



## OUR COMMUNITY

Hale Barns is a “village” community, about 12 miles south west of Manchester City Centre and on the very edge of the Manchester conurbation – the M56 motorway runs to the south (parallel to the River Bollin) and east of the village and east of the motorway is the hamlet of Ringway, partially rural, but whose northern half is home to Manchester Airport . To the west and north are Hale, Altrincham and Timperley. The Hale Barns area is within the Borough of Trafford. The Church of England parish comprises Hale Barns village, the Wellgreen area on the edge of Timperley, and Ringway itself.

The name “Hale” derives from an Anglo-Saxon word for “refuge” and the suffix “Barns” refers to the medieval Tithe Barns, now sadly demolished. The area was primarily rural until after the Second World War but significant building has taken place since that time.

Hale Road runs through the centre of the village and has a selection of small shops and businesses, together with The Square, a 1970s shopping precinct. Plans to redevelop and rebuild The Square initially proved controversial in the village, but planning permission has now been granted (2011) for a smaller development on the site.

It is known as an affluent community and many people who live here commute to work in Manchester and Salford. The population of the village itself is between 5 and 6,000 people. It is an increasingly multi-cultural community with a significant Jewish and Moslem population. There is a large new Synagogue here (and a second soon to be built) and an Islamic Cultural Centre just beyond the community boundary.

All Saints Church of England, and Holy Angels Catholic Church are in the centre of the Village on Hale Road, whilst down Chapel Lane is the Unitarian Hale Chapel. Most of the people in our congregations come from within Hale Barns

The community is served by two Primary Schools (Elmridge and Wellgreen), both of which have good links with All Saints Church, and St Ambrose College, a Roman Catholic Grammar School, currently undergoing a major and exciting rebuilding programme.