



*A view towards Curzon Park – (For more pictures visit [www.cpraonline.org](http://www.cpraonline.org))*

## **COMMUNITY & SOCIAL**

### **CAROLS ON THE GREEN**



**We will be having our annual Christmas Carols on the Green at Greensway/Northway, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, at 6.30pm. The evening will include Carols, accompanied by music. There will also be refreshments, which will include mulled wine with mince pies and hot chocolate with biscuits. Please come and join in the Christmas merriment. Everybody welcome.**

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO BAKE MINCE PIES and BISCUITS** for the children. For further information, including if you require the pastries being picked up, please contact Andrea on 01244 679496 or Rita on 01244 678109 for further details.

### **WALKING GROUP**

The next walks planned (additional details on our website) are as follows:

**Saturday 3rd November – East bank of the Mersey (Liverpool Pier Head to Otterspool Park)** - alongside redeveloped dock areas and into the parkland at Otterspool, with river and Wirral views along

the full length. The walk is flat and predominantly along paved or tarmaced terrain, so trainers or walking shoes rather than boots are recommended. Duration is likely to be a little over an hour and a half. For those who would like refreshments at the end, there is a Harvester pub/restaurant in Otterspool Park. Meet at Chester station at 9.50 a.m. or at James Street Station, Liverpool at around 10.50. Contact Jim Shapton (07780 516890) with any query, or to confirm joining arrangements.

**Saturday 1 December – A circuit around the outside of Chester Centre** - Meet at the corner of Curzon Park North and Dingle Bank at 10.30 a.m. We will follow the river, through the Groves and into Grosvenor Park, then via the canal bank, Hoole Lane, and Flookersbrook to the disused railway line, the Ellesmere Port branch of the canal to the canal basin, returning to Curzon Park via the riverside path. Likely walking time: 2 hours.

**Saturday 5th January – Kelsall.**- Meet at the Boot Inn. Willington at **11am**.

A walk along country lanes and in Delamere forest. It does include 39 steps but otherwise its fairly easy going. Walking time about an hour and a half. Refreshments available at the Boot Inn afterwards for those who want them.

Contact Jenny Plunkett for all Walking Group enquiries on: [walking@cpraonline.org](mailto:walking@cpraonline.org) or Tel: 683814 for further information and car sharing. All are welcome, both residents and visitors. Refreshment stops are optional.

**Update from PCSO Fox:  
Important: How to contact the Police**

I would like to ensure that residents are aware of how to contact the Police. Firstly, if an emergency is occurring, or a potentially serious crime is taking place, it is appropriate to contact us on 999. For example a resident recently asked me if it was appropriate to call 999 if they saw an unknown male prowling around their neighbour's back garden at 3 o'clock in the morning. In this instance, I would advise that it is appropriate to call 999, because of the likelihood a crime could be in progress or about to occur. It is a judgement call but in the above instance, the sooner the Police arrive at the location, the more chance they have of checking out an unknown person who is on someone's property in the middle of the night.

The Police non-emergency number is 101. This is the number you call to contact the Police for an incident that does not require an emergency response (e.g. vandalism of the trees in CPS), to report a crime or contact myself over any issue you may have. It is important that you do report incidents like tree vandalism to the Police as, if we don't know that incidents have occurred, we can't provide a response to them, such as increasing the amount of patrols around the area. Also, remember the 101 number is a 24 hour service, so you can always call the Police even if you don't believe the incident requires calling 999.

Many thanks

Chris Fox (Local Officer for Curzon Park)

## COMMUNITY & SAFETY

### HALLOWEEN



Halloween is with us once again. For some this can be an exciting fun filled evening, but others, particularly older people, can dread the knock on the door. If your children are planning a Halloween 'trick or treat', it might be a good idea to mention it to friends and neighbours beforehand. Cheshire Police are again providing 2 posters to put on your front door or nearby window, one, which requests no callers, and the other, which welcomes children in costume. Both posters can be downloaded from [www.cheshire.police.uk](http://www.cheshire.police.uk). We are also hoping to have a supply for those not on the internet - available from Liz Neeves Tel 07759 477750.

### SMARTWATER

Following the appearance of some SmartWater signs in CP, residents were enquiring about this security scheme at the CPRA AGM. SmartWater is a colourless liquid solution, which is dabbed onto the uneven surfaces of your valuables. Each bottle contains a unique chemical 'code' registered to you – conclusively proving ownership. It cannot be easily seen by the naked eye and is almost impossible to remove. The liquid glows under ultraviolet light, making it easy for the Police to detect. Criminals know about SmartWater and fear its power to forensically link them with the scene of a crime. So, by coding your valuables and displaying the SmartWater deterrent signs, you are sending out a powerful warning to any thieves and burglars operating in your area. By ordering SmartWater packs as a group, some residents have been able to make substantial savings. Further information can be found at [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com) or by telephoning 0870 242 8899. PC Chris Fox would also be pleased to discuss the scheme with you – contact [Christopher.Fox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Christopher.Fox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk) or phone 101 (leaving a message).

CPRA Community Safety contact: Liz Neeves [communitysafety@cpraonline.org](mailto:communitysafety@cpraonline.org) or Tel 07759 477750.

