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# Welcome to the summer issue of initiatives



I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Cllr Clare Apel and I have recently been chosen as the new Chairman of the Council. I feel really privileged to carry out this role and can't wait to meet you all in the months and years ahead. I'm no stranger to the council, having been a councillor for Chichester West for 24 years! And over the past four years I was the Vice-Chairman and so I am more than prepared for my new role.

I would like to welcome all of our new Members who were elected in May. If you are unsure of who your local ward councillor is, then we have included a helpful table of all the councillors on pages 18 and 19, together with their contact details should you need to ask them a question or contact them about an issue. You can also find their details at: [chichester.moderngov.co.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx](http://chichester.moderngov.co.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx)

As a council we are looking to further increase our recycling rates, so we have included a special feature on page 14 to 16 which tells you all about where your recycling and waste goes once it's been collected. Thank you to everyone for their part in helping us to recycle as much as possible.

I know that the issue of water quality in and around the Chichester Harbour is of great importance to residents, businesses and visitors, and so we have explained a bit more about the issues around this subject on pages 10 and 11.

Our Supporting You Team has been doing some fantastic work helping people with financial difficulties as a result of the cost-of-living crisis, and so we wanted to highlight some of the ways in which they have been able to help some of the people that they have been working with. You can read about this on pages 4 and 5.

Lastly, I hope that you all have a wonderful summer whether you choose to go away or enjoy being at home. Don't forget that there are lots of amazing events taking place – if you need any ideas then please see our What's On section on pages 12 and 13 and online at [www.chichester.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/whatson)

Best Wishes

Councillor Clare Apel  
Chairman of Chichester District Council

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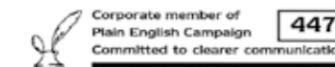
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# Making a difference... our Supporting You team

Since launching last autumn, our Supporting You team has been working hard to make a difference to the lives of many people living across our district.

The team was put in place to help people who are struggling with issues connected to the cost-of-living crisis. They work with services across the council to help people access a range of assistance including financial help to pay bills, help with housing, and health and wellbeing support.

Referrals come from a range of sources, including the council's own contact centre, an organisation called Tello, and from various community events that the team attend across the district, including the UK Harvest Fed and Nourished Community Food Hubs.

Team Leader, Alan Coombs, highlights some of the cases that they have dealt with over the past few months, and the ways that they have been able to support people and transform their lives.

"Since we've started, word has been getting out about the work that we do, and we are now helping a wide range of people across the district," explains Alan. "The way that I describe it is that we are able to 'helicopter' above other services so that we can see what further input our clients need.

"We've also got the time and the privilege to be able to help people and delve a bit more to find out about the struggles that they are facing. Our aim is to support individuals out of their financial difficulties and get them on an even keel and give them the tools to help prevent the situation happening again in

future. We've dealt with a lot of cases in a relatively short space of time, but the ones we've highlighted here are some of the most serious, and most powerful in terms of the immediate impact that our team's support has had on their life. In all these cases, we've been able to help people start afresh which has enabled them to move on positively with their lives."

In one case, the team dealt with someone who was experiencing financial hardship, debt, and their situation was made worse because they did not have access to enough food.

"They have mobility issues and live in an area where it's difficult to access a supermarket, and they also had no internet so they couldn't organise online food orders," explains Alan. "When we spoke to them and delved a bit further, we also found that they didn't have a decent cooker and couldn't afford to replace it. One of the first things we did was contact Southern Water to apply for a white goods grant so that our client could get a new cooker. As a result of this, the company placed them on a social tariff, which has significantly reduced this person's water bills, and crucially we were also able to arrange for a food bank delivery so they had enough food in the cupboard. They are also now receiving ongoing support to help deal with debt issues.



Our Supporting You team

"Another case we dealt with involved someone who had received a final Council Tax reminder notice. It transpired that this person's Universal Credit claim had been interrupted because of a number of health difficulties in the household and was experiencing financial difficulties as a result. Straightaway we were able to support them with a West Sussex County Council Community Support Hub supermarket food voucher and also told them about the UK Harvest Community Food Hub. We also helped them to claim Single Person Discount and Council Tax Reduction which significantly reduced their debts and we also recommended that they apply for a reduced broadband tariff."

The team also supported someone who had been served with an eviction notice to leave their privately rented property because their rent was overdue. Initially, they contacted the council for help with accommodation and was then referred to the Supporting You Team because they were struggling with debt.

"Council Tax records didn't show them as a single occupant so were able to help them claim this discount which was also backdated," explains Alan. "In addition, health problems meant this person had not been dealing with their debt related issues. The most important thing that we were able to do was to ensure the resident could continue living in their rented property. We worked with the housing officer to come up with a solution to help clear the rent arrears. We then liaised with the agent who was dealing with the property and asked if they could stop the eviction as there was a way of resolving the situation.

"We also supported the resident with issues around claiming their pension, and we were also able to contact their credit card companies to put a hold on any action for a month, while repayment options were put in place and we also referred to the Household Support Fund for support with their energy costs.

"Very often people don't know about the support they are entitled to, or because of various issues in their lives are too stressed to be able to see a way out. It has been hugely rewarding for the team to help people get back to a place where they can sleep easier and feel more secure in their lives."

## Tello

In addition, the team has also been working with a third-party organisation called Tello, they use technology compassionately to help organisations identify customers who may be vulnerable and need extra help. Chichester District Council uses the scheme as an early intervention tool with customers who have missed a council tax payment. If a payment has been missed, it sends the individual a text message asking them if they are okay and then invites them to take part in a virtual conversation, asking a series of questions which then helps highlight any help that they may need. Where the customer responds the Supporting You team engages with them to help find a solution to the issues causing their financial difficulties.

