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## Community Warden City Council report for Chi East & Chi South

January 2022

Hello all, we hope you've had a great Christmas and that you're in good health.

Covid is restricting from attending home visits and meetings, unless they are absolutely essential. We need to keep ourselves, residents and colleagues as safe as possible.

Fly tipping has been at its usual levels. The same goes for Graffiti.

E-Scooters are an issue in all Warden Areas. We have given advice/warnings to people using them on the Streets and Footpaths. Any complaints we receive we refer them to the Police.

We have had a report of parking issues in The Peacheries. Notes were left on cars, and people were shouted at, and given abuse by residents. Advice was given to report incidents of this abuse to the Police and that people should continue to park legally and within local restrictions. The main perpetrator has been identified in this long standing matter.

We have had reports of scam emails and we have given advice on how to report them.

A Neighbour dispute in Whyke re noise may be linked to Mental Health issues.

Doors are being knocked and kicked in Whyke and Kingsham, one door was believed to have been kicked in. We will continue to monitor.

Arundel Park: an address has been given to us relating to ASB and Drug dealing. RSL and Police are aware. We will continue to monitor.

The Charles Avenue Hub Community Engagement project has been difficult to get off the ground. There has been a lack of take up by the residents, whilst Covid is also partly to blame. We, as a part of the multi-agency team, are rethinking the strategy behind this, but we may need to wait for calmer waters before proceeding.

Swanfield: ASB is ongoing. We received a report of two individuals being attacked by a group of young people. It was a third party report and attempts

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have been made to contact them. We will continue to monitor. A SPRING clean up of the green area was well attended.

Another incident of suspected drug taking has been discovered in Florence Park following several syringes being found in one of the toilet cubicles. Further to this a third party report of drug dealing in the area was received. We will continue to monitor.

We continue to support the 3<sup>rd</sup> yr Uni Students with the Forest School Project at Rumboldswyke School. So far we have supplied 12 wooden pallets and 7 tyres.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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## Community Warden City report January 2022

Happy New Year to everybody, it has been an interesting few months, generally the build up to Christmas normally is. During the last couple of months I have been working very closely with the police on Operation Tinsel which has been mainly targeting shoplifting and pick pocketing as well as any other crime that occurs in the city. This operation was highly successful both in catching and deterring crime, as well as giving the public reassurance and peace of mind to be able to shop safely in Chichester city by having a high number of multi-agency uniformed patrols in the city.

Begging seemed to increase over this period as well, which is normally the case round Christmas time. Working with the BID and Rough sleeper outreach team, we were able to put CDC's diverted giving posters into shops, especially those that were popular begging spots to make members of the public aware that they could donate their money to local charities who directly help all of our rough sleepers in the city. I am aware that the majority of the rough sleepers who were begging over the Christmas period were accommodated.

The Multi story car park is beginning to attract more anti-social behaviour again. I am coming across a lot of young individuals smoking cannabis in this area. Due to this the multi-agency ASB walk round has been scaled back up again with some good success. The police are patrolling the area more frequently now due to local intelligence.

Graffiti has been quite prevalent in the city, it seems to be mainly tagging, we get a cluster of the same taggers over the city, Piers and I clean them off it goes quiet for a little while and it starts up again. We had a clean just before Christmas and I noticed the day I got back that they have gone round again over the Christmas period and targeted electrical boxes and phone boxes and now seem to be all over the city unfortunately the council can only remove tags on property it owns and unfortunately a lot of it is on private property too which would mean it would be up to the property owner to clean off.

The Anti-vax stickers seemed to have stopped after most of the restrictions were lifted, then the government announced compulsory face mask wearing in shops and then somebody kindly went round and put more stickers on shops in all four streets and I noticed more yesterday, if they weren't challenging enough to remove them they are now becoming bigger and harder to remove, but I will endeavour to remove as much of it as I can.

I am still working very closely with the Rough Sleeping Outreach team and Stonepillow especially with regards to when people go missing or if there are concerns for someone, as I am out and about and would more than likely know them or where they would hang out, I am normally the first port of call.

Declan Moody      Senior Community Warden

14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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## City Council Report January 2022

### Chichester West

Here is a short roundup of incidents and issues dealt with. Not too much to report this time as I was away on leave over Christmas/New Year period:

- Neighbour disputes: some complex issues in one location. What began as a problem with a neighbour's unkempt garden has now evolved into getting help and assistance for a vulnerable resident.
- Parking issues
- Continual problems with rubbish and fly tipping at a particular area. As fast as it's cleared away, a minority of residents leave their rubbish and unwanted household items around the bin areas once again.
- Day burning streetlights reported
- Reassurance and welfare visits and phone contact to combat loneliness and isolation.
- Information and advice to family with elderly lady suffering from dementia. Details on Sage House passed on.
- Suspected drug activity in one location reported to me just before Christmas – will follow up for more info to pass to relevant agency.
- Elderly resident had damage to a shed that was subsequently found to contain asbestos. Environmental Health informed.
- Group of young teenage boys causing anti-social behaviour/damage/bullying around the area. After some enquiries I found out names/addresses/schools attended. Info passed onto relevant authorities for action. Encouraged residents to report all incidents to Police.

Thank you for your continued support and wishing you a happy New Year.

