

AGENDA ITEM 5a

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
17th January 2022

Since my last report we were able to hold our early Christmas social event on 25th 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.

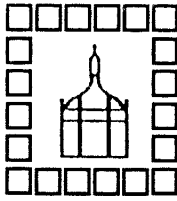
For the same reason we have also taken the decision to defer the proposed schools' photographic competition.

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 17th 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 27th 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 22nd 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 16th 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 17th 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 25th 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 20th June 2022.

Graham Pound

Chairman, Friends of Valletta