

Community Togetherness....at a distance!

As lockdown starts to ease, it's been lovely to hear and be part of the small community events popping up in Chester Green to help residents cope through these odd times! Here's a few pics of Marcus Street's VE day decorations and socially distanced celebrations!



Sadly a very large area has been sprayed with glyphosate and will not recover this year at all. It may have wiped out our new hedgerow. There will be no bees, butterflies nor flowering plants in the fields area.



The only place to enjoy a diversity of insects, birds and flowers is an area between the bridge and the car park. We hope that this will remain unsprayed. We rely on anyone interested in wildlife diversity to lobby their representatives to create wild places and to stop the unnecessary and unpublicised cutting of trees especially in nesting time. We have all relied on our open spaces this year. We must try to protect them.

Angela Russell
For Chester Green Wildlife

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

Alfreton Road Stores (opp. Coach & Horses)



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Contact Ben@StAlkmunds.org.uk

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

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Chester Green Entertainment Team:

It should be the annual Picnic on the Green on Sunday which, unfortunately, isn't going ahead this year!

Here's a video from the year this event started—a celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday. It went so well, we've done it ever since and we hope to bring it back to you next year! Click the picture below or visit tinyurl.com/CGQueen90



The Chester Green Treasure Hunt (just for fun!) is still going....why not have a go on your daily walks!

tinyurl.com/CGTreasureHunt

EMAIL: chestergreenents@gmail.com

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The Bliss Development.

Since I wrote in last month's Chester Green News, a remote online meeting has been held involving the planning department of Derby City Council to discuss the tenders for the development of the Bliss' building on City Road. At this meeting the merits of the last remaining five developers' responses were discussed and scored.



This was a very interesting meeting. It was fascinating how many ways groups of architects and developers can interpret a very concise design criteria.

I was very interested and excited by the way that all of the designers had really researched the history and heritage of the Bliss' site and of Chester Green, and had made an obvious attempt to provide a design which would work with our community and complement it.

Some of the design responses were very definitely working from "this is how we feel it should be and this is what you will get", but two or three of the companies seems very keen to work with our community to ensure that the new housing development will be beneficial for both the residents at Bliss' and for the Chester Green community in general.

The way that the system worked was that each tenderer had to answer a specific list of questions set by the council. These ranged from the laying out the design and construction timetable, how sustainable each new house will be in its construction, how environmentally efficient they will be and how much social value they were offering. I have to say it was something that was completely new to me.

However, in my mind, a couple of tenders stood out head and shoulders above the rest. Time will tell what the final winning bid will be. After this scoring process further questions are being asked of the developers and the final decision will depend upon those answers. It is hoped that we will have a much better idea of how the scheme is going to progress very soon, and I will report on this, hopefully next month.

Mark Davis (local resident)

1) There are still remaining elements to complete which meet the other aims of OCOR which include:

a) **Individual Property** Flood Resilience measures (Darley Abbey mainly)

b) **Landscape reinstatement**

c) **Sports mitigation** including refurbishment of Parkers Piece Pavilion and Cricket wicket.

d) **Public Art and Interpretation**

Plans are being drawn up to construct a small section of 'roman road' at the end of Old Chester Road and provide new information boards as part of a wider scheme of interpretation across the OCOR project.

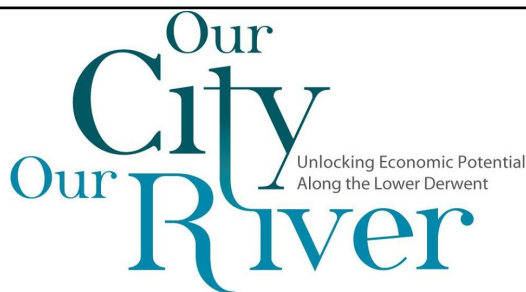
e) **Ongoing Biodiversity and Environmental enhancement** activities Work has been underway at Darley Park to carry out management works on the veteran trees including some of the large oaks in the parkland. A number of self-set bankside trees have also been removed beside the wildflower meadow in preparation for works later in the summer to re-grade section of the riverbank to prevent further erosion. An underwater ledge is to be created with marginal planting and banks reinstated with grass seed.

2) **Darley Park** - The final layer on the Darley Park Path has been laid.

3) **Landscaping** - Landscaping works are now underway again after lockdown and seeding works are taking place at Darley Playing Fields and other small sites. The contractors are catching up with maintenance and have continued to water the new trees.

4) **Aida Bliss** - The Council is continuing with plans to develop the Aida Bliss factory site for new homes, while retaining the existing brick facade to City Road. We are currently out to tender for the professional team, including architects, engineers etc., and we aim to appoint them in June. We want to find the team that will give us the best quality of design, and find solutions that respect and enhance the heritage setting. We are not choosing between different designs for the site at this stage – there will be a chance for residents to be involved in that before any plans are fixed.

5) **Parkers Piece Cricket Facilities** - Work has started to improve the cricket pitch. This includes construction of a new square with an artificial wicket, infilling depressions to improve the outfield surface, topdressing and seeding with sand slitting to improve drainage to follow on next spring. Planning is underway for the refurbishment of the pavilion. The last piece of the jigsaw is to obtain a bat licence to enable us to start the work.



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 WhatsApp 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/CGC19Vol>

It's been lovely to see people enjoying the area in which we live! We have had the odd reports of a few issues, however:

1) Litter/fly tipping can be reported to [Streetpride](https://www.streetpride.org.uk) 0333 2006981

2) Anti-social behaviour can be reported to the police on 101 or message them on their [Facebook page](#) or anonymously via [crimestoppers](#)

3) Noise complaints can be made to [Environmental Health](#) at the Council

4) Parking on Pavement and obstruction issues can be reported to the police on 101

5) BBQs are not allowed on the grass in [Derby's Parks](#) ;-)

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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