Chorlton Civic Society Newsletter

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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 Main Meeting

The next main Chorlton Civic Society Meeting will be Tuesday 14th July 7.30 Library Community Room. The speaker is to be arranged

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Chorlton Civic Society Main Meetings are normally held every two months

Meetings now usually take place on the second Tuesday of alternative months - in January, March, May, July, September, November. Everyone is welcome to these meetings. See website for further information about Chorlton Civic Society. https://chorltoncivicsociety.org/.

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

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Message from the Chorlton Civic Society Chair

Greetings Fellow Chorltonians!
I hope that you managed to get your dose of vitamin D in the heat wave . I can't remember the spring bank school holidays having such a glorious week.

Lots of events happening this summer in Chorlton, so I'm sure that you will find something to enjoy!

The Arts Festival was a huge success and there was something to suit every taste. Most events were free and enjoyed by young and old alike. I would like to thank the hardworking dedicated small gang of people who give up so much time to organise this. They will, after a couple of months, be working on next year's Festival!

A couple of months ago **the Civic Committee decided to implement a Community Champion Award** in recognition and thanks to people who had contributed to our suburb. **The first scrolled certificate was awarded to Jenny Slee**, who is an ex-chair of Chorlton Civic Society and who is a responsible for training people in CPR and installing the machines around Chorlton, funded by her. She was thrilled to receive her well-deserved certificate. Great stuff, Jenny!

The **Chorlton Open Gardens**, this year, is the weekend of June 27th and 28th. Chorlton Bikes are helping people move around to visit the gardens on their trishaw (2 adult passengers). Contact them via the programme for Open Gardens.

On Saturday, 29th August, the Edge Theatre will be celebrating its 15th birthday! So, pop by to listen to live music and lots of entertainment. It is from 11am until 11pm.

The shutters on the shops are looking so attractive. Again, thanks to all who use their own time to achieve this. Cath Fernley has produced an art trail map of 38 sites. chorltonstreetart.co.uk.

The Field of Os, off Oswald Road, is soon to have a Youth Hub, managed by Unity Arts, as a creative space for youngsters aged 10-21.

The old bus station, which is covered in graffiti, has finally been bought from TfGm, by Manchester Council. Chorlton bikes has expressed an interest. They gave a great presentation at our March General Meeting as to their plans for that redevelopment of the site. Here's hoping!

A 'COMMUNITY UPDATE' leaflet regarding 'One Chorlton' (i.e. the old Chorlton Precinct' has recently dropped through our doors. The car park was closed on 31st May . Demolition begins in June. If you want to keep up to date you can visit www.onechorlton.co.uk.

Finally, we offer a warm welcome to our new Green Party councillors, Chantel Kerr-Sheppard (Chorlton Ward) and Grace Tudor- Worrall (Chorlton Park Ward). I hope that they will attend our meetings.

Our next general meeting is in the library Tuesday 7 30pm, on July 14th. I hope to see you there!
Stay safe in the sun!
Best wishes, Laura Hopkins (Chair)

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How to Join the Chorlton Civic Society

You are welcome to join. Membership of Chorlton Civic Society is free but you can choose to donate on a monthly or an annual basis to help it to continue to thrive.

We welcome regular standing orders. To take out a standing order please use the following bank details: Account: Chorlton Civic Society, Account No. 90252158, Bank: Barclays, Sort Code: 20-26-20.

Further details are on the Civic Society website..

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Joining the CCS Committee

The officers were elected at the AGM in March 2026. They are:

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

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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Chorlton Civic Society – current Financial Statement

Chorlton Civic Society	£451.21
Ear-marked funding for Civic Society activies:	
Chorlton Arts Festival	£3508.59
Garden	£2570.05
Awards for All	£1090.28
Street Art	£2583.62
Lifesavers	£121.00
Other	£1053.99
Balance:	**£11378.74**

Reminder to self: I must get round to making a Standing order to the Chorlton Civic Society. (ED). Account: Chorlton Civic Society, Account No. 90252158, Bank: Barclays, Sort Code: 20-26-20.

£451.21 – is not a lot of money in the bank when meeting rooms etc need to be paid for and only about ten people give anything at all!

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Future Chorlton Civic Society Meetings and Events – *Summary*

1. The next main Chorlton Civic Society Meeting will be 7.30 Tuesday 14th July Library Community Room *(See page 1)*

2. Chorlton Community Garden Loads of fun and interesting events listed for months of June and July – from crafting to pruning. (*See pages 9 -10)*

3. Chorlton Lifesavers - Free community CPR and defibrillator training. Thursday 18th June 2026 7-8.30pm at the Bowling Green Pub, Brookburn Road *(See page10*)

4. **Summer Social -** Summer Social - Tuesday August 11th 7.30 pm library community room. "Chorlton Singalong" participation is not compulsory, but your attendance and support is appreciated.

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SURVEY on OUR SHOPPING PREFERENCES

Let's have a say on our high street

We would like to hear your views

As Chorlton Civic Society members we need to have more of real say in shaping our High Street.

We know what we don't want but, what do we want?

The heart of our community is changing, every week there are discussions about replacing shops that close and what continues to be missing.

Chorlton Civic Society wants to know what is possible in relation to returning to a better mix of retail offer in our district. We want to investigate ways of encouraging and supporting shops that will be valued by the community and keep Chorlton a place where most people can purchase most of what they need at a reasonable price.
So, we need to know what shops our members and other Chorlton residents feel are missing.

What Shops Do You Need – and will actually use?

Please tell us exactly what businesses would make your daily life easier, more vibrant, and more convenient.

Why what you say is important

It might feel after being ignored about the demise of the Precinct and approval of dense blocks of 4 to 10 storey high-rise flats that it's not worth voicing an opinion. But now we need to be clear about what we want so that we can start influencing retail development.

Local councils and commercial landlords are meant to look at data on what residents actually want. Councils can also use powers to influence how high streets are developed but may not act imaginatively unless prompted to do so. By gathering our collective ideas in one place, we can provide evidence that shows businesses there is real demand waiting for them here.

For example, Home Bargains, Clarks and Greggs are all looking to expand. If we can evidence a demand we may be able to appeal for local authority assistance in lobbying such retailers to at least consider Chorlton.

Ideas to Spark Your Imagination

To get the conversation started, think about the gaps in your weekly / daily / monthly / annual routines:

- **Fresh Food:** Do we need a traditional bakery? (anything else?)
- **Services:** Would you benefit from an additional pharmacist somewhere to buy cosmetics and perfume? such as Superdrug (anything else?)
- **Leisure & Culture:** Is there room for a craft supply store, or a board game café, another visual arts and craft outlet? (anything else?)
- **Everyday Essentials:** Are you travelling too far for basic hardware goods or affordable clothing; shoes; children's toys and clothes? Discount store? (anything else?)

What would you consider to be an anchor store that would bring people to Chorlton, benefit M21 residents and also existing traders?

Email us! secretary@chorltoncivicsociety.org

Tell us what shop/s you would find most useful, how often you would use it, and why it would make our community a better place to live.

Please also pass on the newsletter and let people know about this very informal survey and how they can provide feedback.

