

Chester Green Book Exchange

Just a reminder that our FREE book exchange/library is open on the 1st Saturday of the month at the Community room on Old Chester Road, (opposite the end of Marcus St), from 10 – 11am. Pop in, bring any books you’ve read, take new supplies with you and have a cuppa and friendly chat while you’re there.



Derby Local Plan Consultation - Have your say!

An eight-week consultation on the Draft Local Plan for Derby will run from **Monday 12 January 2026 to Monday 9 March 2026**.

The Draft Local Plan was written before the recent publication of the proposed National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) reforms, which were published on the 16 December 2025. A decision on how to adapt the plan in light of the proposed changes will be made in the coming months.

We are encouraging people to respond to this consultation through our new Local Plan Consultation Portal. You will need to register and create an account if you wish to make any comments on the plan.

As part of our consultation, we are running two drop-in events at The Market Hall, Ordish Room:

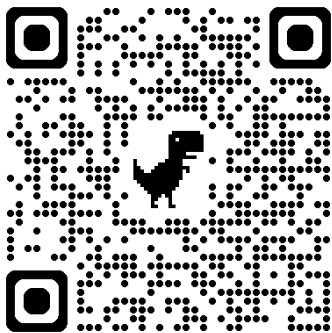
Saturday 31 January 2026 9:30am to 3pm

Saturday 21 February 2026 9:30am to 3pm

Evidence relating to the new emerging plan can be found on the Local Plan for Derby (LPD) evidence base page.

Scan the QR Code to visit the council website, or visit:

tinyurl.com/DerbyLocalPlan2026



Little Chester Newsletter February 2026

Chester Green Entertainments Team

Although Christmas seems a distant memory now, we will all remember how beautiful Chester Green looked when all the Christmas lights shone out through those long, dark nights! A big thank you to the residents who provide and put up the fairy lights round the Green, in Marcus Street, Camp Street and City Road. The rain stopped just in time for the Lights Switch On and a really good crowd, including children with Christingle candles, gathered round the Christmas tree (provided by the Council), with seasonal music played by the ‘Wiglets’. Many people followed the Window Trail, enjoying the lovely decorated windows, and there were a record number of entries for the ‘Find the Pud’ competition, won by Annabelle Futers of St Pancras Way, who received a cash prize and certificate.



Thanks again to everyone who helped to make Christmas 2025 so special!

Throughout 2026, we have some great events to look forward to, including firm favourites such as quiz nights, the Spring and Christmas markets, our fabulous Picnic on the Green and Halloween disco. We also hope to have some new events this year and, of course, need your support and feedback, good or bad, so we know what works and what doesn’t!!



First up is a MUSIC QUIZ on FRIDAY the 27th FEBRUARY at the Centre. Set by music maestro John Lock, admission as usual is £3 per team member with no more than 5 people in a team.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start so come early to get a table and drinks from the bar. There will be a prize for each winning

team member so swot up on your music knowledge!

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CHESTER GREEN COMMUNITY GROUP

We are looking forward to another successful year when your Community Centre is again at the heart of events and activities for all the family. We are almost fully booked with a programme of weekly/ fortnightly activities, including the new popular new 'Stampede' line dancing class! Baby Sensory and Tiddlekicks are great for babies & under 5's and there are various activities appealing to all ages and abilities – check our website: chester-greencommunitygroup.yolasite.com (weekly timetable)

The Centre is available to hire at weekends for parties, family celebrations etc, with the option to have the bar open on Saturday evenings, subject to guest numbers and staff availability.

For prices & availability email: chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com or call 07527 603057 - forms and more details can be found on our website:

chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com



Little Chester History Group

A warm welcome back to our members for another year of varied events. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 19th February** at 7.30pm at Chester Green Community Centre.

The speaker will be Keith Blood who missed the November meeting or David Parry with a talk entitled "From a train window, Derby to Cromford."

St Paul's Rainbow Tots Chester Green Baby/Toddler Group.

For 0-5s and their parents or carers.

Crafts, snacks, toys and song time in a friendly and welcoming environment.



Mondays in term time
10.00 - 12.00

£2 per family

St Paul's Church Hall .Seale Street, Chester Green.

www.facebook.com/RainbowTotsDerby/

	Activity	Times	Contact	Telephone
Monday	SPACE AVAILABLE Short mat Bowls (Oct-March) KAN - Derby Fellowship	SPACE AVAILABLE 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm 6.00 pm - 9.30 pm	Brian Reece Edwin Boateng	512451 07494 286790
Tuesday	Move with Music fitness U3A Craft Group (alt Tues) U3A Ukulele Group (alt Tues) Gentle Yoga Flow Barbershop Harmony Club	10.00 am - 11.00 am 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm 5.45 pm - 6.45 pm 7.15 pm - 9.45 pm	Tania Perry U3A website Duncan Smith Clare Hodgson Gordon Savage	07586 350030 835882 07850 045242 518594
Wednesday	Derby Quilters MINDfulness Yoga (1 st & 3 rd) Diabetes Prevention programme Painting for Beginners (2 nd & 4 th) Stampede Line dancing	9.45 am - 11.45 am 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm Various dates 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm	Frances Meakin Derbyshire 'MIND' Healthiyou.org.uk (U3A) B Appleby Tracey Thomas	07870 504625 07519 374997 07514 937808 07974 203429 07719 555107
Thursday	Move with Music fitness 2 nd - Philatelic Group 3 rd - Local History	10.00 am - 11.00 am 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tanya Perry Mr J D'Arcy Mrs C Lloyd	07586 350030 363354 360065
Friday	Baby Sensory	9.30 am - 2.30 pm	Laura Gadsby	07748 080899
Saturday/ Sunday	"Tiddlekicks" Community Social Events/ Private Hire	9.45 am - 11.15 am chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com	K Burton-Evans (as advertised) Julie Wilks	07545 051465 07527 603057



Picnic on the Green 2026

Chester Green Entertainment Team is looking for local bands to feature in this year's free Picnic on the Green.

This extremely successful event will be running on the afternoon of Sunday 6th July and we're looking for local acts to play.

This is a paid gig!

If you're interested, or know suitable acts, please do get in touch!

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