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Welcome to the winter issue of initiatives



I can't believe that we are already heading towards Christmas! If you are looking for things to do over the festive period then there are a wealth of events happening across the district which you can find on our regular What's On section on pages 12 and 13. In addition, The Novium Museum's new exhibition, May The Toys Be With You, celebrating all things Star Wars, is also now open until next April. You can find more details about the exhibition on page 9.

As we are heading into winter we thought that it would be useful to include some hints and tips about keeping safe and well at home when there is cold weather, which includes some useful contact numbers in

case of emergencies. You can find out more on page 8.

We have also included lots of useful information about being 'weather-prepared' on pages 4 and 5. The article focuses on flooding and includes details on what people can do before a flood happens and the different levels of flood warnings.

If you are interested in building your own home here in the Chichester District then you can find how to register your interest on our custom and self-build register on page 6.

If you are looking to improve the energy efficiency of your home then on pages 18 and 19 you can find details on the various home energy grants that you may be eligible for.

Lastly, I also want to highlight details of the festive waste and recycling changes that will be happening this year – don't forget to cut out and keep our handy guide on pages 14 to 16.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year when it arrives.

Best Wishes

Councillor Clare Apel
 Chair of Chichester District Council

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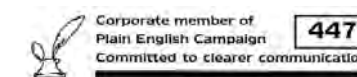
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Be weather prepared

As we are all more than aware, our weather is becoming more unsettled across the whole of the year. We're seeing more extreme weather events, which can increase the risk of flooding. This is why it is so important that we are all prepared.

There are lots of things that we can do at home to make sure that we are weather prepared over the months ahead and we have provided some useful tips below.

Check if you are at risk of long-term flooding

You can check the flood risk for the post code area where you live at: www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk

Sign up for flood warnings

In many flood risk areas, you can sign up for flood warnings by visiting: www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings. These warn of the risk of flooding from rivers, the sea and groundwater. You'll be alerted by phone, email, or text when flooding is expected. Please be aware that these alerts are not available in all areas.

Know what to do

The best way to protect yourself from flooding is to know what to do in advance.

The Environment Agency issues three levels of flood warning:



Flood alert **Prepare**

- prepare a bag that includes medicines and insurance documents.
- check flood warnings.



Flood warning **Act**

- turn off gas, water and electricity.
- move things upstairs or to safety.
- move family, pets and car to safety.



Severe flood warning **Survive**

- call 999 if in immediate danger.
- follow advice from emergency services.
- keep yourself and your family safe.

Make a flood plan

Make a personal flood plan for your household or business to help you plan ahead for flooding.

Save a copy of the 'Flood warnings – know what to do' action list which explains steps to take if there's a flood in your area, which you can find at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-flood-plan

You should also prepare a bag of essential items to take with you if you have to leave your home. Keep this in a safe place. You could include things like spare medication; glasses; clothing; important documents; and contact details such as the number of your insurance company.

Create a checklist of things to do to protect your family, such as turning off the electricity and gas to prevent a fire.

Know how to turn off your gas, electricity and water

If you leave your home during a flood, you'll need to turn off your mains water, gas and electricity if it's safe to do so. You should find out in advance how to do this.

The location of water stopcocks, gas shut-off valves and electrical master switches varies between properties. The gas shut-off valve is usually beside the meter. The mains electricity cut-off is usually a big red switch on your fuse box. If you can't find your water stopcock, ask someone with practical experience or a plumber to help you.

Protect your property

You can make changes to your property that will help you to get back to normal more quickly after a flood and reduce the damage flooding can do.

To reduce flood damage you can take steps such as laying tiles instead of carpets, moving electrical sockets higher up the wall and fitting non-return valves to stop flood water entering your property through the drains.

Simple maintenance like keeping drains and gullies clear of debris will also help to protect your property.

Check your insurance

Make sure you have insurance to protect your home or business. If you have buildings and contents insurance, check if flood damage is included.

If you rent your home, it's your responsibility to protect your belongings.

If you're finding it difficult to get your property insured for flooding, the National Flood Forum www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk may be able to help.

If you live near a watercourse

There is specific guidance if you own property or live beside a river: www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse or a canal: canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/safety-on-our-waterways/water-safety-during-flooding

The Met Office – Weather Ready

The Met Office has a really useful section with advice on what to do in various adverse and extreme weather scenarios including storms, cold weather, heatwaves and flooding.

Please go to their advice pages at www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/weatherready

Coastal Partners

Five local authorities along the south coast, including our own, have joined together to form Coastal Partners.

This is a team of engineers, surveyors, project managers, environment and finance experts who centrally deliver a coastal management service across 246 km of coastline. The partnership carries out many functions that help to protect thousands of homes, businesses, wildlife and infrastructure. Their diverse work includes managing flood and erosion risk, planning and designing new coastal defence schemes, inspecting and maintaining existing defences and working towards a flood resilient future.

In this district, Coastal Partners manage the risk from coastal erosion and flooding on the open coastline between East Head and Pagham Harbour. They ensure that existing flood defence structures are repaired in a timely manner and work with colleagues from other authorities to plan for the short, medium and long-term protection of the coastline. The team also develop and deliver schemes to maintain defences or improve the level of defence in response to climate change.

