

INTRODUCTION

On Monday 17th May 2021, a certain freedom returned to the village as we continue to emerge from our long period of lockdown. The Parish Council had their first meeting together for many months, inside, with masks on, and socially distanced. Gone were the Zoom cries of “*you are on mute!*” – only to be replaced with “*could you say that all again; I didn’t understand a single word!!!*” A new normal – until the masks come off!

As we move along the roadmap, we now need everything to be bright and sunny, with our shops, bars and restaurants trading at optimum levels in the hope that hitting records will somehow mitigate the terrible effects of lockdown. So, concerning the weather, onwards and upwards please!

With a heightened awareness of the dedication and vast contributions made by so many people, this is a year when we need to praise our doctors, nurses, care staff, scientists, key workers and volunteers for looking after us all during harrowing times and then masterminding the awesome vaccine roll out programme which is keeping us safe from further infection as we move forward. But it is also a year where we must remember all those who have lost loved ones or who have suffered the worst effects of this terrible pandemic.



The future remains exciting though. Our Community Primary School PTA has worked incredibly hard for years now to raise £150,000 towards the cost of a new multi-use games area which will transform our primary school childrens’ exercise lives when it is built later this year. Generously supported by so many kind residents, by the Alderley Edge Institute Trust, by Beech Hall School Trust Limited and by the Parish Council, I believe it is a community facility that should make us all feel proud.

Mike Dudley-Jones
Chairman



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH UPDATE WITH AN ARTICLE OR AN EVENT PLEASE CONTACT CLLR LIZ MARSHALL
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ALDERLEY EDGE RESIDENTS VOTE IN FAVOUR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The residents of Alderley Edge have voted to implement their neighbourhood plan.

The plan was put to referendum on 6th May with 1163 residents voting 'yes' to Cheshire East Council using the Neighbourhood Plan for Alderley Edge to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area.

34% of the Alderley Edge electorate turned out to vote, a high level for such a referendum, and 90% of those who voted, were in favour of the Plan.

Sarah Greenwood, Co-Chair of the steering group, said *"We are delighted that the residents of Alderley Edge have backed the Plan once again. It will now be part of the statutory development plan, used in local planning decisions."*

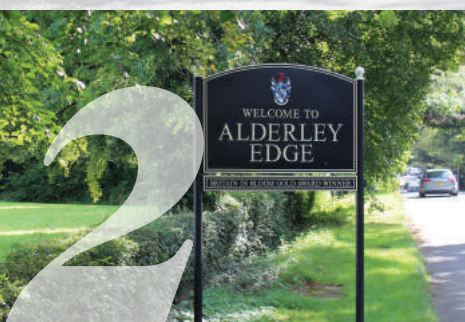
"The plan provides guidance for Cheshire East planners on what kind of houses the village wants and needs, it calls for more smaller houses for those who need to downsize but stay in the village, or for first time buyers – something residents told us they need. The Plan also protects the separation between Alderley Edge and Wilmslow and provides design guidance to ensure that the village's character is retained."

"Not only that, but it encourages support for existing businesses and encourages new ones, in order to create a vibrant local economy and encourages the improvement of community resources, such as sports fields. We hope to establish volunteer groups to take forward some of the community projects within the Plan."

"Of course, the other benefit of the village having a Neighbourhood Plan is that we will receive a larger share of monies to be paid out for local use from future housing planning applications (Community Infrastructure Levy)" Sarah added.

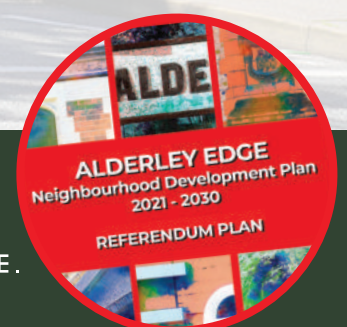
Mike Dudley-Jones, Chair of Alderley Edge Parish Council, said *"On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank those residents who worked so hard over the past 5 years to write the Neighbourhood Plan. Its policies ensure the Planning Authority consider the opinions of the residents of Alderley Edge when assessing development in the village. The Parish Council will continue to work with this group of volunteers to ensure the projects and aspirations within the Plan come to fruition."*

"I would also like to thank the residents who supported the Plan, not only in this referendum, but also throughout the consultation stages of its development."