You can contact the Supporting You Team by visiting [www.chichester.gov.uk/supportingyouteam](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/supportingyouteam), by emailing [supportingyou@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:supportingyou@chichester.gov.uk) or by calling 01243 534860.



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# Welcome to Midhurst

If you haven't visited Midhurst for a while, then you may be interested to know that this historic town has more than 100 independent shops, cafés and restaurants, with many hidden off the main street, and they are all looking forward to seeing you this month.

You may not be aware, but the town has an excellent farmers' market that takes place in the medieval Market Square, on the first Saturday of the month from 9am until 2pm throughout the year. You can find out more details at: [midhurst-tc.gov.uk/midhurst-farmers-market](http://midhurst-tc.gov.uk/midhurst-farmers-market)

In addition, Midhurst will also be hosting a Vintage Fair in the Market Square on Saturday 22 July from 10am to 4pm.

You'll find that Midhurst's shops offer everything from fashion to home decor, both vintage and modern, as well as unique gifts and furniture sourced from all over the globe. There are fashion boutiques and jewellers, watch and clock repair specialists as well as an excellent toy shop. Alongside a traditional butcher and greengrocers, there are also fine delicatessens, an artisan real ale and fine wine shop, locally made ice cream and artisan chocolates.

And when you've finished a spot of retail therapy, you'll find a variety of charming cafés and restaurants – most with al fresco seating – as well as several traditional pubs where you can sit and

enjoy a delicious meal. And don't forget, from Monday to Saturday there's up to two hours' free parking a day at The Grange Centre car park and one hour free per day in both the Post Office and North Street car parks.

Visitors can also view the ruins of Cowdray House, one of England's most important early Tudor houses, which through the centuries has had many links to royalty. The ruins are situated just a few minutes' walk from the town centre.

You can enjoy a stroll up St Ann's Hill, the former home of Midhurst's Norman castle. Overlooking the River Rother, you can enjoy peace and tranquillity and see the remains of the castle earthworks.

If you want to get out and about in the countryside, then Midhurst makes the perfect base to visit Woolbeding Gardens or explore the beauty of the South Downs National Park, which has its headquarters in the town.

Go to [www.visitmidhurst.com](http://www.visitmidhurst.com) for more information about Midhurst – you can also find plenty of ideas at The Great Sussex Way: [www.thegreatsussexway.org](http://www.thegreatsussexway.org) including how to spend 48 hours in Midhurst, at: [www.thegreatsussexway.org/about-the-area/midhurst/48-hours-in-midhurst/](http://www.thegreatsussexway.org/about-the-area/midhurst/48-hours-in-midhurst/)

## Midhurst – events

### Summer Street Party

The town's annual Summer Street Party will take place on Saturday 26 August, 11am-3pm in Midhurst's Old Town. The event will be a day of music, stalls, fairground rides and much more.

### Cowdray Gold Cup

The biggest event in Midhurst is the Cowdray Gold Cup – which culminates in the Gold Cup Final on Sunday July 23. For details and tickets see: [cowdraypolo.co.uk/gold-cup](http://cowdraypolo.co.uk/gold-cup)

### MADhurst

This popular arts festival celebrating creativity in Midhurst features a huge variety of talks, concerts, comedy, theatre performances and workshops – there is literally something for everyone. The festival runs throughout August. Find out more at [www.madhurst.co.uk](http://www.madhurst.co.uk)

### Midhurst's Artisan Makers & Vintage Fair

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# Check who's looking after your animal



## In 2018, new laws came into force requiring more animal related businesses to be licensed in order to improve standards in animal welfare.

If you're planning to pay someone to care for your dog or cat while you are away, then our Environmental Protection team strongly encourages you to ensure you are choosing a licensed and reputable provider.

If you are paying for your dog or cat to stay overnight or longer, at a kennel, cattery, or with a home boarder then the person providing the service must be licensed. If you pay for them to stay somewhere away from your home for the day – perhaps while you are at work – then this is known as day care, which is also licensable. Pet sitters, who come to your own home to look after your pets, do not require a licence.

By using licensed premises, you will have the peace of mind that it has been inspected by our Environmental Health team to check that all legal welfare standards are met.

Dog day care and kennels should also have their licence on display, and as a council we ask businesses to have these on display for customers. You shouldn't have to ask, but if you can't easily see the licence, then we encourage you to ask to see it.

We also encourage people using day care, home boarding and kennels to check our Current Animal Licence Register at [www.chichester.gov.uk/animallicences](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/animallicences)

If you aren't sure, do please give us a call on **01243 534598** or email [environmentalprotect@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalprotect@chichester.gov.uk) and we will be happy to check for you.

If you're concerned and think that a business is not licensed, then please report this at: [www.chichester.gov.uk/reportallegedunlicensedpremises](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/reportallegedunlicensedpremises) and we will investigate.

### What about dog walkers?

Dog walkers are not currently licensed, but if you are employing someone as a dog walker we would encourage you to check what kind of experience they will be providing for your animal and to make sure that you are completely happy before making a booking.

We suggest asking questions such as how many dogs will be with the dog walker when they walk your dog; will they be on or off lead; and, where will they be walking your dog? You should also expect them to ask you a few questions about your dog, such as what its recall is like and how it behaves with other dogs. It is positive and reassuring if someone wants to know about your animal as it demonstrates that they are considering the individual animal and anything that could impact on its wellbeing.

### Dog Breeders

Dog breeders – including those registered with the Kennel Club – must be licensed if they sell the puppies. Our Environmental Protection Team carry out regular unannounced inspections so that they can talk to the operators in detail about what they do and the experience that they provide for animals, as well as what staff training they provide and checking their record keeping, including immunisations.