## NEW WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICE



By the time this newsletter is circulated, the new waste and recycling service will be in operation. A number of residents from

Curzon Park attended the Council's local Community Forum meeting last month, and as a result of concerns raised, officers from the Council gave reassurances about the new service [outlined in the booklet supplied with your new bins and boxes]:

- If you require assistance, you should phone **0300 123 7 026** and you can arrange for your boxes and bins to be collected from a more convenient place.
- Residents were advised to report any debris left on roads or pavements, or bins and boxes left in the middle of the pavement after collection, by phoning **0300 123 7 026**.
- If you prefer not to carry the boxes, Council officers did not recommend wheels for the boxes but for residents to use a standard trolley from local DIY retailers or the internet [where you can find specialist trolleys] but they did not recommend any specific trolley.

## HIGHWAYS & OPEN SPACES

### LEAF COLLECTION 2012



Leaf collection this year will be carried out by CWAC's Streetscene team. In discussions we have indicated that we would prefer this to take place on a Sunday when there are fewer cars on the highway.

We have advised the Council that owing to the leaves falling early owing to the leaf problem with Horse Chestnut trees (a situation exacerbated by the leaves being left on the ground) that an earlier collection than normal would be appreciated.

The Council have requested the residents who sweep leaves outside their properties should leave the piles on the edge of the verge/roadside for collection and avoid causing obstruction on either the road or the footway. Additionally, householders are

asked **not** to sweep leaves from their own properties on to the road and verges. Please use garden waste recycling bins for all garden waste.

Email [cpraonline@gmail.com](mailto:cpraonline@gmail.com) to report specific problems or consider contacting your local CPRA representative. Alternatively, telephone Streetscene direct - 0300 123 7026

## GRASS CUTTING/WEED CONTROL

We reported on the grass cutting (last Newsletter) and understand that from October 2012, the Council's own 'Streetscene' department will be directly responsible for local grass cutting [and a new contractor, Ringway Jacobs, for non-urban areas].

We are appalled at the prolific generation of weeds in the immediate locality (and beyond) and have been advised that spraying in urban areas will be carried out by Streetscene, the Council's in-house service. Improvements are hopefully to be anticipated, but if you have any specific concerns, please contact Streetscene direct (0300 123 7026).

## FIREWORK DISPLAY 2012



After the events last year when the area was besieged with cars, instances of parking on verges and double yellow lines and some elements of ant-social behaviour, our PCSO, Christopher Fox, has agreed to implement coning off parts of CPS and CPN to facilitate adequate thoroughfare for passing vehicles and requested the assistance of the Community Safety Wardens. Please use the 101 number to report infringements and email [cpraonline@gmail.com](mailto:cpraonline@gmail.com) with feedback.

Christopher will personally be on duty and hopefully manage the influx of cars as professionally as always. We cannot thank him enough for his conscientious dedication and service to our area. (Councillor Neil Sullivan is aware of this matter and appreciates that action is required to ensure that residents are not subjected to unacceptable repercussions from this event.)

## HIGHWAYS MEETING

A number of Working Group members recently met up with Andy Coward (currently the Acting Highways Superintendent) and we were able to point out various issues whilst walking round the area. He has advised that under new contract arrangements of the Council, he will be utilising a specialist tree work resource to address the tree issues in the wider CP area.

Andy Coward did stress that the recent spell of severe weather has stretched the resources at his disposal in dealing with a number of significant flooding issues and the aftermath. He explained that the gullies in CPN remain on the 'to do list', but now sit below gullies affecting the principal road network.

The following is a brief summary of our discussions and concerns:-

### **FOOTWAY (CPN) LEADING TO OVERLEIGH ROUNDABOUT**

After requesting Andy Coward to take up with Streetscene the substantial foliage growth protruding onto the footway, action has now been taken to address the issue.

### **CURZON PARK TREES**

We requested that four trees are replaced in the area. Two in CPS (resulting from vandalism), one in Carrick and another in Earlsway.

The dead London Plane Tree outside 8 CPS, planted by Morris Homes (presumably as a condition of planning approval) is understood to remain their responsibility should replacement be required within 5 years of planting. As time is moving on, we have requested the Enforcement Department (CW&C) to ensure that Morris Homes fulfil their obligation.

Andy Coward is following up the tree replacement issues and general tree maintenance work. He has also agreed to look into the removal of the ivy clad dead trunk adorning the entrance to CP.

The low floor easy access bus service continues to be popular for a "car free" trip to the City, or further to Cheshire Oaks and Ellesmere Port. However, most importantly en route the service stops at the Main Entrance of the Countess of Chester Hospital, both outward and inward bound.

### **ARE YOU A MEMBER OF CPRA?**

Membership is **free** but donations enable us to print this newsletter and have insurance cover for our events, etc.

You can register online at [www.CPRAonline.org](http://www.CPRAonline.org) or you can request a membership form **and make a donation** by contacting Sian Paul, Membership Secretary, on 683322.

### **CAROLS REMINDER: 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**



### **USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS**

**Police** [www.cheshire.police.uk](http://www.cheshire.police.uk)

Crime/Incident Reporting  
Non-Emergency [new number] 101  
Emergency [including culprits at the scene] 999

**Cheshire West and Chester Council**  
[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

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Waste Collection, Litter 0300 123 7026  
[chester.waste@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:chester.waste@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

### **DEE BEE2 - BUS SERVICE**

