



### Welcome to the October CPRA newsletter.

We've got our usual mix of upcoming activities and information for you as we head into winter. We hope you'll enjoy this edition; if you have any news, information or stories you'd like included in future editions, please email [newsletter@cpraonline.org](mailto:newsletter@cpraonline.org).

Happy reading!

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Carols on the Green



**Monday 19 December 2016 6-7.15pm**  
At Greensway/Northway

Many of you will have attended this event in previous years and we like to think it gets better each year.

The music this year will be provided by our very own CPRA Residents Ensemble ... who knew we had such talented musicians on our doorstep!

**Join us and get into the Christmas spirit!**



Music,  
mulled wine,  
mince pies &  
hot chocolate!



### Arley Hall and Gardens

Thursday 8 December 2016

This year's pre-Christmas garden trip will be to Arley Hall and Gardens, where we'll be able to enjoy their Christmas Floral Extravaganza before having lunch in The Gardener's Kitchen. Each room of the hall will be decorated by floristry colleges and florists with hundreds of fresh flowers and foliage from the Arley Gardens in a traditional and stunning style.

The total cost for the trip is £35, which includes travel, entry to Arley Hall and gardens, a two-course lunch with glass of wine and staff gratuities. We plan to depart Curzon Park at **9.30am** and return by approximately **4.30pm**.

If you require help to participate in this trip, eg wheelchair hire or help with accessing the coach or Arley Hall, do let us know.

**Contact Christine Hughes on 679592 or Jacky Arrowsmith on 677266 to book your place as soon as possible, but no later than 18 November. Early booking is advised, as numbers are limited.**

### CPRA Coffee Morning

Chris Clayton, our visiting speaker looks into The Roodee.

It's the oldest racecourse still in use in England, with horse racing dating back to the early sixteenth century. It is also thought to be the smallest racecourse of significance in England, at 1 mile and 1 furlong long.

Come along to the coffee morning where he will provide us with interesting historical facts about this special area of land on our doorstep.

**Assistance with transport can be provided, telephone Liz Neeves on 07759 477750.**



### WALKING GROUPS

#### WEEKEND WALKS

**PORT SUNLIGHT COUNTRY PARK, LED BY JIM Saturday 5 November**

**LIVERPOOL CENTRAL, INCLUDING CHINATOWN, LED BY CHARLES AND YVONNE Saturday 3 December**

**NESTON, LED BY JOHN AND CHRISTINE Saturday 7 January 2017**

#### MID-WEEK WALKS

The Mid-Week Walking Group will be restarting its programme of walks in the New Year. Further information available from Liz Neeves 07759 477750 or [midweekwalking@cpraonline.org](mailto:midweekwalking@cpraonline.org)

## Liaison with Chester Racecourse

Many of our residents have a strong interest in the activities on the Chester Racecourse, particularly those whose properties overlook the Roodee. Since the formation of CPRA there has been a strong desire to ensure the Racecourse company (CRC) take into account our interests and concerns.

Over recent years, CRC has established a Community Liaison Committee, which comprises representatives from the various residents' groups that can be impacted by its activities. The minutes of all the Community Liaison meetings plus other related information (e.g. on Racecourse activity and its impacts) are published on the CPRA website.

If you have any questions on any of the above, please contact the CPRA Chairman (Steve Telford) via [Chairman@CPRAonline.org](mailto:Chairman@CPRAonline.org) or 07976 712339.

### RECENT TOPICS...

- unruly behaviour by race-goers after meetings (which has led to the ban on alcohol being taken onto the racecourse and increased police/warden patrols)
- dog fouling (which has led to improved signage and more waste bins in strategic locations as well as discussions on CCTV surveillance and warden patrols)
- growth of the tented village (which will be dismantled for the winter by the end of Oct until the new racing season)
- noise pollution (which has led to much closer monitoring by CRC and independent consultants and the recognition of the need for the publication of emergency contacts for each event in case of issues)
- opening up of the Riverside Walk archway during race days (current position is that CRC will work with Network Rail, the owners of the archway who are concerned about it becoming a public Right of Way, to minimise the number of days it is closed).

## Get the most out of your local Westminster Park

Westminster Park has had yet another successful summer, which you will have seen if you are a regular visitor. The autumn colours are at their best just now, and the park has just been awarded a Green Flag quality mark, for the fifth time, so look out for coverage in the local press.

Details of all clubs and park users are on the FOWP website at <http://www.westminsterpark.org.uk/>

The Friends of Westminster Park are always keen for local residents to join. Wide membership from local residents gives a much stronger voice when talking to the Council and other funding bodies.

### Interested in joining?

It costs just £2 a year. Please give your name, address and email to the Treasurer at 123 Hough Green, Chester CH4 8JW.

