



Marcus Street has been a hive of activity the last few weeks! Several residents regularly look after the planting and grassed areas, but recently, with more time on our hands and lovely weather, we've been extra busy, trimming, mowing and weeding so the street looks nice and tidy.

As you've probably noticed, we don't need much excuse to put decorations up

around the Green end of the street, with Tina particularly having an artistic touch! Since 'lockdown' there's a space where passers-by can write a message and pin it up, Easter eggs and bunnies were hiding all over the place and now there are lines of rainbow coloured bunting along the path! Many people out for their daily exercise remark how it cheers them up to walk down the street - job done!!

There's also been time for neighbours to get to know each other better, so we have a socially distanced 'Coffee catch up' once a week, sitting outside our house and on the grass, having a good natter. Last week, before the 'clap for carers', we had our first bingo session which was good fun! We hope to continue both, (weather permitting).

So.....although this is a terrible time when lots of people are struggling with loneliness and missing family and friends, many here in Chester Green are helping each other in various ways to try and make things a bit more bearable.

The Darley Foodbank is available for those families that are referred by the council. Please help and donate if you can (see locations on the poster —>)

Example of foods that can be donated
Bread, UHT Milk, Juice,
Pasta/rice, Tinned meat,
Tinned fish, Tinned vegetables/tomatoes,
Baked Beans, Soup, Cereal, Biscuits,
Toiletries, Feminine hygiene products,
Fresh fruit/veg, Tinned fruit,
Short-life cakes etc., Rice pudding,
Pasta sauces, Tea/Coffee,
Juice/Squash

Carrier bags or bags for life to put donations in!

DARLEY FOODBANK NEEDS YOUR HELP

Can you help with:

Donations of food & essentials?

These can be dropped off at:

Chester Green News (corner of Mansfield
Road/Caesar Street)

Alfreton Road Stores (opp. Coach & Horses)



Can you help with:

Distributing & Delivering Food?

Sorting & Packing?

Contact Ben@StAlkmunds.org.uk

Darley Foodbank is part of the city-wide response to the coronavirus pandemic

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

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/chestergreenents

Marcus Street Well Dressing Friday 8th May (75th Anniversary of VE Day)

We will be dressing the Well in Marcus Street next Friday, 8th May, for people to enjoy on their Socially Distanced Wander. If you would like to take part and contribute some artwork on the theme of Celebrating Key Workers and VE Day (75 years) please drop it in to 24 St Paul's Rd or 31 Mansfield Street by the 7th! Thank you xx



Derby Covid Community Response Hub

Council calls for volunteers and offers help to the vulnerable

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

If you're willing to help out, please join our local Facebook page and Whats-App group. The council refers cases to us directly.

FB -> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterGreenCovidSupport/>

Chester Green Support and Volunteer line: **07377 924085**

To join the WhatsApp group, click this link : <https://tinyurl.com/CGC19VoI>



Chester Green VE Eye Spy!

After the success of the rainbow and Bear Hunt window trails, we're asking everyone to decorate their windows to help celebrate VE Day! Put anything Red, White and Blue or Union Jack (or anything else related to the VE Day theme) in your windows!

Why not play some music, and dress up in 1940's clothes or in red, white and blue, too....have a socially distanced picnic, perhaps?

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.

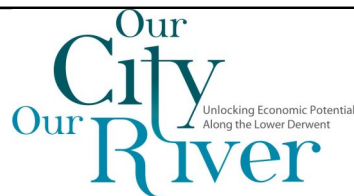
5) Sports provision at Darley Fields – The new sports courts at Darley Playing Fields are now complete and open for use.

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/>



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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.

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.

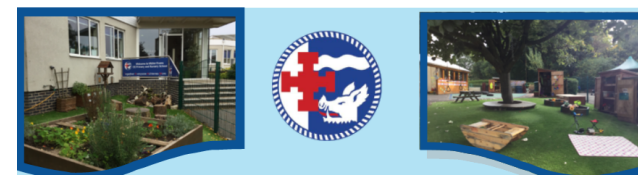
Currently, the biggest changes have been to our Street Pride service, which will be prioritising general waste (black bins) and recycling (blue bins) collection services across the city. Garden waste collections (brown bins) start back this week, though!

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

Disability Direct is now acting as an intermediary for disabled or older people and their carers who are struggling with food supplies and shopping in general.

If you know anyone who needs their support in arranging safe delivery to the doorstep, please call their usual number - 01332 299449

<https://disabilitydirect.com/derby/>



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- After school club until 1800
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to come and join the fun
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