### Tips when buying a puppy or kitten

We encourage people to cross reference any advert that they are responding to with the breeder. You also have the right to see the animal you are considering purchasing in its bred environment. Our top three musts are:

- visit your puppy and see it interacting with its mother before agreeing to buy.
- ask to see a copy of the breeder's licence.
- check that your puppy is micro-chipped and vaccinated.

Puppies should also come with details about puppy care for the breed and a vaccination certificate.

You should never be placed under pressure to make a purchase or feel that you need to rescue a puppy from a poor environment. You could just be funding illegal activity. If you have any concerns you can report them here: [www.chichester.gov.uk/article/36757/Report-a-dog-control-problem](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/36757/Report-a-dog-control-problem)

### Action to combat illegal dog breeding

Our officers work with the Police and the RSPCA to tackle illegal breeding and poor welfare. In April, we were part of a joint operation which led to 54 dogs being removed from a property in Hambrook, just outside Chichester.

### Stray dogs

Many stray dogs are lost pets that need re-uniting with their owners. However, we do have cases where dogs are deliberately let free, either left by the roadside or let out of vehicles, after they have been used for breeding. Recently we had a case of a dog left in a crate by the side of the road in Funtington, just outside Chichester.

Stray dogs can cause road accidents, attacks on other dogs and people, nuisance from fouling, or they may come to harm. All dogs out in public should be wearing a collar with the owner's details on. If you come across a stray dog, the first step is to check its collar for the owner's

details and contact them directly – this is normally the quickest way to re-unite them, or you can try community social media for lost and found animals.

If the animal doesn't have a collar, then if you are able to please take it to a vet to get it scanned for a microchip to find the owner's details. If there is no microchip, then again, if you are able to, please call **023 9268 8181** to arrange to take it to the kennels that we use in Portsmouth. You can find out more at: [www.chichester.gov.uk/reportastraydog](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/reportastraydog)

If you have lost a dog, then Sussex SAR (Search and Rescue) For Dogs may be able to help: [www.sussexsarforlostdogs.org.uk](http://www.sussexsarforlostdogs.org.uk)

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# Working together to protect Chichester Harbour



Chichester Harbour is incredibly important to the council, its residents, and visitors – and this is why we are working closely with our partners to help protect it for years to come.

With climate change, wastewater and nutrient neutrality issues, there are numerous challenges that need to be tackled. We want to bring you up to date with the issues and the action that is being taken by a variety of agencies.

## Wastewater

### Why do water companies discharge sewage into open water?

Many houses in the UK are connected to a combined sewer system. This type of system was first introduced in the Victorian period and is designed to collect rainwater runoff, domestic sewage, and industrial wastewater in the same pipe. Most of the time, combined sewer systems transport all of their wastewater to a sewage treatment plant, where it is treated and then discharged to a water body.

When we get significant rainfall, this can have a massive impact on the sewers with an influx of over 90% of surface water into the sewer. This is why when the normal operating capacity is exceeded, water companies are legally allowed to discharge this 'overflow' into open water, in order to prevent the wastewater backing up the network and flooding properties.

The use of such overflows is monitored by the Environment Agency, and each water company must state on their website when this happens. Unfortunately, due to climate change, we have been seeing heavier downfalls, and this makes this situation significantly worse. Solving these issues is a huge task and is likely to take years to achieve. Various work is being carried out to reduce sewer flooding, including measures to 'slow the flow'. These include catchment and nature-based solutions; separating rainwater from waste water; installing water butts and green roofs in urban settings; and introducing

Sustainable Drainage Systems on new developments. As a result of pressure from local authorities, Southern Water is investing £2.9 million over the next 25 years to stop more than 500 overflows. The company has set targets to improve 155 overflows and avoid 4,600 spills by 2030.

When new houses are built they have more up-to-date sewage systems, which means that the rainwater and sewage are more effectively separated and so they do not have the same impact on stormwater overflows.

Ensuring the right infrastructure is in place can take time, but through the Local Plan process, water supply and drainage are a significant area of consideration.

The investments and targets by Southern Water are for the whole of their area not just Chichester District.

The Environment Agency and Ofwat are the agencies that monitor and regulate water companies and their actions.

### Is wastewater the main source of nitrate pollution in Chichester Harbour?

You may be surprised to know that research shows that wastewater from treatment plants is responsible for only about 10% of nitrogen entering Chichester Harbour. A much larger proportion (40%) runs off surrounding farmland, as a result of processes in most agricultural production. Other contributors include, waste from boats, urban drainage – including run off from roads – private drainage systems and, industrial effluents.

### Are water companies consulted when planning applications are submitted for new developments?

Water companies are consulted on waste capacity and disposal issues for major

developments. Developers pay the water company to connect to the mains sewer system. The water company may need to upgrade the sewer system to accommodate new development and temporary measures to dispose of waste may be necessary until upgrades have been completed. For example, at Minerva Heights waste has been taken away by tanker in advance of the development being connected to the Tangmere Wastewater Treatment Works.

We are also working with Havant Borough Council to participate in a study that will review data used in calculating capacity of sewage treatment works. We believe that there are benefits to working jointly to ensure a consistent approach to understanding the available capacity at wastewater treatment works that serve development in both areas.

## What is being done to improve things?

### Three Harbours Group

Southern Water has created a Three Harbours Summit, which involves representatives from the council and other local authorities, along with RSPB Pagham Harbour and relevant agencies such as Natural England, the Environment Agency, Chichester Harbour Conservancy, Langstone Harbour Board and Sussex Wildlife Trust. This is a positive step towards working together to help improve the harbour for future years to come. The aim is that this group will have a positive impact on Southern Water's five-year investment plan. Every five years, each water company has to produce one. Once completed, this is sent to Ofwat, which determines if it agrees with the proposals put forward and the costs associated with it.

