

# CPRA NEWSLETTER

Bringing you news of all things Curzon Park

March 2024

## INTRODUCTION

Dear Resident

As we head into Spring you'll see that Curzon Park is bedecked with daffodils, snowdrops and crocuses, the results of our planting just before Christmas.

It was a shame that we had to cancel Carols on The Green because of the severe weather, but we are planning a summer family picnic so watch this space for details.

This month I'm delighted to announce that the Coffee Mornings will be starting up in April - see opposite for details.

On page 2 I make a plea for new people to get involved with CPRA and set out some of the key benefits of having a Residents' Association.

Enjoy your March newsletter....

Best wishes  
Andrew Kendall  
CPRA Chair

## WALKING GROUPS

### WEEKEND WALKS

- 6 April
- 11 May
- 1 June

### MID-WEEK WALKS

- 9 March
- 20 April
- 11 May
- 15 June

All are weather dependant. To find out more please email [alisonella@btinternet.com](mailto:alisonella@btinternet.com) or call Jenny on 683814.



## COFFEE MORNING: MONDAY 8 APRIL

I am delighted to share the good news that we will be restarting the popular Coffee Mornings which were a staple of the social calendar before Covid struck.

The first of the new series will be held on 8 April from 10am until 12noon at the Golf Club.

It will be £2.50 per person for coffee and biscuits. The agenda at the moment is purely social.

We will update residents as to future Coffee Mornings via email, Facebook and this newsletter.



## CROQUET TASTER DAY: 21 APRIL



Do you fancy trying your hand at the great sport of croquet?

You are invited to the Taster Day taking place at Westminster Park on Sunday 21 April.

Sessions are :

- 9:30am to 12:30pm
- 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

No special ability is needed, just flat shoes, warm clothing and a desire to have a go.

To book a place or to find out more please get in touch with Sally Slater on 07711 374927 or [springboard\\_sally@hotmail.com](mailto:springboard_sally@hotmail.com)

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[www.chestercroquet.com](http://www.chestercroquet.com)

Please support the new mini golf and Green Day café in the park, now fully open and serving excellent refreshments

## THE BENEFITS OF HAVING A RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

We'd love for more residents to get involved in CPRA whether that's a formal role or getting involved in planning or delivering social events.

We wanted to take a few moments just to stress some of the benefits of having a Residents' Association.

At our Annual General Meeting in the Summer we'll be looking for some new people to fill critical roles. If people don't want to get involved we won't be able to run CPRA.



**We can bid for funding for Curzon Park**



**We have a stronger voice with the council**



**We keep residents up to date by email**



**We can put on social events for all**

## HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES UPDATE

### DINGLE PROJECT

We've been working with Chester Art College to design the Interpretation Boards, and we will soon be working with our Sign Maker to get these ready for production. The Council will approve the final designs.

The Biodiversity Survey has been completed and The Dingle itself is assessed as being in moderate condition. One recommendation from the Survey to introduce Bird & Bat Boxes, and we are meeting with the Council's Green Space Officer in March to consider this.

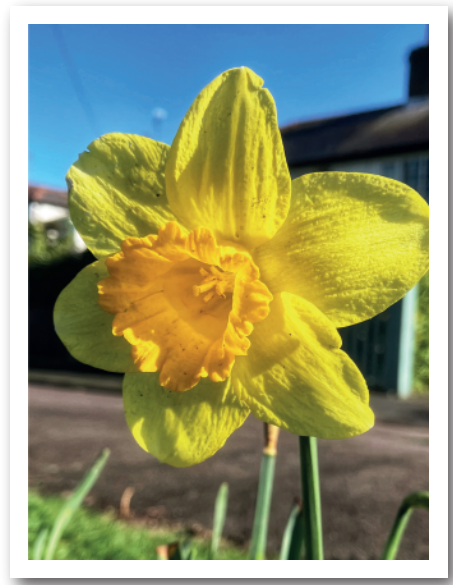
There have been reports of Fly Tipping and vandalism within the Dingle. A tree was set on fire with branches strewn across and blocking the Public Footpath. Both the Police and the Council have been informed.

### VERGES

As we leave Winter and approach Spring the damage to our verges becomes more visible. We appreciate everyone's efforts to maintain the verges which help make Curzon Park such a pleasant place to live. Where possible please ask visitors, delivery drivers, contractors to treat the verges kindly. We all end up paying for repairs through our Council Tax.

### BULB PLANTING

The daffodil bulbs we planted are already making an impressive display. For the first time, we also planted a number of snowdrops, and these can be seen on The Green, Northway and Curzon Park North. A big Thank You for your generous donations and another big Thank You to all those 'Planters, young and old' who took part. We want to build on the success of bulb planting year-on-year, and we welcome your suggestions and as to where you would like to see them planted.



### REPORT IT

We urge all residents who have a computer to familiarise themselves with the council website [www.cheshirewestand-chester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestand-chester.gov.uk) which includes a lot of helpful information.

The website can be used to 'Report' and highlight any issues which are of concern.

An easy way to do this is to go to the council website and type "Report" into the search bar and it will take you to the Report It page where you can see the range of topics you can report on.