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City Council report for March 2021

This time round I am starting with cyclists in the North and East Streets during prohibited hours. As the weather is warming there has been a steady increase of cyclist trying to cycle through these areas. I have also noticed a steady increase in individuals either ignoring my requests to dismount, being argumentative, confrontational or verbally abusive. I met up with the new Sergeant for the city, Sgt Dan Cobby who had witnessed this first hand whilst out on patrol with me. He is keen to do a day of action in the city with regards to cyclists, so we are in the process of doing so, hopefully before the businesses open up on the 12th of April when it will get a lot busier in the city.

Anti-social behaviour has dropped in the ADC car park most of this is due to the college and school being shut through lockdown. We are still doing our fortnightly multi agency patrols in the area. Last month the ADC was hit quite hard with a succession of graffiti tags, however the Community Safety officer and myself got these cleaned up as quickly as possible and it appears now they have lost interest.

Even though we have been in lockdown this hasn't perturbed our more hardened shop lifters who appear to have changed their tactics, as there are limited pickings with the shops shut. They are stealing things like Manuka honey, perfumes, fragrance box sets and yankee candles, on the perishables side it is the usual alcohol and meat to order. I have had quite a success at deterring theft, which will be me standing in a shop where we know a shop lifter is, after being notified on CHIBAC radio and deterring them by just standing there. I have also had a few good identifications from CCTV even with their masks on which has been forwarded to police, one of which resulted in an arrest. I have even had a foot pursuit with the police and caught the individual they were then dealt with accordingly, which was a quick and positive outcome.

I have been working with the Covid19 Ambassadors, with regards to social distancing with businesses and individuals which remains constant until restrictions are lifted. Now that schools, colleges and universities have gone back I have been advising groups of individuals (who are not in a bubble) to maintain social distance and can only meet one other person from another household.

My close work with the street and rough sleeping community continues with the majority of them being put up in hotels during lockdown, in the looks to engage with services, with the end goal of getting those individuals long term accommodation. Regular patrols help to getting an idea on who is about in the city, and to identify any new people who need support.

Here is a list of priority incidents that I have dealt with in the last couple of months, anything Covid19 related I have listed under Hazardous.

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ASB

Behaviour	9
Graffiti	2
Vehicle Nuisance	2
Verbal Abuse/Obscene Gestures	4
Total of Category	17

Criminal

Damage	3
Theft	4
Police (crime)	1
Total of Category	8

Environmental

Fly Tipping	1
Fly Posting	6
Total of Category	7

Highways

Driving	1
Total of Category	1

Public Safety/Welfare

Police (partnership working)	1
Welfare - adult	5
Community intelligence (non criminal)	1
Hazardous	4
First Aid	1
Total of Category	12

Total number of incidents **45**

Declan Moody

Senior Community Warden

19th March 2021

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Chichester South and East

AS the roll out of the Covid 19 vaccine continues we have noticed a lot more people around, the Chichester area and so much more traffic. We are not sure all these journeys have been essential, hopefully people are not feeling invincible since their first jab, there are so many people that still have to be vaccinated, we all still have to play our part in not spreading this horrid virus, maybe then some sort of normality can return to everyone's by the summer.

I have been made aware of the damage on the Whyke footbridge over the A27, there are lots of the drainage pipes from the underside of the bridge on the ground under the bridge on the eastbound side, this I have reported to West Sussex, the area also has been litter picked and will be done again on a regular basis.

We cleared up a large area of hedge in Chichester South which had a black bag of what seemed to be drugs wraps and rubbish this area is being monitored every day.

There have been recent reports of drugs use in the St James area, and Florence Park, no actual evidence yet but we are looking at it.

The Whyke area in general has had a flurry of sticker tags applied to posts and the bridges which are rather political, these are usually cleaned off very soon after they are noticed as is the graffiti that sometimes goes with said tags. We have had to report quite a lot of graffiti including anti Government and anti NHS in very large letters near the new Lidl store.