THE PLAN CAN CURRENTLY BE VIEWED AT
WWW.ALDERLEYNP.COM
AND ON THE CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL WEBSITE.

WE HOPE TO PRINT SOME HARD COPIES WHICH YOU
WILL BE ABLE TO READ IN THE LIBRARY.



Understanding THE PRESENT by UNCOVERING the past.



ALDERLEY HISTORY GROUP IS DEDICATED TO SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE VILLAGE'S HISTORY

Posh houses. Wealthy people. Expensive vehicles. *That may be a popular impression of Alderley Edge today, but if you're a member of Alderley History Group, you'll know that exactly the same description could have been levelled at the newly emerging village of Alderley Edge back in the 1840s, when rich Manchester business people built fancy villas here and disported themselves about the village in the latest, lightest and fastest horse-drawn vehicles.*

ALAN TURING, AMERICAN GIs AND ALDERLEY'S MINES

Alderley History Group is dedicated to uncovering Alderley Edge's past – and over the fifteen or so years of its existence, AHG has uncovered a cornucopia of fascinating stories: the connection of celebrated mathematician Alan Turing with the village; Alderley's occupation by American soldiers during World War 2; our grandiloquent 19th century architecture, famous residents – and, of course, the myths, legends and the fascinating four thousand-year story of The Edge's copper mines. By the way, Alderley's original bling residents can be traced back to around ten thousand years ago – but that's another story altogether...

TALKS, OUTINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Alderley History Group meets regularly throughout the year, hosting talks by guest speakers, organising outings and running social events. Guests and members frequently turn up with historical memorabilia connected with the village, including old photographs, documents, maps and antiquities. These are guaranteed to spark off lively discussions and stimulate the memories and recollections of members, all of whom seem to be rich individual repositories of unique historical information about Alderley Edge and its environs. The Group always welcomes new members, and if you're interested in joining, please view our website for information.

EXCITING UP-COMING EVENTS

Here's just a taster of what's up and coming in Alderley History Group's calendar of events this year:

Summer Social, Monday 28th June 7pm

Taking place at the Heritage Centre at St Philip & St James Church, Ryleys Lane Alderley Edge SK9 7UZ, this will be a chance for us to meet up (in the marquee shelter), look at some of our new archives and enjoy a glass of Pimms!

Invisible Worlds Project, Monday 5th July

We have been invited to a Zoom meeting with Dr Victoria Flood and the team at Invisible Worlds, a project which explores the relationship between storytelling, place-making, and the new possibilities of interpretation presented by digital and creative public response. Invisible Worlds would like to talk to local people in the Alderley History Group and in the village. More information and a Zoom link will be available soon – and this is a free meeting, open to everyone with an interest in the legend and landscape of Alderley.

Wednesday 14th July

Field trip to Tabley House in Knutsford.

YOU CAN CHECK OUT ALDERLEY HISTORY GROUP ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, AND WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE ABOUT TO GO LIVE AT: WWW.ALDERLEYHISTORYGROUP.ORG.UK. WE HOPE TO RESUME LIVE MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER (MORE DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED ON OUR WEBSITE). **COME AND JOIN US - WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!**

A REGULAR FEATURE WHICH AIMS TO INTRODUCE
SOME FAMILIAR VILLAGE FACES

to meet you... PAUL REDWOOD

Paul Redwood is Lengthsman for Alderley Edge, and he kindly took time out of his busy day to answer my curious questions to give an insight into one of the many roles that contribute so much to our village - by Liz Marshall



LENGTHSMAN IS AN UNUSUAL JOB TITLE. WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

"The title 'Lengthsman' is associated with Parish Councils and dates to 16th Century, Tudor times. Historically, the Lengthsman looked after a length of road, keeping it neat, tidy and passable. Over time the job has evolved into looking after more than just roads and it is now essentially the parish Handyman.

