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Welcome to the winter issue of initiatives



After a somewhat strange Christmas last year, I am hoping that this year's celebrations will feel a little more normal. Thanks to the success of the Covid vaccination programme, more events are now being held and I know that many of our towns and villages are hoping to hold festive events this season. I hope that many of you will be going and supporting your communities as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

I'm pleased to say that our printed What's On guide, on pages 12 and 13, has returned in this edition. We also have lots of information about Christmas in the district starting on page 10, from waste and recycling changes, to dates for your farmers' market.

Our own Novium Museum has a busy programme of activities planned for the next few months, including a fantastic LEGO® brick exhibition and dates to see Father Christmas.

As ever, it's so important to support our local businesses and shops, especially in the run-up to Christmas and in light of the past 18 months. Let's give our local businesses a real boost this festive season by supporting them wherever you can. You can find out more about our Shop Local campaign on page 10.

In this issue we have a feature about the major projects we are undertaking to reduce the council's impact on the environment – you can find out more on pages 4 and 5.

We have an important update on pages 8 and 9 about how the Local Plan is progressing and the work that is being carried out.

We also have a feature about all the work that our amazing outreach team are doing to reduce rough sleeping in the district, and to help people who have been on the streets to turn their lives around. In the article, on pages 18 and 19, you can also find out how to support our local homelessness charities, as part of our Make Your Change Count campaign.

Finally, please make sure that you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and that you also keep Covid safe.

With best wishes,

Cllr Elizabeth Hamilton
Chairman

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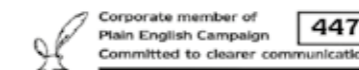
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Working together to tackle climate change



The threat of climate change is a huge concern to us all. There have always been natural variations in the climate, but scientists say temperatures are now rising at an alarming rate – and it's caused by people. The world is currently around 1.2C warmer than before people started using oil, gas and coal to power factories, transport and to heat homes.



As a council we are committed to working with you to tackle climate change. Last year, we developed a Climate Emergency Action Plan and we have been working hard to put in place actions and schemes that will help us reduce the impact we have on the environment. Below you can find out more about what we have been doing and how you can play your part.

What are we doing?

Moving to electric vehicles

As a council, our refuse collection fleet is one of our biggest sources of emissions, which is why we will be introducing two electric vehicles next year. The typical diesel refuse vehicle achieves just three to four miles to the gallon and while an electric refuse truck costs almost twice that of a diesel version, we expect that the total costs over the lifetime of the vehicles to be similar to diesel due to their lower running costs.

Powerful batteries are needed to operate these very specialist vehicles as they are heavy and constantly stop and start. In addition, the trucks need huge amounts of power to squash all the waste down.



We're also planning to introduce changes to our waste and recycling collection routes to help reduce mileage.

We've already started switching our other vehicles to electric, we have a couple in our parking services team and we plan to replace more of the team's vehicles in future. Our car parks also have 18 electric vehicle charge points across the district to help residents and visitors who have electric cars.

Tree planting

We've recently launched a new community tree planting scheme to increase tree cover in rural and urban areas across the district. The initiative is part of a £2.5m project with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and we are one of several councils taking part across the country.

This summer we opened the scheme for giving out free trees and during the current planting season we will be distributing around 8,300 trees to more than 100 successful applicants. These included residents, community groups, landowners, schools, charities, parish councils and businesses. As part of the wider scheme we will also be planting two mini urban forests in public spaces in our district, and funding tree planting on farms and private land. Although the scheme has closed for this year, a similar

scheme will also be running during 2022.

You can find out more information at www.chichester.gov.uk/treescheme

Protecting our wildlife corridors

Chichester and Pagham Harbours are connected to the South Downs National Park through a series of wildlife corridors, where woods, hedgerows and streams allow different species to move across the district for food and to breed.

Protecting these corridors is important to ensure the sustainability of future wildlife populations in the district. This project will deliver a range of actions to enhance the Strategic Wildlife Corridors and safeguard the district's wildlife. It also aims to help the district's wildlife become more resilient to environmental change; engage local people with their district's wildlife; and build on the knowledge and expertise of our current Community Wildlife Officer. To find out more about the work we do to help protect our district's wildlife, please visit www.chichester.gov.uk/biodiversity

Increasing our energy efficiency

In our Climate Emergency Action Plan, we set out a carbon reduction target of 10% year-on-year for the district council until 2025.

The plan outlines the steps that we are taking to cut emissions within the work that we do and to improve the energy efficiency of our council buildings and to reduce emissions from our vehicles.



We have installed low-energy LED lighting and we also have solar panels on our main offices as well as solar thermal power. This reduces the amount of energy that we take from the power grid, while our gas boilers don't have to be on as much heating water. We are working further to decarbonise the buildings that we own, starting with Westgate Leisure Centre, which is another one of our biggest emission sources.

Our own emissions are just a small part of the district's emissions as a whole, and so we will also be bringing people and organisations together to help them reduce emissions in their homes, their workplaces, and in other aspects of their lives. We'll also be working to help businesses and organisations to develop projects that will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Waste and recycling

This year, we launched a new commercial food waste collection service to help businesses across the district reduce their impact on the environment.

We also launched a pilot kerbside collection of textiles and small electrical items and we have linked up with the Podback scheme to enable residents who use coffee pod machines to recycle their coffee pod containers. We are also running a pilot



scheme of 'hot bins' – special compost bins that turn garden and food waste into compost much quicker than the average compost bin.

You can find out more about these schemes at www.chichester.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling

Encouraging more cycling and walking

We have produced a 10-year Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) which identifies long-term cycling and walking improvements that are needed to help encourage an increase in the number of people using these as modes of transport.

We are working closely with West Sussex County Council and other partners to work towards delivering these infrastructure improvements, which will include bidding for Government funding and contributions from developers and third parties.

As the transport authority, the county council will assess different projects in the LCWIPs across the county, to produce an order of priority for delivery.

