



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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Preview of The Christie proton beam therapy centre



The building works to the proton beam therapy (PBT) centre are now complete and staff are preparing the building before we open to patients in the autumn.

Members of the public, staff, patients and residents had the opportunity to attend preview tours of the new facility as part of a public open day and a series of guided tours.

See overleaf for more

Public open day



The Christie opened its doors to the public as the Trust concluded its NHS 70th anniversary celebrations with an open day, on Saturday 28th July.

Visitors had the chance to see behind the scenes of Europe's largest single site cancer centre, which included tours of the UK's first NHS high energy proton beam therapy centre.

There were also tours of the Integrated procedures unit and the chance to see how the Trust's state of the art surgical robots deliver cutting edge treatment. Tours of The Christie's National Institute for Health Research clinical research facility were also available.

The Christie garden was open and the complementary therapy team was on hand to offer massage taster sessions. There was also an NHS 70 display in the conservatory along with the opportunity to contribute to a large mosaic artwork that will be displayed in the hospital.

The tour of the proton beam therapy centre included a visit to one of the treatment gantries, a scanning room, the dedicated paediatric area and the research room.



A treatment gantry

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Christie experts were on hand to explain how PBT works and the benefits to patients who currently have to travel abroad for this treatment. Members of the proton research team were also on hand to explain how their research will aim to improve the outcomes for patients both in terms of survival and quality of life.

Local resident, Marjorie McSweeney attended a tour on the 30th July. She said: "When you think about those patients that have had to travel abroad for this treatment, it is tremendous that we now have this equipment here and the expertise to go with it."

Neighbour Jane Bracewell who was also in attendance, added: "It's a very impressive building and it is great to see how well it has been designed with the end user in mind, particularly children. I was surprised to hear that approximately a third of the patients treated in this centre will be children."



Residents are shown inside the new proton beam therapy centre

The ground floor of the new proton beam therapy centre will be home to a new outpatients' department. We are also completing the external works at the front of the building including planters and footpaths. This will enable the perimeter fencing to be removed and the footpaths to both sides of Oak Road to be re-opened.

We hope that those of you who attended the open day or a tour of the PBT centre found it interesting. If you didn't get chance to join one of the tours, some additional tours will be available on Thursday 6 September. These tours get booked up very quickly, so please register promptly if you would like to attend via this link – www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/proton-beam-therapy-centre-preview-tours-september-tickets-49136327077.

Car parking

We have recently relocated our park and ride scheme to the Withington Community Hospital site on Nell Lane.

This new site offers better facilities for our staff that use the park and ride service including CCTV coverage and 24-hour security. It is also closer and more accessible, and we hope that this will encourage more staff to use the service. The park and ride service remains free to all of our staff and contractors.

Manchester City Council (MCC) is currently undertaking local surveys to enable a review and

extension of the controlled parking zone. We will continue to work with the City Council to drive forward the expansion as we appreciate the impact that staff parking has on neighbouring streets.

MCC has previously approved the planning application for the development of a new tiered car park on Cotton Lane. This new car park will provide an additional 407 car parking spaces. We are currently working up plans to build this car park and we will provide much greater detail once these plans have been developed.

Resurfacing of Oak Rd

Once we have completed building works we will be resurfacing Oak Road in late September.

This will also include the resurfacing of the footpaths to both sides of Oak Road and a section of Palatine Road from Oak Road to the multi-storey car park.

We will let you know the final details in the next edition of Neighbourhood News.

Paterson redevelopment

Following the fire last year at the Paterson building we are commencing work to remove the damaged plant and debris from the fire damaged roof.

You will see a number of cranes around the site that are needed to lift the heavy equipment off the roof.

We anticipate that demolition will begin towards the end of the year. We will be installing panels to cover the existing blue hoardings on Wilmslow Road and these will be erected by the beginning of September.

We are still developing plans for the redevelopment and further information will be available on our website.



Stockport cycle challenge

Recently, Chair of the neighbourhood forum, Councillor Andrew Simcock and performance and quality development manager at The Christie, Christopher Noble met up at Stockport Railway Station on their bikes before work, to test ride the commute to The Christie.

Concerns were raised at the last quarterly meeting with Manchester City Council about cars parking on cycle ways along the route from Stockport to Manchester, so the pair were keen to test out the route along the Trans Pennine Trail.

Whilst the initial part of the journey, directly from the station, was by road on a cycle lane in the middle of Stockport; within five minutes they were going under the extremely slow queuing M60, on the Trans Pennine Trail route.

Chris said: "The Christie is easily accessible from Stockport.

The route we took was a great bike ride in its own right, let alone a ride to work avoiding congestion and car fumes. Andrew and I both estimated it's a comfortable half an hour ride. We will be recommending it to staff as a better route and much safer than riding on the roads."



Andrew Simcock and Christopher Noble setting off from Stockport

Clean Air Day

The 21st June was Clean Air Day, a national event organised by Global Action Plan charitable trust.

The campaign encourages people and organisations to think about poor air quality and what they can do to tackle the issue. Due to our support for sustainable travel and our commitment to Clean Air Day, The Christie was made an official supporter.

The status of official supporter is only given to organisations that demonstrate:

- Action being taken on Clean Air Day
- Communications team in place to promote the campaign broadly and encourage people to take action
- Run events on Clean Air Day.

During a two week period we held a range of events to support Clean Air Day and promote sustainable travel to our staff including:

- Daily tours of cycling facilities
- Try out a bike sessions
- Free bicycle maintenance
- Free bicycle breakfast
- Public transport advice stall
- Free Stagecoach Day Rider tickets for Clean Air Day
- Free basic bicycle maintenance course
- Ken Fosters Cycle Logic promoting Cyclescheme and advising on route planning
- Public transport links promoted through Walking Wednesday.

Walking Wednesday

Reaching out to the community.

We recently walked to the historic Withington community baths. We are keen to expand the Walking Wednesday package so please feel to get in touch with any suggestions.

Do you know some local hidden history? Do want to raise awareness of any local areas or facilities? Then let us know and we will consider it as part of the programme of walks.

Spring cycling event

Earlier this year, the Trust held a special week of cycling events to support staff members who cycle or are considering cycling.

The week was centred on the opening of the new expanded cycle hub two. The hub originally had 20 secure cycle spaces, this has now been expanded to 100. Daily tours took place of all the cycling facilities onsite. In addition there were bicycle user group meetings, a cyclist breakfast and free bicycle maintenance.



Christie staff learn about bicycle maintenance.

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