Cheshire East Council is responsible for the larger tasks such as the parks, potholes, and footpaths. In my role, I generally step in to deal with the tasks they don't cover. These tasks are multiple, seasonal specific and ever-changing. Tasks include; reporting on potholes and gullies; maintaining hedges; keeping pathways clear; washing road signs; repainting benches; cutting back ivy; spraying weeds and moving the speed indicators around the village.

I work for Alderley Edge Parish Council one day each week, I also work for other Parish Councils including Handforth, Wilmslow, Adlington, Rainow and Pott Shrigley.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED FOR ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL?

I started in 2017 when the previous Lengthsman retired, and I've not looked back.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I like being able to make an impact whilst remaining in the background. It might be the little jobs I do such as picking up cigarette dimps which is a big problem and very time consuming or being part of positive changes, such as keeping the passage between Heyes Lane and Talbot Road tidy or cutting back the hedges and keeping them neat and tidy.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ASKED TO DO ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY?

Well, what might be seen as out of the ordinary to one person is quite normal to me. I enjoyed fixing the new village signs on the borders of Alderley Edge a couple of years ago and last year I worked in a team of four along with Mike Dudley-Jones where we installed the village Christmas Trees and decorated them with their lights. It was the first time I'd done either of these jobs.

WHAT SKILLS ARE MOST IMPORTANT IN THE ROLE OF LENGTHSMAN?

Being positive and having a can-do attitude. For example, I was asked to fit new gates, something I hadn't done before. I looked at the task, broke it down and considered how to best solve the problem. I fitted the gates successfully and I apply this attitude to all I do. Today I'm off to measure up steps in the park that get slippery as we want to provide a handrail there. Never a dull moment!

HOW DO YOU LIKE TO SPEND YOUR SPARE TIME?

I like to watch 'Discovering Gold Rush', a tv show about gold mining in America. And, once a year out of season, I like to hire a remote holiday cottage. This year, me, my wife and my dog, an 8-year-old Romanian Goat Herder named Norman are travelling to the Cairngorms during December.

IF YOU COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT?

I've been to some fabulous places but for me the best place is my holiday home in mid-Wales. It's easy to reach and as soon as we arrive we feel as though we're on holiday. There's no fuss, no hassle and everything is already there.

IF HOLLYWOOD CONTACTED YOU TO MAKE A FILM ABOUT YOUR LIFE, WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CAST AS YOU?

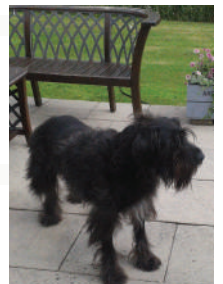
[Laughs] David Hasselhoff, just because I can, and Tom Cruise is too short!

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER THE BEST THING ABOUT ALDERLEY EDGE?

The social scene and the buzz it creates. We have a lively village, there's a nice pace of life and a diverse mix of people of all ages.

IF YOU WERE CAST AWAY TO A DESERT ISLAND, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR LUXURY ITEM?

Can I have two items? I'd take a packet of firelighters and a pallet of beer, ideally Moretti. There's nothing like drinking a cool beer whilst sitting beside a warm fire to relax at the end of a busy day.



SEPTEMBER 10-11

ALDERLEY EDGE

May Fair



WE'RE READY TO HOLD A PARTY, SO SAVE THE DATE
AND THIS YEAR, AS ALWAYS, THE COMMUNITY COMES FIRST

How can I take part? *Well, most importantly, please be there. It's fun, free and friendly, and the whole village is invited.*

Want to open the day in style? *Gather a group of friends to dress up, dance and contort in the London Road Parade.*

Like to show off your talent? *We have two stages and an arena, with a lovely audience to entertain.*

Under 16? *Why not enter our 2K fun run (with short-cuts).*

Can you share a skill? *We are searching for cooks, influencers, musicians or magicians to demonstrate their hobbies and artistry in our Generations' Tent.*

Do you own a dog? *There are WAGS and there are wags. Drag your BFF down to the park to prove who's the top dog in our fun competition.*

Fancy a kick about? *Call three fit friends and a big goalie to enter our Friday Fives Footy Fun.*

*For all enquiries, please send an email to **Paul Marshall** at alderleyedgefair@gmail.com*



We are delighted to have the surgery doors open again and are welcoming more people into the practice.

