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Community Warden report for the city

At last the sun is shining and we are slowly coming out of lock down and the city is getting busier.

From a Covid regulation perspective the businesses seem to be doing really well following Covid compliance regulations, with the help and guidance of myself and the Covid Ambassadors. We are still getting quite a lot of anti-mask, anti- lock down and "Covid is a lie" stickers that I remove as quickly as possible.

Begging and Rough sleeping in the city has dropped considerably, this has been helped by working very closely with the Rough Sleeper Outreach team and identifying new beggars in the city getting the Outreach team to speak to them to identify if they accommodation issues and give them all the information they need with regards to getting food , help with housing, cleaning facilities, access to a doctor and help with their benefits, without the need to beg.

Cycles through East and North Street continue to be an issue during prohibited hours, with a small increase during the warmer days. The majority of people are very much aware that they are not allowed to cycle in these areas, and I know this as soon as they see me they dismount. We are lucky as we do not have the same issue in the city that I have noticed in other towns with regards to the influx of E-scooters, I have been handing out information to anyone I come across on them which has the legislation about them.

The Avenue De Charte remains improved with regards to anti-social behaviour and the use of cannabis, in fact in our last few multi agency patrols round these areas, we have not come across anything untoward. This from my perspective is a huge success compared to a couple of years ago.

I still continue to support local businesses with any issues including shoplifting, abusive and aggressive customers or any other issues that come up.

I will be monitoring anti-social drinking in the city again, as with the warmer days and lighter evenings are upon us. I will be giving words of advice or reporting it to the police if need be, but so far it hasn't been too bad and it appears people have been avoided congregating at The Cross which is positive.

Declan Moody

Senior Community Warden

04/06/2021

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Community Warden Report for Chichester East & South

May 2021

Hi all, just a few highlights:

SPRING have held their AGM and we will continue to support the new Committee.

CARE have opened their hub and we will be utilising this community asset for drop in sessions with the local residents.

We've had noise complaints ranging from children playing football to dogs barking. Dogs have featured a few times, we believe this is could be due to people returning to work following the lockdowns, and the dogs now being on their own.

ASB reported in a garage compound near Swanfield Drive. A garage had been broken into and used as a hang-out point.

St James Road, alleged rogue trader and neighbour dispute with ASB which has been escalating to alleged criminal damage. Advice given.

Chatsworth Road area has seen some recent ASB reports regarding young people.

The Community Orchard on the Whyke Estate has been reported as an area of ASB.

All alleged ASB is being monitored and advice has been given to call the Police etc.

Drugs issues and intelligence has been reported to us which has in turn been submitted to the Police.

We had a report from a member of the public regarding an 'unwanted visitor'. A person has been intruding into their garden, and has also been peering in through windows and watching their movements. Advice given.

We had a report from a member of the public regarding their son, potentially being a victim of online grooming, as images and address details were coerced from the child.

We helped to reunite some family members that had lost touch with a relation that was staying in a care home. They had become separated during the Pandemic and we helped them to reconnect.

Fly tipping has slightly increased.

Graffiti is already becoming a problem to have removed as we no longer have Graffiti Solutions to call upon. They were such a valuable asset for us to call upon.

Trolleys, more than the usual amount have been found abandoned.

Thank you for your continued support, Jon Logan 07768 207868 Carol McClung 07776 435506

Chichester BID Ranger report April / May 2021

Time frame	DISC	ASB	Assistance to Public	Crime (other than shoplifting)	PSPO e.g. cycling, drinking	Shoplifting	Other	Recovered stock
12 April - 23 May 2021	2	3	68	8	26	29	15	£3,350

Additional info:

1. Rangers were 22 days out in the city - increased from 3 to 4 days a week in May / June 2021
2. 710 businesses have been visited

Further Feedback:

1. Increased Ranger presence, especially over bank holiday, was well received by businesses
2. We increased the Ranger presence during the Kill the Bill protest Bank Holiday weekend. Not really needed but presence was reassuring
3. Petty shoplifting seems to be more prevalent than pre lockdown
4. The visibility of Rangers and Covid Ambassadors have increased public awareness of their existence, and therefore interaction
5. Government COVID guideline infringements (e.g. social distancing, mask wearing) have been minimal
6. Footfall increased dramatically week commencing 12 April as expected, and a further 13% lift into week commencing 19th April, but since, footfall has been fairly consistent

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Friends of Chartres Report for Community Affairs Working Group Meeting 7th June 2021

As we look forward to being able to meet in person we have been continuing our activities via Zoom.

