Chorlton Civic Society Newsletter November - December 2026

Website: https://chorltoncivicsociety.org/

PART TWO – 'Round and About in Chorlton'

Information about some other Chorlton groups etc.

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

(See PART ONE for information about the Civic Society)

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Re: PART TWO – 'Round and About in Chorlton'

Please Note:

From now on we are planning to mainly provide information that is 'ongoing' in Part Two of the CCS Newsletter.

This is because with the long intervals between the newsletters we can only provide a small amount of up-to-date information.

For regular up-to-date information please contact Laura Cassidy and ask to be put on her mailing list for her really useful neighbourhood emails. Email: Laura.Cassidy@manchester.gov.uk

Laura Cassidy, Community Development Officer – Chorlton, Chorlton Park and Whalley Range, South Neighbourhood Team, Neighbourhoods Directorate, Level 3 Wythenshawe Area Office, Etrop Court, Rowlandsway, Manchester, M22 5RG, Mob: 07976 885 898 Web: http://www.manchester.gov.uk

Part A: CHORLTON AREA NEWS: *Upcoming Events*

Beech Road Park Play Area consultation:



Some Christmas time Events (Including CCS events)

Thursday 26 November 5.30 – 7pm: **"Community Christmas Lantern Parade and light switch on Beech Rd.** Bring your lanterns for a festive event funded by the Beech Rd traders to say thank you for a year of shopping local."
Carols, brass band, mulled wine, festive treats and Father Christmas (Singing includes 'Little Belters')

Saturday 28th November11.30 – 2.30: St Margaret's Church Winter Fair is on Saturday 28th November 11.30am-2.30pm. If you are interested in a stall please drop an email to stmargaretscentre1@gmail.com St Margret's Church, corner of Whalley Road and Rufford Road, M16 8AE.

Saturday 28th November 3.30: Chorlton Library: There is a choir. Carols from 3.30 pm Lights switch on 4pm

Christmas Event: Thursday 24th December - Christmas Eve 6pm:
Carols on Chorlton Green – a lovely way to start Christmas.

And a Reminder of the Chorlton Civic Society Events

Tuesday and Wednesday: 1st and 2nd December: *CCS Christmas window competition judging*

Wednesday 16th December: ***CCS Christmas lunch at the Golf Club*** *If you are interested (and who wouldn't be) then contact Cath Brownhill, via this website.*

CCS: Saturday 19 December – 12pm–2pm:
Community Garden (next to Chorlton Library): *Festive celebration including carols from the Mad Donnas and unveiling of Jolene Sheehan's Winter Panel sculpture. Additional information: https://www.greenchorltonhub.org.uk/communitygarden*

Information Wallet Craft Sessions



JNR8 Community Centre are hosting Common Cloth to run workshops decorating information wallets for Whalley Range Age Friendly benches. Choose from a variety of textile-based techniques such as crochet, embroidery and applique. No prior knowledge or experience is required. Workshops will be held on Fridays 13th and 27th November and 11th December from 11am to 12:30pm. Open to all. For more information please contact Chris on 0161 881 3744. JNR8 Community Centre, 82 Cromwell Avenue, M16 0BG.

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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

CARERS: (Newly listed) Free Breaks for Carers

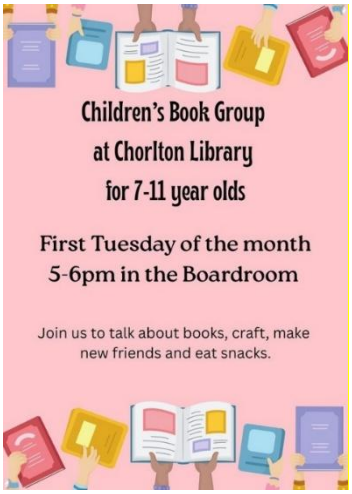
The Carers Manchester Network has created a programme of free relaxing breaks for unpaid carers in Manchester. From local walks and wellbeing sessions to cultural experiences and day trips – find something for you on their website.
www.carersmanchester.org.uk/carers-break