The dark days are receding and we're looking forward to a brighter 2021 as we follow the roadmap out of lockdown. Please continue to wear face coverings, sanitise and keep 2m apart as we have vulnerable patients no longer shielding and needing medical attention.

In the first quarter of this year, we have vaccinated thousands of at-risk patients. Alderley Park has now taken over most of the vaccine work for the remaining age groups while we focus on the backlog of demand and monitoring that is our usual day-to-day workload.

We had the following online Klinik interactions: Jan 1617, Feb 1677 and March 2176.

122 home visits (not including nursing homes), 1446 health care assistant face to face appointments, 45 minor surgery procedures and 5428 doctor and nurse appointments (telephone and face to face).

Demand across the whole NHS has increased and waiting lists remain long. We have no influence on hospital waits and are working flat out to keep our own routine waiting time low. However, general practice is bearing a lot of the brunt of this unmet demand and we would ask for your ongoing tolerance and patience. Please be kind to our staff, they are trying very hard with limited resources and shouldn't have to tolerate verbal abuse. We are looking forward to welcoming more people to in-person appointments as this is what we enjoy and are trained to do. Telephone and video appointments will still be available for non-urgent cases if that's more convenient for you.

We wish you a happy and healthy spring/summer 2021.

Dr Vicki Taylor, GP Partner.



Festival Hall

LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE, FESTIVAL HALL INCLUDES A FULLY LICENSED BAR, A SOUND SYSTEM, AND ROOM FOR UP TO 250 PEOPLE. WE HOST A RANGE OF EVENTS FROM FASHION SHOWS, COMEDY EVENINGS AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS; AND CAN ALSO BE BOOKED OUT FOR PRIVATE EVENTS SUCH AS WEDDINGS, BIRTHDAYS, AND CELEBRATIONS



NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS



31ST JULY BINGO REVOLUTION

A FUN PACKED EVENING OF LAUGHING, DANCING, SINGING, DABBING, AND LIFE CHANGING PRIZES.



20TH AUGUST ROSELLAS

A LOAD OF GUITARS IN A WORLD FULL OF SYNTH. MANCHESTER BASED GUITAR BAND ROSELLAS GIVE A CHEEKY NOD TO THE BANDS OF 80'S MANCHESTER; WHILE DRAWING SONIC CO PARISONS TO THE ARCTIC MONKEYS AND DMA'S, WITH A MELODIC SOPHISTICATED EDGE.



24TH SEPTEMBER MANFORD'S COMEDY CLUB

WITH THEIR MONTHLY SELL OUT SHOWS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, MANFORD'S COMEDY CLUB HAVE PUT SOME OF THE BEST COMEDIANS FROM THE UK COMEDY CIRCUIT IN FRONT OF SOME OF THE BEST CROWDS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO BOOK YOUR OWN EVENT,
CONTACT FESTIVAL HALL: PHONE: 01625 582150

EMAIL: enquiries@aefestivalhall.com

WEBSITE: www.aefestivalhall.com



Festival Time *in Alderley*

For the past 110 years, May is traditionally the time of the Alderley Edge Festival.



3-7 MAY 2022



Having missed 2020 and 2021, due to covid restrictions, the committee, (made up of 14 volunteers), are already planning next year's event during the week of 3rd - 7th May 2022. In 2022 the country will be celebrating The Queens Platinum Jubilee - 70 years on the throne - and the AEF will celebrate with her to reflect the platinum celebrations.

May 2022 will be our 106th Festival, this has been a long and passionate journey for many people – participants, teachers, our hundreds of volunteer committee members and stewards, adjudicators and sponsors alike – a journey that has shaped many a young person's future.

We have all come a long way since 1911, but we still continue to believe in the same ideal - that the youth of today are talented and will always have something to offer. We have always recognised this talent in our youth, and if we can nurture even a small amount of that talent, then we are continuing to make a difference.

It is testament to the belief in our youth that has sustained this wonderful Festival, just as it is a testament to the participants' pursuit of attaining perfection in their own performance. Having missed the last two years, we are so looking forward to next year.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP DURING THE WEEK OF THE FESTIVAL

PLEASE CONTACT ALISON AT AEFESTIVALSTEWARDA@AOL.CO.UK

Happy Retirement!