### Planning for the future

Following concerns the council has previously raised, we have been holding constructive meetings with Southern Water and the Environment Agency. Southern Water has agreed to work with us on identifying the improvements that need

to be made. Since then, a Statement of Common Ground (a statement setting out the current position and a range of potential mitigation measures, such as reducing groundwater infiltration into sewers, increasing water supply, increasing water efficiency in homes and businesses, and further investment in enhancements to wastewater treatment and/or transferring flow to alternative discharge locations) has been agreed by Southern Water, the Environment Agency and the council in relation to the council's emerging Local Plan. Southern Water is currently preparing a Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan and is due to bring forward improvements.

### Nutrient neutrality in new homes

New houses that have the potential to increase nitrates within the harbour, either because it would drain via the mains sewer system to Thornham, Appledram, or Bosham Wastewater Treatment Works, or because it has a non-mains drainage system (such as a package treatment plant) that discharges to a watercourse leading to the harbour, will only be granted planning permission if nutrient neutrality can be achieved. This means new development does not increase the amount of nitrogen in the harbour and ensures new development does not impact upon the condition of the harbour.

## Protecting and enhancing habitats

### Working together

As a council, we are part of a long-term partnership initiative called Chichester Harbour Protection and Recovery of Nature

(CHaPRoN) to help respond to the increasing pressures on Chichester Harbour.

The partnership's key objective is to protect, enhance and drive recovery of the natural environment within Chichester Harbour and help create a landscape more resilient to climate change.

The aim is to increase biodiversity, protect and restore fragile coastal ecosystems, maximise the benefits that society gains from the natural environment, connect people and communities with nature and develop sustainable solutions to support nature recovery for generations to come.

Due to the significant decline in saltmarsh, seagrass and native oysters within the harbour we're initially focusing on these ecologically important subtidal and intertidal habitats, with our remit extending to the wider nature recovery network over time.

Saltmarshes are crucial to the functioning of the estuarine and coastal ecosystems that contain them. They are natural communities that contain nationally rare species of plants and invertebrates. The remaining saltmarshes are of international conservation importance, largely because of their significance in the estuaries used by resident, migrating and overwintering birds. Over 51,000 birds feed, rest and breed at the harbour, and during the winter months and they rely on the saltmarshes for their food. This is why the group is focusing on solutions to protect and restore our saltmarshes. Saltmarshes have been eroding across the south coast for the past 50 years and this is something that has become a problem, largely due to coastal squeeze, which is caused by rising sea levels meeting immovable sea walls.

The group's approach is partnership-based, bringing people, organisations and communities together, aligning interests and creating innovative and adaptable solutions to enable nature and people to thrive in harmony.

### Wildlife corridors

We are incredibly lucky to live and work in such a beautiful and biodiverse area, and we want to keep it that way. The Local Plan looks to identify areas that need to be protected, such as valued countryside, wildlife corridors, and open spaces. We have also brought forward a policy to protect wildlife corridors, which is the first time this type of initiative has been introduced. The wildlife corridors aim to link the wildlife areas in the Chichester Harbour to the South Downs National Park. We are also running an enhancement project alongside this, which will deliver on ground habitat improvements with willing landowners within the wildlife corridors. Examples include: planting trees, creating wildflower meadows, introducing ponds, and installing bat boxes and barn owl boxes. We have also been working closely with Network Rail, who have also introduced enhancements along their railway estate that falls within the wildlife corridors.

The Local Plan also takes into account the impacts of climate change, including the importance of mitigating flood risk associated with new development. The National Planning Policy Framework puts a requirement on developers to consider the impacts of existing and future flood risk, from all sources including sea and rivers, for the lifetime of a development.

## Who is responsible for what?

**Sewage and wastewater**  
Southern Water [www.southernwater.co.uk](http://www.southernwater.co.uk)

**Regulating water companies**  
Ofwat [www.ofwat.gov.uk](http://www.ofwat.gov.uk)

**Environment Agency**  
[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency)

**Management of Chichester Harbour**  
Chichester Harbour Conservancy  
[www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk)

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Chichester Cathedral  
[www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events)

### CCC

Chichester Chamber Concerts  
[www.chichesterchamberconcerts.com](http://www.chichesterchamberconcerts.com)

### CFT

Chichester Festival Theatre  
[www.cft.org.uk](http://www.cft.org.uk)

### DS

Discover Selsey  
[www.destinationselsey.co.uk](http://www.destinationselsey.co.uk)

### ME

Mulberry Marine Experiences  
[info@mulberry-me.co.uk](mailto:info@mulberry-me.co.uk)  
01243 601000 or  
[www.mulberry-me.co.uk/marine-ecology/beam-cleans](http://www.mulberry-me.co.uk/marine-ecology/beam-cleans)

### NOV

The Novium Museum  
01243 775888 or  
[www.thenovium.org](http://www.thenovium.org)

### RSPB

RSPB Pagham  
[events.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour](http://events.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour)

### WD

The Weald & Downland Living Museum  
01243 811363 or  
[www.wealddown.co.uk](http://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

### 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.

### Chichester Farmers' Market

21 July, 4, 18 August, 1, 15 September, and 6 and 20 October. North and East Street, Chichester

### Midhurst Farmers' Market

First Saturday of the month in Market Square, Midhurst, 9am-2pm

### New Park Community & Arts Centre

Offering a wide variety of arts, sports, community events and activities throughout the year. See more at [www.newparkcentre.org.uk/whatson](http://www.newparkcentre.org.uk/whatson) or email facilities/booking enquires to [operations@newparkcentre.org.uk](mailto:operations@newparkcentre.org.uk)