You can read the plan by visiting www.chichester.gov.uk/localplanevidence and going to the document numbered 043.



What can you do?



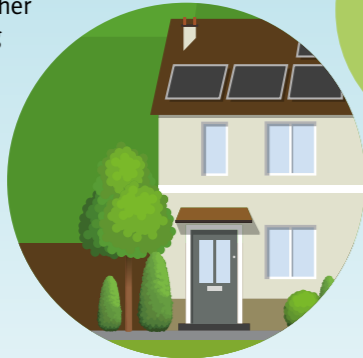
- Reduce your reliance on cars by taking public transport or cycling.



- Insulate your home

Generating renewable energy in your own home and making it as energy efficient as possible are two of the biggest things that you can do to reduce your greenhouse gas emissions. Even small DIY measures, such as fitting a hot water cylinder with an insulation jacket can save you £20 a year in heating and 150kg of carbon dioxide. You can find more advice at www.westsussexenergy.co.uk

There are many grants available to help householders and landlords make homes greener. You can get advice on whether you are eligible for a grant by calling West Sussex Energy Advice Service on **01243 974063**. This service can also help if you are struggling with energy payments or obtaining grants if you need help with home improvements or repairs. The service is run by Arun and Chichester Citizens Advice and you can email them at energy@arunchichestercab.org.uk



- Reduce your food waste and freeze any leftovers.

- Recycle as much as you can.

As a district, we are already recycling 45% of waste, but it's important we increase this further. You can find out more at www.chichester.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling

- Save water

On average, people in this area use more water than many other areas. Around a third of gas and electricity used in a typical home goes on heating water for washing, cooking and cleaning. We can all take simple steps such as having a shorter shower and not leaving the tap on when we brush our teeth. Most of Chichester District's water is supplied by Portsmouth Water and they have a wide range of advice and support available to help customers reduce their water use including free water-efficient devices and the chance to book a free online session with a water-saving expert at www.getwaterfit.co.uk – simply visit the website and enter your postcode to find out more.



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Government housing targets unlikely to be met due to infrastructure and funding issues.



Our Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning, Councillor Susan Taylor, provides a detailed update on the Chichester Local Plan.

I want to personally update you on our progress with the Local Plan Review.

Before I go into the detail, it's important to explain that before any council submits their Local Plan to the Planning Inspector, they have to show that they have tried and tested every possible way to reach the housing numbers set by Government. No stone can be left unturned. This means that all of the work that we have carried out to date has been absolutely vital in demonstrating the complex situation we are in.

As you know, we have carried out extensive work and research that shows that improvements to the A27 Chichester Bypass, a Stockbridge Link Road and sustainable transport infrastructure are required in order to meet our housing needs as determined by the Government.

The most recent estimated cost for delivering improvements to the A27 Bypass, which would be required to deliver the level of housing we are expected to take, would be around £65 million. As things stand, we may be able to secure £33-£45 million of this from developer contributions, and so the remainder would have to come from other funding sources.

Following discussions with those who fund strategic infrastructure, including West Sussex County Council, National Highways and Homes England, the council has concluded that the additional cost of the A27 mitigation package, after developer contributions are taken into account, cannot currently be met. Other funding options have been examined, including exploring other potential public sources of funding and discussions have also been held with Coast 2 Capital Local Enterprise Partnership, but the funds required are not available. As a result, there isn't the funding to deliver the full package of A27 mitigation improvements. It's also worth explaining that the A27 mitigation package considered in the Local Plan is not the long-awaited national road scheme on the A27; and would only deal with additional traffic from the new development.

This means that the Chichester Local Plan is currently unlikely to be able to meet the full housing targets set by the Government due to a lack of external funding for infrastructure improvements. We are now working closely with National Highways and West Sussex County Council to establish a revised Development Strategy based on improvements that can be delivered to the A27 during the plan period.

We've always said that the roads and waste water are the biggest challenges facing the plan. However, we have to show that we have investigated all options and solutions before the Government will consider a lower housing target.

I appreciate that it may be hard to understand that while we are delivering the Local Plan, many elements of it — mainly roads and waste water — are totally out of our control. This is what makes this process so challenging. The Local Plan is a bit like a jigsaw, you have to make sure that all of the pieces fit.

It's also easy for people to say, we told you that the housing numbers couldn't and shouldn't be delivered, but this isn't how the planning system works. The Planning Inspector will want to see that we have investigated every single option and that we have the evidence to back this up. Just to give you an idea, our officers have already produced 41 different policy documents. They have been working flat out to try and move this forward and it has continued to be a top priority for us, even though we have also been responding to the pandemic. We need to go through this process and gather the evidence in order to get the best outcome for our residents and businesses and keep planning decisions locally.

We've spoken to a Planning Inspector who has said that before concluding that our housing needs cannot be met, we need to determine what level of housing could be achieved based on deliverable improvements to the A27; consider whether our full housing needs could be met another way, which would include looking back at other parts of the local plan area; and investigate if neighbouring authorities can help meet our housing needs. While the inspector did not rule out us proceeding with a lower level of development in the emerging local plan, he did emphasise there is a 'high bar' to justify such an approach.

Moving forward, we will follow the steps that the Planning Inspector has outlined so that we are in a strong position to make our case when the plan is submitted for formal examination. Within this, we currently expect to have to outline our intention to review the plan again if a national road scheme for the A27 at Chichester is brought forward, enabling a higher level of housing delivery. We intend to keep you fully

informed throughout this process, and will let you know as soon as we are ready to consult with you.

Over the past couple of years, we have sent letters and been involved in meetings with Government officials to explain the complex issues affecting the Chichester plan area. Recently, the Council Leader and Chief Executive, along with Gillian Keegan MP and Andrew Griffith MP, met with the Minister for Housing to discuss these issues and to request that the area is treated as an exceptional case. Unfortunately, the request was not agreed. It was also made clear by the Minister that if the council can demonstrate through planning evidence assembled through the Local Plan process that the area cannot meet its full housing needs then the Local Plan may be submitted for examination on that basis. Over this period we have also involved the Government's Planning Advisory Service and we have highlighted our concerns to the Planning Inspectorate.