Responses by August 15th please

From Michelle Haller

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Chorlton Civic Society Main Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 12th May 2026

Community Room, Chorlton Library

Present: 16 present members plus two visitors

Apologies: Barry Whitmarsh, Jenny Slee, Mary McGovern, Michelle Haller, Lindy Newns

1. **Matters arising from previous minutes**
   I. **Lifetime achievement Awards.**

It has been agreed we should initiate a scheme to recognise the significant contribution made to the Chorlton Community, right now, whether by people, groups, traders, services, or activities based in Chorlton.

The Committee recommended the first award be presented to Jenny Slee for her unstinting championing of the Chorlton community – from getting street trees planted, and weeds left for pollinators in the streets, to organising dog shows and of course chairing the Civic Society for many years. It was Jenny who initiated the defibrillators placed around Chorlton (and paid for many herself) and along with Cath has now trained well over 1000 local people in CPR. We presented Jenny with her Certificate this afternoon – and she was delighted.

We will be publishing information about how members can nominate people in a later newsletter. (Members at the meeting proposed Reach Out to the Community; and Helen Hibberd who has just retired from Chorlton Good Neighbours.)

II. **Hustings** – went ahead on April 20th for both Chorlton and Chorlton Park wards – tickets for the event were well over subscribed. Only one candidate from Chorlton Ward attended; five from Chorlton Park. In any future hustings we will separate the wards.

2. **Treasurer's report**

There was a loss on the hustings – very few donations and room hire costs. Loss £198.

3. **Planning**

New applications:

- 145328: Change of use from restaurant to drinking establishment and the erection of a covered decked seating area, access ramp and bin store at Shookahs, 320 Barlow Moor Road. Noted that residents object on grounds of not a new application and no mitigation for problems caused before or remediating planning defaults identified before. Agreed to object on grounds previously expressed and lack of progress on responding to planning conditions previously
- Retrospective application for changes to shop front and signage on 420 Wilbraham Rd (Coffee Rules) and minor changes proposed to small development 520 Barlow Moor Rd. No objections raised.

Decisions Made by the MCC Planning Committee

- 145034: Change of use of flats to supported living at 619 Wilbraham Rd approved
- 145215: Extended opening hours at The Creameries 406 Wilbraham Road refused

In discussion it was noted that MCC has now bought the Police Station at the top of Beech Rd and Mauldeth House. The latter is to be demolished. Further, we will need to keep a careful watch that any new building does not continue to obscure Hough End Hall. Concern was expressed at the demolition of a house on Ryebank Rd which had come up in planning some months ago. There is no news about the Picture House.

Update on Projects

i. Community Garden – A series of workshops has been held including building a bug hotel; seed planting; children's workshop. A pond is now built – lid to be fitted. To come – planting a Mediterranean herb bed; propagation workshop. Police may be asked to patrol the garden in evenings. Note all the installations and workshops happening in the garden during the Arts Festival.

ii. Street Art – Shutters newly completed: Meat Market; Halo Angels; Wilbraham Jewellers. Several shutters painted out plainly. Some more paint has been bought and Chorlton Trade Paints stores it for us. Street Art trail for Chorlton Arts Festival (CAF) in Community Garden on Sunday 17th 11-4. Cath Fernley is taking the lead on this project and has done an enormous amount of negotiation with traders and artists – you'd think it would be easy – it's not!

iii. Chorlton Arts Festival –in full flow in 52 venues across Chorlton. It runs to 21st May but 18-21 mostly taken up with high school events.

iv. Blue Plaques –Co-op Hall is back on the agenda as most of the conditions they wanted originally have been removed. This is (one of) the oldest Co-op education rooms still left over a store and is well worthy of note.

v. Events

- May 20 – CPR and CPR and defibrillator training 7-8.30 Bowling Green
- May 21 Emergency Briefing film showing 7.30-9.30 at St Clements Church
- June 27-28 Open Gardens – programmes soon to be on sale.
- July 14 CCS Open meeting – speaker to be arranged
- Aug 11 – Library Community Room CCS social – bring and buy refreshments and listen or join in to songs about local people and happenings

Date and time of next meeting: 14th July 7.30 Community Room at the Library, speaker to be arranged

Talks:

1. Manchester Cathedral chimes. Prior to the meeting James Nissen gave a fascinating short talk about his winning entry to compose chimes for the clock of Manchester Cathedral – his chimes take motifs from the Manchester Rambler by Ewan McColl.

2. After the business meeting Andrew Simpson and Peter Topping gave a talk about the **History of Chorlton Arts Festival**. A summary follows:

2022 Chorlton Arts Festival was initiated by a teacher (Ed Wylie from Chorlton HS); a vicar (Hilary Barber from St Clements Church); and a councillor, Val Stevens. The aim of the Festival was to enhance community spirit across Chorlton via the arts. It coincided with the opening of the Blue Box Theatre at Chorlton HS. The first Festival mounted 33 events in different kinds of venues, suitable to all ages. The 2nd Festival featured Zoe Morris (then a teacher at Chorlton HS – now executive Head of Chorlton HS and Chorlton South HS) - she was determined to showcase a range of arts for all the community including children.

The Festival was successfully mounted every year, changing shape over the years. (Information about early festivals can be found online.)

Since 2019 The Festival has been organised under the auspices of the Civic Society, still reflecting the original ethos of **art for the people of Chorlton by the people of Chorlton**, contributing to enhancing the local community.

New ideas and new technologies are embraced as the Festival evolves. COVID was a challenging few years with the Festival going completely online in 2020 and being outdoors in 2021. The experience of organising a virtual festival has led to a virtual gallery of visual and literary art being a part of the Festival ever since – and taking the Festival to an international audience.

There are no paid staff – all the organisers are volunteers and there is a huge amount of work behind the scenes to prepare and ensure smooth running of the Festival. This year there are over 180 events in 52 local venues – and there is something for everyone.

Chorlton has a very arty past. The hall as part of the Conservative club ran a repertory theatre, and theatre groups still perform locally today. A number of painters and photographers captured local places and these provide a vivid social history of the area. Over time there have been 4 cinemas and an ice-skating rink, doubling as a cinema. Chorlton even had its own brass band from the 1820s to 1945, with the players reflecting changes in the township – initially agricultural workers and latterly mostly traders. It is clear that as times change, so do the arts forms and facilities change. Andrew and Peter acknowledged the contributions made by the late Ida Bradshaw, who was a fount of local history knowledge.

Peter and Andrew were thanked enthusiastically.