In the event of a flood warning issued by the Environment Agency, Coastal Partners also provide technical assistance. During the winter it has a number of Coastal Incident Officers in place when the tide is predicted to be particularly high. They work with emergency planning teams to provide suitable assistance for the predicted flooding. You can find out more about Coastal Partners at: www.coastalpartners.org.uk



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Thinking about building your own home?

Join our custom and self-build housing register

This autumn we have launched a campaign encouraging people who are interested in building their own homes to join our self-build register.

Self-build can be a more affordable way to own your own home and live in an individual home that meets your specific needs. Whether you want to manage the construction of your home from beginning to end; to projects where you commission your own home and make key design and layout decisions, there are a wide variety of self-build and custom housebuilding options for you.

All local authorities keep a register of any individual or local community groups who want to obtain land to build their own homes and they must take this demand into account when preparing local plans.

We want to create more opportunities for self-build and custom build for everyone in the Chichester Local Plan area and this is why our register is so important – it enables us to find out where people would like their plot to be and the type of house that they would like to build.

The register is free to join and is open to everyone.

If you're interested in building your own home, then please consider joining our register at: www.chichester.gov.uk/article/36087/Register-your-interest-for-custom-and-self-build-housing

If you're interested in building in those areas in our district based within the South Downs National Park (SDNP), then you will need to register at: www.southdowns.gov.uk/planningpolicy/self-build-custom-build

What's the difference between custom and self-build housing?

The two terms are different and relate to the amount of involvement that you have with the build and the level of project management that you undertake.

Self-build is where someone directly organises the design and construction of their own home and can include DIY homes; contractor-built homes; kit houses; and community projects.

Custom build is where you employ a specialist developer to build your home, to your specifications. They find the site; prepare it; and help to arrange the finance.

The design may be bespoke or chosen from a range of standard options.

You can also work with a group of other people on a community project, where you work on a small number of properties together.



Want to find out more?

Please visit our self-build pages at www.chichester.gov.uk/customandselfbuildhousing

If you have any specific questions, then please email us at: selfbuild@chichester.gov.uk so that we can help or signpost you to other organisations best placed to help you.

You may also find these websites useful:

- Government advice: www.gov.uk/guidance/self-build-and-custom-housebuilding
- National Customer and Self Build Association: nacsba.org.uk
- The Right To Build Taskforce: www.righttobuild.org.uk
- Homebuilding and Renovating: www.homebuilding.co.uk/advice/self-build

Did you know?

- Typically, self-build homes are 25% cheaper than buying a new home from a developer.
- New research has found that 1 in 3 people are interested in self-building (National Custom & Self Build Association and the Building Societies Association 2020).
- Currently, 13,000 people a year in the UK manage to build their own homes.
- 7% to 10% of all new homes built in the UK are self-built.
- The total market is worth around £3.5 billion.
- 90% of those who built their own home would recommend self-building to a friend.
- Choice is the biggest reason why people self-build.
- The average house size for a self-build property is 268m².
- One in two people who built their own home installed a sustainable heat source.
- On average, it costs between £1,000 and £3,000/m² to build your own home.

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Keep safe and well all year round

We're starting to see the first signs of winter and it's as important as ever to ensure you're not at risk of health issues caused by poor conditions in your home.

Citizens Advice have partnered with us, alongside SGN, UK Power Networks, Southern Water and Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks to share these handy hints and tips to help keep you and your home safe, whatever the weather.



Who's most at risk from cold weather?

- people aged 65 and older.
- children under the age of five.
- people on a low income.
- people with long-term health conditions.
- people with disabilities.
- pregnant women.
- people with a mental health condition.

It's important to get medical help if you feel unwell.

Temperature

During colder periods it's important to know the temperature of the room you're in, so ensure you have a thermometer if you ever feel cold at home. Always aim to keep the room you're in at 18°C or more to avoid heightened risk of high blood pressure and stroke.



Who to turn to for help

If you're struggling with your energy bills, speak to the West Sussex Energy Team at Citizens Advice. You can call the dedicated team on **01243 974063** Monday-Friday 10am-4pm to see what support might be available to you, including grants and ways to make your home warmer.

If you'd like a Safe and Well visit from West Sussex Fire & Rescue Services, call **0345 8729 719**.

If you smell gas, call **0800 111 999**.

If you have a power cut, call **105**.

Heating controls

If you're in one room, you don't have to heat the whole house. Use your heating controls or thermostatic radiator valves to warm the spaces you're using and turn those down to a minimum in unused rooms. If you have health conditions such as asthma or COPD, it's important to think about hallways and spaces you may walk through during the day, as sudden changes in temperature may exacerbate your condition.

Reduce your risk of fires

Ensure chimneys are swept and any wood you use is dry. Check electrical appliances like electric blankets, are safe to use. Your local fire service may be able to help or complete your own home fire safety check online in just 15 minutes: www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc

Damp and mould

It's important to keep fresh air flowing to avoid damp and mould. Breathing problems can be made worse by living in a damp or mouldy home. There are

many ways you can help reduce the risk of damp and mould caused by condensation, such as not drying wet clothes on heaters; avoiding portable gas or paraffin heaters; and ensuring all ventilation is unblocked.