### 10 July

**Petworth Festival opening church service.** Speaking will be the composer, Ned Bingham. 6.30-7.30pm. St. Mary's Church, GU28 0AD. [www.petworthfestival.org.uk](http://www.petworthfestival.org.uk)

### 10 July

**Chichester Creative Textiles talk.** Suzanne Boulter: From Grass Skirts to Saris – World Textiles. Lavant Memorial Hall. [angelaeaston4@gmail.com](mailto:angelaeaston4@gmail.com)

### 15 July, 19 August, 16 September, 21 October

**Monthly Market** – The Grange Community and Leisure Centre, Midhurst. 8.30am-2pm.

### 15 July

**Petworth Festival Concert.** Featuring The Aska Quartet. 12noon. Tillington Parish Church, GU28 9AF. [www.petworthfestival.org.uk](http://www.petworthfestival.org.uk)

### 15 & 16 July

**Stansted Summer Festival.** Events, re-enactments, vendors, and food and drink. [www.stanstedpark.co.uk/stansted-summer-festival](http://www.stanstedpark.co.uk/stansted-summer-festival)

### 16 & 19 July

**Oklahoma! Film.** Chichester Cinema at New Park. [www.chichestercinema.org](http://www.chichestercinema.org)

### 16 July, 3 September

**Toy Fair.** 9.45am-1.15pm. The Grange Community and Leisure Centre, Midhurst.

### 19 to 23 July

**Circus Zyair.** Brand new show for 2023 at Oaklands Park. [www.circus-zyair.co.uk](http://www.circus-zyair.co.uk)

### 20 July

**Beyond the Book: an evening talk.** How books are adapted to create multiverses where multimedia collide. Accompanies the Magic of Middle-earth exhibition. NOV

### 22 July

**Midhurst Vintage Fair.** Market Square, Midhurst. 10am-4pm.

### 23 July, 13 August, 24 September, 29 October

**Indoor Car Boot sale.** 10am-1pm. The Grange Community and Leisure Centre, Midhurst.

### 24 July

**Air Aces talks** – Aviation around Poole Bay, 1910 – 1976. 7.30pm. Chichester Park Hotel, PO19 7QL. £7. 01243 823007 or [www.airaces.org.uk](http://www.airaces.org.uk)

### 24 July – 26 August

**Rock Follies.** Musical based on the iconic 1970s TV series about an all-female rock band. CFT

**25, 27 July & 1, 10, 15, 24 August Discovery Day.** Discover different creatures living around Pagham Harbour. 10.30am. RSPB

### 27 July & 8 August

**Mudlarks and crafts!** What's in the mud of Pagham Harbour? 10.30am. £4 per child/£3 members. RSPB

### 30 July

**Jazz Gin & Blues.** Enjoy a stellar line-up of jazz and blues artists. 12noon-8pm. Loxwood meadow. [www.jazzginblues.co.uk](http://www.jazzginblues.co.uk)

### 30 July to 6 August

**Selsey Lifeboat Week.** All events in aid of Selsey RNLI. All enquiries to [edb.mli@gmail.com](mailto:edb.mli@gmail.com) or call 07946 176480.

### 4 – 19 August

**A Midsummer Night's Dream.** Chichester Festival Youth Theatre perform Shakespeare's romantic comedy in West Dean Gardens. CFT

### 4, 5, 6 August

**Open Air Screenings at Priory Park.** [www.chichestercinema.org/priory-park-open-air-screenings-revealed](http://www.chichestercinema.org/priory-park-open-air-screenings-revealed)

### 4, 9, 30 August

**Marine Life Walk.** Treasure hunting marine residents in the intertidal zone. ME

### 5, 6, 12 & 13 August

**The Loxwood Joust.** An immersive medieval and jousting festival. 10am-6pm. Loxwood Meadow. [www.loxwoodjoust.co.uk](http://www.loxwoodjoust.co.uk)

**5 August, 3 September, 1 October Beach Cleans in Selsey.** All equipment provided. ME

### 5 August

**Lavant Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show.** 2pm. Lavant Memorial Hall. Free.

### 7 August

**The Elvish School of Middle-earth.** The Novium Museum opens its doors to the Elvish School of Middle-earth for young wizards. Children aged 6+. NOV

### 10 – 27 August

**Chichester International Film Festival.** Chichester Cinema at New Park. [www.chichesterfilmfestival.co.uk](http://www.chichesterfilmfestival.co.uk)

### 13 August

**Ronnie Scott's Jazz Documentary** followed by Live Jazz Gig. Chichester Cinema at New Park. 7.30pm. [www.chichestercinema.org/whats-on](http://www.chichestercinema.org/whats-on)

### 15 August

**Ultimate Elton and the Rocket Band.** 3.30-10.30pm. Stansted Park. [www.stanstedpark.co.uk/elton-john-tribute](http://www.stanstedpark.co.uk/elton-john-tribute)

### 17 August

**Swifts, raptors and other amazing birds.** Discover the birds that call the harbour home and make raptor artwork. £4 per child/£3 members. 10.30am. RSPB

### 17 August

**Tolkien, fairy tale and place.** Talk accompanying The Magic of Middle-earth exhibition. 6.30pm (doors open at 5pm). NOV

### 19 August

**The Proms at Stansted Park.** 3.30-10pm [www.stanstedpark.co.uk/promsspectacular](http://www.stanstedpark.co.uk/promsspectacular)

