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John Hoxworth of the
Tatton Garden Team

**Leader's Welcome****Welcome to the first edition of Cheshire East Council's new quarterly magazine – THE **Voice****

I became Leader of the council back in February 2016 and I continue to be fascinated by the diversity, character and size of the local authority.

With a revenue budget of £600m, the council, which is the third largest in the north west, provides on a daily basis more than 500 quality services to our 370,000 residents in more than 170,000 households.

As I am sure you are all aware by now, financial times for all local councils are tough. There will be difficult choices to make, which won't

always meet with universal approval but which are necessary if we are to live within our means and meet our responsibilities and duties as a council.

With ever increasing demands, reducing funding and the pressure to deliver more for less – especially in adult social care and within children and families services – it's vital that we, as your local council, keep you informed and fully up-to-date with the array of latest developments, which will affect you and your family.

Along with my cabinet colleagues and the council's senior officers, who are all firmly committed to facing the day to day challenges of running your council, I truly believe the future of the borough is extremely promising. It's an exciting time with many opportunities on the horizon, not least the prospect of HS2 on the doorstep, major regeneration around Macclesfield and Crewe and a thriving business and visitor economy.

I am resolute in my determination that for you, our residents, Cheshire East remains a desirable place to live, work, visit and to invest for many years and for generations to come.

So, I do hope you enjoy this first edition of The VoiCE and please take the time to read it. If you have any comments at all, please email thevoice@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Councillor Rachel Bailey,
Leader of Cheshire East Council



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School admissions – apply online

Is your child due to start reception class or transfer to secondary school next September?

If you haven't yet applied for a school place, please make sure you visit our website – [cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions) – and apply online before the closing dates:

- Reception class: January 15, 2018; and
- Transferring to Year 7 secondary: October 31, 2017.

Applying online is quick and easy and also means you can get an email notification of your offer.

If you have any queries, please email: admissions@cheshireeast.gov.uk or call 0300 123 5012



Bin collections buck national trend

Our bin collections are bucking the national trend and delivering a top-notch service for residents.

Nationally, councils in England are 'getting it wrong too often' when it comes to waste collection complaints, says the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman.

Its new report shows the Ombudsman upheld 81 per cent of its complaint investigations into council waste and recycling services last year – up from 59 per cent the year before.

But in Cheshire East it's a different story, with zero complaints referred to the Ombudsman about its waste collection service, which has one of the highest approval ratings with local residents.



Archiving for the future

Cheshire East looks set to be the location of a new state-of-the-art history centre to host the region's archive.

Cheshire Archives and Local Studies, a shared service of Cheshire East Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council, needs a new home as its current one in Chester is no longer fit for purpose. The plan is for the archive to be rehoused in two new bespoke history centres – one in Crewe, located at the 'old library' site, and one in Chester.

These would be climate-controlled environments to house the collections, better display them and make them more interactive and accessible to the public. The archive ranges from the middle ages to the present day and includes tens of thousands of photographs, maps and books covering all aspects of Cheshire's history.

The £13m joint scheme would see each authority contribute £4.2m, with the remainder of the money being sought via a bid for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant. Subject to funding, the proposed new facilities would open by 2023.

Pavements become artists' canvas

More than 10,000 people headed to Crewe town centre to enjoy Chalk It Up – an international pavement art festival held on Market Square.

Twenty-two artists transformed 12ft by 16ft pitches into breathtaking pieces of original and copy art – including a 3D dinosaur, tribute to suffragette Ada Nield

Chew and a self portrait by award-winning artist Adry del Rocio, from Mexico.

Well done to all those who had a go at pavement art themselves, including youngsters who produced some fantastic pieces of artwork.

You can find a gallery of images from the festival on our Facebook page.





Support services on your doorstep

Community venues across Cheshire East will soon become 'Connected Communities Centres' in a scheme to make a wider range of activities and support services available on your doorstep. As part of our Connected Communities strategy, more than £150,000 has been pledged to help community venues develop the services they offer and encourage more people to use them.

From coffee mornings, computer classes and line dancing, to learning a language, sharing a problem and support for stroke sufferers – there's something for everyone. Every centre will also have a computer tablet connected to our Live Well community information website, so you can easily find out what's available in your area.

Within the next 12 months, 30 centres will be opened across the borough. The Connected Communities Centres which are already open are:

- Barnies, St Barnabas Hall, West Street, Crewe – call Lesley on **07949 240371** for more information;
- Bridgend Centre, Bollington – visit: bridgendcentre.org.uk or call **01625 576311**;
- St John's Church, Weston Estate, Wilwick Lane, Macclesfield – visit: stjohnsmacclesfield.org.uk or call **01625 612511**; and
- Welcome Café, Longridge, Knutsford – visit: thewelcome.org.uk or call **01565 750905**

For more information about the centres, please contact our communities team by emailing: communities@cheshireeast.gov.uk or call **01270 685880**



All Hallows Catholic College

What a result!