The Priority Services Register

The Priority Services Register is free to join. It helps energy companies to look after customers who have extra communication, access or safety needs. For more information and to find out if you're eligible please visit www.theprs.co.uk

How to stay safe from the dangers of Carbon Monoxide

- Get coal, oil and natural gas appliances checked annually by a qualified professional.
- Fit an audible carbon monoxide alarm.
- Regularly test your alarm and replace the batteries/alarm as and when required.
- Ensure there is adequate ventilation and don't block air vents.
- Turn off the appliance and seek immediate assistance if you suspect CO or your CO alarm sounds.

If you smell gas:

- open windows and doors.
- turn off the gas supply at the meter and turn off any gas appliances, except if your meter is in a cellar.
- call the National Grid Emergency Number on **0800 111 999**.
- don't smoke or use any naked flames.
- don't touch any electrical switches.

MAY THE TOYS BE WITH YOU

This Christmas and beyond!

From a galaxy far, far away 'May The Toys Be With You' is an absolute must-see exhibition for fans of Star Wars and the silver screen.



One of the UK's finest collections of vintage Star Wars toys and original cinema posters is currently on display in The Novium Museum, Chichester.

'May The Toys Be With You' is a celebration of both the now highly collectable vintage toy line and the iconic design work and art of the original Star Wars movies.

The exhibition features hundreds of incredible vintage toys, posters and memorabilia, including:

- **A 1977 movie poster by The Brothers Hildebrand.** Given 36 hours to complete the poster, the twins worked collaboratively in a single non-stop session to achieve the print deadline.
- **A 1978 Death Star model.** Rather than make a large, prohibitively expensive plastic playset, this design used cardboard pieces which slotted together to create the iconic corridors and chambers of the Empire's battle station.
- **1978 Millennium Falcon.** Designed by Kenner engineer Mark Boudreaux. A spaceship and playset in one. Children could sit Han Solo and Chewbacca in the cockpit, and the rear lid comes off to reveal a playset environment with gunners chair, training ball, and the iconic chess set.

- **The first 12 Star Wars figures from 1978.** The term 'action figure' was coined in 1964 to describe the 12" tall Action Man and Barbie figures. Kenner made the Star Wars figures smaller at just 3.75" because they also wanted to create accompanying spaceships and playsets. The success of the Star Wars toy line ensured that 3.75" would become a new industry standard.

- **Archival footage** of movie trailers and interviews with the toy makers and a soundscape using soundtracks from the Star Wars films, including music performed by the London Symphony Orchestra.

Visitors can also look forward to some interactive gallery features: dress up as a Star Wars character, pose for a selfie with a Storm Trooper, complete trails around the gallery, and an opportunity to explore other toys from the 1970s with a look through a vintage toy box.

There will also be an events programme running alongside the exhibition – find out more at www.thenovium.org/theforce

'May The Toys Be With You' will run until **Saturday 20 April 2024**. Tickets cost £4 for adults, £2.50 for children and £12 for a family of up to five (maximum two adults).

Quiet sessions are also available, find out more at www.thenovium.org/quietsessions

Entry to the rest of the museum remains free, with donations gratefully accepted.



CHRISTMAS AT THE NOVIUM MUSEUM Gonk Trail

The mischievous Christmas gonks have taken over The Novium Museum once again – come and find out what mayhem they have caused this year! The trail will be available from **7 – 23 December 23** during opening times and costs £1.50 per trail which includes a small prize.



CHICHESTER STARLIGHT TRAIL

Don't miss our magical Starlight Trail on **7 December!** You'll collect your Starlight Trail passport from either The Novium Museum, Pallant House Gallery, or Chichester Library, before making a star lantern at your first venue. You can then take part in a variety of festive crafts and activities, collecting stamps along the way. If you collect all three stamps, you'll be entered into a prize draw to win a £30 Chichester Gift Card which has been kindly donated by Chichester BID.

The event runs from 4pm until 7pm and costs £6.50 per child. Tickets must be booked in advance from: www.thenovium.org/starlight

Let's make this Christmas a local one!

We can hear the sound of sleigh bells ringing in the distance as we build up to another fantastic Christmas in our district!

If you're already thinking about your Christmas shopping, then don't forget that there are some amazing local and independent businesses across the whole district selling a wide range of wonderful gifts for your loved ones.

There are also many local events to look forward to from markets and fairs to music and theatre events. And if you're out and about for the day, do take the opportunity to drop in to one of the district's eateries and make a whole day of your Christmas shopping. Remember to 'shop

local, visit local and support local' this festive season and help our independents to thrive.

Shop local

Our fantastic high streets in Chichester, East Wittering, Midhurst, Petworth and Selsey have so much to offer, with local and beautiful gifts from a wide variety of shops, many of which you can't find anywhere else. Don't forget to visit the great selection of cafes and restaurants while you're there as well.