The talk given by retired architect, David Grech entitled Travels with my Sketchbook on 22nd April via Zoom was well received and we were pleased to welcome to the on-line audience a number of members of the Friends of Ravenna. All were impressed by David's sketches of locations across France which captured the essence of the places he had visited and made us long to be able to travel across the Channel once more.

In the hope that the current restrictions on mixing will have eased we are planning a number of future events.

We hope to restart our programme of our informal Coffee Mornings on 29th June.

There is an interesting French connection with Uppark House near Harting which will be explored in a talk to be given by volunteer guide, David Bridges on 14th July. It is intended to follow this by a visit to the house itself the following day.

Clare Apel has kindly agreed to host a party in her garden on 25th July.

On 22nd August we will be holding a quiz and Fish and Chip supper at the Fishbourne Centre.

Plans for the autumn include a treasure hunt round the City and it is hoped to be able to organise the popular Cine Club again.

Although we are continuing with our meetings with our friends in Chartres via Zoom current restrictions on travel imposed by both the British and French governments mean that it is not thought possible to arrange our planned visit to Chartres this year. It might be possible for a few members to visit their French 'twins' later in the year but the plan is now to work towards a visit to Chartres next year.

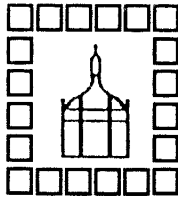
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As restrictions ease we will be hoping to increase our membership and to get more people, particularly younger people participating. The Schools Art Challenge which was successful for ten years was a popular way of involving pupils in both cities but the logistics of transporting the artworks for display was challenge in itself. Now we are proposing to launch a photographic competition which will be easier to manage. We are working on the details now with a view to launching it in the autumn term after an initial publicity drive to schools around Chichester before the end of this term. Initial reaction from Chartres has been very positive.

Vive le jumelage!

Michael Bevis

Chairman



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FRIENDS OF RAVENNA

CHICHESTER

Friends of Ravenna Report for the Community Affairs meeting on Monday June 7th 2021 via Zoom

Programme of Events 2020/2021

We have held 2 monthly meetings on Zoom since March. In April Italian horticulturist, Sabatino Urzo, who is based in the UK, gave us a superbly illustrated talk about Italian landscape design from ancient Rome to the modern world. Then in May, which should have been a social gathering, we had a wonderful virtual visit to Naples given by tour guide Anna Caruso. Our AGM is booked for June 17th.

Programme of Events 2021/2022

All speakers are now booked for the coming year which starts in September and the new Programme of Events details will shortly be printed and distributed.

Contact with Ravenna

In my last report I mentioned a further Zoom meeting with the Italians. This took place on March 30th. We had speakers from both organisations presenting illustrated stories in both languages. We feel these events reflect the true spirit of twinning and a fourth session will take place on June 7th. They were very much enjoyed by all concerned.

After the AGM there will no further meetings until September. The majority of members have renewed their subscriptions and we hope to welcome everyone back to the Assembly Room.

Liz Turner
Chairman

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Friends of Valletta

Report to Community Affairs Committee

June 2021



Past Events

The Zoom meetings have been well received by both our members, and also by members of the organisations we have invited to join the talks, with between 80 to 100 people attending each meeting, this has also resulted in a significant increase in membership, as those with an interest in Malta, even if they are not living locally, can hear the talks.

The talk in April by Jo and Sandy Tindale-Biscoe “Villa Frere—A lost Maltese Garden revived” told of the establishment of the gardens by their ancestors, and the recent discoveries and renovations of this exciting project.

In his talk in May entitled “A Malta Family History” Peter Agius spoke about some of the achievements by family members, such as setting up the first banks in Malta, introducing buses into the Island, designing the Malta Pavilion at the Wembley Empire Exhibition in 1924, and being Malta’s representative in UK throughout WWII.

Friends of Valletta are supporting Malta’s heritage by asking for donations of £5 from those attending the Zoom talks which we shall forward to Din L-Art Helwa (Malta’s National Trust).

Future Programme

Paolo Ferrelli’s talk on 1st June entitled “Msida Bastion Cemetery & Historic Garden” will be about the last remaining British Cemetery in Malta. When he was in the Italian Army Paolo, who was from Ravenna, was posted to Malta, and married a Maltese lady and is now settled there. He will tell us some fascinating stories of events over the last 400 years.

On 30th June Fr Marion Zerafa’s talk will include the very moving painting of “The Beheading of John The Baptist” by Caravaggio This 12 ‘ X 17’ masterpiece, regarded as the painting of the 17th century, is in St John’s Co Cathedral in Valletta. Caravaggio, born Michelangelo Merisi, arrived in Malta having fled Rome where he was wanted for murder.

