

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS: Good news – after so many months of closure during ‘lockdown’, Community venues were recently given the go ahead to reopen!

That presented a whole raft of complicated Covid related measures we had to adopt to ensure the building becomes as ‘Covid Secure’ as possible, including Risk Assessments for ourselves and our hirers, stricter cleaning regimes, and lots of signage around the building showing how it must now be used!

Unfortunately, some of our regular hirers aren't able to return yet but are working towards a time when they can safely restart. We are pleased to welcome Slimming World to the Centre but, there again, our social events and private weekend parties are also on hold.

We are, therefore, able to consider requests for short term hires at the moment e.g. meetings, training sessions, short term courses etc, and our Booking Officer can be contacted on 07527 603057 or at:

chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com to discuss rates and availability.



BUILDINGS AND ENTRANCE TO DARLEY PLAYING FIELDS

Update from David Winslow | Community Parks Officer

Derby City Council's Property Design and Maintenance Team (PD&M) have carried out several surveys on the buildings and plan to carry out both essential repair works and improve the appearance from the outside too. With regard to the entrance into Darley Fields, the Our City Our River Team (OCOR) still have some works to carry out to complete the flood defences transformation. These improvements include new welcome signage, rebuilding the main entrance stonework and replanting the shrub beds. Like any works in a conservation area, the correct approvals are needed from Historic England before changes take place. The planters full of ‘weeds’ were once looked after by the local community who planted a mini wildflower meadow. These aren't tended anymore but we have highlighted these to form part of the entrance restoration project.

CRAYFISH IN THE DERWENT Whilst the arrival of huge numbers of the invasive signal crayfish to our local river is causing significant environmental damage, both by destroying our native white claw crayfish and causing erosion though undercutting the river bank, the setting of crayfish traps without an Environment Agency Licence is illegal. Most of the many illegal traps being set locally are often loaded with rancid meat and pose an injury and health risk to wildlife and to dogs.

The Earl of Harrington's Angling Club is working closely with The Environment Agency to tackle this danger, but local help in reporting the problem is needed and appreciated.

If you see any crayfish traps in the Derwent please report to the Environment Agency's hotline which is 0800 80 70 60

Food Bank Update - Foodbank donations

Foodbank contributions still required and are being taken weekly to The Hope Centre, Curzon Street. Drop off points for Chester Green donations Alfreton Road Stores (near Coach and Horses), and Chester Green News (corner Mansfield Road and Caesar Street - opposite Chinese takeaway). Box for drop off at Chester Green News is on the stairs behind the door. Thanks for all the much appreciated support with this.



Little Chester News Letter October 2020

CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENT TEAM

FASHION SALE - SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER 1.30 - 4.30 at the CENTRE.

Unfortunately, our very popular annual Fashion Show and ‘Picnic on the Green’, became casualties of the pandemic and we've really missed them this year! Hopefully, the Picnic will be back next year and in the meantime we've been able to book a fund raising FASHION SALE at the Community Centre, when popular High Street brands at greatly reduced prices, will be on sale. The Centre, which is a Covid secure venue, partially reopened recently, with an approved Covid Risk Assessment and robust cleaning regime to reassure anyone attending.

You may be wondering how this will work ????

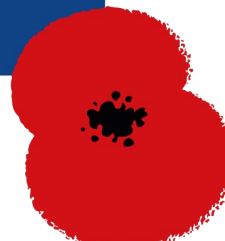
As the FASHION SALE will be open for 3 hours, we can operate gradually on a ‘socially distanced’ basis. There is a one way system in the Centre and the clothes for sale will be displayed on racks around the room. ‘Customers’ will pay their £3 CASH ONLY admission on entry, where numbers will be strictly controlled, and browse the selection before making CARD ONLY payments on the way out. Unfortunately, garments cannot be tried on there and then but you could pop home to try items on or anything that isn't suitable can easily be returned as the company also operate online.

If Government guidance changes before the event, we would of course, have to cancel, but fingers crossed it can go ahead. Many of us are still not using city centre stores and would love some ‘retail therapy’. It would be great to see you and we would really appreciate your support to raise funds for ‘Picnic on the Green’ 2021!

POPPY APPEAL

We're getting closer to the installation of the Chester Green lamppost poppies (we have nearly 60 to put up). If you'd like to sponsor a poppy/donate (£3 a poppy suggested), this can now be carried out on-line via the Just-Giving page below: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ChesterGreenPoppies>

Now More than ever we will ensure those who have served and their families, who have made sacrifices for us are being looked after no matter what challenges the country faces.



SOS Charity Fashion Shows
FUNDRAISING FASHION SALE
75% OFF RRP
MARKS & SPENCER WHITE STUFF DEBENHAMS
LAURA ASHLEY PER UNA WALLIS & MORE
Saturday 24th October
CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE
1.30pm to 4.30pm
£3 on door (come and go as you please)
Social Distancing Measures Strictly Observed
Hand Sanitiser Available
Contactless Payment Accepted

HALLOWEEN 2020!



Halloween 2020 might be a bit different this year and trick or treating as we know it will be off the cards. But we can still have loads of spooky fun!

This Halloween let's all join together to create The Big Neighbourhood Pumpkin Trail! Stick a pumpkin in your window or outside your home - a real one, plastic, painted....whatever you like! Together we can create one giant pumpkin trail in our local areas and children can see how many they can spot over Halloween weekend!

Join in at
The Big Neighbourhood Pumpkin Trail!

hosted by
ARTventurers
Squidge, squash, paint, explore, sing, dance!



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/695682491244696>

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch please contact chestergreenents@gmail.com

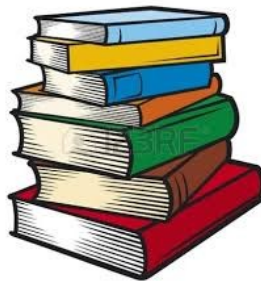
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CHESTER GREEN BOOK EXCHANGE

The book exchange will be running in Marcus Street over Autumn, but just once a month. The 1st Saturday of each month from 10-12pm, so 3rd October, 7th November, 5th December.

If you have any questions, contact Mel, phone number; 07847 900 586.



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>

CHRISTMAS WINDOW TRAIL! Chester Green Entertainment Team

We know, what with everything that's happened this year, the last thing on your mind is Christmas and it seems likely that our traditional celebrations could be affected!

However, we are determined that our Christmas Window Trail will make Chester Green shine even brighter and look more spectacular than ever! Every year more homes and businesses have joined in by decorating their windows with glitter, lights and sparkle, whether traditional or more funky, it's up to you as there's no theme! There are plans for more lights around the Green itself and on Marcus Street, so together with all the decorated windows in homes and businesses, residents, visitors and people passing through the area will experience some real Christmas cheer!

So..... it seems a long way off, but so that we can produce a Window Trail map for the beginning of December, please let us know by the **7th NOVEMBER** if you are taking part and want to be included on the map.

Here's how

PHONE or text Rachel Wiggins on 07968 024071,

EMAIL: chestergreenents@gmail.com or

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/chestergreenents



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.



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