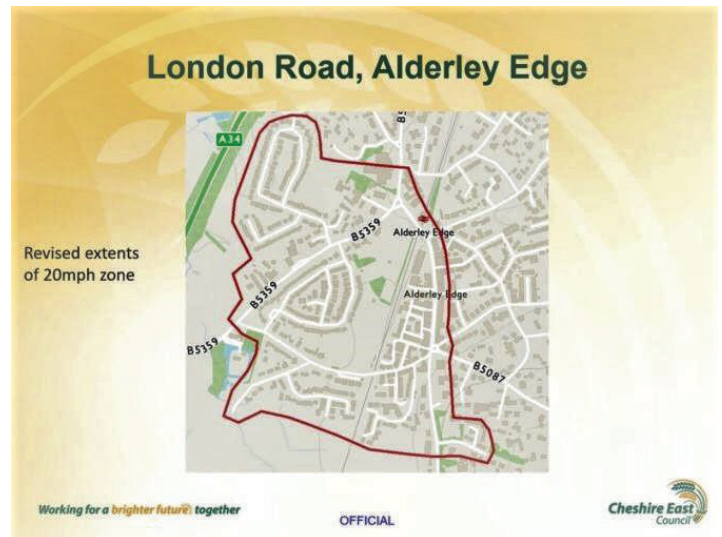
In response, the Multi Agency Action Group has endorsed a series of actions that have been drawn up in consultation with Cheshire East Highways, including:

- establishment of a 20mph zone in the centre of the village with appropriate signage
- introduction of a mini roundabout at the junction of Wilmslow Road & Brook Lane
- introduction of raised tables at the four existing pedestrian crossing points
- introduction of other traffic calming infrastructure in the village centre
- serving of Community Protection Notices by police and civil enforcement officers

The draft proposals will be open to consultation in November and then (subject to any changes being necessary) there will be a further consultation on the final proposals in January/February.

FLEXILINK: CHESHIRE EAST'S FLEXIBLE TRANSPORT SERVICE

Flexilink is Cheshire East Council's flexible, on demand, transport service, through which people who are elderly, disabled or living in an area without access to public transport can book a journey anytime between 9.30am and 2.30pm (there is also capacity for group bookings between 2.30pm and 4.30pm). The Council has a fleet of ten vehicles operating across the borough. Over the next few months as part of our annual budget consultation, we will be reflecting upon whether to sell advertising space on board our vehicles as a means to make the service more financially sustainable.



As a result, opportunities may exist for local businesses to sponsor the service as part of their commitment to corporate social responsibility and in return have their commercial branding displayed on our vehicles. Do please look out for the consultation, but in the meantime if you would like to register your interest as a business, please do let me know.

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BIENVENUE A LA PETITE FROG



Following an open tenders process carried out by ANSA (Parks Maintenance) I am delighted to confirm that we will shortly have a refreshment facility at Alderley Edge Playing Fields (Park) for the first time. This is something that I have been working with officers on for some time and I am pleased that residents and visitors to the park will soon be able to pick up a tea/coffee or light snack as they walk through the park, at the end of a game of tennis, or as they watch their children enjoy the play facilities. The franchise has been awarded to “La Petite Frog” who already operate a successful and very popular facility at South Park in Macclesfield. I look forward to welcoming them.

Alderley Edge Park Improvements

by Cllr Bev Chapman

It has been lovely to see our park being used by all generations especially throughout these past few months. It is a wonderful and versatile green space so close to the centre of the Village.

As you may be aware ‘our’ park is owned by Cheshire East Council and the ground maintenance is managed by ANSA Environmental Services Ltd. Councillor Craig Browne has been in discussion with them since the summer of 2019 exploring ideas to bring the park and its amenities closer to the widest possible number of residents. A master plan has been produced by ANSA to give an insight into how our park will evolve over the next few years as resources become available. It is a long-term project where the Parish Council seek to influence the plan as far as they are able.

You will see that we have a new notice board, to match the one outside Waitrose. Both noticeboards are available to residents and community groups to post their notices. If you would like to place a notice, please contact the Parish Clerk at the Festival Hall.

Grounds and buildings maintenance are ongoing issues. The Bowling Green surface has been a huge disappointment over the past two years since the Summer of 2018. Slowly the ground staff have improved the condition, helped by erecting a fenced and gated area around the green to allow the surface to recover. The rabbits have struggled to gain access which has helped matters considerably! Work to repair the roof on the bandstand has already taken place too. The bandstand is an historical part of our village and its maintenance is clearly important.

The next steps are to place 3 large planters adjacent to the bandstand to mark out the space for the new Memorial Garden which will be completed in 2021, dedicated to those who died in the global pandemic that started in 2019, whilst praising all those who risked their own lives to help us all stay safe. If you would like to be involved with this special project, please contact me.

The Parish Council would also like to reassure everyone that the ‘temporary security barriers’ will not be with us for ever! Something more beautiful and equally as effective will follow!