Under the present conditions it is not possible to arrange a programme of local meetings. Anne continues to send special issues of the Melita newsletter every two months to members with interesting articles from various sources as we are concerned to keep in touch with our members, and she is always looking for new material.

We will plan further Zoom meetings this year because we can also invite Maltese experts to give talks 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 they fully appreciate.

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 7th June 2021
(last report to 29th March 2021 meeting)

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

Date: 27th May 2021

Promoting the benefits of trees

Our Zoom talk to Chichester Organic Gardening Society (www.chicogs.org.uk) on 26th April was well received. To explain the role of a volunteer Tree Warden, one first has to explain why trees matter, which includes:

What do **Trees** do for Chichester?

- Produce oxygen
- Moderate temperature
- Add visual interest
- Sustain biodiversity
- Improve air quality
- Capture carbon
- Alleviate flooding
- Make us happy!
- Improve concentration
- Traffic calm
- Encourage outdoor recreation
- Link us to history
- Increase property values

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As the first such event we have presented, it will prove a good foundation for future talks and the all-important “promote” aspect of the volunteer Tree Wardens’ role.

Our next **events** are:

Saturday 12th June at [Parklands Residents’ Association’s Open Gardens](#); and

Thursday 1st July as part of the [Festival of Chichester](#) .

Nationally, the inaugural [National Hedgerow Week](#) launches on 29th May to highlight the immense contribution hedgerows make in addressing climate change and biodiversity loss, and to raise awareness of the threats they face. Events like this and the [Urban Tree Festival](#), which took place on 15th-23rd May, offer inspiration and opportunities to network and/or host and publicise one’s own event. We hope to take increasing advantage of them to run local events in future.

Protecting Trees

On 16th March, we raised a [Freedom of Information Act request](#) to Chichester District Council in order to understand the asset base of protected trees and net loss, or gain, of trees subject to planning protection. We hoped both to identify the scale and location of change and to try to spot any patterns

that would help when considering how the parish can respond to aims to increase tree stock and canopy cover. We will be analysing the response which was received on 14th May.

The planning constraints layer allows one to see the TPO (Tree Preservation Order) areas and trees on [CDC's online map](#). It is notable that the TPO system has led to increased protection of trees in areas that were privately developed, whereas trees of similar merit in the original Council estates are less likely to be protected.

Planting Trees

This is the season to be planning rather than planting. At our Chichester Tree Wardens meeting on 21st May we heard from Sophie Hamnett, CDC's Tree Project Officer, including about the opportunity to apply for trial planting of a **mini forest** using the Miyawaki method:

- sites under 200m squared (14x14m; size and shape chosen to suit the applicant/space available);
- utilise a mix of approximately 30 native trees planted per 10 metres² (30 to 40 different species per site) - up to 30 times more dense than conventional tree plantings;
- grow 10 times faster than regular woodlands due to the planting & management methodology;
- provide a new dense green space with low management requirements, becoming maintenance free after three years;
- are chemical and fertiliser free, sustaining itself once established and supporting local biodiversity.

Research suggests that after four years, an average size tiny woodland (200 m²) will:

- absorb 450-600kg of carbon (up to 30x better absorption compared to other tree-planting approaches);
- attract more than 500 species of plants and animals;
- absorb up to 30,000 litres of rainfall;
- improve air quality by reducing polluting atmospheric particulates by up to 10%;
- provide up to 30x better noise reduction compared to other tree-planting schemes.