Young people across Cheshire East have achieved yet more success for the borough by producing impressive GCSE and A-level results.

At A-level, a fantastic 27 per cent of students achieved grades A* to A, which is higher than the proportion nationally, and well over half (54 per cent) achieved an A* to B grade. In addition, 10 per cent of students achieved the highest grade of A*, compared to a national figure of 8 per cent.

This year, new reformed GCSEs have been developed to meet the requirements of the government, who wanted more-challenging qualifications and better

differentiation of students at the top grades. Provisional figures show that 70 per cent of Cheshire East pupils achieved a 'standard pass' or better in English and maths. Nine of our 22 schools were above 75 per cent. Currently, there is no equivalent rate nationally.

In English, a stunning 83 per cent gained the standard pass or better compared to 65 per cent nationally, and 74 per cent gained the standard, pass or better in maths compared with 69 per cent nationally.

Well done to all!

For more information on schools, visit our website: cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools

Altering your home?



At Civicance, a wholly-owned award-winning company of Cheshire East Council, we consider the bigger picture so you don't have to, delivering a first-class building consultancy service that you can trust.

Everything starts with a conversation, that's why we're on hand to support you through the maze of legislation and challenges that arise when altering your home.

Did you know that you are responsible for building regulations compliance and not your builder? Do you know who to trust? Knowing who you can let into your home can be daunting, leaving you with shoddy workmanship or work that has not been done correctly.

Whether it's building a dream home or garage conversion, talking to Civicance can ensure you comply with your responsibilities, saving you time and money and ensuring your biggest investment is protected.

Altering your home?

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or email:

enquiries@civance.co.uk



Aged 15-24? Step back in to education, training and employment

If you know someone aged 15-24 who's thinking about dropping out of education or is out of work and not looking for a job – BelInspired can help them get back on track.

BelInspired offers support to help young people in Cheshire and Warrington progress to apprenticeships, traineeships or further education, as well as helping

with basic skills and work preparation, such as interview skills and CV writing.

For more information about the project, which is co-funded by The European Social Fund (ESF) and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), email: business@cheshireeast.gov.uk or call **0300 123 5001**

REGENERATION PLANS

IMPROVING OUR TOWNS, HIGH STREETS AND PUBLIC SPACES



There's no place like Macclesfield

In Macclesfield exciting development proposals are already being progressed by a number of key stakeholders to boost the existing town centre offer.

The owners of the Grosvenor Centre are well under way with their expansion plans, with demolition now complete and construction work due to start shortly. Ask Real Estate is busy preparing their plans for the proposed cinema and restaurant development on Churchill Way, and plans are in the pipeline for more town centre living.

With more than £30m of commercial investment going into Macclesfield, coupled with £1.4m public realm investment by Cheshire East Council, we want to build on these exciting developments to work with key partners to see what else can be done to further boost the vitality of the town centre. This is why we are developing a longer term Town Centre Revitalisation Strategy.

The draft strategy is now out to public consultation and we want your views before that plan is finalised.

A public consultation about the proposals will run to the end of October. Please ensure you have your say, so we can finalise the details and look to adopt the strategy in 2018.

Look out for further updates on our website.

Crewe – a town centre to be proud of

We're pushing ahead with plans to revitalise Crewe town centre, including the redevelopment of the Royal Arcade site, refurbishment of the Market Hall and investment in our everyday public spaces.

The proposals were endorsed by our cabinet last month and represent £48.3m of investment. They will trigger wider regeneration, investment and growth in Crewe and ensure that the town is well placed to benefit from its status as a HS2 rail hub.

Housed in a cutting-edge setting, the Royal Arcade redevelopment is expected to include a new eight-screen cinema, gym, restaurants and shops. It would also feature a new bus station and 450-space multi-storey car park, both of which would be funded and owned by Cheshire East Council.

Subject to planning approval, the developers expect to start demolition of the site next summer, with the first priority being the construction of the new bus station while the current one continues to operate.

They plan that the whole development would be completed for opening by Christmas 2020.

Meanwhile we're working alongside Crewe Town Council in considering plans for the Market Hall, with the vision for it to become a destination for visitors both during the day and evening.

Subject to consultation, it could see the building remodelled and refurbished to a high standard, with a focus on independent food retailers, cafés and eateries, as well as having flexibility for themed evening events.

Proposals for the investment in the public space include designs for improved pedestrian areas, street furniture, event space and lighting.

These plans build on the £25m investment in Crewe that has already been realised through the lifestyle centre and university technical college and we are confident that they will act as a catalyst for much more private sector investment in the future.

Our overall vision is for Crewe town centre to become not only a great place to shop but also a leisure destination and place to socialise with friends and family.