Events

In Chichester, there will be a Christmas market in the city centre. Chichester Christmas Cheer will take place on Saturday on two weekends in December: **Saturday 9, Sunday 10, Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 December**. Please make sure that you keep an eye on our social media channels and our website – www.chichester.gov.uk/latestnews for information.

Visiting the district

Midhurst will also be running their annual Christmas Street Party from 5pm until 8pm on Friday 1 December which will include live music; fairground rides; late-night shopping; a Christmas gift market; the popular Santa's Grotto and much more! More information will be available closer to the time at www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk

We're extremely fortunate to have a huge variety of wonderful attractions and arts, culture and heritage organisations in our district. To help you plan your Christmas break and enjoy everything the district has to offer, visit www.thegreatsussexway.org

The city, towns and villages across the district are organising plenty of festive events, so make sure you take a look at our 'What's On' section on pages 12 and 13 – and there's even more on www.chichester.gov.uk/whatson

Support local

Over the festive period we'll be running our regular Chichester Farmers' Market and Wednesday and Saturday general markets which will take place in their normal locations.

To encourage people to support our local businesses, we have created personalised tags and recycled wrapping paper for our city and each of our towns to use on your Christmas gifts. You can download these to print out at www.chichester.gov.uk/countdowntochristmas

Christmas parking offers

This Christmas we have some special parking offers in place for the festive period.

Weekend offer when using MiPermit app

When you select two hours using the MiPermit app during weekends in December, you will get the third hour free. The app is available to use in most council-owned car parks across the district. To find out more about the app, please visit: www.chichester.gov.uk/mipermit

Free Sunday parking in Avenue de Chartres during December

We are also offering free parking in our Avenue de Chartres car park in Chichester on Sundays during December 2023.

You can find out the locations of all of our car parks across the district by visiting: www.chichester.gov.uk/carparks or downloading the Chichester District Council app and looking under the 'Find my nearest' tab.



Keep in touch

Website: www.chichester.gov.uk/countdowntochristmas
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 Facebook: www.facebook.com/chichesterdistrictcouncil
 X (previously Twitter): www.twitter.com/ChichesterDC
 Instagram: www.instagram.com/chichesterdc
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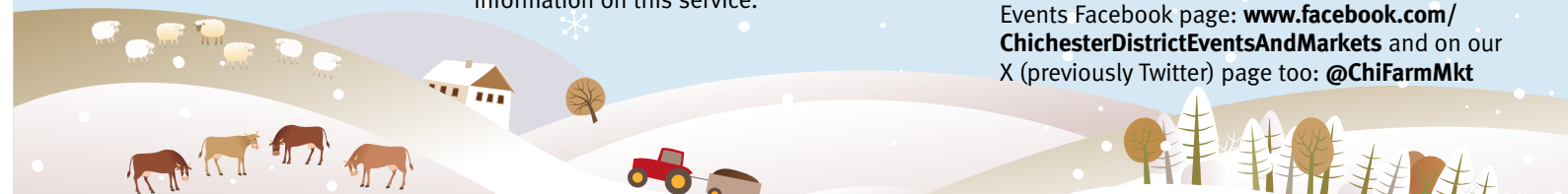
Support your local Chichester Farmers' Markets

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

Pop along on **Friday 1 and 15 December** for a range of breads, cheese, meats, cakes and pastries, olives, fruit and vegetables and more. Some stalls will even be taking pre-Christmas orders. Please ask stallholders for more information on this service.

After the Christmas break the markets will resume again with a special 'Feel Good Friday' farmers' market on **Friday 19 January**. The markets will then take place every first and third Friday of the month.

You can find out more on our Markets and Events Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ChichesterDistrictEventsAndMarkets and on our X (previously Twitter) page too: [@ChiFarmMkt](https://twitter.com/ChiFarmMkt)



What's on this Christmas

Venue codes and useful numbers

CC

Chichester Cathedral
www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events

CCC

Chichester Chamber Concerts
www.chichesterchamberconcerts.com

CFT

Chichester Festival Theatre
www.cft.org.uk

CHIBID

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NOV

The Novium Museum
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OX

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WD

The Weald & Downland Living Museum
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Every week or seasonal

City centre market

Every Wednesday in North Street and East Street, Chichester. Weekly Saturday market in Cattle Market car park, Chichester. Car boot sale – every Sunday from 11am in Cattle Market car park.

Farmers' Market – 3 & 17 November, 1 & 15 December

North and East Street, Chichester City Centre. 9am–2pm, first and third Friday of each month (including bank holidays).