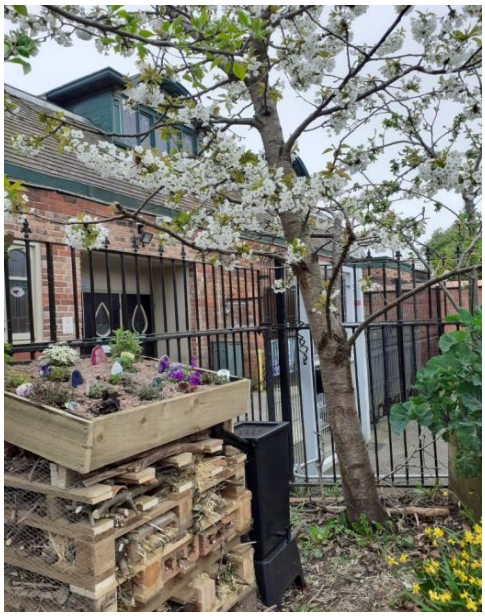
(Minutes From Carolyn Kagan – CCS Secretary)

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CCS Chorlton Community Garden

There has been lots going on in the community garden. We have held a 'Propagating Plants' workshop, built a bug hotel and installed a pond. This currently has a make-shift safety lid on, but we will be working towards something more attractive. We have built a bug hotel and installed both a compost bin (hot bin) and planted a herb garden. The Garden hosted a number of events for Chorlton Arts Festival, several of which were produced through a series of prior workshops, so could be safely called 'co-produced'! The Guardians of the Green Space kept watch over the plants with both blessings and curses attached. This project held a musical launch which included a new song about Guardians of Green spaces which was sung by the visiting throng. The Mini Masters Art Club at St John's Primary School painted giants on wooden panels which were displayed around the railings. A foraging workshop for dye plants was held and the Chorlton Street Art project talked to people about street art and gave out spanking new Street Art Trail leaflets (pick yours up from the box on the garden railings).





Hot bin and Bug hotel with water butt

The forthcoming garden events are always published through social media and at https://www.greenchorltonhub.org.uk/communitygarden.

June 2026
Volunteer sessions and activities to be confirmed

Saturday 20 June 2-4pm. Just turn up.

Saturday 27 June 10-5pm open for Chorlton Open Gardens, together with Chorlton Plant Swap's summer swap.

Windows Through the Seasons – reveal of summer panel - date to be announced. By Jolene Sheehan with Stories of Our Lives
Summer wreath-making workshop - to decorate the community

Chorlton Community Garden: *(continued)*

The forthcoming garden events are always published through social media and at https://www.greenchorltonhub.org.uk/communitygarden

- Saturday 4 July 2-4pm. Please book with Carol carol@brown.pm
- Tuesday 7 July – 10am–12pm: Pruning cherry and plum trees. Just turn up.
- Saturday 18 July – 2pm–4pm: Preparing the garden to look great for Britain in Bloom judging
- Tuesday 4 August – 10am–12pm: Activities to be confirmed.
- Saturday 14 August – 2pm–4pm: Activities to be confirmed.

Volunteering dates and events are shared on our Facebook and Instagram pages. To find out more about volunteering, email Carol at carol@brown.pm

(Garden information from Carolyn Kagan – CCS Secretary)

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CCS Chorlton Street Art

The painting of shutters continues with completed artwork on Tea Hive and The Thirsty Korean. We have produced a street Art Trail map which you can pick up at the Community Garden. We still have to keep reporting graffiti and are sorry to say that abusive graffiti was painted over one of our early shutter murals and now the shop owner just wants to paint out the shutter.



Mural by Jive Prints



Mural by Mark Demuth

(Street Art information from Carolyn Kagan – CCS Secretary)

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CCS Chorlton Arts Festival

The Arts Festival came and went in the blink of an eye. But if you did blink you might have missed over 200 events showcasing local talent. Artists ranged from 3 - 80 something. For one participating artist, it was being able to see emerging talent that captivated them - when asked what the best thing about the Festival was, she or he replied:

> *Seeing young blossoming talent. Without wishing to sound cheesy, for me it was seeing a young exceptional singer who is clearly just starting out and a young - again exceptional- artist again early in her journey. To see that seedling talent nurtured was wonderful.*

Young people's work was on display on the railings of CofE primary school for all to see; in the White House, supported by Unity Arts; in the Methodist Church, the window of BMCA and at the Grand Art exhibition at the Golf Club. There were three afternoons of young people playing music and singing – many being singer songwriters; there was a children's choir and a workshop put on by the Chorlton Performing Arts School. At the other end of the age range, Chorlton Good Neighbours put on both a drama performance and an arts and craft exhibition with some stunning work. And then of course there was every shade of artistic endeavour in between the children and the elders, with performances and exhibitions at 51 local venues. Venues ranged from our own Community Garden to people's own homes, taking in studios, bars, cafés, Buddhist centres, churches. We had a play written and performed in a day; jazz, rock electronic, funk and folk music; classical recitals – including the world premiere of a String Quartet in A minor by local Robert Griffiths. It was quite something to see a different string quartet made up of graduates from RNCM being conducted by 6 year olds as part of their workshop for children. The vast majority of events were free to attend with artists, venues, organisers and volunteer stewards all giving time and effort for the benefit of Chorlton.

One visitor liked best:

> *The feeling amongst strangers who were happy and curious*

And another:

> *The festival makes Chorlton a better place because it is for the community*



The team

All in all, a great success! We will be undertaking a formal review in July and will publish our evaluation report. Watch this space!



The Festival

A composite picture of the Festival



Another composite picture of the Chorlton Arts Festival



(Chorlton Arts Festival information from Carolyn Kagan – CCS Secretary)

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CHORLTON CIVIC SOCIETY
(FORMERLY CHORLTON VOICE)

CCS Update on Planning

By Barry Whitmarsh

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://arcusbe.manchester.gov.uk/pr/s/register-view?c__r=Arcus_BE_Public_Register

- *Planning Permission has been granted for a 4-storey building to provide 8 flats on land at 404 Wilbraham Road (the former garden centre next to the Creameries). Details of the application can be found at 145297.*
- *Planning Permission has been granted for the new shopfront at 408 Barlow Moor Road (the long vacant Som Fashion premises next to Jordan Fishwick Estate Agents). Details of the application can be found at 145490.*

There is new concern about the Planning department at Manchester City Council – they do not appear to be publishing a weekly list of planning applications. (Ed: Clearly this is wrong.)

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CHORLTON CIVIC SOCIETY
(FORMERLY CHORLTON VOICE)

CCS Chorlton Community Champions
A new award

- The Civic Society has introduced an award to recognise the significant, lasting and positive contributions made to the Chorlton Community, right now, whether by people, groups, traders, services, or activities based in Chorlton. Their activities should exemplify the spirit of community and inspire others.
- The inaugural Certificate of recognition was presented to Jenny Slee in May 2026 by Carolyn Kagan, Kath Brownhill and Peter Topping. Jenny is a former Chair of Chorlton Civic Society. She has tirelessly promoted Chorlton as a vibrant and enjoyable place to live, initiating and promoting many different projects from dog shows to street tree planting (before it was popular with the Council). She initiated regular CPR (resuscitation) sessions, and together with Cath Brownhill, has trained well over 1000 people in life saving skills. Furthermore she has ensured there are defibrillators in lots of places in Chorlton. For many years she worked with GMP on safety issues for Chorlton and has provided wise counsel to countless other community activists. She has been an inspiring community leader and can take credit for greatly improving the social and civic life of Chorlton.



Jenny Slee watercolour illustration. From the series of paintings, "Chorlton Champions". By Peter Topping.

Jenny receiving her Certificate

- The next recipients will be Cath Fernley and Helen Hibberd.