Paving the way for Congleton

The first phase of Congleton's town centre public realm enhancement scheme has been completed – with work expected to finish in the New Year.

The £1m scheme takes in Swan Bank, Duke Street, Market Street, Victoria Street and Bridge Street. The first phase has seen decorative paving and other features installed on Swan Bank. The work will be completed in the New Year and we're making plans to make sure that Christmas festivities and the Remembrance Day Parade in November can still go ahead.

The public realm works will create a brighter, enhanced environment with a sense of place and space. Enhanced lighting, new street furniture and ornamental planting will all contribute to a town centre that is pleasant and appealing for shoppers, visitors and traders.

All this will help to transform the appearance of the town centre, without losing its market-town character. For full details of the public realm scheme and other works taking place, visit: cheshireeast.gov.uk/congletonpublicrealm



Artist impression of the Crewe town centre regeneration plans

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HS2 is coming to Cheshire East



July marked another important milestone with the HS2 project depositing of a Bill before Parliament. This confirmed that HS2 will be coming to Crewe via Birmingham by 2027.

The council is continuing to work with partners to press government for a strategic hub station at Crewe, served by increased HS2 services to and from

London, Birmingham and Manchester that will benefit from Crewe station's unrivalled 360-degree connectivity. In this way, the economic benefits could then reach far beyond the political and regional boundaries. We are also pressing for high-speed connections to serve Macclesfield.

We believe that getting the right type of station at Crewe, with up to seven

trains per hour, will enable us to secure investment, support regeneration of our town centres, create good quality homes and to provide good opportunities for our residents.

We will help to ensure compensation for those people and businesses affected by the route is also being sought through any ongoing conversations.

Care and Repair Service

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better.”



YOUR KEY TO INDEPENDENT LIVING



For older, disabled and vulnerable people, carrying out repairs and adaptations in their home can be a complex and daunting process. But our Care and Repair service is there to help our residents live well in their homes for longer.

The team takes the stress and strain out of organising contractors – particularly for older people who are nervous about allowing builders into their home – and can offer help with many types of work, from replacing a window to building an extension. Whether you can afford to pay for the work yourself, need help with the cost of repairs and adaptations, or you just want some advice, support could be available.

Last year, the Care and Repair team helped 319 people to carry out adaptations using the Disabled Facilities Grant and also gave advice and support to another 89 people to carry out work privately.

Frank and Hazel Gregory used to rely on coal fires and a back boiler to heat their home, which proved expensive and not energy

efficient. But, with the help of our Care and Repair team, the couple were successful in securing a grant to cover the full cost of a new central heating system.

The system – funded by a Cheshire East Council central heating fund grant and a grant from Foundations Independent Living Trust – is oil-fired due to their home's rural location in Wrenbury, near Nantwich.

“When we had the fire and back boiler it was very difficult to control the temperature in the rooms and it was expensive to run, especially in the winter,” said Frank, 60. “But the Care and Repair team was absolutely brilliant and our new oil-run system keeps the house warm.”

Last month, the couple also saw the completion of a walk-in shower, which Frank said has ‘transformed’ their lives. As Frank has mobility problems, it meant getting in and out of the bath they already had was almost impossible, even with a mobility aid.

Care and Repair organised for a shower to be installed and applied to a number of charities to help cover the costs. In the end, three charitable trusts contributed towards the

work and, while the couple still had to put some money towards the installation, the rate they paid was ‘significantly reduced’.

“Without the Care and Repair team’s help and support, we wouldn’t have been able to carry out the work because of the cost,” said Frank. “It’s completely changed our lives for the better. Being able to sit under the shower in the hot water helps me to relax and has improved my health.”

Before Care and Repair stepped in, the couple were unaware of the support available to them.

“The team has been really helpful and they’ve gone above and beyond the call of duty,” added Frank. “They made everything 10 times easier for us.”

- Grants to help people stay living independently in their own home are decided by an assessment and are subject to meeting eligibility criteria.

For more information about Care and Repair, call **0300 123 5017** (option 4) or visit cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell and click on the living independently tab.

OUR CARE AND REPAIR TEAM WON THE ‘ADAPTATIONS SERVICE OF THE YEAR’ AWARD IN THE HIA AWARDS 2017 (HOME IMPROVEMENT AGENCY) – CONFIRMING THE EXCELLENT SERVICE PROVIDED AND THE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION OF THE TEAM.

FAMILIES MATTER

Across Cheshire East there are 11 children's centres, a mobile children's centre and four family centres, which work together to support children up to the age of 19 and their families. Our children's centres also provide a one-stop-shop for families, where they can access services, such as midwifery and health visitors, as well as take part in a range of activities for young children.

So what's it like to work within the children and families service? We spoke to family service worker Ewa Chudzio, who revealed all about her role.