People often ask about donating seats in memory of residents, park users and family. The Friends of Westminster Park would be very pleased to provide guidance and support for this.



## SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

from Phil Mole,  
CPRA under 39 representative



The CPRA Management Committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Following my last article, we've seen an increased presence on social, now having 43 'likes' for our Facebook page and 16 followers on Twitter! We're also seeing an increase in the number of posts and engagement on our pages, which is really encouraging and great to see. Here's a quick illustration of our social media journey, to date...

But as with anything, it can always get better! As you can see, when we draw attention to our social pages, via meetings or publications, it increases awareness of our presence and encourages participation, which in turn strengthens our position. I wonder how long it will take us to get to 60 Facebook 'likes' and 25 Twitter followers?

**So – spread the word and encourage your friends and family members to get involved. Remember; “Don’t just view; follow, like and retweet too”!**



Curzon Park  
Residents' Association

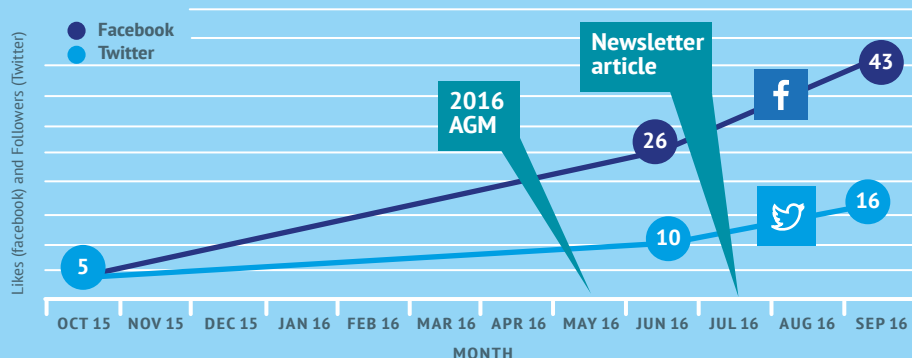


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### CPRA Social Media Activity



## Sunflower Challenge

Carrick Road resident, Richard Jones, gave his neighbour, Nan, some young sunflower plants. Her results were much better than his – with her tallest plant growing to over 4m tall and 34cm in diameter!

Richard, who is an engineer, calculated that the plant must have produced more than 2,000 sunflower seeds!

If you want to know how to calculate the number of seeds in your sunflower head, or would like to take part in a sunflower competition next summer, email [secretary@cpraonline.org](mailto:secretary@cpraonline.org)





## No.84 Bus Trip to Tarvin & Tarporley

**Trip organiser and CPRA committee member, John Bowyer, provided this update on the most recent CPRA outing:**

"On a lovely sunny autumn day in October, a couple of us arrived in Tarvin, courtesy of the No 84 bus. First stop: the outside walls of St. Andrew's church, for evidence of bullet holes where POWs from the Civil War were shot. Sure enough, there were quite a few holes. The church was locked so we couldn't look inside. The building next to the church was Tarvin Grammar school, built in the early 1600s and closed in 1939. It was restored in 1997 and now used as parish rooms. There is a plaque on the wall which refers to its inclusion in the Doomsday Book of 1086.

We did a quick lap of the High Street, then into Jessop's Deli for an excellent pot of coffee, followed by the bus to Tarporley. The High Street has a very interesting mix of shops, with the Old Fire Station

and Chocolate Shop being favourites with visitors. The most prominent building, at the north end of the village (which I thought was the Manor House), is Salters Well House. Built in 1783 next to Salters Well (now dry), it was used as a refreshment stop for men and pack horses transporting salt from Nantwich to Chester. The building is just at the end of a refurbishment and looks in much better shape than when I last saw it a year or so ago.

Talking of refreshment – it was time to try some of the pubs in the village. The most recent addition is called the Little Tap, an excellent bar/bistro with three cask ales available, plus wines and craft beers. We then worked our way along the street to the Rising Sun, Swan Hotel, and finally the Forrester's Arms – sampling different beers in each. It was back to the Little Tap for a final beer before catching the bus back to Chester. All in all, a thoroughly good day out!

## RECYCLING CENTRE VISIT DEFINITELY NOT A 'WASTE' OF TIME...

The Recycling First outing in August was attended by 15 members and began with a presentation that explained about current recycling processes, including topics such as how waste items are sorted.

Organiser John Jones-Pritchard commented: "We were then taken to see the bin lorries being unloaded, followed by an entertaining talk on the extent of all types of food waste, and some unusual ideas on how to minimise waste. The actual processing of the different categories of waste takes place elsewhere within the region, so it was a shame we couldn't actually witness this, but it was a great day out and we all learnt a lot," he added.

