



### A MESSAGE FROM STEVE TELFORD CPRA CHAIR

We're announcing our general meeting so please save this date in your diary!

## CPRA Annual General Meeting Monday 16 May 7.30pm Chester Golf Club

Our strength lies in getting as many local residents engaged as possible so that we can truly reflect the ideas and aspirations of our local community.

You won't be persuaded against your better judgement to join the committee, even though we'll give you a free glass of wine to relax any inhibitions ...

There'll be plenty of local activities to discuss (from the varied social events or the

potential introduction of a 20mph speed limit to liaison with Chester Racecourse) and we need your views on how well we're representing our community.

Fuller details of all our efforts can be found on our website [www.cpraonline.org](http://www.cpraonline.org) together with the CPRA constitution (go to Home, then Membership application).

**I look forward to seeing you on 16 May.**



## WE NEED YOU!

Three members of the current Management Committee have served their time (it's only a 3-year stretch!) so we need volunteers to replace them.

Most importantly we must have somebody to fill the post of Treasurer.

It's not an arduous task and you don't have to have accountancy skills to do what needs to be done.

If you're interested and would like to know more before putting your hand up, please contact our outgoing Treasurer, Edward Shiu on 01244 639786 or email [Treasurer@cpraonline.org](mailto:Treasurer@cpraonline.org).

In addition, our rules require that the Management Committee represents a balance of residents from different parts of Curzon Park.

This year, in addition to a Treasurer, we particularly need people from Curzon Park North, Dingle Bank, Curzon Close, Westfield Close or The Serpentine (Constituency 1) to restore the balance.

**SO DON'T BE SHY  
- COME AND JOIN US AND  
BE PART OF THE TEAM.**

**FIND OUT WHY IT'S  
IMPORTANT TO BE A  
MEMBER OF CPRA ON PAGE 3.**

## EVENTS



### *The Dorothy Clive Garden & Abbeywood Estate*

*Wednesday 25 May – departs 9.30am*

**Join us on a memorable trip to the Dorothy Clive Garden on the Shropshire/Cheshire border, just an hour away from Chester.**

The garden is intimate, informal and inspiring with many areas of diverse interest within its 12 acre site, including its Laburnum Arch.

There is a designated wheelchair/disabled access route in the garden so all visitors can enjoy fair and equal access wherever possible, although its hillside location makes accessibility more difficult in some areas of the garden.

Coffee and/or lunch can be enjoyed in the tearoom.

On the way back to Chester we plan to call in at the Abbeywood Estate, near Delamere, where there are 6 acres of informal and formal Gardens to enjoy, as well as stunning views of the Utkinton Hills. Refreshments can also be purchased in the Garden Café.

The cost is **£20 per person**, which includes entry to both the Dorothy Clive Garden and the Abbeywood Estate and coach travel (departing Curzon Park at 9.30 am).

To avoid disappointment, book as soon as possible but no later than Wednesday 4 May.

**Further details from Jacky Arrowsmith on 677266 or Christine Hughes on 679592 or email [socials@cpraonline.org](mailto:socials@cpraonline.org)**



## EVENTS

### Rosie's Plant Sale

Saturday 7 May,  
from 2 – 4 pm  
65 Curzon Park  
South

A variety of plants will be on offer including flowers and shrubs, vegetables, fruit and herbs will be on offer – come along and grab a bargain!

Funds in aid of Thrombosis UK and CPRA. Donations of plants very welcome.

Further details from  
Martin Brown  
martinbrown@yahoo.co.uk  
or Liz Neeves  
lneeves@btinternet.com  
or Tel 07759 477750.



### Summer Evening Walk

Thursday 9 June, at 7pm

An opportunity to walk around the old Tram Route with enthusiast John Murray.

The walk starts at 7pm outside the Town Crier Public House opposite the Station and will take approx. 90 minutes.

Further details from  
John Bowyer on  
07887 688871  
or email  
secretary@cpraonline.org

### CPRA Coffee Morning

Monday 11 July  
at 10.30 am

### Chester Golf Club

The cost is **£3 per person**

Nigel Williams will be talking about his recent book, *The Dark Row Detective*, a light-hearted mystery set in the heart of Chester.

Assistance with transport to the Golf Club can be provided.

Further details from  
Liz Neeves on  
07759 477750.

## WALKING GROUPS



### WEEKEND WALKS

#### ERBISTOCK

Saturday 7 May

#### LLANDUDNO

Saturday 4 June

#### THURSTASTON

Saturday 2 July

Further details from John Jones-Pritchard  
on 07876 381652 or email  
weekendwalking@cpraonline.org

### MID-WEEK WALKS

#### FRODSHAM TO THE RIDGEWAY

Tuesday 17 May

#### ELLESMERE

Thursday 16 June

#### LLANDUDNO

Tuesday 12 July

Further details from Roksana Fennell  
on 07765 404186 or email  
midweekwalking@cpraonline.org

**DON'T FORGET  
TO VISIT THE  
WEBSITE!**

This is regularly updated with useful local information (not just Curzon Park!) and other items of interest – from historical pictures of Curzon Park, local history, information about the CPRA constitution, CPRA activities and – last but not least – previous copies of the CPRA newsletter.

**www.cpraonline.org**

For all things  
CPRA-related!

