



Village News

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Chair's Introduction

As autumn arrives and the evenings begin to draw in, there is certainly no sign of things slowing down in Alderley Edge. It has been another busy few months, with plenty happening across the village and much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season.

One of the highlights in the coming weeks will undoubtedly be Together at Christmas, taking place on Saturday 21st November between 3pm and 7pm. There is a full article later in this edition, but I hope as many of you as possible will come along to support what has become one of the village's most popular community events. It is always wonderful to see residents, businesses, community groups and visitors come together to celebrate the start of Christmas.

Before then, we will also gather on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, to remember those who gave so much in the service of our country. The annual service continues to be one of the most important events in the village calendar, providing an opportunity for us all to pause, reflect and pay our respects.

During the summer we were once again delighted to welcome the Royal Horticultural Society judges to Alderley Edge. At the time of writing we are still awaiting the outcome of this year's judging, but regardless of the results, I would like to thank everyone involved with Alderley Edge in Bloom. Their commitment, together with the support of residents, businesses, schools and volunteers, helps ensure our village looks its very best throughout the year, not just when judges are visiting.

It has also been a particularly busy summer behind the scenes for the Parish Council. August saw further organised car meets take place in and around the village. Whilst these events continue to cause concern for many residents and businesses, I want to reassure you that the Parish Council has continued to work proactively with Cheshire Police, Cheshire East Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and other partner organisations to press for long-term solutions. I am pleased that Cheshire East Council is now progressing proposals for a county-wide Public Spaces Protection Order, which we hope will provide another valuable tool in tackling the issues associated with these events.

Elsewhere, the Parish Council continues to progress a wide range of projects and initiatives, many of which you will read about in this bumper edition. Whether it's improvements to Beech Road Park, supporting our library, community events at the Festival Hall or the many activities organised by our local groups, there is always a great deal happening behind the scenes to help ensure Alderley Edge remains a village we are all proud to call home.

As always, I would encourage residents to join us at our monthly Parish Council meetings, which are open to the public. They provide an opportunity to hear about current projects, planning applications and other matters affecting the village, as well as seeing first hand how decisions are made on behalf of the community.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Village News and, on behalf of everyone at Alderley Edge Parish Council, I wish you and your families a peaceful autumn. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Remembrance Service and, a couple of weeks later, at Together at Christmas.

Vince Fogharty

Chair, Alderley Edge Parish Council

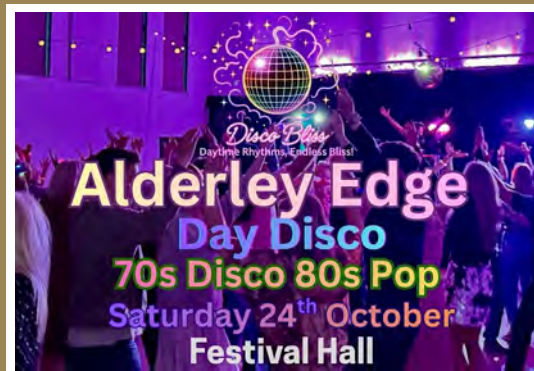
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SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER

1PM - 6PM

DISCO BLISS - 70S & 80'S DAY PARTY

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

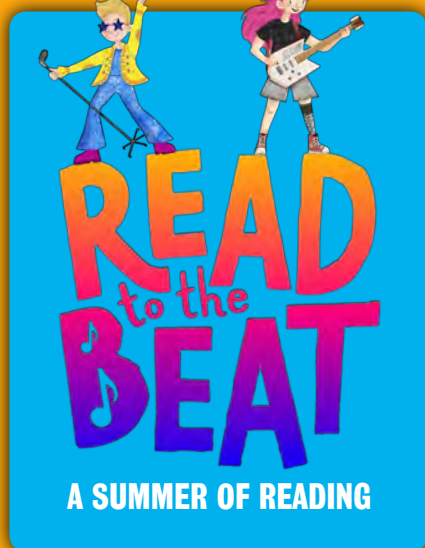
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VINTAGE TEA DANCE

TICKETS: RICHARD POOLE 07777 691283
JUSRICH@BTINTERNET.COM

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR OWN EVENT, CONTACT FESTIVAL HALL. BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

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It has been lovely to see more than 65 local children taking part in this year's 'Read to the Beat' Summer Reading Challenge at Alderley Edge Library.

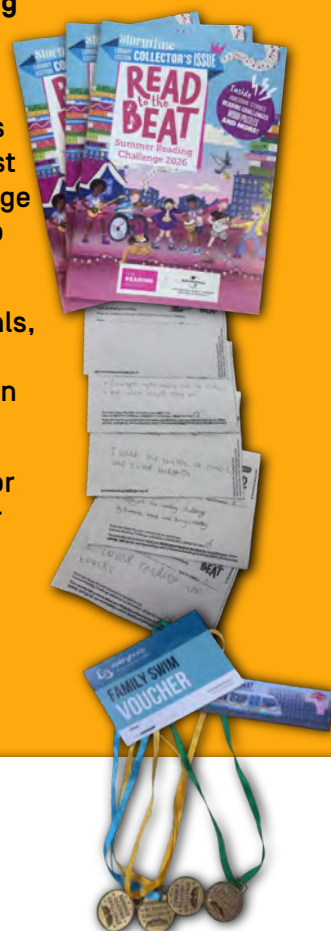
Throughout the summer, children have been encouraged to keep reading, discover new books and enjoy some old favourites. We received some great reviews from the children, showing just how much they enjoyed taking part and the books they discovered along the way. The challenge was sponsored once again by Alderley Edge Parish Council, who were delighted to continue to support the library and encourage our young residents to enjoy reading.