### 21 August

**Air Aces talks** – Royal International Air Tattoo RIAT, the Fun and the Challenges. 7.30pm. Chichester Park Hotel, PO19 7QL. 01243 823007 or [www.airaces.org.uk](http://www.airaces.org.uk)

**31 August, 4 September, 27 October Shore Search – Intertidal Survey.** Help build a baseline of data on the wildlife living in the intertidal ecosystem around Sussex. ME

### 10 September, 5 November.

**Antique and Collectors Fair.** 10am-4pm. The Grange Community and Leisure Centre, Midhurst. [www.grandmasatticfairs.co.uk](http://www.grandmasatticfairs.co.uk)

### 11 September

**What are you doing for Christmas?** – Chichester Creative Textiles. Lavant Memorial Hall. [angelaeaston4@gmail.com](mailto:angelaeaston4@gmail.com)

### 12 September

**Chichester Legal Walk.** A 10km sponsored walk to raise funds for provision of free legal advice. 4.30pm. [londonlegalsupporttrust.org.uk/our-events/walks-in-the-south-east/chichester-legal-walk-2023](http://londonlegalsupporttrust.org.uk/our-events/walks-in-the-south-east/chichester-legal-walk-2023)

### 13 September

**Lavant Horticultural Society 'Arboretum: The Story of Growing Trees in the British Isle'.** Talk. 7.30pm. Lavant Memorial Hall. [suejackson23@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:suejackson23@tiscali.co.uk) or [help@lavanthortsoc.org.uk](mailto:help@lavanthortsoc.org.uk)

### 16 & 17 September

**Petworth Open Heritage Weekend.** Petworth House, Petworth Cottage Museum and Coultershaw Heritage site open for free. [www.petworthheritage.org](http://www.petworthheritage.org)

### 16 & 17 September

**Made by Hand** – Heritage Craft and Skills Weekend. Explore heritage crafts from past to present. 10.30am-6pm. WD

### 16, 29, September & 15 October

**Marine Life Walk.** Treasure hunting marine residents in the intertidal zone. [www.mulberry-me.co.uk/marine-ecology/marine-life-walks.html](http://www.mulberry-me.co.uk/marine-ecology/marine-life-walks.html). ME

### 28 September

**Talks at Six:** Immigration and Multi Culturalism by David Davies. 6pm. Bassil Shippam Centre, PO19 7LG. [talksatsix.co.uk/talks](http://talksatsix.co.uk/talks)

### 1 October

**The Chichester Festival of Running.** [www.everyoneactive.com/news/chichester-half-marathon](http://www.everyoneactive.com/news/chichester-half-marathon)

### 15 October, 3 December

**Antique and Collectors Fair.** 10am-4pm, Westgate Leisure Centre, Chichester. [www.grandmasatticfairs.co.uk](http://www.grandmasatticfairs.co.uk)

### 22 October

**Collectomania.** 10am-4pm. The Grange Community and Leisure Centre, Midhurst.

## Resilience in Clay.

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**CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL**  
12TH JUNE – 31ST AUGUST 2023

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[CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK](http://CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK)



## chichester festival theatre

WIN TICKETS to  
Rodgers & Hammerstein's

# The Sound of Music

Win a pair of tickets to the Gala Performance of Chichester Festival Theatre's summer spectacular *The Sound of Music* on Friday 28 July at 7pm

Email [hello@cft.org.uk](mailto:hello@cft.org.uk) with your name, contact details and the subject line 'Initiatives Prize Draw' by Friday 21 July 2023.

T&Cs: Prize tickets are valid on the performance stated only and are non-transferable. The winner will be contacted on Monday 24 July 2023. By entering this competition you agree to be contacted by Chichester Festival Theatre (CFT) about productions, events, offers and ways in which you can support the work of CFT.

# Think before you throw

Do you know where the contents of your household bins end up? Here in Chichester District, we empty recycling and waste bins from households, as well as collecting other materials such as garden waste, small electricals, textiles, and even coffee pods. But have you ever stopped to think about what happens to them once they have been collected from your home?

We're working with West Sussex County Council and our colleagues in the West Sussex Waste Partnership to show you what happens to this material, and why it's so important to get the right item in the right bin. Together, we are asking you to 'Think Before You Throw'.

We also want to say a massive thank you to all our residents for the amount they are recycling. Last year, we reused and recycled more than 22,000 tonnes of waste and increased our recycling rate to over 47%. We couldn't have done it without you.

We know that little reminders can help and hope that our new 'Think Before your Throw' campaign will help you to continue to reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible.



## Where does my recycling and waste go?

There are lots of people involved in taking away your recycling and waste. Our collection crews empty your recycling and waste bins and can collect other special items. West Sussex County Council, alongside Biffa, manage all the transfer stations, recycling centres and processing sites across West Sussex.

### Recycling

Everything collected from your recycling bin is taken by our crews to a transfer station at Westhampnett, located next to the recycling centre. Here, the material from several vehicles is combined and transported to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Ford in a large lorry.

The MRF processes a whole range of items including:

- aerosols, foil, cans and tins;
- plastic pots, tubs and trays of all colours;
- bottles with tops on; plus,
- glass bottles and jars, cartons, paper and card.

Automated machinery is used to separate the materials out for recycling so you don't have to. All we ask is that the material is placed in your recycling bin clean, dry and loose and we will recycle them. The machine cannot sort anything that is tied up in a bag.

Once sorted, the separated materials are baled up and sent off to reprocessors to be recycled into new materials. These can be anywhere from the UK, to Europe and the far east, depending on the material type. The reason materials go all around the

world is based on the need for these raw materials. For example, paper and card are needed as new packing materials.

