

EDITORIAL

This could be your penultimate newsletter

I hope everyone is well and has a good Easter. Curzon Park is blooming and there are plenty of exciting things happening across Chester throughout 2025.

Next month Curzon Park will be taking part in the launch of this year's Chester Heritage Festival. So, please come along and join us on Saturday 24 May.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on 10 July (see overleaf for details). We really do need residents to step forward for key roles, otherwise we will have to wrap up CPRA after 17 years of operation. That would mean we'd miss out on some key benefits for residents which we set out later in this newsletter.

Best wishes from Andrew, CPRA Chair

WALKING GROUPS

A wonderful social activity for all

At the time of writing the programme for the next few months hasn't been finalised. If you'd like to get involved in the weekend or midweek walks then please email alisonella@btinternet.com or call Jenny on 683814

Our April trip to Shrewsbury

The April weekend walk was down to Shrewsbury where we met up with John and Christine, who moved there from CPS just over a year ago. Everyone enjoyed seeing them again, as they had both played a big part in all CPRA events since its formation



CHESTER HERITAGE FESTIVAL

24 May at the Picturehouse 11am to 4pm



**South Bank
History Fair**

Chester Heritage Festival brings to life the city's rich history and heritage and tells the stories that have accumulated over two millennia.

This year's Heritage Festival runs from 24 May to 8 June with lots of exciting events planned. We are delighted to announce that Curzon Park will be part of a 'South Bank History Fair' which will take place at the Picturehouse on the launch day of 24 May.

Curzon Park will be showcasing The Dingle Project and there will be exhibits from the other local history groups that are 'South of the River':

- Doddleston
- Handbridge
- Hough Green
- Lache and Westminster
- Pulford and Poulton
- Saltney and Saltney Ferry

If you are at all interested in local history you will find this event very informative.

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Keeping Curzon Park Tidy

Many thanks to those who came out on the 6 April, as part of The Great British Spring Clean in Keep Britain Tidy fortnight.

Fortunately, we think that residents and dog walkers are vigilant all the time to keep our roads and verges clean and tidy, and the new bigger bins mean a lot less litter is blown about.

Let's keep Curzon Park looking great throughout 2025!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10 JULY 2025

Our AGM is important because we may need to dissolve CPRA

CPRA is run by a small group of volunteers elected at the AGM. This year three members of the committee come to the end of their term. For CPRA to continue we need people to step forward for the Chair and Secretary roles. Ideally we also need to fill the roles of Highways & Open Spaces Lead and Membership Secretary.

If we don't have residents coming forward then unfortunately we will need to dissolve CPRA. We simply can't operate without filling key roles.

You might be thinking whether having CPRA is helpful (or indeed whether it is needed). We could still run a Facebook page or WhatsApp groups and I know many residents find other social media groups helpful. The main benefits of keeping CPRA are:

1. CPRA can bid for funds from the Council and from other organisations. Examples include bulbs, social events, some running costs, and assets such as the marquee.
2. Having a Residents' Association can be helpful in liaising with the Council and the police. This is amplified through CPRA's membership of CRAG (Chester Residents' Associations Group) which has played an important role in several improvements in the city over the last few years.
3. It can coordinate social events easily for example many events on The Green.
4. The newsletter and email are helpful ways of keeping all residents up to date.

If you are interested in any of these roles (which don't take much time) then please let me know via cpraonline@gmail.com

BULB PLANTING

Our daffodils are finishing now and we'd like to thank all those who made donations, especially our Councillors Razia Daniels and Matt Carter for their support via their Member's Budget.

There were many displays around Curzon Park including the Curzon Park North entrance and further along Curzon Park North, and we hope to build on this year on year.

A special 'Shout Out' and thanks to those who planted the daffodil bulbs on the small green in Carrick Road (Earlsway end) these were especially stunning.

We managed to get all the 'Snowdrops in the Green' planted despite the rain and the cold. Cllr Razia Daniels came along and helped.

We are hoping to plant again later in 2025.

PROPOSED AGENDA

7pm 10 July
Chester Golf Club

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Acceptance of the minutes from the last AGM on 31 July 2024
3. Report on Association's Activities:
 - Chairman
 - Social Committee
 - Highways and Open Spaces
 - Racecourse Working Group
 - Membership
 - Accounts
4. Election of new committee members
5. Chairman's closing remarks



TREES

We've had a small setback with the planned planting of trees on Curzon Park South and into Curzon Park North.

The Cheshire West and Chester Council's Tree Officer has decided that we need to wait until October 2025, which is the next planting season. This is to allow for underground cable scans and the consultation with Cadent Gas to be completed.

We are looking to arrange a 'Tree Pruning' session to help Curzon Park look its best later in May — so watch out for an email around that.

WILDFLOWER AREA

Cheshire West and Chester Council — with the help of Councillor Matt Carter — have already started work on the wildflower area on The Green.

One strip has been prepared. The exposed area will soon be seeded, and we should see the delightful results over the next few months.