To celebrate their achievements, a special award ceremony was held at the library, with medals, certificates and bookmarks presented to the children. Our Ward Councillor Craig Browne and Parish Councillor Ali Bates were delighted to present the awards and congratulate everyone on their brilliant achievements.

A big thank you to all the colleagues at Alderley Edge Library, part of Cheshire East Council, for organising the challenge and ceremony so capably, and especially to our dedicated volunteer Hannah, whose help and enthusiasm has been greatly appreciated.

It is great to see so many local families making the most of our village library and to see the children enjoying their books and discovering new stories along the way.

Well done to all the children who took part. You should be very proud of yourselves!



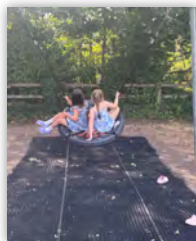


EXCITING IMPROVEMENTS FOR BEECH ROAD PARK



Alderley Edge Parish Council is delighted to have been able to bring some much needed improvements to Beech Road Park, creating a more welcoming and enjoyable space for children, families and residents. The project began back in July 2025, when a team of Parish Councillors met with Cheshire East Council to look at what could realistically be achieved at the park and, importantly, how much funding would be needed.

It is worth noting that Cheshire East Council, as the owner of the park, is not obliged to provide play equipment, provided that the park continues to offer open green space. Beech Road Park had, over time, become somewhat overlooked, and the Parish Council felt that it was important to do something to improve the facilities for local families.



Having previously worked on the successful reinstatement of a slide in Alderley Edge Park, the Councillors were very aware of just how expensive new play equipment can be. The team therefore approached Alderley Edge Institute Trust for financial assistance towards the project, with the Parish Council agreeing to match the funding. We were delighted to secure a total of £35,000, a significant investment in the park. However, even this substantial sum does not go as far as it once did when purchasing and installing modern play equipment.



A busy few weeks!

Work finally commenced on 27th July 2026 and was completed by 10th August, with the park needing to be closed for just three days during the installation. We appreciate that the temporary closure was frustrating for some residents, particularly those with young children, but we are grateful for everyone's patience and understanding while the improvements were carried out. The Parish Councillors involved visited the park regularly throughout the installation and developed a really positive relationship with the Cheshire East installation team. Their willingness to work with us resulted in some fantastic additional improvements being made at no extra cost. These included jet washing the entire area, installing new swings and carrying out repairs to the safety flooring. We are extremely grateful to the installation team for going the extra mile and helping us achieve even more than we originally anticipated.



A park for everyone

The improvements are designed to make Beech Road Park more welcoming, functional and inclusive, providing something for a wider range of ages while ensuring that the equipment and facilities meet current safety standards. Our aim has always been to provide a high-quality outdoor space where children can play, families can spend time together and residents can enjoy their local green space. We hope the improvements will give Beech Road Park a new lease of life and that the equipment will be enjoyed by local children for many years to come. Once the final inspections have been completed, the Parish Council plans to hold a community day at the park, giving everyone the opportunity to come along, see what has been achieved and, of course, have a go. We look forward to welcoming residents to Beech Road Park and seeing it remain a well used and much loved part of our community.



A big thank you to the Alderley Edge Institute Trust for their generous funding, Alderley Edge Parish Council for their additional funding, Cheshire East Council and their installation team, and to all the residents who have supported the project and been patient while the work was carried out.



LUNCHTIME CONCERTS 2026-2027

Alderley Edge Methodist Church

Wednesday 18 November
Students from Chetham's School of Music Manchester

Wednesday 20 January
Piccadilly Quartet
Olivia Trezise Violin
Joshua Gill Violin
Hannah Killick Viola
Teresa De Oliveira Cello

Wednesday 17 February
Kell Wind Trio
Alastair Roberts Flute
Geoffrey Smith Clarinet
Ian Harvey Bassoon

Wednesday 17 March
Students from Chetham's School of Music Manchester

Wednesday 21 April
A piano recital by James Smith
A piano recital by Rose McLachlan

Wednesday 19 May
Students from Chetham's School of Music Manchester

Wednesday 16 June
A Harp/Violin Duo (tbc)
By kind permission of the RNCM

Light lunches available from 12 noon

Concert performances commence at 1pm

Admission by Programme £10

Alderley Edge Methodist Church
Chapel Road, Alderley Edge
SK9 7DU



John Wallace

Portrait of an Alderley man

William John Wallace, know better as John, but carrying the name William Wallace as his father, grandfather and great grandfather had done, was born at Macclesfield Infirmary on October 16th 1953. For those who might remember his father Dr Wallace, John was brought up in a busy doctor's household in Trafford Road. In the mid-1950s there were only three doctors in the village, Drs Wallace, Edward and Allison, based at the surgery in 16 George Street.

