

Welcome to the third Curzon Park Residents' Association newsletter. I do hope you will find the time to read it. After barely nine months of existence I am sure you will agree that the Association has already been beneficial to our area. I would like to bring to your attention the next CPRA General Meeting on Monday 20th October and a theatre visit on 15th November - please read on. If you feel able to support the Association in any way, or have concerns with which you feel we may be able to assist, please do not hesitate to contact us. *Chris Pilsbury, Chairman*

STOP PRESS:
GENERAL MEETING on Monday 20th October, 7:30pm at Chester Golf Club with guest speaker Paul Makin, chairman of Friends of Westminster Park, followed by an open forum & refreshments.

THEATRE TRIP on Saturday 15th November - see below for details.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Since the last newsletter, we have run two activities: On 29th June, our coach set off for Sefton Park, Liverpool, the Sudley House Art Gallery and Museum, and the Anthony Gormley statues at Crosby. Despite initial rain, there were clear blue skies by the time we arrived at the beach.



Our "Curzon Park Discovery Trail" on August Bank Holiday Monday attracted over 100 residents of all ages and from all parts of the Park. Particularly pleasing was that so many



young families turned out and contributed to a real carnival atmosphere at the refreshment tent and prize-giving, where the trail ended.



Next Trip

Our next event will be a trip to the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester on Saturday 15th November, to see John Delaney's play **A Taste of Honey** – A funny, vibrant and unforgettable play.

A coach will set off from Curzon Park at 10.30am arriving in Manchester giving some free time for lunch and shopping until 2:30pm when pre-booked tea/coffee and cake will be served before curtain up at 4.00pm. The coach will return to Curzon Park by 8.00 pm The cost, inclusive of travel, theatre ticket and pre-play refreshments is £38. Seats are limited and will be allocated strictly on a first come basis, and in any event, **no later than Wednesday, 9th October**. Please apply to Rita Shaw (678109) or Jenny Plunkett (683814).

Future Events

This year's well-attended activities confirms there's a general support for the Association continuing to bring the neighbourhood together. Building on this year's success, we need: constructive criticism of what we've done so far, ideas for next year's programme and practical help to make things happen. We would particularly welcome more male input and the influence of those bringing up children. If you are able to contribute in any of these respects please contact Jim Shapton on 678209 or jim.shapton@talktalk.net

Newcomers' Brochure

We have produced a brochure containing practical local information for those new to Curzon Park. If you are newly arrived, have a new neighbour, or expect a new occupant of your home or leased property, a copy can be obtained free of charge from Jim Shapton on 678209 or jim.shapton@talktalk.net

HIGHWAYS & OPEN SPACES

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You will have noticed that the fencing has been lowered and the unsightly graphics removed. Revised advertisement signage has been erected, but planning consent is still required for two signs. There will be an opportunity for individual letters when a planning application is submitted by Morris Developments. We will keep residents informed.

Curzon Park Trees

Cheshire County Council have produced a schedule for remedial works on a number of young trees and herbicide spray at bases of approximately 350 trees to prevent future damage by mowing and strimming, and a number of posts have been removed and cages lowered for some young trees to facilitate growth. Two damaged trees, one in Earlsway and the other in Curzon Park North, will also be replaced.

We will present proposals to the Highways Superintendent for additional essential works to trees. Discussions are to take place on path sweeping, strimmer trunk protectors, verges, drainage issues, especially the channels currently taken over by the verge, on-going regular flooding issues in Earlsway, and flooding of road surfaces, footpaths etc. Replacement of the recently vandalised tree in Earlsway will also be followed up.

Mount Pleasant – Garden Waste Collection

We have written to the Refuse Collection Manager supporting the introduction of a *Brown Paper Sack Collection* to dispose of garden waste. The Supervisor is to look into the matter with the Contractor to assess if it is possible for a collection service to be arranged.

The Council have advised the following in their written response:

“Under the present contract, if a road or an area is not operating on a garden waste collection scheme, our Contractor will collect 25% of a resident's garden waste if it is presented in the black refuse bags along with the household

refuse. The Council will also arrange for a free bulky collection of garden waste for properties not operating on a collection scheme. Residents are advised to ensure that the garden waste is properly stored for collection in either sacks or boxes with natural string and we will arrange a day to collect for them.”

If residents require further details, the Council's Service Liaison Officer is Joanna Sellers who can be contacted on 01244 402194 or via e-mail at j.sellers@chester.gov.uk

Highway problems/faults (eg street lamps, overgrown hedges, flooding) can be reported direct by telephoning 0845 002 0666 or by email engch@cheshire.gov.uk

COMMUNITY SAFETY

At the Police Community Action meeting in August, concern was expressed about under-age drinking and the subsequent problems, particularly during the warmer weather of July, and the ease in which alcohol can be purchased from local shops. The Police Community Action patrols are out until 11 pm [in addition to the normal response teams] and 1 am on Fridays and Saturdays, so do contact them on the number below if you experience any problems.

If you are a Homewatch Co-ordinator please contact Liz Neeves on 679888 or email via the CPRA website, so an up-to-date list of co-ordinators can be maintained.

Useful Contact Details

Police Community Action Team

0845 458 6375 [Voicemail]

or email

wb.chester.outer.npu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Crime/Incident Reporting

[Non-Emergency]

0845 458 0000

Emergency [culprits at the scene]

999

Litter, dog fouling or graffiti - contact Chester City Council on 402477 or email callcentre@chester.gov.uk

CPRA registration forms can be downloaded from our website www.cpraonline.org or by contacting Liz Neeves on 679888. Membership is FREE and although we have a small grant from Chester City Council, we are always grateful for any small donations (£1 - £5) to help with running costs, such as this newsletter.