**Sounds like fun?**

Watch out for similar outings, which we'll tell you about in the CPRA newsletter.

## CPRA Dinner

On a beautiful September evening, over 50 residents enjoyed a relaxing meal at Chester Golf Club.

As well as an opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours, £77 was raised for CPRA funds.



We are very grateful to the generosity of local businesses who provided us with raffle prizes:

**FLIGHT CENTRE CHESTER**

**THE SHIP INN, HANDBRIDGE**

**GROSVENOR GARDEN CENTRE**

**S J BEBBINGTON, BUTCHERS OF CHESTER**

Many thanks to Lance and his catering staff at Chester Golf Club for providing us with excellent cuisine and service, and to Sue and Kevin for making us so welcome.

## CHESTER GOLF CLUB

Chester Golf Club is a members' club for golfers, but social membership is available and there are cabarets, quiz nights, dinners and other events throughout the year.

Are you planning a night out for Christmas maybe?

See [www.chestergolfclub.co.uk](http://www.chestergolfclub.co.uk)





## 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

### 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

CLlr Razia Daniels **01244 312392**

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CLlr Neil Sullivan

**01244 671099**

[neil.sullivan@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:neil.sullivan@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

### General enquiries

**0300 123 8123**

[enquiries@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

### Waste Collection, Litter

**0300 123 7026**

[chester.waste@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:chester.waste@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

## COMMUNITY SAFETY Update from PCSO Fox



I would like to warn people about becoming the victim of phone frauds. I have recently heard about a case where a member of the public has had a large amount of money taken from their account after allowing someone access to their internet banking. Usually a caller will claim they are from the fraud team of BT or a bank and claim that they need access to your bank accounts as someone is trying to take money from your account. No bank or telecom company will ever phone you and ask you for any of your passwords or banking details. Please don't ever give your personal details to anyone.

The Halloween and Bonfire Period is generally a busy time for the Police as there can be an increase in youth anti-social behaviour. We are doing presentations in schools to try and encourage youths to enjoy Halloween and Bonfire night in the right way and not in a way that will cause issues for the local communities. Please call 101 if you experience any issues around this period, eg eggs being thrown or youths behaving inappropriately, so we can get patrols out to areas experiencing problems.

Please remember if you have any issues the Police and the local Councillors hold the following **Surgeries** on the **first Saturday of every month**:

Chester Street, **Saltney** outside the Post Office **9.00-10.15**

**Westminster Park Shops 10.30-11.45**

**Handbridge** Dee Bridge opposite the Ship Inn **12.00-13.00**

*Chris*  
PCSO Chris Fox

You can email Chris at  
[Christopher.fox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Christopher.fox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

## Recommendations for trades people



The CPRA committee is often asked to recommend trades people.

We've discussed this at length, and for various reasons, it wouldn't be appropriate for us as a committee to provide recommendations.

Instead, if you're after a recommendation, why not ask the question of other residents, via the CPRA Facebook page and Twitter? That way, it's up to individuals to respond to any requests.

**For all the latest information, go to the CPRA Facebook page and/or find us on Twitter.**

## Become a member of CPRA

There are lots of reasons to join, and many benefits of being a member...

- 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).
- It's a way of supporting your local community, and make new friends!
- 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.

There is no annual fee for membership, but you may want to make a **small donation of £2, £5, or £10**. Some members make one-off or occasional donations to help cover newsletter costs.

You can join online at <https://cpraonline.wordpress.com/membership-application/>, or make a cheque payable to CPRA, or use our bank details for regular donations:

**Bank** NatWest, 33 Eastgate St, Chester, CH1 1LG  
**Account name** Curzon Park Residents Association  
**Sort Code** 60 40 08. **Acct No** 32916922

## YOUR STREETS

Update from Yvonne Foley, CPRA committee member for Highways and Open Spaces

If you have a complaint or need your street lights repaired, for example – then go to <http://www.westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk/> and you will be able to log your complaint or issue.

There are sections to report graffiti, litter, tree problems, litter bin problems and many other items and a map that will aid you in pinpointing the area of concern. When reporting a problem, it's always helpful if you can provide a photograph.

## PARKING REMINDER

Following the article in our last issue on Verges and Hedges, we would like to remind residents that parking on verges (for example in Curzon Park South or Curzon Park North) is not permitted at any time when there are parking constraints in place as indicated by single or double yellow lines next to the kerb.

## DIARY DATES 2016

### November

- **CPRA Coffee Morning at Chester Golf Club**  
Monday 7 November

### December

- **Arley Hall and Gardens**  
Thursday 8 December
- **Carols on the Green**  
Monday 19 December