Chorlton Civic Society Newsletter

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CHORLTON AREA NEWS about some other groups and events

"Part of the CCS work is to keep scanning the horizon for what's going on locally and to build bridges where possible."

Our Chorlton Civic Society Aims

The aims of Chorlton Civic Society are to act as a forum and voice of the residents and stakeholders in Chorlton-Cum-Hardy and its immediate neighbourhood (open to all, regardless of gender, race, religion, colour, age, disability or sexual orientation); to promote or assist in promoting Civic pride; and to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area.

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Our Next Chorlton Civic Society Meeting

The next meetings of The Chorlton Civic Society will be back in Chorlton library.

Tuesday September 9th at 7 30pm. There will be a talk by Tom Scragg – about Astronomical Society photos from local gardens. He will talk us through the stories behind the pictures of interesting celestial events.

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Message from the Chorlton Civic Society Chair

Greetings Fellow Chorltonians,

It seems only a few days ago , not weeks , that I sat down to write to you about the beginning of summer and all the joys that it , hopefully would bring. Well, it certainly did deliver! What great weather, especially for the long summer school holidays!

Chorlton Park is looking splendid, with an abundance of marigolds, sunflowers and hollyhocks all grown from seed. All the trees survived the drought. You can volunteer there every Saturday from 9. 30- 11 30am.

Many more shop fronts, in Chorlton, have had their shutters painted. They are such an improvement, I am sure you agree. It certainly helps to defer the mindless graffiti which mars our town.

The demise of the shopping centre and the redevelopment of the site is very contentious, to say the least. The response to the leaflets, which have been pushed through some of the homes in Chorlton, has been staggering in their objection to the plans. "Too many people in too small a place". "I thought , in the original plan there were houses, not skyscrapers" "This is a suburb, not the city centre". " Where did the second consultation document go?" "I didn't get one."

This is all very worrying to say the least. Does this reflect the REAL Chorlton?

The next meeting of The Chorlton Civic will now be back in the library and on a Tuesday, starting this September on Tuesday, 9th at 7 30pm.

The November meeting, also in the library at 7 30pm, will be on MONDAY, 10th, just this once.

There will be Tuesday, 9th December, Christmas social, at lunch time.

I hope to see you at as many events as you can make.

Meanwhile enjoy the last of the summer wine !

Best wishes to you all,

Laura Hopkins

Chair

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Joining the CCS Committee

The officers were elected at the AGM in March. They are:

Chair (Laura Hopkins); Secretary (Carolyn Kagan) and Treasurer (Lindy Newns), and we can have up to 7 additional Committee members.

However, if you would like to join the Civic Society committee you would be welcome to apply and please contact Carolyn Kagan the secretary:
secretary@chorltoncivicsociety.org

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Future CCS Meetings and Events

- **Tuesday 9th September 7.30 At the Library. Main CCS meeting.** Talk by Tom Scragg – Astronomical Society photos from local gardens –Tom will talk us through the stories behind the pictures of interesting celestial events.
- **Wednesday 24th September** free community CPR and defibrillator session. 7pm - 8.30 Green Room at the Bowling Green Pub
- **Monday 13th October** free community CPR and defibrillator session. 7pm- 8.30 in the library

  To book your CPR place contact: Jenny: 07570 879091

  or Cath 07722 958541 cathbrownhill55@gmail.com
- **Monday 10th November 7.30pm At the Library Main CCS meeting**

(There was a double booking of the room on Tuesday 11th), hence the move to Monday.)

Future main CCS meetings will normally be held in the community room at Chorlton library on the second Tuesday of alternate months.

- **Tuesday 9th December**- Christmas social event: details to be confirmed

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CHORLTON CIVIC SOCIETY
(FORMERLY CHORLTON VOICE)

Minutes of the last Chorlton Civic Society Main Meeting Monday 14th July 2025 7.30 at St Ninians

1. Present: 15 members present

2. Apologies: Cath Brownhill, Laura Hopkins, Barry Whitmarsh, Lindy Newns, Mary McGovern, Councillors

Carolyn Kagan took the Chair in the absence of Laura and Cherryl took minutes.

3. Discussion: Chorlton Precinct Planning Application

Carolyn ran through the summary points of the planning application previously published in the newsletter. The meeting was then open for clarification and discussion.

Points raised in discussion

- Concerns expressed about transparency and information released by the developer, and the treatment of local residents. The issue centres around the difference between the first consultation and the second and final application (increased density resulting in change in plans – for example the removal of town houses to be replaced by 6 and 7 storey blocks – the development is now exclusively flats) and the view is that local people have been misled throughout.
- Some felt we were promised re-development but have been presented with destruction and overdevelopment. The promise had been for a development in keeping with the zeitgeist of Chorlton but the proposals look nothing like the rest of Chorlton – instead we have an huge urban development in a suburb.
- Concern expressed at the possibility of the flats becoming home to a transient community (who move out as their families grow), or of landlords who will buy up properties and rent them out – thus not creating a sustainable community. There is no indication that retail units will be filled by useful shops, enabling many to live in a 15-minute neighbourhood. Despite all that is said about the proximity of good public transport, residents will need a car as there will be nothing to buy locally. The decline in useful shops plus this development is the best way to kill Chorlton.
- All in all the development is too big and lessons do not seem to have been learned from other parts of the city (e.g. Hulme).

- One member thought height of the blocks was not an issue – of more concern was that the development was ugly, not fitting in with nearby buildings and overshadowing the streetscapes. Comments on the red brick used, not sympathetic to the surroundings and very dense. In addition the 4-story block with the flat roof on Wilbraham Road will not fit in with the other buildings along the streetscape which have pitched roofs.
- No other local district in Manchester has anything near 10 stories. Chorlton is not the city centre and it will be out of place.
- Despite the application claiming to use the local vernacular in building materials, nowhere in Chorlton is there red brick throughout as in the large blocks in the proposed development.
- The breakdown of numbers of 1/2/3-bedroom flats was not evident in the application.
- Service vehicles: concern was expressed at the route of heavy vehicles during demolition threatening safety of children in the school (it would be preferable to block Nicolas Rd at the health Centre)
- Plans do not show clearly a service /access road to the development on Barlow Moor Road. Concerns expressed around waste collection etc and overall servicing. Will waste collection areas be big enough for the size of the development? They don't look as if they will be.
- Location of cycle spaces is unclear – are these to be underground?
- Infrastructure needs for the development were questioned – it was pointed out that a new health centre was to be built opposite the library and that the recent Infrastructure Report had looked at capacity of schools as well. (Ed: But will it be enough?)
- Concern was expressed at the absence of Councillors from CCS main meetings discussing the development – it was explained that they sent apologies as our revised meeting time clashed with other commitments. They had been represented at our committee meetings

Summary:

The general feeling of the meeting was that the development was inappropriate for Chorlton and would destroy rather than enhance the district centre. Main concerns were due to density of the development, height of the blocks which were inadequately stepped back from Barlow Moor Rd in particular and would overshadow Wilbraham Rd, and appearance – the mass of red brick. Members were encouraged to write in and they and the Civic Society should request a site visit by the Planning Committee.

