



Village News

SUMMER
2025

BROUGHT TO YOU BY ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL



Chair's Introduction

Hello everyone and thank you for taking the time to read your Parish Council Village News. 2025 marks the 80th anniversary year of Victory in Europe. To honour such a momentous episode in history, we held a fabulous event at the Festival Hall to commemorate the day. The ballroom looked amazing as did all the residents. Councillor Vince Fogharty pulled out all the stops and did a sterling job. Read more about that special day inside this issue.



We had a very successful Annual Parish Meeting and welcomed community group ambassadors from Guides to Station Volunteer Group and many more from our village to share all their endeavours for the past 12 months. Thank you all for attending and supporting Alderley Edge and for the enormous difference you all make to our community. I wish you all success for another wonderful year.



We have also had some enhancements along London Road. Alderley Edge in Bloom have replaced the old wooden planters for 14 new black planters through grants received from Alderley Edge Parish Council and Alderley Edge Institute Trust. Thank you all for your efforts every week, including the fabulous litter-picking team. Alderley Edge looks spectacular and a riot of colour. You are a credit to the village.

On the subject of flora and fauna, our Front Garden Competition will be taking place again this summer on Saturday the 19th of July, with Parish Councillors walking the length and breadth of Alderley Edge to choose a deserving winner of the Shell trophy. This will be presented during the prize givings at the Annual Village Show on Saturday the 23rd of August. Save the date, this is always a wonderful village event in which we can all either participate or attend, this event takes a lot of hard work and planning. Thanks Alex and your team for all you do.



I am really pleased to report the children's slide in the playing fields of our main park has been replaced. This has been a personal mission of mine because the first email I received as Chair over a year ago was on this very subject. It's taken a while and a few bumps to overcome but the slide should be ready for the school summer holidays.

Not strictly our parish but we work very closely with our neighbouring town and parish councils and it is always our pleasure to support them as they do us. This year it's the inaugural Wilmslow Pride, Saturday 27th September 2025 at Carrs Park. All will be welcome to go along and share in the fun & joy. Wilmslow will be brimming with pride and togetherness.

So there we have it, another packed summer in our Village. If there is anything you would like to suggest we include in our next publication or any questions or queries, you can contact me at Alibates@alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk or please stop me and say hello, I am always open to hearing ideas or concerns. You will usually spot my beautiful dog Stanley first and he always welcomes a fuss...or a treat!

May the sunshine brighten your summer days and cast its glow over the stunning scenery of Alderley Edge. Take time to look around and appreciate this amazing, vibrant village we are so lucky to be a part of.

Ali Bates

Chair, Alderley Edge Parish Council

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ALDERLEY EDGE COMMEMORATES VE DAY '80' IN STYLE

Alderley Edge marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a memorable Big Band Tea Dance at the Festival Hall on Sunday 4th May 2025. Hosted by Alderley Edge Parish Council, the event welcomed 110 guests for an afternoon of music, memories, dancing and celebration.

The afternoon commenced with a stirring reading of the King's proclamation from local actor Charlie Lawson. This was followed by a moving rendition of the Last Post and Reveille.

We proceeded to enjoy period music from The Wychcraft Big Band and A-Train Swing Disco. Our guests were dancing in their seats and taking to the ballroom floor with flair. Many were resplendent in fantastic 1940s outfits from American GI's to Land Army Girls, this only adding to the spirit of the day.

An authentic light beef lunch was home-cooked by Cllr Vince Fogharty – a former RAF chef – with the help of a dedicated team of volunteers. Each guest also enjoyed a slice of traditional Swiss Roll!

It was truly an afternoon to remember, and think of those who sacrificed so much for King and Country. Lest We Forget.

Cllr Ali Bates, Chair of Alderley Edge Parish Council, said:

"This was a truly special afternoon – a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make it happen. It was wonderful to see the community come together to honour such an important milestone in such a joyful and respectful way."



**YOUR
COUNCIL NEEDS
YOU!!!**

We are looking for enthusiastic, committed, local volunteers to act as Stewards for our spectacular Christmas Light Switch On: Saturday 22nd of November.

Your assistance will be vital in ensuring the event runs smoothly and safely for all who attend. Training will be given and equipment will be provided.

It's a great opportunity to get involved with the community, spread some festive cheer and be a much needed part of our Village Christmas celebrations.

Stewards will be required from 1.30pm until the event is finished, your Parish Council representatives will also be there and equally as committed.

