



Welcome to the summer edition of the CPRA newsletter.

We've got some great forthcoming events lined up for you over the next few months, and lots of other interesting local news and information. We hope you like it.

If you have ideas for articles or other types of information you'd like to see here, please email newsletter@cpraonline.org. Happy reading!



Weekend walking group at Thurstaston Common on the Wirral.

WALKING GROUPS

WEEKEND WALKS

CHIRK Saturday 6 August

BUNBURY Saturday 3 September

LLANFERRES Saturday 1 October

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

MID-WEEK WALKS

NO WALK in August

DUKE'S DRIVE AND THE MEADOWS
Tuesday 13 September

ERDDIG October (tbc)

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

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



CPRA Annual Dinner

Come along and enjoy a relaxing meal with your neighbours and take the opportunity to introduce new residents to our Curzon Park community.

WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2016
7pm for 7.30pm at Chester Golf Club

Tickets £30. Further details from Liz Neeves on 07759 477750/Steve Telford 07976 712339 or email socials@cpraonline.org

Traditional menu with main courses to include a choice of red meat, white meat, fish and vegetarian.

Residents wishing to sit with a group of friends should purchase their tickets 'en bloc' (please provide the names of all those attending).

➤ **Places are limited, and this event is always extremely popular – so if you'd like tickets, don't delay!**

Recycle First Education Centre Tour

THURSDAY 18 AUGUST

Tour starts 10.30am

Duration approx two hours



➤ **Come and have a tour around a real working recycling depot and find out what happens to your recycling once it is collected from your homes.**

If you would like to have a look around the depot, see the recycling vehicles in action and learn a little more about what materials get recycled into, then book your place on the upcoming visit. Please note, the maximum group size is 30 people – and the minimum age allowed for children is 7 years old. So if you're interested – don't delay, book your place today!

For details, contact John Jones-Pritchard (jjp2@live.co.uk). John will also be arranging travel (probably by carshare).



Garden Visits

Our visit in May to the Dorothy Clive Garden and the Abbeywood Estate provided us with lots of ideas for our own gardens, and many of us aim to get back to the Abbeywood Estate again soon to see how their young and exciting garden is developing (not to mention their excellent catering).

We are planning a pre-Christmas visit (inc lunch) to Arley Hall, near Northwich. The provisional date is 7 December and there will be more details in the October newsletter. Rest assured, we have not been put off by our last trip (travel delays and cool, damp weather!) and we hope you haven't, especially those of you who came for the first time!



Meet your new CPRA committee members

For those of you who weren't able to make the recent AGM, we have some new committee members to introduce you to.

Edward Shiu, treasurer, stepped down after his three-year tenure, in accordance with our constitution. In his place, please welcome **Viv Devlin**, who will be managing the purse strings for the CPRA committee going forward.

In addition, **Maurice Terry** and **Anton Hunt** have joined the committee. All other committee members remain the same.



Viv Devlin

"Second time living in Earlsway, latest stint 16 years. Full-time mum, married with three teenage boys"



Maurice Terry

"I am delighted to rejoin the Committee. I was one of the founder members of CPRA and served as Treasurer in the early years. CPRA has flourished and established itself. I hope to be able to help it grow and become even more effective.."



Anton Hunt

"Lived in Curzon Park for 12 years, married with three children. 45 year old solicitor based in Liverpool. Keen cyclist."

CPRA needs your help!

If you weren't able to attend the AGM, but would like to get involved in the CPRA, we need the following people:

SOCIAL WORKING GROUP

We need people to join this group and help plan and organise the events we put on for CPRA residents. It won't take up too much of your time and it's a great way to get to know other Curzon Park residents. Basically – you get to decide all the fun stuff that we do!

If you're interested, contact Liz Neeves for more details L.neeves@btinternet.com

REPRESENTATIVE FOR ZONE 1

We had representatives for zone 1 previously, but with the resignations of Jim Shapton and Edward Shiu, we no longer have any representation for this area.

If you'd like to step up and join our CPRA committee as a representative for zone 1, contact chairman@cpraonline.org for more details.

CPRA GOES DIGITAL!



Phil Mole, talks about his role developing social media for CPRA.

“ I'm the 'Under 39' representative for CPRA and when I joined the association back in May 2015, one of the first activities I wanted to help with was to bring CPRA into the digital era! Of course, that involved getting the residents' association on to Social Media.

Working with a couple of the other residents, we've set up CPRA on Facebook (see Curzon Park Residents Association) and Twitter (see @CPRAChester) and currently have 26 'likes' and 10 followers, respectively.

So we've achieved the first step in our social journey; however, our next step is to increase the audience we have! As you'll know, the broader the reach of social media, the more powerful a tool it is. So we'd like to try and strengthen our presence on Facebook and Twitter, but need your help to do so. We are seeing a great increase in the number of new views to our Facebook and Twitter pages, but want to encourage more activity – this is where you come in! So, spread the word;

Don't just view; follow, like and retweet too! ”

If you've any ideas on how to increase awareness of the residents' association presence in social media, please let us know by posting your suggestions on our pages or drop a mail to the central address at cpraonline@gmail.com

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



Curzon Park Residents' Association



@CPRAChester



CPRA Chester

www.cpraonline.org

For all things CPRA-related!

The website 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.

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Technology Enlightenment & Challenge Hub (TECH)

- > WOULD YOU LOVE TO USE A PC, TABLET OR SMARTPHONE BUT BELIEVE IT'S TOO LATE TO PICK UP THE NEW TECHNOLOGY?
- > WOULD YOU LIKE TO SKYPE WITH YOUR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN OR FRIENDS FROM FAR AWAY?
- > ARE YOU CONFUSED BY EMAILS OR SPREADSHEETS?
- > ARE YOU FRIGHTENED TO OPERATE YOUR LAPTOP?