Save Chorlton Centre campaign

The campaign group 'Save Chorlton Centre' (SCC) group stressed the importance of people writing in to the planning department to make their views known. A leaflet has been prepared, to be delivered to households. The SSC group had a list of streets which need leaflet drops. Volunteers were requested in the meeting to deliver to specific areas.

The campaign group was thanked for the work it has done to raise awareness of the development and to encourage people to respond to the planning application. Several attendees took leaflets to deliver to streets and places near them. (Ed: thanks.)

4. Treasurer's report

Funds are relatively healthy due to the success of a Lottery Grant for the Community Garden project. A room collection was made to cover room hire costs.

5. Other Planning Issues

Members were referred to the recent newsletter for other planning news.

6. Update on Projects

i. **Community Garden:** We were hoping to complete the refurbishment by September but this looks unlikely due to delays in the Planning Dept for approval of the paving to be laid. Britain in Bloom was thanked for recent plants for the garden and the planters on the library ramp. Volunteers have been watering the garden during the hot weather and have rebuilt another planter. Judging for Britain in Bloom will take place Thursday 17th July.

ii. **Street Art:** – a number of funding bids have been submitted to pay for artists and paint to paint over more graffiti on shop shutters. In addition TfGM will be asked to have a mural instead of graffiti on the wall of the Bus Station on the corner of Beech Rd.

7. Some Events (For more information Future CCS Meetings and Events see page 3)

- Tuesday 12th Aug – CCS Social at Library to celebrate the re-opening of the community room.
- Wed 20th August – afternoon tea at Golf Club
- Tuesday 9th September 7.30 – talk Tom Scragg – Astronomical Society photos from local gardens - At Library

8. Any Other Business

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9. Date and time of next main CCS meeting:

9th September 7.30 Library Community Room

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CHORLTON CIVIC SOCIETY PROJECTS

CCS runs several community projects:

****Chorlton Community Garden,***

****Chorlton Arts Festival,***

****Chorlton Street Art,***

****Chorlton Lifesavers - FREE Community CPR/defib training***

Chorlton Community Garden

Volunteers have been busy watering to keep trees and plants alive during the very hot weather, planting out colourful annuals (we hope you have enjoyed looking at them through the railings and in the planters on the ramp to the library extension) and weeding. The visit from Britain in Bloom took place but we haven't received any feedback yet. With the hot weather, apples have been falling earlier than usual. Volunteers have picked them up regularly to avoid attracting vermin, given some away to passersby. Nearly all the windfalls are damaged so we have taken some home to turn into apple butter, apple leather, apple cheese, apple jelly, apple scrap vinegar – all of which you can sample at our launch – see below.

We had to make a formal planning application (and – pay a hefty fee – bonkers!) to seek approval for the recycled paving we are going to lay through the garden. Hopefully we will have a decision on this by the end of the month and work can carry on.



MISSING DOG: we are sorry to report that the mosaic dog, made by children for the library but moved to the garden during refurbishment, has gone missing. It was in the shade under the fig tree. If anyone knows of its whereabouts, please contact us – secretary@chorltoncivicsociety.org.

Opening launch: We hope to be able to welcome the public into the garden very soon, although refurbishment work will continue in the autumn. We will share the launch of the library extension on October 11th, 1.15-4 with activities (and tastings) in the garden. All welcome.

Sculpture Commission: we are seeking to commission a sculpture for the garden from M21 artists. See https://www.greenchorltonhub.org.uk/communitygarden for details of how to apply. Apply by 30th September.

Chorlton Community Garden

Connecting people caring for nature

Nature-themed sculpture commission

Local artists living or working within the M21 postcode are invited to submit prop to create a nature-themed sculpture to feature in Chorlton Community Garden. T is a fee of £2000 available, funded by Manchester City Council.

Chorlton Community Garden is looked after by volunteers, the Friends of Chorlto Community Garden.

Find out more and apply online for this exciting opportunity.
Application deadline 30 September 2025.

www.greenchorltonhub.org.uk @greenchorltonhub

Any questions - secretary@chorltoncivicsociety.org

Chorlton Community Garden Location:
Manchester Rd, Chorlton M21 9PN, next to Chorlton Library

The garden is currently closed for refurbishment
but can easily be viewed from outside.





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Chorlton Arts Festival

We have completed our review of the 2025 arts Festival and are pleased to report that 99% of visitors were satisfied with their experience of the festival. We had lots of feedback and have summarised this in a report soon to appear at www.chorltonartsfestival.org . Huge thanks to all those who took part and gave feedback – either online or via written forms or in person – it is greatly appreciated.

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Chorlton Street Art

Photo of mural nearing completion Peter Topping



We applied for and have been awarded a Neighbourhood Investment grant to secure some murals for shops in the Chorlton ward. This is great news and will enable us to support those traders who want to brighten up their shops and deter graffiti. A new mural has appeared on the shutters of King Bee – thanks to Mark Demuth for this – he also painted the takeaway a few doors down, now called Koop Fried chicken. Next to King Bee Records, Care Chorlton also sports a painted shutter, by Callum Simmons.

Unfortunately the old claim that graffiti artists and taggers don't paint over other artists' work does not seem to hold true as many of the painted junction boxes and murals are now tagged. We will do what we can to remove the defacing.

We have contacted TfGM re the wall of the bus station and the absence of seats in the shelter there – and have now submitted a complaint in order to get the wall muralled and some seats put in.

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Chorlton Lifesavers - FREE Community CPR/defib training



UEFA Women's Euro 2025

You might wonder what Chorlton Lifesavers has to do with the Women's European Cup in Switzerland last month. Only to say that the European Resuscitation Council trained 7,100 fans CPR skills in the fan zones during the competition. Surely that makes for a double celebration!

Check out the details below for a refresher. https://share.google/3RGKpGJRIXMiQlorF

Our NEXT free community CPR and defibrillator session:

Our next scheduled session is Wednesday 24th September 7pm-8.30pm in the Green Room at the Bowling Green pub and following that Monday 13th October 7pm-8.30pm in the library.