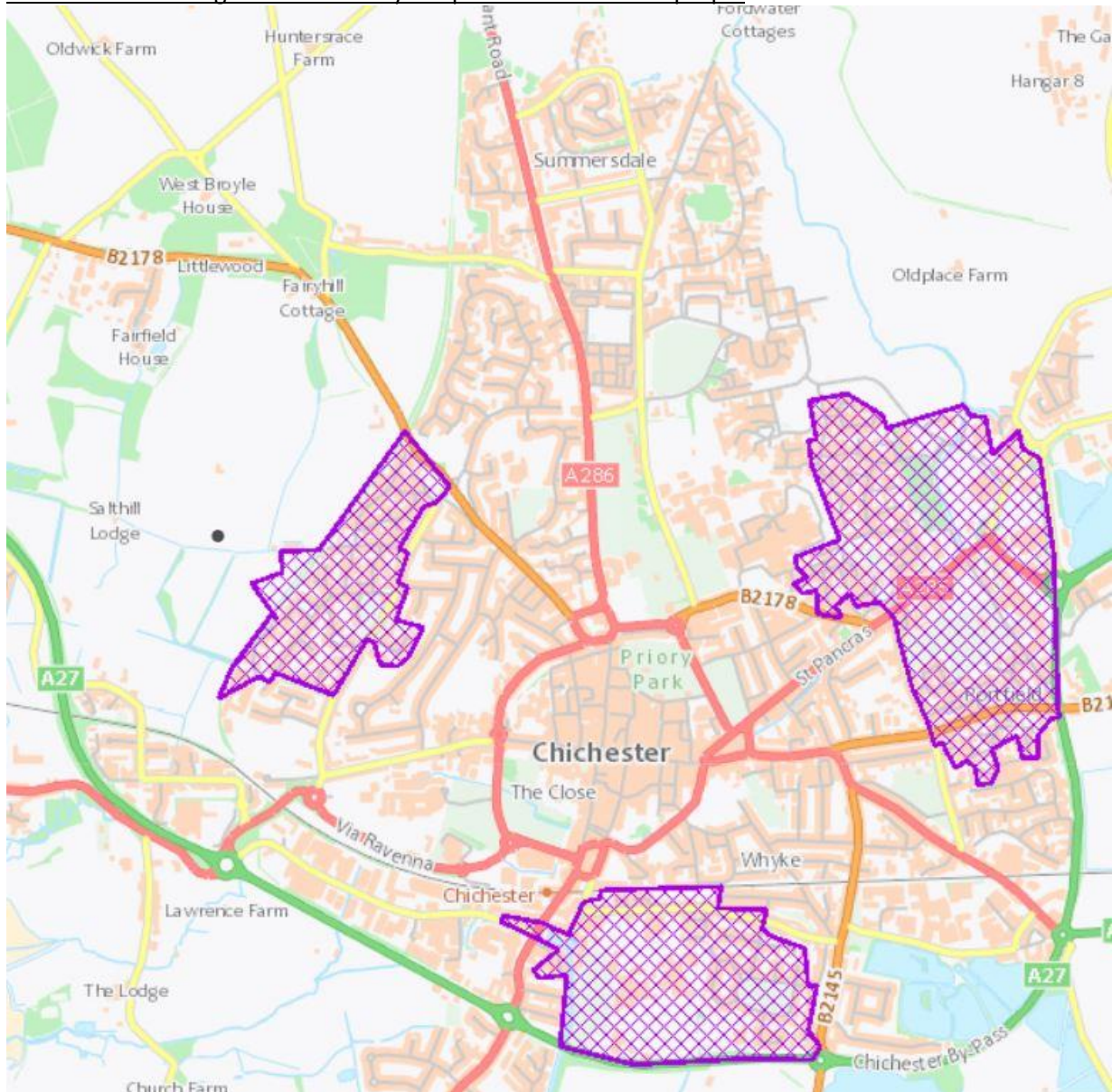
The aim is to connect communities to nature and support wellbeing. Planting would be fully funded (including fencing), and would need to fit within the parameters DEFRA have set. Ideally the trial would include a control plot of the same size next to the planted site.

There are a couple of possible locations we have thought of so far (subject to community and landowner engagement) and we would appreciate learning of any sites Councillors can think of.

The [Urban Tree Challenge Fund](#) relaunched on 26th April and closes to applications on Sunday 25th July. With a minimum funding requirement of £10,000 and the need to match fund, it is not clear that we can access this in the time available. However, we have agreed to look for opportunities to plant more trees, liaising with local people, in the Swanfield and Portfield areas, where we currently have fewer contacts. These, along with parts of Parklands and Whyke, are Priority People (i.e. more deprived) areas meaning they score more highly and are more likely to be successful in any funding bid. An extract from the [Forestry Commission Map](#) browser showing these areas is shown overleaf.

We are running the Parklands tree fundraiser again this year (www.gofundme.com/manage/trees-for-parklands-2021) in the hope of being able to fund a few more trees in this community, following last year's success. We have also produced leaflets for volunteer tree waterers (in Parklands, Whyke and Orchard Street) explaining what is involved.

Urban Tree Challenge Fund – Priority People areas hatched in purple



We have approached the developers of Whitehouse Farm to request a plot on which to establish a community tree nursery, growing trees from local seed or rescued seedlings to return to the local area when they are big enough to make an impact. Fingers crossed for a positive outcome.

Photo (right): Chichester Tree Wardens socially-distanced outdoor meeting, 21st May 2021, with Sophie Hamnett (CDC Tree Project Officer), and guest volunteer TWs from Donnington and Lavant. It rained when we last met as a group in person on 24th August 2020; this time we persevered despite the wind (taking shelter beside the Minerva theatre).