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: (Newly Listed) Chorlton Library Study Club

Chorlton Library has a lovely after school study club on Thursdays from 3.30pm to 5pm. Fun, curriculum-linked games and activities for all primary-aged children. Free for ages 4 – 11. Chorlton Library, Manchester Road, M21 9PN. PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

CHILDREN: (Newly Listed): Free Multisports:

Hough End Leisure Centre. Stride UK are running free multisports sessions at Hough End Leisure Centre every Friday from 4pm to 6pm. For ages 11 – 18, on the pitch at the back of the centre. Hough End Leisure Centre, 480 Princess Road, M20 1HD PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

CHILDREN: (Newly listed) Quiet Lego Time

Chorlton Library now has a New Quiet Sensory Lego Time. If your child enjoys the creativity of Lego building please go along and enjoy their new session, designed to be calm and quiet. Chorlton Library, Manchester Road, M21 9PN. Sundays 1-3pm. FREE, drop-in session. All Welcome. PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

CHILDREN: (Newly listed): **6 a Side Football (Free)**

Youth on Solid Ground run free 6 a side football sessions for ages 12 – 18 every Friday from 6pm to 8pm. The sessions are delivered by FA qualified coaches and take place at Whalley Range Sports Centre, Wilbraham Road, M16 8GW. To register either turn up on the day or book in advance via email admin@yosg.org.uk or call 0161 881 4631.

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.
PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

CHILDREN: (Newly listed) **Unity Arts**

Unity Arts youth sessions are back after their busy summer in the parks.

Mondays 2:30pm to 4:30pm there is a youth drop in for ages 11 – 16 at The White House in Chorlton Park.

Tuesdays: Toybox Circus happening between **6:30-pm to 8:30pm** Learn hula hoops, diablos, juggling and more. Only £2 per week for ages 8 – 16. St Ninians Church, Egerton Road South, Chorlton, M21 0XJ.

Wednesdays there is a youth drop in again at The White House in Chorlton Park, as well as Junior Youth Art Box (ages 8 – 11) from 3:30pm to 5:30pm and Artbox Senior Youth (ages 11 -16) from 6pm to 8pm. www.facebook.com/UnityArtsMCR elise.unityarts@gmail.com
PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

CHILDREN: (Newly listed) **The Water Adventure Centre**

The Water Adventure Centre have got loads of fun activities, new skills to learn and adventures to be had, whatever the weather!

JUNIORS (ages 8–12) Wednesdays | 4:30pm–6:00pm
SENIORS (ages 13–19) Wednesdays | 6:00pm–7:30pm
What can you look forward to? Tying knots Building shelters and dens Building fires Outdoor cooking Bushcraft and adventure skills Team challenges, trips and plenty more!
Meeting point: Mainly at the benches by the water at Chorlton Water Park.
Completely FREE to attend! Just dress for the weather and come ready for adventure!
Parents/carers will need to complete a consent form before young people can take part.
Go along, get outdoors, learn new skills, make friends and have some fun this winter!
Some great WAC adventures… just on land for now!

Info@wateradventurecentre.org.uk 0161 3012673 PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

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 bikes. For more information on how to hire one please Check with Chorlton Bikes Bike Library
visit: https://chorltonbikes.coop/ or www.facebook.com/chorltonbikedeliveries

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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 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 have changed)
Webpage: www.chorltongoodneighbours.org

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

Chorlton Ward Labour Party 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 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 normally 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 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 Chantal 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.

