

TALL STOREYS...

Fears over plan for high rise blocks on the riverside



The height of oppression: local opinion is against such towering buildings

Community action groups are worried about the future look of Charlton Riverside. The big issue is the height of proposed blocks of flats. The draft local plan is recommending some blocks up to 15 or 16 storeys high should be permitted.

But Charlton Together, an alliance of community organisations, including CCRA, is strongly opposed to this idea, especially as the current Master plan says most of the housing on the riverside should be low/medium level up to six storeys.

Charlton Together states: "The Planning Inspectorate, in its 2017 judgement on the Rockwell plans, accepted that Charlton was urban not metropolitan, that low/medium rise, not high rise, was appropriate, that Charlton Riverside was different from Greenwich Peninsular or Woolwich Town Centre. It gave support for only a handful of 10-storey buildings".

If the proposal on the height of the flats is upheld it will destroy the vision of a mixed tenure family-orientated community on the riverside. Charlton Together is totally opposed to 15-/16-storey buildings and urges that this proposal is removed from the Site Allocation Plan. Charlton Together fears that any move towards the higher levels would prompt developers to push to raise heights all over the riverside. "We believe a large majority of Charlton residents share that view," they say.

Although the draft plan suggests only a few very high buildings, recent experience shows developers not only push that boundary at the top of the range but seek to raise heights all over the area. There are rumours that, where planning permission has already been granted, they are planning to submit revised plans for higher buildings. And possible high-rise near the fire station on Woolwich Road is attracting their attention.

The new borough-wide draft plan is not confirmed yet but the biggest consultation is complete. Much of it makes very good sense. But the future for Charlton riverside needs further consideration.

Now it's Strictly CCRA!

Dust off the dance shoes, splash on the sequins and get down to St Richard's Hall on 11 April for a special 'CCRA does Strictly' night. Yes, it's all glad rags and glitter ball as you take your partners for the next dance. It kicks off at 6pm and it's a family event so everyone is welcome whatever your age or experience. Our

professional dancers Kerry and Jonathan will lead us through traditional steps so why not give it a go? It's £5 for CCRA members and £7 for non-members. Children have free entry. There will be a bar and hot food, a raffle and spot prizes. The evening closes at 8.30. Why not shimmy along?



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Membership matters

Welcome to the members who have recently signed up to CCRA. As people move into our area, it's good to know that new residents like what we do and support us. If you too are new to the area, then why not join our friendly residents' association?

This is also a gentle reminder to anyone who has supported us in the past: thank you, and your membership for 2026 is now due. Membership is still £7 for an individual, £12 for a family/household and £5 per year for unwaged and students. The usual payment options are available and detailed at the bottom of our website, and by clicking on the membership form. If you are not so good on your IT skills and would like more details, then call us on 07876 585491. Thank you for your support.

Wendy and Sergey – Membership Team



Time to spring into action for the 14th FP & C

As the wet days of winter are behind us and we transition into spring, now is the time to start thinking about our FC&P Show. This year we will be in St Richards Hall, Swallowfield Road on Saturday 5 September to celebrate the growers, bakers and creators in our community.

Put the date into your diary now and get into the garden to make sure you have some roses, dahlias, alliums, hydrangeas and chrysanthemums to show. If indoor plants are your thing, then nurture your flowering and non-flowering pot plants including cacti/succulents, chilli and cheese plants alongside the ever popular: peace lilies, African violets and hardy spider plants.

Back to the garden and check your planting dates for tomatoes, soft fruit, beans and other veg. If you are planting from seed, then make sure you use a good quality potting compost and keep your seed trays somewhere warm to encourage germination. Don't overwater as this will rot young roots. Don't

be too eager to prick seedlings out. Give them a chance to develop sturdy stems. Why not try something different this year? Even with limited space you can grow salad leaves, and it doesn't have to be lettuce. Why not try rocket and flavour things up with some herbs? Chilli plants can be grown both indoor and out and a surprising number of vegetables, such as courgettes can thrive in a good deep pot. If you have little ones in your family encourage them to get planting, even very young children can be thrilled by growing cress on a windowsill. Plan your planting timetable so your produce will be at its very best for the Show.

