

**Flood Defences:** There are still remaining elements to complete which meet the other aims of OCOR which include **Landscape reinstatement and Sports mitigation** including refurbishment of Parkers Piece Pavilion and Cricket wicket.

**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.

**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.

**Darley Park** - New resurfacing of paths through Darley park garden has been completed.

**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.

## Sad News

Joan D'Arcy sadly passed away on the 19th July. Joan leaves behind her husband John and brother Dennis who also lives in Chester Green.

Joan was renowned and highly respected in Derby for her immense knowledge of history and heritage; amongst her many roles she was Chair of the Little Chester History Group and pivotal in the running of the Heritage Centre in St. Paul's church, both of which provided great joy and entertainment to residents, visitors and members alike. Joan and John regularly held wonderful Open Garden events for the local community, raising funds for charity and community causes. Joan's passing will leave a big gap in the Chester Green community and we send our condolences to John, Dennis, and her family and many friends.

## 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](mailto:Ben@StAlkmunds.org.uk)

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



## Scarecrow Festival!

Chester Green Entertainment Team:  
Whilst we are all sad the Picnic didn't take place this year, we are planning lots of events for when restrictions are lifted, such as the popular annual Fashion Show, which was postponed until October. Watch this space and check the Facebook page for regular updates.

**Our next event will be The August Bank Holiday Scarecrow Festival (August 29th, 30th, 31st)**. This is a new event where it is hoped that residents and businesses in the area will create a 'Scarecrow' to display

in their window/garden/attach to a drainpipe, or put on a tree/wall near their house for all to enjoy! As always, there is no theme, so let your imaginations run wild - will it be Spiderman scaling a lamppost, a key worker saving the day or someone enjoying a drink in the sunshine? See <https://tinyurl.com/scarecrowideas> for inspiration and ideas. If you have any questions or would like to get in touch regarding this, or any other CGET Event, please contact [chestergreenents@gmail.com](mailto:chestergreenents@gmail.com)

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

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## Chester Green Book Exchange

The book exchange will be running in Marcus Street over the summer, but just once a month. The 1st Saturday of each month from 10-12pm, so 1st August, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 5th December. If you have any questions, contact Mel, phone number; 07847 900 586.

## Let's Loosen Up!

**11.00am Saturday 5th September**

There'll be a family-friendly cycle ride setting off at 11.00am from Chester Green and cycling to **Elvaston Castle**. It's a 10-mile round trip, all on cycle paths and it's all flat. The ride will be run in line with published Covid 19 protocols.

There'll be a stop at Elvaston Castle for a rest, recuperation and refreshments ... and there'll be time for picnics on the Green when we get back. We're also hoping to have some fantastic live music to help us chill on the Green.....watch this space!

We will have experienced cyclists with us to act as stewards to ensure safety and provide support. It would be great if you could join us!

For more information please contact:

Adrian on 07757 923873 or Steve on 07759 475485



## Aida Bliss Development (taken from City Council Press Release)

Derby City Council are pleased to confirm the appointment of professional services firm WYG to design the new housing development at the former Aida Bliss factory on City Road, Derby. The council acquired the site in 2018, principally to enable the construction of a new flood wall across the site as part of the 'Our City Our River' (OCOR) scheme. With the wall now completed the Council is now moving forward with redeveloping the rest of the site to accommodate affordable public housing.



Located in Flood Zone 3, the scheme will address contaminated ground and buildings in dangerous condition following many years of disuse and heavy vandalism whilst recognising the important heritage of the site, which is within the Little Chester Conservation Area, and in the buffer zone for the Derwent Mills World Heritage Site.

The scheme will provide the council with around 60-80 units of accommodation of various sizes, retaining the Victorian City Road facade with a design that strives to achieve high standards in sustainability and energy management.

A vital element of the project will be ensuring that the Chester Green and wider community have every opportunity to give feedback on designs as they emerge. Key stakeholders, including the Darley Neighbourhood Board, the Little Chester Residents Association, and the Chester Green Community Group are invited to take part in the project as it evolves.

It is hoped that construction on the site will begin in early 2022 following the planning and procurement process.

WYG – which later this year will adopt the name of U.S-based parent company, Tetra Tech – is providing a multi-disciplinary team covering architectural design, heritage, energy and sustainability, engineering and construction services, ecology and traffic. WYG is a leading international firm with extensive experience in designing and delivering key projects for clients like Homes England, Sellafield, and Ministry of Defence.

Councillor Roy Webb, Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Housing said:

“I’m delighted that we’ve been able to appoint WYG to this project. I’m looking forward to working with such an experienced and professional team and seeing their designs in the coming months.

“The Aida Bliss site is a huge opportunity for us to make use of this protected riverside location. We must do it right, and I’m sure we will.”

WYG’s project lead, Kate Paterson, added:

“WYG are delighted to have been selected to work alongside Derby City Council and local resident groups on the re-development of this important heritage site. Through a fully integrated, collaborative approach, we hope to deliver a high quality sustainable scheme which is sensitive to its setting and neighbouring properties.”

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## 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](mailto: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>

## SLIMMING WORLD IS BACK

New night, new venue.

Wednesday August 12th at Chester Green Community Centre, City Road. 6pm to 6.45pm OR 7pm to 7.45pm

BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Phone or text Kim on 07939 173386.

Put a few pounds on during lock down? come and join this friendly group and love the results. Contact Kim to book your place.



**The Darley Park All User Path (A-UP)** has been a huge success attracting many visitors but we need your help. We (the council) have received complaints that some cyclists are going too fast, near misses have been reported and a dog has been injured.

This is a shared path, please consider all users:

- Cyclists slow down and give way to pedestrians (and use your bell!)
- Pedestrians do not block the path, try and keep to one side.
- Dogs should be kept under reasonable control.

## “Helping Paw” Photography Project (by Monika Sergiejew)

The Coronavirus pandemic is a difficult and uncertain time for everyone. We can no longer take for granted some of the things we used to do. A lot of us may feel more anxious and may be concerned about their friends, family and general situation around them. In such unprecedented times it is hard to look after your mental wellbeing but for me taking my dog for a walk every day helped me tremendously to get through these past 13 weeks.

I would like to share this positive experience and therefore I have decided to start a “Helping Paw” photography project. For this project I’d be looking for people who have faced similar lockdown experiences (good or bad) and would like to share their stories as a part of this project. I would love to take a portrait of you and your pooch in your local park (not staged).

I’ve created a FB page for those who would like to participate. Please send me a message and I’ll share more details with you. I hope to hear from you.

<https://tinyurl.com/helpingpawproject>



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