John's early education was at Ryleys Preparatory school, where his grasp of English, love of history and French (yes, he spoke quite good French) was encouraged by the elderly English master Mr Wagg, who instilled in John the principles of English grammar that never left him and stood him in good stead as a writer.

Following his elder brother, he went on to Wrekin College in Telford, Shropshire, not his favourite time, except for deepening his interest in reading and history and the making of lifetime friends. Also, by laying the groundwork for his future career in the law. Here we must pause, because becoming a solicitor as his parents most readily approved, was the wrong choice for a young man whose real talents lay elsewhere. Nevertheless, he studied law and took his degree at Liverpool University.

So far so good; through the agency of parental friends, he was articled to a firm of solicitors in Fleet Street, London EC4. It is 1977 and John and his brother are sharing a basement flat between Chelsea and Fulham with a fine view over Brompton Cemetery. John was unhappily working as an articled clerk and really struggling with the second part of the Solicitors Qualifying Examinations. Thankfully, John abandoned his unhappy quest in the law and to the rescue came advertising. At last his true calling, that of a copywriter and wordsmith; using his profound knowledge of the English language and his natural wit. Five happy years with D'Arcy, McManus, Mason Wynne-Williams in St James's Square and later in St Louis, Missouri, where he was creative director on the American Budweiser account.

My brother loved Alderley Edge. Even though he enjoyed London life and spent time working in the United States. He relished his frequent trips to India, but it was in Alderley Edge that he felt most 'at home'.

It is already forty years since John sold up in London and headed back to Cheshire. I think the best decision he ever made. He loved his house and garden, which was previously the property of 'Miss Nugent' (Emily Bishop) from Coronation Street. He also embraced the landscape, the Edge, the local legend of the 'Wizard of Alderley' as presented by Alan Garner, the writer.

Not to be ignored was John's love of cycling and the collection of old bicycles. Granted things got a bit out of hand and latterly his collection exceeded sixty four bicycles. This takes nothing away from his love of cycling through the Cheshire countryside. At this point we should point out his acting skills. He had a prodigious memory and for many years had leading roles from Shakespeare at Gawsorth Hall to modern drama on the stage at the Green Room in Wilmslow. He loved to visit London and in particular, the haunt of his elder brother, The Chelsea Arts Club, where he was quickly recognised as a fellow eccentric. His last visit was in March of this year when good friends arranged a lunch for him at the Garrick, the actors' club.

As his advertising career gently tailed off, he took to writing works of fact and fiction with six books to his name, covering such varied topics as the story of the Alderley Edge Festival Hall in the days when it was the Regal Ballroom, imaginative works of fiction like The General's Trousers, which was based in his beloved India. John was a regular contributor and supporter of the Alderley Edge History Group. He was also an organiser of Alderley Edge Acoustic Night at the Union Club where he demonstrated his accomplished guitar playing and recited his often 'stinging' poems about the more recent incomers to Alderley Edge. He then set out on the serious business of collecting. He also collected people; lots of people.

John faced his terminal illness with great courage. He knew how the cancer would affect him and seemed to take it in his stride. In the final months of his life he possessed a calmness that astonished everyone. I must mention his care team, who were beyond wonderful and showed great love and devotion. He died peacefully in his sleep early on the morning of Friday 24th July 2026.



VOLUNTEER WITH THE ALDERLEY EDGE MUSIC & DRAMA FESTIVAL

Be part of the team behind a much-loved village tradition — and help young performers find their confidence

For more than a century, the Alderley Edge Music & Drama Festival has been woven into village life: a celebration of creativity, confidence and community that has shaped generations. Each May, over 1,200 performers fill Alderley Edge with music, drama, laughter and talent — from six-year-olds sharing a first party piece to Conservatoire students performing at the highest level.

The Festival is entirely powered by volunteers. They welcome performers, support adjudicators, keep venues running smoothly and help create an atmosphere that inspires everyone who steps onto the stage. Volunteering is more than giving your time. It is becoming part of Alderley's living history: joining a warm, committed team, seeing young people grow in confidence and watching talent flourish. Whether you join the year-round committee or support the Festival as a steward during Festival week, your contribution genuinely matters.

If you want to be part of something special that has shaped Alderley Edge for 109 years, we would love to welcome you.

Please contact Amanda Brabban-Brown on 0781 256 0503

CommuniTEA and COFFEE

CELEBRATING 3 YEARS OF SUCCESS



October 2026 sees CommuniTea & Coffee celebrate its third anniversary; three years of friendship, laughter, cups of tea and, of course, the occasional cake or biscuit!