To book your place contact: Jenny: 07570 879091
or Cath 07722 958541 cathbrownhill55@gmail.com

This year the training is part of global Restart a Heart campaign. We cover the signs and symptoms of heart attack, how to perform CPR and use a defibrillator and how to deal with choking using Resuscitation Council UK guidelines.

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CCS Update on Planning *(From Barry Whitmarsh 9 August 2025)*

Here is a summary of some recent planning applications. We have included a link via. the reference number of the application. If a direct hyperlink fails, you can look up the application number on the search page https://pa.manchester.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application

An application has been submitted to convert the former doctor's surgery at 7 and 9 Corkland Road into five apartments. Following the merger between the Corkland Road and Chorlton Family Practices, all their services are now provided at the Health Centre on Nicolas Road. The application states that NHS estates have found no interest to secure this site to continue NHS services, including dental. It is therefore proposed to revert to the original residential use of the building. Details of the application can be found at 142883.

Permission is sought to create a "dark" pizza kitchen (for deliveries only with no customer seating) from a ground floor flat at 95 Manchester Road and to erect a front extension to the main shop unit (currently Samli's Barber Shop). Details of the application can be found at 142598.

An application has been submitted for a partly retrospective application for the erection of a single storey glazed front extension at the Sky Lounge restaurant at 241 Barlow Moor Road. Details of the application can be found at 142579.

Planning permission has been granted for a single storey youth centre on the Field of Os, on the south side of Claridge Road. Details of the application can be found at 142986.

Planning permission has been granted for a container and compound at Hough End Fields to accommodate a bore hole and water tank to allow irrigation of the Gaelic football pitches.
Details of the application can be found at 142911.

The Council have served an enforcement notice requiring removal of the front extensions at Casa de Moor, 133 Beech Road. Unsurprisingly, an appeal has been lodged. The appeal is on the sole ground that the structures were completed more than 4 years before the notice date. Details can be found at ENF/15971/25.

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Update on 'Chorlton Square Shopping Centre' Barlow Moor Road Manchester M21 9AQ (The old Chorlton Precinct)

This article has been redrafted by 'Save Chorlton Centre' Group

The plans can be viewed online: https://is.gd/kOvNCl (Or go to Manchester City Council Planning Department website and enter the Planning reference **142652/FO/2025**)

Useful actions to take if you do not like what is planned:

1. Objections: You can still write to the Manchester City Council Planning Department with your objections – even though their website gives the impression that 20th July was the deadline. (You can send in objections until just before the relevant planning meeting. The earliest this planning meeting could be is on the 25th September. If the meeting is later you can continue to send in objections.)

2. Site visit: It is likely that most of the people on the Planning Committee will have no idea what a problem this plan is for Chorlton and so a next step is to ask for a site visit. (See pages 17 - 21 for requesting a site visit.)

Different elevations showing the proposed blocks of flats towering over Chorlton's two and three storey buildings nearby



01 North Elevation - Nicolas Road 1:200 @A0



02 South Elevation - Wilbraham Road 1:200 @A0

What does the Save Chorlton Centre group want? We want retail and residential development, including social housing, but we do not support this massive and inadequate development. We also support the linear 'park'. We are not nimbies – but we do expect intelligent, holistic and listening architecture and planning – which is aware of, and sensitive to, the needs and wishes of local residents.

Some Background Notes:

'Chorlton Square Shopping Centre' is the latest name given to the old Chorlton shopping Precinct. It is a somewhat bizarre name **because the new retail space will be less than half the retail space in the old Precinct.**

The planning application

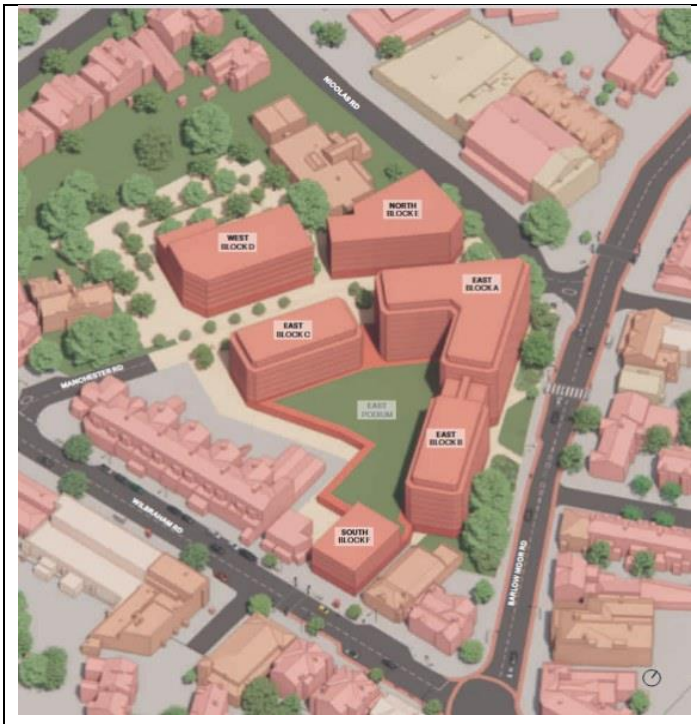
The developers put their application into the Manchester City Council Planning Department in June this year.

There was NO PUBLICITY that the planning application had been put onto the Planning department website nor that there was only a limited time for people to send in their comments. The only reason why it was known that the planning application had been submitted was due to a CCS committee member looking for Chorlton planning applications. Yet this huge development in the centre of Chorlton will completely change, for ever, the suburb of Chorlton with its mainly two and three storey houses, shops and offices. (Chorlton is, after all, a suburb and not Manchester town centre.)

Clearly the planning application **should have been publicised** – especially given the reactions of Chorlton residents when they see what is planned. Many Chorlton residents are just horrified and despairing when they see what is planned.

The planning application describes five huge blocks of flats (l0 storeys, 8 storeys, 7 storeys, two blocks of 6 storeys) - and one 4 storey block.

Layout of the six blocks





Since this plan will totally change Chorlton for ever there should have been a lot of publicity. Indeed, Chorlton lost its centre/its heart/its civic space/ public realm/and its community hub and some very vital shops – when the Precinct and the shops were closed nearly two years before demolition and despite all the opposition. The wishes and shopping needs of Chorlton residents were completely ignored.