What made you want to work within this service at Cheshire East?

My background is in child and family psychology. I find it very rewarding working with children and young people and being able to use my skills and knowledge to hopefully help them to have a healthier outlook on life.

I hope to support parents and help them to adjust their parental approach so they encourage their children to achieve their potential.



What does a typical day in the life of a family service worker look like?

There is no such thing as 'a typical day' – every day is different. One day you might start with the setting up and running of a stay and play group. The next day you may be needed to offer a prompt response to a family in a very difficult emotional situation. Then you might be requested to work with a child experiencing severe neglect or physical abuse.

I asked this question to one of the children I work with and he came up with a great answer: 'Most days is a lot of running around and writing on the computer. All days are working with children and helping them to feel better about themselves.'

What would you say is the best part of your role?

To me, seeing parents being able to make a change in their approach towards their children is the most rewarding part of the role. Seeing the family dynamic changing – it's an honour to be a part of that process.

The other very rewarding aspect is being part of a team that is very committed to supporting the families we work with and also to supporting each other whilst coping with some of the more complex situations we might come across. It is very unlikely that you will leave your desk at the end of the day not thinking about the children you are there to support.

For more information about children's centres, visit: cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell

Your Cheshire East – you can when you click

Our website cheshireeast.gov.uk is nationally recognised for its simplicity and ease of use. For the past two years we have been awarded top marks of 4 stars from the Society of Information and Technology Managers (SOCITM), which means we provide a very good experience from a user perspective.

We continue to make improvements to our online services, based on your feedback and experiences. We're offering more forms online so that you can use council services at a time to suit you and not just when our offices are open.

So why not try it out for yourself and give us your feedback?



Take control and Live Well

Live Well Cheshire East is a new online resource giving you greater choice and control in finding care and support for you and your family

You'll find useful information and advice on a range of subjects, plus an easy-to-use directory of more than 3,000 services and activities in your area.

Whether you want to know more about groups and clubs, or need advice about health matters, money management, care and support for adults or children's services, Live Well Cheshire East can help you.

Why not have a look yourself and see how you can Live Well: livewell.cheshireeast.gov.uk



VIRTUAL REALITY BRINGS ALAN TURING TRIAL TO LIFE

The trial of brilliant mathematician and code breaker Alan Turing has been brought to the theatre for the first time – in Knutsford. It marks 50 years since the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality and changes to gay rights.

The theatre production, put on by Re-Dock, a creative company from Manchester, was held at The Courthouse Hotel, Knutsford – the same building where Turing was sentenced following his conviction for gross indecency 65 years ago, when it was known as the 'Sessions Court'.

Alongside the live theatre performance, there was a virtual reality exhibition, where audience members were able to view the trial through the eyes of the court.

The production, held last month, resulted from a partnership between Cheshire East Council's Shift programme and Heritage Open Days. All three performances were sold out and a series of events hosted by the Knutsford Promenade Association, based around the theme of the production, were also a great success.

The weekend's events were all made possible thanks to the help of Cheshire East residents, who fully embraced the positive energy of the event by contributing as extras for the shows.

The week before the shows, residents came to Knutsford to be part of the court scenes, which featured prominently. Everyone involved went to the trouble of sourcing their own costumes to make the production as authentic as possible.

Re-Dock worked closely with the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community for this production as part of the Heritage Open Days' theme 'Unsung Stories', which celebrates LGBT heritage and history. It was the first time that anyone had attempted to cover the trial in a live performance and also the first time that the subject was explored in the setting where the trial took place.

Alan Turing was an English computer scientist and mathematician who worked as a code-breaker at Bletchley Park during the Second World War. His code-breaking exploits were made famous by the film *The Imitation Game*, starring Sherlock actor Benedict Cumberbatch.

Turing died in 1954, aged 41, from cyanide poisoning. In 2013 he was granted a posthumous pardon by the Queen for his criminal conviction for homosexuality.

For more information about Shift, visit: shift-digital.co.uk

FOSTERING – DO SOMETHING INCREDIBLE

Fostering is looking after a child or young person who, for a number of reasons, cannot live with their own family.

Octavia, 42, and her husband currently have one child in their care. We spoke to Octavia to find out more about why she chose to become a foster carer, and the rewards and challenges that come with it.

Why did you want to become a foster carer?

We decided to become foster carers because we wanted more children within the family and wanted our own daughter to have the experience of living with other children. My husband's father was fostered and had a positive experience, so we wanted to give something back and foster a child of our own.

What's the best and most rewarding thing about it?

The best thing about fostering is seeing the progress your foster child makes as you watch them learning new things and making achievements where they previously would have lacked the confidence before. The building of relationships has been a

gradual process, we have become a family unit continually learning from one another. It's great to see the bond my foster daughter now has with our own daughter and ourselves and the experiences and memories we share together.