What started as a simple idea has grown into a much loved weekly gathering at Festival Hall. Every Monday afternoon, from 1.30pm until 3pm, all year round, around 30-40 people come together for a cuppa, a chat and a good old catch-up.

There is no great agenda and no pressure to take part in anything. Occasionally we have a quiz, but most weeks it is simply about sitting together, sharing news, putting the world to rights and having a laugh. It is amazing how much better Monday can feel after a couple of hours in good company. The tea, coffee and refreshments are very generously provided by Alderley Edge Parish Council and the Festival Hall Management Team, together with kind donations from many village residents.



We owe a very special thank you to **Annette, our Festival Hall Manager** and one of our most ardent supporters. Annette provides the room and facilities every week and does so with great warmth and generosity. Without her support, CommuniTea & Coffee simply would not be possible.

Over the past three years, we have seen friendships blossom, new people welcomed into the village community and strong links forged between residents. We have shared celebrations, stories, laughter and the occasional bit of gossip! Most importantly, we have created a place where people can come along on a Monday afternoon and know that there will always be a friendly face and a warm welcome waiting for them.

We also hold our annual **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**, which has become a very special event in our calendar. Thanks to the generosity of everyone who supports it, we have been able to raise a fantastic amount of money for Macmillan Cancer Support. None of this would happen without our wonderful team of volunteers: **Ali, Stewart, Jane, Rachel, Ruth, Mags and Lorraine**. Every week they give their time, energy and enthusiasm to make CommuniTea & Coffee what it is. As we always say, **strength is in togetherness and community**, and our volunteers truly embody that.

Sadly, during our three years we have also lost a number of our regular visitors. We miss each and every one of them. They all brought something special to our Monday afternoons and became part of the CommuniTea & Coffee family. We hope that, in some small way, those afternoons brought companionship, laughter and a few happy moments to their lives. They will always be remembered and are very much missed.

So, as we celebrate three wonderful years, we would like to say a huge **thank you** to everyone who has supported CommuniTea & Coffee, whether by coming along, volunteering, donating refreshments or simply spreading the word.

And if you have never joined us, why not give it a try? **Every Monday at 1.30pm at Festival Hall**. Come along for a cup of tea, a chat and perhaps a piece of cake. You might even leave with a new friend! We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating our fourth anniversary together. **Remember, strangers are just friends we haven't met yet. All Welcome.**



Alderley Edge
Parish Council

The Parish Council wishes to formally acknowledge and express its sincere gratitude to Claire (Parish Clerk), Annette (Festival Hall Manager) and Caroline (Assistant Parish Clerk) for organising the replacement flooring, decoration etc of the Festival Hall together with the roof of the Emerson Suite. Their professionalism, dedication, and sustained hard work have resulted in a significant improvement of the Festival Hall.

The refurbishment required careful planning, coordination and considerable effort. The enhanced appearance and functionality of the hall will benefit all who use it. The Parish Council recognises the substantial contribution made by the staff throughout this process. Their efforts have strengthened the hall's role as a focal point for community life, and their dedication is appreciated.

On behalf of the Parish Council thank you. Your hard work has made a lasting difference, and the entire community is grateful.



Alderley Edge in Bloom, Growing Together

Alderley Edge is very fortunate to have such a strong community spirit, and Alderley Edge in Bloom is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when local people come together.

Founded in 2016, Alderley Edge in Bloom is a mostly self-funded group of volunteers who work throughout the year to improve the appearance of our village, encourage sustainable gardening, support wildlife and, perhaps most importantly, bring people together.

This year has been particularly exciting as, following six RHS North West in Bloom Gold Awards, Alderley Edge was chosen to represent the North West in the 2026 Britain in Bloom UK Finals. This is a fantastic achievement for our village and a real reflection of the hard work of everyone involved.



Our volunteers have continued to maintain and develop the floral displays around the village, including more than 80 planters in the village centre, park and railway station.

From spring bulbs and pansies to summer displays of verbena, cosmos, petunias, lobelia, fuchsias and pelargoniums, the aim is to provide colour throughout the year while also choosing plants that benefit pollinators and wildlife.

Sustainability remains at the heart of our approach. We use peat-free compost, avoid pesticides and herbicides, reuse plants wherever possible and propagate many of our own plants from cuttings. It is all about choosing the right plant for the right place and creating displays that are both attractive and environmentally responsible.

Keeping Alderley Edge clean and green



Of course, Alderley Edge in Bloom is about much more than flowers.

Our volunteers regularly litter-pick around the village, helping to keep our streets and public spaces clean and attractive. We also continue to look for ways to encourage biodiversity by providing homes for birds, bees and hedgehogs.

Our volunteers give hundreds of hours of their time each year, planting, watering, pruning, propagating, litter-picking and generally helping to keep Alderley Edge looking its best.

OUR ALLOTMENTS



It has been wonderful to see Chorley Hall Lane Allotments and Heyes Lane Allotments taking part in this year's competition.

Chorley Hall Lane Allotments are no strangers to Britain in Bloom, having entered previously, and it was lovely to see them once again showcasing what their allotment community has to offer. Heyes Lane Allotments also joined in this year, giving the judges another opportunity to see the enthusiasm, hard work and community spirit that goes into these much-loved village spaces.