After 34 years delivering post to residents and businesses in Alderley Edge, Gill, 'The Postie' retired at the end of May 2021.

A familiar, cheerful face to so many, Gill went over and beyond to ensure the safe delivery of our mail.

On behalf of so many satisfied customers we wish her good health and a very, very happy retirement.



ALDERLEY EDGE IN BLOOM

COMPLETELY SELF-FUNDED VOLUNTARY GROUP
BRITAIN IN BLOOM GOLD AWARD WINNER 2018 AND 2019
PRIDE OF CHESHIRE EAST AWARD 2019



With our spring bulb displays in and around the village now over, our gardening enthusiasts are preparing our summer displays. The weather has not been kind to gardeners this year and planting is at least three weeks behind last year. We are therefore hesitating about putting out our summer displays as even now there is every possibility of a late frost!

We are raring to go and have our village displays ready. We overwintered as much as possible of last summer's displays many of the plants you will see in display around the village are grown from seed. If there is ever a mystery plant in the village that attracts your attention, please contact us on our website or Facebook page and we can tell you what it is. If it is a favourite of yours, we might even give you one of the plants!

We are a completely self-funded group, so the reuse of plants is not only good environmental practice but also a financial necessity. We have a skilled volunteer coordinating seed germination and propagation, resulting, over the last few years, in a steady increase in our plant stock. Again, if anyone would like advice on propagation or germination, we would be happy to offer help. Our volunteers can also give some helpful advice on the best and most economical compost for germination and planting. Contact us and we will pass on the results of our trials and experiments. You might even save some money!

We hope you will enjoy the summer displays that we will be planting soon on the Waitrose railings, the 16 lamppost planters, the wooden planters, and other various containers on London Road.

SUMMER IS OUR BUSY SEASON WITH PLANTING, WATERING, AND WEEDING. IF YOU EVER WISH TO HELP DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US WWW.ALDERLEYEDGEINBLOOM.CO.UK

Village Show & Macmillan coffee morning

It will not be possible to hold the Annual Village Show again this year but in its place The Union Club welcome exhibits on 28th August 2021 for visitors to enjoy during the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Last year's event proved a success raising £874.00 for Macmillan and included exhibits of fruit, veg, flowers, art, crafts, photography, and baking. This year we are hoping to raise £1000.00, which would be amazing!

Everyone can get involved; donate a cake (bought or homemade), donate a raffle prize, attend the event, or bring something to exhibit. Any donations should be dropped off at The Union Club before 10:00am on 28th August 2021. Tea, coffee, cake, and sandwiches will be available to buy with all proceeds going to Macmillan. **All enquiries email alderleyunionclub@gmail.com**



A Fantastic Achievement

SCHOOLBOY, PATRICK MCCABE (11) HAS RAISED A PHENOMENAL £8,405.00 FOR BENDRIGG TRUST, A CHARITY WHO CHALLENGES PERCEPTIONS OF DISABLED AND DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE THROUGH ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITY.

LIFTING SPIRITS DURING LOCKDOWN, PATRICK TOURED THE VILLAGE ENCOURAGING BUSINESS OWNERS AND VISITORS TO JOIN IN WITH A RENDITION OF THE BEATLES CLASSIC 'HERE COMES THE SUN'. THE VIDEO WAS SHARED ONLINE, AND DONATIONS POURED IN FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE.

THE NEXT PROJECT FOR OUR ALDERLEY EDGE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT IS TO PROMOTE THE CHESHIRE DASH, A 100 MILE CHARITY CYCLE RIDE RAISING MONEY FOR BRAINWAIVE, THROUGH THE CHESHIRE COUNTRYSIDE, STARTING AND FINISHING IN GOOSTREY ON SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST 2021.

