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Things about the Range

Origins: Whalley Range was one of Manchester's, and in fact the world's, first suburbs, with land purchased in the Moss Side area in 1836 by Manchester banker Samuel Brooks. His vision was for "a desirable estate for gentlemen and their families" to escape the congestion of the city. The land, known then as Jackson's Moss, was swampy and it cost Brooks £12,000 to drain it. Brooks is thought to have named Whalley Range after his place of birth, Whalley in Lancashire.



The rise and fall and rise again: After its prosperous beginnings, by the 1960s Whalley Range started to suffer a bit of name calling, usually linked to the high density of bedsits and a reputation as a red-light district. Morrissey (The Smiths) who briefly resided here, included "What do we get for our trouble and pain? ...Whallev Range!" in his Miserable Lie lyric, adding to his, and the area's, woes. Estate

agents (and residents) started referring to Whalley Range as 'Chorlton Borders', and the Council apparently attempted to rename it East Chorlton! Whalley Range is now a great place to live, play and ork, with a leafy and bohemian eel and its own unique identity.



People: Much of the terraced housing around Clarendon Road was built by Welsh labourers at the end of 19th century. In the 1930s,



various Caribbean Islands

came into the area of

and from the 1970s

the Asian population

established and grew

Manley Park in the 1960s

Competition @

Spot the waxwing and win goodies for the garden!

Simply find this autumn visitor on the map and put the name of the road it is located closest to in an email, along with your full name, address and telephone number, and email to WRMap@sustainable-change.co.uk. All correct entries will be entered into a draw to be made on the 5 January 2014 and one lucky person will receive the garden goody bag donated by Unicorn Grocerv.

T & Cs: The winner will be notified by email within 10 days of the draw, and named in the WR Community Forum's newsletter that follows (email info@ whalleyrange.org to get on the mailing list). One entry per household.

In Spring 2011 local people voted 'yes' to the idea of a map to celebrate the unique place that is Whalley Range. A UDecide grant was awarded and, along with generous contributions from local sponsors and volunteers, the map has come to life.

This 2nd Edition features the regeneration of Alexandra Park along with updated listings, new history items and more.

About this map



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ke a look at the full plans at

Wildlife: There is

plenty of wildlife in Whalley Range. Foxes are commonplace, as are bats and a variety of birds. New visitors in autumn include the waxwing, distinguished by its strong colouring and crest, which loves the rowan tree berries. WR 4 Wildlife is a group of local people of all ages interested in nature and finding out about wildlife and how to support it. There are several species in Whalley Range that need special protection including hedgehogs, soprano pipistrelle bats, song thrushes, hedge sparrows and common toads. Visit http://wr4wildlife.wordpress.com.

Religion: In Victorian times, religion played an important role and although Brooks was a High Church Anglican, he allowed Catholics, Nonconformists and Methodists to build places of worship along the outskirts. St Margaret's and St Edmund's are both of Anglican origin and grand in design. Many other religions now add to the variety and architecture of the area.

No pubs allowed: The unique nature of Whalley Range gave rise to a myth - that there could be no pubs or alcohol sold within the boundaries due to Quaker origins. This has no basis in fact, on religious or other grounds, but maybe Samuel Brooks whispered the umour in an attempt to keep up appearances.

Some statistics: The population of Whalley Range is around 15,000. Private residences account for 83.6% of all property in the ward, a lot higher than the City average, and there are around 6,500 homes in total. 87% residents say they are satisfied with the local area and feel they strongly belong (the Manchester average is 75%).

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Alex Park Regeneration

A £2.2million award from the Heritage Lottery Fund, matched by Manchester City Council, will bring major changes to Alexandra Park and be completed in 2014.

The 'Masterplan' and artist impressions provide a clue to the proposed restoration, and have been prepared following consultation with a variety of groups and people. The aim is to balance heritage with the modern needs of local communities, people and wildlife.

> One way for local residents to have an ongoing input into the regeneration of the park is to join the People's Panel. This is an email network set ip by the Council to consult on plans for the buildings and infrastructure landscape and activities. It is also a way of finding out the latest news and volunteer opportunities. Email alex.park@manchester.gov.uk You can also become a Friend of Alexandra Park - local residents

come together to encourage people to make greater use of the park and get involved in projects. Visit friendsofalexandrapark.com.