How long have you been a foster carer and how many children have you looked after?

We have fostered five children over three years. We originally had a short-term placement for three months, we then had two little girls for respite, which we really enjoyed. Following this we had two sisters under our care and one of the sisters is now with us long term.

How has Cheshire East Council supported you in your role as a foster carer?

Lots of training is provided, alongside regular visits from our supervising social worker. If there's anything that you're not sure of then you can always pick up the phone. The fostering team also run a support group once a month, which gives you the opportunity to meet with other foster carers and support workers from Cheshire East.

What would you say to anyone thinking about fostering?

First and foremost, I would highlight how extremely rewarding it can be, especially when you see your foster child experience things they would never have done before. However, you have to go into it with your eyes wide open. It isn't for the faint hearted but it is worth the challenge. Prior to fostering we debated whether to wait until our daughter was older before becoming foster carers but, in the end, we felt our daughter would benefit from having other children at home so decided to foster sooner rather than later. I'm so glad we made that decision as I couldn't imagine family life without our foster daughter with us.

Will you continue to foster over the next few years?

Definitely! Our foster daughter will be with us until she's at least 18. She's part of our family now. For us, she will always be part of our family, for as long as she wants to stay with us.

To find out more about fostering in Cheshire East, visit:

youcanfoster.org.uk/cheshire-east



youcanfoster.org

Octavia, Cheshire East Council foster carer

adoption counts



Adopters Lisa and Peter

“Our daughter is thriving and growing into such a spirited little girl.”

The Right Adoption

Adopting a child is a life-changing experience and, in Cheshire East, Adoption Counts is here for you every step of the way.

The agency brings together the professional expertise of five local authorities, including Cheshire East. It was launched in July and, within just six weeks, had celebrated its first adopter approval and received more than 100 enquiries.

Nantwich couple Peter and Lisa have shared their story of becoming adoptive parents and welcoming their two-year-old daughter into their family. They also have a nine-year-old son and both have children from previous relationships.

Lisa said: “We adopted our daughter when she was seven months old because we really felt that the time was right to expand our family. It was love at first sight as soon as we read her profile at a matching meeting and we both felt an instant connection with her.

“We couldn’t imagine life without our daughter.”

“Our daughter is thriving and growing into such a spirited little girl. She loves swimming, reading and counting and regularly sees her maternal grandmother from her birth family. The relationship between them is strong and positive, which is a great thing.”

Peter said: “This relationship wouldn’t have been possible without the support of her foster carer and social worker and she now sees her ‘nan’ every six to eight weeks. She also visits her previous foster carer, who lives nearby, and we both enjoy a good relationship with them.

“Although we know there may be speed bumps in the road in the future, we couldn’t imagine life without our daughter.”

To find out more about adoption in Cheshire East and to make sure it’s the right option for you and your family, visit: adoptioncounts.org.uk or call **0300 123 2676**

CRAFTING A CLEANER BOROUGH

Gary Palin is the founder of the 'Crewe Residents against Fly-Tipping and Grot Spots' group. Here he tells us why he was compelled to set up the group and how everyone can be proactive in keeping Cheshire East clean.

"Having lived in Crewe all my life, I couldn't understand why piles of household rubbish bags, filthy mattresses and all sorts of broken furniture were appearing overnight in the alleyway behind my house and along the pavements," said Gary. "I was frustrated and angry about the sudden change in the immediate area. I would report the issues to Cheshire East Council who would clear them quickly, but they were soon replaced with more dumped items."

After speaking to other residents, Gary took action and set up the Crewe Residents against Fly-Tipping and Grot Spots (CRAFT) group on Facebook.

"It didn't take long to realise there were lots of people feeling the same way as I was," he added.

Before Craft was formed, many of its members had already been working hard to help keep the town clean. As a group they've now held numerous community tidy-up events, as well as held their own residents' meetings and helped to ensure that people have access to litter-picking equipment.

Gary said: "On a basic level, having clean streets and neighbourhoods to live in can only be a good thing – what are we showing our youngsters when they are walking past filthy mattresses and piles of household waste bags on their way to school? No-one can be happy seeing this mess."

In April this year, Cheshire East Council launched the hard-hitting 'No Rubbish Excuses' campaign as part of our efforts to tackle fly-tipping, littering and dog fouling. Craft welcomed the campaign and its members were involved in testing the publicity material.

Since then the council has helped Craft to produce leaflets about waste and recycling, supported their recent 'do your bit' community street and doorstep clean event and invited its members, other community organisations and residents to join us for 'ward walks' and take part in task groups.

Gary said: "Fortunately, there are still a lot of people who have pride in where they live and are community-minded and these people don't need telling what to do. But there are still people who will not walk one step to find a litter bin and I've seen the contents of a bedroom get tipped into an alleyway."