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Chichester Season of Culture June - September 2022

I have been engaged by Chichester District Council to develop a programme and series of partnerships for a planned season of cultural events across the district throughout summer 2022. I am working with Caroline Sharman-Mendoza as project coordinator, based in Chichester. We are both currently part-time on the initiative.

During 2020 communications took place with a range of potential local partners and we are now following up these conversations - and extending them in West Sussex and the south east - with an invitation to be part of the season.

Our definition of culture is broad - to include arts, sport, food and nature - and our ambition is to connect with as many people across the district in as many ways and places as possible. We are therefore seeking ideas, opportunities and partnerships to create a Season of Culture for everyone in 2022.

About Chichester 2022

The summer of 2022 marks major anniversaries for a number of Chichester's key cultural organisations including Chichester Festival Theatre (60th), Pallant House Gallery (40th), Chichester International Film Festival (30th), Novium Museum (10th) and the Festival of Chichester (10th). The Chichester Ship Canal is also celebrating its 200th anniversary.

Chichester District Council has been working in partnership with these organisations (in the first instance) to initiate and support the delivery of a Season of Culture to showcase and celebrate the extraordinary cultural offer across Chichester District.

The aims of the Season of Culture are:

- To showcase the district's cultural offer, supporting and promoting local cultural organisations and instilling a sense of civic pride across our communities
- To drive Chichester's creative economy
- To engage with and involve young people in order to ensure that Chichester continues to develop culturally, both in terms of maintaining existing assets and to bring in fresh, new ideas
- To support Chichester district's recovery from Covid-19, offering an enriching and accessible season for the enjoyment and wellbeing of all residents and visitors alike.

Chichester Season of Culture 2022 is a working title.

Taking part

We envisage the season having three main strands:

1. The programming planned for summer 2022 by participating partners to mark significant anniversaries, showcase work that has been in development and create a wider invitation for audiences
2. Projects that we can develop together with partners - such as outdoor events, special commissions and district-wide collaborations - using funds that partners have for programming and that we can raise for the season
3. Events that are already expected to happen during that time - organised by local choirs, orchestras, sports groups, book clubs, craft groups, schools and colleges - or that these groups will develop in order to come under the 'umbrella' of the season.

We are building the season together through individual and organisational conversations and a series open public calls for ideas beginning in June.

The season programme will come together through joint working between a project board - made up of representatives of lead partners - and a partners' group, supported by a citizens' advisory board to be recruited thorough open call.

We are in the process of developing four programme 'hubs' - with partners and two councils in Petworth, Midhurst and the Peninsular as well as the city itself - to ensure that the season presents district-wide opportunities and resources are shared.

Funding for the programme will be a mix of existing organisational budgets, local grants, sponsorship and individual giving, and applications for external funding.

A season for everyone

The Season aims to involve as many local people as possible - wherever they live - and to attract audiences and participants from the city, county, region and beyond.

Events are expected to take place across the district but with a focus on four 'programme hubs' in Midhurst, Petworth and Selsey as well as the city itself.

We want to create an unmissable programme that will bring visitors from far and wide to attend events, spend time in the city, discover its many attractions and support its thriving businesses.

The Chichester Season of Culture 2022 is committed to creating an environment which is welcoming, accessible and inclusive, offering a positive experience to all visitors, participants, team members and volunteers regardless of age, disability, sex, gender, sexuality, race, faith, or background.

Getting in touch

We have established a season-specific email address via the District Council: Chichester22@chichester.gov.uk and are using this as an 'open call' for participation and ideas.

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Current conversations

We are currently in conversation with the following organisations and individuals.

Core season partners are **highlighted**.

Chichester BID
Chichester Cathedral
Chichester Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Chichester City Council
Chichester College
Chichester District Council
Chichester Festival Theatre
Chichester Film Festival/Cinema at New Park
Chichester Free Fringe
Chichester Ship Canal Trust
Chichester Symphony Orchestra
Consort of Twelve
David Elliott/Art of Chichester Exhibition at the Novium
Dawn Gracie/Chichester Cabaret Club
Diocese of Chichester
Emily Barden/West Sussex Sings
Festival of Chichester
Free Fringe
Goodwood
Novium Museum
Oxmarket Gallery
Pallant House Gallery
Petworth Festival
Petworth House/Woolbeding Garden
Selsey Pavilion
Selsey Town Council
South Downs Poetry Festival
The Great Sussex Way
UK Harvest
University of Chichester
Weald and Downland Living Museum
Wemsfest
West Sussex County Council
West Sussex Music

with more to come as we extend our reach.