



CHARLTON PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to all our readers, especially new residents.

Treasure Hunt

Thank you to Sarah and family from KAC for organising this. Unfortunately, turnout was low, but if you missed it and would like to have a go, the route and answers will be available on the website soon.

Freecycle

We are holding another event on The Green on Saturday 30th September between 10 and 3. If you have things you would like to get rid of but are still in good condition, come along and set them up. Come and browse the selection – you may find something you have always been looking for! We just ask that everything is cleared away at 3pm.

Neighbourhood Watch

Thankfully nothing serious to report. However, we have been made aware that someone is objecting to people parking by damaging their cars. This is criminal damage and should be reported to the police. If you have an issue with how someone has parked it can be reported at: force.controlroom@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

Some cars have been ticketed following reporting to this address.

Trees and Swings

There are some swings on The Green and, whilst we don't object to children having fun, an issue was raised on Facebook where Cllr Steve Harvey offered to contact the Trees Officer to provide Cheltenham Borough Council advice. Here is the officer's reply:

Generally, the public should not be attaching rope swings to CBC owned trees.

Not only can there be a risk of significant injury if the tree/branch fails, the constant rubbing of the rope on the branch can damage and ultimately kill the tree or eventually restrict growth of the branch leading to its demise and death.

However, top tips for rope swings on private trees:

- 1) Never attach a rope to a dead branch-one has no idea how much residual strength remains in the branch. Dead branches can suddenly break without warning.*
- 2) Attach the rope at/near the trunk-they are much stronger here than at the end of the branch*

- 3) *To avoid damage to branch bark by rubbing, use a suitable knot (eg running bowline) or better still, involve the use of a karabiner. One can also involve the use of an old garden hose to help cushion the branch against rubbing.*
- 4) *Check rope for frays, weathering/degradation at least annually. At the same time, check rope has not begun damaging the tree. Also check branch for cracks etc!*

Subs

Thank you to everyone who has paid their subs. This money enables us to produce the newsletter, run the website and organise the events. If you haven't yet paid you can do so via BACS to the CPRA Bank Account: Sort code 55-61-08. Account No.75542625. Please use your address as the reference when paying into the bank account (e.g. 75 KHC.)

Bus Stop Garden

This was set up as a Community Garden but some of the gardeners no longer feel able to continue. It would be great if someone from the community felt they could take on the co-ordination and if others felt they could put in occasional help. It would be a shame to see this go back to wasteland. Please get in touch if you think you can help.

Hallowe'en

Our annual Hallowe'en party will take place on Saturday 28th October at 6pm. Meet on the Triangle at the end of KWD. All are welcome and there will be prizes for fancy dress and carved pumpkins, games and refreshments. This is always a fun event.

Christmas

The snow hit us hard last year, so we missed our annual get together, but hope to be luckier this year. We plan to get together on The Green on Saturday 10th December at 4:30pm. There will be mulled wine and mince pies, plus snacks for the children, and we hope to have carols either being sung or played. If you are a musician or have sound equipment that could be used to play music, please get in touch. We will have a donation box to collect for Cornerstone Pantry, where our food box donations go to.

Road Reps and Local Trades are displayed on the notice board and website.