Both allotments were very well received and demonstrated that they are about much more than simply growing fruit and vegetables. They provide places for people to meet, share knowledge, grow sustainably, encourage wildlife and enjoy being outdoors. Their involvement is another great example of the many different groups across Alderley Edge playing their part in making our village such a vibrant and welcoming community.





A VERY SPECIAL JUDGING DAY



Monday 3rd August was a particularly exciting day for Alderley Edge in Bloom as we welcomed the RHS national judges to the village for the Britain in Bloom UK Finals. Months of hard work, planning and preparation had gone into making sure the village looked its very best, and there was a real sense of excitement as we set off to showcase everything that makes Alderley Edge so special.

The judges were taken around the village to see our floral displays, the Waitrose Woodland, the railway station, our community projects and the many areas where residents and volunteers have made a difference. But, as we have always said, Alderley Edge in Bloom is about much more than flowers, and the judging day gave us the opportunity to demonstrate the incredible community spirit that sits behind everything we do.

It was wonderful to see so many of the people and organisations who contribute to our work represented throughout the day. From schools and allotments to local businesses, volunteers, community groups and our Parish Council, the visit really highlighted just how many people are prepared to give their time, skills and enthusiasm to make our village a better place.

There were plenty of smiles, lots of conversation and, thankfully, some very welcome refreshments along the way! A huge thank you must go to Chorley Hall Lane Allotments, who very kindly provided teas and refreshments for the judges and volunteers. Their hospitality was superb and gave everyone the chance to pause, enjoy a well earned cuppa and chat about the work that has gone into the village.



The whole day was a fantastic reflection of what Alderley Edge in Bloom is all about, people coming together, taking pride in their village and making things happen. Whatever the eventual result of the competition, we can already be proud of the way the village came together to show the judges the very best of Alderley Edge.

The Waitrose Woodland

One of our most exciting projects continues to be the transformation of the Waitrose Woodland, once the site of the village coal yard and previously little more than an overgrown wasteland. Volunteers have cleared scrub and invasive growth, introduced donated and relocated plants, and created new areas for wildlife. Bird boxes, insect houses, a five-star bug hotel and hedgehog shelters have all been added, along with woodland sculptures and magical fairy dwellings which have proved particularly popular with local children.

A real highlight has been the creation of the Alderley Wizard, carved by a local chainsaw artist from a former tree stump. He has quickly become a much-loved village landmark and celebrates the folklore and heritage associated with Alderley Edge.



Working with our schools...

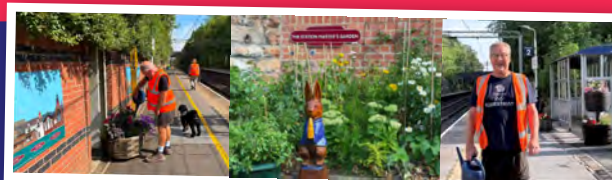
Encouraging young people to take an interest in gardening and the environment is an important part of what we do. During the year we have worked with local schools on planting and environmental projects, with children getting involved in creating features for the village, including the colourful painted stones around the Waitrose Woodland.

More recently, three local primary schools were invited to replant our Waitrose planters. This was a fantastic community collaboration involving Alderley Edge in Bloom, the Parish Council, the Allotments Association and Waitrose, with the project guided by horticulturalist John Foley of Holden Clough Nurseries. It was wonderful to see the children getting involved and taking pride in something they could see and enjoy in their own village.

Our railway station

Alderley Edge Railway Station has become another real success story. Situated at the northern gateway to the village, the station provides an important first impression for visitors arriving in Alderley Edge.

Volunteers have worked hard to make it a welcoming and attractive space, using planting, local artwork and recycled materials to reflect the character and heritage of the village.



Thank You!

Alderley Edge in Bloom is about far more than flowers. It is about people, people who care about where they live and are prepared to give their time to make it better. None of this would be possible without our volunteers, sponsors, local organisations and residents.

We are incredibly grateful for the support of Alderley Edge Parish Council, Alderley Edge Institute Trust, Waitrose, Kiss Dental, Ed Pilkington, Dave Vosvenieks, Bridgfords, local businesses, our schools and allotment groups, and the many residents who donate plants, materials, expertise and, most importantly, their time.

Alderley Edge in Bloom would like to say a huge thank you to **Costa Coffee** for their generous sponsorship and continued support. Working in partnership with local businesses and organisations is such an important part of what we do, and Costa have been incredibly supportive of our volunteers. Every Monday morning at 10.45am, we meet at Costa for a coffee, a chat and to plan the jobs for the week ahead. It has become a lovely part of our routine and a great opportunity to welcome new volunteers, so if you would like to get involved, please come along, everyone is welcome.

As we look forward to the 2026 Britain in Bloom UK Finals and the exciting projects ahead, we hope even more residents will get involved. Together, we can continue to make Alderley Edge a greener, cleaner, more colourful and welcoming village for everyone.

