

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Metal Detecting and Hole Digging

A Metal Detectorist was recently witnessed digging numerous holes on Parkers Piece.

This is not permitted under the Parks Byelaws as well as the Ancient Monument legislation, so is illegal and a police matter.

Any incident such as this can be reported to the Park Rangers at Darley Fields during the day or to the Parks team phone on **01332 640789**.

The Park Rangers are not able to respond in the evening but the Council now have a team of Public Protection Officers who work in the evening and are following up this recent incident.

Emerson Buckingham is the Rural, Wildlife, CITES, & Heritage Crime Officer based at Matlock who is another point of contact. His number is 101 Ext 02581.

Motor Bike racing on Darley Playing Fields Car Park

Residents on Old Chester Rd have complained about motor bikers noisily speeding around Darley Playing Fields Car Park in the evening/night time.

Speed humps are due to be installed in the car park once construction of the sports facilities are complete. These were suggested by the Residents Association and agreed to by the Council due to concerns that vehicle speeding/noise problems would occur and it is hoped this measure will be effective.

In the meantime, residents should report incidents to the Police.

Speeding on City Rd and Old Chester Rd

There has been a noticeable increase in reports of speeding on City Rd and Old Chester Rd since flood defence works and

heavy construction vehicle movements have decreased.

The speed calming scheme was voted for by residents in 2016 but its installation was delayed in order to avoid excessive noise and possible damage from heavy construction vehicles involved in the flood defence works.

Unfortunately it has recently been confirmed that due to an undercosting of the agreed scheme by Council transport engineers, there is a funding shortfall preventing implementation of the scheme.

The solution is to obtain section 106 funding of infrastructure from a relevant development scheme.

The Anachrome Jigs site opposite the Waterside Inn on Mansfield Rd has had planning approved for apartments and section 106 funding is being agreed between the Council and the Developer. The Residents Association are pursuing this source of funding to cover the shortfall on the speed calming scheme so the speed humps can be installed.

Reporting Crime

Many people report crimes to us, and not the police, thinking the police won't respond. However, the better informed the police, the more likely they are to divert resources to our area. So, if you see a crime in progress, report it to 999. However, if you want to report something else (that doesn't require an emergency response) you can:

Dial 101 (non-emergency number)

Message the facebook page :

www.facebook.com/derbyshireconstabulary/

Give information anonymously at

crimestoppers-uk.org/

0800 555 111

Reporting all crimes/suspicious activity really helps!

Little Chester News Letter October 2019

Little Chester Local History Group This month's talk is on Thursday October 21st at 7.30 pm and is **My Year as Mayor by Jean Gemmell**.

Membership £10 pa. Visitors welcome: £2 entry. Tel. 01332 363354

Little Chester Heritage Centre, St Paul's Church, Mansfield Road

Open 2-4 pm, Sunday 6th October

Last chance to see the special exhibition on Arthur Barlow's extraordinary achievements. Free admission. Refreshments available. Tel. 01332 363354

CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM - we know it's too early to think about the December 'C' word but plans are afoot to make the Chester Green area shine brightly again during the festive period with our 3rd Christmas Window Trail, starting on the 7th December! Each year more homes, shops and businesses have joined in by decorating their windows with glitter, lights and sparkle, whether traditional or more funky - it's up to you! Here's where the 'early' bit comes in - so that we can produce a 'Window Trail' map for the beginning of December please let us know if you are taking part and want to be included on the map by the 9th NOVEMBER. Here's how:
PHONE: Rachel Wiggins on 07968 024071

EMAIL: chestergreenents@gmail.com

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/chestergreenents

Poppy Appeal

We will be putting up lamppost poppies in the area again this year to raise money for and to support the poppy appeal. If you would like to make a donation or sponsor a poppy please get in touch with Rachel - rach.wiggins@googlemail.com or through the Entertainments team Facebook page www.facebook.com/chestergreenents



COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

HALLOWEEN DISCO - lots of ghouls, ghosts, witches and little devils will be heading to the Community Centre on **Saturday the 26th October** for our fantastic Halloween disco.

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start, finishing around 9.30 - admission is £5 for non member adults, £3 for member adults and £3 for non member children, £2 for member children with under 5's free (please bring your membership cards).