We understand that local people are concerned and we want to reassure everyone that we have robust measures in place to protect the plan area from inappropriate speculative development until the Local Plan Review is adopted. Every planning application is considered carefully by the council. As part of this process, we consult with relevant organisations such as Southern Water, West Sussex County Council, the Environment Agency, Natural England and National Highways. If any of these organisations highlight significant problems which cannot be overcome, then an application would be refused.

In addition to this, we have introduced an Interim Housing Policy Statement. This is part of our rule book for planning applications and this considers other factors, such as the protection of strategic wildlife corridors and Environment Agency advice on flooding.

In response to people calling for a moratorium, even if we wished to delay investment in homes and jobs, under law, developers have the right to submit planning applications which must be determined within agreed timescales. If not, they have a right of appeal to the Planning Inspectorate and we may even be found to have acted unreasonably, with applicants appeal costs awarded against us.

The council must also be able to substantiate any grounds for refusal of permission, with consultee support where relevant at any subsequent appeal. At this stage, relevant consultees have not requested a moratorium in respect of either transport or wastewater issues and so this is not an approach that would be held to be reasonable or defensible. We want to reassure people that we have measures in place to protect the plan area until the Local Review can be adopted.

Discussions are also ongoing with Southern Water, which is responsible for wastewater, and the Environment Agency, which is responsible for enforcing the discharges into the harbour from premises that require permits, such as the wastewater treatment plants. While an engineering solution can be found to accommodate future growth, environmental limitations are a constraint, particularly in the western part of the plan area. We have been working with both organisations to agree a position through a Statement of Common Ground. At the time of writing, this statement has been agreed and we hope to publish this shortly. Infrastructure options are being examined by Southern Water over the next year, but these will not be confirmed until 2023. All of these discussions and work will form part of the evidence to highlight the challenges faced by the plan area.

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to progress this important piece of work and get the very best outcome for our district.

Best Wishes,

Cllr Susan Taylor

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning

Sign up for regular updates

If you are interested in regular updates, then please sign up to our Local Plan newsletter at www.chichester.gov.uk/localplannewsletter



Let's make this Christmas a local one!

After a difficult Christmas last year, let's put the cheer and celebration back into the festive season for 2021!

Although our businesses have been back open for a few months now, it will take time for them to fully recover from the pandemic and so it's important that we all continue to support them as much as we can.

From using your local markets and food producers, to searching for unique gifts in our independent shops, you will be helping local firms and families get back

on their feet and keeping local people in jobs. As we get ready to celebrate, don't forget that our beauty parlours, hair salons, restaurants, cafes and pubs need you too.

To encourage people to shop, visit, and support local, we're launching our Christmas campaign, and you can find out more about this at www.chichester.gov.uk/countdowntochristmas

Towns and villages across the district are organising plenty of festive Christmas events, so please support them while taking the safety steps we have all adapted to over the past couple of years. On page

11, you will see our lovely Christmas gift tags, directing you to where you can find the most up to date information on events and activities near you. You can also visit our online 'What's on' calendar at www.chichester.gov.uk/whatson

We'll also be posting images of our gift tags on our social media pages to help promote events across the district — please take a moment to share these with your friends and family when you see them. And don't forget to pick up your gift tags, which are personalised to each High Street, when you shop locally. Or download them at www.chichester.gov.uk/countdowntochristmas



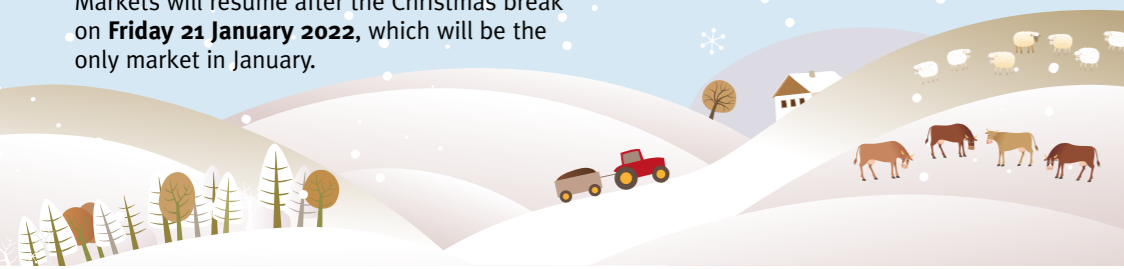
Support your local farmers' markets

You can buy all your festive food from local producers at our popular Chichester Farmers' Markets.

Pop along on **Friday 3 and 17 December** for a range of locally grown and made produce. Some stalls will even be taking pre-Christmas orders — please ask individual stallholders for more information.

Markets will resume after the Christmas break on **Friday 21 January 2022**, which will be the only market in January.

You can find more on the Farmers' Market Facebook page [@ChichesterDistrictEventsAndMarkets](https://www.facebook.com/ChichesterDistrictEventsAndMarkets) or on Instagram [@ChiFarmMkt](https://www.instagram.com/ChiFarmMkt) and on Twitter [@ChiFarmMkt](https://twitter.com/ChiFarmMkt), and sign up for updates at www.chichester.gov.uk/farmersmarkets



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Contact centre Christmas closure

Our contact services centre will be closed from **Friday 24 December, reopening on Tuesday 4 January 2022.**

If you need to contact our car parks office, please call our out-of-hours messaging service on **01243 785166** or **01243 534734**. For any other district council-related emergency, please call the 'emergency out of hours' number on **01243 785339**.