We have had several reports of ASB and drug use from the Swanfield Estate and are reporting evidence accordingly, and are watching two spots in the south of the estate.

There are several gardens in the areas of housing association that need looking at as they are full of rubbish, this will be reported to the housing association directly

We are very sorry to hear that Edith and Brian Clear who have been running the Swanfield Community Centre are retiring soon, we, Jon and I, wish them a

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happy retirement, they will be greatly missed. They have done so much for the area in the years they have been there, raising thousands for local projects in the community and works to the community centre itself to create a youth wing. They have won lots of awards including a prestigious one from you, the City Council.

Fly tipping seems to be everywhere and we have picked up loads in our van this month, everything from old furniture, Christmas trees and wood to bags of household rubbish.

We have recently had some pictures taken and written articles for Initiatives magazine and the Observer detailing the warden's work over the lockdown. We hope people will be interested in reading it

Carol McClung 07776435506

Jon Logan 07768207868

- Martlet Close - car park behind no 16 a pond liner and Hippo bags. No 20 bed frame and packaging. No 4 old tiles
- Pheonix Close – side of no 9 furniture and bags of garden waste. Car park opposite no 21 pallets , drawers, tub and black bags
- Tenacre Close – car park general mixed fly tipping behind fence
- Herald Drive – No 21 TV stand
- Cory Close – flats 1-6 car park at rear fridge freezer
- Clifton Court – rear, suitcases packaging and furniture
- Garland Close – rear no 5 Hippo bags of garden waste

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- Conduit Mead –car park rear no 1 old broken goal posts and nets
- Millfield Close – rear no27 broken fence and general fly tipping
- Millfield Close – House no 54 garden full of rubbish and furniture, rear of property in car park abandoned vehicle Blue Peugeot 306 X684LCT pushed against broken electric scooter and rubbish bags (see photo)
- Conduit Mead – car park behind no 16 garage door missing and signs of miss use including graffiti and rubbish (see photo)
- Whyke Marsh – Graffiti on sign saying private estate at entrance to estate

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Chichester West

Here is a short roundup of some of the issues I have dealt with in the past couple of months:

- Ongoing, a neighbour dispute around ASB, noise, housing. Still waiting on information/action from Hyde.
- Abandoned vehicle reported to Hyde.
- Reassurance calls and welfare checks to elderly and vulnerable residents. Advice and debunking misinformation on numerous scams going around at the moment such as the Covid jab rollout, Royal Mail, TV Licencing, HMRC etc.
- Advice on bonfires and lockdown breaches.
- Three incidents of fly tipping reported to Hyde for removal.
- Aggressive cold callers
- Welfare checks on resident after family bereavement from Covid. Food deliveries to shielding/vulnerable.
- Rubbish/broken furniture collecting in resident's garden – now removed.
- X2 incidents of dog issues not being under control and owner aggression.
- X2 incidents of graffiti – one removed and one recently reported.
- Parking issues/neighbour dispute

Thank you for your continued support, keep safe and well.

Sue Long

Community Warden for Chichester West

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Friends of Chartres Report for Community Affairs Meeting March 29, 2021

We have been unable to meet in person over the past few months, but have arranged virtual meetings on Zoom. One of these was our Annual General Meeting, held on March 18. A report is provided below.

Events

Members enjoyed an illustrated talk from Canon David Nason on January 21st on *Opera in Paris in the 19th century*. This was extremely well-researched and gave an insight into Paris during its golden period. Our annual dinner was replaced on February 18 by a members' evening where members gave short talks on a variety of topics: a memorable visit to the Paris Opera, serving as a local councillor in a French village, the pitfalls of running exchanges and the story of the clock on the Chichester Market Cross. David Grech will give a talk entitled *Travels with my Sketchbook* to members on April 22.

Now that there is news of restrictions being relaxed, we are starting to plan some activities for the late summer and autumn. Our exchange to Chartres planned for April this year has been postponed once more. We are not sure if it will take place in the autumn. This will depend on the speed at which vaccinations are rolled out in both our countries.