Leafletting: The Save Chorlton Centre group thought that the public (Chorlton residents and businesses) had a right to be told what was being planned for their suburb. Leaflets were produced and delivered. Despite an enthusiastic team delivering leaflets it is a large area and many roads and businesses did not get leafleted.

Barlow Moor Rd Elevation



Unfortunately leafleting is a very inefficient way of informing the public as many will simply have been not noticed and been discarded.

When leafletting we chatted to passers-by to find out their views on the development. We did not try to persuade people. We did not need to. Out of the 150 or so people that we met about 15 walked quickly by or were disinterested, about 10 liked the development or expressed a desire to see this derelict precinct site developed without further delay. All the other people were against it – and several were visceral in their dislike. When we held stalls, we got a similar response – almost everyone disapproving and a very small minority in favour.

Here are some of the comments we got:

Re Size: “Far too high.” “Far too big.” “Far too many people.” “Depressing.” “Not enough room for a proper public area.”

Re Appearance: “Very different from Chorlton.” “Ugly.” “These are huge – completely out of character.” “These aren’t Chorlton.” “It’s wrong.” “It looks like a Victorian Prison.” “Families are better with houses and not flats.” “This is not town centre.”

Re Consultation by the developers: Some Chorlton residents said, for example, “What Consultation?” **It turned out that some had not seen any consultation brochures at all and they knew nothing about the development. We also found that not many Chorlton residents that we spoke to had received the 2025 consultation – including people who live close by.** Most people were absolutely shocked to see the new site plan showing the number of blocks of flats and the high number of storeys. The people we met made many comments – most of which cannot be repeated here.

Barlow Moor Rd Elevation



HEIGHT COMPARISON with Local shops



Re Shopping: Many of the people we spoke to expressed sadness at the loss of shopping. Many of them also expressed fury and anger at the loss of the shops because there are so many things you need which can no longer be bought in Chorlton or are difficult to buy in Chorlton. Many of those people also said they don't have a car and so cannot easily go anywhere else to buy the things they need. (Most of them do not cycle and many of them do not use internet shopping.)

The main losses reported are Quality Save, Frosts the butchers, Adam's veg shop, Boots, two cheaper bread shops, a craft shop, an art shop and so on and so on. People used to come from far and wide to shop in Chorlton. Some people also felt it is likely that there will be fewer ordinary everyday shops than before - leading to there being fewer opportunities to buy things locally and at a reasonable price - and no space for a 'Quality Save' type of shop.

There was a strong feeling that if the developers actually cared about retail (as implied in the name for their development '**Chorlton Square Shopping Centre**') they would not have closed the shopping centre down nearly two years before demolition had even started.

Some people pointed out that there will be little 'safe' retail space as most of the shops will be roadside.



Chorlton Precinct before planning/ developer's blight set in.

A lot of people we met told us they were **very upset** by the loss of the Precinct and good shopping.

It was a much loved and very useful shopping centre for many people in Chorlton and Whalley Range (and elsewhere) – even though some people described the precinct as ugly and tired.

There were many other objections including: too many buildings on such a small site – too many homes which have caused the excessive height - loss of trees - insufficient infrastructure - loss of public realm and places to meet - not enough parking for residents, disabled people and visitors which will cause congestion in surrounding areas and which are already congested. In the longer term and for many reasons, it is unlikely that this situation will reduce car use in Chorlton.

The plans can be viewed on https://is.gd/kOvNCl or go to the Manchester City Council planning department website and use the planning reference number 142652/FO/2025.

If you want to take action there are three things that you can do now.

1. Request a site visit (Details below and samples on pages 18 – 21.)	**2. You can still send in your objections if you have not already done so.** This is despite the earlier date on the Planning website giving the impression of an earlier closing date. Typically, any comments received before the report for the committee is written will be included. You can also continue to talk / write to your local councillors.

3. Join the Save Chorlton Centre Group on Facebook for updates, news and views.

To access the Save Chorlton Centre Facebook:

a. Either Google 'Save Chorlton Centre FB'
b. Or go into your Facebook and search for 'Save Chorlton Centre'
c. Or Scan:

If you want to request a site visit:

- **either email** *planning@manchester.gov.uk* *for the attention of Mr Griffin, Planning Officer in charge of the Chorlton Square Shopping Centre and if possible copy it to all the planning committee councillors and Chorlton councillors.*
- ***Or write a letter to:*** *Planning, Manchester City, Council, P O Box 532, Manchester, M60 2LA*

All correspondence must quote the planning reference number, your name, address and Manchester postcode, and give your reasons for wanting a site visit.

There are two sample letters below with all the relevant councillor's email addresses on the first one. They are only samples – so please include your own concerns – such as the loss of trees and the time taken for replacement trees to grow to a reasonable size.

Sample Letter 1.

Your name
Your address and Manchester postcode
And your email address if you have one

RE: Planning Application142652/FO/2025

Dear Mr. Griffin

Re the proposal: "142652/FO/2025 Erection of 6 no. residential buildings of 10, 8, 6 and 4 storeys in height to provide up to 262 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) with ground floor commercial uses (Use Class E (a-e)); infrastructure works including electric substation and associated utilities works, basement and ground level car parking, service yard, vehicular and pedestrian accesses; together with public realm works and hard/soft landscaping following the demolition of the existing buildings and structures on site."

I would like to request a site visit as part of the decision making in relation to the application. I have been advised to copy this request to all members of the planning committee and also my local Councillors.

The site visit would be useful:

1) Because the application involves complex site features such as putting 6 high rise blocks of flats onto a site which currently has only one high-rise building.

2) There is a significant change of the site from an inward facing and safe pedestrianised shopping area to an outward, street-facing, and less accessible retail offer

3) According to the plans Makers' Yard will be small and surrounded on 3 sides by high-rise buildings and / or walls.

4) The plans seem to suggest that Manchester Road will be very narrow and running between 2 high-rise blocks.

5) As the current horizon from all angles will be closed down and the development will be 'alley' type roads and paths between high-rise buildings.

6) For you to see how this planned development will undoubtably impact the entire district neighbourhood for both visitors and people already living in the area, reducing parking and public space as well as increasing congestion in an already congested area which serves a large estate of houses and two schools.

7) For you to visualise the development in the context of surrounding buildings and the whole of Chorlton which consist of mainly two and three storey homes, shops and offices. Unlike the town centre where developments of this type are usually built on empty or derelict land or on land surrounded other tall flats and offices.

8) So that you have a chance to pace out and visualise the impact this will have on the current suburban feel of the whole area, which is a significant reason why people want to live in Chorlton.

