Chorlton Civic Society Newsletter

SUPPLEMENT

August - September2026

https://chorltoncivicsociety.org/

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".

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Chorlton Lifesavers – FREE Community CPR/defib training

The next free community CPR and defibrillator session is:
Wednesday 9th September 7pm - 8.30pm
Green Room, Bowling Green pub, Brookburn Road M21 9ES

To book your place:

Text Cath 07722 958541 or email cathbrownhill55@gmail.com
Or Jenny 07570 879091

Chorlton Bikes: Bike Library

Did you know that Chorlton Bikes have a free bike library service? Well they do, and they even include Tandem and Brompton bike. For more information on how to hire one please Chorlton Bikes Bike Library
visit: https://chorltonbikes.coop/ or www.facebook.com/chorltonbikedeliveries

Perry's Pantry Now in M16

Perry's Pantry are welcoming new joiners from M16, as well as M20 and M21. The pantry scheme offers wide range of food and household essentials, including fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, chilled and frozen foods, toiletries and more. You can join the scheme for just £5 for a year and then pay either £7.50 or £10.50 per visit, depending on what package suits you, but the goods you receive will be worth a lot more. Perry's Pantry, 54 Merseybank Avenue, M21 7NN. For more info or to sign up please visit www.perryspantry.org or email

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

Adult ADHD and Autism Support Group

The 1st Tuesday of the month is the day for the Adult ADHD and Autism Peer Support Group at Chorlton Methodist Church. Join for peer support and advice, shared stories, and discovering coping mechanisms. 5pm to 7pm at The Meeting Room, Chorlton Central Church, Barlow Moor Road, M21 8BF.
Upcoming dates are Tuesdays 6th October, 3rd November, 1st December.

Free Armed Forces Veterans Leisure Pass

Manchester City Council is proud to support Manchester veterans with a FREE Veterans Leisure Membership. Free gym, swim, fitness classes and health suite access at 11 leisure centres across the city, anytime.
Simply visit your nearest Manchester City Council operated leisure centre with proof of eligibility, and a member of the team will guide you through the quick registration process.
More information can be found at: **https://mcractive.com/free-veteran-gym/**

Mums Matter

Mums Matter is a friendly, welcoming space to focus on your emotional wellbeing and mental health, take a break and connect with other mums who understand. The September course at Whalley Range Children's Centre will start on Tuesday 22nd September and run for 8 weeks. The course is open to Manchester mums with a child under 2. For more information or to book a place please contact Lucky on 07860 640 552 or Faye on 07592 376 720, or email mumsmatter@manchestermind.org
www.manchestermind.org/mumsmatter/

Groundworks Grassroots Funding

Does your community group need funding?

Apply to the Grassroots Grants Fund now for unrestricted funding of up to £2000. Organisations across England making a positive difference in their communities can apply to cover core costs, deliver staff training, or host events, activities, and wellbeing initiatives. Applications are open to eligible voluntary or community organisations, registered charities, and CICs with an annual turnover under £25,000. Applications close 30 September 2026. To learn more and apply, visit: https://www.groundwork.org.uk/grassroots-grants/

Merseybank Garden Group School Uniform Donation Days

Merseybank Garden Group are asking for your support with donations of old or new school uniforms for families who are in need of them. They need blazers, jumpers, shirts, polo shirts, bags, shoes, trousers and skirts. The Den will be open for donation drop offs from Tuesday 4th August to 5th September on Tuesdays to Saturdays from 1pm to 4pm. There will also be art and craft activities, refreshments and garden activities. The Den Café, 40 Merseybank Avenue, M21 7NN.

0161 425 0723.

Perry's Pantry

Perry's Pantry have expanded their service and can now offer membership of their pantry service to people living in M16 as well as M20 and M21. Receive a wide variety of food and household essentials including fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, chilled and frozen foods, toiletries and more. To sign up please contact 07563 573 358 or email perryspantryfoodbank@gmail.com.

www.perryspantry.org





Grants for Community Photography

The Richard and Siobhán Coward Foundation offers grants of between £500 and £1,500 to support participatory photography projects that seek to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people under 25.

Projects eligible for this scheme will aim to improve the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults under the age of 25, allowing them to take part in organised activities that provide a hands-on experience of photographic techniques.

For these grants, projects can use either digital or analogue photography.

Deadline to apply is 30th September

www.cowardphotography.org/grants-for-community-photog

Stories of Our Lives

Stories of Our Lives are holding an Autumn Celebration on Saturday 5 September, 11am–12.30pm at Chorlton Library Community Room. The group will be sharing a few pieces of writing from past Stories of Our Lives sessions, talking together about the memories and thoughts Autumn brings, taking part in a simple creative activity using wooden leaves, and heading outside to see the new community-inspired Autumn-themed art panel in the Chorlton Community Garden.

It's free to join, new people are very welcome, and no writing experience is needed. For more information please email jolene.joyethic@gmail.com

https://storiesofourlivesnow.org/

Let's Walk Workshop

Join Manchester Active for a friendly and interactive Walking Workshop on Monday 5th October from 1pm to 3.45pm at the House of Sport, Etihad Campus, M11 3FF.