Conversation groups

Conversation groups have continued on Zoom, and include members of our sister organisation in Chartres. This has enabled us to keep up with the situation as it evolves in France.

Annual General Meeting

The following members were elected to the committee on March 18:

Chairman: Michael Bevis

Vice-Chairman: Anne Scicluna

Hon. Secretary: Rosie Speer

Hon. Treasurer: Stephen Northdale

Committee members: Anne-Louise Briggs, Paul Everett, Ellen Haigh, David Nason, Julia Sander, John Wilton

Other roles

Paul Everett will continue in his role as Data and Membership Manager.

Julia Sander will take on the role of Events Organiser.

Rosie Speer and Ellen Haigh will continue to edit Citylink

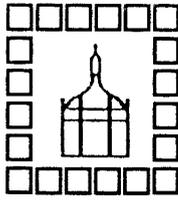
Our current City Council representatives are Anne Scicluna and Clare Apel.

Annie Barnes will continue to serve as a co-opted member of the committee.

After the business meeting, the Mayor, Richard Plowman spoke to members about his role as mayor of the city during the pandemic.

After four years as Chairman, during which the high point was the celebration of 60 years of twinning with Chartres, followed by the low point of the pandemic, it is time to hand over my role to my successor, Michael Bevis. I wish him well in the role and hope he enjoys it as much as I did.

JULIA SANDER (CHAIRMAN 2017- 2021)



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FRIENDS OF RAVENNA

CHICHESTER

Friends of Ravenna Report for the Community Affairs meeting on Monday March 29th 2021 via Zoom

Programme of Events 2020/2021

We have held 3 monthly meetings on Zoom so far this year, all with very good attendance. In January we heard about the “Complicity and Compliance of Italian Women during the 1943-44 Nazi occupation”. In February a delightful fashion historian and curator from the V&A, Lucia Savi, guided us through the history of Italian fashion from 1945. Then in March Julia Musgrave, an Arts Society lecturer, spoke about the effect of trade, politics and architecture on Venetian painting.

Contact with Ravenna

On Feb. 8th we held a second very successful Zoom session with our Italian friends. This time we divided 20 Brits and 15 Italians into chat groups according to language ability giving everyone a chance to practise! This has now resulted in 10 pairings for Zoom language practise in the future. A third session is planned for the end of March where members from both organisations will present a short piece on a local feature accompanied by photos and translations. We have agreed that this past year has brought us into greater contact than ever before despite the lack of visits.

Membership

This is up yet again (180) and amazingly we have welcomed 21 new members since the start of the lockdown a year ago.

We are due to continue all activities using Zoom for the time being and are hoping we can get back into the Assembly Room in September.

Liz Turner
Chairman

Friends of Valletta



Report to Community Affairs Committee

March 2021

Past Events

We have been concerned to keep in touch with our members during lockdown and Anne has sent out special issues of the Melita newsletter every two months to members with interesting articles drawn from various sources, and these have been well received. The issues were also sent to all Councillors and we trust that they have also enjoyed reading them and learning more about Malta.

Future Programme

Under the present conditions it is not possible to arrange a programme of local meetings.

With the continuing lockdown and uncertainty as to when members will be able to attend meetings, David Vassallo arranged an initial Zoom meeting. Vincent Zammit's talk entitled "The Neolithic Temples of Malta" was held in February, and as we thought the topic would be of interest to other local groups, we invited the Chichester Archaeological Society, The Local Historical Societies, the Friends of Millbank, and Din L'Art Helwa, the Malta equivalent of the National Trust. It was a great success with over 100 people registering and following the talk a number of those who heard it have joined the Friends.

We now have our own Zoom account and are arranging a future programme of Zoom talks. The next talk is on 20 April entitled "Villa Frere.. A lost Maltese garden revived" by Jo Tindale-Biscoe.

We realise that Zoom meetings mean that we can invite Maltese experts to give us talks on a vast range of topics directly from Malta, and as they all speak English there are no language issues. As the speakers from Malta do not charge, in lieu of payment, we are awarding them Honorary Life Membership of The Friends which has pleased them greatly. Depending on the title of each talk we will continue to invite other local groups to join us.