9) So you can get the sense of depression already descending on the area through lack of parking, an increasingly poor public realm and lack of major shops and those with a 'draw' which this development will not help to redress.

10) So you can confirm to the community that decisions will be based on the planning committee having a fuller understanding and acceptance of the negative impact approving this scheme will have in its current iteration on the suburban centre; the businesses; the people already resident in Chorlton (M21) and families with an eye to move here.

11) I understand there has been significant numbers of the public representations about these proposals.

Yours sincerely:
Your name
Your email address

Copied to:

Planning Committee Councillor members

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(Cllr. Dave Rawson is on the Planning Committee)

Sample Letter 2.

RE: Planning Application142652/FO/2025

Dear Mr. Griffin

Re the proposal: "142652/FO/2025 Erection of 6 no. residential buildings of 10, 8, 6 and 4 storeys in height to provide up to 262 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) with ground floor commercial uses (Use Class E (a-e)); infrastructure works including electric substation and associated utilities works, basement and ground level car parking, service yard, vehicular and pedestrian accesses; together with public realm works and hard/soft landscaping following the demolition of the existing buildings and structures on site."

A site visit is needed :

For you to see how the current planned development will impact the entire district neighbourhood for both visitors and people already living in the area, in terms of public realm /space, retail provision, parking and in terms of increasing congestion in an already congested area.

For you to visualise the development in the context of the character of surrounding buildings, some of which are covered by conservation areas and how this will impact the character and context and appeal of the suburban centre of Chorlton and its public realm.

Also for you to visualise the development in the context of surrounding buildings and the whole of Chorlton which consist of mainly two and three storey homes, shops and offices. Unlike the town centre where developments of this type are usually built on empty or derelict land or on land surrounded other tall flats and offices.

So you can understand the sense of depression already descending on the district centre through lack of and increasingly poor public realm, of viable and varied shops and adequate parking .

The current application involves complex site features such as putting 6 medium and high-rise blocks of flats onto a site which currently has only one high-rise building .

It also involves a significant change of the retail offer on site from safe, pedestrianised, connected inward facing shopping area to road-side units.

According to the plans the suggested retail Makers' Yard will be surrounded on 3 sides by high-rise buildings /walls, will be much reduced in size (equivalent to about 10 parking spaces.

The current horizon from all angles will be closed down and the street level will be enclosed and dominated by closely situated high-rise buildings.

The removal of several good size trees whose replacements will take years to grow to a good size.

We / I would like the site visit so you can confirm to the community that any decisions are based on planners' full understanding and acceptance of the impact approving this scheme will have in its current iteration on the suburban centre; businesses; people already resident in Chorlton and future residents.

Yours sincerely:

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Your email address

Copied to

Planning Committee Councillor members and local Chorlton Councillors whose addresses are on the sample letter 1.

To stop this development and get it reshaped to a more appropriate size and shape will be a struggle. Here is a letter from Jeff Smith to a Chorlton resident which includes the joint statement from the Chorlton Councillors. Towards the end of his letter the MP and the councillors are encouraging people to submit their feedback to the Planning Department. So we mustn't get put off – we live in a democracy. Make your thoughts and feelings known about this development.

From: Jeff Smith MP <jeff.smith.mp@parliament.uk>
Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2025 at 13:32
Subject: Re: Chorlton Precinct (Case Ref: xxxxxxxx)
To: xxxxxxxxx

Dear xxxxxxxxx

Thank you for your email about the redevelopment of the Chorlton Precinct site and for making me aware of your planning feedback.

I thought it might be helpful to share this statement from all the councillors representing Chorlton and Chorlton Park wards. This outlines the process that they (and I) have been engaged in since the original application, and explains some of the changes.

Councillors statement

Redevelopment of Chorlton Precinct
Since 2016 there have been various proposals for the site of the former Precinct, and we've known for some time that the site will be developed. When the initial plans for the Precinct were being drawn up in February 2023, Councillors engaged with the owners of the land, Greater Manchester Pension Fund, which is a body entirely independent of the Council, the managing agent, CBRE, and the developers, PJ Livesey. Although the land is not owned by the Council, we have used what levers we could to influence the proposals. Most importantly we asked for a meaningful public consultation.

The planning application includes a statement of community involvement which sets out what the developers have done to engage residents. This has involved three sets of letters to residents across Chorlton in July 2023, November 2023 and February 2025. These set out the initial plans, the outcome of the in-person consultation and finally a leaflet about their plans, distributed in February this year. At Councillors' request, CBRE and PJ Livesey also held special sessions with the Chorlton Traders Association and Chorlton Civic Society. Those additional in-person events were well-attended. Feedback from these sessions was very valuable.

Getting all of this to stack up has not been at all easy for the developers to achieve, given the cost of land in Chorlton; the constraints of the site and the underlying groundworks that will be necessary, together with the competing issues arising from residents in the consultation such as the need for some public parking particularly disabled parking and the importance of retaining a retail offer. The proposal now going to planning is the outcome of all those competing pressures.
We know that some residents are unhappy about the proposed number of storeys that some of the blocks will have. It is true that some of the blocks are higher than the developers initially thought would be necessary, but in many blocks the higher levels are set back from the road which means that the height will not be as overbearing.

We met the developers several times during 2024 and pressed for changes to the original plans. In the initial plans the 'affordable' housing element was intended to be shared ownership. As local councillors we argued that it must be social rent, and this has now been accepted by the developers. Chorlton and Chorlton Park Councillors were united on this insistence that the proposal delivered social homes, because we know that this is what our city and our local population needs.

As a city we have not far short of 20,000 households on our social rehousing register and 10,000 of those are in Bands 1 and 2. These are people in urgent need of rehousing. The plans now include 262 homes in total, with 53 affordable homes of which 49 will be for social rent, so this is a very significant change. It is important to us that we must create genuinely affordable, long-term homes for people all across the city, particularly in parts of the city where we know that people with young families really struggle to find homes.

