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City Council Report November 2021

Chichester West

Here is a short roundup of incidents and issues dealt with in the past few months:

- Neighbour disputes: some complex issues in two locations involving multiple households. Visits to try and help resolve the situation and liaising with Police and CDC's Anti-social behaviour officer.
- Parking issues around Disabled car parking spaces.
- Continual problems with rubbish and fly tipping at a particular area. Reported for clearance to Hyde, but it seems to be a recurring situation. Liaising with Hyde as one particular address seems to be responsible for a large amount of flytipping/rubbish and anti-social behaviour.
- Cold callers (young males) going door to door saying they are on a 'probation scheme' and selling over priced household articles. Advice given.
- Numerous anti-vax posters removed from roundabouts and lamp posts.
- Attended the local Thursday Club for elderly residents as they are back and running weekly get togethers. Numbers are down since pre-covid so assisting in publicising to attract new members.
- Reported two incidents of online social media trolling.
- Reassurance and welfare visits to combat loneliness and isolation. Advice given on energy saving as there is considerable anxiety as bills are increasing.
- Assisted at Parklands Residents Association Halloween event for the community. Very successful day with 250 people attending.
- Joint patrols with colleague over Halloween evening to deter any anti-social behaviour. Mostly good natured, apart from one incident following complaints from some residents about verbal abuse by group of teenagers. Tracked them down and spoken to about future behaviour and attitudes to others. Details taken and passed to Police.

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

Sue Long

Community Warden for Chichester West

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Community Warden City report November 2021

Winter is almost upon us, as we start leading in to our festive season, which will mean a steady increase in footfall in the city, as shoppers start their preparations for Christmas. With this in mind I am very mindful that there will be an increase in shoplifting and begging as well potentially pick-pocketing, I will be ensuring I work closely with all our agencies to detect and deter these practices. Especially with the begging I will be working very closely with our marvellous Rough Sleeper Outreach to work closely with these individuals to ascertain their needs.

Shop lifting is a constant in the city, but we have had success in deterring and catching individuals in the act by working with all the other relevant agencies. This will be up scaled as we near to Christmas and hopefully deter most of our would be shop lifters.

Fortunately due to the colder weather we are starting to see a little less gatherings and ASB near the Market car park, this is also been helped I suspect with regular patrols by police and myself. Obviously due to the cold weather it is even more important to identify any new rough sleepers and to get them in touch with our Rough sleeping Outreach team, so as to get them hopefully out of sleeping in the cold as we approach Winter.

Begging in the city has dropped considerably, this is probably again due to our Rough Sleeping Team and Stonepillow, being able to offer support to those individuals in their needs, so they no longer need to beg.

Graffiti is still a problem for us in the city mostly it is tags that seem to be appearing all over the place, we all have graffiti kits which help us to remove the smaller ones.....here is one I prepared earlier.



Before.....and.....After

Covid is a lie and Anti-vax stickers still remains a problem in the city as well as the district, the biggest problem we have with them is the removal, as they will not come off unless we use specialised chemicals to remove them, plus you have scrape off all the paper first before you can use

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the chemicals, so this can be a painstakingly long process just to remove one sticker. I have been out this week to remove some more.

Bicycles and Escooters continue to be a problem in the city, now that the summer has gone there seems to be a drop in the amount of bicycles coming through North and East Street. The police have issued warnings to 2 individuals in the city for riding Escooters, if they are caught again they will have them confiscated. This seems to have had an impact on both these individuals, as I have seen them in the city since both on foot.

We are still doing the multi storey car parks patrols with the police and the college and I am pleased to report that we have had very little activity with regards to ASB and drugs use.