JOIN US
Every Monday
morning @Costa
10.45am

NO, IT WASN'T DR WHO

Many residents will remember the mysterious blue box that appeared on London Road outside Timeless Bridal back in May. Was it the Doctor's TARDIS, perhaps, although it did seem slightly larger than usual? The mystery was soon solved when we discovered that the construction team working at the former Barclays building were using it as a welfare unit for tea breaks and much needed comfort breaks. While nobody could argue that the workers needed facilities, having such a large blue box sitting prominently on London Road was hardly ideal.

The unit was originally due to be removed by 20th May. That date came and went, but the box remained. Your Parish Council began making enquiries with Cheshire East Council to establish when it would be removed, or whether it could at least be moved to a less prominent location. We were then informed that the planning permission had been extended until 3rd July. So we waited again. July 3rd came and, you've guessed it, the blue box was still there!

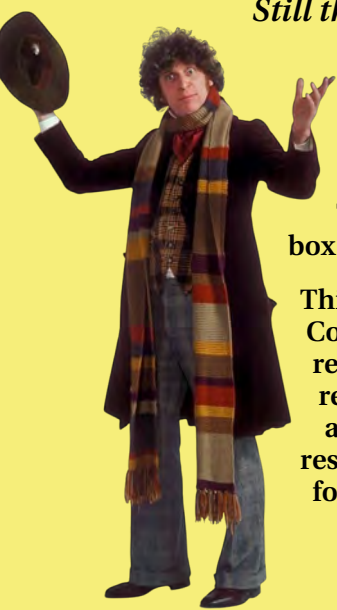
By now, frustration amongst residents and local businesses was understandably growing. The Parish Council went back to Cheshire East Council's Highways team and were assured that it would finally be removed by 31st July.

Still there!

Our Assistant Clerk, Caroline, worked tirelessly behind the scenes, making numerous phone calls and sending countless emails to try to get the matter resolved. Finally, on Monday 17th August, a Parish Council team met with the construction foreman and arrangements were made for the unit to be collected the following day.

Then, almost miraculously, on Tuesday 18th August, after nearly three months, the blue box disappeared!

This may seem like a small matter, but it is a good example of the sort of work your Parish Council deals with behind the scenes every day. We rarely shout about it, but we do listen to residents, we take your concerns seriously and we keep pushing until we can get things resolved. Sometimes the process takes longer than any of us would like, but rest assured, we hear you, we pay heed and we keep working on your behalf. After all, we are residents too, and our ultimate aim is simply to make Alderley Edge the best village it can be for everyone who lives, works and visits here.





The 82nd Alderley Edge Village Show took place this year at a new venue in St Philip and St James Church where we welcomed 75 Exhibitors who collectively showed just over 350 entries in a wonderful showcase of talent and creativity.

In the face of challenging summer weather with a prolonged dry spell and extreme heat, our talented growers and makers lovingly prepared fabulous floral displays, giant vegetables, perfect fruits, delicious cakes, bakes and preserves, all sitting alongside a stunning collection of art and crafts.

Thanks to the efforts and commitment not only of our Exhibitors but also our hardworking Volunteers, Café Team and our dedicated Judges, visitors were able to enjoy so many marvellous sights whilst catching up with friends over a hot drink and cake at our Pop-Up Café.

Without every single one of you we would not have a show, we cannot thank you enough for your participation and support. Special thanks also to the local businesses that helped – something we do not take for granted and greatly appreciate, your support is invaluable in keeping this essential community event alive. These include (in alphabetical order):

Atlantic Bowl, Altrincham • Beckys Balloons • Currys For Business
Darren Cooper Removals, 'Man With A Van' • Home Instead • Margaret Dabbs
Staceys Deli, Macclesfield • Tesco, Handforth Dean • The Bubble Room, Alderley Edge
The Union Club, Alderley Edge • Waitrose, Alderley Edge

In total, we awarded 25 trophies to 16 recipients at this years' show – the full list of winners is shown on our website www.alderleyedgevillageshow.co.uk. The Parish Councils' Shell Trophy for Front Gardens Competition was awarded during the show to Mr & Mrs Shaw. Congratulations to all of you!

Every year a key aim of the show is to raise funds for charity. Our chosen charity for 2026 is The North West Air Ambulance. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we are delighted to confirm a donation of £1000 to help power their next lifesaving mission enabling their highly skilled crew of critical care Paramedics and Doctors to provide pre-hospital care and treatment to the most critically ill and unwell people in our community.

And finally, a review of the show cannot close without highlighting and acknowledging the ongoing commitment and tireless efforts of the Committee members themselves to ensure the show takes place each year, truly our heart and soul. So that's a wrap, we look forward to seeing you in 2027 on Saturday 28th August, at The Festival Hall.

- Joanne Scale, Chair, Alderley Edge Village Show



ALDERLEY EDGE TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER ON LONDON ROAD



From 3pm to 7pm, the heart of the village will be transformed for an afternoon and evening of Christmas shopping, live entertainment, family activities, food and drink. This year's event brings together **75 artisan market stalls**, Alderley Edge's own shops, bars, restaurants and businesses, alongside a packed programme of entertainment and activities for all ages.

