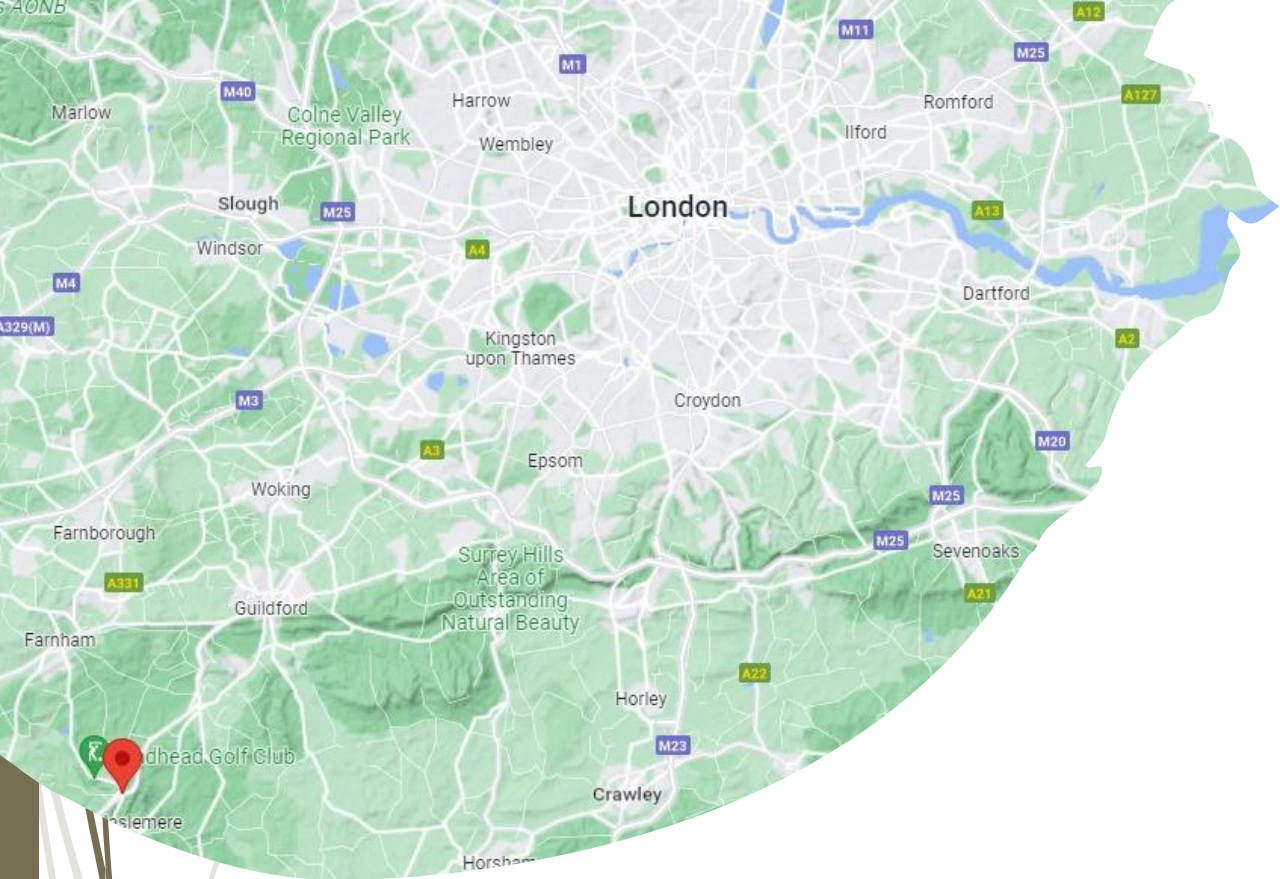


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(former residence of ACD's Undershaw)

November 25, 2016





Our Visit to Undershaw: A Historical Literary Residence

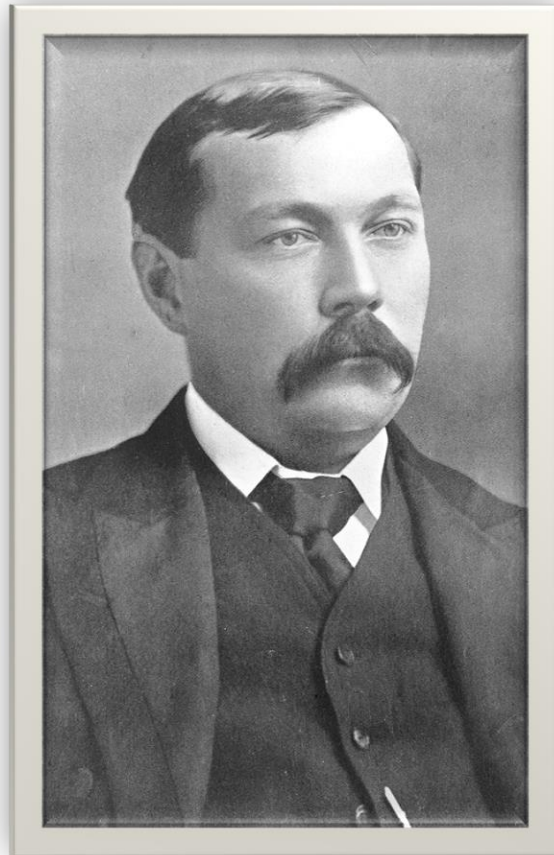
- Arthur Conan Doyle designed and lived in this house from 1897 to 1907. He wrote several Sherlock Holmes stories at this residence.
- The house was the place where many of Doyle's most famous works were composed including *The Great Boer War*, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, *The Adventures of Gerard*, *The Return of Sherlock Holmes* and *Sir Nigel*.

Marino and Victoria Alvarez
August 23, 2012

VJ and MCA at Undershaw



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Placard giving the history of Undershaw

- Marino and Vicki were at Undershaw in 2012 and again in 2016
- The former home of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- It was almost purchased by a contractor and made into an apartment building
- Local groups and Sherlockians worldwide joined forces to save Undershaw

Welcome to Undershaw.

The home of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle where he wrote many of his most famous *Sherlock Holmes* story's, including *The Hounds of the Baskervilles*. Undershaw came into being after a conversation Conan Doyle had with his friend, novelist Grant Allen, in 1895. Allen suffered from tuberculosis, the illness which left Conan Doyle's wife, Louise, an invalid for the last 15 years of her life. Allen apparently claimed the healthy air of Hindhead, in Surrey, England, cured him of tuberculosis.



Undershaw was subsequently built between 1895-1897 at a cost of approximately £8,000 for Conan Doyle and his family.

**Local society that led the way
in the preservation efforts.**

- Saved for all time
- Not a commercial rental building
- In line with Conan Doyle's ideas of education



Haslemere Train Station



VJ and MCA
Thanks to the Cab Driver
- a local resident -
for the lift to Undershaw



Taxi to Hindhead



Now and Then

Condition in 2012



Condition in 2016





Undershaw Front Entrance



Steps
Leading to
Front Door
Entrance



VJ – Grounds in Disrepair





No One Home



Side Entrance

Sad to witness such a historical residence in such a state.



A Work in Progress





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An impressive transformation