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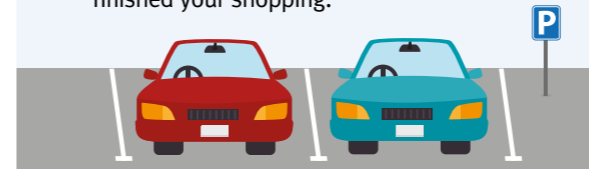


Parking offers this Christmas

This Christmas we have three offers in place for the festive period:

- **select two hours and get a third free** in most council-owned car parks across the district during December when using the MiPermit app. Please visit: www.chichester.gov.uk/mipermit.
- **free parking every weekend in December** in the Avenue de Chartres car park in Chichester.
- **free parking after 4pm** in the Avenue de Chartres car park for the Christmas light switch on and late night shopping events in Chichester.

A series of late night shopping events will be taking place on Thursdays this December, organised by The Chichester BID (Business Improvement District). Enjoy shopping for some unique gifts, enjoy the festive atmosphere and maybe even have a bite to eat when you have finished your shopping.





What's on this Christmas

This Christmas sees the return of our printed listings section following a difficult 18 months for events across the district. Things are now gradually starting to pick up and so we are pleased to include the following events in this edition. Don't forget that you can also find our listings on our online events calendar at www.chichester.gov.uk/whatson with new events being added all the time.

And if you have an event that you would like to be included, then please contact us at publicrelations@chichester.gov.uk

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Chichester Park Hotel

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Chichester Festival Theatre
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or www.cft.org.uk

CC

Chichester Cathedral
01243 782595 or
www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

CHC

Chichester Harbour
Conservancy
www.conservancy.co.uk

NOV

The Novium Museum
01243 775888 or
www.thenovium.org

WDLM

Weald and Download
Living Museum
www.wealddown.co.uk

Tickets for a variety of events are available from Chichester Tourist Information Centre at The Novium, Tower Street. For more information contact 01243 775888.

While every effort has been made to make sure the accuracy of this information is correct, Chichester District Council cannot accept responsibility for any errors, omissions or inconvenience caused. We would advise you to check the details with the organiser before attending any of the events published. Apologies to those people who will get the magazine after some of the events listed. The list runs from when the first deliveries of 'initiatives' are made, but delivery to all properties normally takes two weeks.

Every week or seasonal

Traders Market

Cattle Market Car Park,
Chichester: Every Saturday

City Market

North and East Street,
Chichester: Every Wednesday

Farmers' Market

North and East Street, Chichester
3 and 17 December 2021;
Friday 21 January 2022 and then
first and third Friday of the month
from February.

Parks and Gardens

Upcoming events taking place in
our parks can be found here:
[www.chichester.gov.uk/
parksandopenspacescalendar](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/parksandopenspacescalendar)

Chichester Cinema at New Park

A varied programme of films,
ballet, opera, theatre and art from
around the world screened daily
throughout the year. See the full
list at www.chichestercinema.org

October

Birdwatching on Solar Heritage.
1, 10, 16 & 24 of the month.
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7 October

Chichester Chamber concert.
Bridge Three Idylls. The Assembly
Room, North Street, Chichester.
CFT

12 & 29 October

Seal Safari. Itchenor. CHC

18 October – 18 December

Cards for Good Causes.
10am–4.30pm daily, except
Sundays. The Old Court Room in
the Council House, Chichester.

4 November

Chichester Chamber concert.
Northern Chords Ensemble.
The Assembly Room, North Street,
Chichester. CFT

10 November

Watercolour classes.
Every Wednesday and Friday.
12:30-3:30pm. Roussillon Park
Community Hall, Chichester.

13 November

Chichester Singers concert.
Elgar: Dream of Gerontius.
7.30pm.
Tickets: chichestersingers.co.uk

16 – 20 November

Private Lives. Starring Patricia
Hodge and Nigel Havers. CFT

20 November

Tillington Church Christmas Fair.
Tillington Village Hall.
10am–12.30pm.

22 November

Two talks: 'Incredible Flying Boats
– From luxury travel to war planes'
& 'A Calamity and a Triumph'.
7.30pm. Tickets £6 on the door.
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24 November – 1 January

**Christmas at Cowdray Light Up
Trail.** [www.cowdray.co.uk/events/
christmas-at-cowdray](http://www.cowdray.co.uk/events/
christmas-at-cowdray)

26 November

Christmas at Bunn. Santa's
Grotto, Panto, ice skating, ice
bumper cars, and more. Selsey.
Book: www.bunnleisure.co.uk

27 November

**Chichester Christmas Lights
Switch On.** Evening. Rotary Club
and Chichester BID.
chichesterbid.co.uk

30 November – 4 December

The Good Life. Reimagining of TV
sitcom starring Rufus Hound. CFT

December

Birdwatching on Solar Heritage.
2, 9, 11 & 15 of the month.
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December (Various Dates)

**Chichester Late Night Shopping
and Christmas events.** Chichester
BID. chichesterbid.co.uk

December – June

Brick Wonders exhibition. LEGO
© wonders of the world. Adult £4,
Child £2.50, Family £12. NOV

2 December

Chichester Chamber Concert.
French Baroque Group. The
Assembly Room, North Street,
Chichester. CFT

3 December

Midhurst Christmas Street Party.
Late night shopping, Santa visits,
music and seasonal festivities.
www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk

4 December

Petworth lights switch on.
A full day of activities in Petworth
ending with lights and tree being
turned on.

5 December

Tree Dressing. WDLM.