Alderley Edge Medical Centre



As autumn potentially heralds increasingly turbulent times, we would firstly like to extend our thanks to all those who have been patient and tolerant over the last few months since COVID entered our lives. It has been stressful, tiring and emotional for all involved but in many respects it has brought out the best in some people.

We have been fortunate enough to have been supported by some wonderful new trainee GPs, Dr Atkinson and Dr Ahmed. It is always exciting to see new careers in family medicine beginning. We have had to say goodbye to some retiring staff too amongst our admin and district nursing staff and wish them well. Some of our recent retirees have had to come back though to plug gaps left by current staff that are having to self-isolate, so you may hear some familiar voices on the phone!

We have done our best to maintain a level of service that meets as many needs as possible. Safety of our staff and patients is paramount and as such we have to minimise footfall within the medical centre. Rapid advances in telephone, video and text triage have been beneficial to many and kept us running safely. In the next month or so we will be introducing a new artificial intelligence triage system called Klinik which helps us make sure all requests are sent to the right person in the most effective way. We have invested heavily in this and hope that it will speed up your access to see a health care professional when it is clinically appropriate and also allow your admin requests to be processed without delay.

As we're sure you've seen in the news, this year's flu vaccination programme is more important than ever to help us avoid hospital admissions and illness. We have vaccine available and clinics are being held regularly throughout autumn for those who are eligible. Please contact reception as soon as possible so we can give you an appointment.

We look forward to caring for you and your families and wish you a happy and healthy few months ahead.

Ways to contact the practice and keep up to date with the latest practice news:

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Email: ecccg.alderleyedgegp@nhs.net

Website: <https://www.alderleyedgegp.co.uk/>

Online consulting: <https://alderleyedgegp.webgp.com/>

Twitter @alderleyedgegp



The St. Philips Bike Ride

St Philip and St James church are inviting people from across the community to support a sponsored cycle ride along the Middlewood Way this autumn.

The church has been very active in recent months running a foodbank for the community as well as a volunteer led shopping scheme for people who have been self-isolating and providing long term support for all sorts of people who have found the lockdown particularly difficult.

All this work has continued at a time when restrictions on services of various kinds have reduced the church's income from collections so that a £10,000 deficit is threatened if not addressed by the end of the year. The church is of course, not alone in this predicament. Individuals, families and whole businesses and organisations have seen their income reduced and face even more uncertainty ahead. At the same time, other people have been able to maintain their income and may even have more cash than usual because they are restricted in what they can spend it on.

So, while generally encouraging people who have been fortunate to be generous towards those who have been less fortunate, the church is also hoping people will feel moved to support the church either through direct donations or through the sponsored cycle ride.

People can complete the ride at a time to suit themselves. To take part, please go on the church website www.stphilipandstjames.co.uk and register. The plan is to ride along the Middlewood way from Bollington to Marple and take a picture of yourself at either end to load up to the church website. Fancy dress is encouraged and there is a prize for the best fancy dress. You are, of course, asked to make sure you are aware of the relevant safety regulations and follow them.

At a time when we are prevented from being together in so many ways, the church hopes this event will contribute positively to community cohesion.

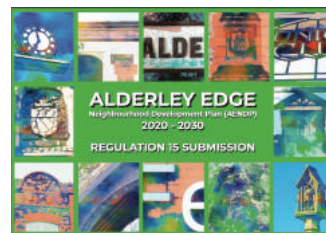
Details at www.stphilipandstjames.co.uk

Sign up today.

Neighbourhood Plan

Issued October 2020

Alderley Edge Neighbourhood Plan Submitted to Cheshire East Council



The Alderley Edge Neighbourhood Development Plan (AENDP) has now been finalised and submitted to Cheshire East Council. This follows extensive consultation and evidence gathering. This stage is known as Regulation 15 and the submitted Plan includes a Consultation Statement that sets out who has been consulted and how their views have informed the Plan.

The Plan, supporting documents and a summary of the Steering Group's responses to all previous consultation feedback, can be found on the website at www.alderleynp.com. Now, Cheshire East Council will re-consult with the public, before the plan is subjected to an examination by an independent examiner.

Once any further required amendments have been made, then the plan will be subject to a local Referendum and, assuming there is a majority 'Yes' vote, it will be 'Made' by Cheshire East Council and used to determine planning applications in Alderley Edge until 2030.

The Plan includes policies on housing, the local economy, the character and landscape of the village, as well as access and infrastructure, and community facilities.

"Whilst the latest draft of the Cheshire East Council Local Plan is not allocating any Green Belt land around Alderley Edge for development, our work over the last two and a half years still has value in protecting the character of the village. That work has produced policies that will remain relevant for any planning applications for windfall brownfield sites, backland garden development and plot subdivision that may come forward up to 2030. We also believe that it will provide valuable guidance for any development that may follow after that time," commented Councillor Sarah Greenwood.