### General Waste

As with the recycling, general waste is taken to the transfer station at Westhampnett. From there, the large lorries move the combined waste up to the Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) facility in Warnham, near Horsham.

Using a crane grab, it's then dropped into a shredder and moved on conveyor belts to start the first stage of processing, known as mechanical pre-treatment.

This process separates the waste into four types:

- Biodegradable waste (such as food waste)
- Refuse derived fuel (RDF) (such as paper, plastic, cardboard and textiles)
- Metals
- Inert materials (such as bricks, glass and rubble)

The biodegradable waste is treated through a process called hydrolysis, which begins breaking down the material. It is pumped into anaerobic digestors which help turn it into biogas, and the remaining material becomes a compost-like material which can be used as a replacement for soil in land or landfill restoration.

The RDF can be combusted to give off energy and can be used as fuel in energy recovery facilities to produce electricity.

Very little material that is collected as general waste in Chichester District is sent to landfill, in fact the landfill rate for the whole of West Sussex is just 7%.



# Want to recycle more at home?



## Garden Waste

We offer a fortnightly collection service where you can recycle your garden waste in a convenient and cost-effective way. The service continues to grow in popularity. We do make a small charge for this but those who already use the service find it very useful. If you are interested in signing up, visit [www.chichester.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

Once collected, we deliver your garden waste to The Woodhorn Group, which is a family run 1,500-acre organic arable and dairy farm based in Oving, just outside Chichester.

Here, the garden waste is converted into compost, with a large amount of it being spread over farmland as a replacement for artificial fertilizer. The process of turning your green waste into compost takes a total of 14 weeks!

If you don't want to sign up to the garden recycling service, try home composting, or take your garden waste to your local recycling centre where it is also sent for composting at The Woodhorn Group.



## Textiles and small electricals

We're currently trialling a free kerbside collection service for your unwanted textiles and broken small electrical items. The trial covers around 75% of households in Chichester District. To find out what items we can accept and how to book your collection slot, please go to: [www.chichester.gov.uk/textileandelectricalrecycling](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/textileandelectricalrecycling)

## Bulky items

We can help you get rid of household items that are too big to move and dispose of and ensure as much of the material is recycled as possible. All you need to do is to make a booking by visiting: [www.chichester.gov.uk/bulkywaste](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/bulkywaste)

## Coffee pods

You can now recycle your used coffee pods using our dedicated collection service delivered in partnership with Podback. More and more people in Chichester District are recycling their coffee pods using this service. Join them today by simply registering at [www.podback.org](http://www.podback.org)

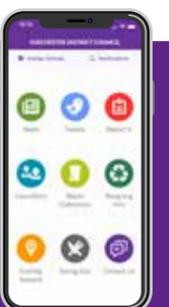
Podback will confirm your free subscription and send you bags and an instruction leaflet. When your bag(s) are full, just let us know by booking a collection slot online at [www.chichester.gov.uk/podback](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/podback) and our team will come and collect.



## Want to know more?

The West Sussex Waste Partnership have produced a series of videos to show what happens to the materials you put into your kerbside bins, where your recycling goes, and why reducing the amount of waste you produce is so important. Visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/ThinkBeforeYouThrow](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/ThinkBeforeYouThrow)

If you are unsure of how to dispose of any items, you can also download the Chichester District Council app, find out more at: [www.chichester.gov.uk/chichesterdcapp](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/chichesterdcapp)



# What can I put in my recycling bin?

Items should be Clean, Dry and Loose  
**Not tied up in plastic bags!**

	✓ Yes please	✗ No thanks
 Paper & card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junk mail</li> <li>Cereal and egg boxes</li> <li>Newspapers and magazines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shredded paper</li> <li>Paper towels</li> <li>Tissues</li> <li>Polystyrene cups</li> </ul>
 foil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean takeaway containers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foil trays</li> <li>Tin foil</li> </ul>
 glass bottles & jars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wine bottles</li> <li>Beer bottles</li> <li>Perfume bottles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jam jars</li> <li>Sauce jars</li> <li>Pyrex<sup>®</sup></li> <li>Drinking glasses and crockery</li> </ul>
 metal cans & aerosols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food cans</li> <li>Drink cans</li> <li>Pet food cans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empty aerosols</li> <li>Biscuit and sweet tins</li> <li>Cables</li> <li>Batteries</li> <li>Electrical items</li> </ul>
 cartons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fruit juice cartons</li> <li>Custard cartons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soup cartons</li> <li>Milk cartons</li> </ul>
 plastic bottles & containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Milk/drinks bottles</li> <li>Bathroom/laundry bottles and tubs</li> <li>Moulded plastic packaging</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food, fruit and ready meal pots, tubs and trays</li> <li>Plastic container lid</li> </ul> <p>Squash your empty plastic bottles and replace the lid before they go into the recycling bin.</p>



Contact 01243 642106 for more information visit [westsussex.gov.uk/recycling](http://westsussex.gov.uk/recycling)



## Could your skills and experience help change a child's life?

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# Who is your District Councillor?

The political make up of the council as of May 2023 is: Liberal Democrats 25, Conservatives 5, Local Alliance 4 and Green Party 2.

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# CRACKING DOWN ON FLY TIPPING

We have been working with a variety of government agencies to crack down on fly tipping through a series of joint operations.



In February, we joined Sussex Police; His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC); the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA); and, the Environment Agency to stop and check commercial vehicles that were potentially carrying waste. Within a two-hour period, 40 vehicles were stopped and checked – from small vans to flatbed lorries and skip lorries.