So, how can everyone in Cheshire East ensure they're helping to keep the borough looking its best?

"Simply put, it's 'find a bin to put it in,'" said Gary. "But doing a bit of weeding, picking up any bits of litter, putting your bin away after collection and reporting any fly-tipping as soon as possible directly to Cheshire East Council through their website or phone – they are all simple ways people can keep the borough clean."

- If you'd like to get involved with Craft, search for 'Crewe fly-tipping' on Facebook and look in the groups section. Alternatively, email: creweflytipping@gmail.com
- For details of clean teams across the borough, search 'clean teams' at: cheshireeast.gov.uk
- To report fly-tipping, littering or dog fouling, call **0300 123 5011** or visit cheshireeast.gov.uk/norubbishexcuses

**KEEP
CHESHIRE EAST
CLEAN**



What are the penalties?

Fly-tipping – you could be sent to prison for up to five years or face an unlimited fine

Dog fouling – a fine of up to £1,000

Littering – a fine of up to £2,500



Take a trip to the tip

There are eight Household Waste Recycling Centres across Cheshire East and all are open seven days a week throughout the year, including Bank Holidays.

They only close on Christmas Day.

From November 1, the new opening times will be as follows: October to March: 8.30am – 4pm. April to September: 8.30am – 5pm.

Alsager: off Hassall Road, Alsager ST7 2SJ. Tel: 01270 877691

Bollington: off Albert Road, Bollington SK10 5HW. Tel: 01625 576458

Congleton: off Barn Road, off the A536 Congleton to Macclesfield Road, CW12 1LJ. Tel: 01260 298586

Crewe: Pyms Lane, Crewe, off the A530 Middlewich to Nantwich Road, CW1 3PJ. Tel: 01270 215818

Knutsford: off Mobberley Rd (B5085), Shaw Heath, Knutsford, WA16 8HT. Tel: 01565 650944

Macclesfield: off the A536 Macclesfield to Congleton Road, Gawsworth, Macclesfield, SK11 9QP. Tel: 01625 421290

Middlewich: Croxton Lane, Middlewich, CW10 9EZ. Tel: 01606 837128

Poynton: off Anson Road, Poynton, SK121TD. Tel: 01625 871441

For more details, visit: cheshireeast.gov.uk/recycling

WINTER 2017/18 GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

The garden waste collection service will be suspended on SUNDAY 03/12/17 and will resume the week beginning SUNDAY 11/02/18.

As garden bins are collected every fortnight, please check the online calendar for your last collection of 2017 and your first collection of 2018.

Please recycle your Christmas tree:

- ✔ *Charities and youth groups may collect your Christmas tree for a donation. Please visit the website below.*
- ✔ *At your household waste recycling centre (for opening times, please visit our website. Vehicle permit may be required).*
- ✔ *In your garden waste bin – cut up larger trees so that the lid still closes - **we are unable to collect trees that are not in a closed bin.***

Thank you for recycling

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cheshireeast.gov.uk/recycling
Tel: 0300 123 5011



Flying the C

Cheshire East Council's parks are some of the very best in the UK – and that's official.

Cheshire East has been awarded Green Flags for its outstanding parks, an important element of the council's commitment to 'quality of place' for the region.

The Green Flag award is given to authorities that deliver a parks service to an international standard. All parks are measured on how well they are maintained, how sustainable they are, along with their contributions to conservation and heritage.

Queens Park, in Crewe, is undoubtedly one of the North West's finest examples of a traditional Victorian park.

Covering 45 acres, the Green Flag and Green Heritage Site award-winning park continues to be a popular attraction, offering residents and visitors an oasis of peace and tranquillity in the middle of what was once the industrial heartland of Crewe.

The park, a gift to the town's Crewe Corporation by the London & North Western Railway Company (LNWR), was dedicated on

July 4, 1887, to mark the joint occasion of the Queen's Jubilee and the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Grand Junction Railway. It was officially opened to the public on Saturday June 9, 1888 by HRH The Duke of Cambridge KG, who at the time was the Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief for the Cheshire Volunteers.

Designed and constructed at a cost of £10,000, the park was laid out by Francis Webb, the LNWR chief mechanical engineer and 1888 Crewe mayor, LNWR chairman Richard Moon and Edward Kemp, one of the leading landscape designers at the time.

During the Second World War, both the park's flowerbeds and greenhouses contributed towards community welfare, producing seedlings of various vegetables. In 1941, approximately 35,000 onions and crops consisting of 1,049lbs of tomatoes and 512 cucumbers were grown, all of which were sold to 3,470 local people.