If this is something you think you could do for all or part of the day and are willing and able to lend a hand, we would really love to hear from you. Please contact alibates@alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk

FESTIVAL HALL *Upcoming Events*

Looking for the perfect space to celebrate?
Our versatile function rooms are ideal for any occasion-whether you're planning a lively gathering with a large group or an intimate event with just a few close friends. Whatever the size, we've got the perfect space to make your celebration unforgettable.



SATURDAY 23 AUGUST
ALDERLEY EDGE VILLAGE SHOW

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER
MANFORDS COMEDY CLUB

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER
DISCO BLISS DAYTIME DISCO

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER
BIG NIGHT OUT

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER
SAXOPHONE CONCERT

SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER
DUMPLING AND TING

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER
ALDERLEY EDGE
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

FESTIVALHALL@MAIL.COM
TEL. 01625 582150

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ENGLISH JAZZ ORCHESTRA

SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 7.30PM

An evening of light entertainment with a full-scale swing big band.

Tickets £15 available from aemcchurchoffice@gmail.com

Alderley Edge Methodist Church

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS 2025-26

OUR POPULAR SERIES OF LUNCHTIME CONCERTS RESUME AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK AND TAKE PLACE ON THE **THIRD WEDNESDAY** OF THE MONTH.

SEPT
17

OCT
15

NOV
19

Lunches served from 12 noon.

*Recitals begin at 1pm. Admission is by programme **£8**.*

www.alderleyedgemethodistchurch.com Tel. 01625 586713 E. aemcchurchoffice@gmail.com



Front Garden Competition



Several of your Parish Councillors will be out and around the village on Saturday 19th of July, seeking this years worthy winner of our annual Front Garden Competition.

The recipient will receive the Shell Trophy in memory of long time resident, Ian Miller. There is no need to enter, the judges cover the length and breadth of Alderley Edge looking for the most spectacular front garden, the only criteria is the garden must be visible from a public road. The winning garden will be announced at the Annual Village Show on Saturday 23rd August at the Festival Hall. There is still time to get the shears sharpened and the blooms deadheaded.



We would like to invite **EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE** to take part. Taking part can be nearly as much fun as winning a prize!

Alderley Edge Village Show

Saturday 23rd August 2025
Festival Hall Alderley Edge

The Christie
Charity



Admission
to the Show
ADULTS
£2.00
CHILDREN
£1.00

Doors Open at 12.00 noon, Awards & Trophies at 3.30pm, Raffle Prize Draw at 4.00pm
Organised by The Alderley Edge Village Show Association in aid of The Christie Charity



Slide into Summer

The Parish Council is very pleased to let all younger residents of Alderley Edge know that we have purchased a new slide. This is currently being installed at the playing fields of our main park. Along with wonderful refurbished tennis courts, we will now be all set for the summer school break. We hope you all enjoy the long sunny days and make full use of the facilities. Unfortunately at the time of editing this Village News the groundwork had not been completed to allow for updated photos. All the more reason to go and visit our fabulous park and check out the progress for yourselves.



BLOOMING MARVELLOUS

Alderley Edge in Bloom planters have had a facelift. Thanks to generous grants from Alderley Edge Parish Council and the Alderley Edge Institute Trust, the bloomers have been busy replacing the old wooden floral displays with new black planters. These new planters reduce the need for regular watering due to an internal reservoir which Alderley Edge Parish Council have agreed to support alongside the watering of our own hexagonal planters.

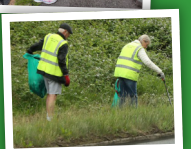
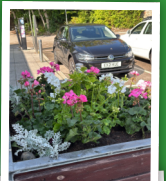
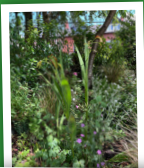
The 12 Waitrose railing planters have been abundantly filled with summer annuals along with 16 lamppost baskets, ably assisted by helpful volunteers from Chess and a substantial sponsorship from KissDental.

The Waitrose woodland has been magically transformed with the addition of a wise, old Wizard from the stump of a mature elm tree, thanks to the wizardry of Ed Pilkington. This woodland is looking amazing, a hidden gem of blooming beauty and mystical charm. Ivygate, the junction of Brook Lane and Wilmslow Road is also having a makeover, the work never ceases.