Historical facts, trivia and other things of interest

Alexandra Park

The beginning: Designed by Alexander Hennell and opened in 1870, the fully public park (named after Princess Alexandra) was an oasis away from the smog of the city and "served to deter the working men of Manchester from the alehouses on their day off"

A different kind of Victorian Park: Its multifunctional nature, with eastern influenced curves and abundant sports facilities, was innovative at the time. and contrasted with the rigid formal styles often associated with the era. Chorlton Lodge, the ornamental lake, and other landmarks added to its charm.

Politics and activism: On 1st May 1892, 60.000 people marched to the park in support of a shorter working week and as part of a worldwide movement. A 'speaker's corner' and other political acts in the park were banned from time to time, and later in the 20th century carnivals such as 'Rock against Racism' and the Caribbean Carnival tackled modern ills and brightened up the scene.

Suffragettes: In 1906, 5,000 suffragettes rallied in the park for women's rights. They may well have bombed the cactus house in 1913 too.

Alexandra Park Aerodrome A purpose built airfield selected by the War Department in 1917 because of the agricultural nature of the nearby land. The aerodrome is commemorated on a plaque in the sports pavilion at Hough End Playing Fields.

Alexandra Park Station

Opened in 1892, the station (later renamed Vilbraham Road) was on the Manchester Central Station Line owned by the Great Central Railway. At the end of the First World War it received aircraft components for assembly at the Aerodrome. In 1964, Granada Television used the disused buildings for a day to create "Chorltonville", an American deep south style railroad station for Blues and Gospel Train, featuring Muddy Waters. Evidence of the platform edges still exists.

Calfaria - The Welsh Chapel

4 In 1880 Welsh immigrants built the chapel, the small building next to Manley Park Methodist Church, for £1,000. The building has been used for church and community-related activities ever since and is currently home to Youth on Solid Ground.

Cosgrove Hall

Established in 1969 by art students Brian osgrove and Mark Hall, Cosgrove Hall Films produced numerous animations that are famous worldwide. These included Chorlton and the Wheelies, Danger Mouse and Count Duckula. The Wind in the Willows was worked on by The Stone Roses guitarist John Squire. The original building was demolished in December 2011 and flats now occupy the site.

Eric comes to the Range

During 2008 the SW Manchester Cricket Club was the base and set for the Ken Loach film Looking for Eric starring Eric Cantona, who played for Manchester United 1992-97.

Guinness World Record for... In 2008 the SW Manchester Cricket Club's powling green was the site of a Guinness world record for bowling 24 hours a day for 7 days.

Lancashire Independent College 8 Opened in 1843 as a Congregational college, this beautiful gothic Grade II listed building provided higher education for Nonconformists who were excluded from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge until 1871. It later became the national college of the General Municipal and Boilermakers (GMB) Union and, more recently, the British Muslim Heritage Centre (pictured right).

ealthy textile merchant Samuel Mendel built a 50 room mansion in the 1860s, with extensive gardens running bevond Bury Avenue and as far as Clarendon Road (pictured left). Mendel's business collapsed when the Suez Canal opened and he was

forced to sell the property in

1875. It enjoyed a short spell as

pleasure gardens, with extensive art

Nello James Centre & Walton

works and occasional events including Buffalo

Bill's Wild West Show. The Hall was demolished

Cottage he buildings have a long history connected to the Broadhurst family, Vanessa Redgrave and CLR James, a Trinidadian socialist intellectual. Since the 1960s it has been a communicty education centre but has latterly fallen into disrepair though efforts are being made to rejuventate the site.

Old culverts

around 1905.

11 A footbridge used to cross over a stream, close to the junction of Egerton Road North and Brantingham Road and, apparently, it is still possible to hear a stream flowing under the road if you put your ear to the ground.

Primitive Methodist College 12 Renamed Hartley Victoria College after its benefactor Sir William P Hartley, was opened in 1879 to train men to be religious ministers.

Now known as Hartley Hall, it is an independent school.

PC Nicholas Cock, a murder 13 In the 1870s a policeman was fatally wounded whilst investigating a disturbance at a house near to what was once the Seymour Hotel. The fatal bullet lodged in a boundary wall. William Habron, a local farm labourer, was convicted but Charles Peace, a notorious burglar and murderer **The 'rec**' from Sheffield, later confessed to the killing just before his execution and Habron was released. Peace is mentioned in a Sherlock Holmes story The Adventure of the Illustrious Client, and in Mark Twain's Captain Stormfield's Visit to Heaven.