On the night of December 12, 1974, the original pavilion was burnt to the ground due to a possible electrical fault. The opening of the new pavilion and bandstand was on June 12, 1977. It was named the Jubilee Pavilion to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

Following a Heritage Lottery grant of £6.5m, extensive works were undertaken from 2006, including the restoration of the Grade II Listed Jubilee clock tower and South African (Boer War) memorial, and refurbishment of the bandstand, lake bridges, children's play area and bowling pavilion. The Lakeside Pavilion cafe, a new sandstone building, opened in 2012.

Significant investment in our other parks in recent years has resulted in the Green Flag award standard being achieved by Congleton and Sandbach parks, along with the Moor in Knutsford, Bollington recreation ground, Brereton Heath local nature reserve, Tegg's Nose country park and Tatton Park.

Queens Park, Victoria Avenue, Crewe, CW2 7SE

Opening: 8am

Closing: March - 5.30pm / April - 7.30pm / May - 8pm / June to Aug - 8.30pm / Sept - 7.30pm / Oct - 7pm / 2nd w/e Oct - 5.30pm / Nov to Feb - 4.30pm

For more information about Queens Park and other parks and gardens in Cheshire East, visit: cheshireeast.gov.uk and search for 'parks and gardens' or 'countryside sites'.



Queens Park, Crewe

Green Flags

Simon says...

Simon Tetlow, garden team leader at Tatton Park, Knutsford, gives his advice on making the most of your garden this autumn and winter.

"It's tempting to shut the curtains and turn up the heating as the nights lengthen and temperatures fall. But getting out of the house at this time of the year not only has immeasurable health benefits, it gives you the opportunity to witness the great autumn spectacle. The autumn colours are the great last show of the year and the season brings with it a great bounty of fruit and vegetables.

Here at Tatton Park, it is a terrifically busy time. But as we beaver away, gardeners and visitors get to enjoy the long shadows and dancing light illuminating all the beautiful trees in our collection to the sound of bellowing deer on their annual rut. It's also a time of promise and hope, as much of the work taking place through these coming two seasons prepares us for spring.

How do I prepare my garden for winter and what are your top tips?

With pruning, leaf collecting and cutting back, the list of how to prepare your garden for winter goes on. But the team at Tatton, as well as the teams at the borough's other parks and gardens, are always happy to share tips with you. Visiting gardens and parks can also provide inspiration for your own garden. You can even come and volunteer at Tatton and work with more than 60 other people to keep the gardens looking great all year round.

What can I do in my garden to help wildlife through the winter months?

Sometimes tidiness in a garden can be to the detriment of wildlife – seed heads provide invaluable winter food for birds and fallen fruit provides great sugar for overwintering butterflies. The knack is preserving such things so they are not untidy.

Do I need to do anything with my lawn during the autumn and winter months?

Lawn work through autumn is essential for good growth next year. Scarifying – a gardener's term for vigorous raking with a spring tined rake – removes thatch, the build up of debris over the year. It looks like you have made a mess, but with autumn feed and spiking/hollow tining, the results are dramatic by February/March.

What are the best things to plant at this time of the year and how can I add a bit of colour to my garden?

The cheer and promise of bulbs never fails to excite gardeners. A few pots by a window in winter give a view of the coming spring and green spikes appearing in early January make the season feel that bit shorter. My advice is to plant now, through to November. With a good selection, you could have some great flowers from the end of January, right through to May.

Recommended varieties:

Daffodil - Rijnvelds Early Sensation, early February
Carlton, March
Tête à Tête, March/April

Tulip - Ballerina, early May
White Triumphator, May

Look to specialist bulb merchants such as Peter Nyssen or Parkers for more inspiration.

Soil temperatures are still warm and the sowing now of winter salads can make a valuable fresh contribution to tea time. Grown in a sheltered, sunny spot in drills or seed trays, a winter salad is hard to beat. Raising plants on trays/boxes or a table or planks can avoid snails and slugs. A great favourite is lambs lettuce, but rocket, winter lettuce, purslane and burnet all make for good eating.

Happy gardening!

Simon Tetlow,
The Tatton
Garden Team



For more information about Tatton Park, including events, visit: tattonpark.org.uk



Simon Tetlow and John Hoxworth of the Tatton Garden Team.

THE FLU JAB – HAVE YOU HAD YOURS?

The flu season is fast approaching – so don't delay getting your flu jab.

It's the single most effective way to protect yourself and those around you, and is especially important if you are at increased risk of severe illness if you catch flu.

People at increased risk are the very young, older people, pregnant women, those with long-term health conditions – particularly chronic respiratory or cardiac disease – and people with a weakened immune system.

Those eligible for a free flu jab on the NHS are:

- People aged 65 and over;
- People living in a long-stay residential care home or other long-stay care facility;
- People in receipt of a carer's allowance, or are the main carer of an older or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill;
- Those aged from six months to less than 65 years of age who have certain medical conditions (including diabetes, kidney disease, liver disease, heart problems, chronic neurological diseases and conditions such as Parkinson's, chronic respiratory disease and those with a weakened immune system);
- All two, three and four-year-olds (nasal spray vaccine); and
- All children in school years 1, 2 and 3 (nasal spray vaccine).

