

## Coach and Horses Easter Prize Draw

The Prize Draw in aid of Derby Mountain Rescue Team will still be going ahead, but, given the situation with coronavirus, we have decided to adapt to circumstances and this will now be a Summer Draw! Once the Coach and Horses is open again, we will put details of the new Draw date in the Newsletter.

In the meantime, we wish everyone the best of health and hope that life will get back to normal for us all as quickly as possible.

**Coach and Horses Charity Committee**



## Chester Green Entertainment Team:

We were really looking forward to many of you joining us at the Centre for our brilliant fund raising Fashion Show at the beginning of May. Sadly, this has become a casualty of the current restrictions on large social gatherings and has had to be cancelled. We hope to be able to hold it in the autumn, as all the money raised goes towards the costs of our annual "Picnic on the Green" that's become a highlight of the year!

Fingers crossed, the "Picnic", on the 5th July, will go ahead - all the plans are in hand with some brilliant entertainment lined up, but we'll keep you updated in the newsletter and on Facebook. EMAIL: [chestergreenents@gmail.com](mailto:chestergreenents@gmail.com)

FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/chestergreenents](https://www.facebook.com/chestergreenents)

## Chester Green Community Centre

It's unbelievable how much has changed since the last newsletter only a few weeks ago! In common with many other venues the Community Centre has, unfortunately, had to close for the foreseeable future. For many people who look forward to spending time with others, possibly only once a week, these closures will be a big blow, but there are already many instances of "community spirit" at work, with neighbours offering help to vulnerable people in their area. Small acts of kindness can mean such a lot to people who are feeling lonely and isolated and hopefully this will happen here at Chester Green.

**KEEP CALM, STAY HEALTHY AND LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER**

FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterGreenCommunityCentre/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterGreenCommunityCentre/)

WEB: <http://www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com/>

## Little Chester Local History Group

We're afraid that The Little Chester Heritage Centre will not open in April as advertised and is closed until further notice.

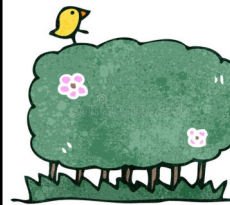
All history group meetings are cancelled until further notice.

**Hedgehogs** have been coming out of hibernation since mid-March. If you type

'cat-proof hedgehog feeding station' into an internet search engine you will see how easy it is to provide food (wet cat or dog food and cat biscuits) and water that cats and foxes will not be able to eat. Hedgehogs will be very thirsty and hungry when they wake up. Please help them if you can.

## Chester Green Wildlife Group

We had a great visit from Andy Plant Grounds Maintenance Officer for Streetpride Derby City Council. He admired the great work that The Green residents were doing. The tree cutting and spraying was not done by Streetpride but presumably by the flood defence contractors and when his department takes over they will be much more sympathetic. Grass cutting will conserve the daffodils as usual but will



probably go ahead to cut the early spring bulb areas. These have been beautiful this year and will come back even better next year. He has given us the go ahead to continue planting the hedge by the orchard and will help with providing bark mulch. He admired what the Marcus Street residents were doing and has offered support where possible to any group which needs help in keeping our Little Chester Community Green.

## Marcus Street Well Dressing

**Friday 8th May (75th Anniversary of VE Day)**

This year, in light of current events, we're looking at doing the well dressing slightly differently! Currently, we're thinking of inviting individuals or families to contribute by either decorating a board or making small displays which can be arranged around the well for residents to enjoy (and perhaps a good boredom beater in the next 12 weeks).

It's unlikely there will be the usual blessing or gathering, but we thought it would be nice to acknowledge the VE day celebrations in our own Chester Green way!