Pickling will feature this year, and this could include eggs, onions or veg. Take on a baking challenge and practise bread, cheese scones, cakes, flapjacks and pizza. Alongside a range of craft items, our popular photography section will include: a Single flower, Reflections and a Local Landmark. There will also be nine categories for children so look out for the full schedule in a forthcoming *Grapevine*.



Some of 2025's F & P winners...



...and our panel of judges

Shop a fly-tipper – get a £100 reward

Greenwich Council has launched an Environmental Crime Reward Scheme as part of a £5 million investment to eradicate illegal waste dumping. Under this new initiative, residents who provide high-quality evidence that leads to a successful prosecution or the payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) are eligible for a £100 reward.

Residents will know that we have specific problems with fly-tipping by the entrance to the station on Delafield Road. We also regularly see bags of rubbish being dumped on Charlton Church Lane.

The Council is now actively seeking what they are calling “People of Binterest” – individuals or businesses caught in the act of fly-tipping. To qualify

for the reward, tip-offs must include:

Useable Footage: Original, unedited photos or video recordings of the incident.

Verification: Evidence should ideally be time-stamped and include the specific location.

Identification: Details such as vehicle registration numbers, company names on vans, or descriptions of the individuals involved.

Once a fine is paid or a court case is won based on the intelligence provided, the informant can receive the £100 reward on a prepaid card.

The reward scheme coincides with a dramatic increase in fines to act as a stronger deterrent. As of 19 January 2026, on-the-spot fines for fly-tipping

in Greenwich rose from £400 to £1,000. In more serious cases that reach court, perpetrators can face unlimited fines or up to five years in prison.

This crackdown is part of the Council’s broader “Getting Things Done” programme, which has also funded a doubling of enforcement teams and the installation of additional mobile CCTV units at known hotspots. By incentivising community reporting, the Council aims to reduce the £800,000 annual cost currently spent on clearing over 840 tonnes of dumped waste. Do you have video or photo evidence of a specific incident you would like to report?

Tip-offs can be submitted directly via email to report-reward@royalgreenwich.gov.uk.

Clean Up Charlton

WHO ARE WE?

We are a group of local people volunteering to litter pick around our area. Our organiser, Felicity, brings the litter-picking equipment, bags and gloves. It’s great fun while helping keep Charlton clean. We meet once monthly, on Sunday mornings at Charlton Station. Usually spend an hour picking litter in the area. You get to meet nice people, and go for a coffee afterwards. Want to get involved? Next event: 12 April, 10am Charlton Station.

Details on: <https://www.facebook.com/CleanUpCharlton>
Email: cleanupcharlton@charltonresidents.net



Cleaning up the neighbourhood



My favourite tree

This beautiful blossom-garlanded tree is full of the joys of spring. Photo taken in March by Joy Ogden

Data centre plan for Charlton Riverside

There are proposals to build a large data centre at the heart of Charlton Riverside; it would be a large box-like structure storing huge quantities of electronic data supporting artificial intelligence. A private company, Greater London Industries (GLi), which has already secured planning permission for a new distribution centre in Anchor and Hope Lane, is in discussion with the Council and has sounded out local opinion with both residents in Derek and Atlas Gardens, and with Charlton Together, made up of several community organisations.

Early presentations suggested a fairly low modest-size modern structure surrounded by newly planted trees, together with some other community benefits. But in response to further scrutiny GLi are now talking about a

central building 30 metres high on a base about the size of a football pitch, plus an electricity sub-station about half that height and a large bank of generators, in the event of a supply failure. Data centres have to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week and consume massive quantities of electricity. Currently they also use huge quantities of water to cool the centre and keep a steady temperature necessary for efficient working, though GLi are claiming the proposed model will recycle water. There are also concerns about the level of green gas emissions. Thirty metres is equivalent to a housing block eight to 10 storeys high; covering most of the Stones Foundry site, it could dominate the centre of the riverside.

Data centres do not employ large numbers of people at any one time but do operate continuously at high capacity.

So, 24 hours a day they will employ a few highly qualified staff regulating and monitoring the operation, and security staff protecting a high-value installation. There is the promise of a new green and clean environment, replacing what is now anything but that, and some further community benefits.

There is not yet a formal planning application and GLi were unable to answer some questions, stressing they were 'not engineers'. Their role is to promote the scheme and the case for data centres which is being strongly pressed by the AI industry at present. When the plan is submitted it will need some expert assessment which will be available to the council. There's maybe a need to insist that the community also needs access to some specialist advice.

