



# The CoViD Effect !



## DARLEY ABBEY HISTORICAL GROUP

>>> Meetings suspended for the foreseeable future <<<

Go to the website for updates .... and other interesting things too!

📄 Darley Booklets £2.50 ea. via the Website & Village Shop

- #1. 150 years in Darley Abbey as reported in the local press
- #2. Strutt's Park & Little Chester Roman Forts
- #3. The Roman Roads of Darley Abbey
- #4. The Abbey of St Mary's Darley Abbey
- #5. Darley Abbey Country Houses - Part 1 - Darley Hall
- #6. The Old Mills of Darley
- #7. Evans' Boar's Head Cotton Mills
- #9. Darley Abbey Country Houses - Part 2 - Darley House & Derwent Bank House
- #15. The 1917/18 Darley Mills Strike

They make really GREAT presents !

<https://darleyabbeyhistoricalgroup.wordpress.com>

### IMMATURE BARBEL AND CHUB

Concern expressed by the local angling club, the Earl of Harrington AC, over the low numbers of immature barbel and chub in the Derwent has resulted in the Environment Agency introducing significant numbers of juvenile fish of these species into our local section of the River Derwent.

Prior to stocking all the fish were marked with blue dye near their ventral fins. Anyone who catches one of the marked fish is asked to inform the Environment Agency fisheries team so they can monitor the data. Please send details, including the date and time of the catch, location, length of fish, and ideally a photo showing the blue dye mark on the fish, to:

[FisheriesEMD@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:FisheriesEMD@environment-agency.gov.uk)



### 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.



To contact the Residents' Association please see the website [www.littlechester.org.uk](http://www.littlechester.org.uk)

### CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENT TEAM

Well done, Chester Green, on a fabulous Christmas Window Display this year. We drew the entries for the 'Hunt the Pud' competition and the winner is now in receipt of a £10 prize! Same time next year!

The Chester Green Treasure Hunt is still an interesting 'just for fun' activity around the local area. You can find the quiz sheet at : <https://tinyurl.com/CGTreasureHunt>



If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please contact

EMAIL: [chestergreenents@gmail.com](mailto:chestergreenents@gmail.com)

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

### MEMBERS/HELP NEEDED!

Little Chester is a special place with a great sense of community. We have a number of active community groups (some featuring in this newsletter), such as the Little Chester Residents Association or the Chester Green Community Group (the group that runs the community centre).

If the current situation has taught us anything, it's that community is more important than ever. If you'd like to get involved and/or find out what groups are currently active in the area, do get in touch at [info@littlechester.org.uk](mailto:info@littlechester.org.uk)



### LITTLE CHESTER IN BLOOM?

After local residents managed to persuade the council to give us our very own Chester Green Christmas Tree (which you'll have seen at the junction of Marcus Street and Chester Green Road) the planter is now here to stay! Local residents on Marcus Street are going to repopulate the planter with plants paid for by the Residents Association who still have some local neighbourhood money for this purpose.

There are also three planters at the junction of City Road and Old Chester Road which are crying out for some tender loving care and we've got agreement that Chester Green Events Team (CGET) will provide some funding for plants. If any local residents would like to help with this (particularly those who live close to this spot!) do please get in touch. It would involve helping with some initial planting and watering them if they're looking thirsty!

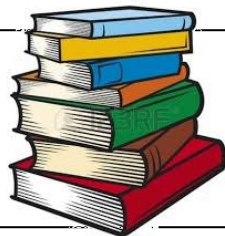
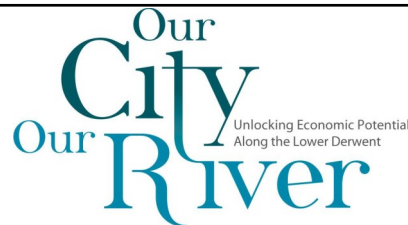
If you're interested in getting involved, drop us a line at [info@littlechester.org.uk](mailto:info@littlechester.org.uk)



