

Back in Time - 6 - Ellesmere Road and Isherwoods

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Here is another group of smart people walking along Ellesmere Road. Unfortunately we do not have a definitive date for the photograph but from the style of the top-hats it could be 1880-90.

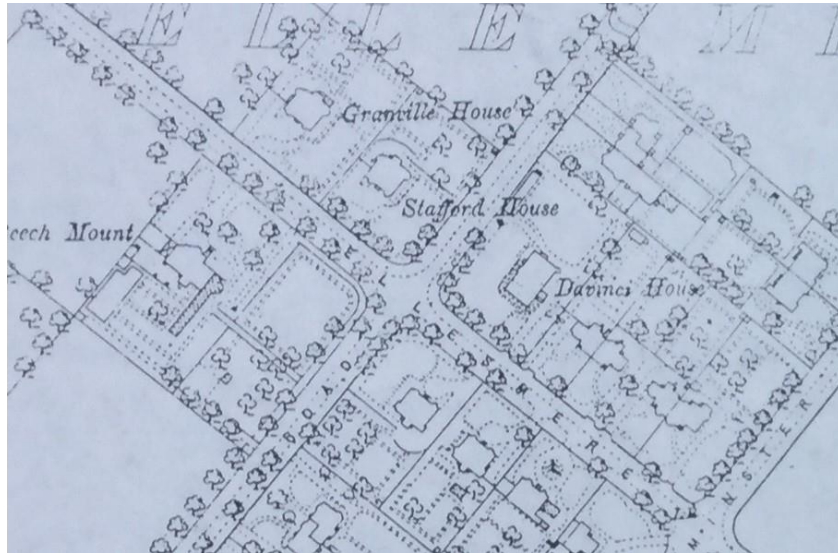


Ellesmere Road circa 1890

The gate post is fairly distinctive and there is every chance this group are walking past Granville House, (now the site of the apartment complex called Ellesmere Lodge) towards Quaker Bridge. If this is the case, the house in the background is Stafford house. The gentleman standing just in the road appears to be by a driveway, which would be to Stafford House.



Gate Post at Ellesmere Lodge (previously Granville House)



Map of Ellesmere Road - 1880

The last family to live in Stafford house were the Isherwoods. Arnold Isherwood founded Isherwood Garages and the V.I.P. petroleum distribution company. The company started in the 1920s and at its peak had 17 petrol stations and garages in the North West. From my recollection, the garage on Wellington Road was Isherwoods and it was not uncommon to see V.I.P. petrol tankers in the locality.



V.I.P. Garage on Wellington Road

The V.I.P. company was bought out by ELF Petroleum in 1974.

A number of photographs of V.I.P. petrol tankers can be found using the link below to the flickr page of Paul Anderson.

https://www.flickr.com/photos/edward_beck/albums/72157647154932043/

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