

CITY ROAD GATEWAY PROJECT

A meeting was held last month where a number of people present agreed to join a working group to look at what can be done to improve the appearance of City Road (Mansfield Rd. end) as a gateway into the Little Chester Conservation Area and World Heritage Site Buffer Zone. We're still looking for more people to join!

Neighbourhood Officers will take tackle the physical improvements clearly needed, looking at the wall and razor wire/half demolished building and will arrange a meeting with landowners and heritage officers to progress this.

More discussion around the community involvement and ideas is needed to formulate a plan – the Art idea was discussed and would need to be discussed more widely as Art tends to be personal and what one group like others may not. The idea for a community mural was also discussed possibly speaking to the group that painted the Falcons on the Silk Mill, but again, it would need to come from the community as to whether it is a good idea and what they would like to see.

The message for the community is that the area is in need of an uplift led by the Community.

The next meeting is Monday 21st November @ Centurion Community room starting at 6.30pm and is open to all! *Rebecca Hudson - Neighbourhood Partnership Officer*

CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

The refurbishment of our lounge area has now been completed and it looks fantastic – a bright modern space that we hope you will enjoy using!

This room, suitable for approximately 20-25 people, can be hired for a birthday party or small family get together, baby shower etc or for meetings, workshops and training sessions.

To enquire about hiring any part of the Centre on a regular basis or for a 'one off' event, please contact the booking officer on 07527 603057 or email: chestergreen-communitygroup@hotmail.com Also www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com

Donations towards Newsletter printing.

Many, many thanks to Chester Green Entertainments Team and local residents for their generous donations totalling £295; this amount together with the monthly support from Chester Green Community Centre means we can carrying on printing for approximately another 13/14 months depending on how much costs continue to rise.

Many residents have said how much they enjoy reading the newsletter, especially those 'not on the net'. Many thanks, kind regards Marie, Treasurer LCRA.



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



CHESTER GREEN ENTERTAINMENTS TEAM:

Lamp Post poppies will be popping up around Chester Green on the run up to Remembrance Sunday again this year.

If you would like to "sponsor" a poppy or make a donation to the Royal British Legion, please visit our Just giving page or post donations through @ 24 St Paul's Rd.

Thank you x

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ChesterGreenPoppies2022>

Get into the Christmas spirit at our **CHRISTMAS MARKET/CRAFT FAIR** at **CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE**, DARLEY FIELDS, on **SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER** from 10am – 4pm.

It's **FREE** admission so come and enjoy browsing the stalls as there will be a great selection of handmade gifts including personalised items, jewellery, cards, decorative glassware, clothes and much more.

Enjoy a break with some mulled wine or cider, hot chocolate with cakes and mince pies – never mind the calories!!

Chester Green will be shown at its sparkly best when our **CHRISTMAS WINDOW TRAIL** starts on the first weekend in December.

There is still just about time to be included in the Window Trail Map which will show all the 50+ houses and businesses with decorated front windows.

You can go as wild or traditional as you like - just shine brightly so everyone can see your display as they follow the trail! Here's how to be in touch:

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/chestergreenents

EMAIL: chestergreenents@gmail.com

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON: On **SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER** at **5PM** come and gather round the community Christmas Tree on the corner of Marcus Street for our grand Lights Switch On! Christmas fairy lights hung around the Green itself, on Camp Street and Marcus Street will all be switched on together and, along with all your decorated windows, the whole area will look fantastic throughout December!



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UPDATE ON REQUEST TO THE COUNCIL TO PREVENT FURTHER UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS ON THE GREEN

Following the two unauthorised encampments by large numbers of people on the Green in July and August, and complaints submitted by many local residents via our ward councilors, the Council agreed "to review options around injunctions, the new powers and other physical preventative measures to prevent encampments occurring".

The new powers referred to are 'section 61' powers under the recently amended Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 which permits the Police to immediately remove unauthorised encampments without involvement of the courts.

In fact the government's Home Office enforcement guidance states:

"There are locations where immediate action to remove them [unauthorized encampments] should be taken because the presence of the encampment is seriously disrupting the ability of the settled community to make use of facilities or to conduct their business, for instance: on school grounds during term time; on urban parks..."

The Green is both an urban park and used by Landau Forte schoolchildren during term time.

A response from the Council for a proposed scheme to plant three trees, locate a bench and relocate a bin to prevent vehicle access via the dropped kerb at the corner of Mansfield Rd and Chester Green Rd was felt to be wholly inadequate, so a meeting with council officers to further discuss the issue is being requested by the Neighbourhood Board.

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LITTLE CHESTER HISTORY GROUP

A very pleasant and entertaining evening was spent with Dave Parry's talk on Music in Derby. It seems a lot of well known composers and organists originated in our fair city.



Our next event is on **Thursday 17th November at 7.30** in the Community Centre...a talk by Karen Springer on John Flamsteed and 17th Century Derby. Membership is on the up and a varied programme is in place for the year.

It has been decided to shelve sorting the archives for the time being as it is getting too cold to be in the church!

LABOUR PARTY CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER EVENT

(Editor's note: other political parties are available, but they're not having events in Chester Green as far as we're aware - the newsletter is not affiliated with any political party!)

Darley Ward Labour Party Christmas Social Fund Raiser Friday
25th November

7.15 pm until 10.30 pm at Chester Green Community Centre.

We have set out to make our Christmas Social Fund Raiser varied and fun. There will be bingo, Val's famous pies with a veg option, a short live music set ("Clampy" plus more talented others!), and then a John Lock disco.

To assist with the catering provision we need to know numbers. To book please email s_clamp@hotmail.com or text/ring Steve Clamp on 07759 475485 with numbers and names.

It's £15 all in with kids free. Be there or be square!

Chester Green Food Bank Donations

Times are getting very tough for a lot of people and this winter will see many struggle to make ends meet.



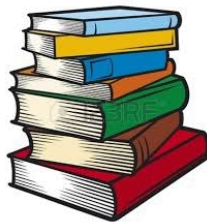
Our local community's efforts to help others is truly remarkable with food bank donations at Assa's shop on Mansfield Road still being made. If you haven't been able to make a donation or weren't aware of this facility please ask at the shop.

MANSFIELD ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS

Our Local Councillors have DEMANDED that the City Council urgently looks very carefully again at road safety on the zebra crossing on Mansfield Road and parked cars nearby to see what can and should be done to help. The Council have responded by saying that they will look carefully into these concerns and come back to us but it will take them time for such investigations to be done properly.

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!