THE STORY OF ST JAMES' BELL

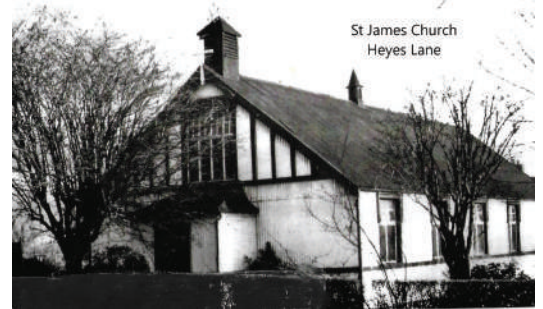
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The story of St James' bell continues after it was involved in an interesting story of theft (for more information contact the History Group). The bell was returned last year to St Philip & St James Church after it had been stored for forty years in the garden shed of Keith & Ruth Grantham, whose house was built on the original site of St James Mission Church, Heyes Lane. Ruth was keen for the bell to be restored and given pride of place back in church.

During lockdown Martin Sinker (church warden) and Bob Tuffin (previous churchwarden) raised the bell into its new home in the lower spire of the original belfry, alongside the remains of an eight-bell peal of tubular bells. The St James' bell, which weighs approximately 50 kg, was hoisted through a series of trap-doors in the tower using a climbing-rope and some borrowed crevasse rescue pulleys.

There is now a pull-rope system and the bell mounting has been secured. Rev Robin Pye said *"It's good that the bell has been restored and hoisted, and that the St James' bell can be heard once again after over forty years of silence."*

A service to welcome the bell back to church is planned for Sunday 22nd August 2021 at 10:00am. Everyone is welcome to attend and invited to have a go at ringing the bell.



Marquee

Funded by the community lottery, a marquee has been erected near the parish rooms. We hope village organisations, groups and individuals can use it to meet outside in a sheltered but well-ventilated location, maybe allowing some events to go ahead safely that would otherwise be cancelled because of the pandemic.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK THE MARQUEE, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE WWW.STPHILIPANDSTJAMES.CO.UK OR CONTACT REV ROBIN PYE.

Take on the Summer Reading Challenge

- and help save the planet!



Summer Reading Challenge 2021



Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

CHESHIRE EAST LIBRARIES ARE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE WILD WORLD HEROES. SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2021: A CELEBRATION OF NATURE AND ACTION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WWF UK.

Open to all primary school age children, you can sign up at your local library, choose your reading goal (we recommend six books), then read any books of your choice to collect special stickers and other rewards along the way - all for FREE. There is a digital platform too, so the fun can carry on at home! Children can take part in the Challenge at wildworldheroes.org.uk

Children's reading can 'dip' during the long summer holidays if they do not have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure and this can be a problem for schools to put right in the new term. The disruption of education for pupils caused by Covid-19, will make this challenge even greater. The Reading Agency's annual Summer Reading Challenge really helps by getting our children regularly into libraries over the summer, with thousands more taking part online.

In 'Wilderville' there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there. The Wild World Heroes are teaming up with the World Wildlife Fund for a very special nature-themed challenge that will inspire young readers to stand up for the planet. So why not encourage your children to join Cary, Faiza, Willow and the other young Wild World Heroes and start making a difference in Alderley Edge? We have lots of ideas to start them off!



THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE WILL BEGIN IN CHESHIRE EAST LIBRARIES ON SATURDAY 3RD JULY AND WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING LOTS OF CHILDREN TAKING PART.

YOUR WAY TO PROTECT OUR VILLAGE



Unlike some Parish Councils, Alderley Edge Parish Council review every single planning application, to protect the character of our village for the benefit of residents and businesses alike and the broader environment too - the green belt and conservation areas.

It should be understood, however, that Cheshire East Council Planning is usually the key arbiter in planning approvals or refusals and appeals after that might be heard by the Planning Inspectorate.

Your Parish Council, though, provide an important additional consulting layer in the application process; a bridge to give residents and local businesses an opportunity to voice support and/or concerns regarding any application, so you know you get heard, before the Parish Council submit their recommendation to Cheshire East Council Planning.

Your comments relating to an application should always be made direct on the Cheshire East web site as well. Go to: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning and search by the planning application number or the address.

We also now have our Neighbourhood Development Plan www.alderleynp.com to guide our considerations, and whilst this reached approval stage this year, its content has been a guide since its policies were drafted and consulted upon.