St Bede's College and Aquarium 14 The building that St Bede's College now occupies was originally built in 1872 by the Manchester Aquarium Company to display sea creatures. It had 60+ tanks containing sea water brought in barrels from Blackpool, and was thought to be the largest of its

closed in 1886. St Bede's is now an independent college. The Bee Gees 15 The Bee Gees lived at 51 Keppel Road for several years before moving to Australia, and the street lent its name to a documentary on the group in 1997.

The showbiz hote

The Biz, officially named the Clifton Range Hotel, was run by Phil Lynott's (Thin Lizzy) mother ilomena. The clientele were exclusively entertainers and celebrities, including George Best and The Sex Pistols, and it featured as a song title on Thin Lizzy's debut album. Trams

The Manchester Carriageway Company's horse drawn trams began in Manchester in 1880, and he ornate façade of old stables can still be seen on Range Road (pictured right). Whalley Range was fully served by electric trams by the 1920s. Tramways ran along Upper Chorlton Road, Wilbraham Road and beyond (pictured above). These services were withdrawn from Manchester and replaced by trolleybuses and buses. Manchester Metrolink was the first modern light rail system in the UK, beginning service in 1992.

sports clubs

Broughton Park FC Rugby Union

www.pitchero.com/clubs/broughtonpark

English Martyrs Tennis Club

Maine Road Football Club

www.amaechibasketball.com

www.manchesterstingers.co.uk

Club www.swmcc.org.uk

www.whalleyrangeafc.co.uk

Manchester Stingers Womens

Mancunians Rugby League

www.pitchero.com/clubs/mancuniansr

Whalley Range Football Club

Whalley Range Cricket Club

www.whalleyrange.play-cricket.com

www.whalleyrangetennis.com

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- Brownies and Guides www.mansouthscouts.org.uk
- 2/249th Manchester Scouts www.mansouthscouts.org.uk 2/77th Manchester (2nd Whalley
- Range) Scouts, Beavers and Cubs www.mansouthscouts.org.uk 123rd Manchester Scouts, Beavers
- and Cubs www.mansouthscouts.org.uk www.abundancemanchester.wordpress.com
- 6 British Muslim Heritage Centre www.bmhc.org.uk 0161 881 8062
- 7 Carlton Club www.carltonclub.org.uk
- 8 Chorlton Leisure Centre www.manchestersportandleisure.org
- 9 Chorlton Library www.manchester.gov.uk 0161 227 3700
- 10 Chorlton Plant Swap ww.chorltonplantswap.org.uk
- Choriton Refurb www.chorltonrefurb.net
- 12 Farghana Institute 161 226 7172





- www.iscc-manchester.org 0161 232 0999 JNR8 Youth & Community Centre www.whalleyrange.org 0161 881 3744
- WR Community Forum, W.H.I.Z, WRYOA Moss Side Children's Centre
- 16 Moss Side Un 0161 226 0162
- oss Side Adventure Playground 0161 226 3311
- **Rubbish Revamped** 18 Rubbish Horsen, www.rubbishrevamped.org.uk
- 19 St John's Centre www.stjohnscentre.org 0161 872 7795
- 20 St John's Sunshine www.stjohnssunshine.org.uk
- 21 St Margaret's Centre & Playing Fields www.st-margarets-centre.co.uk 0161 862 9058
- 22 South West Delivery Office (Royal Mail)
- **Tangmere Court** 23 Tangmere Court www.housingcare.org 0845 604 1096
- Trafalgar Court www.housingcare.org 0800 020 9516
- 25 Whalley Range Children's Centre 0161 245 7007
- 26 Windrush Millenium Centre
- www.yosg.org.uk

whalley Range Community Forum

The Forum is a voluntary organisation that is seeking to promote a positive image of WR, contribute to government strategies and enhance local facilities and services. Members of the Forum, typically from local groups, community organisations, councillors, the police and council services, meet to share information and ideas and take action where possible. Residents are encouraged to attend meetings and offer their views. Sign up to receive the News & Events Newsletter and e-bulletins and get in touch to become a member, volunteer or find out more.

