

WELCOME TO YOUR COMMUNITY!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to your new home. We hope that you settle in quickly to life in the heart of Chester and enjoy taking advantage of the many attractions that the city has to offer.

This Welcome Pack has been put together by members of 'KSARA', the Resident's Association for your new local community. We've deliberately kept it short since your priority right now is probably more on unpacking than on reading long documents, but we hope that you will find it a useful introduction to your new community and how you might get involved as you emerge from the chaos!

What is KSARA?

KSARA covers residents living in Canning Street, Fireman's Walk, King Street, Kings Court, King Charles Court, Kings Buildings, Pemberton Road, and Water Tower Street (in other words, between Storyhouse and the canal). It is run by residents, for residents, with the principal aim of bringing neighbours together to create a vibrant and supportive community. Elections are held annually in November for a committee of eight residents who are willing take the lead on this. Any resident is eligible to stand for election and we are always keen for new input.

The Committee meets monthly to organise social events, such as a summer street party, and a Christmas carol concert. It also represents the interests of the community in areas such as planning, licensing and highways. Our focus is on the overall community, so we don't usually get involved with matters that are just of concern to individual residents. However, we are happy to signpost you to where you can get help or advice.

Keeping in touch

We know that one of the most important things for a residents' association is to communicate effectively with its members.

You can contact the Committee to raise issues for discussion or to suggest events by e-mailing contactKSARA@gmail.com. If you want to direct an email to a particular Committee member, just put their name in the subject line and they will respond directly.

We use a variety of formal and informal means for getting information to residents.

- **Website:** The KSARA website (<https://ksara.org/>) is the place to find formal documents about KSARA, such as the minutes of Committee meetings and the Constitution. It also has some fascinating historical information about the neighbourhood, so have a browse if you want to find out more about how the area has developed over the years, and even discover who used to live in your house. You will also find suggestions for exploring Chester, reports on KSARA events and activities, and links for getting help on a range of topics, such as parking permits, refuse collection and reporting potholes.

- Email list: A good way to make sure that you always know what is going on is to ask to be added to the email list. We use this to let residents know about events and to share information from third parties that we think might be of interest. Joining is easy by completing the form included in this pack. We hold the information you provide on a secure database in line with the requirements of GDPR. We will only use your email address to contact you about KSARA business and never share it with other residents or third parties.
- Hardcopy: We appreciate that not everyone chooses to spend their time in front of a computer screen, so we do occasional hardcopy mailings to ensure that all residents are kept in the loop about KSARA events and important local issues. If you would prefer to not get these mailings, you can also use the form to opt out.
- Facebook Group: This is a useful informal forum for sharing information and news. It is a private Group for KSARA residents and posts are visible only to members. If you would like to join, please follow the link below and click on the “Join Group” button. If you would like further information or help with joining, feel free to contact Sue Houghton through the KSARA email.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/349771066699778/permalink/416473406696210>

Committee Members

The Committee members for 2023 and their responsibilities are:

- Tony Barcroft (Planning and Licensing)
- Chris Boulwood (Website and Communications)
- Mick Confrey (Highways, University Liaison, Anti-social Behaviour)
- Heidi Hackett (Treasurer)
- Sue Houghton (Facebook, University Liaison)
- Deborah Lindsay (Community Leadership Liaison)
- Tony McDermott (Business Liaison)
- Chas Warwood (Planning and Licensing)

We know you'll find that this neighbourhood is a great place to live in and we look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks.

With very best wishes

The KSARA Committee

CONTACT PREFERENCES FOR KSARA COMMITTEE

Please return the completed form to 6, King Street or scan and email to contactKSARA@gmail.com.

1. Email:

I would like to be added to the KSARA email list. By providing my email address, I consent to be emailed by the KSARA Committee about KSARA business and activities, and for the Committee to forward relevant information from third parties. I understand that I can at any time ask for my details to be removed by emailing contactKSARA@gmail.com.

Name:

E-mail address:

2. Hard copy mailings:

I do not wish to receive future hard copy mailings about KSARA events and activities.

Address: