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Community Warden report for the city

Spring is in the air, the weather is starting to get warmer, and I suspect that this may be one of the reasons why we are seeing more of our street community out and about. There has also been a little increase in our rough sleeping community as well, probably for the same reason, but our Rough Sleeping Outreach team have been working tirelessly to help accommodate those who wish to be accommodated. So as the warmer days increase there may be an increase in drinking related ASB, which I will be keeping a close eye on.

Graffiti has been a huge issue for us recently, however we are not the only ones being hit as Bognor seem to be getting the same, with the same taggers targeting them. This has been brought up with the police who are looking into it as well and have had some success in identifying some of the culprits. Piers and I have been patrolling the city everyday and visiting all the popular tagging spots , which after a good few weeks now, seem to be having an effect and the frequency of the tagging which has dropped significantly.

Youth ASB seems to have increased again, with groups of youths gathering in the multi-storey car park and in Woolstaplers car park in the early evenings, the police have been made aware and a couple of the ringleaders identified. We have increased our patrols in the area and there has been early evening multi-agency ASB patrols taking place. I have continued to remind the public to report any criminal or ASB activity to the police.

I have seen a drop in people cycling during prohibited hours in North and East Street, but I am expecting a slight rise as the weather improves. Electric scooters seem to have dropped considerably as well, I am hoping it is because owners are realising it is illegal to ride them in public.

Shop theft remains a constant and I have done several deterred thefts by following prolific shoplifters into stores and making my presence known, as I am not exactly low-profile potential offenders spot me very quickly and leave the store.

I am looking forward to a lovely summer in the city as it is my most favourite season and funnily enough is the only time of year people say to me that they would like to do my job.

Declan Moody

Senior Community Warden

11th March 2022

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City Council Report March 2022

Chichester West

Here is a short roundup of incidents and issues dealt with.

- Neighbour disputes: some complex issues in one location. What began as a problem with a neighbour's unkempt garden has now highlighted some community tensions. Housing Association has had to be contacted urgently as they haven't taken any action as yet. Info sent to Police.
- Parking issues outside secondary school with people parking on double yellow lines whilst waiting for their children.
- Continual problems with rubbish and fly tipping in two locations, Housing Association contacted weeks ago to organise removal, but still waiting for this to be done and so I have re-reported it for action as more rubbish has now been added to the original fly tipping.
- Suspected squatter/sub-let property, now resolved.
- Reassurance and welfare visits and phone contact to combat loneliness and isolation. Visits to Over 60s Club to give advice on various subjects.
- Spate of graffiti in various locations. I managed to obtain photos and descriptions of suspected perpetrators and reported to CDC and Police.
- Incidents with E scooters have increased since Christmas.
- Elderly resident contacted me about a parking issue. I visited and found some worrying issues with personal safety at home and gave advice. Also helped her with NHS appointments that she was confused about. Will keep a close eye on her welfare.
- Advice/talks given about how best people can help and donate to the situation in Ukraine.
- Weekly Parklands Pantry that has been running since the New Year in partnership with UK Harvest to reduce food waste and help residents who are struggling with food costs. An average of 65 people attending each week and is proving very popular. Assisting volunteers for a 'chill and chat' with residents during food distribution.

Thank you for your continued support

Sue Long

Community Warden for Chichester West

Chichester BID Ranger report 4 January 2022 to 6 March 2022

Time frame	DISC reports	ASB	Assistance to Public	Crime (other than shoplifting)	PSPO e.g., cycling, drinking	Shoplifting	Other	Recovered stock
04/01 – 06/03	3	37	44	3	6	45	43	£1,282

Additional info:

1. Rangers were out 18 days in the city within the reporting timeframe period
2. Out of peak trading rotas resumed
3. 426 businesses have been visited
4. Key issues being dealt with – homelessness and petty theft (shoplifting predominantly)
5. Decrease in Public Assistance in line with decreases in footfall
6. Stock recovered proportionate to time period and time of year

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Friends of Chartres Report for Community Affairs Working group meeting

21st March 2022

Although there is not a great deal to report for the first time since I took the chair of the friends of Chartres we have been able to hold the events we had planned on the due dates.

On 17th February we held our annual dinner for the first time for two years at the 64 restaurant at the Chichester College. We were able to take over the whole restaurant. The staff and students ensured that we had a very pleasant evening. The Mayor in his capacity as President of the Friends gave a short speech in which he expressed the hope, which was echoed by all those present, that we will be able to encourage some younger people to join us in the coming year.

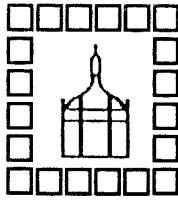
We enjoyed our Cine Club presentation of the film Potiche at the Studio at the New Park Centre took us back to an amusing, less politically correct view of France in the mid-1970s.

As previously reported our AGM will be held on 22nd March. We currently have 108 members.

At the time of my last report travel to France had been banned by the French government but now the restrictions have been eased considerably and plans for our first exchange visit to our friends in Chartres are well under way. At the time of writing we have 28 members who have booked to travel on 28th April for a four day stay.

Michael Bevis Chairman

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FRIENDS OF RAVENNA

CHICHESTER

Friends of Ravenna Report for the Chichester Community Affairs meeting on Monday March 21st 2022

Programme of Events 2021/2022

There have been 2 evening talks since my last report. In January local author Angela Petch made a repeat visit. She and her husband bought and restored an old watermill in a very rural part of Tuscany and they spend half the year there. They have made many friends, got to know the area well and this situation is a very rich source of material for Angela's books and for the 2 fascinating talks that she has given us.

