**CHIDHAM & HAMBROOK - June 2022**

Village matters

Since the recent Annual Meeting, the ward Councillors have been concentrating on planning matters, particularly the Pallant Homes appeals, the Willowbrook Riding Stables, the Holiday Camp and the progress of the new open space between Pynham/Hawthorne in Hambrook. The (lack of repair of) the collapsed coastal footpath between Fishbourne and Dell Quay is significant locally. Your councillors will be pleased to answer any questions.

COUNCIL MATTERS

**The Art of Chichester**

Our new headline exhibition, The Art of Chichester: 60 Years of Creativity opens at The Novium on Saturday, 25 June.

[The Art of Chichester - 60 years of creativity - The Great Sussex Way](https://www.thegreatsussexway.org/event/the-art-of-chichester-60-years-of-creativity/) will explore 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 Novium will be free, with donations welcome. For more information visit: [The Novium Museum - The Art of Chichester](https://www.thenovium.org/article/36402/The-Art-of-Chichester)

The exhibition forms a key part of **Culture Spark 2022** - an exciting season of events, performances, live entertainment, and community projects being held to mark a momentous year of culture in Chichester District, including: 60 years of Chichester Festival Theatre; 40 years of Pallant House Gallery; 30 years of Chichester Cinema; 10 years of The Novium Museum and the Festival of Chichester, and 200 years of the Chichester Canal Trust.

The full list of dates and locations of Culture Spark 2022 can be found at [Culture Spark: Chichester's Season of Culture 2022 - The Great Sussex Way](https://www.thegreatsussexway.org/culture-spark-2022/)

**PLACE**

**COMMUNICATIONS, LICENSING & EVENTS**

**Initiatives +**

Have you signed up to the email newsletter ‘initiatives+.’ It is issued monthly, and people can sign up at [Sign up to our email newsletter: Chichester District Council](https://www.chichester.gov.uk/newsalerts). We are about to launch a promotional campaign and will be giving away free prizes donated by some of our partners, including Everyone Active and Chichester Festival Theatre. Anyone subscribed to the newsletter will be entered into a regular draw to win one of the prizes on offer.

**Licensing**

The extension to licensing hours on the 2, 3 and 4 June has been approved. All premises which qualify, will be provided an automatic extension until 0100 the following day for the sale of alcohol on the premises, late night refreshment and regulated entertainment.

**Jubilee Events this weekend 2-6th June:**

* On Friday 3 June, the Chichester Farmers’ Market will be 9am until 2pm. Chichester Cathedral is hosting a Jubilee Picnic on their green 12pm to 3pm.
* On Saturday 4 June, the city council is organising a Gala Procession and Family Fun Day from 11am onwards, starting from Litten Gardens.
* On Sunday 5 June, there will be a Jubilee Jamboree and Air Show in Selsey from 9am until 9pm; while Petworth will be holding a big lunch in the Market Square from 12pm – 3pm; and Southbourne Parish Council is organising a ‘Picnic in the Park’ at the Recreation Ground from 11am – 3pm.
* We have listed the event details on our What’s On pages at: [What's on: Chichester District Council](https://www.chichester.gov.uk/whatson)

**Summer Street Party and Cross Market & More – Sunday 17 July in Chichester.**

Planning is underway for our third Annual Summer Street Party. The event is taking place on Sunday 17 July,10am-4pm together with our Cross Market & More market event. The whole city will be included for a day of fun, food, and festivities. For more information follow our Facebook page - [(20+) Chichester District Events and Markets | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ChichesterDistrictEventsAndMarkets/)

**HOUSING & COMMUNITIES**

**HOUSING, REVENUES AND BENEFITS**

**New working agreement with the Hyde Group**

The Housing Delivery Team along with representatives from Hyde have started work on Hyde’s Strategic Plan 2050 with a focus on evaluating options to bring about improvements to the housing stock, community, and place. The options being discussed include regeneration, redevelopment, and also new development. Full details can be found here: [hyde-strategic-plan-2050.pdf (hyde-housing.co.uk)](https://www.hyde-housing.co.uk/media/5399/hyde-strategic-plan-2050.pdf)

**New Phase of Green Homes Grant Funding**

We are delighted to be able to announce a new grant funded scheme for domestic energy efficiency improvement, known as Warmer Homes.

Grants are available to homeowners who live in a property with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) of D or below and have a household income of below £30,000 per year or are on specific means tested benefits. Tenants renting in the private sector can also apply if they meet this eligibility criteria, but their landlords will be expected to contribute a third towards the total cost.

