

CPRA NEWSLETTER

Bringing you news of all things Curzon Park

December 2023

INTRODUCTION



Dear Resident

Following a cold snap we all look forward to Christmas. Will it snow? Or rain? Who knows!

What is definitely happening is our annual Carols on the Green, a firm family favourite. Put on your warmest jumper and come along!

Our French-themed meal last month was a great success and we raised money for West Cheshire Food Bank via our raffle.

A massive thank you to everyone who got involved in planting more than 2,000 bulbs.

And last but not least, we want to encourage more people to get involved with the committee - even if you don't fancy one of the formal roles. Don't be shy!

Enjoy your December newsletter....

Best wishes
Andrew Kendall
CPRA Chair

WALKING GROUPS

WEEKEND WALKS

- 6 January
- 3 February
- 2 March

MID-WEEK WALKS

- 14 December
- 18 January
- 15 Feb
- 14 March

All are weather dependant. To find out more please email alisonella@btinternet.com or call Jenny on 683814.

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Our annual Carols On the Green will be held on Thursday 21 December at 6pm.

We'll be serving mulled wine, hot chocolate, and warmed mince pies, and there will also be festive treats for the children.

Dress up in warm clothes and I'm sure we'll all enjoy singing under the stars! Please feel free to bring some cash if you'd like to make a contribution to the event.

If you are able to help set up the gazebos and tables please send an email to cpaonline@gmail.com and include your mobile number. Deanne would also welcome help with serving the drinks and food. If you can help from 5pm that would be brilliant - just drop us a line at the above email.

If anyone is willing to loan us a large pan suitable for heating the mulled wine that would be great. Drop us a line and we will collect it and return it after the event.



THE FRENCH MEAL

Following the very successful Italian-themed dinner last year, this November we enjoyed a French meal at the Golf Club.

Some 60 residents and friends enjoyed a fabulous four-course meal, and tested their knowledge of France as well as their language skills with a quiz in both English and French. To top it all the raffle raised over £160 for West Cheshire Food Bank.

The meal has proven to be a firm favourite, bringing residents together over wonderful food and wine, and will be a regular feature of our social calendar.

COULD YOU GET INVOLVED WITH THE COMMITTEE?

The management committee are always on the look out for new people who might want to get involved.

This doesn't need to be a formal role (like treasurer or secretary). You might be interested in supporting our social activities, you might want to bring some fresh ideas along, or you might just have some thoughts about improving the newsletter or website.

If you are at all interested or curious, please drop us a line at cpraonline@gmail.com and we can have an informal discussion.

Working on the committee can be very rewarding and might only involve a few hours of input a year.

HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES UPDATE

BULB PLANTING

Our annual bulb planting goes from strength to strength. This year we've planted more than 2,000 daffodil bulbs and several residents suggested different locations for planting throughout Curzon Park.

A big thank you to all residents who helped with the planting and also those that made a donation.

We plan to acquire a number of 'established' snowdrops early in the New Year, and the suggestion is for these to be planted where we have "manicured" verges (where residents ensure the grass does not get too high).

We want to keep improving and we welcome suggestions as to where you would like to see the bulbs planted so please email highways@cpraonline.org with your thoughts.

DINGLE PROJECT UPDATE

The Bio-Diversity Survey has been completed, and we have submitted the findings to the Cheshire West & Chester Greenspace Officer for evaluation. When this has been completed, we will be able to make improvements to The Dingle.

We are working with Chester Art College in the Design of the three Interpretation Boards. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the College staff and students involved in this exciting project.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

We are all lucky to live in a beautiful part of Chester but sometimes the environment can be quickly damaged. On 21 November, residents walked around Curzon Park accompanied by Mr John Dwyer (our Police & Crime Commissioner), Councillor Daniels and two Police Officers. This was in response to Allan Hogan's request to highlight Anti-Social Behaviour and damage to the environment.

OVERGROWN HEDGES

Our hedges contribute to the beauty of Curzon Park. But overgrown hedges can narrow footpaths forcing those with prams or mobility vehicles into the road. Please check that the path outside your house is usable by all and if necessary cut back your hedge. Your fellow residents will appreciate it.

DAMAGE TO VERGES

The continued abuse to our verges was highlighted graphically in Park Road West where, within 24hrs of the council making a repair, the verge was obliterated by an inconsiderate driver.



The Highways Act of 1980 gives no legal right to park on a Verge or Footway. A driver may be prosecuted if their vehicle is persistently damaging a verge, parked dangerously or causing an obstruction. Please ask your visitors or builders to park considerately.

The Council's '**Report It**' can be used to request the Council to take action on a range of matters; from blocked drains, potholes, overgrown hedges and more. It is anonymous.