- Cath is the prime mover and shaker in the Chorlton Street Art project. Cath has worked tirelessly to improve Chorlton through a determination to rid the district of graffiti. She has not only successfully obtained funding to employ artists to paint shutters, but also has, herself, along with other residents, painted out graffiti on shutters in plain colours. Throughout, Cath has worked with a multi-agency steering group to develop strategy and to keep informed of progress. In addition to the shutter project, Cath has successfully managed the first stage of getting House Yard Rd/Brookburn Lane (the lane next to the Bowling Green Hotel) accepted by Highways to be placed on the definitive map. There is still some way to go. Both pieces of work have improved not only the cultural vitality of Chorlton, but also pride in its assets and history. In all these projects Cath has shown leadership and a commitment to making Chorlton a better place to live and work.

- Helen Hibberd. For over 40 years Helen managed Chorlton Good Neighbours. Through this project she supported countless numbers of older, often frail residents. She organised trips out, coffee mornings, arts and craft classes, drama classes and much, much more. Helen supported very many local people working as volunteers with the projects, whether this was in providing transport, serving teas, visiting people in their homes, doing shopping for those unable to get out or befriending elders through one of the many groups. Helen is known for her calm, smiling countenance and her friendly welcome has been appreciated by elders, family members, volunteers and all the many professionals who came into her orbit. Helen has made a significant and lasting contribution to the elders of Chorlton, showing imagination, leadership and impressive organisational skills. Helen has recently retired from Chorlton Good Neighbours …but the work that she undertook and the positive difference she made to the lives of people living in Chorlton lives on.

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Chorlton Centre Update

(We have received from the Save Chorlton Centre Group)

The old Chorlton Precinct is being demolished

The new 'One Chorlton' development remains disliked by many people in Chorlton who are deeply unhappy about this high-rise development and destruction of a traffic free public space surrounded by shops.

BACKGROUND: Thoughtless shop closures: Shop keepers were told to vacate their shops by 1st December 2023! Despite a petition – started by Michelle Haller – the authorities did not listen and the Chorlton Precinct shops were unnecessarily closed. The shops have been empty for 2½ years. This has caused real problems for many Chorlton residents who do not have a car, a bike or access to internet shopping.

Who needs a 'town' centre? Lots of people in Chorlton do. They needed this peaceful traffic free 'town' centre public space in the Precinct – and they are much more isolated now that it's gone.

Shops are interdependent: A shopping area forms an ecology. People visit one shop and then drop into another. Remove one or several shops and the footfall drops. And inevitably the footfall in many Chorlton shops has dropped.

The recent total closure of the old precinct car park has also increased the misery as it will cause the footfall in shops to fall even further.

Let us not forget the height and the bulk: 10-, 8-, 7-, 6-, 6-, and 4 storey-buildings will be massive and inappropriate in a low-rise mainly 2 – 3 storey suburb.

We believe in social rent housing and we want it:
* But not at the cost of losing our 'town' centre with its public space and shops
* Nor if the small amount (53) of affordable homes (including 49 social rent homes) are used as an excuse for a huge number (209) of private flats in massive blocks.

The centre of Chorlton needs a creative mixture of shops, some flats and some public space and there are more appropriate places in Chorlton and elsewhere that some of the 262 flats could have been built. Also, the replacement shops will provide less than a third of the retail space which was provided by the old Precinct.

A leaflet about the demolition has been circulated by Liveseys the developer:

This leaflet - which gives no detail about the heights or the look of the whole development - can be obtained from Liveseys: Email: enquiries@onechorlton.co.uk; Freephone: 0800 689 1095

This leaflet explains how they are going to manage the demolition. If you have any questions you can contact the site Manager: Jake Flood: Email: info@sjwalchester.co.uk; Mob: 07730 396 410; Tel: 01538 755 451;

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".

ART / CRAFTS: New Arts and Crafts Session at Chorlton Library

Enjoy the weekly Arts and Craft Group for adults at Chorlton Library. Go along to meet new people, have a cuppa and get creative.
This will be a mainly self-led group, with resources and refreshments provided. For more information visit Chorlton Library's Facebook page: PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61575975370890

CHILDREN: Children's Clothes Swap

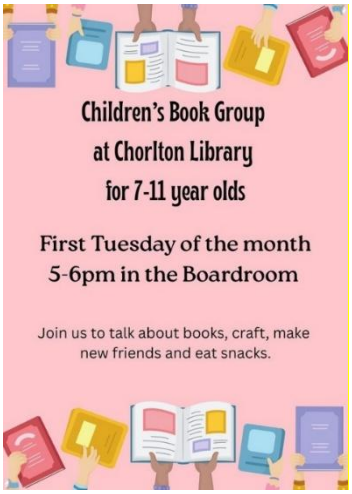
The Bird Box are holding a Children's Clothes Swap event on Monday 22nd June from 12:30pm to 2:30pm for clothing for ages 0 – 4 years. Bring along your old children's clothes and update their wardrobe. Reuse, save money and the environment. £5 suggested donation for entry. Hot food also available. The Bird Box, Manley Park Infants Site, York Avenue, M160AS.
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CHILDREN: HAF (Holiday Activities)

Explore this for future holidays - there may be FREE places for activities during the future school holidays. You can also register for FREE benefits-related school meals.
Create a family account MCRactive Go account.
Find and book your sessions. More information https://www.mcractive.com/activity/haf

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CHILDREN: Chorlton Library Book Group



PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

CHILDREN: Chorlton Library Homework Club

Chorlton Library have a Homework Club for primary and secondary school children. Every Thursday from 4 – 5pm. Take along your homework and get help from volunteers. Chorlton Library, Manchester Road, M21 9PN. PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

CHILDREN: The Bird Box Dad's Group

Calling all dads with children aged 0-4! Join The Bird Box on Monday 8th June from 1:30 to 2:45 for a FREE and relaxed drop-in session. Head along with your little ones and share your thoughts and ideas ….Let's grow a dad's group together 🌱

📍 The Bird Box, Manley Park Infant school Site, York Avenue.

☕ Tea & coffee available

🧸 Space to play & explore with your baby/ child

👨 Connect with other dads

🖍️ Explore what a dad's group could be

 Outdoor garden space

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CHILDREN: Surestart

Sure Start Children's Centres are places where children under five years old and their families can access a wide range of support services and information including early education, childcare, health and family support.

For further information about Whalley Range Sure Start Children's Centre and how to become a member of Sure Start, please contact the centre on the number shown.
Telephone: 0161 245 7007 Address: Burford Road, Whalley Range, Manchester, M16 8HE

CHILDREN: Unity Arts Toybox Circus

Unity Arts run a fun Circus Skills workshop every Tuesday from 6:30pm – 8pm (term time only) from St Ninians Church, Egerton Road South, M21 0XJ. Learn hula hoops, diablos, juggling and more. Only £2 per week for ages 8 – 16. For more information please contact elise.unityarts@gmail.com **www.facebook.com/UnityArtsMCR**

CONVERSATIONS: Chatty cafes

There are now two Local Chatty and Natter Café Tables:

Tuesdays: "Head along to Bembe Café in Alexandra Park between 11am and 12:30pm to join for a chat".