Meanwhile the litterpicking group continues to keep Alderley Edge tidy, including the big Bypass pick on Sunday the 8th of June. 50 green bin bags were filled from Whitehall Bridge Roundabout to Nether Alderley along both sides of the A34. The weather wasn't the best however that didn't deter the dedicated group and we enrolled the assistance of members from Bruntwood at Alderley Park and the Wilmslow Clean Team. The litterpickers meet every Monday at 10am at South Street Car park next to the Alderley Edge in Bloom shed. Please come along, equipment is provided and we are always seeking new volunteers.

Alderley Station Volunteer Group presses on with their unstoppable determination for improvement including painting, repairing and replacing floral displays to keep the station on the right track.

There are still many plans to improve the village displays. We have an RHS Judges visit to prepare for on July 8th. Many thanks to our recent addition of new volunteers, more are always welcome.



COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES

ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL 2025 - 2026

In May a meeting was held to instate the Responsibilities of your Parish Council. Below is a comprehensive list.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding Village matters, please get in touch, we are here to assist.

We also hold our monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Festival Hall at 7.30pm, we encourage and welcome public attendance and participation.

For more information and contact details visit:

www.alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk

Chair	Vice Chair
Ali Bates	Vince Fogharty

Standing Committees	Chair	Vice Chair
Finance	Myles Garbett	Ali Bates
Plans (including AENDP)	Louise Booth	Myles Garbett

Other Bodies		
Alderley Edge Civic Trust	Ali Bates	Craig Browne
Alderley Edge Institute Trust	Bev Chapman	Ali Bates

Priority Working Parties	Lead	Support
Allotments Liaison	Louise Booth	Ali Bates
Business Liaison	Vince Fogharty	Penny Bell & Rachel Howes
CCTV Review/Police Liaison	Vince Fogharty	Louise Booth
Christmas Light Switch On	Vince Fogharty	Ali Bates, Bev Chapman, Penny Bell & Rachel Howes
Devolution Working Group	Vince Fogharty	Craig Browne
Environment	Myles Garbett	Penny Bell
Festival Hall	Bev Chapman	Ali Bates
Internal Checks	Bev Chapman	
Legal, Leases & Licences	Louise Booth	Ali Bates
Library	Bev Chapman	Louise Booth
Medical Centre	Louise Booth	Ali Bates
Parish Newsletter	Bev Chapman	Ali Bates
Personnel	Ali Bates	Bev Chapman, Louise Booth & Myles Garbett
Public Transport	Craig Browne	Vince Fogharty & Myles Garbett
Remembrance Day	Myles Garbett	Ali Bates
Roads & Hedges	Bev Chapman	Penny Bell
Social Media/Communications	Vince Fogharty	Rachel Howes
Village Parks	Craig Browne	Myles Garbett, Ali Bates & Louise Booth
Village Ranger	Craig Browne	
Youth Engagement	Penny Bell	Rachel Howes

Community Groups	Lead	Support
All Groups	Ali Bates	Rachel Howes
CommuniTea	Rachel Howes	Ali Bates
Speed Watch	Bev Chapman	Louise Booth & Rachel Howes



Alderley Edge
Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 31st March at the Festival Hall



Our Annual Parish Meeting was held at Festival Hall on Monday 31st March. We welcomed many community groups from our village and heard all about their achievements for the last 12 months and future plans. Members of the public were also welcomed as was our PCSO, Jess Thornley.

We are fortunate to have such a thriving volunteer sector in our village who make a valuable contribution into making Alderley Edge what it is. You can meet wonderful people every day making a real difference in this village and they should never be taken for granted. In today's online, virtual world, these groups and clubs are integral in keeping the heartbeat of our village alive, fostering connections and support which enriches so many lives and collectively strengthens relationships between residents.

Our first speakers were the amazingly confident **Alderley Edge Guides** who summarised their many activities in the past year, including their involvement in the D-Day celebrations. The guides were so engaging and concise and not at all phased by a room full of residents.

We then heard from **PCSO Jess Thornley**. Jess holds monthly surgeries at our library on London Road and if there is ever anything you wish to discuss, she is always approachable and obliging. For more information when these surgeries are held, please visit our website www.alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk

Alderley Edge Probus, a friendly club for retired professionals who meet for 2 hours at the Union Club, Steven Street, at 10am on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month throughout the year and the Chairman would love to welcome new members into the group.