Using the powers from all five agencies, action was taken to make sure that commercial operators were legally operating and disposing of waste responsibly. Two businesses not registered to carry waste were told to register as Licensed Waste Carriers within 10 days or face fines of up to £3,000. Fourteen Duty of Care inspections were carried out to check where waste materials had come from, where it was being disposed of, and check the accompanying documentation. Six vehicles were given advisories regarding load limits and lights. One vehicle tested positive for contaminated fuel and a further vehicle was seized for not having insurance. A driver was also warned about having an illegal number plate; and another vehicle owner was issued with a summons for having no insurance.

Due to the success of this approach, further joint operations are planned to take place on a regular basis.

"We're very pleased with the results achieved from this joint operation," says Alison Stevens, Chichester District Council's Divisional Manager for Environment. "These joint action days aim to disrupt the activities of those looking to fly tip materials in our beautiful district and to ensure that potential fly tipplers know that there will be consequences. Similar events have also been taking place in other parts of the

county, including Arun and Horsham, and by working together with other agencies we are able to be more effective and target areas where we know that there is an issue with fly tipping."

## YOU COULD FACE A FINE IF YOUR RUBBISH IS FLY TIPPED...

### We're against fly tipping – are you?

Fly tipping is an offence that we take very seriously. Not only does it ruin the landscape of our beautiful district, but it also poses an environmental risk and costs more than £350,000 of taxpayers' money to clear up every year.

### Your rubbish, your responsibility

One of the most important things you can do is to make sure that anyone you employ to remove and dispose of your excess household waste is licensed as a waste carrier with the Environment Agency.

By law, you are responsible for any waste produced on your property – known as your 'duty of care'. It means that whether you've finished a DIY project; been clearing out unwanted household items; or, have been busy sprucing up your garden, it's down to you to make sure that your waste is disposed of safely and legally.

If you ask someone to remove your waste, it's vital that you use a licensed waste carrier and ask for a waste transfer note as evidence. If you don't do this, and your waste is fly tipped, you could receive a fixed penalty notice of up to £300 for not disposing of your waste properly, such as through a licensed waste carrier. The person who dumped the waste will also be fined.

## CHECK IF YOUR WASTE CARRIER IS LICENSED

1. Check their waste carrier licence number on the Environment Agency's register of waste carriers [environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers](https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers) or call 03708 506506.

This licence is different to a household waste permit issued by West Sussex County Council.

2. If they do not have a licence, do not use them.
3. If they do, ask to see their waste carrier licence and make a note of their vehicle registration number.
4. Ask what will happen to your waste.
5. Make sure that you get a waste transfer note and receipt for your waste – keep these as proof.



## TAKE YOUR WASTE TO A REGISTERED SITE

Find your nearest site and its opening times at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/)



## Expert advice on paying for care

Long-term care in your own home or in a residential care home is expensive, but with expert advice from independent financial specialists, Carewise can help you to make informed decisions on choosing and paying for the right care.

The Carewise care fees specialists are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and members of the Society of Later Life Advisers, so you can have peace of mind when discussing your finances.

Carewise could also help to protect your finances for the future. Contact Carewise to find out how you could benefit.



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# Electric vehicle charging points

Did you know that a county-wide project to install EV (electric vehicle) charging points in the Chichester District is gathering pace?



The project is being led by West Sussex County Council with their selected partner Connected Kerb.

If you live on a street where Connected Kerb are planning to install on-street charging points, they will put a leaflet through the doors of those residents who are directly affected to let them know what is being proposed. Please do keep a look out for information coming through your letterbox over the coming months about the scheme.

To find out where bays are being installed, Connected Kerb have produced a map which can be found at: [www.connectedkerb.com/charge-your-car/community-pages/west-sussex-chargepoint-network](http://www.connectedkerb.com/charge-your-car/community-pages/west-sussex-chargepoint-network)

Connected Kerb are also welcoming ideas from businesses, community organisations and residents about other possible locations. Although they can't guarantee that a charge point will be

installed in the location suggested, it will help them to map EV charge point demand for West Sussex. Simply go to [www.connectedkerb.com/charge-your-car/community-pages/west-sussex-chargepoint-network](http://www.connectedkerb.com/charge-your-car/community-pages/west-sussex-chargepoint-network) and click on the green 'register your interest' button to submit your suggested locations.

If you have any questions about the scheme, please email: [EVchargepoints@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:EVchargepoints@westsussex.gov.uk)

# Interested in building your own home?



Ever fancied building your own home? Whether you want to manage the construction of your home from beginning to end; to projects where you commission your own home making key design and layout decisions, there are a wide variety of self-build and custom housebuilding options.

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 in the Chichester Local Plan area. 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.

If you are interested in building your own home, then please consider joining our register. If you want to build within the Chichester Local Plan area, then you need

to register with us at: [www.chichester.gov.uk/article/36087/Register-your-interest-for-custom-and-self-build-housing](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/36087/Register-your-interest-for-custom-and-self-build-housing) where it is free to register. If you are interested in building in those areas in our district based within the South Downs National Park, then you will need to register here: [www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-policy/self-build-custom-build](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-policy/self-build-custom-build)

You can also find out more here: [www.gov.uk/guidance/self-build-and-custom-housebuilding](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/self-build-and-custom-housebuilding) or if you want to ask us specific questions, then please email us at: [selfbuild@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:selfbuild@chichester.gov.uk)

We'll be telling you more about this opportunity in a future issue of initiatives.

# Paperless on-street parking permits now live

On-street permits are now going digital with MiPermit which offers many benefits to customers in the district. Customers can visit our website at: [www.chichester.gov.uk/digitalcontrolledparkingzones](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/digitalcontrolledparkingzones) for information about digital parking permits; read about how they work and frequently asked questions.



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