Wednesdays: 11am to 1pm at The Tea Hive in Chorlton.

Both tables will be hosted by a friendly volunteer who will make you feel welcome. Stay for as long or as little as you like. A great way to get out of the house, meet new people and hear about what's going on in the neighbourhood. https://thechattycafescheme.co.uk/

PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

CONVERSATIONS: Talking tables

Talking tables is every Wednesday 1:30-2:30pm at the Garden bar on Manchester Rd, opposite the site of the old baths. Everyone welcome. PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

CHORLTON GOOD NEIGHBOURS (CGN) " Supporting people over 65 years in the Chorlton and Whalley Range area".

For details contact: The Co-ordinator Phone: 0161 881 2925

Email: coordinatorcgn@gmail.com **Facebook:** www.chorltongoodneighbours.org

Office: Wilbraham St Ninians Church, Egerton Rd South, Chorlton, M21 0XJ.

Office opening hours: Monday – Friday 9 – 12.30pm:

Webpage: www.chorltongoodneighbours.org

CHORLTON GOOD NEIGHBOURS EVENTS: Most events are held at Wilbraham St Ninians Church – unless stated.

PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

Mondays: Positive Living group: 1st Monday in the month 10-12 Exercise class 1.30-2.30pm

Tuesday: Social Group held at South West Manchester Cricket Club 2-3.30pm;
History Talk: 2nd Tuesday in the month.

Wednesday; Drama workshop 10-12 ; Exercise class 1.30-2.30pm

Thursday: Coffee morning with Digital drop in 9.45-11.15am
Melodics singing group 11.30-12.30;
Art & Craft Group 1-2.30pm,
Coffee shop meet up at North star deli 2-3pm

Friday: Gardening club 10-1pm; Exercise class 10-11am: Coffee shop meet at North Star deli 1-2.30pm

Other: one to one befriending with a volunteer, odd jobs, general advice and information

Are you a car owner? Have you an hour or two to spare on Thursday or Friday mornings to help transport older adults to activities? Please get in touch.

Chorlton and Chorlton Park Councillors

Chorlton Ward Labour Councillors
Mathew Benham cllr.mathew.benham@manchester.gov.uk **Mobile:** 07814 087891
Tina Kirwin-Mcginley cllr.tina.kirwin-mcginley@manchester.gov.uk **Mobile:** 07940461340
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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Chorlton Park Ward Labour Councillors
Dave Rawson cllr.dave.rawson@manchester.gov.uk **Mobile:** 07904 947 851
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 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

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Chorlton Ward Green Party Councillor
Chantal Kerr-Sheppard cllr.chantal.kerr-sheppard@manchester.gov.uk
Chantal is a new councillor and other details are to be announced

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Chorlton Park Ward Green Party Councillor
Councillor Grace Tudor-Worrall cllr.grace.tudor-worrall@manchester.gov.uk
Grace is a new councillor and other details are to be announced

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

CHORLTON: Chorlton Repair Café

What is a repair café?
A Repair Café is a friendly community space where people come together to fix broken items instead of throwing them away. Whether it's a small appliance, a piece of clothing, or a gadget, our volunteer repair experts can help you bring it back to life. Enjoy a cup of coffee, learn new skills, and help reduce waste - all for free!
Our repair cafe runs from 10-12 every second Saturday of the month.
St Margaret's Community Centre, Brantingham Road, Chorlton, M21 0TT
You can contact: chorltonrepaircafe@gmail.com www.facebook.com/ChorltonRepairCafe
PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

CHORLTON: 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/**

CHORLTON: Walking and cycling in Chorlton Group



Walk Ride Chorlton are local people working to encourage and improve the environment for **walking and cycling** in Chorlton and nearby. They are a local sub-group of Walk Ride Greater Manchester (https://www.walkridegm.org.uk/).

The link for people to sign up to their occasional email updates is: https://mailchi.mp/22ae986e27f6/06hd6cx1lo

They sometimes have meetings

CYCLING: Free Women's Learn to Ride

Bee Pedal Ready have partnered with the amazing Chit Chat Chai to run these sessions after their English classes, so book a space and come along! The friendly instructors will help you build confidence and learn to cycle safely. All bikes and helmets are provided, or feel free to bring your own. Just bring your enthusiasm and they'll take care of the rest!

Meeting Point: St Margaret's Community Centre & Playing Fields, Brantingham Road, M21 0TT Time: 11:30am-12:30pm Mondays: June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th & July 6th, 13th

Suitable for: Complete beginners!

If you can't make the session, please cancel your place to make room for others.
Questions? flora.beepedalready@gmail.com

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-learn-to-ride-at-st-margarets-centre-tickets-1982891561037 PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

DEMENTIA: Dementia Public Meetings

Chorlton and Whalley Range Dementia Action Group are holding 2 public meetings in June at Chorlton Central Church. All welcome.

Thurs June 18th 7.15pm Brain Health and Dementia Research. Dr Ross Dunne, Clinical Director of Greater Manchester Dementia Research Centre, will give an overview of the field of dementia research, the progress that has been made and the challenges still to overcome. Chorlton Central Church. Free to attend.

Corner of Barlow Moor Rd and Sandy Lane, M21 8BF

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067495184786

Do you have a spare room?

Message from Greater Together Manchester:

Greater Together Manchester wants to support people who have a spare room in Greater Manchester to accommodate refugees who have recently received their refugee status. We are looking for people who can offer a spare room for a three to six month lodgings placement. During the placement, GTM will provide support to both the Landlord and the Refugee Lodger.

The Lodgings Scheme aims to give new refugees a period of safety and stability to help them transition into private rented accommodation (or another form of long-term housing).

The tenant would be entitled to remain in the UK and would be able to work and pay a market rent. This is just a reminder for anyone with a spare room who wants to make extra cash and help someone in need?

https://www.greatertogethermanchester.org/become-a-resident-landlord

The Civic Society hopes to have somebody from the department come and talk to us about the scheme and how it works, but they are very keen to hear from people and happy to chat on the phone if you think you might be able to take this on.

Edge theatre: Films at the Edge

– Popular mainstream films (shown around three months after their cinema release)

– Themed seasons and film classics, – World cinema and independent film festivals

– NT Live Encore screenings – Relaxed screenings and accessible showings

- Saturday morning family cinema

There's also an Edge Theatre drama group.