The Parish Council's monthly planning review meetings are published on the Parish Council website www.alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk together with agendas listing the applications being considered and the minutes of previous meetings too. Additional planning review meetings might also be arranged in the event of a high level of applications, or some requiring a review before the next due date.

Members of the public are welcome at any/all planning review meetings, but you will appreciate that time for comment must be controlled/limited to ensure all applications are considered as planned.

Some of the issues that are specifically concerning as we review planning applications, in addition to the Neighbourhood Development Plan, include, but are not limited to:

EFFECT ON GREEN BELT AND CONSERVATION AREAS / OVER-DEVELOPMENT WITHIN A GIVEN AREA / IMPACT ON NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES / SUFFICIENT CAR PARKING SPACE FOR THE NEWLY EXTENDED DWELLINGS / ALLOCATION OF SPACE FOR REFUSE / RECYCLING CONTAINERS / PROTECTION OF EXISTING HEDGES AND TREES / AESTHETICS AND USE OF APPROPRIATE MATERIALS

It's our village, so we all have a duty to protect its character, green belt and conservation areas for the next generation.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT *Thank you!*

TWO YEARS AGO, THE ORGANISERS OF THE MAY FAIR PLANTED ONE OF THE FLOWER BEDS IN THE PARK AND INSTALLED A STATUE OF A WIZARD AS A THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THE PARK TO BE USED FOR THE ANNUAL VILLAGE EVENT.

SADLY, THE FIRST WIZARD WAS VANDALISED BEYOND REPAIR LESS THAN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER HIS INSTALLATION. NOT TO BE BEATEN, THE MAY FAIR TEAM PURCHASED A REPLACEMENT AND WITH HELP FROM FRIENDS THE WIZARD WAS RE-INSTALLED IN THE PARK. WIZARD NO.2 LASTED A LITTLE WHILE LONGER THAN THE WIZARD NO.1 BUT AGAIN WAS SADLY VANDALISED DURING EARLY MAY 2021.

WITH HUGE THANKS TO STEWART, JANE, CHRISTINE, AND NIKKI, WIZARD NO. 2 IS BACK ON HIS PEDESTAL IN THE PARK FOR ALL TO ENJOY. A MYSTERY PERSON HAD KINDLY FIXED THE WIZARD'S HEAD BACK ONTO HIS BODY. LITTLE ACTS OF KINDNESS GO A LONG WAY!

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ALDERLEY EDGE HOPES TO HOST A SPRINT IN THE VILLAGE

THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2021 WITH A STAGE STARTING IN CONGLETON AND FINISHING IN WARRINGTON WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO BRING THE ROUTE TO ALDERLEY EDGE.

We have the opportunity to host a sprint along London Road in the highly popular Tour of Britain 2021. Britain's most prestigious cycle race will be held again in September 2021 and Alderley Edge Parish Council have expressed an interest in bringing the race to our village where we have a chance to host one of the sprint sections.

TO COVER THE COSTS OF BRINGING THE RACE INTO CHESHIRE EAST THERE IS A HOSTING FEE OF £10,000.00 + VAT FOR A TOWN TO HOST A SPRINT.

To help cover the costs of bringing the race into Alderley Edge the Parish Council have agreed to pay a hosting fee of £5,000.00 to secure the event for the Village. It will be fun bringing many spectators which in turn will be good for our local businesses, our retailers and our hospitality bars, cafes, and restaurants.

TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN WE NEED TO RAISE
A FURTHER £7,000.00 (inc VAT)

09.09.21

WE ARE APPEALING TO LOCAL BUSINESS AND RESIDENTS ALIKE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THE CYCLE TOUR THROUGH THE VILLAGE ON **THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2021**



PLEASE CONTACT ANNE ROSS, OUR PARISH COUNCIL CLERK ASAP

What's On

JUNE 26 Market Drum & Monkey 10am to 4pm
28 Alderley History Group - Summer Social Heritage Centre, St Philip and St James Church 7pm

JULY 5 Alderley History Group - Invisible Worlds Zoom Meeting More information available soon
14 Alderley History Group Field Trip to Tabley House
24 Market Drum & Monkey 10am to 4pm
31 Bingo Revolution Festival Hall