Zoom meetings will be a permanent feature of our annual programme of meetings from now on and when the covid restrictions end and we can hold normal bi-monthly meetings again, the Zoom ones will be held in the in between months.

Graham Pound

Chairman, Friends of Valletta.



Report to: Chichester City Council Community Affairs Committee
for its Meeting on Monday 29th March 2021
(last report: at 11th January 2021 meeting - verbal)

From: Paula Chatfield, Chair of Chichester Tree Wardens (TW)

Date: 22nd March 2021

Highway Tree Planting – “Mind the [tree] Gap”

The 70+ street trees planted in November as a result of community funding in Whyke, Parklands and Orchard Street are beginning to come into leaf. We continue to receive feedback from individuals that they are lifting spirits – highlighting the corollary of loss of trees in the street scene having a depressing effect. Individuals are on standby to water tree(s) near them, as (at the time of writing) the weather is becoming increasingly dry. Watering guidance can be found at [Arboricultural Association - Watering young trees in dry weather](#) .

We intend to run the Mind-the-[tree]-Gap fundraiser again this year and are exploring ways to extend it to other areas of Chichester. It uses WSCC’s Donate-a-Tree scheme to deliver planting the right tree in the right place (with the right safety considerations) [Donate a Tree Scheme - West Sussex County Council](#) .

Encouraging Tree Planting in Private Gardens

Over 25 tiny rowan trees have been planted in private gardens as a result of a link-up with Southbourne Environment Group, which has received free baby trees from the I-Dig-Trees scheme for several years. The scheme is run by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) charity in a link-up with OVO Energy ([I Dig Trees - Ready. Steady. Grow. | OVO Energy](#)).

This year, we hope to identify residents happy to plant and nurture baby trees in private spaces and apply for our own baby trees (“whips”) through this scheme [I Dig Trees - Ready. Steady. Grow. | From TCV and OVO Energy](#) . Although the whips look more like “sticks with roots”, being only about 40-60cm high, with roots roughly half as long as their height, they should establish fast in their final positions. We will look for opportunities to engage with residents this summer (covid controls permitting), including at Parklands Residents’ Association’s Open Gardens event on **Saturday 12th June** (where I’m planning to open my “untidy” garden with a tree and wildlife-friendly theme with the help of fellow TWs) and any events we host later in the year as part of the Tree Summit.

Some Other Tree Planting

Working with CDC, 100 whips have been planted to reinforce the woodland belt alongside St Paul’s Road by Canterbury Close, where 32 ash trees have been lost as a result of ash dieback. More trees are planned for East Broyle green.

We celebrate that Central School has independently planted whips on its school field, including hedgerow planting alongside the fence to The Brewery Field. Lancastrian School too was strengthening its hedgerow cover this winter with hazel whips sourced through SEG.

We understand CCC also plans to plant whips, applied for from the Woodland Trust, on an area at Florence Road allotments that is unsuitable for food cultivation.

New trees have been planted at the new Country Park wetland site that will open at Whitehouse Farm. Hopefully ground conditions and care will allow these to thrive. Many of the trees planted a year ago have died and will be required to be replaced. (Standard planning conditions require replacement, if a tree dies within the first 5 years.)

Loss of Trees

We continue to receive reports of tree felling (not limited to Chichester City Council parish area) from concerned individuals. In many cases, there is nothing to be done, although there is also concern that landowners may fell/undertake tree works to trees not on their land (e.g. has happened in the past alongside Centurion Way) either to improve their light/view and/or because they perceive the trees are “not being managed”. We emphasise the benefits of trees wherever we can, as it is important that everyone who may influence what happens to a tree considers each tree as an asset, and part of a wider community asset, so that this may be balanced alongside any disadvantages they perceive from the tree.