To contact: The Edge Theatre & Arts Centre, Manchester Road, Chorlton, Manchester, M21 9JG **General Enquiries:** 0161 282 9776; **Telephone Box Office:** 0333 666 3366

For show submissions and programming enquiries click here

For box office or classes & courses enquiries please email: bookings@edgetheatre.co.uk

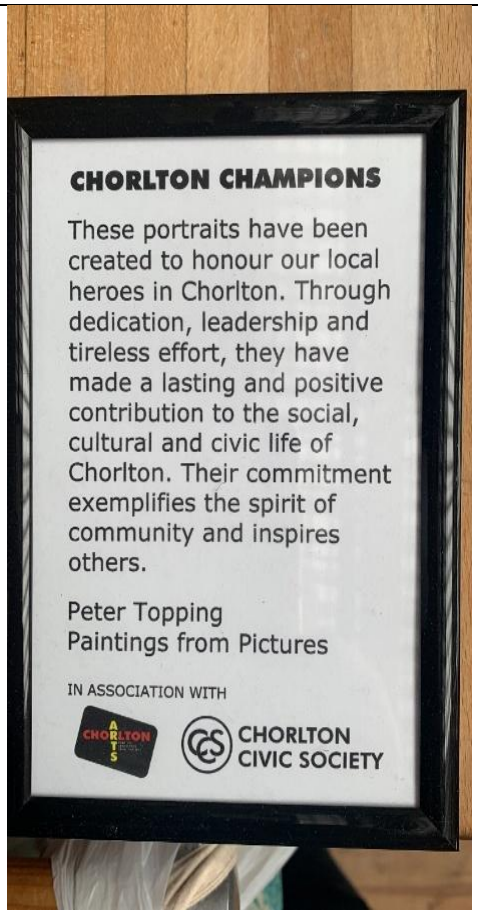
Saturday 29th August Edge Theatre 15th Anniversary 11 am – 11pm

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EVENTS: Chorlton Library Pop-up exhibition: CHORLTON CHAMPIONS









Events: Chorlton Beer Festival 2nd to 4th July

Chorlton Beer & Cider Festival is a long-running community event held annually in early July in the beautiful grounds and buildings of the Grade II listed St Clement's Church. The festival began way back in 2005, growing from a small event to a local institution that welcomes up to 4000 people a year.

2026 will mark the 20th Chorlton Beer & Cider Festival. It will feature over 120 independent beers in cask, keg , bottle & can, a massive extensive ciders & perry bar, The Vicar's Gin & Wine Bar, the Low & Free alcohol free and soft drinks bar. In addition, there'll be a wide selection of local street food, and live music and much more.

The festival is organised by the church in association with Trafford & Hulme CAMRA with the proceeds being invested back into St Clement's facilities which are available for the whole Chorlton Community.

Chorlton Beer & Cider Festival https://chorltonbeerfestival.org.uk

Thursday 2nd July: 5pm-10pm **Friday** 4th July: 5pm-10pm **Saturday** 4th July: 1pm-9pm

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Events: Chorlton Book Festival 18th – 26th September

Look out for information

Events: Chorlton Central Church Eco Fest

Chorlton Central Church will be holding a Summer Eco Fair on Sunday 14th June from 2:30pm to 5pm. The event will include free bike maintenance, fairtrade, craft and plant stalls; clothing, book and toy swap; children's activities and more. Chorlton Central Church, Barlow Moor Road, Chorlton, M21 8BF.

Events: Chorlton Open gardens

Saturday / Sunday 27, 28th June 11 am – 4 pm

A great time can be had seeing lots of Chorlton gardens. Programmes are now available.8 **Chorlton Bookshop**, Wilbraham Road, **The Curious Fox**, Beech Road, **Chorlton Plant Nursery**, Vicars Road (Fri – Sun, 10am – 4pm), **Studio Critical**, Oswald Road (when open) and sometimes Unicorn Grocery.

Events: Pirates Day

You can join the treasure hunt on 27th June 10 am to 2 pm. More details at redeemrermcr.com/treasure

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Events: Chorlton Pride –

12th Sept Look out for information

Events: Unicorn 30th anniversary

The week of 21 Sept Look out for information

FOOD/FOOD BANKS: Quids In Food Club

Join Quids In Food Club – Food Support for Your Weekly Shop!
Are you feeling the pinch from rising costs? Need fresh food you can rely on every week? Quids In Food Club is here for you.
What is it?

- A friendly, ongoing food club (not a one-off food bank) run by volunteers with the support of Southway Housing Trust.
- Every week you'll be able to choose from a variety of fresh, chilled, frozen and hard-to-find food items worth around £20.
- Designed for families and individuals in south Manchester who need a little extra help.

Where you can join locally:

- Chorlton Park (Thursdays 10:30am-1pm) – Brookfield House, Nell Lane, M21 7UD.
- Merseybank (Fridays midday-3pm) – 42 Merseybank Ave, M21 7NN.

How much it costs.

- Southway tenants: £5 yearly membership + £4 per week.
- Non-Southway tenants: £10 yearly membership + £6 per week.

How to join: Just email: quidsin@southwayhousing.co.uk with your name, address & phone number (mobile preferred). If you don't have email, call: 0161 448 4200. Spaces are limited, so get in touch soon! PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

FOOD/FOOD BANKS: Perry's Pantry Foodbank

Perry's Pantry are pleased to announce they now have additional places available for their Disabled Delivery Service. This service has been developed to support families who are affected by physical or mental disabilities and find it difficult or unable to carry out their weekly shopping. This service is available to families' receiving benefits, those on low incomes, or anyone struggling with the rising cost of living. Beginning Wednesday, 22nd April 2026, Perry's Pantry will be trialling extended opening hours, remaining open until 4pm every Wednesday for one month. Hopefully, this will help families with children in local Primary Schools and others in the community who find our previous closing time of 3:30pm challenging.
Perrys Pantry Foodbank – 54 Merseybank Avenue, Chorlton, M21 7NN
Open Tuesday 1pm to 3:30pm – Wednesday 11am to 4pm – Thursday 10:30am to 3:30pm perryspantryfoodbank@gmail.com - Phone: 07563 573358
They may still need volunteers

FUNDING: B and Q Foundation Grant

B and Q Foundation are offering up to £10,000 for 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/

FUNDING: Cellnex Community Fund

Cellnex Community Fund is offering grants of up to £5000 to not-for-profit organisations across the UK. The fund supports projects that strengthen communities, build digital confidence, improve the environment and help people access skills for the future.
Funding themes: Digital Inclusion and Skills - Helping people get online, build digital skills or use technology with confidence. //Circular Economy - Reducing waste, encouraging repair and reuse, or supporting sustainable use of materials. //Biodiversity and Conservation - Improving local nature, protecting wildlife habitats or supporting community environmental action.
AI and Education - Building awareness of artificial intelligence, responsible use of technology or STEM learning. For more information please visit: www.cellnex.com/gb-en/cellnex-community-fund/

FUNDING: Moss Side West Pride in Place

Moss Side West Pride in Place is a programme that is bringing £20 million into the local community over the next ten years.
www.manchester.gov.uk/news-stories/2026/another-20m-into-the-hands-of-mancunians-to-help-reshape-their-communities
The local community will get to decide how this money is spent through a local board, for which applications are now open.
These roles will play a vital part in shaping how up to £20m is invested in the community over the next 10 years. Applications for the two roles are open from 18th May to 15th June via:
www.manchester.gov.uk/people-and-communities/pride-in-place-apply-for-the-position-of-community-chair/apply-for-community-chair-position

If you live in the area and you would like to get your views across about the area, you can fill in the survey here, though there will be a lot of other opportunities to get your voice heard in the coming months:
www.manchester.gov.uk/consultations-and-surveys/pride-in-place-tell-us-what-you-think-about-your-area

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FUNDING: Greater Manchester Green Spaces Fund

The Greater Manchester Green Spaces Fund is now open. That's right - the fund that's already enabled 122 community groups to improve 400,000m2 of green space across the city region has re-opened for 2026. Want to create a community garden? Green up an urban alleyway? Restore an allotment to its former glory? You can apply for grants between £2,000 - £40,000 if you're a GM-based community group with plans to increase the amount of accessible, nature-rich green space where people need it most. Visit https://gmet.org.uk/green-spaces-fund for more information and to apply. Deadline 3rd August 2026.

