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FOCUS ON... ALDERLEY EDGE

In this issue, we take a closer look at opulent Alderley... mystical land of wizards and footballers' wives, ancient copper mines and – some would say – justifiably high property prices!

The growth of Alderley Edge began in the 1840s with the coming of the railway. Today, main-line rail connections have been supplemented by the new by-pass which heads towards Manchester, as well as the easy accessibility of national motorways and Manchester Airport via nearby Wilmslow.

'Commutability' remains one of Alderley's main attractions, but the wealth of social and civic amenities and its proximity to the affluent areas of Knutsford, Macclesfield and

Altrincham indicates that this is also an excellent place to live!

Back-tracking to May 1842, Sir Thomas de Trafford took the momentous decision to parcel out chunks of land his family owned south of Wilmslow. To coincide with the arrival of the railway in Alderley Edge, his foresight in selling off two and three acre lots ensured that the rich cotton barons of Manchester had a place to flaunt their wealth.

Within a couple of decades, the land atop the 600-foot escarpment which overlooks the Cheshire Plain was dotted with grand villas in a variety of architectural styles. These vast homes are no less splendid now, enhanced as they are by mature oak and beech trees, laurels and lawns to die for!

Even today, the Victorian villas still set the architectural benchmark for Alderley Edge. As a result, so much of the property built since the 19th century has been of equal quality, if not on the same grand scale. And with land being less plentiful nowadays, there has been a rapid increase in the number of luxury apartments built close to the village centre.

Established residents and newcomers alike can avail of excellent amenities including first-class schools ranging from primary to prep to secondary level. The likes of The Ryleys and Alderley Edge School for Girls have a long history of educating the local children.

For the general community, Alderley's impressive golf and cricket clubs provide timeless diversions, whilst the specialist shops on London Road are a welcome alternative to supermarket life. At the heart of the village is an impressive array of restaurants and bars – discreet by day, enticing by night. Restaurants range from Italian to Chinese, to French and 'eclectic', with local pubs and hotels offering a wide range of culinary attractions.

It must be easy for the residents of Alderley to take all this for granted, but looking through the keyhole from virtually any other location in Cheshire and south Manchester is enough to turn many of us just the faintest tinge of green.

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