Walking is a great activity which helps improve physical and mental health and connects us to our local area. This workshop is for community organisations in the Manchester City Council area who want to deliver more walking activity as part of their offer. Join Manchester Active's Let's Walk Workshop to find out:

- The many benefits of walking
- Possible barriers to walking and how to address them
- How to get started in setting up walks and inspiring others
- Manchester walking resources
- Ideas for making your walks fun and creative!
- Share your ideas and learn from other groups developing walking in Manchester

2025 training feedback: "Excellent, informative workshop. Very engaging. I'm so glad I came!" "Very informative. I feel confident to lead a walk in the future."

If you would like to attend, please email Laurel Kinrade at l.kinrade@mcractive.com or visit www.mcractive.com/walking

Grants for Community GM Walking Funding Opportunity.

The 2026-27 round of the GM Walking and Wheeling Fund is now open to applications!
The programme is offering small grants of up to £2,000 and medium grants of up to £7,000 to VCFSE organisations to deliver projects to get more people walking and wheeling more.
Priority groups include: people on a low/no income; People with a disability and/or long-term health condition; Older adults; Black and Asian adults, and particularly people of Muslim faith; Women, and particularly those who are pregnant and/or have a child or children under one year old. For full details and to apply please visit:
https://gmwalking.co.uk/gm-walking-and-wheeling-fund/
Enquiries to: grants@salfordcvs.co.uk

Home Electrical Safety Funding

UK based, not-for-profit and public organisations, including charities, community interest companies, schools, trusts, government bodies, can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to support projects aimed at helping those who are most vulnerable to electrical risk and injury.
This could include:
- Older people, particularly those living alone or in older housing where electrical systems may be outdated.
- Low-income households, where faulty or second-hand electrical products are more likely to be used.
- Families with young children, as children are less aware of electrical dangers.
- People with disabilities or long-term health conditions, who may have reduced mobility, sensory impairments, or reliance on electrical medical devices.
- Tenants in private rented housing, where electrical safety standards can sometimes be inconsistent.

The closing date for applications is midnight on 27 September 2026.
For full details or to apply please visit:
www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/about-us/grants-and-funding/

Free Level 2 Food Safety Course

Boost your confidence and employability skills with this free Level 2 Food Safety course from Healthy Me, Healthy Communities. Monday 26th October from 9am to 4pm. £5 cash provided for travel, lunch not provided. Please scan the QR code or visit the link here to apply:
- Level 2 Food Safety Course - 26th October - Barlow Moor – Fill in form
Places are first come, first served and will go quickly. For any questions please contact HMHC on 0161 222 3633 or email info@hmhc.co.uk
Barlow Moor Community Association, 23 Merseybank Avenue, Chorlton, M21 7NT

Office Administrator Vacancy

Whalley Range Community Forum is currently advertising for a part-time Office Administrator to help run their busy community hub and support their small team. Hours of work are 12 hours per week
(flexible between 9:30am-4:30pm).
To find out more and apply please visit the website link:
www.whalleyrange.org/2026/08/whalley-range-community-forum-office-administrator-vacancy/
(No closing date given on the information source.)

Together Dementia Support Volunteer Co-ordinator Vacancy

Together Dementia Support team are looking for a Volunteer/Dementia Support Co-ordinator to join their team and help make a difference to people living with dementia, their carers and their amazing volunteers. This varied role combines volunteer recruitment, training and support with running a weekly Friendship & Activity Group for people living with dementia.
Based at the Kath Locke Centre, Moss Side, with some home working. 21 hours per week over 3 days. Fixed-term for 1 year, with the possibility of continuation and increased hours. £17,017 actual salary (£28,362 FTE). Closing date: 12 noon, Monday 7 September 2026
We're looking for someone who is passionate about making a difference, can build great relationships, motivate and support volunteers, and has experience working with or caring for people living with dementia. To apply please send your CV and covering letter explaining how you meet the person specification to
mike@togetherdementiasupport.org.
Or call 0161 226 7186 if you'd like any further information about the role.
https://www.togetherdementiasupport.org/current-vacancies

Whalley Range Community Forum Trustee Vacancies

Whalley Range Community Forum are looking for two new trustees to support the local community and help make Whalley Range a great place to live.
Contact the forum for more information on
communityforumwhalleyrange@gmail.com
Find out more and apply here:
www.whalleyrange.org/2026/02/whalley-range-community-forum-is-looking-for-proactive-community-minded-people-to-join-our-board-of-trustees (No closing date given on the information source.)

Introduction to Community Action Course

The Eden Project are looking for people who want to make a positive change in their community!

You're invited to take their FREE online short course, which will provide you with inspiration, ideas and support to make a difference where you live.

The course is split over 3 sessions on Thursday evenings: 24 September, 1 and 8 October, between 6.30pm-8.30pm. Friendly reminder: This course is often oversubscribed with a large waiting list. If you want to join us, it is recommended that you apply ASAP.