Protected Trees

By default, landowners can do anything they like with trees that they own. This right is tempered in certain situations:

- if the tree is covered by a Tree Preservation Order;
- trees in a Conservation Area;
- hedges (rural and some urban);
- forestry;
- where protected wildlife would be disturbed.

In an effort to understand what is happening to Chichester’s asset base of protected trees and net loss, or gain, of trees subject to planning protection, we have submitted the following Freedom of Information Act request to CDC:

[understanding changes to the asset base of protected trees in Chichester City Council parish area - a Freedom of Information request to Chichester District Council - WhatDoTheyKnow](#)

The scale and location of change, and any patterns that emerge, will inform any further action. The impression we have is that TPO and TCA applications are generally permitted, indicating a sustained loss of tree canopy (and carbon storage) at a time when national, and local, policy is to increase it.

Examples of TWs’ recent engagement with the TPO/TCA planning process (including through Chichester Conservation Area Advisory Committee and the Chichester Society) are:

- a proposal by Hyde to fell an old hedgerow-boundary oak tree, TPOed in 2015, that ended up in the small garden of a new home. The Decision to fell suggests that the planning system has failed to protect what the National Planning Policy Framework refers to as an “irreplaceable habitat”. [21/00181/TPA | Fell 1 no. Oak tree \(T1\) subject to CC/15/00222/TPO. | 2 Oswald Court Chichester PO19 3FG](#)
- a proposal by CCC, prompted by a neighbour, to fell one tree and canopy reduce two others in a group of three on The Brewery Field (which is part of a Conservation Area). A number of people who live nearby/use the field got in touch/raised formal objections and the application was withdrawn (to the disappointment of the neighbour). [21/00449/TCA | Notification of intention to fell west stem and crown reduce remaining stems \(all round\) by 2m to 11m on 1 no. Oak tree \(T12\). | The Brewery Field Orchard Street Chichester West Sussex](#)



Other Activities/News/Information include (in no particular order):

- This link is useful for anyone seeking to understand the law insofar as it relates to trees and private gardens: [Trees and the law / RHS Gardening](#) .
- The Arboricultural Association continues to host high quality, free, online learning webinars, including relating to tree structure/risk, soils, and fungi <https://www.trees.org.uk/Training-Events/Online-Learning> .
- Social media networking continues through our Trees in Chichester Facebook group ([\(20+\) Trees in Chichester | Facebook](#)). (There have been no updates to our website [Home \(treesinchi.org\)](#) .)
- We continue to liaise with CDC, including the Trees Outside Woodlands Project officer; and
- to be supported by the County Arboriculturalist, Julie Bolton, in her role as Co-Ordinator of the West Sussex Tree Warden Network, of which Chichester Tree Wardens are part.
- We are preparing a talk on trees for Chichester Organic Gardening Society (COGS, [Chichester Organic Gardening Society \(chicogs.org.uk\)](#)) scheduled to take place on Zoom on Monday 26th April.

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REPORT FOR 2020 TO CHICHESTER CITY COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Covid19 pandemic has had a serious adverse impact on all of our work.

CIVIC

No visits to Russia were possible however we continue to keep in touch with our links in the community.

It was pleasing to see the cordial exchange of letters between the Mayor of Chichester and Mayor of Kursk. As soon as the situation with Covid19 improves so that travel is possible and schools etc. are working normally, I plan to invite our partners to return to our previous plans with regard to civic links.

Incidental to the Russian link, Roland Kern in Speyer, who I first met several years ago in Kursk Russia, has kept in touch.

On a sad note, for me, one of our Russian veteran friends Petre Mikhin died on 7th December 2020. He helped form our close relations with the veterans in Kursk. Our link is recorded in one of the many books he has written which includes a photo of one of our meetings. Below is the notification of his death I received which provides an insight in to his wartime exploits.