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

Correspondence address for all councillors:

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

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 have meetings

CONVERSATIONS: Chatty cafés

There are now two chatty cafés with 'Chatter 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

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
PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

Fitness (Newly listed) Gentle Exercise Class at St Margaret's Centre

St Margaret's Centre will be holding new Pay what you can afford Fun and Gentle Exercise to Music sessions. Tuesdays 6pm to 6:45pm.This friendly and inclusive session offers low-impact exercise set to music, helping participants to improve their health and wellbeing in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. The session provides an opportunity to meet new people, make friends, and share information and experiences while taking part in gentle physical activity suitable for all fitness levels.Participants will work at their own pace, building confidence, improving mobility, and increasing their overall sense of wellbeing. St Margaret's Centre, Brantingham Road, M21 0TT. For more information please email stmargaretscentre1@gmail.com PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

FITNESS: (Newly Listed) Ladies Bollywood Fitness

St Margaret's Primary School are pleased to be hosting Ladies Bollywood Dance Fitness Sessions. Every Thursday morning from 9am to 10am in their sports hall. Get active, have fun and meet people. £3 per session. St Margaret's C of E Primary School, Withington Road, Whalley Range, M16 8FQ.
Open to women from the local community, no need to have children at the school. For more information please contact the school on 0161 226 2271. PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

FOODBANK: *(Newly Listed)* ***Chorlton and Didsbury***

Christchurch Hall , Darley Ave, West Didsbury, M20 2Z
And also St Barnabas Hurstville Ave, off Hardy Lane M21 8DH
They are open on different days and at different times.
https://chorltondidsbury.foodbank.org.uk/ Check before you go first time.

FOOD BANK: 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 BANK: 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. They also provide a delivery service for disabled people. PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

FUNDING: (Newly listed) Arnold Clark Community Fund

Community Support provides funding to projects that make a real difference to local communities in the UK. This includes areas such as animal welfare, arts and culture, community enhancement, education and training, sustainability, and more. To be eligible, organisations must:

- Fall into one of these categories: mental health, disability, equality and diversity, relief support, arts and culture, animal welfare, youth groups, community enhancement, sustainability and more.
- Be based in, or operate solely within, the UK.
- Be located within 50 miles of an Arnold Clark branch.

They run different closing dates based on what they are concentrating on at the time. Please visit www.arnoldclark.com/community-fund/timeline to find out what they would like applications in for at the moment.

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

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FUNDING: (Newly listed): **Community Innovation Fund:** The Community Innovation Fund supports community-led projects that promote inclusion, wellbeing, and positive social impact. You can apply for up to £2,500. It is designed to help ideas grow and to help make sure the benefits last long after the funding ends. The fund back projects that are shaped with people who have lived experience of substance use, mental health, learning disabilities and autism, or sexual health and wellbeing. By co-designing programmes together, we can create support that truly reflects what local people want and need. The fund welcomes applications from charities, organisations, and community groups based in areas where Turning Point provides services and who can demonstrate a connection to their teams. For full details and to apply please visit: www.turning-point.co.uk/about-us/our-commitments/community-innovation-fund
Volunteering and Employment

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: Grants for Community GM Walking

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; Disabled People and/or with 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

FUNDING: 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/

FUNDING: MACC - (Manchester Community Central)

A great source of information about a variety of funding opportunities for 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: (Newly listed): **In Our Nature Community Support Got a great idea to help tackle climate change in your community?** Apply for Community Support. Deadline for applications: midday, Monday 23rd November. In Our Nature Community Support is flexible and is there to help your group reach your goals. Successful applicants will receive: Up to £4,000 indirect financial support - this means they can purchase materials and pay for resources, like facilitator costs, on your behalf. You won't receive £4,000 directly. Support with delivering your project - they can help by connecting you with networks and groups, assessing feasibility and offering advice. Support with project promotion and publicity - they can work with you to create promotional materials (like posters and flyers) for your project, and support with promoting your project on social media, or to the local press. They are looking for projects that take a community-led approach to reducing carbon emissions and improving people's lives. Broadly, they are looking for projects which can fall into one or more of the following six themes: Warm homes that save energy; Healthy and green travel; Access to nature; Slow fashion; Repair and reuse; Sustainable food. For full details and to apply please visit: www.inournature.uk/community-support

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 (Newly listed) Your Neighbourhood Fund



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.