Find out more and apply here:

www.edenprojectcommunities.com/events/community-action-programme/information-for-course-participants



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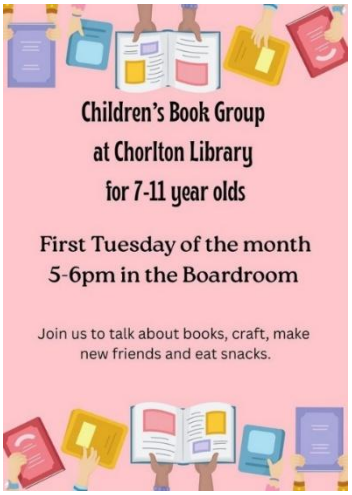
ART / CRAFTS: New Arts and Crafts Session at Chorlton Library

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: 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

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: 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 this number. 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**

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: (check – it may ave changed)
Webpage: www.chorltongoodneighbours.org

CHORLTON GOOD NEIGHBOURS

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

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 COUNCILLORS & CHORLTON PARK 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** 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

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

Chorlton Ward Green Party Councillor
Chantal Kerr-Sheppard cllr.chantal.kerr-sheppard@manchester.gov.uk **Mobile:** 07940580727
Surgery details If you would like to speak with Cllr Kerr-Sheppard, please either phone or send an email to her using the following details: Email: cllr.chantal.kerr-sheppard@manchester.gov.uk Mobile: 07940580727

Chorlton Park Ward Green Party Councillor
Councillor Grace Tudor-Worrall cllr.grace.tudor-worrall@manchester.gov.uk **Mobile:** 07966229543
Drop-in sessions: 2nd Saturday of every month between 10 -12pm (excluding August and Bank Holidays) Chorlton Central Church, Barlow Moor Road, Chorlton, Greater Manchester, M21 8BF, Chorlton.

Correspondence address for all councillors:

Members' Services Office, Manchester City Council PO Box 532. Town Hall Extension. Manchester M60 2LA Councillors' support office telephone: 0161 234 3235

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

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

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

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Events: Chorlton Book Festival 18th – 26th September

2025 marks the 21st birthday of Chorlton Book Festival.
This celebration of books, reading and writing has a very local flavour – we don't believe we could do it anywhere other than Chorlton! The Festival is organised by a committee made up of staff from Manchester Libraries, Chorlton High School and community volunteers.

The 2025 festival takes place 9-27 September, with its customary mix of fiction, history, authors, workshops, poetry and erm…. cake. We've Robin Ince, Jackie Kay, plus Colette Snowden, Marcia Hutchinson and loads more. And there's tons of creative fun for children of all ages too. Chorlton loves books! Facebook X-twitter Instagram Globe

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Events: Chorlton Pride – 2026

Saturday the 12th of September 2026

We're back, back, back again!

On **Saturday the 12th of September 2026** Chorlton Pride will be back at St Clements Church. We've listened to your feedback and are planning to make this one the best yet.

Keep an eye on our socials and website for more details in the coming weeks!

It's almost here!

Concert: 12 – 16.45 pm

https://chorltonpride.co.uk/home%20%20%20 **chorltonpride@gmail.com**

Events: Unicorn 30th anniversary

The week of 21 Sept Look out for information

https://www.unicorn-grocery.coop/

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

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: 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

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.

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 (but not always) 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

HEALTH: Chorlton Lifesavers – FREE Community CPR/defib training

The next free community CPR and defibrillator session is:
Wednesday 9th September 7pm - 8.30pm
Green Room, Bowling Green pub, Brookburn Road M21 9ES

To book your place:
Text Cath 07722 958541 or email cathbrownhill55@gmail.com

Or Jenny 07570 879091

(Information from Cath Brownhill and Jenny Slee)

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 CCS newsletter supplement. 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: OTHER SOURCES websites and facebooks

- **Chorlton Community Cooperative, Working Together for Chorlton**
- **Chorlton M21,**
- **Glad to be in Chorlton,**
- **The Chorlton Social.**
- **Chorlton What's On**
- **Chorlton Civic Society:**
- **Save Chorlton Centre**

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.

ALSO, YOU CAN STILL OBJECT

There are **two planning applications** relating to the developer's proposal. The main one is to **Manchester 142223/FO/2025**. **The deadline is currently 11th September, but there have been a number of extensions so it is always worth submitting a comment.** There's a second identical application to **Trafford 115688/FUL/25** for approval of the access road through Rye Bank Road in Stretford. We're advising people to send their objections to Manchester first, then to copy or forward by email that same objection 'in principle' to Trafford, **with extra wording** as to why you object to an access road being built over the Rye Bank Road Community Garden.

And do look at the slideshow on their website and see what will be lost.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES: Bailey Bridge Update

A planning application for the new bridge has been approved. Search for **44154/VO/2025.** And there is great hope for an early completion. The council website states "Ground works, site cleared and bridge open - end of September

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

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

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

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

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

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