Alderley Edge in Bloom gave an update of their planting in and around the village achieving another annual award from the RHS for the North. The chairman also thanked the litter picking group for their commitment to keep Alderley Edge tidy every Monday morning and a special mention for the Station Volunteers who also work hard in maintaining and restoring our station. For more information contact alderleyedgeinbloom@gmail.com

Alex Lashford, chair of the **Village Show** gave an update and added a date for our diaries, this year's annual Village Show is Saturday 23rd August 2025 at Festival Hall. All participation is welcome from entering the show to visiting on the day and joining in the celebration of Crafts, Nature, Creativity and Community. It's a wonderful day which takes so much effort and dedication, your support is valued. For more information contact Alderleyedgevillageshow.co.uk

RVS Luncheon Club summarised their activities in the past year, they meet on Tuesdays at Alderley Edge Methodist Church where a wonderful meal and fantastic company is provided for £4 from 11.45am. This club often provides a much needed source of companionship and friendship. New volunteers and visitors are always made very welcome.

Alderley Edge History Group hold bi-monthly meetings at the Union Club. They had a special function, Legends of the Edge, on Friday 30th May at St Philip & St James' as part of celebrating their 20th anniversary on July 20th. For more information contact: info@alderleyhistorygroup.com

Speed Watch was represented by the lead volunteer **Margaret Bilsborough**. They meet once a month and require 4/5 people at each session. It is often a thankless task, but importantly this group are striving to keep the roads around Alderley Edge safe often joined by PCSO Jess Thornley. If you see them out and about, remember it's a volunteer group.

The Annual Parish Meeting is facilitated by the Parish Council, who although elected, are also a volunteer group, 9 individuals with no political party loyalty, whose aim is to do the utmost for our village and residents. If you are not sure what it takes to be a parish councillor, come and observe the monthly meetings held on the 2nd Monday of every month at Festival Hall and see the unstinting dedication and commitment a group of volunteers has to serve their local community.

Whilst we thank the above volunteer groups and all others in our village, it is worth repeating that most groups reported a need to recruit new volunteers and members. If you feel you could contribute some free time to your village and are interested in learning more about becoming a Parish Councillor please contact us as we currently have a vacancy. For more details visit www.alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk

Future Parish Council Meeting dates:

JULY
14

AUG
11

SEPT
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OCT
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NOV
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DEC
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YOUR VOICE

at Cheshire East Council

CLLR CRAIG BROWNE, WARD COUNCILLOR FOR ALDERLEY EDGE

Highways Improvements Continue

It is pleasing to follow up the recent surface dressing and relining works to the A34 (Pendleton Way) with an announcement that further surfacing works are to be carried out on Heyes Lane between 23rd – 30th July. Residents will recall that the section of Heyes Lane, between Grantham's shop and the unmade layby at Mole End, was resurfaced back in 2018 and I am delighted to confirm that on this occasion the remaining section between the junction with Moss Rose and the junction with London Road will be repaired with localised Level 2 patching (similar to the repairs that have previously been carried out on Mottram Road). To enable the works to be completed as speedily and efficiently as possible, there will be a full road closure in place between the hours of 09.00 and 17.00 however, access to residential properties and businesses will be retained wherever possible. I have been pressing Cheshire East Highways to carry out these repairs for the past couple of years and am delighted that they are now being done.



Tennis Courts Get a Makeover

With Wimbledon just around the corner it is fantastic to see that the public tennis courts in our main village park have recently had a makeover, including the laying of a new textured surface on both courts and a refresh of the court markings. These works have been carried out by Cheshire East Council with the help of a grant of £25,000 from the Lawn Tennis Association. It is a condition of the LTA grant that going forwards the courts have to be booked prior to play and that the Council has had to introduce a small charge of £4 per hour for each booking. To help ensure the courts remain as financially accessible as possible however, the Council has also introduced an annual pass which is available for just £40 for a whole year. The good news is that any revenue generated must also be ring fenced to support the future maintenance of the tennis courts, which can be pre-booked using the following link – <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AlderleyEdgeParkAlderleyEdge>



16-19 Bus Saver Fare Introduced

It has recently been confirmed that Cheshire East Council is in receipt of a grant of £5.4m from the Dept for Transport towards the implementation of a Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP). The draft plan was considered at a meeting of the Highways & Transport Committee on Thursday 19th June and unanimously approved by all members. The BSIP contains a number of initiatives that are designed to encourage residents of Cheshire East to become more regular bus service users; however, one initiative that I was particularly pleased to see was the introduction of a £1 flat-rate fare for 16-19 year olds, which should help those who rely on public transport to get to school, college or work placement. The new Saver Fare will be available to any young resident of Cheshire East who is aged between 16-19 years and of course can be used on our own local 130 service between Macclesfield and Manchester Airport.



Best wishes, Craig.