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Offering a wide variety of arts, sports, community events and activities. See more at www.newparkcentre.org.uk/ WHATSON or email facilities/booking enquiries to operations@newparkcentre.org.uk

Until 21 April 2024

Exhibition John Craxton: A Modern Odyssey at Pallant House Gallery. www.pallant.org.uk

1–12 November

Emsworth Printmakers exhibition. Features various aspects of printmaking and Jan Bennet's exhibition will be in the Wilson gallery. OX

5 November and 4 February

Antique and Collectors Fair at The Grange Centre, Midhurst. 10am–4pm, admission £2. www.grandmasatticfairs.co.uk

From 8 November

Watercolour Classes: Every Wednesday and Friday 12.30pm–3.30pm. Roussillon Park Community Hall, Chichester. 01243 538304 or johnhillwatercolour.com

9 November

Chichester Chamber Concerts – Violin and piano recital. 7.30pm. Tickets £20 from Chichester Festival Theatre. CCC

11 Nov, 18 Jan, 12 & 19 Feb, 10 & 22 Mar, 1 & 12 Apr

Ecology Walks and Tours. All ages £15 per person. Location and times vary but full details on the website. ME

12 Nov, 18 Feb, 29 Mar

Toy fair at The Grange Centre. 9.45am–1.15pm

14–26 November

Robin Richardson and Tim Mullins exhibitions. Free entry. OX

16 November–2 December

Life of Pi. The five-star West End theatrical adventure about an epic journey of endurance and hope. CFT

18 Nov, 16 Dec, 20 Jan, 17 Feb, 16 Mar

Monthly Market at The Grange Centre, Midhurst. 8.30am–2pm

24 & 25 November

Grittenham Barn Christmas Market. Stalls offering a variety of gifts and refreshments in a festive traditional barn. £2.50, children free. www.grittenhambarn.com

25 November

City Sounds. Live music festival celebrating up and coming talent from the Chichester area. Various city centre venues. www.citysoundslive.com

25 November

Tillington Christmas Fair at The Village Hall, Tillington, 10am–12.30pm. 01798 342151.

25 November

Chichester Christmas Lights Switch On by Chichester BID and the Rotary Club. chichesterbid.co.uk CHIBID

25 November–31 December

Chichester Christmas Trail. Details to be announced. CHIBID

25 & 26 November

Advent – Christmas Experience and Market. Pre booking essential. WD

26 Nov, 10 Dec, 28 Jan, 25 Feb, 30 Mar

Indoor car boot sale. The Grange Centre, Midhurst. 10am–1pm.

28 November–10 December

Colin Merrin and Malcom Crocker. Free entry. OX

1 December

Midhurst Christmas Street Party. Live music, rides, late-night shopping, Christmas gift market, Santa's Grotto and more! 5pm–8pm. www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk

1 & 2 December

Christmas Willow Wreath Workshops. Get into the festive spirit and get creative with willow. Bring your own secateurs, but other tools provided. WD

1, 2 & 3 December

Torchlight: A Christmas Carol – Stansted Park. Explore Stansted House in full Christmas spirit. stanstedpark.co.uk/whatson

2 December

Christmas Fair. The Grange Centre, Midhurst. 9am–2pm

2 December

Petworth Christmas Cracker Event. Christmas market with a stalls throughout the day, musical entertainment and activities, and lights switch on at 6pm.

2 & 3, 9 & 10, and 16–22 Dec

Santa Trips on the Wey & Arun Canal. A festive canal boat trip with seasonal refreshments and a children's gift from Santa. 12 noon and 13:15pm. www.weyarun.org.uk

3 December, and 7 January and 10 March 2024

Antique and Collectors Fair. Westgate Leisure Centre, Chichester. Up to 80 stalls, 10am–4pm. £2. www.grandmasatticfairs.co.uk

3 December

Christmas Tree Dressing. Weald & Downland Living Museum. WD

5–9 December

Christmas Concerts. The Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines Portsmouth and Chichester Cathedral Choir with traditional festive music. CFT

7 December

Chichester Chamber Concerts – Sitkovetsky Trio. 7.30pm. Tickets £20 from Chichester Festival Theatre. CCC

9 December

Chichester Christmas Cheer. 9, 10, 16 & 17 December. Christmas market in Chichester city centre. www.chichester.gov.uk/whatson

9 December

RSPB Pagham – Binocular and Telescope Open Day. Come and try a range of binoculars and telescopes and chat with optics experts. 10am–3pm. Free.

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LEVELLING UP





Festive recycling

Collection dates over Christmas

Our recycling and waste collection dates will be altering over the festive period. Below you will find a table showing all changes during December and January. You can view your personal collection dates on our website by visiting: www.chichester.gov.uk/wastecollectioncalendar

You can also download the Chichester District Council app www.chichester.gov.uk/chichesterdcapp which enables you to view your collection dates and sign up to receive handy reminders for when your bins are due for collection.

Normal Collection Day	Pre-Christmas week	Christmas week	New Year week	Post-New Year
Monday	18 Dec 23	27 Dec 23	3 Jan 24	9 Jan 24
Tuesday	19 Dec 23	28 Dec 23	4 Jan 24	10 Jan 24
Wednesday	20 Dec 23	29 Dec 23	5 Jan 24	11 Jan 24
Thursday	21 Dec 23	30 Dec 23	6 Jan 24	12 Jan 24
Friday	22 Dec 23	2 Jan 24	8 Jan 24	13 Jan 24

What can I recycle?

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	✓



To find out more, use the handy searchable A-Z of recycling and waste.

Our Garden Recycling Service will stop from **Friday 22 December** and will start again on **Monday 8 January 2024**. 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.