Sue Long

Community Warden for Chichester West

**Chichester BID Ranger report 1 November 2021 to 2 January 2022**

| Time frame    | DISC reports | ASB | Assistance to Public | Crime (other than shoplifting) | PSPO e.g., cycling, drinking | Shoplifting | Other | Recover ed stock |
|---------------|--------------|-----|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------|------------------|
| 01/11 – 02/01 | 10           | 13  | 56                   | 1                              | 10                           | 83          | 43    | £3,412           |

**Additional info:**

1. Rangers were out 40 days in the city within the reporting timeframe period
2. 877 businesses have been visited
3. Total incidences reported up 15% from last reporting period – a notable increase in shoplifting being the main driver
4. Increase in Public Assistance in line with increases in footfall
5. Stock recovered increased proportionate to increase in shoplifting
6. Additional Ranger’s patrols implemented for peak Christmas trading
7. 5 serious tripping incidents (requiring ambulance attendance) occurred during December

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Friends of Chartres Report for Community Affairs Working Group meeting  
17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Since my last report we were able to hold our early Christmas social event on 25<sup>th</sup> November when members were able to meet in the magnificent setting of the Sherbourne Room in the Bishop's Palace and were entertained to a programme of festive music performed by some very talented young musicians from the University of Chichester.

With increased Covid infection rates at the time of writing this report we have decided to defer our private view of an exhibition at the Oxmarket Gallery which was due to have taken place later this month.

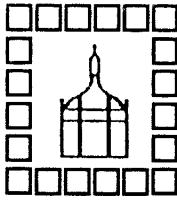
For the same reason we have also taken the decision to defer the proposed schools' photographic competition.

We do however intend to hold our annual dinner for the first time for two years at the 64 restaurant and bar at Chichester College on 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Our Cine Club French films at The Studio at the New Park Centre have always been popular and we so we have arranged a showing of 'Potiche', a comedy starring Catherine Deneuve and Gerard Depardieu on 27<sup>th</sup> February, which will be the last event of the current year before our AGM..

At our Annual General Meetings we try to provide refreshments and some entertainment so at this year's meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March we will enjoy Britain's favourite take-away of fish and chips and I will be giving a talk about my aunt's time with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) immediately after the end of the Second World War. She travelled through France to take up her post in Germany and stayed overnight in Chartres on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1945.

At the time of writing travel to France has been banned by the French government, somewhat to the embarrassment of our friends in Chartres but we are sincerely hoping that the plans for our exchange visit to Chartres can take place at the end of April. Hopefully restrictions will have eased so that we can do so but the continuing uncertainties caused by the pandemic make planning difficult.



**Friends of Ravenna Report for the Chichester Community  
Affairs meeting on Monday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**Programme of Events 2021/2022**

In November we had an interesting and unusual talk given by Portsmouth University lecturer Elena Manservisi about a mysterious Italian poem. This medieval love poem was found scribbled on the back of a legal document from the archbishop's archive. Elena was intrigued and decided to discover more - for whom was it written and who wrote it? Her talk possibly raised more questions than it answered but fascinating nonetheless!

Government mutterings about further lockdowns nearly put paid to our planned Christmas concert in early December. To proceed or cancel? In the end, having decided that we were actually allowed to hold such events, we went ahead and it was much enjoyed by all. Who knew there was such a wealth of musical talent at the University - the students were amazing. The Orbita Baroque Ensemble performed first with a selection of music by Corelli, Vivaldi and a piece from Handel's The Messiah. Following an interval, during which seasonal refreshments and prosecco were served, the Sleepy Lagoon Orchestra upped the tempo with a selection of popular Christmas hits. A great evening to kick off the season and we were very pleased to welcome Councillor John Hughes, Mayor of Chichester, together with his wife Cherry. We toasted our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary together with a celebratory cake.

**Zoom with Ravenna**

A Zoom session with our Italian friends is long overdue and one is planned now for early February and we have 2 speakers lined up for that.

**Membership**

I am pleased to report that we are still gaining new members and the total now stands at 181.

Happy New Year - Buon Anno!  
Liz Turner  
Chairman

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## Friends of Valletta

### Report to Community Affairs Committee



January 2022

#### Past Events

We held our first live meeting for many months in the Assembly Room in November when Paul McDonald gave his talk entitled “Two Heroes of Malta’s War”, the fascinating story of a music hall dancer and an RAF pilot who both arrived in Malta in the autumn of 1940.

This talk was streamed live from the Assembly Room to all those who were not able to attend in person and I am very pleased to say it was a great success as we had listeners in USA and Malta and across the country.

We have finally completed the transfer of our bank account from HSBC to the new account at NatWest. However, it had been not possible to prepared audited accounts to hold the AGM in November, so we will delay holding it until November this year.

#### Future Programme

On 20 January we have a Zoom talk by Peter Brinsden entitled “The Pre-History of Malta GC”. Peter is a retired Surgeon Commander and during his tours of duty in Malta he discovered a lot about the tombs and temples and artefacts of Malta in the period from 5,000 to 2,000 BC.

Richard Stedall will be giving a Zoom talk on 15 February on “Malta Buses”. For anyone who has visited Malta they will know that the buses have varied from being multi-coloured for the various villages, the ex-London “bendy buses”, to the modern ones of today.

While there is still considerable uncertainty with the current infection rates of Covid we are planning the details for our Annual Dinner which we are hoping we will be able to hold at the College on 17 March.

The outline of the programme for the remainder of 2022 is complete and is being finalised.

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

We will be updating the membership list now that the new bank account is active.

#### General

The joint Three Cities Group Event in 2002 in support of the Festival of Chichester will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Graham Pound

Chairman, Friends of Valletta