- Pyotr Alekseyevich Mikhin, an honorary citizen of Kursk, a Soviet military and public figure, and just a wonderful person, has passed away. He is a hero of the Great Patriotic war, who was known and respected far beyond the borders of our Homeland. We are grateful to Mikhin for his unparalleled courage. Pyotr Alekseyevich fought at Stalingrad, passed the Rzhev meat grinder, was on fire at the Kursk bulge, participated in battles in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, and Bulgaria. Despite his injuries, he went through half of Europe and ended the war in battles with Japan.

We appreciated our veteran for his literary works. Pyotr Alekseyevich published several remarkable books that were distinguished by historical truth without embellishment and tinsel about a man in the war. These publications are a real Testament that the generation of winners left to their descendants.

The date and place of the farewell to Pyotr Alekseyevich Mikhin will be known later.

FIRE AND RESCUE

The planned visit by Arkhangelsk Rescue Service Officers to Surrey Fire and Rescue Service to research the way we operate and liaise between emergency services is postponed until travel is permitted between the UK and RU.

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Our attempts to link the emergency services nationally has been delayed due to Covid19. I am hoping to resume this shortly.

GENERAL

Although 2020 was a very disappointing year we remain determined to continue the work of assisting with the development of life saving fire, rescue and paramedic services and creating goodwill with links and bridges between the people of Russia and the United Kingdom.



Chris Holgate
Chairman and Founding Trustee

03-02-21

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Over the Rainbow – some practical issues for consideration

With a proposed phased easing of lockdown – the dates set by the Government are, of course, prefixed with ‘no earlier than’ - no-one would question the natural desire to be released from restrictions of the past year. With this, of course, comes the caveat that Covid 19 has not gone away nor will be going away soon.

The City Council has experience of organising major events such as street markets. Gala processions, military Freedom parades and ‘family fun’ events, notably in Priory Park. These have been hugely enjoyable and well appreciated by attendees. They provide an interesting and occasionally demanding diversion from the day-to-day activities of office work and enable latent skills and talents of staff to come to the fore.

As respects any future event planning, what we did was ‘then’ and we have to address the requirement ‘now’. It is important that some practical issues are spelt out.

The points I make below have been discussed with the Mayor.

The Safety Advisory Group (SAG).

The involvement of the Chichester Safety Advisory Group (SAG), is a must, SAG is a multi-agency group, including Public Health West Sussex which is chaired by Laurence Foord, the Divisional Manager Communications, Licensing and Events of Chichester District Council.

SAG’s advice and guidance will focus particularly upon identifying the key requirements for planning and organising events, ensuring that event organisers are familiar with the processes of assessing whether events can safely take place and are likely to be COVID-compliant. Thus, there is an expectation from SAG (notwithstanding the provisional dates set by the Government in easing lockdown), that timely notification of events, coupled with meticulous planning are prerequisites. The development of an Events Management Plan is equally critical at time where other SAG partners may be drawn down into other events where Covid related issues are involved.

Work allocation in the office

As mentioned earlier, our previous involvement in past major events has been a hugely enjoyable departure from routine, but in the case of the ‘Over the Rainbow’ event planned for September, the Council must accept this timeline will mean an urgent compression of staff availability to deal with the event planning process.

It must be fully accepted and recognised about impact upon other work of the Council as we would normally start this kind event planning process a minimum of 12 months beforehand. The recent resignation of the Finance Assistant places and

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additional burden on the Deputy Town Clerk and RFO with the imminent closure of accounts.

The Committee are also reminded there is an aspiration for part of the deferred Tree Summit to be taking place in October the organisation of which will be running parallel to Over the Rainbow.

We will not know with absolute certainty before 21st June of firm direction from Central Government about events involving crowds (notwithstanding announcements being made by some organisers of major events are proceeding but equally other events have been cancelled this year).

An additional planning consideration

Any planning for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II in June 2022 would also need to start in a few months' time.

Budget

There is currently no budget provision for this event. We have provided £1000 in an Events budget heading, but this is being allocated to the Philip Jackson Freedom event. A budget of £10,000 was provided for the 2012 Golden Jubilee Gala and Priory Park event with just over £9000 being expended.

Rodney Duggua

Town Clerk

22 March 2021.