

Locals come together to celebrate Bernard's 90th birthday.

When villagers heard that Bernard Barber would be 90 this week and his family could not join him, due to the lockdown, they were determined to make his birthday one to remember.

A message went across the village and the cards came flooding in. On the morning of his birthday, neighbours decorated the outside of his house and gathered with cards and presents to wish him happy birthday.

Bernard has lived in the same house in Over Peover all his life, his career was checking and repairing track on the railways. He is still very active and can be seen cutting hedges and each year he still scythes the hay from his field. Before the lockdown he was a regular on the no 88 bus to Macclesfield where he would collect his shopping and have lunch at a local café. During lockdown one of his neighbours has been providing him with a hot meal every day.

A shy and private man, Bernard was clearly surprised and delighted by the efforts everyone had made to make the day special for him.



The outside of his house was decorated with bunting, balloons and a banner. Neighbours gathered with cards and presents to sing Happy Birthday. Bernard looks pleased.