**October 2022**

**VILLAGE MATTERS – Chidham and Hambrook**

**Chidham Tideway**

The Conservancy followed up the report provided by Robin Yeld, Pete Baldwin, Stephen Johnson and Adrian Moss circulated in August. Richard Austin from the Conservancy organised a meeting with representatives from the Parish Council (Stephen Johnson). Conservancy, Environment Agency, Natural England and Penny Plant.

Robin Yeld the Parish Council “Ditch Warden” and Uwe Dornbusch (EA - Senior Specialist (Coast)) will work together to look at solutions.

The Parish will be updated once a proposed solution is presented.

**Hambrook Holiday Camp**

Once again Enforcement and Licensing concerns have been expressed to CDC Officers. We will report back as these progress.

**Willow Brook 21/01910/OUT Planning application**

We have written to Natural England expressed serious concern regarding the lack of continued objection to this development considering the sensitivity for wildlife, nature and the proposed Wildlife Corridor. No formal response except an acknowledgement has been received. In addition, we have liaised with Stephen Johnson on his bat data and Southbourne Parish Council who have also written to Natural England

**Chas Wood Appeal APP/L3815/W/22/3299268 & 20/01854/OUT**

Stephen Johnson and Adrian Moss attended and spoke at this appeal.

It was an Informal Appeal and completed by 14.00

CDC announced the day before the Appeal that there was no longer a 5 Year Housing Land Supply following a number of Appeals Inspectors reports. This potentially has a major effect on this site.

The Inspector was very inclusive and specifically invited Stephen and Adrian to speak, inviting comments based on local knowledge.

Your Councillors have received a number of contacts from residents specifically in connection with existing planning applications (Willowbrook) and concerns regarding land drainage and access to ditches.

Matters relating to land drainage and ditches is on-going with advice & support from CDC Officers.

**COUNCIL MATTERS**

**Highlights**

**Cost of Living Crisis- Supporting You**

The Supporting You’ campaign is now in operation and is being delivered in partnership with the Observer Series and other local organisations.

The aim of the campaign is to highlight the support that is available from government, local councils, and local partners. This includes help with finances; health and wellbeing; household bills; housing; and support for businesses. It’s about working together to support one another at what is a very difficult and challenging time.

Full details are available

www.chichester.gov.uk/suportingyou

www.chichester.gov.uk/energybillsrebate2022

A leaflet is available here

https://www.chichester.gov.uk/media/36711/Supporting-You-leaflet/pdf/Supporting\_you\_leaflet\_web.pdf

**GROWTH & PLACE**

**Culture**

**Novium Museum**

The Art of Chichester Exhibition Our headline exhibition, The Art of Chichester: 60 Years of Creativity explores the arts, culture and heritage of Chichester city centre and the district from 1962, when Chichester Festival Theatre opened, to the present day, embracing professional and amateur work across all art forms.

Admission to the exhibition is free, with donations gratefully received. For more information, visit: [The Novium Museum - The Art of Chichester](https://www.thenovium.org/artofchi)

**Place**

**Rural England Prosperity Fund**

This above fund was recently announced by the government as a successor to EU funding from the LEADER and Rural Development programmes. The fund builds on and complements the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Chichester District has been identified as eligible for the funding and has been given an indicative allocation of £718,472 to cover two years from 1 April 2023. The fund aims to strengthen the rural economy and rural communities, addressing the particular challenges rural areas face, including poorer connectivity, lower productivity and poorer access to services.

Local organisations and Parish Councils have been invited to submit bids.

**Enabling Grants Scheme**

We are launching a second round of the Enabling Grants Scheme. It will be open to new applications on 30 September and businesses will be able to apply up until 24 October. Guidance notes are available on the website [Enabling Grant Scheme: Chichester District Council](https://www.chichester.gov.uk/enablinggrantscheme)

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES**

**Youth Engagement**

The Council’s Youth Engagement Officer is launching a new youth engagement project working with year 10 students from the Chichester Free School. The focus of this project is climate change, and its objective is to deliver a student-led film on the climate issues we are all facing and share their ideas and views about what can be done locally. The video will then be shared throughout schools in the district and through other media with the screening scheduled for March.

**COMMUNICATIONS, LICENSING & EVENTS**

**Markets**

The Council will be hosting the final [**Cross Market & More**](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/thecrossmarketandmore) of the year on Sunday 16 October from 10am to 4pm on East and North Street.

The market showcases the best designers, makers, and producers from across the district. Visitors can browse a variety of different stalls, from textiles and jewellery to homemade food, prints and other arts and crafts and much more. [www.chichester.gov.uk/thecrossmarketandmore](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/thecrossmarketandmore)

**Chichester Farmers’ Market** is full of seasonal produce this autumn from a pumpkin, to gin, to freshly caught crab the market is the best place to support your local producer. The market is on East Street from 9am to 2pm on the First and third Friday of the month.

**Chichester Christmas Market**

Chichester will welcome a Christmas Market to the city centre this year from 3 to 23 December 2022. [www.woodlandcrafts.co.uk/chichester-christmas-market](http://www.woodlandcrafts.co.uk/chichester-christmas-market)

**CHICHESTER CONTRACT SERVICES**

**Fly-tipping Partnership**

Fly-tipping has reduced slightly in Q1 of the year against the same period in 2021 (West Sussex -9%) however the issue remains a significant area of work for all the waste collection authority. A highly experienced CDC Officer is working across the seven Districts and Boroughs on this issue and work has progressed in a number of key areas:

* **Co-ordination** -officers from each of the Districts and Boroughs have been brought together to network and share best practise.
* **Multi-agency working –** The Co-ordination group is working with Sussex Police and the Environment Agency. A Waste Crime Working Group has been formed under Sussex Police Rural Crime Team
* **Enforcement -** Across the Districts and Boroughs there is a range of enforcement capacity, and options to utilise specialist CCTV (both the equipment/Artificial Intelligence and enforcement processes that sit behind, and how that cost and resource might be shared across the councils) is currently being explored.

West Sussex County Council, all the Districts and Boroughs and other relevant agencies adopted the #SCRAP fly tipping campaign in 2021 https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-waste-prevention/news-and-campaigns/lets-scrap-fly-tipping/