5 December

**Christingle and Toy Service with
the Salvation Army.** St. Anne's
church, East Wittering. Donations
appreciated.

9 December

Starlight Trail. Create star lantern
and travel to other venues. 4-8pm.
NOV

11 & 18 December

**Father Christmas at The Novium
Museum.** Advance booking
required. £6.50 per child, gift
included. NOV

13 December

Talk: 'Coal Gas to Concorde –
(The race across the Atlantic –
from Balloons to Concorde)'.
Chichester Park Hotel. 7.30pm.
Tickets £6 on the door. AA

17 December

Victorian Ghost Stories.
Atmospheric stories at the
Guildhall, Priory Park. £15 per
person. Book online. NOV

18 December – 1 January

Pinocchio. For ages 7+,
adaptation by Anna Ledwich. CFT

20 & 22 December

Make and Take. LEGO © brick
sessions. Advanced booking
required. £6.50 per model. NOV

26 & 27 December

Christmas at the Museum. WDLM

January

Birdwatching on Solar Heritage.
9, 15, 22 & 28 of the month.
Itchenor. CHC

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4 January

Talk: "The Wooden Wonder –
Development of the de Havilland
Mosquito". 7.30pm £6 Tickets on
the door. AA

15 January

The Chichester Singers concert.
Handel: Messiah. 7.30pm. Tickets:
chichestersingers.co.uk

27 January

Chichester Chamber Concert. Van
Baerle Trio. The Assembly Room,
North Street, Chichester. CFT

February

Birdwatching on Solar Heritage.
6, 15, 20 & 24 of the month.
Itchenor. CHC.

5 February

Make and Take. LEGO © brick
sessions. Advanced booking
required. £6.50 per model. NOV

24 February

Chichester Chamber Concert.
Chiaroscuro Quartet. The
Assembly Room, North Street,
Chichester. CFT

28 February

Talk: 'Flying scholarships for
Disabled People – FSDP'.
7.30pm £6 Tickets on the door. AA

5 March

Make and Take. LEGO © brick
sessions. Advanced booking
required. NOV

10 March

Chichester Chamber Concert.
Chiaroscuro Quartet. The
Assembly Room, North Street,
Chichester. CFT

26 March

The Chichester Singers concert.
Rutter and Lauridsen. 7.30pm.
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CC

2 April

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18 December 2021 –
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The winner will be contacted on Monday 13 December.

A world of wonders

This December, LEGO® brick fans of all ages will be able to feast their eyes on a fantastic new exhibition at The Novium Museum in Chichester.



Brick Wonders will transport visitors around the world to wonders old and new, recreated from 500,000 LEGO® bricks by Warren Elmore and his team. Beginning with the seven wonders of the ancient world, the exhibition also takes in modern, natural, and historic wonders from all seven continents. Visitors will be taken on a global journey where they will see sights such as an Egyptian pyramid, the Grand Canyon, Old London Bridge, the International Space Station, and everyday marvels such as broadcasting and the Internet.

The highlight of the exhibition is a 2x3 metre installation of the Great Barrier Reef, complete with underwater lighting and sound effects, and LEGO® recreations

of everything from corals and sponges to turtles and reef-dwelling fish such as blue tangs, angel fish and a ray. 30 other LEGO® models are included many of which are scaled to inspire building at home as well as animated film footage and interactive LEGO® brick building areas.

Brick Wonders is a must for families of all ages. It launches on 4 December and will run until 5 June next year.

Tickets cost £4 (adults); £2.50 (child) and £12 (for a family of up to five). Booking is essential. Please see www.thenovium.org/brickwonders for more information and to book your visit.

A LEGO® brick building competition will be launching in December to inspire you to discover and create your own wonders, so keep an eye on the museum's social media and website to find out how to enter.

The museum will also be holding a series of Make and Take LEGO® brick sessions to run alongside the main exhibition. These will take place on 20 and 22 December 2021; and 5 February, 5 March and 2 April 2022. You can choose from a rocket, parrot fish or a unicorn. Sessions cost £6.50 per model. Advance booking is essential. For more details, dates and to book, visit www.thenovium.org/brickwonders

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CHRISTMAS AT THE NOVIUM MUSEUM Meet Father Christmas!

Father Christmas will be returning to the museum on 11 and 18 December. Advance booking is essential and costs £6.50 per child, which includes a special gift. Tickets will be divided into 30 minute time slots with eight tickets available per slot. To book, visit: www.thenovium.org/christmas

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Festive waste and recycling



Please refer to our handy checklist to see which items can and cannot be recycled in your burgundy bin.

Empty chocolate advent calendars	✓
Cardboard boxes and packaging	✓
Polystyrene	✗
Wrapping paper and empty tubes	✓
Shiny or metallic wrapping paper	✗
Greetings cards and envelopes	✓
Ribbons and bows	✗
Plastic confectionery tubs	✓
Plastic meat trays	✓
Plastic film and wrapping	✗
Foil and mince pie cases	✓
Glass bottles and jars	✓

We can also accept any recycling that is left next to your burgundy household recycling bin, as long as it is kept **clean, dry and loose**. Excess cardboard should be flattened and folded or cut down to a manageable size for a single crew member to handle.

St Wilfrid's Hospice Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme

We've teamed up with St Wilfrid's Hospice again this year to offer a simple, green and charitable way to dispose of your Christmas tree.

By signing up to the Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme, the hospice's team of volunteers will collect your tree and recycle it for you in January 2022, in return for a donation to the hospice. If you are not signed up to our Garden recycling service, this is a great way to ensure your tree Christmas tree is recycled whilst also supporting your local hospice charity.



Visit stwh.co.uk to book your tree collection from **1 November**, or call **01243 755199** to find out more

We will be providing lots of useful hints and tips about waste reduction and recycling through December, so please follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/ChichesterDistrictCouncil and Twitter [@ChichesterDC](https://twitter.com/ChichesterDC) to keep up-to-date with all the latest advice.

