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Christmas Greetings



CPCA sends sincere thanks and Christmas wishes to Churton Park residents and to the businesses, schools, service organisations and representatives of our Councils and Central Government who work with us to support all who live and work in Churton Park.

We hope that you have a relaxing and peaceful time with your family and friends, and we look forward to continuing our work with you in 2022. ☐



Community recovery from COVID-19

As 2021 draws to a close, the risks of COVID-19 infection have led to the cancellation of many popular community events.

Vaccinations and other precautions have helped to keep COVID at bay in Wellington but, even here, problems are not restricted to disease control. For many, job security has been under threat, people have been isolated from their friends, neighbours and support networks and they have been deprived of their normal leisure pastimes.

As vaccination levels increase, we can begin to see light at the end of the tunnel and turn our minds to rebuilding our traditional community activities. We would welcome your ideas on restoring and building on the pre-COVID momentum. ☐

Help us to help you

CPCA is reaching out to others in the community to help plan and deliver activities in our lively suburb. If you can help in any way, whether for particular activities or more generally, we would love to hear from you.

Contact Brian Sheppard, CPCA President – secretary@churtonpark.org.nz ☐

Malcolm Sparrow's Retirement

Wellington Councillor, Malcolm Sparrow, has resigned from Council following a health scare. Malcolm has been an active supporter of CPCA throughout his three terms as a Northern Ward Councillor. He has taken part in most of our meetings, functions and celebrations. He has also taken a lead role in raising the profile of emergency management in Wellington, including the supply of household 200L emergency water tanks. Malcolm will long be remembered as one the 'Three Musketeers', with his fellow Northern Ward Councillors Jill Day and Peter Gilberd, who supported each other in their service to the northern suburbs. We will keep in touch with Malcolm and wish him well. ☐

Revegetation Group activities

The Churton Park Revegetation Group has continued working in Lakewood Reserve. This year the work has generally been at the north end, including tidying up some rough areas, with 600 plants added. There are now 4,400 plants in this reserve and some of the larger trees planted earlier are now very well established.

It was also nice to see the kowhai of an age where they start flowering.

Work also recommenced back at the north end of Wingfield Reserve where some of the planting from earlier years had been overcome with weeds. One area had to be cleared and replanted and preparations were made in other areas for 2022 planting.

Thanks to all who have helped. ☐

Thanks to the Churton Park Walking Group

Thank you to the Churton Park Walkers who are helping CPCA with the task of distributing the Gazette to every household in Churton Park. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. ☐

Great planting effort by WCC

In the last planting season, WCC planted over 30,000 plants in the Churton Park and Glenside area. Of these, 10,500 went into the Erlestoke Crescent Reserve areas, which is part of a programme to join the remnant bush gullies between the pasture land and houses, providing a corridor for bird life, between Tawa and Johnsonville.

The next big area is the Callender Reserve, where 14,500 plants have been planted behind the housing. The bulk of the lower slopes are now all planted and, in a few years, taller emergent trees will be added. This reserve has some excellent areas of remnant vegetation and provides a safe area for birdlife.

The new reserve area above Stebbings Dam and below Farnworth Terrace received about 5,500 plants. This area was intended to be established before the houses were built but the lockdown prevented this from happening. The planting programme will continue next year, so the appearance of the Churton Park hills will look quite different within in a few years. ☐

Stebbing Valley Walking Tracks

WCC is planning walking tracks in the valley, including one following the Stebbings Stream from the Detention Dam northwards to a point near the Melksham Drive/Amesbury Drive junction. Several stream crossings could be provided, assisted by the developer. Another track will run from the Dam area to Farnworth Terrace. Timing of construction is not yet known. ☐

Have your say on a location for community notices

Churton Park has no roadside areas on which temporary community notices can be displayed. WCC has advised CPCA that it will only consider applications to erect notices on land within Churton Park that it has identified as being suitable for that purpose. When a candidate area is suggested, WCC has to consider the views of the affected community.

A few locations have been suggested but have proved to be unsuitable, for reasons such as the presence of buried cables or concerns for traffic safety. One area that meets the Council's requirements is the grassed verge on the motorway side of the entrance to Stebbings Dam and dog park.

All Churton Park residents are invited to let CPCA know whether you think that this is a suitable area for erecting temporary community notices. Please let us know before the end of January so that we can let the Council know of our community's views. ☐



Churton Park Community Association (Inc) Membership Form

All Churton Park residents are invited to join, and assist the modest budget of the Association.
Subscription (please tick appropriate box)

\$20	\$25	\$30	\$
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Please complete the details below and return with your remittance to:

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