FUNDING: Cycle Hangars

Following a successful pilot scheme in some 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

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FUNDING: Free Trees & Hedges 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

ED: **To all schools in Manchester on main roads** – especially those near junctions: Get applying now!!! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do something to try to clean the air around your school.

FUNDING: MACC - (Manchester Community Central)

A great source of information about funding for a variety of Manchester voluntary groups (and they can give a lot of other support too)
General enquiries or support: info@mcrcommunitycentral.org
Volunteer Centre Manchester: info@volunteercentremanchester.co.uk
Information support line: 0333 321 3021, Volunteer Centre Manchester: 0161 830 4770
St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester, M12 6FZ

FUNDING: GMP ARIS Funding

Greater Manchester Police invests money, seized from criminals, into communities. Money, seized from criminals and distributed to police forces via the Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS), is being invested into communities across Greater Manchester. Non-profits which benefit a large number of people can apply for a maximum of £20,000 to fund 12 months' activities. The activities must support GMP's objectives to fight, prevent and reduce crime; keep people safe; and care for victims. For more details and to apply please visit: https://www.gmp.police.uk/police-forces/greater-manchester-police/areas/greater-manchester-force-content/au/about-us/giving-back-investing-in-our-community/

FUNDING: Morrisons Foundation

Our grant funding programme supports registered charities delivering projects which help to improve people's lives in communities across England, Scotland and Wales. We have set funding objectives, which are: 1. Tackling poverty and social deprivation; 2. Enhancing community spaces, facilities and services; 3. Improving health and wellbeing. Charities applying should ensure their project meets at meets at least one of the funding objectives. Applications are accepted on a continual basis, there is no deadline to submit a request. CICs and organisations that are not registered on the Charity Commission / OSCR are not eligible for support. For full eligibility criteria check out our Grant Funding Policy page. More Information can be found at https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/grant-funding-request/

FUNDING: Home Instead Funding

Community groups and small charities working with older people can now apply for grants from Home Instead Charities. The charity, part of the Home Instead UK network, provides funding to projects that enhance wellbeing or reduce social isolation among people aged 55 and over. Grants are available to grassroots organisations, small local charities and registered charities, with Community Interest Companies also eligible. Projects typically supported include social clubs, day trips, yoga sessions, and guest speakers. Funding cannot be used for salaries, operating costs, capital projects, or repeat applications for the same project within the same year. To apply, applicants need to contact their local Home Instead office directly to discuss their project or organisation. The local office will advise applicants on the next steps within the grant application process. For more information please visit: www.homeinstead.co.uk/charities/what-we-do/ For most groups receiving this email the local office will be South Manchester: www.homeinstead.co.uk/south-manchester/

FUNDING: Neighbourhood Sports Fund

The Neighbourhood Sports team are excited to share news of their new Sports Fund, aimed at supporting clubs and community Training, Volunteering and Employment organisations across the City of Manchester with grants of £250 – £3,000. Open from April 2026 to March 2027, this rolling programme aims to support Manchester residents to move more and enjoy being active. The priority themes focus on:

- Low/no-cost activities
- Women & girls' participation
- Activities for 0–5s
- Walk, Run, Cycle initiatives
- Retaining & growing participation

Applicants are encouraged to read the full guidance document before making an application and make contact by email with any questions to grants@mcractive.com. For more information, and the application link, please visit: https://mcractive.com/sports-funding/

FUNDING: TFGM Wheels and Walking Funding

The scheme offering grants is currently closed for applications but if you are interested sign up for **sign up for our Active Travel newsletter** to be kept in the loop with future funding and support opportunities.

There are groups which are ongoing – check those out if you are interested.

Free: Merseybank Community Cooking Classes

Greens and Others are running free Cooking on a Budget classes at The Den Café. Three weekly sessions on Tuesday 9th, 16th and 23rd June from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Register your interest on 0161 425 0723 or at merseybankgarden@gmail.com

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FREE!! Chorlton Lifesavers Free community CPR and defibrillator training.

Chorlton Lifesavers have trained over 1000 folk in CPR and how to use a defibrillator. They really want to reach 1500 but need more folk to come to help them reach their target.

Next session will be on Thursday 18th June 7pm-8.30pm at the Bowling Green Pub M21 9ES. Book your place by text to 07722 958541.

GARDENING: National Vegetable Society (Manchester and Cheshire)

Interesting speakers – for example, on vegetable growing, flowers, hanging baskets and also sometimes a qualified medical herbalist on growing medicinal plants in your garden.
They usually hold meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at **The Hough End Centre, Mauldeth Rd West, Chorlton, M21 7SX.** (The Police Sports & Social Club).
Contact manchesternvs@gmail.com and ask to be put on the Mailing List.) A friendly group of people.
Twitter@mancheshnvs BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

HISTORY TALKS: CHORLTON GOOD NEIGHBOURS

History talks are also usually held at Chorlton Good Neighbours on the 2nd Tuesday in the month St Ninians Church, Egerton Rd; Chorlton, M21 0XJ. **For details contact:** The Co-ordinator **Phone:** 0161 881 2925 **Email:** coordinatorcgn@gmail.com
Facebook: www.chorltongoodneighbours.org **Office hours:** Monday - Friday 9 – 12.30pm,
Webpage: **www.**chorltongoodneighbours.org PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

HISTORY TALKS: Chorlton Library

History talks are also sometimes held at Chorlton Library The history talks take place on a Saturday in some months.

HISTORY TALKS: Manchester Town hall Heritage lectures

Did you know you can learn all about the restoration of Manchester's Town hall. A series of lectures continues – if interested please sign up Sign up now if interested please sign up like to receive these eBulletins. You may also be able to listen to previous lectures.

LOCAL NEWS SOURCE: Neighbourhood Update newsletters

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

Don't wait for the news in this newsletter. Get up-to-date information direct from Laura Cassidy. Her newsletters are brilliant and will keep you in touch with a lot of what's happening locally.

Laura's 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

Web: http://www.manchester.gov.uk

LOCAL NEWS SOURCE: Chorlton Community Cooperative

Working Together for Chorlton

They provide information about events and they are on the internet

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Lipreading and Managing you Hearing Loss classes.

These 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
- Discuss 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)

Cost: Approx. £40 per term depending on the number of classes. Concessionary fees available.)

Classes are held in Manchester, Bury, Stretford, Altrincham, Glossop.