Collection dates over Christmas

Our waste and recycling collection dates will be altering slightly over the festive period. Below you will find a table showing all of the collection changes during December and January. Please don't forget, that you can also view your personal collection calendar on our website by visiting www.chichester.gov.uk/wastecollectioncalendar

Normal Collection Day	Pre-Christmas week	Christmas week	New Year week	Post-New Year week 1
Monday	13 Dec 2021	20 Dec 2021	*27 Dec 2021	*3 Jan 2022
Tuesday	14 Dec 2021	21 Dec 2021	*28 Dec 2021	4 Jan 2022
Wednesday	15 Dec 2021	22 Dec 2021	29 Dec 2021	5 Jan 2022
Thursday	16 Dec 2021	23 Dec 2021	30 Dec 2021	6 Jan 2022
Friday	17 Dec 2021	24 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2021	7 Jan 2022

* Bank holidays

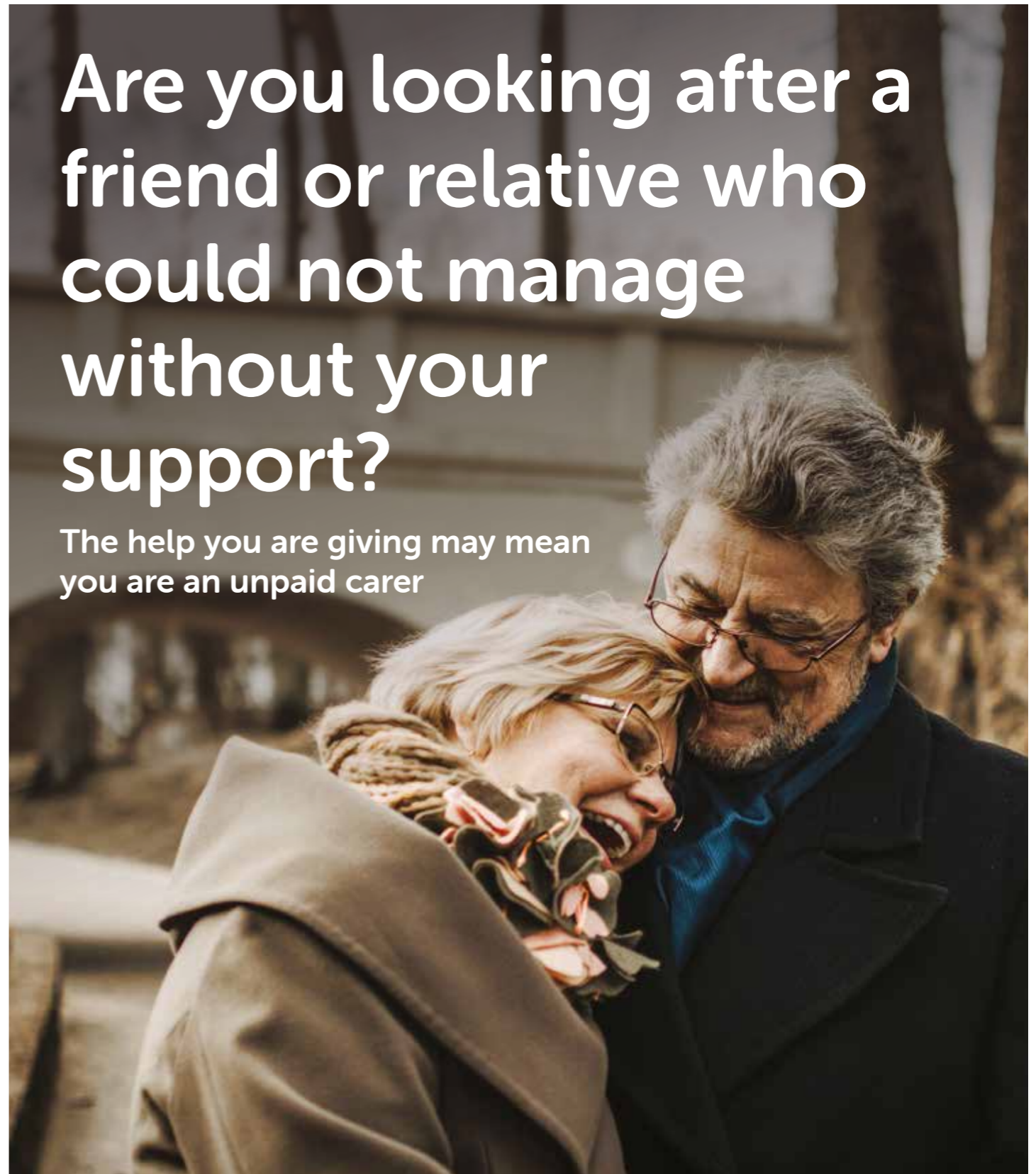
If you have any extra waste over the holiday period, our collection crews will pick this up on your first collection after Christmas. If you have extra recycling that you can't fit into your recycling bin, please keep it dry and place it in a loosely tied black sack next to your recycling bin on your scheduled collection day.

The Garden Recycling Service will stop from **Friday 17 December** and will start again on **Monday 3 January 2022**. You can recycle your real Christmas tree using the Garden Recycling Service.

There will also be some slight changes to the clinical waste collections — all affected residents will be contacted directly.

Are you looking after a friend or relative who could not manage without your support?

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Transforming lives

Over the past year, our Rough Sleeper Outreach Team has been working hard to help people turn their lives around and access specialist support and new opportunities. Working with local homeless charities – The Four Streets Project, HEART and Stonepillow – the team is working on a number of projects which are having a positive difference on both the individuals concerned and the wider community. The team, led by Tom Polhill, is doing a fantastic job engaging and

working with individuals, and in October was even nominated for a Sussex Police award for their work supporting vulnerable people during the pandemic.

I am also pleased that our Make Your Change Count campaign – which encourages people to support these charities, rather than give directly to people on the street – has also been having a positive impact. Local charities are reporting an increase in donations, as well as more volunteers keen

to help them in their work. By diverting your donations to these important organisations, you are enabling them to support new rough sleepers off the street; prevent ex-rough sleepers returning to the street; and, prevent vulnerably housed people becoming homeless, encouraging them to access the right help to transform their lives. On these pages, we outline some of the key projects that our Rough Sleeper Outreach Team have been working on with our incredible local partners.