The 49 flats for social rent will be managed by Southway Housing Association and conversations have taken place with Homes England about grant funding. This grant cannot be signed off until planning permission has been granted, but if is, then by law social housing must be built.
For both the social rent and the owner-occupied market, these new homes will add a rare opportunity for empty-nesters who want to downsize but who don't want to leave Chorlton, thus releasing their family home to rehouse a family. We are in continuing conversations to impress upon all concerned that we are keen to see local people prioritised in this development.
In addition to the 49 social housing properties, the plans now incorporate public parking and an additional makers' yard – accessed where Costa was - that includes five new retail units on top of the 6 units initially proposed. There is potential to combine units if an operator requires additional space, so this could be helpful for an anchor store. An increase in the number of residents will also of course boost trade for our local independent retail outlets and local economy.
We know that there are a number of key planning proposals across Chorlton planned for the next few years, and we have worked very closely with the Council to look at how this will impact on Chorlton and our local services. At our request, the Council commissioned the Local Infrastructure Framework (LIF) to assess how the planned developments will affect local infrastructure including health and

school provision, public realm and parking. There were letters to residents in February 2024 and an in-person consultation about the public realm across Chorlton in March 2024. The report was approved by the Council Executive in February 2025. Please see a copy of the report below.
https://democracy.manchester.gov.uk/documents/s53142/Appendix%20-%20Chorlton%20LIF.pdf

We have already seen some outcomes from the report. The Council has purchased 50 Manchester Road and is currently working with the NHS to commission new health provision from this site. This will also include new public parking.

Whatever your own view, it is important that residents contribute to the process, and so we would like to encourage you to submit your own feedback to the planning department.

Cllrs John Hacking, Mandie Shilton Godwin, Dave Rawson, Joanna Midgley, Mathew Benham, Tina Kirwin-McGinley.

I hope this is helpful by way of background, and I am also encouraging residents to make representations regarding the application.
Yours sincerely

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'Save Chorlton Centre' group now has :

Website:	**Email:**	**Facebook:**
www.SaveChorltonCentre Link: https://savechorltoncentre.my.canva.site	savechorltoncentre@gmail.com	A Either Google 'Save Chorlton Centre FB' B Or go into your Facebook and search for 'Save Chorlton Centre' C Or Scan:

Other information can be found online: e.g. Chorlton Traders; articles by about Livesey; other Chorlton Facebook sites; etc

"Part of the CCS work is to keep scanning the horizon for what's going on locally and to build bridges where possible."

Apply for a Cycle Hangar

Following a successful pilot scheme in ten locations across the city, you can now apply to have a cycle hangar installed in your area. The hangars provide secure, covered storage for 6 bikes and are ideal for those who do not have space to store their bike at home.
To apply for a hangar in your area, visit https://orlo.uk/88Vov

B and Q Foundation Grant

B and Q Foundation are offering up to £10,000 for indoor projects and £5,000 for outdoor projects for charities to decorate, renovate, or create spaces where people feel at home.
Find out more and apply: https://bqfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/

Beat the heat in Manchester.

Our libraries are cool spaces where you can get:



Shelter from the sun



Free drinking water



A place to cool down



Resting areas

Find out more at manchester.gov.uk/cool-spaces

There are loads of places in Manchester where you can fill your water bottle for free!
Staying hydrated is one of the best ways to beat the heat.

Bee Pedal Ready

Bee Pedal Ready is bringing Women's Bike Maintenance sessions to St Margaret's Centre to help give women the knowledge, skills, and confidence to maintain and repair their own bikes. Each session focuses on a different skill, building confidence week by week in a supportive, inclusive environment. No prior experience is needed—just a willingness to learn, get your hands a bit greasy, and leave feeling empowered on two wheels. Session dates (each session is 6-8pm):

Remaining sessions:

Tuesday 26th August - Everything you need to know about gears

St Margaret's Centre and Playing Fields, Brantingham Road, Manchester M21 0TT

Book your place **at: www.eventbrite.com/e/womans-tuesday-bike-maintenance-july-and-august-tickets-1494414958369**

Chorlton Chatty Cafe

Chorlton has a new Chatty Café Venue at Tea Hive on Manchester Road. Join your lovely host Vicky for a brew and a chat, Wednesdays 11am to 1pm. The Chatty Café is a chance to relax, meet new people, and have a natter.

There are no expectations, just time out the house to chill, chat and maybe have a brew. Drop in as you like, no need to stay for the whole session. Drinks and refreshments are on sale, but there will also be free tap water available. www.facebook.com/61573981341734

Chorlton Community Garden Sculpture Commission

Friends of Chorlton Community Garden, the volunteer group refurbishing the tiny green space next to Chorlton Library, are delighted to announce a commission to create a nature-themed sculpture for the garden. It is open to artists living or working in M21 with a fee of £2,000 payable.

Find out more and apply via the Green Chorlton website. Apply 'by 30rh September. at **https://www.greenchorltonhub.org.uk/communitygarden**

Chorlton Good Neighbours (CGN)

"CGN: Supporting people over 50s in the Chorlton and Whalley Range area".

For details contact: Helen Hibberd (MBE) **Phone:** 0161 881 2925
Email: helen@chorltongoodneighbours.org **Facebook:** www.chorltongoodneighbours.org
Office: St Ninians Church, Egerton Rd; Chorlton, M21 0XJ.
Office opening hours: Monday – Friday 9 – 12.30pm:
Webpage: www.chorltongoodneighbours.org

Chorlton Good Neighbours EVENTS: Most events are held at St Ninians – unless stated.

Monday: Positive living group; Exercise class.

Tuesday: Social Group held at South West Manchester Cricket Club; Coffee shop meet (in a coffee shop); Exercise classes (online); History Talk 2nd Tuesday in the month.

Wednesday; Drama workshop; Exercise class.

Thursday: Arts and Crafts group; Exercise class (online); Melodics singing group.

Friday: Gardening club; Exercise classes: Coffee shop meet (in a coffee shop).

Chorlton and Chorlton Park Councillors

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Surgeries: Councillors John Hacking, Mathew Benham and Tina Kirwin McGinley will be holding their advice surgeries at: Chorlton Library, Manchester Road, Chorlton, Manchester, M21 9PN John, Mathew and Tina will be there every 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings from 10.30 am to 11:30am (excluding August), and they will attend on a rotational basis. If you are unable to attend an Advice Session then please contact your Councillor directly, or leave a message with their support office in the Town Hall on 0161 234 3235

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Mandie Shilton Godwin cllr.mandie.shiltongodwin@manchester.gov.uk **Mobile:** 07834 869 204
Surgeries: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening from 5.30pm to 6.30pm (excluding August and Bank Holidays) at: Barlow Moor Community Centre, 23 Merseybank Avenue, Chorlton, Manchester, M21 7NT. If you are unable to attend an Advice Session then please contact your Councillor directly, or leave a message with their support office in the Town Hall on 0161 234 3235

Correspondence address for all councillors: Members' Services Office, Manchester City Council PO Box 532. Town Hall Extension. Manchester M60 2LA

Chorlton Pickleball Club

Chorlton Pickleball Club is pleased to announce that the following new taster sessions will be running (weather permitting); For Adults aged 18 to 80+, no previous experience necessary, just come prepared to have fun. Mon 18th August @ 12:00; Weds 27th August @ 12:00; Friday 5th September @ 6pm; Friday 5th September @ 7pm. £5 per person for 50 min taster. Book by emailing chorltonpickleball@gmail.com to request a place. Places are limited—first come, first served. Please also email if you cannot make these sessions but want priority notice of future tasters.