(The Manchester class is held in Withington Library (410 Wilmslow Rd, Manchester, M20 3BN is closed for renovations) CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

Postal address: Promoting Deaf Issues, PO Box 319, Manchester, M21 3DG

Email: enquiries@manchesterdeafstudies.org

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES: Alexandra Park

www.facebook.com/AlexParkMCR friendsofalexandraparkmanchest@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/AlexParkMCR

Beech Road Park Gardening

Friends of Beech Road Park hold monthly volunteer gardening sessions on the first Sunday of the month from 10am to 12 noon. Additional sessions are organised at other times when volunteers are available and tasks need doing. Please email for more details to friendsbeechrdparkm21@gmail.com All are welcome. www.facebook.com/BeechRoadPark PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

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.
www.facebook.com/groups/151217108266536 PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU GO FIRST TIME

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES: Save Ryebank fields

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

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES: Bailey Bridge Update

The old bridge has been removed. Information about the installation of a new bridge will follow later in the year. A planning application for the new bridge has been approved. Search for **44154/VO/2025.** And there is great hope for an early completion.

RUNNING: Mile Shy Chorlton Couch to 5k

If you are looking to get into running, join Mile Shy Club in Chorlton on Wednesday evenings at 6pm.
The sessions are aimed at complete beginners to 5K Improvers and everything in between. The meeting point is the car park of Chorlton High School, outside Blue Box Theatre. Nell Lane, M21 7SL and the sessions costs £2 on a pay as you go basis - you can pay by contactless or bring cash on the day. The sessions usually last for an hour, but allow for 1 hour 15 minutes. Session summary: Sessions always start with a fun group warm up!
Beginners complete a run/walk session (more walking than running in the initial weeks!) The sessions include teaching points on how to run and always include cool down stretches afterwards. There is optional homework to all beginner runners and if they attend every session and complete all the homework they are expected to be completing their first 5K in nine weeks.
All runners who complete the Couch To 5K programme have the option to attend a graduation parkrun celebration with the rest of Mile Shy Club. To sign up please visit: www.mileshyclub.com/chorlton

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VENUE FOR HIRE: New Community Room available for hire

MSV (Mosscare St Vincents Housing) will be launching a new community space in Summer 2026 available for hire.
Bath House (on the site of the former swimming baths) community room is open for local community groups to hire for up to 30 people for £20 per hour and is available 7 days a week. The accessible space will be fully equipped with tables, chairs, a kitchen and accessible WC.
We are open to hear from any groups to see if there is a way we can work with you.
Please contact our Social Investment Officer Sophie O'Neill by emailing BathHouse@MSVHousing.co.uk or phoning 07802416351

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

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VOLUNTEERING: The Bird Box Volunteer Community Chef

The Bird Box are looking for volunteers to cook and share nutritious food with their families. They are looking for chefs to cook approximately 15 servings of vegan food on Friday mornings in term time. For more details, please contact Heather on 07835 168 134 or Jane on 07799 896 642.
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094770677382

VOLUNTEERING: Could you be a Tennis Activator?

We Do Tennis is looking for friendly, passionate people to help run free park tennis sessions across Manchester. You do not need to be an expert player. If you love tennis and want to help more people enjoy the game, this could be for you.

As a Tennis Activator you'll help deliver fun, social sessions in local parks and receive some great perks too, including:

Free annual court pass Free weekly coaching
Discounts on equipment and training Volunteer DBS support

It's a brilliant way to meet people, support your local community and help more people get active through tennis. Interested? Head to https://wedotennis.co.uk/

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

VOLUNTEERING - TALK ENGLISH VOLUNTEER

Want to join this opportunity ? That's great but you need to Register Login

Talk English Courses, Clubs and Circles provide opportunities across Manchester for people to learn English, gain confidence, meets others and access services. We offer the following opportunities:

1. Talk English Club volunteer - alongside other volunteers, you will facilitate activities in one of our Talk English Clubs, helping learners to develop their speaking and listening skills in English. You will be supervised by the Talk English Club Teacher.
2. Talk English Circle volunteer - you will plan and facilitate informal sessions in one of Talk English Circles. You will collaborate with other volunteers and receive remote supervision from our Talk English Circle Programme Leader.

Whatever role you take on, and whatever your reasons for getting involved, your time, energy and skills are vital to what we do.

https://mcrvip.com/volunteers/opportunity/10229383

VOLUNTEERING - Volunteer with us this Windrush Day

On Saturday 20th June, Alexandra Park comes alive for Windrush Day 2026 — a free, all-day celebration of the people who came, who built, and who made Manchester home. CAHN are looking for volunteers to help bring the day to life. Whether you're handing out programmes, welcoming families at the gate, helping with the kids' area, or just bringing good energy to the crowd, there's a place for you. You don't need experience. You don't need to be from the community to celebrate it. You just need to want to be part of something that matters. This is our thank you to a generation, a gift to the next one, and a day Manchester won't forget.

Sign up to **volunteer: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/BGAKUbtW4Q**

Alexandra Park, Manchester (M16 7JL) Saturday 20th June, 12pm–6pm Free entry | Everyone welcome **www.facebook.com/cahnuk**

WALKING: 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. They say "Please just turn up if you want to join". (We assume they are ongoing – but we don't know.) PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU GO FIRST TIME

WALKING: Chorlton Health Walk

Chorlton Health Walk takes place every Thursday, providing the weather is acceptable. We gather outside Chorlton Family Practice (1 Nicolas Road Chorlton), setting off at 1pm, walking through Longford Park to the cafe, where we rest, chat and have refreshments before returning to the starting point. This is a respectful and gentle walk. Everyone is welcome. Just turn up on the day and ask for Stephen. PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU GO FIRST TIME

WALKING: 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 your free spot please visit: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/walking-mums-club-cic-31578399209 www.facebook.com/walkingmumsclub PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU GO FIRST TIME

WALKING: Gentle Steps Woman's Walks

Gentle Steps women's Movement Collective run weekly walks in Alexandra Park, starting from outside Bembe Café at 11am. For more information please contact 07444 991 395 or email info@gentlestepswmc.org
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579095252091
PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU GO FIRST TIME

WALKING: Sunward Step

They run two weekly walking groups for anyone who is looking to get more active, get outside and meet people. Join every Thursday at 1pm at Chorlton Water Park (meet at the car park entrance), Maitland Avenue, M21 7WH; or Wednesdays at 1pm at the entrance of Alexandra Park, on the corner of Claremont Road and Alexandra Road South. For more information please call or text 07344 503 861.

WALKING: Wellness Walks at Hough End Leisure Centre (FREE)

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 is 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 Better 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 PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU GO FIRST TIME

Work: Central Library Recruitment Event

Know anyone looking for a new job? The Work & Skills recruitment event is back at Central Library on Tuesday 7th July from 10am to 1pm.

15+ of Manchester's biggest employers are bringing live roles ready to fill, including: Manchester Building Society; Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS); The Co-operative Bank Book your free slot at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/recruitment-event-tickets-1989297796259

Yoga: Standing and Chair Based Yoga

Barlow Moor Community Association have free standing yoga and chair-based yoga every Tuesday from 3:30 – 4:30pm. Please sign up at reception or call 0161 446 4805. BMCA, 23 Merseybank Avenue, M21 7NT PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU GO FIRST TIME