Councillor Alan Sutton,
Cabinet Member for
Housing, Communications,
Licensing and Events

City centre lockers

In September, a project to install a series of lockers for rough sleepers and other vulnerably housed people was launched. The lockers are situated in a discrete Chichester city centre location so that rough sleepers are able to store some of their possessions and do not have to cart them round. The idea is to support people so that if they have situations like job interviews, they are able to do this without the worry of bringing all their belongings with them, or leaving them in exposed locations. The lockers have been funded thanks to a grant from the local Joint Action Group (JAG) with help from our council. They will be overseen and maintained by Stonepillow.

Raising awareness of the rough sleeping partnership

Over the last few months, we have had a stall at the Chichester Farmers' Market so that we can talk to people about the rough sleeping prevention partnership and the work that our council and local charities are delivering. In addition to this, we are able to offer information on what support is available and advise people on how they can report rough sleeping through www.streetlink.org.uk

Teaming up with Everyone Active

A project has just begun with the council's leisure provider, Everyone Active, to help a number of former rough sleepers who have secured long-term accommodation. Everyone Active has devised a 12-week programme which focusses on personal training and personal wellbeing. The scheme aims to increase not only physical health, but clients' self-confidence. The course has been funded by money which Everyone Active applied for with our support, and if the scheme is successful, then there is scope to extend it further.

Applying for government funding

We have also successfully bid for a number of Government grants to support a variety of projects. This includes a programme led by Stonepillow which will prevent ex-offenders becoming homeless and provide the support they need to secure settled accommodation when they leave prison.

Through the money secured, Stonepillow have been able to recruit four staff who have been working with us to help prevent clients returning to street homelessness. These roles work directly with clients and local support agencies to create effective support package for each individual.

The opening of Hicks House in July was warmly welcomed after months of hard work in partnership with Stonepillow. The accommodation, a development on the existing lodge, will add an additional six units of accommodation. There are now 12 units in total. Hicks House will offer self-contained studio flats for rough sleepers with complex needs on the first stage of their journey to independent living.

Increasing short-stay accommodation

Earlier this year, we started building our new short stay accommodation, and we're pleased to say that work is progressing really well. This important project will mean that we can provide an additional 17 flats, increasing the amount of much-needed short stay accommodation for people who are facing homelessness in the district.

The first stage of the project is now complete, with three refurbished flats now ready for use in the existing building. The new flats are also coming along really well – at the time of writing this, the roof tiles were being laid and solar panels installed. All of the work is due to be completed early next year, and you can keep updated on our progress by visiting: www.chichester.gov.uk/freelandcloseproject or by following our social media channels for the latest news.

Working with our local partners to make a difference

Tom Polhill is our Rough Sleeper Team coordinator and says that a huge amount of work has been undertaken to help people change their lives:

Our rough sleeper outreach team with our partners at Stonepillow.



“Rough sleeper numbers are very low in the city at the moment. This is down to a combination of us housing people and moving people on from temporary accommodation to long-term accommodation.

“Between our council, Stonepillow, FourStreets and HEART, we have a really strong partnership and we know that it is really making a difference. In addition, the Make Your Change Count campaign has been really successful in raising awareness of the different charities and how people can help, as well as educating people about the work that is being done to reduce rough sleeping and homelessness. The members of the public that we have spoken to have

been pleasantly surprised by the extent of the work being done and that all the organisations are working together and not in isolation.

“The circumstances and experiences of each client can be extremely different; we offer a very person-centred approach. We've had some positive results of people who we have helped. Currently, the success is mainly around people securing and retaining accommodation for the first time in their lives – some of these have been long-term rough sleepers for whom, going into and keeping accommodation can be a very difficult thing for them. We are now looking at extending the support we offer to these clients, including through

the partnerships with the university and Everyone Active. It's about providing people with opportunities in order to help them move out of the situation that they are in.”

“Although we have been able to help many people, there will always be those who choose to stay on the street. In these cases, our team will continue to reach out to them, keep in contact, earn their trust and encourage them to take up support when they are ready.”

“Thanks to the combined effort of our team and our partners we have massively reduced rough sleeping over the last 18 months and it's as a result of everyone working together.”

Continue to Make Your Change Count

People across Chichester District are being urged to carry on making their change count as part of a partnership project to help bring lasting change to the lives of rough sleepers.

We are working closely with homeless charities The Four Streets Project, HEART and Stonepillow to encourage people to give to these charities so they can support rough sleepers long-term, rather than giving money directly to people on the street.

Find out more:

The Four Streets Project
01243 786993 or visit
www.fourstreetschichester.org.uk/contact

HEART
info@heartchichester.church
or see www.heartchichester.church

Stonepillow
Call 01243 537934
or visit www.stonepillow.org.uk

For more information about the Make Your Change Count campaign please see www.chichester.gov.uk/makeyourchangeaccount



Community Wardens partner with local charity to support the most vulnerable

A local project run by the Selsey Community Forum, which is supported by Chichester District Council's Community Wardens, has been providing a vital lifeline to vulnerable people in Selsey and Bracklesham and the Witterings.

The Good Morning Selsey/Bracklesham and the Witterings schemes aim to combat loneliness by making telephone calls to check in on local people who may be vulnerable or who live alone.

Hundreds of calls are made each day by 25 volunteers, who offer friendly support to people across Selsey and Bracklesham and the Witterings, while two part time staff members from the Selsey Community Forum coordinate the scheme.

If the volunteers are unable to reach someone, they contact the council's Community Wardens, who carry out welfare checks to make sure that everything is okay.

Mike Nicholls, who chairs the Selsey Community Forum, says: "We have nearly 100 residents using our service to help them connect with other people. A lot of these people only have the radio or TV to know what's going on outside their homes, so even a half hour conversation with another person can really brighten them up and help keep them connected.

"We have really come into our own during the pandemic. Before, many people were visited by their family and friends, but the risk of Covid-19 has kept everyone inside. Without these phone calls older people in Selsey and Bracklesham and the Witterings may not have had a conversation for weeks or longer.

"And, with the help of our local Community Wardens, Neil Hill and Drew Allardice, we've been able to help keep those using our service safe and looked after."

