CHOPWELL REGENERATION NEWSLETTER

Winter 2025/26

NEW! Equipment Rental Service at The Regeneration Shop



Haven't got the tool you need for a job? Don't go out and buy a new one when you can borrow one for a few quid instead!

Come to the shop to find out more or call Shop Manager Hal on 07501822382 to request an item for short-term loan.
Items available include: Drills, electric saws, sanders, hedge trimmer, lawn mower, strimmers & much more!

Shop opening times: Thurs & Fri 9am—4pm, Sat 9am—3pm

Do you know where the nearest defibs are?

We have one at the school & the fire station , plus 2 at Bolton's Bungalows and 1 at the Gaffers.



If you know of any more, please contact CRG on admin@chopwell.org



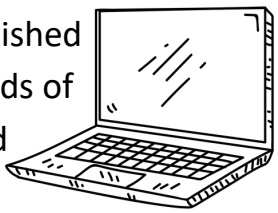
Chopwell Arch

The restored oak arch is expected to be ready for installation before the end of the year. Keep your eyes peeled for further updates on the CRG Facebook page.

Planning on a tech upgrade this Christmas?

Donate your old laptops, phones, and tablets to Tech4Communities in Gateshead—drop off donations for them at The Regeneration Shop!

Each one will be securely refurbished and placed directly into the hands of people who have been excluded from the digital world.



New Green Health Routes in Chopwell

Explore Chopwell's new Green Health Routes — free walking trails designed to boost health, wellbeing, and connection with nature.

Developed with *Sport England, Forestry England*, and the *Centre for Sustainable Healthcare*, the routes link local green spaces, landmarks, and community hubs.

Find maps, events, and upcoming guided walks here:
nhsforest.org/projects/green-health-routes/north-east-health-routes

Whether you're after a short stroll or a longer woodland wander, each walk celebrates the landscapes on our doorstep.

Contact Anna Kellner at anna.kellner@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk

CHRISTMAS



The annual Chopwell Fire Station Santa Run will be held on **Sunday the 21st December,** Santa travels around Chopwell on the Fire Engine wishing everyone in the village and surrounding area a "Merry Christmas". **So listen out for the festive siren and come out and give Santa a wave!**

CHOPWELL'S CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Sunday 14th December
2pm – 4pm
Chopwell Methodist Church, NE17 7DG

A festive Christmas market with local sellers, live brass band, tombola, a pay as you feel cafe and crafts.

Chopwell Methodist Church



KIDS EAT FREE **at The Bank over the Christmas holidays and February half term**

BOOK NOW FOR... CHRISTMAS DINNER @THE BANK

MENU OPTIONS:
Chicken liver pate parfait
Soup of the day
Pork or Turkey dinner with all the trimmings
Christmas pudding & brandy sauce
Dessert of the day



3 COURSE MEAL – £12

VEGETARIAN & VEGAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE

12-2PM



BOOKING FEE £5
01207 261119
team@chopwell.org
or pop in to book!

AVAILABLE DATES DECEMBER
THURS 4, FRI 5, SAT 6
THURS 11, FRI 12, THURS 18, FRI 19

Chopwell Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December at the Community Centre, 12—4pm.

Enjoy Christmas crafts, stalls & Santa's Grotto. Santa will make an appearance at 2pm.



Free Christmas workshops for children aged 7-11 at The Bank in December.

Tuesday 2nd December, 4-6pm: Decorate a Christmas Stocking

Wednesday 10th December, 4-6pm: Make Christmas presents for friends & family

Thursday 18th December, 4-6pm: Make a Christmas decoration



Includes a hot meal for everyone who attends.

Good News from 2025

Chopwell Community Food Growers (CCFG) have had a busy first year working the community allotment at no.36 (bottom of Trent/Coquet St) . . . volunteers are very welcome, contact chopwellcfg@gmail.com for more info.





CCFG allotments and backyard growers had a lovely first harvest and the village show was a real celebration of our community.

CCFG applied for funding from the Gateshead Food Partnership, and this has meant we have been able to offer free 'Food Preservation' sessions making cider vinegars, fermented veg, chutneys and jams.

