



We're well on our way into the winter months now but don't let the dark nights get you down – our November newsletter is filled with CPRA news and information about lots of fun activities to take part in to keep you busy and entertained through the coming days.
Happy reading!

WALKING GROUPS



WEEKEND WALKS

PARKGATE AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday 7 December – led by John and Christine

CHESTER CITY AND SURROUNDS

Saturday 4 January – led by Dave

FRODSHAM

Saturday 1 February – led by Jim

KELSALL

Saturday 7 March – led by Dave and Jenny

MID-WEEK WALKS

MOEL ARTHUR

Tuesday 19 November – led by Alison Oxtoby

CHESTER CANAL AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday 5 December – led by Janet Ashbrooke

CHIRK

Tuesday 21 January – led by Carol Macrae

MOEL FAMAU

Thursday 13 February – led by Carol Macrae

If you'd like more details, please contact John Jones-Pritchard for Weekend Walks on 01244 674813/07876 381652, or Carol Macrae for Mid-Week Walks on 01244 674611/07913 352056.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Coffee Morning

Monday 25 November

– The Hough Green History Group

We have three speakers from the Hough Green History group lined up to speak at this coffee morning – Pamela Corkerton, Carol Farrell and Ray Carpenter. Their talk will cover a variety of topics about the local area.

The Hough Green History Group has also just published a new book about the area, "The Green by the Hollow Way" (a further history of Hough Green) – ask one of the speakers if you'd like to find out more.



CPRA CHRISTMAS MEAL

Thursday 12 December

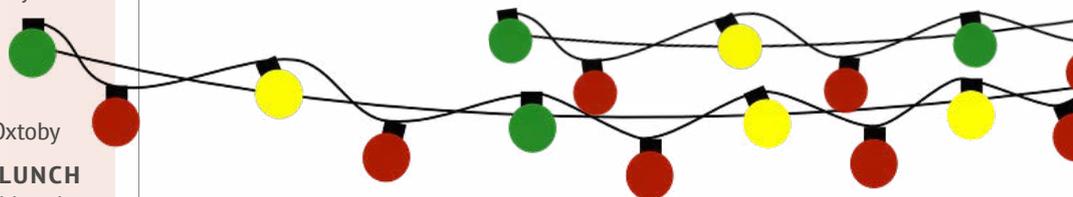
Chester Golf Club

The theme for the evening will be 'fun and festive' – in other words, a chance to dress up in your finery for the occasion. It's not black tie, but think posh frocks, glitter, maybe a Christmas tie...?!

Tickets are priced at £28, which will include a pre-dinner drink, glass of wine with the meal and coffee.

Tickets will sell out fast, so if you'd like to attend, don't delay!

Contact Pam Roberts on 679682
or Jacky Arrowsmith on 677266 for tickets.



Carols on the Green

Monday 23 December

Music, singing, mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies – the perfect ingredients for the CPRA Carols on the Green event. Everyone welcome – come along and meet friends and neighbours.

There is no charge for refreshments, but if you'd like to make a donation to CPRA, we'd be very grateful.

No tickets required – just turn up!





Street Lighting around Curzon Park

It has been highlighted to the CPRA committee that the upgraded street lighting (from orange hue to white direct LED) around the area predominantly light the roads and not the pathways. This has been escalated to the council but with no resolution.

To help support and push for change, we'd like residence to highlight their concerns directly to the council.

To raise your concerns directly with Cheshire West and Chester Council visit www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

- Scroll down to 'Find a Council Service' section
- Click 'Street and Open Spaces'
- Click 'Road and Pavement Faults'
- Follow the instructions to report a new fault
- When you get to 'Type of Issue' select 'Street Light'
- Under 'Fault' select 'Light out/ Not working'
- When it asks for the 'Description of the Fault' you can write the issue/concern within this box. Eg. 'New LED lighting lights up the road and not the pathway which is dangerous for pedestrians. People are having to walk on the road at night to see where they're going which is a safety concern, etc, etc.'
- Continue to follow the instructions on screen and submit.

Flagging the concerns as individual issues will help support recommendations for change and improve the safety of our pathways at night.

Bulb Planting Sunday 24 November 10am

CPRA recently received approximately 2,000 bulbs from Chester Council and via donations - now we need volunteers to help plant them!

If you'd like to help join us at The Dingle and we'll start the digging there. Please see the recent email for more details.



If you're planning to help, please bring tools (spades, trowels and maybe a bucket). The more, the merrier - anything you can do to help would be appreciated.



Curzon Park Speed Limit Reduction

In January 2016 Cheshire West and Chester cabinet voted to introduce borough-wide 20mph speed limit. The policy agreed to introduce the speed limit on residential roads where the mean speed is below 24mph and outside schools where the mean speed is below 30mph.

A notice of intent relating to implementing new speed limits along the following roads within Curzon Park went to press week commencing 23 September 2019 for the public to review. Roads around the area impacted by this change include:

- Selkirk Drive
- Greensway
- Glen Aber Park
- Selkirk Road
- Argyll Avenue
- Woodlands Road
- Park Road West
- Rothesay Road
- Dolphin Court
- Mount Pleasant
- Carrick Road
- Curzon Street
- Earlsway
- The Paddock
- The Serpentine
- Northway

The logic to the report has been questioned by the CPRA as why both Curzon Park North and Curzon Park South won't have their speed limits reduced in line with the rest of the estate. The reasons are as follows:

- The 20mph Speed Limit Assessment is NOT a speed reducing campaign: it's a directive to re-align speed limits with the current average road speed. Any road within Curzon Park where traffic has shown to travel under the average speed of 24mph, automatically falls into reassessment (subject to other criteria including road length)
- As CPN and CPS's average speed is 27mph, they fall outside the parameters and therefore will not be reduced
- CPN and CPS have no schools along them and therefore won't be reduced from 30mph to 20mph to support school safety

David Miller and Bob Gill from the Curzon Park Highways and Open Spaces committee proposed the following suggestions to the council:

- Placing test speed limits of 20mph on CPN and CPS to see if they have any impact on speeds travelled. If traffic speed falls under the 24mph average could they then be included to make all roads in Curzon Park aligned. This was declined on the notion the initiative is a speed re-alignment exercise and not a traffic calming one.



- Make statutory for the whole of Curzon Park to be 20mph and place signs at main entry points to the estate and then have repeaters every 500 metres to help reduce sign clutter. Again, it was reiterated that the initiative isn't part of speed calming measures and the council are following central government rulings on what constitutes these speed changes.

The council has advised the roads will be re-assessed in about a year (and every couple of years subsequently) after the 20mph limits are introduced to see what impact they've had on the roads. CPN and CPS will also be re-assessed as part of this and should there be a reduction in average speed to under 24mph, there's potential they will then be reduced to a 20mph limit also.



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