

## A Hidden Gem Chellaston Brickworks Local Nature Reserve

With the increasing demands on land within “the village” any green spaces are to be valued and the “Friends of Chellaston Brickworks Local Nature Reserve” work hard to ensure that this area remains an open green space which can be enjoyed by everyone. The reserve has a very long and varied history and is situated to the east side of Chellaston and accessible via the Bensley Close Car Park (to the rear of the Scout Hut).

In the 13th century Alabaster was quarried in the area, followed by brick & tile production in 19th century. By 1978 deposits of clay had been exhausted and the land was acquired for use as a landfill site. In 1986 landfill was complete and the area was capped and planted with a variety of shrubs and trees. Over the following 20 years the area was left for nature to reclaim until 2006 when the Friends of Chellaston Brickworks LNR were formed.

The total area covered by the reserve is 29 acres with three main habitats. Mature woodland to the west of the site, tall grasses and non-native trees on the area which was formerly used as landfill and an area of grassland which is very rare in Derby and attracts many butterflies and moths. In fact, at the latest count there were over 100



species of wild flowers, 30 bird species, 25 different butterflies plus some rare fungi and lots of space for children to explore.

The “Friends” are a small group of volunteers who carry out regular work parties to help maintain and enhance this lovely area. We are always eager to attract new members and everyone is welcome regardless of age, ability or knowledge.

More information on our website [www.chellaston-nature-reserve.co.uk](http://www.chellaston-nature-reserve.co.uk)

### Chellaston Residents’ Association

The CRA produce these newsletters to help engender community spirit. It is funded through a 100Club and delivered by volunteers. We are always happy to add volunteers to our delivery group. If you would like to volunteer for about half an hour, three times a year then get in touch at [info@chellastonmatters.co.uk](mailto:info@chellastonmatters.co.uk)

Our website [www.chellastonmatters.co.uk](http://www.chellastonmatters.co.uk) has much more information on it.



**Chellaston  
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The “Spirit” event, now in its fifth year, evolved from a basic and fundamental aim to attempt to bring the Chellaston community together. It was realised that with the growth of Chellaston a division between East & West (old and new) was unwittingly developing with the expanding community having little knowledge of what



Chellaston had to “offer”. With numerous groups, societies, local businesses and churches striving to gain recognition and funding it was seen that the Sprit event could be an ideal medium to demonstrate what is available on the doorstep for the local community.

Now in year 5 we have seen the event grow and offer the community a “Fun Day” for all age groups, offering a variety of activities and sideshows, ranging from “on stage” performances by The Chellaston Academy, the Community Choir, Dance Groups, Church Together and other selected entertainers. The event has been enhanced by the introduction of a Fun Fair which we feel widens the appeal to all ages.

It is certainly hoped that this event will continue to provide the nucleus of future community activities. PLEASE PUT SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 IN YOUR DIARY and come along to meet old friends and new. Enjoy and support the event.

**Long may “Spirit” continue and with community support we are sure it will.**

### **Chellaston Neighbourhood Planning Forum**

The [www.chellaston-npf.org](http://www.chellaston-npf.org) is an official consultee for planning issues in the Chellaston area. You can join the forum on line and have your say about planning matters (and other relevant matters if you wish).

The next full forum meetings are:

- Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Church
- Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St Peter’s Church

All residents of Chellaston are welcome to join the forum and attend the meetings.



Relevant planning applications are published on the website for you to comment on. You can also make formal comments to the City Council through a link on the website.

## News from Friends of Chellaston Library



What a great World Book Day! More than 300 visitors came through the doors on March 9<sup>th</sup> starting with school groups in the morning and continuing with all ages during the afternoon. Library staff and some of the Friends dressed up and it was lovely to see younger visitors in their costumes. The Cat in the Hat proved very popular in the children's section while tea and biscuits accompanied book readings in the Gresley Room.

There were Quizzes, Art Group and Knit and Natter displays and Book Club readers shared excerpts from a varied menu of books throughout the afternoon. Thanks to all who came along and for your many kind comments.

Attendance at this event demonstrates the popularity of the Library and how much it would be missed if it closes following the City's Library Review Consultation. The latest news is that decision day has been put back yet again! It will now be June before any decision is made.

There is so much to lose if our representations to the Council are ignored. Our group has consistently maintained that a volunteer-managed library, as outlined in the Council's preferred Option B, would be unsustainable, and totally goes against the premises of the Lottery Funding which helped to build it. A core of professional staff is vital. Areas that have tried this system already need to hire staff where numbers of volunteers have fallen.



Please help to preserve our Library - keep up to date with developments on our facebook page and add your views and comments. You can also make your comments on the [www.chellaston-npf.org](http://www.chellaston-npf.org) forum website where opinions about what Chellaston's residents want for the future of Chellaston are being gathered. Most of all, show that we need the Library and support our hard-working staff by keeping footfall high.

## Introducing your local police.



### **Greg Hunt Insp 2449 Hunt.**

I am the local policing unit (LPU) Inspector for Derby East. I started at Derby when I first joined Derbyshire police in 2001 and have been fortunate enough to work all around the county over the last 16 years, spending most of my time in front-line uniform policing.

I am different to most Inspectors you will have seen and am passionate about my work. I always look for ways to improve the service we deliver and believe in preventing the problem before it occurs. I have a robust style of policing and will relentlessly pursue individuals who seek to harm the community. I will ensure that this part of Derby remains a safe and pleasant place to live.



I work closely with your SNT Team – Graham Young, Stephanie Holt and James Sadler to achieve this.

We like to work in partnership to help solve common problems, to that end I invite you all to provide any information that you feel is relevant to help prevent crime in your area. If you see motorcycles driving illegally please do report them to us and pass any description of the rider that you are able to obtain, a photograph is ideal if the opportunity presents itself. I ask you all to be vigilant with your personal safety and to lock your vehicles overnight, removing any valuables on display.



Soon we will be approaching the warmer months where doors and windows of houses are left open to provide ventilation. Please try to refrain from doing this or ensure you have suitable window and door locks preventing them from being opened too far. Work with us to protect yourself.

To contact the team please ring 101 or email [ENT@Derbyshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ENT@Derbyshire.pnn.police.uk)

### **Rose and Crown – non update.**

We now know that the Lidl plan to demolish the Rose and Crown will not be on the agenda for the 13<sup>th</sup> April Planning Committee Agenda. There has been no explanation as to why, so we must just wait to see what happens next. Follow us on Chellaston Residents' Association facebook for up to date information.

Please ignore **rumours** about the R & C until Derby CC makes official announcements.