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Alderley Edge Union Club

by Karen Robinson, Club President



THE LOCKDOWN VILLAGE SHOW AND MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT

Alderley Edge residents were able to exhibit their lockdown creations at The Union Club on the 29th August 2020 as, sadly, there was no Village Show at the Festival Hall this year. Running alongside the Union Club's Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning event, the day raised a massive £980!

A huge thanks to all of those that took part in this.

Throughout November, the Union Club will be open to all Village residents on Saturdays for prospective new members to look around and enjoy the great facilities available.



The Shell Trophy 2020



In Memory of Ian Miller

The Competition was limited to the Residential Category only this year as other categories were in the most part unable to take part.

The Winner and new Holder of The Shell Trophy

Irene and David Macklin

Many will know that David sadly died in late 2019 but Irene is delighted to have his name remembered here.

The Runner Up

Marjorie Young

Highly Commended

James and Jessica Byrom

A full presentation of the judge's selection is available on the Parish Council Website

Alderley Edge Community Primary School

Multi Use Games Area Appeal (MUGA)



Who can remember picking the gravel out of scraped knees when the sports field was too wet to play on? Or silently cursing your luck that you are on the 'uphill team' as you watch the other team roll the ball effortlessly down the hill into your goal?

So much in our lives has changed since those school days, but the sports facilities for the children at our local primary school have not moved on at all. The field is waterlogged and unusable for much of the year and the playground then becomes overcrowded.

As we slowly emerge from lockdown, our local children need access to suitable outdoor space more than ever. Physical activity and time spent outdoors is not only essential for their physical fitness, it plays a huge part in their mental wellbeing. This is why we want to raise the money to build an all-weather Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Alderley Edge Community Primary School.

The school has worked with local sports clubs to design a facility that meets the widest possible range of sporting needs and abilities: it will offer a fully accessible, all-weather playing surface suitable for football, hockey and netball.

The school is at the heart of our village and we want this to be an asset for the whole community. Not only will it provide proper sporting facilities for the 200 local children who attend the school each year, but it will also provide a great facility for local sports clubs, community clubs, scouting organisations and holiday clubs.

We now need the whole community to help us make this a reality! It will cost us around £120,000 to build it next year; our PTA has already raised 25% of the funds needed and is aiming to secure a further 50% through grant funding. Can you help us get closer to our total and give our village's next generation a first-class sporting facility?

AECPS PTA



There are several ways to support us. Choose one of these options – and then persuade your friends to do the same!

By Bank Standing Order. Sign up for 12 months for a fixed figure each month. AECPS MUGA Fund (using the Reference "MUGA CD") AECPS PTA Business Account Number 11011343, Sort Code 01-00-13

Or **By Cheque** made payable to AECPS MUGA FUND and sent to Alderley Edge Community Primary School, Church Lane, Alderley Edge, SK9 7UZ

Or **By BACS.** Direct donations can be made into the AECPS MUGA Fund (using the Reference "MUGA CD")

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Or **Sign up to our School Lottery** – tickets cost just £1 each per week with a guaranteed AECPS Supporter Prize each week and the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot if you get all 6 matching numbers!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/Alderley-Edge-Community-Primary-School>

**"THANK YOU" ON BEHALF OF ALL THE LOCAL CHILDREN WHO WILL
BENEFIT FROM YOUR SUPPORT AND KINDNESS.**

Every contributor will be acknowledged on a special 'Thank You' plaque at the School.

Alderley Edge in Bloom *October 2020*



Autumn is a busy season in the Alderley Edge in Bloom calendar. The voluntary group recently purchased 200 kilos of mixed narcissus bulbs. You may have seen volunteers along Wilmslow Road and around the village planting them in recent weeks. Work has also continued on the improvements to the wooded area at Waitrose, a site the volunteers fondly refer to as the Waitrose Woodland. Pernicious weeds have been removed, paths for safe access have been laid down and some interesting features added for the interest of our younger residents. Take your time to look along the railings between the bridge and the steps for further attractive displays to surprise and delight our children.

October is the month we change our displays in the planters along Waitrose railings. We will be preparing for the winter by planting them up with skimmias, dwarf conifers, ivies, violas, mini cyclamens, grasses, primroses, gaultherias, dwarf irises and dwarf daffodils. We have also purchased additional perennials to add to our wooden planters on London Road. These were planted at the end of September.

All of this gardening work happens in parallel with the weekly litter picks volunteers carry out. As part of the Keep Britain Tidy Autumn Initiative volunteers have done weekend litter picks on the bypass, at the Edge and at the station, where they cooperated and joined with Network Rail and the Alderley Edge Station Volunteers Group.

If you are interested in making even the smallest of contributions to our work please contact Leslie Cox on 07774 488458 or email him at coxlja@hotmail.com

Chorley Parish Council *Vacancies*

Chorley Parish Council has vacancies for more Councillors. Do you live in or close to Chorley? Are you interested in joining your local Parish Council?

For contact details, please see Chorley Parish Council's website: <https://www.chorleypc.org/>

Come along to our next meeting and see what we do:

Help maintain local assets

Review Planning Applications

Protect the local environment