Measures available include insulation, air source heat pumps, solar PV, high heat retention storage heaters and heating controls. Warmer Homes has two initiatives within it: Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme 3 (known as LAD3) and Home Upgrade Grant (HUG). HUG is targeted at properties that do not have gas central heating or a gas boiler. LAD3 is open to properties with all types of heating. AgilityEco is using household data to target letters at those households that appear eligible for either of the two schemes.

**£150 energy bills rebate as of 13 May 2022**

Payments for eligible residents who pay by direct debit commenced on 11 April 2022. Residents who do not pay their council tax by direct debit are being written to as they are required to provide their bank account details for the payments to be made. Residents who pay their council tax by direct debit will receive their £150 energy payment much quicker. It’s quick and easy to do following this link [£150 energy bills rebate 2022: Chichester District Council](https://www.chichester.gov.uk/energybillsrebate2022)

Please be advised there is also a discretionary scheme that went live on 1 May 2022. The scheme is based on eligibility criteria detailed further down in the same link above.

**Financial help for residents**

For further information please visit [Help with finances: Chichester District Council](https://www.chichester.gov.uk/helpwithfinances) The council’s Communications team are doing some sterling work in promoting the financial support measures that the council offers, and we really need to reach out to residents who need this support. Please promote the following webpage to anyone who may benefit from financial support and/or checking that they are receiving everything due. This includes financial help, debt management advice along with a range of other services.

**Household Support Fund (HSF)**

The HSF has been extended to 30 September 2022. This fund is administered by West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and CDC’s officers are able to make professional referrals and issue food and fuel vouchers for customers that they are working with directly. This fund is predominantly for support with energy, food and water. However, it can include support for wider essentials associated with these costs, such as white goods and clothing etc.

Please promote this scheme to any friend or neighbour where they are struggling with food or energy bills, to contact the Community Hub to access this funding. Please visit [Community Hub - West Sussex County Council](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-and-information/advice-and-support/community-hub/) and [Household Support Fund doubled to help most vulnerable tackle cost of living - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/household-support-fund-doubled-to-help-most-vulnerable-tackle-cost-of-living)

**Freeland Close, Fishbourne**

All temporary accommodation units are now fully occupied. This accommodation is key to supporting residents moving on to more permanent accommodation and to provide short-term accommodation. Residents have spoken very gratefully about the accommodation they are temporarily living in.

**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

**DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

**Local Plan Update**

We are continuing to work closely with National Highways and West Sussex County Council to establish whether we can gain their support for the revised distribution of development that Members agreed for testing in January 2022.

In addition, and in partnership with a number of other councils across the county and the South Downs National Park Authority, we have commissioned a **water neutrality** study which covers the northern part of our plan area. This study is crucial to the plan to enable us to complete the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) and provide us with solutions in relation to water consumption to allow new homes to be built. The outcome of this study will not be available until after August and therefore an HRA cannot be completed until after the summer. This piece of work is necessary to be completed before the Council can submit its Regulation 19 Local Plan for examination.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Tree Chichester District**

We have additional funding for the 2022/23 planting season, where we will be offering people within the district the opportunity to apply for subsidised trees. We will also have funding for more agroforestry and orchard projects, and trees in the farmed landscape projects.

For further information, please see [New tree planting pilot scheme launched in the Chichester District: Chichester District Council](https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/34875/New-tree-planting-pilot-scheme-launched-in-the-Chichester-District) or email treescheme@chichester.gov.uk

**Air Quality Management Area revocations**

The Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) for Orchard Street Chichester and Stockbridge A27 Roundabout have been formally revoked by Order as of 9 May 2022. This follows a review of the air quality monitoring and computerised modelling data confirming that concentrations of Nitrogen Dioxide have reduced to levels such that the AQMAs were no longer appropriate in those locations.

Two other AQMAs, also declared for non-compliance for Nitrogen Dioxide, remain in the district at St Pancras Chichester and Rumbolds Hill Midhurst. The relevant data and analysis are contained in the council’s Air Quality Action Plan which was approved for adoption at Cabinet on 11 January 2022.

**Goodwood Estate**

The Environmental Protection (EP) Team takes an active role with the control of noise from the Goodwood Estate. We offer representation on both the Motor Circuit and Aerodrome Consultative Committees. We will assess the Noise Management Plan proposed for the forthcoming Eroica cycling event and shall attend a Three Friday Night DJ Event on mid-June 2022, due to a small cluster of complaints, from a similar event held last August Bank Holiday.