

Curzon Park Residents' Association

Dear Resident

It is now almost exactly one year since the first case of COVID-19 was reported in the UK. The last 12 months have certainly been challenging at times, but they have also highlighted the true strength and kindness of people and our community. Cases remain high and our hospitals are still under significant pressures, however, with vaccinations now underway, hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel. Sunnier days will soon be upon us, but in the meantime, stay safe and look after each other.

Mike Davies Chairman

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FROM YOUR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION?

Last year pretty much put a stop to all the usual CPRA activities, but hopefully in the near future life will return to normal. With that in mind, we've compiled a questionnaire to find out your views about future activities and ways forward for 2021 (see 'Have your say' below). In the meantime, we thought it would be useful to include some information about CPRA in this newsletter in case any of you are new to the area.

Your CPRA – the facts:

- Everyone in the area receives a newsletter through their door
- If you send us your email, we can keep you updated on a number of topics such as local events and information (see below for examples)
- We have 330 residents' emails...just over half of the residents
- There's no charge to be a member, but donations to CPRA are appreciated to help with running costs. Details of how you can donate listed overleaf—the amount is up to you
- CPRA comprises a management committee and working groups. Visit the CPRA website https://cpraonline.org/curzon-park/ for more information on how it is organised and for information about Curzon Park over the years.



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Newsletter

Bringing you news of all things Curzon Park

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND CURZON PARK

Spring Scarecrow



We thought it would be fun on our local walks to be able to spot some scarecrows or spring characters. This could be our very own scarecrow trail.

We could try and make our creations following the principles of the three Rs: Reuse, Recycle and Reduce. Let your imagination run riot!

Please send in photos of your creations by Sunday 14 March (include your name, address and the character's name) to: cpraonline@gmail.com

Local Photographs

We would love to see your photos of signs of spring...maybe taken on your local walk.

Send your photos to: cpraonline@gmail.com



Curzon Park Tidy Up

It's that time of year again where we ask our residents for help in tidying up the area in preparation for spring. Due to COVID restrictions, we're following government guidelines and not arranging any group initiatives at this time. As a way of contributing to the community, we'd like to ask for your support in keeping areas in front of your house tidy. For example pick up litter, trim the grass verge, cut your hedge so it doesn't restrict pavement access, etc. It's these little things that, as a collective group of residents, help keep Curzon Park tidy.



If/when Lockdown restrictions are removed, what events would you like to see CPRA organise? We've put together a short survey where you can share your views.

Visit www.cpraonline.org to complete the survey online (the survey is on the home page). Please note – the survey closes on 15 February, so make sure you respond before then.

If you don't have access to a computer, please contact Deanne Garratt on 01244 674347 to request a paper copy.



EXAMPLES OF CPRA EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Here are some examples of CPRA events and activities:

- Distributes information from CWaC.
- Organises social events and activities eg Carols on the Green, quizzes, dinner at the golf club, day trips, walking groups.
- COVID-safe neighbourhood events eg VE day celebrations, Kerbside Carols, Next Generation Lockdown Art Exhibition, sunflower competition and Plant Swap.

MAKING A DONATION TO CPRA

If you'd like to make a donation to CPRA, our account details are below. There's no set amount – any donations gratefully received.

Account Name: Curzon Park Residents Association

Account Number: 32916922 **Sort Code:** 60-40-08

Bank: National Westminster Bank Plc

Please use the first line of your address as reference.

HIGHWAYS UPDATE FROM DAVID MILLER

David Miller, our Highways representative, submitted a number of concerns and questions on behalf of residents to Councillor Razia Daniels in October 2020. The main concerns were:

- Hedgerows encroaching onto pathways
- Low/overhanging trees along pathways
- Uneven pathways
- Speeding traffic within certain areas of Curzon Park
- Clogged drains leading to areas of localised flooding
- Managing pavement parking/parking on grass verges
- The new LED streetlights

If you would like to read the full list of issues and the Council responses, please visit the CPRA website. We have set up a separate page for this **www.cpraonline/highways-updates**.

David will continue to chase responses and follow-up actions where necessary, and we'll keep you updated in future editions of this newsletter. If you have any other concerns, please email CPRA.

CHESTER CROQUET CLUB TASTER DAY

Please come along to the taster day on Saturday 17 April.

To book a place or to find out more please call Sally Slater on 01244 677 645.

www.chestercroquet.club

I-SPY AROUND CURZON PARK

With Spring on the way we will make an I-Spy card featuring some of the flowers and animals around Curzon Park.

We will publish the card on the website at the end of February.



If you'd like a paper copy of the card please get in touch with Deanne on 01244 674347.