## UPDATE

### HIGHWAYS & OPEN SPACES (HW&OS) WORKING GROUP

The working group has been working hard on behalf of CPRA residents and has achieved some great results so far this year:

- Replacement of four damaged trees, new ones now planted.
- A rubbish bin placed by the seat near Overleigh Roundabout.
- A programme for clearing the Giant Hogweed (see below for more detail).
- Cleaning up of rubbish at the Dingle.
- Repainting of white lines along Curzon Park North entrance.

The HW&OS Working Group will continue to work for the residents of Curzon Park – if there is anything you'd like them to look into on your behalf, please contact Robert Gill at [robertgill777@btinternet.com](mailto:robertgill777@btinternet.com)

### Giant Hogweed

The Council is in the process of eradicating the Giant Hogweed plants that are currently growing along the river bank in various locations, at the bottom of the gardens of Curzon Park North residents' gardens.

Starting in April, conservation and wildlife protection agency, Ecological Land Management, will be spraying the plants with special chemicals designed to destroy them.

The work is part of the Dee Invasive Non-Native Species (DINNS) project, which is



## CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

A number of CPRA members recently took part in "Clean for the Queen" – a litter-picking initiative in honour of the Queen's upcoming 90th birthday.



Pictured above, left to right, are volunteers Jacky Arrowsmith, Ann King, PCSO Fox, Eileen Jack (organiser Alistair Jack was behind the camera, taking the photo!) taking a well-earned coffee break from cleaning up the Dingle – from where they collected five bags of rubbish.

So far, Alistair has been doing this on a regular basis on his own. He now has a list of volunteers he can call on for the next clean up – but more volunteers are always welcome.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Alastair on 07973 702858 or email [alistair-jack@tstnet.co.uk](mailto:alistair-jack@tstnet.co.uk)



aiming to eradicate non-native species from the Dee catchment area and is a joint partnership between North Wales Wildlife Trust, Natural Resources Wales, Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Natural England and Cheshire West and Chester Council.



### More about Curzon Park Residents' Association

- ✓ The CPRA was formed in January 2008.
- ✓ It has an elected Management Committee drawn from various parts of the area.
- ✓ Membership is open to all Curzon Park residents and those who own property here.
- ✓ We currently have two working groups, which cover Social Events; and Highways and Open Spaces.

### Why it's important to be a member of CPRA

- ✓ The more members we have, the stronger our voice in dealing with the council and other authorities who affect our lives here (for example planning, transport routes, utilities companies, highways and tree maintenance).
- ✓ If we have your email address, you will also receive occasional emails about various matters of interest, including security alerts, local planning issues, and local meetings and consultation.
- ✓ You'll be supporting your local community, and making new friends!

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

### Police

Crime/Incident Reporting

Non-Emergency **101**

Emergency  
(including culprits at the scene) **999**

[www.cheshire.police.uk](http://www.cheshire.police.uk)

### Police Community Support Officer

[Christopher.fox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Christopher.fox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

### Community Safety

For advice about home security see  
[www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/home-safety-and-security/](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/home-safety-and-security/)

### Cheshire West and Chester Council

[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

### Local Councillors

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Cllr Neil Sullivan **01244 671099**  
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General enquiries **0300 123 8123**  
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[chester.waste@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:chester.waste@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)



## DIARY DATES 2016

### May

- Plant sale at 65 CPS   
Saturday 7 May | 2-4pm
- AGM at Chester Golf Club  
Monday 16 May, | 7.30pm
- Trip to Dorothy Clive Garden and Abbeywood Estate   
Wednesday 25 May


### June

- Summer Evening Walk  
Thursday 9 June | 7 pm

### July

- Coffee morning at Chester Golf Club   
Monday 11 July | 10.30am
- No 84 bus tour (Tarvin/Tarporley)

### August

- CwaC Recycling Centre Visit   
(suitable for children)

### September

- CPRA Annual Dinner  
Wednesday 14 September



## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

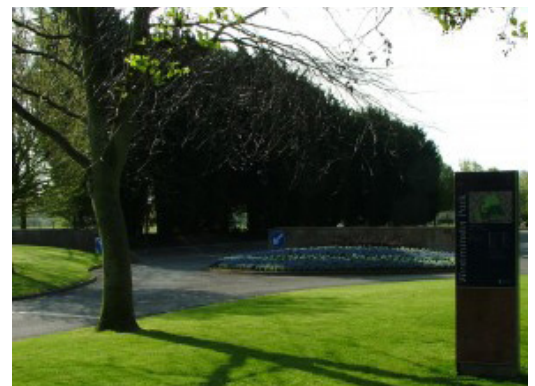
Would you be interested in joining a small ad hoc music group for our next Carols on the Green?

*Monday  
19 December 2016*

If so, please contact Liz Neeves on 07759 477750 or email [socials@cpraonline.org](mailto:socials@cpraonline.org) as soon as possible, but not later than 30 April.

We appreciate that you might not be able to commit yourself to the 19 December so early in the year, but we would still like to hear from you if you are interested in joining the music group.

*Don't forget to follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram*



## FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER PARK

Discussions are continuing with Cheshire West and Chester Council about park maintenance and catching up with a backlog of repairs.

The overall quality of the park and its enjoyment by a wide cross-section of the local community remain very high and continuing attention to outstanding issues will help the park to retain its position as a premier sporting and recreation location.

Meanwhile all the clubs that meet in the park are continuing to thrive and offer a wide range of activities for all ages and abilities. There is something for everyone – make the most of it during the coming spring and summer!

For more information, visit the FOWP website:  
<http://www.westminsterpark.org.uk/>



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