The bar and tuck shop will be open and as well as a raffle there'll be Tony's 'proper sausage' hot dogs on sale! Dress your scariest as there will be prizes for the best adult and child costume. **Any donations of raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated.** Bruce will be the DJ and games master so you can be sure of having a brilliant time but come early to be sure of getting a table at our most popular event!

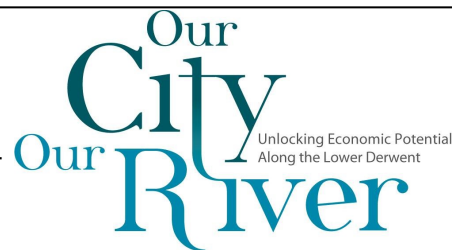


SAVE THE DATE - QUIZ NIGHT 22nd NOVEMBER - £2.50 per team member.

Thanks again to Rhian for a brilliant Family Quiz Night which really got the teams thinking. Well done to the Wiggins team who came out on top by a narrow margin!



Our City Our River News (OCOR)



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<https://www.facebook.com/DerbyshireWildlifeCrime/>
https://twitter.com/Derbys_Wildlife
<https://www.instagram.com/derbyshirewildlifeofficer/>

2) Darley Park Path – The surfaced path is now approaching the new bridge - a distance of around 650m. The current section comes quite close to some of the mature trees so care has been taken to ensure the roots are protected. It is our intention to fully surface this part and open it to the public before we move to the other end of the park to start on the section between the play area and Deans Field car park. The new Bridge and Boardwalk should be completed in the next week or two and again this will be opened up for public use.

3) Package 1 Development Sites: Aida Bliss – The demolition at the rear of Aida Bliss and the City Rd Business Centre (former Tomlinson's) is underway to make way for the flood defences construction. It is planned for both sites to have completed the watertight stage of construction by the end of the year.

4) Cricket Pavilion - The details of the proposals are waiting for planning approval. It is proposed that the pavilion be fully refurbished and modernised as a cricket pavilion with changing facilities, kitchen and social space. The front ramp is to be altered to give level access into the building and a reinforced grass access track will allow for disabled and vehicular access to the pavilion. The cricket pitch is to be renovated with minor levelling of the surface, new cricket square including an artificial wicket, sand banding and re-seeding. Also cricket practice nets are to be installed. It is anticipated that the works to the cricket pitch will be carried out this autumn and that the facilities will be ready for use summer 2020.

5) OCOR GBV Package 1 Works - The final stages of work are being completed.

6) Landscaping - A small number of trees have been vandalised and will be replaced this autumn. The remaining areas will be seeded early autumn with the remaining planting following on during the planting season.

7) Sports provision at Darley Fields – Construction work is complete. The multi-use games area (MUGA) is open. The tennis court locks are still to be fitted.

Slimming World Group

Do you want to lose some weight before Christmas? Is your favourite festive outfit a little tight? If so why not join our friendly **Slimming World Group**, every **Thursday** at **7pm** in **St. Paul's Church Hall**. Delicious filling meals, great support, lots of laughter and the kettle always on. For more information please contact the local Consultant Kim on **07939 173386**. I've lost over 2 stone since January and feel great. Look forward to seeing you there. Marie

Photography Class

Are you excited to learn photography, and ready to take action?

Owning a digital camera, but not quite sure how to use it?

This class will suit anyone from the complete novice to those who know how to use camera but need a refresher session.

This 2 hour class is for groups up to 10 students - £25 Per Person.

Training takes place in Derby, Chester Green Community Centre and will be run from 3pm to 5pm. <https://www.facebook.com/events/662868580879052/>

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, CHESTER GREEN SERVICES

October	6th	10.00am	Soul Breakfast in the Hall
October	13th	10.00am	Harvest Holy Communion
October	20th	10.00am	Soul Sanctuary
October	27 th	10.00am	Contemplative Communion



CHESTER GREEN WILD-LIFE GROUP

We are a new group aiming to involve people and families to promote biodiversity in our riverside and open spaces. We hope to encourage the establishment of wildflower areas and wildlife friendly river banks and would love young people to be involved in helping and monitoring.



BRING BACK BEES AND BUTTERFLIES

Get in touch with ideas and support
07305413654

St Paul's Rainbow Tots Chester Green Baby/Toddler Group.

For 0-5s and their parents or carers.

Crafts, snacks, toys and song time in a friendly and welcoming environment.

Mondays in term time
 10.00 - 12.00



£2 per family
 St Paul's Church Hall .Seale Street,
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