

Back in Time - 17 - Cavendish Road Gate and Montrose

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A very interesting photograph is 'Cavendish Road – 1961' which shows the remains of gate posts and fencing close to Monton Road. Although there was no traditional gate house on Cavendish Road, the map "Cavendish Road Map – 1893", clearly shows a line across Cavendish Road, adjacent to Monton House, which indicates a gate or fence. The significant wall on the right shows the boundary wall of Monton House.



Cavendish Road – 1961



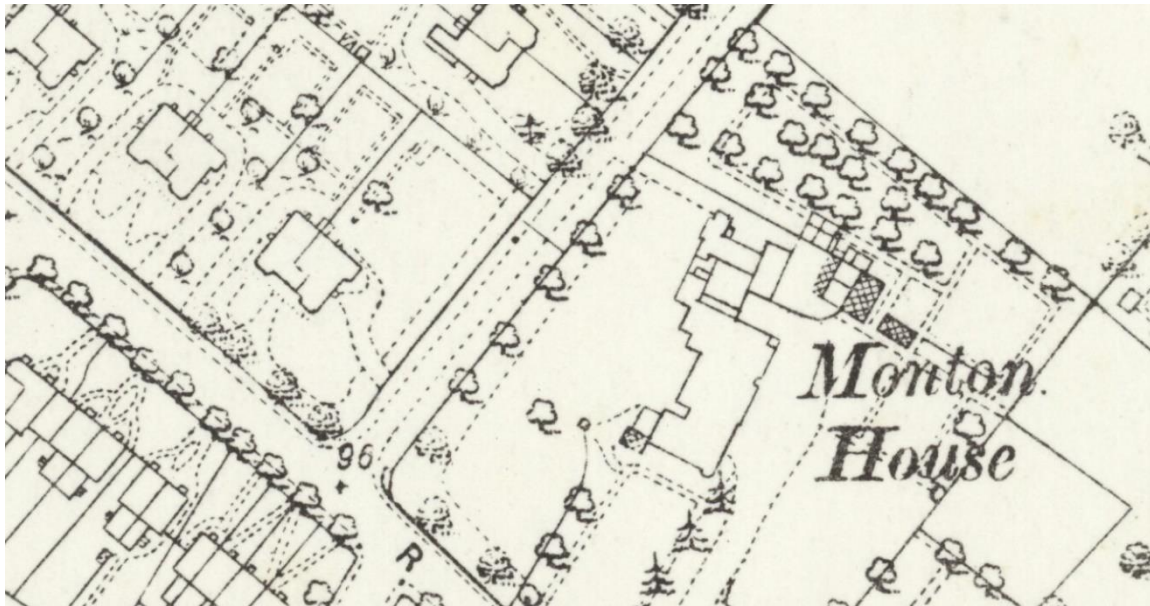
Cavendish Road – 2020'

In the photograph 'Cavendish Road – 2020' I attempted to achieve the same view as the 1961 photograph. The lampposts are in approximately the same positions; the gate would have been roughly where the speed hump is now located.

The paving blocks look similar to the paving blocks still found at the south-east end of Ellesmere Road as shown in the photograph below.



Victorian Paving Blocks



Cavendish Road Map – 1893

Montrose



The photograph on the left is of the Cavendish Road allotments taken in 1973. I am certain this photograph was taken from within the allotments, looking towards Cavendish Road. If you look closely at the houses in the distance behind the right hand tree, one of the houses looks very much like 'Montrose', 13 Cavendish Road.

We happen to have a photograph of Montrose taken in 1961. Montrose was owned for many years by Dr. and Mrs. Snow, this house is still on Cavendish Road, at the junction of Bedford Road. You can see in this photograph that Bedford Road, possibly like Cavendish Road as well, is not made up with a tarmacadam surface.



'Montrose' - 13 Cavendish Road