Shop small this Christmas

Christmas is the perfect time to support independent businesses, and visitors will have plenty to discover both at the market and throughout the village. The 75-stall artisan market will offer a huge variety of Christmas gifts and treats, including handmade jewellery, candles and home fragrance, artwork and prints, clothing and accessories, skincare and wellbeing products, homeware, crafts, children's gifts and personalised items. Food and drink will be a major part of the day too, with artisan cheeses, brownies and sweet treats, olives and deli produce, ice cream, African and Greek food, samosas, gyros, hog roast, brisket and other street food, alongside speciality coffee, cocktails, rum, spirits, eggnog and festive drinks.



And the Christmas market is only part of the experience. **Alderley Edge's independent businesses will be open throughout the village, giving visitors even more reason to explore London Road** and the surrounding streets, do some Christmas shopping, stop for something to eat or drink and make an afternoon and evening of it. There will be plenty happening throughout the afternoon, with a programme of free entertainment and family activities, including:

**FREE FESTIVE FACE PAINTING FROM JUST FACE PAINTING • FREE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFTS
WALKABOUT FESTIVE CHARACTERS – INCLUDING THE GRINCH • THE ENERGETIC KARAMBA SAMBA BAND
A LIVE STAGE FEATURING LOCAL CHOIRS, MUSICIANS & PERFORMERS • FAIRGROUND RIDES • 75 ARTISAN MARKET STALLS**

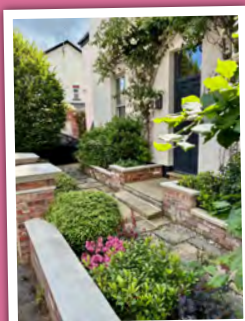
Lisa Cowley, Owner and Founder of Independent Street, said "We absolutely love being part of the Alderley Edge Christmas Lights and we're thrilled to be back. There is something really special about seeing London Road filled with independent traders, local businesses, music, families and festive entertainment. This year we've pulled out all the stops, with 75 stalls joining us. We're delighted to be working alongside Alderley Edge Parish Council again to create an event that supports the village and gives families a brilliant festive afternoon out. "Christmas events are hugely important for independent businesses, so we'd really encourage everyone to come along, enjoy the entertainment, shop small and support local this Christmas."

Together at Christmas is about exactly that – bringing our community together. Whether you are coming to start the Christmas shopping, enjoy the entertainment with the children, meet friends for food and a festive drink, support our local businesses or simply be there when Alderley Edge lights up for Christmas, we hope to see the whole village out on London Road. Wrap up warm, bring the family and join us as **Alderley Edge comes Together at Christmas**.

Front Garden Competition

Another wonderful search by the judges during our annual event looking around our village searching for the best front garden of 2026. As always a very difficult decision as the planting and gorgeous colours were in abundance. A joy to behold. So after much debate the winning garden was found in Heyes Lane, a truly English garden. Many congratulations.

Our winners attended our annual and very popular Village Show in August, which this year was held at St. Philip and St. James' church. During the prize giving ceremony Cllr Bev Chapman, one of the judges, presented the Shell Cup, a tribute to Ian Miller to our winners "Our beautiful village is always a joy to walk around and see so much front garden colour and planting. Thank you to everyone who makes Alderley Edge so special and a great place to live"



Last year saw the revival of the Alderley Edge Poppy Appeal with over £8,200 being raised in the village. The Poppy Appeal raises funds for the Royal British Legion's vital work supporting serving personnel, veterans and their families throughout their lives.

From short-term relief to lifelong support, the funds raised ensure the Royal British Legion can be there to support serving personnel, veterans, and their families - whatever the need, whenever it's needed. The main focus for the 2026 appeal will be a presence in the Waitrose Store in the village where you can make a donation for a poppy. There will also be donation tins in selected village shops, businesses and local schools.

If you would like to help with the village appeal, new volunteers are very welcome to man the tables in Waitrose on **Thursday 29th, Friday 30th, Saturday 31st October and Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th November**. Volunteers work in pairs to receive donations and give out poppies, pins and other items. Please contact the village Poppy Appeal Organiser, Kelvin Briggs either by email kelvinbriggsae@gmail.com or by phone: **07825 213205** for more information or to volunteer even if it's just for a one or two hour slot.



Remembrance Service Sunday 8th November

On Sunday 8 November at 10.00 am, we will gather at St Philip and St James' Church for our annual Remembrance Service, held jointly with Alderley Edge Methodist Church. Together we will remember with gratitude all those who have given their lives in times of war and conflict, and honour those who have served and continue to serve. We will also remember the families and communities affected by conflict and pray for peace in our world today.

At approximately 10.45 am, we shall leave the church and gather at the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance, including the laying of wreaths and the traditional two-minute silence. Following the service and Act of Remembrance, everyone is warmly invited to join us for tea, cake and biscuits at the church, or alternatively at the Union Club, Steven's Street. We hope you will join us for this important occasion as we remember, give thanks and pray for peace. Ryleys Lane will be closed to traffic during the event.