We've teamed up with **St Wilfrid's Hospice** once again to offer a **Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme**

If you sign up, St Wilfrid's volunteers will collect your real Christmas tree and recycle it for you in January 2024, in return for a donation to the hospice. Find out more at www.stwh.co.uk

Customer Care Centre Christmas closure

Our Customer Service Centre will be closed from Friday 22 December 2023, and will reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

If you need to contact our car parks office, please go to www.chichester.gov.uk/applyreportpay or 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**.

If you have an enquiry about roads, pavements and street lighting, or need to report a fault relating to them, please contact West Sussex County Council by calling **01243 777100** or visiting www.westsussex.gov.uk

You can also access our services online at www.chichester.gov.uk

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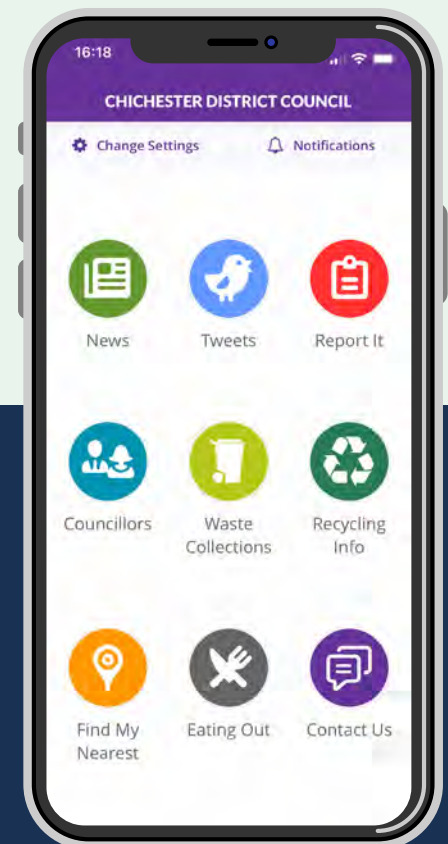


Download the Chichester District App

Don't forget that you can also download the Chichester District Council app from the Apple app store or the Google Play store. This enables you to view your collection dates and sign up to receive handy reminders when your bins are due for collection. Please make sure that you switch your notifications on to get live updates on your waste and recycling services. For more information please visit: www.chichester.gov.uk/chichesterdcapp

The app enables you to:

- sign up to receive weekly reminders on recycling or waste collections, including our garden recycling service.
- search how and where items can be recycled at home or at the local recycling centre.
- read council news.
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Energy grants for your home

The average household could be wasting hundreds of pounds each year because their property isn't energy efficient. Here's the lowdown on some of the schemes you could access qualify for energy grants from the government or your energy supplier to help make your home more energy efficient, cut your carbon footprint and reduce your bills. We've even created an easy-to-use table for you on page 19 too!



Boiler Upgrade Scheme

Through the Boiler Upgrade Scheme, you could get a grant to cover part of the cost of replacing fossil fuel heating systems with a heat pump or biomass boiler. Fossil fuel heating systems include oil, gas or electric. Your property must have a valid Energy Performance Certificate with no outstanding recommendations for loft or cavity wall insulation to be eligible. Find out more on our table and at: www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme

Warmer Homes

If your home is not heated by mains gas, you may be eligible for a free heat pump, solar panels and insulation through the government's Home Upgrade Grant (HUG). This grant is for low-income households or for those in receipt of means tested benefits and who have a property with an Energy Performance Rating (EPC) of E, F or G. To find out more, visit: www.warmerhomes.org.uk

Chichester Warm Homes initiative

Funding is available for homeowners and landlords with an eligible tenant, to install energy efficient and low carbon measures. The maximum grant available is £10,000 for homeowners living in on-gas areas, and up to £25,000 for those in off-gas areas. Find out more details in our table. To apply, please visit: www.chichester.gov.uk/applywarmhomesinitiative

Free insulation and energy efficiency grants from energy suppliers

The Energy Company Obligation (ECO) scheme offers grants to low-income households and those in vulnerable situations to insulate their homes. You might also be able to get help with replacing an old, inefficient boiler or other heating system through the initiative.

If you are in a low income or vulnerable household, you can also contact your energy supplier to ask what support they can give you. To find out which energy suppliers are taking part, visit: www.ofgem.gov.uk/eco-supplier

The government has just introduced a new 'Great British Insulation Scheme', offering more grants to fund insulation for homes in council tax bands A-D. We are looking to support delivery of both these schemes this winter. To keep up to date with the latest news visit our new home energy efficiency webpage and sign up to initiatives+ email updates: www.chichester.gov.uk/homeenergyefficiency

Energy Performance Certificates

To find an energy certificate for a property, visit: www.gov.uk/find-energy-certificate

If you don't have one, you can get one for free if you're eligible for any of the above grants, or you can find an assessor at: www.gov.uk/get-new-energy-certificate

Other guidance

If you are not eligible for any of the schemes mentioned, there are other ways to access advice.