WR Community Forum, JNR8 Youth & Community Centre, 82 Cromwell Avenue, WR M16 0BG. info@whalleyrange.org 0161 881 3744 www.whalleyrange.org

Health for people and pets

- African and Caribbean Mental Health Services www.acmhs.co.uk 0161 226 9562 Alexandra Range
- Medical Practice www.nhs.uk 0161 226 3620 **Animal Medical Centre**
- www.amcreferrals.com 0161 881 3329 Ashleigh Veterinary Centre
- www.ashleigh-veterinary-centre.com 0161 881 6868 5 Ashville Surgery
- www.ashvillesurgerymanchester.co.uk 0161 881 4293
- Ayres Road Dental Practice www.nhs.uk 0161 872 1695 Ayres Road Surgery
- www.nhs.uk 0844 387 9595 Brooks Bar Dental
- 8 www.nhs.uk 0161 226 2841

- 0161 636 7500
- Youth/Community on Solid Ground

r whalley Range The Forum and City Council Valuing Older People team are currently working with older people in the area to promote WR as an age-friendly community and encourage local

businesses to sign up to an Age-friendly Business Charter. Age-friendly can mean accessible places with toilets for non residents/older people to use with appropriate activities and meeting spaces. Some venues are already listed above and more are being sought.

Age-friendly

To get involved contact Chris or Rebecca, info@whalleyrange.org 0161 881 3744 or 0161 234 4049 www.agefriendlywhalleyrange.wordpress.com

Brooks Bar Medical Centre www.nhs.uk 0161 226 7777

- Choriton Health Centre
- www.nhs.uk 0161 881 4545 **Seymour Grove Health Centre**
- 11 www.nhs.uk 0161 877 9230
- Stretford Memorial Hospita 12 www.trafford.nhs.uk 0161 881 5353
- The Alexandra Practice 13 www.thealexandrapractice.co.uk
- 0161 860 4400 14 The Range Medical Centre www.therangemedicalcentre.co.uk
- 0844 499 6977 The Wilbraham Surgery www.nhs.uk 0161 881 6120
- Whalley Range Dental Practice 16 www.nhs.uk 0161 226 9647

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kind in the country. It wasn't a successful enterprise and was

The blitz

16 The bombs started dropping on

and Clarendon Road.

Manchester during Christmas 1940 with

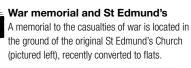
homes in the Manley Park area taking

several direct hits. Terraced houses in

Cromwell Avenue were destroyed and are noticeable by the different architecture. During air raids people would make their way to a shelter, one of which was (and still is!) 2.5m under Manley Park and held up to 500 people. The entrance was at the corner of York Avenue

17 In October 1882 founder members of The Manchester Golf Club played a first round of golf over a small nine-hole course at Manley Park. They shared the land with the farmer's cattle and sheep but later moved to Trafford Park to make way for homes. Manley Park (pictured right) was locally referred to as 'the rec' into the 1980s.

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Whalley House

The home of Samuel Brooks, the founder of Whalley Range, until his death in 1864. The Woodlawn Court development of flats now occupies the land.

101 Dalmatians

The novelist Dodie Smith wrote this famous story 1956. She lived for part of her life in Whalley Range, as she recalls in her autobiography *Look* Back With Love.



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South West Manchester Cricket

Whalley Range Lawn Tennis Club



and Parish Centre Gita Bhavan Hindu Temple Hare Krishna Centre Manchester Chines 4 Christian Church Manley Park Methodist 6 Metro. Community Church 7 Minhaj-ul-Qur'an International 8 New Testament Church of God St Edmund's Church St John The Evangelist Church of England Church 11 St Margaret C of E Church 12 St Werburgh C of E Church Sri Guru Gobind Singh Gurdwara Whalley Range Methodist

English Martyrs RC Churc

Co-operatives

Co-operatives are businesses, owned and run jointly by their members, which share the profits and benefits. Although there are many types of co-op, they have common principles and values. Established in Rochdale in 1844, the modern co-operative movement was a response to harsh conditions of life and work for ordinary working people in Britain. These 'Rochdale Pioneers' with a vision for a better world achieved through co-operation, developed a model for co-operatives now used all over the world. Thre are numerous co-ops featured in the map, including Three Bees, Unicorn Grocery, St John's Sunshine. See www.uk.coop for more about the 6,000 co-ops in the UK.

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