If you're eligible, get it now. It's free because you need it!

For more information, visit the [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) website.

HOW ARE YOU?

Eating the wrong things, drinking more alcohol than recommended, not being as active as we should be – modern life has altered what we do from day to day.

So much so, that by the time we reach our 40s and 50s, many of us will now have a much greater chance of being ill in later life. But there's still time to change our

lifestyles and, with the help of One You Cheshire East, make better choices.

One You Cheshire East is a free health and lifestyle service which helps local residents who require support to eat well, drink less, move more, lose weight and become smoke free.

It's part of a national health initiative supported by Cheshire East Council, along with a number of other partners. We're committed to helping make it as easy as possible for our residents to live better, healthier and for longer.

There are many useful tips and tools, including apps, available on our website: [oneyoucheshireeast.org](https://www.oneyoucheshireeast.org) and you can also find out more information by calling 0808 1643 202.

ONE YOU CHESHIRE EAST

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Your guide to what's happening across your borough this autumn

Goosfest – Art and Music Festival

Friday 6th Oct to Saturday 21st Oct
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www.goosfest.com

Knutsford Literature Festival

Friday 6th Oct to Sunday 15th Oct
Knutsford
www.knutsfordlitfest.org

Nantwich Words and Music Festival

Monday 9th Oct to Sunday 15th Oct
Nantwich town centre
www.wordsandmusicfestival.com

Ghost Hunts at Hack Green Nuclear Bunker

October 14th, 21st, 28th
November: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Nantwich
www.hackgreen.co.uk

Walking to Health – Red Deer Walk

Tuesday 17th Oct
Lyme, Disley, SK12 2NX
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyme

A Hidden Halloween

Saturday 21st Oct to Sunday 29th Oct
Tatton Park, Knutsford
www.tattonpark.org.uk

Halloween at Hare Hill

Saturday 21st Oct to Sunday 29th Oct
Hare Hill Gardens, Oak Road, Over Alderley, Macclesfield
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hare-hill

Creepy Capers at Capesthorpe

Sunday 29th Oct
Capesthorpe Hall
Congleton Road, Siddington, Macclesfield
www.capesthorpe.com



Crewe Cosmopolitan Food Festival

Sunday 29th Oct 10am to 5pm
Crewe town centre
www.crewefoodfestival.co.uk



Congleton Rotary Bonfire

Saturday 4th November from 5pm
Congleton Park
www.congletonrotary.co.uk/

Wilmslow Bonfire and Fireworks

Saturday 4th Nov from 5.30pm
Carnival Fields, Wilmslow
www.wilmslowfireworks.co.uk

Crewe & Nantwich Lions Bonfire and Firework Display

Sunday 5th November from 5pm
Queens Park, Victoria Avenue, Crewe
www.crewelife.net/events

Arley Hall Shopping Spectacular

Tuesday 7th Nov 6pm to 10pm and
Wednesday 8th Nov 9.30am to 4pm
Arley Hall, Arley
www.arleyhallshoppingspectacular.co.uk

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 12th November 11am
Memorial Square, Crewe
www.crewetowncouncil.gov.uk

Foodies Christmas Festival

Friday 17th Nov to Sunday 20th Nov
Tatton Park, Knutsford
www.foodiesfestival.com

Christmas Parties at Quarry Bank

Friday 24th Nov to Sat 16th Dec
(limited dates)
Quarry Bank, Styal
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/quarry-bank/features/christmas-parties-at-quarry-bank

Christmas Lights Switch On

Friday 24th November 4pm
Crewe
www.crewetowncouncil.gov.uk

Sandbach Christmas Market

Friday 1st December 3pm to 8pm
Sandbach town centre
www.sandbach.gov.uk

Tree of Lights

Crewe Friday 1st December
Middlewich Tuesday 5th December
Macclesfield Thursday 7th December
Sandbach Thursday 7th December
See the town council website for more details

Gospel@clonter

Saturday 2nd December 2017 at 7pm
Clonter Opera Theatre
Swettenham Heath, Congleton
www.clonter.org

Candlelight and Carols

Monday 4th December from 6pm to 9pm
Arley Hall, Arley
www.arleyhallandgardens.com

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Saturday 16th Dec 2017 to Sunday 7th Jan 2018
Crewe Lyceum Theatre
www.crewelyceum.co.uk

Deer Feed and Trailer Ride

Wednesday 20th December
Tatton Park, Knutsford
www.tattonpark.org.uk



For details of more events, activities and things to see and do, please go to visitcheshire.com





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