

Welcome CPRA residents

It's been a while since the last newsletter and many of the social events that we've enjoyed in the past have not been able to take place for obvious reasons. As we approach the festive season, we'd like to share some ideas to create a sense of community and some magic for younger ones – and older ones too!

CPRA residents have adapted to the 'new normal' – it was brilliant to see how many residents found new ways to celebrate and interact with their neighbours in a socially distanced way – such as the VE Day celebrations, the Clap for Carers on Thursdays, What's App groups and residents looking out for each other by providing neighbours with their contact details.

With Christmas just around the corner, we thought we'd have a few easy to manage celebrations in December to keep us all connected and safe.



Look out for your neighbours - a note from Mike Davies, CPRA Chairman

Lockdown might have been hard the first time, but with the dark nights and winter weather, it's doubly hard for some people this time.

Let's rally round and show some community support just as we did last time. If you aren't doing so already, please take a moment and consider anyone who might need help or support. These are difficult and unprecedented times, but if we stick together and support each other as a community, we can get through it. A small act of kindness can make a world of difference.

Thank you...

Sunflowers

Curzon Park was in full blooming glory this year, rounded off by the inaugural Curzon Park Sunflower Competition. After a close contest Anna Burman was crowned champion. The competition promises to be even bigger, better and brighter next year!

Swap Table

Thank you to all involved with the Swap Table during the summer. Particularly to Cerys, Martin and Richard who provided an ever changing spread of seedlings and plants to brighten our walkabouts during lockdown.

Next Generation Lockdown Art Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful exhibition.

The art has its own dedicated page on the CPRA website:

<https://cpaonline.org/lockdown-art-summer-2020/>

CPRA Christmas Celebrations

- 1** **Light up** our homes and gardens from **Sunday 6 December**. Please send in photos!
- 2** **Curzon Kerbside Carols** on **Wednesday 16 December at 6pm**

Unfortunately we can't host our usual Carols on the Green - but we've come up with a fun alternative in the form of Curzon Kerbside Carols!

All you have to do is email cpaonline@gmail.com with your three favourite carols (in order of preference) by 1 December. The committee will review the entries and select the three most popular choices. All you need to do then is stand outside your house on Wednesday 16 December at 6 pm and join in with your neighbours - mulled wine and mince pies optional :)!

Please email your top three carols, print the words off our website, and sing up !



- 3** **Christmas Eve Jingle** on **Thursday 24 December at 6pm**

We've done the Clap for Carers - here's a more festive version! Let's get out on our doorsteps or driveways again and make some noise to help Santa find his way. Jingle like crazy for a couple of minutes, then raise a glass to our neighbours and maybe enjoy a socially distanced chat

- 4** Please send in your **seasonal photos!**

Highways Update from David Miller

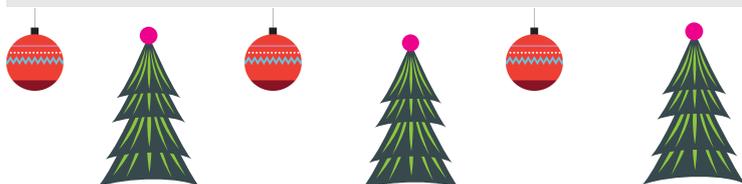
On 12 October, CWAC had a Highways meeting. On behalf of CPRA, the following points were highlighted to councillors and authorities in relation to current issues within the area. We're awaiting their response.

1. Council's hedgerow and undergrowth encroaching along footpath between 1 Curzon Park North and 3 Curzon Park North. Push chairs and wheelchairs difficult to get past – this has been formally reported twice in the last few months but with no action (one of the ref. nos is: HW215117843)
2. Low/overhanging (council) trees along pathways throughout Curzon Park but especially Earlsway and Selkirk Drive – these require pruning so pedestrians/prams/wheelchairs don't have to manoeuvre round them.
3. Pathways down Curzon Park North, Curzon Park South, Selkirk Drive, Carrick Road uneven and badly damaged in some areas caused by tree roots.
4. We were advised speeds would be assessed in Curzon Park North and Curzon Park South to identify if the average speed on these roads drop below 24mph. Update still outstanding.
5. Increase in speeding traffic along Curzon Park North and Curzon Park South (people using CPS as a rat run to get through the Overleigh traffic lights quicker). Is there any way we can put up a 'watch your speed' LED or get the police to conduct speed checks to enforce drivers to abide by speed restrictions?
6. Private property hedgerows encroaching the public footpaths. Can the council enforce these people to maintain their hedges so as not to hinder pedestrian access (especially those with buggies and wheelchairs)?
7. What is CWAC's stance on managing pavement parking? Are they putting recommendations forward under the Traffic Regulations Order (TRO)? If not, why not?
8. Road gutters and drains choked up with weeds along Howe Road. Other gutters and drains across Curzon Park also in need of being swept/unblocked
9. Flooding occurs in heavy rain on the corner of Curzon Park North and Curzon Park South and also at the end of Hough Green where it joins the Overleigh roundabout. Road surface also poor at the Hough Green/Overleigh junction
10. On-going street light saga in Curzon Park. New LED lights point onto the road and not the paths which pushes walkers to use the road when dark. Issue has been raised on numerous occasions but there's never been a categorical 'yes' to improvements coming or 'no', they're staying as is.
11. Northway at the junction with Earlsway – road in need of repair.

Please remember, should you identify any council related issues, these can be reported through the Cheshire West and Chester Council website – www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk. The more people who report issues via their web site, the greater the chance of getting things resolved. It's usually a numbers game for getting less urgent issues addressed.

CPRA Management Committee - Who's who

Mike Davies: Chair	Amanda White: Newsletter
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David Miller: Highways	Carolyn Bown: Social
Simon Parrington: Secretary	Deanne Garrett: Social



How to join

See the website at:

www.cpraonline.org/membership-application

or email your details to membership@cpraonline.org

There is no cost to be a member, but donations are always welcome and help towards the cost of organising events (when we can get back to having them again!) and some of the basic costs we incur such as insurances and the newsletter.