We are looking to set up a **CPRA "Tech" group** which will provide you with the opportunity and expertise to learn about all kinds of computing technology and get a chance to practice on it in a safe environment.

If you'd be interested in attending or getting involved please contact Steve Telford on 07976 712339 or via e-mail (Steve.Telford@TrailServices.co.uk).

VERGES AND HEDGES TO BE PROUD OF!

We are all very proud to live in such a green area as Curzon Park, but for a number of years there has been a lot of discussion on the maintenance of the Verges and Hedges. Working with our CWaC liaison representative and local councillors, we have now put together the following guidelines for residents.



VERGES

CWaC guidance:

- No bricks, rocks etc. must be placed on the verges (liability issue)
- If building work damages the verges, then the house owner is responsible for ensuring the verge is repaired appropriately
- It is illegal to drive on the verge (though, paradoxically, for vehicles less than 7.5 tonnes, it's not to illegal to park on them!). If damage is caused by parking on a verge, and witnessed, you can be required to pay for making good the damage.
- If any resident spots poor grass maintenance by the CWaC contractors, please report this to the Council (Streetscene). This can be done quickly and easily by visiting the CWaC website: www.westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk. Alternatively, the SMYLE smartphone App can be downloaded from your App Store and used to report any issues on the go.
- White posts have been installed by CWaC at some locations within the Curzon Park area (for example, at the top of Earlsway near the junction with Curzon Park North). These posts have been installed

because there was damage to the verge and it was likely that this damage would continue to be caused. Further posts may be installed at a householder request (e.g. on Curzon Park South) provided that CWaC is convinced there is already significant damage to the verge and an on-going threat of damage. The householder will be responsible for covering the costs.

- The Council understands that residents take pride in their local areas and therefore generally turns a blind eye to householders who maintain the verge outside their house.
- Residents must not plant shrubs or other plants in the verge outside their house. In some instances, trees can be planted if utility equipment will not be affected but a License must be obtained first.
- There is a possible option of putting up signs about not parking on verges, (as is the case in Lache Park Avenue) but CWaC would have to make a permanent traffic order. Residents would need to have the support of local Ward Councillors and funding would have to be sought by the resident(s) to fund the order and resulting signs.

HEDGES

- For various reasons, some residents allow the hedges and trees on their properties to overhang onto the footpath. This causes a significant problem to some of the more vulnerable footpath users – particularly wheelchair users, older people, people pushing pushchairs and children. When an overhanging hedge or tree is reported to the Council and a site inspection reveals there to be a problem with a hedge encroaching onto the footpath, in the first instance a notice will be sent to the appropriate household (outside of the bird nesting season).
- If no action is taken by the householder within 28 days, CWaC will send a second letter. If the householder still does not respond or take action, a notice is sent. If no subsequent action is taken by the householder, CWaC will undertake work to cut the hedge or tree back to the boundary of the property and may recover the costs from the householder.
- CWaC is undertaking a survey in Curzon Park to assess the current situation with regard to overhanging greenery.
- If CWaC assesses there is a problem with a hedge encroaching onto the footpath, in the first instance a notice will be sent to the appropriate household towards the end of August (outside of the bird nesting season).



USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Police

Crime/Incident Reporting

Non-Emergency **101**

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

www.cheshire.police.uk

Police Community Support Officer

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/

Cheshire West and Chester Council

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Local Councillors

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General enquiries 0300 123 8123
enquiries@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Waste Collection, Litter 0300 123 7026
chester.waste@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk



COMMUNITY SAFETY Update from PCSO Fox

DON'T GIVE WORK TO WORKMEN WHO CALL 'DOOR TO DOOR'

I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents once again not to give work to workmen who call door to door. I am told it is a regular occurrence for workmen to visit householders offering to do roofing, guttering or gardening work cheaply, as they are already working in the area.

Residents are taking an unnecessary risk by employing workmen in this way and my advice is to phone a reputable, recommended firm or individual if you require any work doing.

BE OBSERVANT

I also encourage residents to be observant around your local area and if you notice something you feel is suspicious, call us on 101.

There have been many occasions where a member of the public has phoned us with concerns about suspicious activity and the information we received has been incredibly useful to us in helping us deal with an issue.

On one notable occasion in Westminster Avenue, at the end of last year, a call from a vigilant neighbour resulted in offenders being arrested and charged for a burglary in the area. So – please be alert!

Thank you for helping to keep the area safe.

Chris

PCSO Chris Fox



Chester tramways walk

Back in June, guide John Murray took a small group of people on a tour to explore the routes of the old Chester tram network.

The tour started at the top of City Road, where the remnants of the original track that used to lead into the tram shed can still be seen behind the Town Crier. On the other side of what is now Tramways student accommodation, there are more sections, still set in their original cobbles at the entrance to the Tramways building.

One of the tour group commented: "Walking down City Road and along Foregate Street and Eastgate Street, John pointed out some rosettes – cast iron mounting points for supporting the overhead cables. You'd never notice them unless pointed out. John was a very enthusiastic and knowledgeable guide about tram systems in general."

For those who were interested but couldn't make it, stay tuned – he may do the walk again at a later date. In the meantime, there's an interesting leaflet on the CPRA website about the history of the Chester trams.



Pictured above is Car Street, off Station Road, Chester. Car Street leads to the old Bus Depot, that dates back to 1878 and was used in both the horse and tram days. There are still some cobbles and original narrow gauge tram-lines in the middle of the street.

DIARY DATES 2016

- **August**
Recycle First Education Centre
Thursday 18 August
- **September**
Annual Dinner
Wednesday 14 September
- **October**
Tarvin/Tarporley No 84 Bus Trip
Thursday 6 October