Editor Address: [bruce.wiggins@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.wiggins@gmail.com)

## Our City Our River Flood Defence Works

1. Haslam's Lane Floodgate replacement. We are working with the contractors to understand what road closures will be required over the estimated three-week work period. We will undertake consultation with residents and business owners around access and the weight limit on the toll bridge.
2. Parkers Piece - The contract for the Pavilion refurbishment has been awarded to Gelder Group and is due to commence early February and take approx. 12 weeks. The council is currently undertaking a process to find a community organisation or sports club to take on the management of the pavilion on completion. Works to improve the cricket square will continue in the spring and practice nets installed.
3. Overflow carpark off Old Chester Road. Improvements to the surface will be undertaken in the spring.
4. 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 in the area is almost complete now with the last areas being planted up before the end of March.
  - c. 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. It is anticipated that works will be completed by Easter.
  - d. Ongoing Biodiversity and Environmental enhancement activities. The tree management works to the veteran trees at Darley Park have been completed. A section of the riverbank is to be re-graded this summer to prevent further erosion. An underwater ledge is to be created with marginal planting and banks reinstated with grass seed.
5. Aida Bliss - The Council is continuing with plans to develop the Aida Bliss factory site for new homes, residents continue to be informed in the development of the proposal.



### CHESTER GREEN BOOK EXCHANGE

The book exchange will be running in Marcus Street once a month. The 1st Saturday of each month from 10-12pm, so 6th February and 6th March will be the next two. If you have any questions, contact Mel, phone number; 07847 900 586.

### PARKER'S PIECE

Derby City Council is in the final stages of deciding on bids to manage the Parker's Piece pavilion and grounds with responses focused on a mixture of cricket and wider community focus. It is likely a decision will be reached in the next few weeks and the aim is that the successful organisation will take over the project in the spring. The cricket square itself is in the process of being prepared and the additional work on the pavilion and cricket nets is scheduled for the spring and summer.



## 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 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/CGC19Vol>

### COMMUNITY GROUP

- We join with everyone in hoping that 2021 will gradually see the country getting on top of the Covid pandemic so we can mix with our families and friends again, get back to work and school, enjoy our social lives and not live in fear.



It is with great sadness that we have to tell you that our friend Tony Lloyd recently passed away very suddenly. Tony had been a valuable member of the Community Centre Management Committee for almost 10 years and, with his wife Chris, was a lynchpin in the success of the social events at the Centre, being particularly at home looking after the tuck shop and cooking up his 'special hot dogs' at Halloween!

Tony was also a key member of Chester Green Events Team, turning his hand to anything that would contribute to the success of the Picnic on the Green and our other community events!

We will all miss him in many ways and send our sincere condolences to Christine.

### HOME SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AVAILABLE

Over £500,000 has been made available to tackle burglary in Darley Ward (that's us!). Through a new government scheme, Derby Homes are offering crime prevention appointments to all residents (irrespective of tenure i.e. owned/rented) within the Darley Ward.



For those properties which may benefit from improvements to security such as new door locks, solar lighting, these will be installed and fitted free of charge.

To contact Derby Homes and book your free appointment please either call or e-mail using the details below:

Tel: 01332 888777 (between 9:00am – 3:00pm)

Email: [CPT@derbyhomes.org](mailto:CPT@derbyhomes.org)

### Ward Councillors

•Martin Repton: 11 Queen Mary Court, Duffield Road, Derby DE22 1BB  
[martin.repton@derby.gov.uk](mailto:martin.repton@derby.gov.uk)  
079720 42654

•Lisa Eldret: 85 Highfields Road, Derby DE22 1BW  
[lisa.eldret@derby.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.eldret@derby.gov.uk) 01332 643640

•Jack Stanton: 9 Edwards Street, Derby DE1 3BR  
[jack.stanton@derby.gov.uk](mailto:jack.stanton@derby.gov.uk)  
07812 301 755