Something to read on the train?

Don't forget the station bookshelf! It seems that anything goes – children's books, car maintenance manuals, recipe or poetry books and even novels. But don't forget too, that as well as helping yourself to a book for the journey you can also put any book you've finished there, for someone else to enjoy.



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Restrictions on HMOs in Charlton

The growth in houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) replacing existing 3- or 4 plus-bedroom homes has been of concern to CCRA's planning group for some time; this is now reflected in the Council's draft Local Plan. An HMO is a property shared by at least three people not from one household, sharing facilities like a bathroom or kitchen. For some who cannot find or afford or do not want their own accommodation they are important but so is the provision of family housing. The new plan changes local policy to keep the right balance.

'Maintaining mixed and balanced communities is essential to supporting sustainable neighbourhoods and this can be undermined when there is a high concentration of HMOs in a given area.' (Greenwich Draft Local Plan, pages 302/303)

Where approved, creating new large HMO's will not be permitted, and the growth of HMOs in key areas will be restricted. This includes our ward Charlton Village and Riverside which has one of the highest concentrations in the borough. For more detail go to Draft Local Plan Greenwich on the website (www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-strategy/local-plan)

PAWS FOR THOUGHT...

Gnasher, our Rhodesian Ridgeback, was born on the kitchen floor of our home on a coffee farm in Kenya. We were caring for his mum during her pregnancy and the deal was we could pick any puppy of the impending litter.

There was never any doubt which of the thirteen pups we would select. Gnasher was stand-out in every way: funny, cheeky, strong and loving. A year later we moved back to England where, after six months in quarantine, he joined us in our one-bedroom Brixton flat. One shredded carpet and chewed sofa later, we conceded our home was too small and moved to Elliscombe Road, where there is a modest garden and open spaces nearby.

Most days we walked to Greenwich Park, where Gnasher indulged his passion for chasing (and occasionally catching) grey squirrels.

For a big dog he was fast and hunted lion-fashion,

belly low to the ground and creeping stealthily forward before a final sprint. Out in the country he pursued rabbits, occasionally bringing one home. He was prone to mischief but took his role as family protector seriously. When our two daughters were young and had friends around Gnasher would interpose himself between rowdy children and our girls, his furrowed brow revealing his genuine concern for the young of his pack.

We had a strict rule for Gnasher: no stealing food from the table. Anything on the floor was fair game. One Sunday in the middle of a roast lunch, someone knocked loudly on the front door. Gnasher, who was beneath the table, leapt up to perform his role of guard-dog and raced to the hall. As he stood, he lifted the table clean off its legs; it tilted and four plates slid to the floor. House rules prevailed and Gnasher



had a feast, but thereafter he was banned from his favourite nook. He was loyal and loving and possessed of an uncanny empathy that meant he picked up every nuance of life in our home.

His antics, including the occasional nocturnal excursion, were legendary and people would call asking just to see him. He was

happy to acknowledge his star status. In old age he had several heart attacks and eventually we had to make that awful decision. We miss him every day. His name? Well, I have been a member of the Dennis the Menace Fan Club for 65 years...

■ *Contributions to this column are welcomed*



New (and old) look in Charlton

For some time CCRA has been lobbying the council to replace the decaying fence around the flats at the corner of Delafield Road and Charlton Church Lane. We are grateful to Councillor Pat Slattery (Housing Management, Neighbourhood and Homeless) for getting this done. It does look much better – cleaner and brighter (see picture). Sadly the materials used are unlikely to be durable so CCRA continues its lobbying for more spending on Charlton to really give our area a lift. Do you have some suggestions for areas that needs some improvements? Email your suggestions to chair@charltonresidents.net.

We are also grateful to Councillor Jo Van den Broek for continuing to champion on our behalf repairs to the wall just down the road on the corner of Wellington Gardens and Sundorne Road. Progress has been very slow as the council has to work within a complex legal system but Jo's determination has kept things moving. CCRA has requested that street services clean the pavement to make it less of an eyesore. Watch this space!



LTNs: we're at a crossroads in Charlton but the council won't listen to us!