Neil Hill, Community Warden for Selsey, says the partnership has made a huge difference: "If we don't get a reply from someone for a couple days then the team will let me know. I then go round to the person's house and just check everything is okay. Sometimes they've gone on holiday or been taken to hospital, but in more serious cases they need urgent help. If this is required, I call the emergency services and make sure they get the help they need.

"The scheme really is a lifeline for many people here and thanks to Mike and the rest of the team we've been able to help a lot of people. We've also been able to put people in touch with council services that can offer further support."

The scheme receives a grant from Chichester District Council, along with money from charitable trusts and donations, so that it can continue to be delivered free of charge.

Mike adds: "If one of our residents goes into hospital, we keep up the phone calls with them, and if they go to a care home we ring them as long as they want us to, until they feel settled. We take this approach because we know how valuable this connection can be."

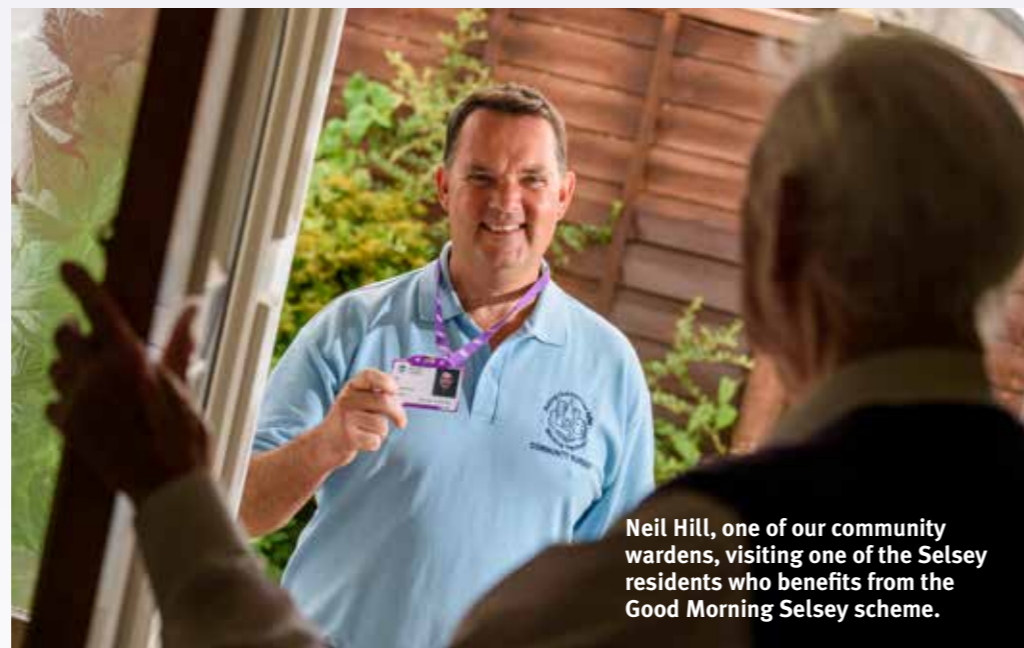
"We couldn't do any of this without our brilliant volunteers and we're always looking for more. If people want to get

involved and help their community, they can call the Selsey Care Shop on 01243 201616 or contact the Community Wardens. After a DBS check we can give volunteers all the training and support they need."

Councillor Roy Briscoe, Cabinet Member at Chichester District Council for Community Services and Culture, says: "We are so lucky to have such caring people in our district who give up their own time to help those who are vulnerable or lonely. As a council we are proud to support Good Morning Selsey/the Witterings schemes through both our Community Warden Service and grant funding and seeing the difference it makes."

You can find out more about the Community Wardens at: www.chichester.gov.uk/communitywardens

Mike Nicholls, Chair of the Selsey Community Forum



Neil Hill, one of our community wardens, visiting one of the Selsey residents who benefits from the Good Morning Selsey scheme.

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Our nutritionally-trained Wellbeing Advisors can show you how some simple dietary and lifestyle changes can improve your physical and mental health. Did you know that mood, stress, sleep, and immunity are just a few aspects of your health affected by what you eat? We offer both one to one support and group weight management courses – located in Chichester, Midhurst, Selsey and online – led by our trained nutritionist. We also provide a variety of free or low cost exercise classes and courses aimed at inactive adults. Our tailored advice will support you to make small changes to your diet and physical exercise that will result in greater health and wellbeing; with lasting results.



Wellbalanced Falls Prevention

Don't wait until you feel unsteady on your feet or have a fall – if you are over 65, it is beneficial to take part in our Wellbalanced Falls Prevention courses to reduce your risk of falling in the future. Developed with qualified instructors, the classes – both virtual and community-based – are focused on building balance, strength and independence in older people.

Find out more

For support with any aspect of your wellbeing or to book a free one to one Wellbeing Check In, please contact Chichester Wellbeing on 01243 521041 or email info@chichesterwellbeing.org.uk



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Reducing wood burner pollution

While the popularity of wood burners has increased over the last decade, recent research has indicated that wood burners are the leading cause of a type of air pollution in some urban areas.

Particulate matter is a type of air pollution caused by tiny solid particles suspended in the air. Research has pointed to this being harmful to our health, and that it contributes to and worsens respiratory and heart disease. Once we breathe it in, the particles lodge in our lungs and cause irreversible damage. Children, the elderly and those with respiratory and cardiovascular disease, are known to be more susceptible to the health impacts of particulate matter.

If you have a wood burner, or are thinking about installing one, then our Environment Team have put together some helpful information to help you reduce indoor air pollution and protect you, your household's health and neighbours' health:

- Buy a stove approved by the Department for Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs. You can search for appliances and fuels at the <https://smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/search.php>
- Have it installed by someone competent and who can also show you how to operate it efficiently. Find out more at www.burnright.co.uk
- Ensure that you use smokeless fuels or dry, well-seasoned wood. Look for the Woodsure Ready to Burn logo where wood is guaranteed to have a moisture content of 20% or less.
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