AUGUST 20 Rosellas Festival Hall
22 Service to welcome the bell back St Philip and St James Church 10am
28 Macmillan coffee morning and village show Union Club 10am
28 Market Drum & Monkey 10am to 4pm

SEPT 10 May Fair - Music and Sport Ryleys Lane Park 5pm to 9.30pm
11 May Fair - Parade and Family Fun Day London Road and Ryley's Lane Park 11am
24 Manfords Comedy Club Festival Hall
25 Market Drum & Monkey 10am to 4pm

OCT 23 Market Drum & Monkey 10am to 4pm

NOV 13 Christmas Market South Street Car Park 10am to 4pm
13 Christmas Lights Switch on and Lantern Parade 5pm
14 Remembrance Day
27 Market Drum & Monkey 10am to 4pm

DEC 18 Market Drum & Monkey 10am to 4pm





YOUR VOICE

at Cheshire East Council

CLLR CRAIG BROWNE, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

NEW SYSTEM OF COUNCIL GOVERNANCE

At the Annual Council Meeting on 4th May, Cheshire East Council formally abandoned the “Cabinet” model of governance (where almost all of the decisions were made by just eight members) and implemented the “Committee System”. Each Policy Committee comprises thirteen councillors, appointed in a politically proportionate way: Conservative (5), Labour (4), Independent (3), Liberal Democrat (1). There are seven Policy Committees in total: Corporate Policy, Economy & Growth, Highways & Transport (of which I am the Chair), Environment & Communities, Children & Families, Adults & Health and Finance. This is an important change in the way the council is run and is something that many of you helped me to campaign for in 2018/19 under the banner of “Change Cheshire East”.

LOCAL ROADS PRIORITISED FOR REPAIRS

The funding that Cheshire East Council receives from the Department for Transport for the maintenance of our road network has been cut this year by £3.9m. Whilst Cheshire East is investing an extra £3m of your Council Tax this year to try and make up the difference, the government’s decision has clearly left a big hole in our highways repair budget for the coming year. Inevitably, this means that we will be able to fund fewer road repairs than we would have liked to in 2021/22; however, as you would expect, I have been making the case for a number of our local roads and I am pleased to confirm that both Macclesfield Road and Knutsford Road (from the mini roundabout to the boundary with Lindow) have scored highly and will benefit from Level 2 repairs this year. In recent years, Level 2 repairs have been carried out on Moss Road, Moss Lane & Mottram Road.



WARD MEMBER BUDGETS INTRODUCED

Cheshire East Council has recently taken the decision to abolish Area Highways Groups (which cost £350,000 a year) and to reallocate the funding so that each council member receives an individual budget of £4,200 per year to spend on local ward-related highways issues. I will be using my budget this year to fund three specific projects: a shared-space parking scheme on South Street, Level 2 patching on Eaton Drive (opposite Sutton Road) and repairs to the footpath on Stevens Street (adjacent to the Bubble Room). If there are any remaining funds, I will use these to have a streetlight installed on the alleyway between Annis Road and Crescent Road.



COUNCILS STEP FORWARD TO SAVE BUS SERVICE

Following a decision by D&G to de-register the 130 Bus Service last September, I have been holding conversations with a number of Town & Parish Councils along the route. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Wilmslow Town Council, Handforth Parish Council, Macclesfield Town Council, Nether Alderley Parish Council and of course Alderley Edge Parish Council, who have collectively agreed to contribute £40,000 towards the cost of operating the bus service over the next twelve months. As a result of their support, we have been able to extend the route to Wythenshawe Hospital and into Alderley Park to help people to access their Covid-19 vaccine more easily. At contract renewal date in September this year, we are looking to also add some evening services to the route.

LAUNCH OF NEW PARK REFRESHMENT FACILITY

Following a recent call for expressions of interest, I am delighted to announce that a new supplier will be announced very shortly; however, I can confirm that the provider is a local business and that the service is expected to launch on Sunday 1st August. The facility will operate from a converted Citroen HY van and be located between the bandstand and children’s play area. I am sure this will be a great addition to our main park and that everyone will enjoy the opportunity to purchase a drink or light refreshment in the very near future.

