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# House Names in the Mill Hill Park Area

Avenue Road



## West End Lodge

208 Avenue Road London W3 8QQ





Unknown

204 Avenue Road London W3 8QQ





## Unidentified Terrace

Three houses built after the introduction of numbering.

198 to 202 Avenue Road London W3 8QQ





## West End Villa

Set back from the road. A jeweller called Abraham Norman lived here for many years.

196 Avenue Road London  
W3 8QQ





## Arthur Villas

Probably a name which had significance to the builder or first owner. We'll see a number of such names.

192 & 194 Avenue Road  
London W3 8QQ





## Bertha Villas

Same style as the previous pair (?) and probably built by same person.

188 & 190 Avenue  
Road London W3 8QQ





## Hales Villa or Herbert Villa

Both names are used at different times; possibly each half of the house had a different name for a while. Various places called Hales in England and Scotland, hard to tell what significance it may have had.

These houses share decorative details with 93 & 95 Mill Hill Road, suggesting they were built at the same time by the same builder. Their back gardens adjoin.

184 & 186 Avenue Road  
London W3 8QQ





## Marion Villas

Same style as the other pairs of villas with boys or girls names, probably all by same builder. Possibly even the names of members of his family?

180 & 182 Avenue Road  
London W3 8QQ





## Clare Villa & Louise Villa

A very curious pair of semi-detached houses, since one has a bay window and one does not. Semi-detached houses were usually built to be symmetrical. Also, it is unusual for each half to have a distinct name: 178 seems to have always been Clare Villa and 176 to have been Louise Villa. Were they built and owned separately? Probably a story to unearth here...

Bay windows were just becoming really fashionable about the time these were being built - soon almost all new houses, even small ones, had them.



178 & 176 Avenue Road London W3 8QQ



## Park House [Laundry]?

A laundry was probably on this site, Park House Laundry. 174 appears to have been built later but an earlier house stood on the same site and may have formed part of Park House. Park is presumably a reference to Mill Hill Park.

174 & 172 Avenue  
Road London W3 8QQ





## Florence Villas

Same style as other villas with names of boys and girls. As well as being a great Italian city, Florence became a very popular Victorian girl's name due to Florence Nightingale, a national hero in the Crimean War.

168 & 170 Avenue  
Road London W3 8QQ





## Melville Villas

A man with the surname Melville owned a piece of land nearby, so these are probably named after him.

There's a curious little road just off Acton High Street called Melville Villas Road, which may refer to the same landowner. There are no "Villas" on it, and never were.

164 & 166 Avenue Road  
London W3 8QQ





## 1 to 5 Elisha Terrace/Chesham Terrace

There are five houses forming Chesham Terrace (162 was number 1, 164 was number 2, etc). Chesham is a market town in the Chilterns, but might also refer to the first Baron Chesham, created in 1858, an MP and leading Liberal politician, a member of the famous Cavendish family.

Curiously, this terrace had an even earlier name pre-1881: Elisha Terrace. Elisha was an Old Testament prophet and was occasionally used as a boy's name.



162 Avenue Road London W3 8QQ; 160 Avenue Road London W3 8QG to 154 Avenue Road London W3 8QG



Unknown



146 to 152 Avenue  
Road London W3 8QG



## Staveley Cottages

142 is now called “**Connamara Cottage**” but this is probably a modern name. There are several places called Staveley in northern England; also, the Lords Staveley.

140 to 144 Avenue Road  
London W3 8QG





## Rose Cottage

The present house is modern  
but an earlier house stood here.

136 Avenue Road  
London W3 8QG





## 1 to 8 Chestnut Villas

Four pairs of semi-detached houses numbers 1 to 8, starting with 120 as number 1, etc.. Annie Hibbert, who in 2007 lived at 134, loaned me her deeds which showed these were built in about 1866.

134 to 120 Avenue  
Road London W3 8QG





## Unknown

Modern flats now on site.



118 Avenue Road  
London W3 8TZ



## Unknown

Weirdly and running counter to UK numbering convention, this is marked with the odd number 115 – logical if you are unaware of the convention, and see it is between 116 and 114. On the north side there should be only even numbers.

116 Avenue Road,  
London W3 8TZ





## The Grange

The name of an earlier house on this site remains, but present flats are late 20th century.

114 Avenue Road  
London W3 8TZ





## The Conservative Club

The building, which resembles a conventional suburban villa with a small public hall or chapel attached, is now the Mill Hill Surgery. It is unlikely that its use as the Conservative Club was its original purpose.

111 Avenue Road  
London W3 8QH





## Blakeney Lodge

Blakeney a place in Norfolk - also various Lords Blakeney (one was a hero at the siege of Minorca in the 18thc). I give the name based only on the plaque on the house seen today. I have not seen the name in any historical records and I am not certain it is original.

113 Avenue Road  
London W3 8QH





## Unknown

This house must have had a name as it definitely dates from before the numbering was introduced in the mid 1880s.

Not to be confused with the “other” 115 Avenue Road on the other side of the road, actually 116, or part of it, and with a different post code.

115 Avenue Road  
London W3 8QH





## De Courcey Court

A late 20th century development and name, derivation unknown.

117 Avenue Road  
London W3 8TZ





## Balmoral Terrace

Balmoral, a favourite royal residence of Queen Victoria.

131 to 137 Avenue Road  
London W3 8QJ





## Unknown

The present buildings were built in the early 20th century and have recently (2018) been redeveloped to increase the amount of accommodation.

139 Avenue Road  
London W3 8QJ





## Unknown

The small, unremarkable 20<sup>th</sup> century bungalow which stood on this site was recently (2018) demolished. A block of flats ("Nine vibrant new apartments") Willett Grove, named after William Willett who developed Mill Hill Park and invented daylight saving, is (2019) being built in its place.



Junction Avenue Road and Gunnersbury Lane