The last edition of *Grapevine* reported on the council's decision to make the contentious West/East Greenwich Low Traffic Management scheme (LTN) permanent, despite strong opposition. Their latest report admitted Charlton (and other boundary areas) had suffered 'harm' due to displaced traffic etc. However, the only information they have provided about 'mitigations measures', to offset this harm, is that it will be dependent on available funding.

There remain many unanswered questions about the scheme and the opposition are angry at the council's decision to shut down further public debate, by rejecting a 'call-in' that would have allowed residents to raise outstanding concerns.

CLEAR (Coalition of Liveable, Equitable and Accessible Roads) have written an open letter to the Chief Executive pointing out that the call-in has denied them an opportunity to 'rectify omissions, mistakes and misleading data being relied on for the final decision'. They are particularly critical of the data collection; with key roads closed during the monitoring

period, before-and-after statistics which don't compare like-with-like and missing data regarding the impact of the opening of the Silvertown Tunnel. Prohibiting a challenge to data is ironic given the council themselves are currently querying the data used, in a government report, which places them alongside only 13 other English councils, in the bottom red category for repairing potholes. This is doubly ironic given one of the aims of the LTN was to encourage more 'wheeling' in the area. Many residents are reluctant to 'get on their bikes' given the terrible state of repair of our roads.

On the 26 February, residents demonstrated outside the Town Hall against the LTN. Their banners reminded councillors that '80% Said No', it is 'Bad for Business', 'LTNs Push Problems to Poor Areas' and 'Charlton is Choking'. For a council that prides itself on 'listening' to residents it seems deaf to the arguments about this LTN. CLEAR are committed to continuing the challenge. To join CLEAR go to: <https://www.cleargreenwich.com>

Watch out, there's a warden about

Parking within a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) can be hazardous at the best of times, but parking on match days brings additional problems for drivers. Hours before a Charlton game, parking in Delafield Road from the station entrance to Charlton Church Lane is suspended. Signs are posted on the lamp posts warning not to use these parking bays – or are they? Recently signs have been badly posted, often with tape obscuring important information. As a result, tickets have been issued to residents, for a whopping £160. If you park in these bays, look closely and take a picture of any signage, as you can appeal a fine if it is inadequate.

We are likely to see many more parking attendants on our streets, because the council has recently confirmed plans to privatise the management of parking enforcement. This contradicts the government's promises to manage public services in-house, instead of contracting out to private businesses. Whilst they have withdrawn the 'Sustainable Streets' scheme, which would have seen massive changes to parking, the council are still committed to expanding CPZs across the borough.



Worried about crime? Seeing anti-social behaviour? Then let us know!

CCRA works with the Met Police to keep our community safe. Every quarter, we attend a meeting with them and with other community representatives to discuss what's going on in Charlton. The next meeting is on Wednesday 23 April. If there's anything that's worrying you, and which you'd like us to raise with the police, please contact Jonathan at chair@charltonresidents.net. If it's an emergency though, please don't delay – call 999, or 101 if it's less urgent but if you still need prompt advice.

Match days at the station

Match days are always busy, and we're always thankful to the police and stewards from Charlton Athletic for their work in keeping everyone safe. We have, however, had concerns for some time now about overcrowding as fans leave the Valley and try to get onto London-bound trains from Delafield Road. So we're delighted to report that, in accordance with the terms of a Traffic Management Order, the club has agreed to post stewards to Delafield Road after games to help the police and TfL with managing the flow of people and vehicles. Charlton Athletic has always been a good neighbour to us, and this is another great example of the strength of our relationship. We'll continue to monitor the situation.

Salute to Chris, our maestro music man



Chris Harrison: a key player on Charlton's music scene

Wonderful news is that our friend and neighbour Chris Harrison has been recognised with a Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's Greenwich Council Civic Awards. Chris is a familiar face in Charlton, leading our local singing group and the instrumental group SE7. He also organises annual Christmas carolling, last year raising an incredible £768, which was split between the Greenwich Winter Night Shelter and the Greenwich Foodbank. We're delighted that the amazing contribution he has made to our community has been recognised.

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How happy is my valley?

... a view from the terraces

Down to the wire...

It's just as well there are defibrillators at football grounds, especially those at which Charlton play. A glance at this season's results might indicate why following our favourite is such a stressful occupation.

As I write there are eight games to go, and we are 18th on 48 points. Fifty is usually reckoned to be the safety margin but there are no guarantees of easy games or easy points in the championship. It's been a rocky road but that was always a given, bearing in mind our promotion.

