

RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER

Formation of a Residents' Association

Welcome to the first edition of the *Curzon Park Residents' Association* Newsletter. I hope you find it interesting and informative.

Several areas of Chester have had residents' associations for a while and it was felt by many in Curzon Park that our interests should also be represented by one. I am sure many of you were aware of, and attended, the open meeting which was held at the Golf Club late last year where there was great enthusiasm for the idea. Things have moved forward rapidly since then and we are already making progress in a number of areas.

As you will read overleaf, we have several working groups which have been created with the intention of addressing specific issues. If you have any concerns which you feel the residents' association may be able to assist with, please contact us. A list of our aims, and lots more information, can be found on our website www.cpraonline.org

I do hope that you find time to become involved with the Association. We can only function well and effectively, and make our voice heard, if we have a large, lively and active membership.



We do not aim to represent any political view; just that of the residents of Curzon Park, all of whom are eligible for free membership. If you have not yet joined and wish to do so, or make a small donation towards our running costs, please contact the Secretary, or log on to our website and use the links.

Chris Pilsbury, CPRA Chairman

STOP PRESS!

Chester Race Company unveils its plans for the future and applies for wider licence

To attend a public presentation this Tuesday 26th February at 6pm at the County Stand, Chester Racecourse, contact Ed Gretton by email on egretton@chester-races.com or telephone 01244 304600.

The deadline for objections to the licence is 6th March – see the CPRA website, www.CPRAonline.org for details.

Joining The CPRA

We hope you will feel able to support the Association by completing the attached membership form and returning it to the Secretary, Liz Neeves, at 22 Carrick Road. **Membership is FREE!**

Please indicate on the back of the membership form which (if any) of the Working Groups (see overleaf) you would be interested in becoming either actively involved in or put in touch with.

CPRA Website

www.CPRAonline.org

The website is intended to serve as a 'one stop shop' for Curzon Park residents and also people who live in and around Chester.

It currently contains:

- Further info about CPRA
- Details on Curzon Park itself
- An Event Calendar
- Management Committee info
- Maps, Polls, Pictures & Blogs
- Working Group further details
- Minutes, Agendas and News
- Discussion Forums
- Contact the CPRA
- Useful links to related sites

Please visit and **bookmark** the site as it is constantly updated!

Working Groups To Promote & Co-ordinate Action

1) Highways & Open Spaces

Coordinator - Andrea Segrave

The objective of this working group is to effectively liaise and influence decision making and action by the Council and other public bodies, in respect of those areas of Curzon Park within the 'Public Realm' - i.e. all those spaces not owned by households outside the parameters of our own properties that we all share. Priority aspects currently identified are: the 'gateway' to Curzon Park, Dingle Bridge, grass verges, roads, footpaths, street 'furniture', trees, lighting and parking. We need your help to improve our local environment, so assistance / expertise in any of these areas will be greatly appreciated!

2) Racecourse Issues

Coordinator - Simon Parrington

With the encouragement and support of the City Council, the Chester Race Company is implementing a policy of developing the Roodee as a general entertainment venue. There is progressive change in the way the open land and the racecourse buildings are being used and this has serious long-term implications for the whole of Curzon Park, not just for those who live closest. CPRA will provide a focal point for concerns and will engage with the Race Company, the local authority and other interested parties to protect our communal interests.

3) Community Safety

Coordinator - Liz Neeves

Do you sometimes experience anti-social behaviour? Are there cases of graffiti, excessive noise, littering or crime in your area? Would you like to revive the *Homewatch* (neighbourhood watch) scheme in your road? Have you attended Cheshire Police's regular Community Action Meetings? If so, you might be interested in joining this working group, which aims to improve Community Safety.

4) Publicity / Website / Newsletter / Admin

Coordinator - Howard Morgetroyd

This working group aims to promote the CPRA and Curzon Park itself, both within the boundaries of Curzon Park and further afield. The creation and maintenance of the CPRA website (www.CPRAonline.org), the production of CPRA newsletters (this being the first!) and wider publicity, such as liaising with local media and businesses, will all be managed through this forum. If you would like to help produce community briefings, submit articles or pictures for the newsletter / website or simply help promote Curzon Park, please contact us - we would love to hear from you.

5) Social Activities / Events / Neighbour Support

Coordinator - Jim Shapton

How do we build and sustain a sense of community in a neighbourhood that has no village pump, pub or community hall? We aim to provide a focal point for residents who wish either to give to the neighbourhood or to receive from it in terms of enhancing the quality of their own lives and the lives of those around them. To help newcomers settle in. To organise help for residents who, because of age, handicap or temporary circumstance, need assistance or just to see a friendly face from time to time. To make Curzon Park more sociable, with sports days, quiz nights, organised excursions or other just for fun activities. Please let us have your views as nothing can happen without your help.

For further details on any of the Working Groups, use the **Contact Us** page on the website or write to the CPRA direct, care of the *Secretary, Liz Neeves*, at 22 Carrick Road.

How YOU can Support the CPRA

Membership of the Association is FREE, however we hope residents will feel able to make a small donation of, say, between £1 and £5 to assist with the cost of printing, website etc, (we would hope to email as many residents as possible in future). It is intended to have a *PayPal* facility on the website, but in the meantime, donations should be paid by cash or cheque (payable to CPRA) please.