The SuperHomes Network

SuperHomes is a membership network to help homeowners learn how to retrofit their homes. It also offers Whole House Retrofit Plans, which is an essential first. For a limited time you can join for free at: www.superhomes.org.uk/join-the-network

Solar Together

Solar Together is a group buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage. With Solar Together you can be reassured that you're getting a high quality product and service at a great price too. You can register for free at: www.solartogether.co.uk

Energy Saving Trust

With energy bills at an all-time high, knowing how to save energy has never mattered more. Whether it's information on green heating, insulating your home, or investing in more energy efficient appliances, visit: energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home for advice and guidance.

We're working with partners who may contact eligible homeowners to make them aware of some of these grants and schemes. If you receive a letter, check that it's genuine by looking for our logo.

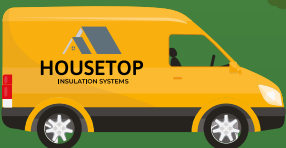


What energy efficiency grants are available?

Who can apply	Eligibility	What it can provide	How to apply
Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS)			
Homeowners and landlords	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid EPC with no recommendations for loft or cavity wall insulation Must be replacing fossil fuel heating systems (such as oil, gas or electric) May not include new build 	<p>You can get one grant per property for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £5,000 towards an air source heat pump £6,000 towards a ground source heat pump (including water source heat pumps and those on shared ground loops) £5,000 towards a biomass boiler 	<p>Check eligibility and apply online via: www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme/check-if-youre-eligible</p>
Chichester Warm Home Initiative			
Homeowners and landlords	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household income less than £25,000 or In receipt of means tested benefits, DLA or PIP And Occupant is in fuel poverty (rating F or G) 	<p>Up to £10,000 for properties on mains gas or up to £25,000 for properties not on gas, for the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a whole-house efficient heating system, thermal insulation, boiler repair, hot water tank repair/replacement, and; window repair or replacement. <p>Landlords are required to pay 50% of the cost.</p>	<p>Apply online via the Chichester District Council website: www.chichester.gov.uk/applywarmhomesinitiative</p>
Energy Company Obligation (ECO)			
Homeowners, landlords, park home and social housing tenants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household income less than £31,000 or In receipt of means tested benefits And property has EPC rating of D, E, F or G (E, F or G only for rented properties) And someone in your household is vulnerable (under 4 or over 65 years of age; has a health condition that makes them vulnerable to cold) Or you may be referred by your energy company or CAB if you are struggling to pay energy bills <p>The Great British Insulation Scheme offers insulation to homes in council tax band A-D</p>	<p>Homeowners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insulation (Cavity Wall, Loft, Room-In-Roof, Solid Wall (internal or external) and Underfloor) Replacement boiler or upgrade to renewable heating system Heating controls Draught proofing Window glazing <p>Landlords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade to renewable heating system First time central heating External solid wall insulation <p>Park home: Insulation only</p> <p>Social housing tenants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insulation (Cavity Wall, Loft, Room-In-Roof, Solid Wall (internal or external) and Underfloor) 	<p>Installers may contact you to ask if you are eligible for ECO funding. Or you can find TrustMark installers and ask if they will do work under the scheme: www.trustmark.org.uk</p> <p>Installers under ECO must be TrustMark accredited and will have a registration number. If you are contacted by an installer, always ask to see their registration credentials.</p> <p>You can contact energy suppliers to find registered installers: www.ofgem.gov.uk/eco-supplier-contact-details</p>
Warmer Homes Local Authority Delivery (LAD) and Home Upgrade Grant (HUG)			
Homeowners and landlords	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household income less than £30,000 or In receipt of means tested benefits And property has EPC rating of E, F or G <p><i>Now only available for properties not heated by mains gas</i></p>	<p>Up to £25,000 for properties not on gas, for the following measures (some funds for on-gas homes until Sept. 2023):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insulation (Cavity Wall, Loft, Room-In-Roof, Solid Wall – internal or external – and Underfloor) High Heat Retention Storage Heaters (off-gas homes only) Air Source Heat Pumps Solar PV panels Heating Controls <p>Landlords are required to pay 50% of the cost.</p>	<p>Apply online via: www.warmerhomes.org.uk or call (free): 0800 038 5737 or email info@warmerhomes.org.uk</p>



Warmer Homes



Supporting community groups

We are very proud that Chichester District has such an active community that is dedicated to helping us make this area an even better place to live.

Every year, we set aside an amount of money to help support environmental projects, community groups, sporting activities and businesses to achieve their goals. So far this year, we have awarded £79,380 across our district through our Grants and Concessions programme.

This money aims to support important projects across the district that will benefit our residents and businesses. Over the last year recipients have included:

- Westbourne Community Land Trust
- Rocking Horse Children's Charity, Chichester
- West Wittering Parish Council

- Young Wilders, Plaistow
- Home-Start, district wide

If you run a community group or organisation and would like to find out about how the scheme could help you, then please get in touch. We can offer fast track applications for amounts under £1,000 which groups can apply for at any time. For amounts over £1,000, then applications will be considered by our Grants and Concessions panel every three months. The grants programme supports three key priorities:

- the economy;
- improving places and spaces; and
- target projects which will benefit residents most in need.