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/

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 AND WELLBEING: 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.
An upcoming date is Tuesday 1st December. BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

HEALTH AND WELLBEING : 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/ PROBABLY BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

HISTORY TALKS: CHORLTON GOOD NEIGHBOURS

History talks are 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. These history talks sometimes take place on a Saturday in some months. BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

HISTORY: Manchester Town hall Heritage

Did you know you can learn all about the restoration of Manchester's Town hall. There has been a series of lectures. if interested please sign up Sign up now if interested please sign up like to receive their eBulletins. You may also be able to listen to previous lectures. BEST TO CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND FIRST TIME

LIBRARY (CHORLTON):

Lots going on at the library – see their website.



LOCAL NEWS SOURCES: Neighbourhood Update newsletters

You can get your own Neighbourhood newsletters direct from the council: 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 address is on page 1

LOCAL websites and facebooks: e.g.

- **Chorlton Community Cooperative, Working Together for 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

MARKETS (New listing)

The Corner Hub Artisan Market

The Corner Hub is a community-focused coffee shop, social space and vintage & preloved retail hub created by Can-Survive UK. All purchases made there go towards CAN-Survive's work supporting people affected by cancer. This Saturday 3rd October will be their 2nd monthly Artisan Market, including up to 14 stalls by independent traders selling homeware, clothing, bric-a-brac, art, books and more. The market will run on the 1st Saturday of each month from 10am to 4pm at The Corner Hub, 1 Withington Road, M16 7BW. https://can-survive.org.uk/the-corner-hub/

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

Friends of Chorlton Park Volunteering

Friends of Chorlton Park run regular volunteering sessions and are always looking to welcome more volunteers. They have gardening, orchard and nature conservation every Saturday from 9:30am to 11:30am. The Sponge Meadow group meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 9am to 12 noon. They also have a Citizen Science Group water quality testing session on the 4th Sunday of the month from 9:30am to noon. Meet at the polytunnel / lock up area near The Whitehouse or find them in the park. All equipment is provided. Go for as little or as much time as you like. For more details please email friendschorltonpark@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/groups/CholtonPark/?locale=en_GB
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 petitions and check their website to see what other support they want.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES: Bailey Bridge Update

A planning application for the new bridge has been approved. Check the council website for an update.

REFUGEES: 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

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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

TRUSTEES: (Newly listed): TRUSTEE WANTED: Chorlton Good

Neighbours: Trustees oversee CGN and make sure that what CGN does is good for its members, good for Chorlton and Whalley Range residents, and fits with the objectives CGN gets funded for. Trustees are volunteers like all CGN members. Trustees attend a monthly board meeting, may sit on a sub-committee, and take on other responsibilities to ensure the smooth operations of CGN as they arise. Could you be a Trustee? Or do you know a relative or friend who might be interested? The Trustee Board is a supportive group. To express your interest, please contact Heather, CGN's Manager (Chief Executive) on coordinatorcgn@gmail.com or 0161 881 2925
https://chorltongoodneighbours.org/2026/10/09/chorlton-good-neighbours-is-recruitingtrustees/

VENUE TO HIRE: Chorlton Bath House

The Bath House is a new housing scheme in the centre of Chorlton, on the site of the old Chorlton baths. The site will be opening in October and there is a brand new community room available for hire. It accommodates up to 30 people and is available seven days a week. Mosscare St Vincent are open to working with local groups to support activities that could benefit the local community. To find out more please email bathhouse@msvhousing.co.uk

Veterans: Armed Forces Veterans Leisure Pass (Free)

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/**

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 - TALK ENGLISH VOLUNTEER

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

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: 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. 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 Bembe 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: 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: (Newly listed) JNR8 Yoga Classes

JNR8 Community Centre are running yoga classes on Mondays from 1 – 2pm. One week will **be a mat based class (5th and 19th October), with alternate weeks being chair based yoga (12th October, 2nd November). JNR8 Community Centre, 82 Cromwell Avenue, Whalley Range,** M16 0BG. Call 0161 881 3744 for more details. £3 suggested donation.

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

St Clements Road in Chorlton in the evening sun: Autumn