See ‘What’s on’ on the back page for upcoming sessions.

Red Kite Awards



Congratulations to our local organisations **The Men’s Shed**, **The Chopwell Pop-up Team, Bibliotheca Magica, Chopwell Scouts, The Methodist Church** & the **Chopwell Community Food Growers**, who have been given a Red Kite Award by our MP Liz Twist in recognition of their contributions to the local Community.

Bulb planting

CRG have been donated 7.5kg of bulbs to place around the village! If you could lend a hand planting them, please ask at The Bank or contact Bob on 07941997937



The MHA goes from strength to strength!

The MHA social group for older village residents is going from strength to strength.

We meet at South Road Methodist Church on a Monday afternoon.

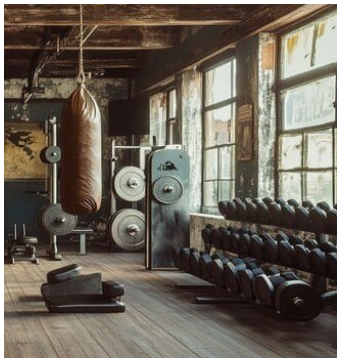
The start time is 1 pm, finishing at 3 pm.

Over the summer we marked the Centenary of the 1925 lockout by painting plates with a visiting artist from Art Diamonds. We have had external speakers, and our own members have given interesting talks on a range of topics.

There’s plenty of time for a good gossip, a laugh and tea and biscuits.

Everybody over 55 is invited. We hope to welcome you to our friendly group soon.

For more information please contact Ronnie on 01207 563 825.



Chopwell Gym gets a refurb!

Chopwell Gym has been closed for a refurb . . . Due to re-open in December. Please check the Community Centre FB page & posters for updates or email info@chopwellcommunitycentre.co.uk for further information.

WHAT'S ON

Christmas in the Pines

Come and enjoy Christmas activities, live music, craft stalls, street food and more in Chopwell Woods on Friday 5th, Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th December – 10 am until 4 pm. The Bank's Wednesday Craft Group will be selling items to raise money for the Christmas lights in Chopwell. There will also be a visit by Santa & the site will be illuminated on the Friday evening.

December

Thursday 4th: Make Christmas decorations with the CCFG preserving project using recycled materials and fruit! 6.30—8.30pm at the Community Centre.

Saturday 6th: Winter workshop on fruit tree care, 10am to 12 noon at the Methodist Church. Find out how to care for young fruit trees, including pruning, staking and maintenance.

Saturday 6th: Chopwell Christmas Fair at the Community Centre, 12—4pm. Santa at 2pm.

Sunday 7th: Litter picking followed by a cuppa and mince pie—meet at The Bank 10am

Thursday 18th: 'Don't get wasted at Christmas!' party with the CCFG preserving project. Making a Christmas dinner to share from donated foods. 6.30—8.30pm at the Community Centre.

January

Early January—dates to be confirmed: "Bridge Over Grotty Waters" - a pantomime by Barbara Heslop & Elaine Brennan. Please keep an eye on the Community Centre FB page for further details or email info@chopwellcommunitycentre.co.uk

Sunday 11th: Post Christmas & New Year litter pick & clear-up. Meet at 10am outside the Chopwell Hotel, followed by a beverage at The Gaffers.

February

Friday 13th: Pre-Valentine's Day clean-up! Meet at 10am @ The Bank followed by coffee and cake

Regular Events

Mondays: Crafts led by Chris @ The Bank, 10am—12noon.
Tuesdays: Coffee morning @ the Community Centre 9.30—12.30
Choir led by Juliette @ the Community Centre 1—2.30pm
Wednesdays: Ukelele group @ the Community Centre, 12—1pm
Drama group @ the Community Centre, 7—9pm.
Crafts @ The Bank 7—8.30pm
First **Thursday** of every month—WI @ the Community Centre, 2—4pm
Fridays: Indoor Bowls @ the Community Centre, 12—1pm
Saturdays: Men's Pie Club @ The Bank

New members always welcome!

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