Life at this slightly elevated level is that much tougher and whenever we have stepped off the gas we have been punished. Worst (so far) was the 1-5 home drubbing by Southampton. A real shock to the system yet, perversely when we played them away at St Mary's we pulled off a creditable draw. Hard to fathom and so it would seem for the boss, Nathan Jones. His passion for Charlton is palpable as he bounces around the touchline flailing his hands at every twist and turn. And his frustration is equally evident when Les Garçons are not up to scratch. But how to manage



this Jekyll and Hyde team who graft for hard earned points one week, then capitulate in a miasma of mediocrity the next.

Last month was a case in point. We played out of our socks against Birmingham in mid-March and pulled off a great 1-0 win at home then travelled to Middlesbrough mid-week to take on the team sitting second in the championship. Again, an outstanding display that earned us another 0-1 win and three more vital points.

The following weekend we were away at lowly Oxford and put on a performance of such unstructured lethargy that Nathan Jones felt unable to give a post-match conference. What comments he did make, left the disappointed fans who had sold out the away end, in no doubt as to what he thought of it all. Thank heavens for Lloyd Jones, a towering figure in defence. He has been outstanding all season and is my tip for Player of the Year award.

There are six teams below us and one of them, Sheffield Wednesday, is already relegated, due to a huge points deduction for FA rule infringements.

Above them on 38 points are Leicester followed by Oxford on 39. At the moment they are in the drop zone.

One point above, are West Brom on 40 points with Portsmouth above them on goal difference only. Then come Blackburn on 42. So, it would need those teams to go on a dazzling run and Charlton to lose their forthcoming eight games for us to get relegated. Very, very unlikely but we once went down (in 2019) on 48 points...

My prediction? We will not only survive but push on and secure a solid mid-table position. Not bad for newbies. Congrats fished. COYRs!

● Trois huzzahs for Charlton

Women's team who managed an incredible run of 27 games undefeated. That enviable record came to an end on a cold Tuesday night in mid-March when they went down 0-2, rather surprisingly, to bottom-placed Portsmouth. But Karen Hills superb outfit got back on the winning road again the following week at the Valley running in 1-0 winners against Sunderland. They are now nine points clear at the top of the table with five games to go and destined for promotion.

Charlton policing update

Our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team have got off to a great start in 2026. They have been responding to feedback from the community, about issues that affect us locally. There has been a significant reduction in drug activities following operations to close two premises (in Wellington Gardens and The Heights) that were being used for dealing. The team have also increased 'stop and search' activities. Actions against owners with dangerous dogs have resulted in our streets and parks being safer. Policing is very much about prevention, and our team has been working closely with Charlton Athletic Football Club to support youth events.

On match days they have been operating a unit to engage with the public on the issue of VAWG (Violence against women and girls). They have received positive feedback from the community and are hoping that their initiative will empower people to speak up against this crime. If you have a community safety concern, please let us know, by emailing mail@ccnwatch.org or ringing 07939 090 676. The Watch is free to join, and you can enrol by emailing mail@ccnwatch.org. You can find out more about crime in our area by going to <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/metropolitan-police-service/charlton-village-and-riverside/?tab=CrimeMap>.



On the Grapevine ...



The prize-winning CCG orchard in Charlton Park

More awards for Charlton Community Gardens (CCG) in 2025

CCG Orchards again won Outstanding and Gold awards in the Royal Horticultural Society's London in Bloom campaign. In previous years we have also achieved these awards for Charlton Station, and both gardens have received a National Certificate of Achievement, something only given to a couple of projects each year.

Station Volunteers meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 10am, and Orchard Volunteers meet every other Wednesday at 9:30am. Why not join us or come for a chat about gardening and what we plan?

Walking group

We were back out walking on our usual monthly date on the second Sunday of the month in March and invited another walking group to join us for a delightful, but muddy, walk around Scadbury Park, Chislehurst. We had hoped to see some snowdrops but they had gone over by the time of our walk. However, the pleasure in ambling through woods which seemed to be waking up after a long winter made up for that, as did the child-like fun for five grown adults encircling a huge, ancient tree to measure its circumference (see picture)! The day was rounded off with a good meal at the nearby Sydney Arms. Look out for details of our next walk in April.