Declan Moody

Senior Community warden

05/11/2021

Chichester BID Ranger 3 monthly report August 2021 to October 2021

Time frame	DISC	ASB	Assistance to Public	Crime (other than shoplifting)	PSPO e.g., cycling, drinking	Shoplifting	Other	Recover ed stock
23/8 –31/10	12	15	102	6	28	43	32	£2,322

Additional info:

1. Rangers were out 41 days in the city within the reporting timeframe period
2. 1020 businesses have been visited
3. Total incidences reported up 20% from last reporting period – a notable increase in ASB and drinking being the main driver
4. Increase in Public Assistance in line with increases in footfall
5. Stock recovered lower than average
6. Additional Rangers hours planned for peak Christmas trading

Further Feedback:

1. During October we had 3 separate incidents of physical assaults on the Rangers – shoplifting and drinking incidences
2. Ongoing petty shoplifting and ASB (drinking) have been the main issues tackled again this period. Rangers now operate in plain clothes periodically, which has proved to be effective in catching/deterring petty theft individuals.

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Friends of Chartres Report for Community Affairs Working Group meeting 15th November 2021

Since my report for the last meeting of the Working Group I am glad to be able to report that all the events I mentioned have successfully taken place as planned.

The talk about Uppark and our subsequent visit to the house were much enjoyed by those who attended.

The University of Chichester Freshers' Fair gave us an opportunity to engage with new undergraduates studying in the City for the first time and Dr Andrew Smith from the University entertained us with his talk – 'Tasteful Protests: Wine, Cheese and radical Protest in France.

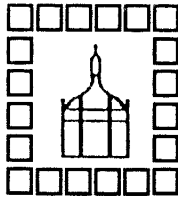
The life and times of Louis XIV always hold a certain fascination and on 9th November Richard Whincop spoke on the subject of 'The National Interest: Art, the Sun King and the Academic Revolution.

The successful schools Art Challenge was a way of young people taking part in twinning and ran for ten years. Now we are just launching our new Photo Challenge with schools in Chichester and Chartres being asked to participate in the photographic competition with the overarching theme of 'My City' and in the first year focussing on 'My Sporting City. With photographs being able to be sent electronically across the channel we hope this will be logistically easier to arrange than transporting works of art and will facilitate exhibitions of the entries to take place in both cities.

Our attendance at the University Freshers' fair and the photo competition are ways of us trying to engage with younger people as our membership can be described as predominately 'mature'!

Finally I am delighted to report that after a delay of two years and three postponements our exchange visit to Chartres to due to take place between Thursday 28th April and Monday 2nd May next year. Although we have been able to keep in touch with our friends in Chartres by Zoom it is not the same as meeting in person and we are looking forward to it. This time there will be the option of staying either with a host family or in a hotel.

Michael Bevis Chairman Friends of Chartres



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FRIENDS OF RAVENNA

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Friends of Ravenna Report for the Community Affairs meeting on Monday November 15th 2021

Programme of Events 2021/2022

There was a gratifying good attendance for our first “live” talk in 18 months. Member Alastair Alexander gave us a detailed and amusing story set in Naples in 1800 involving Nelson, Emma Hamilton and one of Alastair’s ancestors. A glass of Prosecco at the end celebrated some return to normality.

In October we had an excellent talk on the Renaissance Italian painter Artemisia Gentileschi done by art historian and Sotheby’s expert Chantal Brotherton-Ratcliffe.

25th Anniversary

This December and February next year marks 25 years since the signing of the twinning with Ravenna. As the Covid situation remains very uncertain there are, unfortunately, no plans at present for celebratory events or visits. It is hoped that our December meeting, in the form of a Christmas concert given by some of Chichester University’s music students, will mark this milestone in some way with representatives of the other twinning organisations being invited to attend. We hope we can do something bigger next year.

Zoom with Ravenna

As plans for reciprocal visits are not in the offing we are hoping to hold another Zoom meeting with the Amici di Chichester at the beginning of December. These sessions are helping to keep communications going.

Language classes

These are still well attended and have helped to gain us several new members.