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CONTINUING OUR WORK WITH YOUNGER RESIDENTS AND LOCAL SCHOOLS

As a Parish Council, we are keen to involve young people in some of the projects we undertake in Alderley Edge village that can enhance their curriculum learning and create a greater understanding of the role of the Parish Council, community groups and local residents. As well as providing a bit of fun! Outlined below are some of the key village projects for this coming school year and we will be discussing other ideas so watch this space and the Parish Council website!

Have a Magical Halloween in Alderley Edge

This year, there will be a search on to find the Wizard's hat creatively displayed in various village business windows or doorways. It will be up to our younger residents, accompanied by their parents, to find them all! And the opportunity to win a special prize. The search starts on Saturday 24th October until Halloween on Saturday 31st October. The entry forms and instructions will be available from Alderley Edge Library, some of the participating businesses and available to download from the Parish Council website from the start of the competition.



Our **Christmas Wishes for the World** cards last year captured many thoughtful and heartfelt wishes and really demonstrated how much younger residents feel about their community and the world we live in.

This project proved so popular that we will be giving more young people the chance to complete a Christmas Wishes for the World card at our special Christmas event on Saturday 21st November between 4pm and 7pm and then at the Library where they will also form part of a Christmas themed display.



GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE A CHANCE TO FEATURE IN A FUTURE VILLAGE NEWS

This is an opportunity for young people to let others know what they like about Alderley Edge and what would encourage them to visit and use the village more.

Helping with Alderley Edge In Bloom's Spring Clean

We will be springing into action with Alderley Edge in Bloom and liaising with our local schools to help with planter planting and a special Litter Pick to highlight the alternative 3 Rs - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.



HAVE AN 'EGGSTRA' SPECIAL EASTER IN ALDERLEY EDGE

The very popular 'eggsciting' Easter Egg Hunt around Alderley Edge village will take place once again during the Easter holidays. The Easter Bunny will be hiding specially designed egg shapes spread out around village businesses. Watch out for more details in a future Village News issue and the Parish Council website.





YOUR VOICE

at Cheshire East Council

CLLR CRAIG BROWNE, WARD COUNCILLOR FOR ALDERLEY EDGE

Brook Lane Bridge – Scheduled Repairs

Residents will no doubt have noticed that traffic lights have recently been installed on the Brook Lane Bridge, which supports the carriageway over Whitehall Brook close to the former “Oakwood” Public House and Alderley Edge Golf Club. Following a general inspection of the bridge earlier this year, a safety concern was raised with regards to the edge of the carriageway and for this reason, temporary two way lights have been placed until a scheme to line the structure of the bridge has been completed. Cheshire East Highways have scheduled a programme of works for Autumn 2026; however, until then the traffic lights will remain in situ, in addition to ‘unsuitable for HGVs’ signs to deter heavy vehicles from using this route. There will be frequent inspections at this location to monitor any changes on site and keep the site safe.



Food Waste Caddy Update

The government's Simpler Recycling Legislation means that all councils nationwide are now required to collect food waste on a weekly basis. Although Cheshire East Council has received some funding from Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) to help with the roll-out of the new caddies and collection vehicles, the cost of introducing weekly food waste collections (particularly in terms of additional staff time) is still significant for the council. It is for this reason that the council is moving to three-weekly collections of the black household waste bins, to offset the cost of weekly food-waste collections. The weekly food-waste collection service is intended to start in early

2027 and to help residents understand when collections are due, a webpage has been set up where you can type in your postcode and house number to check your next collection – <https://online.cheshireeast.gov.uk/mycollectionday/>

Call for Help – Community Speedwatch

I continue to join our local Community Speedwatch Volunteer Group. The group provides a valuable community service, acting on behalf of Cheshire Police, to monitor and report on speed data taken across our local road network. During a recent session on Brook Lane, the group recorded 20 vehicles exceeding the speed threshold with the fastest vehicle registered at 47mph. Drivers of all recorded vehicles will receive a letter from Cheshire Police, or if their details are already in the system from a previous offence, they will receive a visit from a Police Officer. As always, I am incredibly grateful for the work of our Volunteer Group for all that they do in helping to keep our local roads safe; however, we are in need of more volunteers to help swell our numbers – the more volunteers we have, the more sessions we can run. If you can spare an hour a month to help, please contact me at craig.browne@cheshireeast.gov.uk



Public Space Protection Order Consultation

Finally, can I make a last call for residents to respond to a consultation that Cheshire East is currently running which could lead to an Excessive Vehicle Noise and Anti-Social Driving Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) being made in the near future. The council is required to run a public consultation as part of the legal process needed prior to making a Public Space Protection Order; if made, this would grant additional powers of enforcement to council officers, police officers and police community support officers, where breach of the order becomes a criminal offence, punishable by a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £1,000. The consultation is open until 14th October and can be accessed here –

<https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/VehicleNoisePSPO/>



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