Applications need to meet certain conditions and we ask for details of how the project will benefit the local community, for example creating jobs and working with others.

Find out more at: www.chichester.gov.uk/grantprogramme



Watch council meetings and get involved!

Did you know that you can now watch council meetings from wherever you are?

Just visit: www.chichester.gov.uk/viewcouncilmeetings You can watch live meetings or archived meetings from the last few months. You can also access any documents or presentations associated with the webcasts. Between January and August, council meetings have been viewed online over 14,000 times. This has been introduced to make meetings even more accessible to all of our residents and businesses.

YOUR KINDNESS COULD KEEP PEOPLE ON THE STREET



Please help us to make a lasting change by donating to one of our local charities instead.

Our Rough Sleeper Outreach Team works hard to help people turn their lives around and access specialist support and new opportunities.

Working with local homeless charities, Four Streets, 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.

In addition, our Make Your Change Count campaign which encourages people to support these charities rather than give directly to people on the street has been having an impact, with the charities reporting more donations and more volunteers keen to help them in their work. By diverting your giving to these important charities, 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 which will literally transform their lives. www.chichester.gov.uk/makeyourchange



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Who is my councillor?

You may remember, that in our summer issue of initiatives, we introduced you to your new councillors, following the elections in May. If you missed this, and want to know who is representing you, please visit: chichester.moderngov.co.uk/mgFindMember.aspx On this page you can enter in your postcode, or local area and it will provide you with the contact details of your councillor.

Your councillor has been elected to represent you and the people in your local area. If you have any concerns or have a question, they will be able to advise you or signpost you to the correct organisation. Across the district we have 36 councillors in total.

Since our last issue of initiatives, the council's new Chair, Vice-Chair and Cabinet have been announced.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the council lead council meetings and represent the council at civic or ceremonial functions. They also promote the council as a whole and act as a focal point for the community.

Clare Apel, councillor for Chichester West, has taken on the role of the Chair of the council, and **John Cross**, councillor for Fittleworth, is the Vice-Chair.

The Cabinet is a group of councillors who lead on the council's policies, community planning and budget. Each member has a specific area of responsibility.

Adrian Moss, councillor for Harbour Villages, is the Leader of the council and also has responsibility for Regeneration, Estates and Building Services.

Jonathan Brown, councillor for Chichester North, has been made Deputy Leader and is Cabinet Member for Environmental Strategy. Jonathan has responsibility for Environmental Protection; Health Protection; Environmental Strategy; Coastal Protection and Foreshores; Air Quality; Building Control; Dog Control; Noise Pollution; Climate Emergency; Biodiversity and Emergency Planning.

Mark Chilton, councillor for The Witterings, has taken the role of Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate Services and Chichester Contract Services, and is responsible for: Financial Services; Internal Audit & Corporate Investigations; Electoral Services; Land Charges; Facilities; Business Improvement; Democratic Services; Legal; Corporate Policy; ICT; Human Resources

and Chichester Contract Services – Waste & Recycling, Street Cleaning, Cemeteries, Park and Open Spaces.

Tracie Bangert, councillor for Southbourne, is the Cabinet Member for Communities and Wellbeing, and is responsible for: Community Engagement; Safeguarding; Partnerships; Community Safety and CCTV; Choose Work; Health and Wellbeing; Grants and Concessions; Voluntary Sector and Customer Services.

David Betts, councillor for North Mundham and Tangmere, is now Cabinet Member for Housing and Revenues and Benefits and is responsible for: Housing Options; Housing Enabling; Homelessness; Temporary Accommodation; Revenues and Benefits; and Housing Standards.

Bill Brisbane, councillor for Chichester East, has been made Cabinet Member for Planning. He is now responsible for Development Management; Conservation and Design; Building Control; Planning Enforcement; Planning Policy and the Local Plan; The Community Infrastructure Levy; and Neighbourhood Planning.

Jess Brown-Fuller, councillor for Midhurst, is the new Cabinet Member for Culture and Events. She has responsibility for: Licensing; Promotion and Events; Markets and Farmers Market; Communications, Marketing, Sponsorship, and Advertising; Leisure and Sports Development; The Novium Museum and the Tourist Information Centre; Cultural Grants; Consultation and the Website.

Harsha Desai, councillor for Petworth, is now Cabinet Member for Growth and Place. She is responsible for: Economic Development; Car Parks; Public Conveniences; City and Town Co-ordination; Chichester BID; Chichester Vision; Manhood Peninsula Partnership; Bus Shelters. She will also work closely with the Leader on regeneration and with the Deputy Leader on sustainable businesses.

Chichester District Council Chair, Vice-Chair and Cabinet Members



Cllr Clare Apel
Chair



Cllr John Cross
Vice-Chair



Cllr Adrian Moss
Leader



Cllr Jonathan Brown
Deputy Leader and
Cabinet Member for
Environmental Strategy



Cllr Mark Chilton
Cabinet Member for
Finance, Corporate
Services and Chichester
Contract Services



Cllr Tracie Bangert
Cabinet Member for
Communities and
Wellbeing



Cllr David Betts
Cabinet Member for
Housing and Revenues
and Benefits



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