

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Severn Trent Water Community Fund

Applications are now open for Severn Trent Water's (STW) new Community Fund which will give away more than £10 million to charities and community groups over the next 5 years.

STW say "The Fund will be looking to support projects that can demonstrate a clear link to one or more of our three elements of community wellbeing":

People

Projects that help people to lead a healthier life and gain new skills.

Places

Projects that help to create better places to live in and use.

Environment

Projects that will help look after our natural environment, give people greater access to that environment or help look after water.

STW will also be encouraging projects that have a link to water in some way, such as river restoration, flood alleviation or sustainable drainage.

STW's independent Community Fund Customer Panel, which is made up of Severn Trent customers, will review applications on a quarterly basis and they decide where the money goes. The Panel will meet for the first time in March and from April 2020 STW will be giving out the first grants.

Applications are welcomed all year round and capital and revenue projects will be considered, as long as the application shows how the project will be sustained beyond the investment.

You can apply by emailing communityfund@severntrent.co.uk or on the Severn Trent website <http://stwater.co.uk/communityfund>

CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM

Didn't Chester Green look wonderful over the Christmas period? More homes and businesses than ever took part in the Window Trail and with the addition of a second set of lights on Chester Green, kindly provided by 2 lovely couples, and those on Camp Street, the whole effect was AMAZING!

Thanks to everyone for such a magnificent effort and for all the entries to the 'Find the Pud' competition. This was won by Alice Ball of City Road and a £10 Intu voucher is winging its way to her.

We are already putting together the programme for our annual community 'Picnic on the Green' on Sunday the 5th July, with our popular fund raising Fashion Show taking place on Friday the 1st May - save those dates everyone!!

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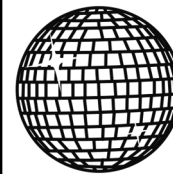


Smile!

Did you hear about the angry pancake? He just flipped!!

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

As promised, we have 2 events for you during February!



On Saturday, 8th Feb, our popular Family Fun Night with DJ Bruce's brilliant music and games! From 6.30 to 9.30, admission is just £2 for adults and £1 for children with the bar and tuck shop open as usual. Come along with your family and friends and you're sure to have a really good time!

Start swotting soon as it's Quiz Night, with Rhian setting the questions, on Friday, 28th February. Doors open at 7 for a 7.30 start, admission is £2.50 per team member (teams of 5 max) and the bar will be open of course.

The Community Centre is there for everyone and we hope our events will appeal to as many of you as possible. Your support is really appreciated and helps to make our efforts worthwhile!



Any suggestions for entertainment you would like to see at the Centre would be welcomed. Don't forget, residents receive a discount when hiring the Centre for their own event - see our website/facebook for further details and future events.

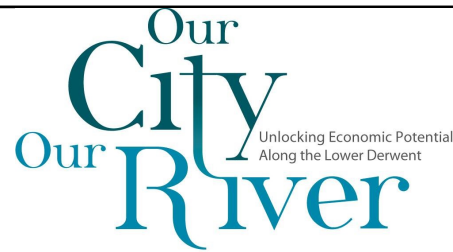
FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterGreenCommunityCentre/
WEB: <http://www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com/>

In Memoriam : Elwyn Gwynneth Kitchen 1928 - 2019

Elwyn came to live on Mansfield Road in 1964 and soon became immersed in local activities, helping to set up the Community Association and acting as its secretary for some years. She was a founder member of the Little Chester Local History Group and as the Group's archivist, she researched its past history and recorded all the ongoing events, from the 1965 flood to the recent burst water main at the end of Old Chester Road.

Whenever the area's Roman heritage was threatened by unsuitable development she was its stoutest defender and when excavations took place she kept day-to-day diaries and took many photographs. She was a great champion for Chester Green, always working to improve the area for the benefit of residents. Through her writings and vast photographic archive she has left us a valuable legacy and will be sorely missed.

Our City Our River Flood Defences



- 1) **Cricket Pavilion** – The cricket facilities at Parkers Piece are due to be reinstated this year and brought back into use. The pavilion is to be refurbished and a reinforced grass access track installed for maintenance. The cricket pitch is to be renovated with a new cricket square, artificial wicket and surface sand banding to aid drainage. There has been interest from local cricket clubs in managing the site and the options are being investigated
- 2) **Darley Park Path** - Complete except for final layer on the path which will be laid in the spring.
- 3) **Landscaping** – The final phase of new tree and shrub planting over the Package 1 area is underway including replacement of any vandalised or failed trees. All planting will continue to be maintained by the contractor for the next 3 years. All remaining grass and wildflower areas, including around the new sports facilities at Darley Playing Fields, will be seeded this spring.
- 4) **Sports provision at Darley Fields** – The new sports courts at Darley Playing Fields are now complete and open for use. Signs are about to be displayed on the tennis courts regarding a new booking system which should be up and running over the next few weeks. There will be a free introductory period to help familiarise people with the new system. The grass reinstatement will be carried out in the spring.
- 5) **Aida Bliss** - the flood defence is complete at the Aida site. Further cosmetic cladding of the defence will be undertaken when the site is developed.
- 6) **City Road** - the defences along the rest of City Road are in place and functional with the exception of the flood gate behind the new Environment Agency gauging station, this will be fitted in mid-February. In the meantime our contractor will maintain/have ready temporary defences for this location.

There are some finishing details still to complete. We anticipate all works on the defences to be completed mid-February.

The remaining building on the site will be demolished as soon as we have a Natural England bat licence in place, we expect this to be early March.

Little Chester Local History Group

This month's talk: February 20th An Actor's Life for Me: speaker Alan Smith
All meetings are held at Chester Green Community Centre, off Old Chester Road, Derby DE1 3SA.
Meetings start at 7.30 pm

Coach and Horses Christmas Prize Draw

We are delighted to tell Chester Green residents that the Christmas Prize Draw this year raised £284 for Umbrella, a charity in Derby and Derbyshire that helps and supports children and young people aged 5 to 30 with any special need, including physical, sensory, learning & behavioural disabilities and additional needs.

Umbrella also offers parents and carers a point of single access at their Ronnie McKeith Centre where families can call or drop in, sometimes just looking for someone to talk to, someone to listen, so it really is an all-encompassing charity.

Thank you all so much for contributing in whatever way you did to help raise this pleasing amount. The Prize Draw funds were further boosted by a donation from the Coach and Horses Tote Committee to take the total raised to an excellent £300, so thank you to the Tote Committee for their contribution.



Wildlife Group

The anglers riverside project is going ahead which will conserve the bank and encourage wildlife.

A meeting will go ahead to ensure that Marcus Street will continue to manage its lawns and gardens despite the damage to its special tree. Bulbs planted on the green will mean that mowing will be late to preserve the flowers and plants.

THANKS TO ALL RESIDENTS WHO MAKE IT BEAUTIFUL.

Look out for red redwings on the green and the thrushes are back.

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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,
Chester Green.