A tremendous hug...

Instrumental Music Group ('SE7')

We have been playing regularly at Cattleya and our next performance there will be on Sunday, 29 March. As well as music from the full band, we have had input from an instrumental trio and some guest singers. Our repertoire includes music from all over the world as well as some jazz and popular standards. We are always interested in gaining new members, whatever your instrument or level of experience, and reading music is not essential. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Chris on 020 8858 7377.

Singing Group

Our carol-singing evenings in December raised £768 for local charities. A big thank you to all who came out and helped in the effort. So far this year we have sung songs from Scotland, Wales and South Africa as well as some popular favourites. Our regular fortnightly sessions resume after Easter and the dates for the summer are 20 April; 4, 18 May; 1, 15, 29 June; 13 July. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Chris on 020 8858 7377 – or just come along to one of our sessions.

Book group

It was a good thing we had a long gap between meetings as our January read was *The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny* by Kiran Desai which at around 700 pages is almost two or three books rolled into one. It's worth sticking with – a good read. February's book was *The Golden Child* by Claire Adam, set in Trinidad – somewhat violent but very atmospheric. Our current read is *What We Can Know* by Ian McEwan and it will be followed by *Flashlight* by Susan Choi. If you feel you might like to know more or join us call me – Linda on 020 8858 7377.

The Tuesday Social

Fancy a cuppa in a warm space with good company? Come along to St Richard's Hall (Sundorne Road entrance) every Tuesday, 1.00 – 3.00 pm. This is a pop-in, so you don't have to stay for the whole session. We have board games, or bring along your knitting or craft. The cake is good and the conversation is even better. See you there.



Charlton on the Move

As we come out of the winter hibernation, wake up the week by coming along to our exercise class. Every Monday in St Richard's Hall, Swallowfield Road. Times: 11.00 Meet, 11.30 Exercise 12.30 light bite. Our new instructor Mari is a 'dance for exercise' specialist, so we will be cutting some moves alongside exercising for fitness. The class is specially designed for over-60s who want to keep active for longer.

For more information about the classes email chair@charltonresidents.net

Dates for your diary

Saturday 11 April
CCRA Spring Social
Full details on page 1

Saturday 11 July
Community Day
Full details in the next issue

Saturday 5 September
CCRA 14th Flower and Produce Show
See page 2 for more information

Saturday 3 October
CCRA AGM and quiz night
Watch this space!

Saturday 5 December
Christmas Fayre
Watch this space!



Alan Slingsby 1949–2026

We were very sad to learn of the passing of Alan Slingsby, who died on 28 January. His name may not be familiar to you, but his skill certainly was. He was the long-time designer of *Grapevine*. Alan was a stalwart, as dependable as he was creative. We will miss him and his artistic talents greatly. Our thoughts are with his family, friends and many colleagues.

THUMBS UP



To Charlton's Women who notched up an amazing 27 games unbeaten, finally losing 0-2 last month to bottom team Portsmouth.

THUMBS DOWN!



To the invasion of cars that gridlock our streets at every Charlton home game.

Charlton Toy Library – welcoming families at Langhorne House

Charlton Toy Library has been part of the local community for over 40 years, supporting families with young children to play, learn and connect.

We moved to **Langhorne House near Charlton Village**, where we continue to run friendly stay-and-play sessions for babies and children under five. Families can also borrow toys and books at low cost, and access additional support through our Outreach service. It's a warm, welcoming space for little ones to play and for parents and carers to meet others in the community. If you haven't visited us yet, we'd love to see you.

Find out more:
www.charltontoylibrary.org.uk



CCRA NEEDS YOU!

Seeking a volunteering opportunity in Charlton? Then look no further than CCRA! Maybe you're interested in delivering *Grapevine*? Or helping with one of our social events? Or perhaps you have expert administrative skills and can support us with some behind-the-scenes stuff? We're a friendly and welcoming bunch!

For a chat, please contact Jonathan at chair@charltonresidents.net or on 07875 054597.

Buttons and Cinders

St Luke's Players would like to put out an appeal for actors and helpers for our proposed forthcoming Village pantomime "Cinderella" which will take place at The Assembly Rooms at the end of January 2027. If anyone, whatever age, is interested in joining us as either helper or performer please contact Gwen Zammit on 020 8856 7373.