Chorlton Pride

Saturday 13 September

Chorlton Repair Café

Chorlton's Repair Café usually takes place on the second Saturday of every month from 10am to 12 noon at St Margaret's Centre, Brantingham Road, M21 0TT. The friendly volunteers fix and repair electricals, bikes, lamps, household items, toys and more for free. They save around 60-70% of items brought in from being thrown away. If you have skills that you think would be helpful and would like to volunteer please contact chorltonrepaircafe@gmail.com www.facebook.com/ChorltonRepairCafe

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Chorlton Wombles Litterpick – amazing group of LITTER PICKERS

Where and when their next litter pick is usually posted on the internet. Litterpicking equipment is provided. **www.facebook.com/events/2593765727654967/**

Cycling Funding – children

Manchester Active City of Cycling grants for children and young people.

Manchester Active continues to offer grants of up to £1,000 for cycling activity for children and young people within Manchester. For more information and to apply see: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCFV2PV

Applications will be considered on a fortnightly basis, after which we will inform applicants of the outcome, or contact them to seek further information. The delivery period is between now and end of December 2025. Funding subject to availability

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Free NHS Health Checks

The NHS Health Check Team will be delivering free Health Checks to eligible people aged between 40 and 74 at Whalley Range Children's Centre on Friday 15th August between 10am and 3pm. To find out if you are eligible and to book an appointment please call or text 07901 133 971. Whalley Range Children's Centre, Burford Road, M16 8HE. A further session will be taking place on Friday 22nd August 10am to 3pm at St Margaret's Centre on Brantingham Road, M21 0TT.

Free Trees for Schools and Community Groups

Apply for tree saplings to create hedges, improve green spaces and boost local diversity. The trees can be used for community parks, village greens, urban spaces, schools and more. Applications open now for tree deliveries in November. (Their website indicates that you can still apply.)

Provided by **The Woodland Trust**. Get yours at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities

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Free Wellness Walks at Hough End Leisure Centre.

Regular walks can help reduce stress, boost mood, improve heart health, and increase overall fitness — all while enjoying the company of others. Hough End Leisure Centre are now running Wellness Walks, designed for all abilities! Meet at 10am on Wednesdays at the centre and join them for an outdoor walk to enjoy fresh air and walking to local green spaces, perfect for relaxation and connection with nature. Walking with others makes it easier to stay motivated and build healthy habits. No sign-up needed however you can book online or via the link below or on BetterUK app or just turn up and walk your way to better well-being for free. Hough End Leisure Centre, 480 Princess Road, M20 1HD. www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/manchester/news/boost-your-health-with-wellness-walks

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Funding Music for All Community Funding

Music for All is delighted to be offering financial support to community projects and individuals in the following categories:

- Physical mobility or accessibility needs
- Mental health and loneliness/isolation
- Choral groups
- Working with early years aged children
- Descant recorder pack and music pack

Applications should be received by 12 noon on Wednesday 24th September 2025 (with witness statement forms received by 12 noon on Friday 26th September 2025).
Find out more and apply at www.musicforall.org.uk/apply-for-funding/community-project-funding

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Good Grief

Suggestion: check that these sessions are going ahead before you attend.
After launching recently, Good Grief returns to the Carlton Club Green Room on first Tuesday of every month 7 – 9 pm.

Good Grief should be a safe and reassuring space where people going through grief can talk openly and be around others. This gives the opportunity to be heard and tell their stories, or if preferred just to listen to others. Board games and jigsaws will be provided for anyone to play and get to know others, taking away some of the potential awkwardness. Details of

charities and other support networks will be offered along with someone who would be there on standby for anyone who may need counselling on the day. Please feel free to bring in pictures, keepsakes and anything else that reminds you of your loved one/s. Friends of those experiencing grief are also welcome for that extra bit of support. Join on the first Tuesday of the month in the Green Room from 7-9pm. Free entrance. All ages and walks of life are welcome. The Carlton Club, Rowan Lodge, 113 Carlton Road, Whalley Range, M16 8B

HISTORY UNLIMITED - Talks at Chorlton Methodist Church

History Unlimited is a loose association of history lecturers offering courses and talks across South Manchester. At present our main base is the Parish Centre of Emmanuel Church, Didsbury, where we offer an ongoing history course throughout the year. However on one Saturday a month we offer talks at Chorlton Methodist Church. Participants pay £6 per session and we normally attract between 25 and 30 attendees. (From Steve (Millward)

13 SEPTEMBER: LOST CITIES
Atlantis (Kevin Harrison)
Ugorit (Michael Tunnicliffe)
18 OCTOBER: GREAT LOVERS
Casanova (Patrick Thom)
Lucrezia Borgia (Steve Millward)
15 NOVEMBER: MANCHESTER IN WAR AND PEACE
Manchester In the Great War (Andrew Simpson)
The Greatest Show on Earth: The Manchester Art Exhibition Of 1857 (Steve Millward)
13 DECEMBER: BAH HUMBUG!
Christmas: A Study in Politics, Literature and Art (Frank Vigon)

Lipreading and Managing you Hearing Loss classes.

Lipreading classes are designed for people with a hearing loss who may be finding it difficult to follow conversations.

What do we do in class?

- Lipreading practice in a friendly atmosphere
- Strategies and tactics for difficult situations
- A chance to share problems and solutions with others who have similar difficulties.
- Information about assistive devices (such as flashing light doorbells)
- Information on hearing aids and how to look after them
- Information about useful organisations (such as Hearing Link or RNID)

Wednesdays: 10.30 am – 12.30 pm and 1 pm – 3pm (£40 per term or concessionary fee)
Class address: Meeting Room, Withington Library, 410 Wilmslow Rd, Manchester, M20 3BN
Postal address: Manchester Centre for Deaf Studies, PO Box 319, Manchester, M21 3DG
Email: enquiries@manchesterdeafstudies.org

LOCAL NEWS SOURCE: Neighbourhood Update newsletters

You can get your own Neighbourhood newsletters direct from the council:

These are brilliant and will keep you in touch with what's happening locally

The newsletter is sent out to local residents who ask for them. If you want to receive a local newsletter contact: **Laura Cassidy Community Development Officer** – Chorlton, Chorlton Park and Whalley Range, South Neighbourhood Team

Level 3 Wythenshawe Area Office, Etrop Court, Rowlandsway, Manchester, M22 5RG

Mob: 07976 885 898

Email: Laura.Cassidy@manchester.gov.uk

Merseybank Garden Group School Uniform Donation Days

Merseybank Garden Group would really appreciate your support in helping families with children starting or going back to school in September, by donating new or used school uniforms for their School Uniform Donation Days. They are looking for all uniform items including blazers, shirts, pants, skirts, PE kits, bags, footwear and coats. Last year over 250 families were supported. School Uniforms will be available from 21st of July to 29th of August 2025.

