



Neighbourhood News

A newsletter from The Christie

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Welcome to Neighbourhood News

Welcome to the latest edition of Neighbourhood News produced by The Christie NHS Foundation Trust. This newsletter will keep our neighbours up to date with the latest developments and news from the hospital.

The newsletter is distributed to around 4,000 households and businesses in the local community and is issued every two months.

We hope you find Neighbourhood News informative and helpful.

If you have any feedback or views you would like to share about Neighbourhood News, then please email communications.
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State-of-the-art cyclotron arrives

A huge proton beam therapy machine, the 'cyclotron', was delivered to The Christie from Germany in June, marking a major milestone in a national NHS plan to provide high energy proton beam therapy in the UK from next year.



Former patients Lucy Thomas and Emma Payton help start the crane

Proton beam therapy, a specialist form of radiotherapy that targets certain cancers very precisely, increasing success rates and reducing side-effects, is currently offered overseas to NHS patients.

Together with the Department of Health, NHS England is funding the development of two world class centres in Manchester and London for NHS patients to be treated in the UK.

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The cyclotron hanging from the crane

Update on work along Oak Road

Work on the site has been progressing well over the last few months and this has created pressure on traffic along Oak Road. We are working closely with immediate neighbours and Manchester City Council to ensure constant access along the road and continue to allow parking where it is safe to do so.

Residents will be aware that in order to enable the set-up of a large crane and the installation of a number of large items of equipment, the width of Oak Road has been reduced to single file near the junction of Circular Road. Manchester City Council has also established a no parking zone down this section of Oak Road. This is currently in force until the beginning of September, in line with the equipment installation programme.

We are pleased to report that the equipment installation is progressing well and we will restore Oak Road back to its former width with restoration of parking as quickly as we can. For safety purposes Oak Road will remain one way until the end of the construction project, currently on programme for April 2018.

On project completion we will resurface Oak Road and leave the road in a better condition than it was before our projects began.



The huge crane on Oak Road

The Christie's new entrance

Following the completion of the Integrated Procedures Unit (IPU) in April this year we have been working hard to complete our new main entrance on Oak Road which is due to open in September.

The new entrance will be directly below the IPU and increases our available seating and reception area together with providing a new retail area. This will include an M&S Food to Go and a WHSmith convenience store which neighbours are welcome to use. The entrance will also provide a display area, a Christie charity centre and our cancer information centre. Look for more details in the next edition of Neighbourhood News.



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The arrival of the car-sized, super-conducting machine which will supply protons to three treatment rooms at The Christie is a major milestone in the delivery of the national service with the first patients due to be treated in 2018, with University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust following

in 2020. They will each treat up to 750 patients every year. Two former patients, schoolgirls Lucy Thomas from Ramsbottom and Emma Payton from Gatley, joined forces to help start the 92m tall crane (the largest of its kind in the UK), which moved the cyclotron into position.

Car Parking at The Christie

Our Neighbourhood Forum continues to discuss transport and travelling for Christie patients and staff, and significant progress has been made over the last 12 months.

We were recently awarded a Transport for Greater Manchester Gold Award for our sustainable travel plan. However, we recognise the impact that staff parking in surrounding streets is having on our neighbours.

As part of a consultation process, a neighbourhood working group was established to review design options for potential tiered car parking at the Cotton Lane or Golden Lion sites in Withington.

To date we have held two consultation events on June 26th and 27th. The first was for neighbours who share a boundary with the proposed development site and the second was an invitation to the wider community with 5,000 invitations sent out to residents and in excess of 100 attendees.

The neighbourhood working group assessed a number of design options, with the preferred option pictured above.



An artist's impression of how the preferred tiered parking option will look

This is a single car park on the Cotton Lane, Withington site that will give a net gain in spaces of approximately 430.

The scheme is designed to fit within the ethos of The Christie Strategic Planning Framework, and its appearance is sympathetic to the surroundings and includes timber and 'green' walls. As part of the proposed plan we intend to increase the green areas and plant additional trees and shrubs.

We are hopeful we will have enough support and feedback to finalise our proposals and move to the planning stage

before the end of the year. It is expected that, in consultation with Manchester City Council, these measures will satisfy the concerns of the community for the future.



A map showing the proposed site

Paterson building fire update

Following the fire on the roof of the Paterson building on The Christie site in April, we can advise neighbours that the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service investigation is still ongoing.

A specialist team has been examining the building. As you will understand, there is a great deal of

information for the investigators to review and this is expected to take several months. The Health and Safety Executive has been making enquiries alongside the emergency services.

We are working closely with our partners, The University of Manchester and Cancer Research

UK, as well as our insurers to complete a full assessment of loss and damage.

At this stage we are unable to estimate the cost of the damage to both the building and equipment, nor are we able to estimate when the building will become fully operational again.

Green Travel



Persuading staff out of their cars

As part of its annual travel survey The Christie asked staff what would persuade them to use more sustainable forms of travel. This is what they told us:

The Christie Travel Survey 2016 – Which of the following would persuade you out of your car?

Answer options	%
Improved Trust information on alternative transport	2.79
Improved public information on alternative transport	2.61
Changing facilities (e.g. showers, lockers and drying area)	9.17
More secure cycle compound	7.64
Safer cycle lanes	11.69
Cheaper travel/discount (including combined tickets)	18.69
Expansion of The Christie park & ride scheme	14.57
Public transport improvements	29.14
Plug-in electric car facility	0.18
Free parking for electric cars	3.42

The Trust has taken the following actions to respond to staff suggestions:

Secured £100k in additional funding for sustainable travel initiatives including intensive marketing and communications to promote:

- ★ Improvements to public transport, i.e. bus priority package
- ★ Cycle to work scheme
- ★ New cycle lanes
- ★ New shower and changing facilities onsite
- ★ Promotion of the park and ride scheme
- ★ MCRC cycle compound extension to expand the storage capacity from 25 to 55 bicycles
- ★ Launched new discounted public transport tickets



National Clean Air Day 2017

As part of a national campaign to raise awareness of air quality, organisations were invited to make a pledge to support National Clean Air Day on June 15th.

The Trust made the pledge to 'promote public transport services and discounts available to Christie staff'.

During the campaign the full range of public transport discounts were promoted including the Trust's interest-free public transport loan to support staff in buying annual tickets.

Pledge for Cycle to Work Day 2017

Cycle to Work Day is a national event that encourages adults to get on their bikes and give cycle commuting a go.

Cycling is very much at the forefront of the Trust's green travel plan and cycling numbers have increased from 6.3% in 2013 to 8.72% in 2016. This year's event takes place on September 13th and the Trust is committed to marking the day with promotions including free bicycle maintenance sessions, an e-bike demonstration, cycling advice stall and free drinks and snacks for staff who cycle in on the day.

The Trust is committed to celebrating regular cyclists and those who are giving it a go for the first time, in the bid to try to reduce numbers commuting to The Christie by car.



Rob Stoner of Revolve MCR who will provide free bike servicing