Liz Turner
Chairman

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Friends of Valletta

Report to Community Affairs Committee

November 2021



Past Events

Whilst we had a break in July and August the Zoom talks were being well received by both our members and by members of other organisations that we invited to join us. We had a further two talks, one in September and the other in October. We will be holding Zoom talks in the months between the normal talks in the future programme.

Future Programme

On 10 November we are planning to hold our first live meeting for many months in the Assembly Room at 7 pm when Paul McDonald will give his talk entitled “Two Heroes of Malta’s War”. It is the fascinating story of a music hall dancer and an RAF pilot who both arrived in Malta in the autumn of 1940 and became “Malta’s Golden Couple”.

This talk will also be streamed live to all those who are not able to attend in person but want to hear the talk by Zoom.

The AGM meeting is usually held in November, but we have decided to delay it until 2022. We are having difficulties in transferring our bank account from HSBC to the new account at NatWest which is further complicated by members paying into both accounts, not only causing confusion but also making it impossible to prepare the accounts.

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 always welcomes new material.

Membership

I am very pleased to say that our membership now stands at 70.

General

The joint Three Cities Group met to choose the guest speaker for their evening Event in 2002 in support of the Festival of Chichester to be held on Monday 20th or Monday 27th June 2022.

Graham Pound

Chairman, Friends of Valletta.

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From: Anne Scicluna <anne@annescic.plus.com>

Sent: 07 June 2021 16:44

To: Brian Smith <bsmith@historic-towns.org>

Subject: EAHTR

Hallo Brian,

I hope all is well with you and that the family is still thriving. I have a question to ask you relating to EAHTR.

Chichester City Council's Community Affairs Committee met this afternoon, and (in spite of that word beginning with B and having an X in the middle, but which we don't speak aloud!) our members are very keen on forging and keeping links with our European friends – you are of course aware that we are twinned with Chartres and Ravenna, and have a signed link with Valletta. We have been members of the European Walled Towns since just after it was formed in 1991 – although as you are also aware, that body is almost defunct – sadly. We also did have links with Weisseburg and Marktredwitz in Bavaria for very many years.

Please can you give me some further information on your association? I mentioned it at our meeting today, and was asked to make contact and find out more, and whether it is still thriving fairly well.

Maybe we can meet up again sometime soon – our last meeting with Joe in Valletta was good.

With very best wishes,

Anne

Hello Anne,

Nice to hear from you.

I must admit I did have a period where Brexit actually happening made me consider passing the network on for others to pick up the mantle. In the end I concluded that Europe is more than the EU grouping of countries and that collaboration on the challenges facing our shared cultural heritage extends across geographical Europe and beyond - and is going to be more - not less - important in the years to come.

This conclusion was also influenced by requests from other European organisations and indeed the EU Commission itself for us to continue working together. For Example the Commission last week appointed Heritage Europe as an official partner in President Ursula von der Layen's flagship initiative 'The New European Bauhaus'. Reaffirmation perhaps that our ability to add value at the EU level remains intact despite Brexit.

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On a practical level the UK government is underwriting project funding for the moment for some though not all EU programmes. The most important of these is the €100 Billion research and innovation Horizon Europe programme which provides 100% funding for selected projects and is our main source of EU funding. We are now involved in 5 EU projects in varying capacities including the new Hub-In project under Horizon Europe. This is a big project looking at how historic urban areas can be a catalyst for innovation and entrepreneurship. This is of course timely as we face the challenge of re imaging our historic urban areas post Covid where creativity particularly co -creation with local communities will be key ingredients. There will be opportunities in Hub In for our member towns and cities to become involved for example we will be recruiting 20 'follower' cities and an 'alliance' of Hubs of Innovation within Heritage Europe later this year/ early next year.

So to answer your question we doing quite well in the circumstances and always looking to welcome new members from important historic towns like Chichester. Our web site is a fairly good source of information about what we do - you can find us on www.historic-towns.org. As you say hopefully we can look forward to resuming face to face contact soon but in the meantime do let me know if the Council need any further information with regard to joining the network.

Best regards,

Brian

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