Monday 12.30pm till 4.00pm; Tuesday 12.30pm till 4.30pm

Wednesday – Closed; Thursday - 12.30pm till 4.30pm;

Friday - 10.00am till 1.00pm.

Drop off Point: The Den Café, 40 Merseybank Avenue, Chorlton, M21 7NN.

Alternatively you can message to arrange drop off or collection on Merseybankgarden@gmail.com

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Mosaic at the Islamic high school (Previously a Catholic grammar school)





https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-part-of-chorltons-heritage?utm_campaign=fp_sharesheet&utm_content=amp13_t1&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=whatsapp&lang=en_GB&attribution_id=sl%3A576b71c2-3302-41a3-a0bd-e28a3457d1f3&ts=1755637527

Overcoming Worry Workshop

NHS Manchester Talking Therapies are running six weekly sessions on how to overcome worry. The course is a 6-week online CBT-based programme delivered by Manchester Talking Therapies via Microsoft Teams. Learn about anxiety and unhelpful thinking; Build relaxation skills; Practice problem-solving and mindfulness; Gain tools to manage setbacks and maintain progress. Ask your GP for a referral or visit their website to sign up. www.thebiglifegroup.com/service/talking-therapies-manchester/

Parktastic Summer Parktastic is here!

This summer, 54 parks across Manchester are turning into play zones as part of the Summer of Play!

When? During the Summer Holidays – late afternoon.

What's included? Outdoor games, fun activities, snacks & drinks - all for free!

- **Where? All across the city — check out what's happening near you! Find out more:**
- **childfriendlymanchester.co.uk/news/parktastic/**

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES: Alexandra Park

www.facebook.com/AlexParkMCR

friendsofalexandraparkmanchest@gmail.com

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES: Chorlton Meadows

See the Friends of Chorlton Meadows Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/chorltonmeadows/.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES: Chorlton Park

See the Friends of Chorlton Park Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/CholtonPark/?locale=en_GB

If you'd like to help out in the park, doing as little or as much as you can, there is a regular gardening session 8.30 -11.00 a.m. on Saturday mornings. All welcome.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES: Bailey Bridge Update

Bailey Bridge

The old bridge has been removed. Information about the installation of a new bridge will follow later in the year.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES: Ryebank fields:

For the latest information see (https://www.saveryebankfields.co.uk/) and the Friends of Ryebank Fields Facebook website.

Perry's Pantry Foodbank Volunteers

Check that volunteers are still needed. Can you spare a few hours a week to help your local community? Perry's Pantry are looking for new volunteers. They are looking for:
Tuesdays, 10:30-1pm: Someone to receive our food order, help to pack it away and do our stock take.
Thursdays, 10:30-1pm: Someone to help serve our families and help them with their shopping.
If you're interested, please email at perryspantryfoodbank@gmail.com or call on 07563573358.
Perry's Pantry, 54 Merseybank Avenue, M21 7NN.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS in Chorlton, Chorlton Park and Whalley Range in 2025

Ask Laura for a copy of her email of Wed, Jul 23, 9:57 AM. She has a grid called "Summer Holiday Timetable CHRW" which lists lots of school holiday activities. Contact Laura Cassidy for details **Laura Cassidy Community Development Officer** – Chorlton, Chorlton Park and Whalley Range, South Neighbourhood Team, **Level 3 Wythenshawe Area Office,** Etrop Court, Rowlandsway, Manchester, M22 5RG

Mob: 07976 885 898

Email: Laura.Cassidy@manchester.gov.uk

Surestart Family Fun

Local Surestart Centres will be running Family Fun sessions throughout the summer holidays where younger children and siblings up to the age of 11 can attend. In Whalley Range the sessions will be on Wednesdays 31st , July 13th and 27th August from 1:15pm to 2:45pm. Whalley Range Surestart, Burford Road, M16 8HE. For more information contact the centre on 0161 245 ".

Volunteering - Manchester Volunteering Inspire Programme

MCR VIP (Manchester Volunteering Inspire Programme) can help you find volunteering opportunities to suit your skills sets and the kind of things you like to do. Getting involved couldn't be simpler; all you need to do is register your interest on the website with a few of your personal details to create your very own volunteer profile. Once you've registered you can upload your photo to your profile page, add proof of ID, any DBS certificates you might have and other documents as required.

There are so many different opportunities, whether it's volunteering in your local community, volunteering online or over the telephone, there is an opportunity for you to give something back and gain valuable experience in the process.
If you are an organisation looking for volunteers, you can also create your own profile and advertise your opportunities to people actively looking to give back.
https://mcrvip.com/volunteers/about

VOTER ID

From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations for local elections
Find out more at:
Voter ID | Electoral Commission

Walk From Home

Join a new, relaxed, social lunch time walk every Thursday at 12:30pm. Whether you are working from home and need an excuse to get out or just fancy a walk in nature and a chat, meet at Chorlton Ees car park (opposite The Bowling Green Pub), M21 9ES. Please just turn up if you want to join.

Walking Mums Club

Walking Mums Club have a new weekly walk at Alexandra Park every Tuesday from 11:30am. Fresh air, being in nature, walking, talking, learning and laughing are all great for you (and your baby). That's why Walking Mums Club was set up. They've built an inclusive community of mums who walk together across parks in Greater Manchester, building new friendships, supporting each other and sharing stories of their parental journeys. Join one of the walks in your local park to take those first steps pre- and post-partum and link into a network of mums all experiencing the same highs and lows. Meet at 11:30am outside the Pavilion Café within the park, then head out for a loop of the park before heading back to the café (around 12:30pm) for an optional brew. For more details or to book you free spot please visit: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/walking-mums-club-cic-31578399209
www.facebook.com/walkingmumsclub