If you would like to get involved, please do get in touch : Rachel on 07968024071  
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## Derby Covid Community Response Hub

**Council calls for volunteers and offers help to the vulnerable**

more details at <https://news.derby.gov.uk/derby-covid-community-response-hub-launched/>  
Volunteers, and **those who need help** can contact **DerbyDirect on 01332 640000**. The line will open between 9.30am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday. There's also a dedicated email address [covidsupport@communityactionderby.org.uk](mailto:covidsupport@communityactionderby.org.uk) **PLEASE SHARE THESE DETAILS!**

## Chester Green Giant Eye Spy!

In an attempt to spread a bit of joy and a sense of community whilst we're all trying to socially distance and/or isolate ourselves, we thought it might be nice to set up a giant game of eye spy around the area.

Whilst people, in particular children, are still able to go for walks it might be nice for them to have something to look out for! We thought a theme of Positivity would be a good place to start, and lots of people have already put Rainbows up in their windows; however, if you prefer to send the power of positivity in any other way (smiley faces, quotes etc) feel free to do so :-)

Huge thanks in anticipation; take care, everyone, and look after each other, Rachel xx  
P.S. Keep an eye out for the 'Bear Hunt' coming soon!



1) The Derby Our City Our River (OCOR) programme have declared that the first package of works ( PK1) to improve flood resilience to properties upstream of St Mary's Bridge is now complete. The last gap in the new flood alleviation measures in this area has been 'plugged' with the installation of the remaining flood gate adjacent to the St Mary's Bridge Gauging Station on City Rd , Chester Green. This means that the 810 residential properties identified at most risk by our partners the Environment Agency now have enhanced flood protection and in total over 1140 properties; which includes 330 commercial properties in the PK1 area, will benefit from the OCOR works going forward. There are still a few remaining elements to complete though which meet the other aims of OCOR, these include:

- Individual Property Flood Resilience measures ( Darley Abbey mainly )
- Landscape reinstatement
- Sports mitigation including refurbishment of Parkers Piece Pavilion and Cricket wicket.
- Public Art and Interpretation
- Ongoing Biodiversity and Environmental enhancement activities

2) 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

3) Darley Park Path - Complete except for final layer on the path. We had hoped to get going on this week commencing 23rd March 2020, however, weather forecast and the current Public Health concerns have postponed the start date. We will keep you up to date.

4) 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.

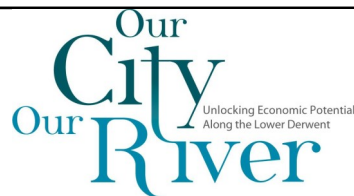
5) Sports provision at Darley Fields – The new sports courts at Darley Playing Fields are now complete and open for use. Signs are about to be displayed on the tennis courts regarding a new booking system which should be up and running over the next few weeks.

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.

6) 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.

7) OCOR Team - Following Government guidance the OCOR team are working



remotely. We will still be available by email and phone. Further information and advice on coronavirus including symptoms, latest guidance and signposting to more support can be found on the Council website - <https://www.derby.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health/coronavirus/>

8) Graffiti - Acknowledging that the unofficial street artists have discovered our lovely new walls, the recent incidences of defacement have been logged with the Street Cleansing Team of the Council. Some elements have been removed, but unfortunately the very wet ground conditions mean some of the graffiti hasn't yet been cleaned off. The OCOR team will be following this up. The best email address to report any further incidents of defacing of the our walls is Street Cleansing Enquiries; [StreetCleansingEnquiries@derby.gov.uk](mailto:StreetCleansingEnquiries@derby.gov.uk)

9) COVID-19 - As you'll know, we're living and working through an extremely unique situation, and where possible the Council is aiming to maintain services. That said, we're all human, and we also need to follow national guidance, which has meant that in some areas, we've had to prioritise and reduce our services already. The Council is updating a full list of affected services on the [derby.gov.uk](https://www.derby.gov.uk) website every day.

Currently, the biggest changes have been to our Street Pride service, which will be prioritising general waste (black bins) and recycling (blue bins) collection services across the city. Garden waste collections (brown bins) are now suspended.

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health/coronavirus/covid19-effect-on-services-and-facilities/>

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