

CITY ROAD GATEWAY PROJECT

After various exchanges with councillors and local officials, we're pleased to announce the City Road Gateway Project to help improve the look of the City Road entry to Chester Green!

The idea is to improve the street scene on City Road – gateway into the Chester Green conservation area and World Heritage Site. Collaborating with the community to improve the area through an Art project.

Working with the community to drive the project – community led, collaborating with local art groups, community groups and schools to produce art to be displayed on walls at the top of City Road.

The community to choose the themes, linking in with established heritage.

If you're interested in sharing ideas, or for further details of the scheme, there will be a public meeting on **Monday 10th October at 7pm** at the **Centurion Walk community room** (on Old Chester Road, opposite Marcus Street/Kirk Street).

For more details, please contact

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Request for donations to cover the printing costs of the Little Chester Newsletter.

The Newsletter has been in circulation for many years and is delivered to over 1000 homes.

Unfortunately printing costs have risen by £11 in the last two months and I am expecting them to go up again. Even with the generous monthly donation from the Chester Green Community Group, LCRA only have enough funds to cover printing for the next two months (November & December). Whilst we are all struggling with the cost of living & energy prices, LCRA are asking if any one could donate any money to help with printing costs, no matter how small an amount, every penny will help.

If you feel able to donate please post through the letterbox at:

24, St. Paul's Road
102, Chester Green Road
49, Marcus Street

or if you contact me on 07890 034898 I can arrange to collect from you.

Many thanks & kind regards, Marie (Treasurer Little Chester Residents Association)



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To contact the Residents' Association please see the website www.littlechester.org.uk

CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Saturday 19th November is our first **CHRISTMAS MARKET** taking place at the Centre from 10am to 4pm - admission free. Start your Christmas shopping browsing the selection of stalls and enjoy some mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies with maybe some carol singers to add to the festive atmosphere!

CHRISTMAS WINDOW TRAIL AND LIGHTS SWITCH ON - sorry, it's too soon to think about Christmas decorations but we are planning the **CHRISTMAS WINDOW TRAIL** which has become a lovely Chester Green tradition running throughout December. The whole area looks beautiful with fairy lights around the Green and surrounding streets and many homes and businesses taking part by decorating their windows! There's no limit to what you can do - traditional or funky but lit up brightly so everyone can see your display as they walk round the trail using the Window Trail Map!

There are many new residents in the area so we hope even more of you will join in this year. If you want to be included on the Window Trail Map (which is printed or can be viewed on your mobile device) please let us know by the **7th NOVEMBER**.

Here's how:

Phone or text Rachel Wiggins on 07968 024071

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/chestergreenents

EMAIL: chestergreenents@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON: SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER more details to follow.



CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

HALLOWEEN DISCO: come out all you devils, ghosts, witches and ghouls and gather at the Community Centre on the spookiest night of the year!

Bruce will have some scarily good games and music for you - wear your best costumes as there'll be prizes for adults and children!

Here's all the info: **SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER AT THE CENTRE** doors open at 6pm for a 6.30 start, finishing about 9.30.

Admission is just £4 for all adults, £2 for children and under 5's free.

The BAR and tuck shop will be open - CASH ONLY FOR ADMISSION, THE BAR AND TUCK SHOP PLEASE.

For all hire enquiries please email: chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com or call 07527 603057 for prices and availability. Also www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com



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MARV Film Studio proposal for Aida Bliss site

The Council have approved the planning application for “full planning permission on a temporary basis for nine months to utilise the rear modern highbay shed (part of the site) for film-making purposes”.

The application says that film-making operations will take place typically between 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday during the temporary occupation period “for a maximum of 50 employees at the peak activity (during filming) on site”.

A number of planning conditions have been imposed including “that no explosive charges will be used unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority”.

You can see details of the application at: tinyurl.com/MARVCG

Planning Application to demolish the ‘Duke of Clarence’ on Mansfield Rd

A planning application (ref. 22/01085) has been submitted to demolish the Duke of Clarence pub and erect a four storey building with a ground floor micro pub and eleven apartments.

The expiry date for public comments was 26th September and at the time of writing 25 objections have been submitted so the application should be heard and decided at Planning Control Committee.

Objections submitted include the grounds that the pub is a historic building in Little Chester Conservation Area, the proposed four storey contemporary design would negatively impact the nearby Grade 2 listed buildings and that the submitted viability assessment which states that demolition is the only viable option is incorrect.

You can see details of the application at: tinyurl.com/Duke2022

LET A THOUSAND FLOWERS BLOOM!

Many thanks to the money raised by the Café on the Green we have been able to buy 1000 crocus bulbs to plant around the Green. A community bulb planting session has been organised for **Saturday 22nd October at 11.00.**

Bulbs will be distributed at the Café on the Green for planting by volunteers in 6 areas around the Green.

It would be great if you and your family could join us! Please text Caroline on 07762 264308 if you would like to help

LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY GROUP

It was lovely to see so many familiar faces at our first meeting of the year as well as some new ones. A big thank you to those who became members and to Marian as our new Treasurer. The talk was very informative and interesting, with many questions afterwards .

Our next meeting is October 20th at 7.30 in the Community Centre and the subject is Music in Derby by David Parry, a local musician.

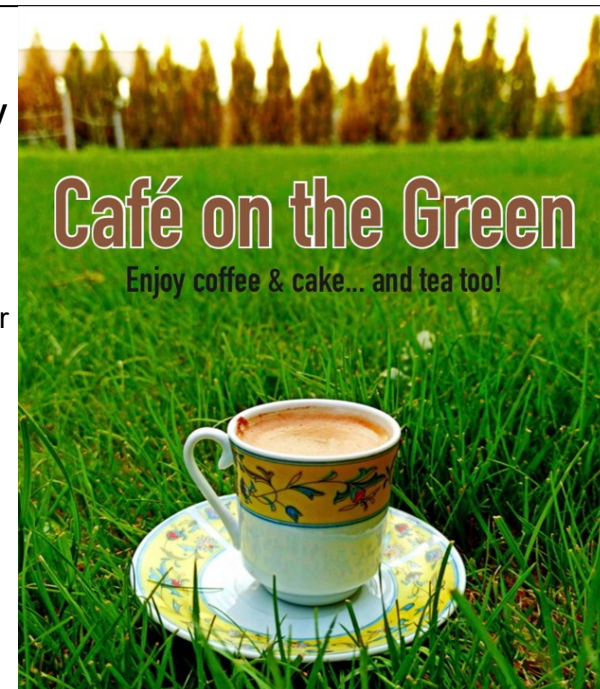
If you wish to attend this meeting as a non member , it is £3. Refreshments cost £1. We look forward to another pleasant evening.

CAFÉ ON THE GREEN

The next - and the last this year - Café on the Green is on **Saturday 22nd October** from 10.00 until 12.00.

It's only been going for just over a year but has become a lively meeting place for conversation and getting to know people in your community.

Come along and make a difference!



CHESTER GREEN BOOK EXCHANGE:

This was started during the main lockdown period in 2020 by several residents of Marcus Street, using 2 paste tables! It provided a lifeline for avid readers who couldn't replenish their supplies, on a completely free basis, whether or not books were exchanged. It continued to be held in the open air, weather permitting, but has recently moved into the Community room on Old Chester Road, opposite the end of Marcus Street.

We are open on the first Saturday of the month, from 10am to approximately 11am, so pop in and see us. There is bound to be something you'd like to read among our large stock of books, and now you can have a cuppa whilst browsing!