In February local artist and art historian, Paul Kopecek, gave us an interesting, and very detailed, talk called "To Italy and back". It was a virtual journey beginning and ending in Chichester exploring a range of art works in situ and making comparisons with artworks in Italy.

Zoom meeting with Ravenna

We finally got to "see" our Italian friends via Zoom on February 28th. One of our members, Brenda Gay, gave a short, illustrated virtual tour of Goodwood House. She is a volunteer guide there so is well placed to do this. Then one of the Ravennati told us about Lord Byron and his Italian lover Teresa Gamba. We finished with the recounting of a local ghost story beautifully read by Fiona Lewis. Both English texts were translated into Italian by Carla Gaita, who also read them. It is a format that works well, although the number of Italians attending was disappointing.

Visit to Ravenna

Finally, circumstances permitting, a 4 day visit to Italy is being planned for the autumn for approximately 16 people.

Liz Turner
Chairman

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Friends of Valletta

Report to Community Affairs Committee



March 2022

Past Events

In his Zoom talk in January entitled “The Pre-History of Malta” Peter Brinsden gave a fascinating talk about some of the temples and tombs that date from about 5,000 BC which are the oldest recorded in that part of the world except for a small number in Turkey.

Clearly Richard Stedall has a great love of the “Malta Buses” when he gave us a Zoom talk in February, explaining that for many years the buses were all different colours depending on their destinations.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the Annual dinner which was to be held at the College in March to later in the year. It is now planned for September 8th and will be held at the Chichester Park Hotel, because of course the college students will not have returned by then. It is a national holiday in Malta, celebrating Our Lady of Victories (and the first church in Valletta is named after her) and so apt for celebrations.

Future Programme

On Thursday 21 April Paul Galea will be giving a Zoom talk on “The Malta Railway” which is of course no longer in use but was used extensively by the postal authorities to get mail from outlying villages to the main Post office in Valletta to send abroad.

We are very pleased to welcome Nicholas Frayling who will give a live talk, which will also be streamed, on the “Order of St John & Museum in Clerkenwell” on Tuesday 27 May at 7.30 pm. A few years ago he had organised a visit for the Friends to the museum which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

The garden party will be held in my garden in the afternoon on Sunday 26 June. More details will be issued later.

Anne continues to prepare issues of the Melita newsletter every two months for members with interesting articles from various sources as we are concerned to keep in touch with our members, and she always keen to receive new material.

Membership

We currently have 82 members which includes the honorary life members from overseas.

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



Report to: Chichester City Council Community Affairs Working Group
for its Meeting on Monday 21st March 2022

From: Paula Chatfield, Chair of Chichester Tree Wardens

Date: 13th March 2022

Chichester Tree Wardens met indoors on Friday 4th March for the first time since the covid pandemic introduced restrictions on how we could get together. We reviewed our **strategy** reported to you at your meeting on 3rd September 2018 and are pleased to confirm our ongoing intentions, as volunteers for the Tree Council's national Tree Warden network, co-ordinated locally through West Sussex County Council.

Chichester Tree Wardens will continue to:

- Familiarise ourselves with the trees in the areas we cover and where we get out and about, finding out who owns/manages them, keeping an eye on their health and anticipating/reporting any problems.
- Learn about risks to trees including particular conditions and diseases (e.g. ash die-back) and impacts of changing weather, and anticipate/understand conflicts (e.g. leaves/needles in gutters, damage to garden walls).
- Look for opportunities to improve the local environment by planting appropriate trees in appropriate locations and encouraging replacement planting where trees have been lost.
- Try to be aware of development proposals and consider their impact on trees, and the impact trees have on both people and place (including wildlife); respond constructively to planning applications.
- Communicate with local people interested in trees and respond to queries about trees, trying to find ways that trees and people can support each other and sign-posting relevant information/contacts (we are not qualified to give advice).
- Attend and/or run events to learn about trees.

Chichester Tree Wardens will also work on opportunities to:

- Recruit new Tree Wardens and/or helpers (so someone has an eye out for trees in the whole of Chichester parish; and we improve the capacity and resilience of what we can achieve together).
- Initiate/help create a comprehensive inventory of Chichester trees, an AUDIT of what we have and where, so we all understand Chichester's existing tree heritage/"asset base" and its economic value.
- Encourage the creation of a TREE STRATEGY for Chichester, in partnership with civic authorities and major landowners and based on the audit and understanding the implications of a "do nothing" approach.
- Contribute to the formulation/evolution of CDC planning policy in relation to trees and the environment (including through the Local Plan Review and CCC's Neighbourhood Plan) and other important policies where trees have a part to play e.g. air quality, biodiversity.
- Raise the profile of trees in the city, and improve understanding, including organising/taking part in tree talks, tree awareness events, tree trails and encouraging civic pride in our tree heritage (and sponsorship of trees, if appropriate).
- Participate in organised training for Tree Wardens to improve our knowledge and skills.
- Raise funding to support our work, including to run our website, produce leaflets, etc.

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Some of how this activity translates into **action** was included in my intended report to your last meeting. As I was unable to stay online for this item, it was published after the event on our website and you can find it [here](#).

Since our last report, we have had two **volunteer resignations**: Trevor Reason, who fell out of contact during covid disruptions shortly after his appointment; and Brian Hopkins, a volunteer Chichester Tree Warden who we thank for his service of over 20 years. Brian single-handedly updated the [Chichester City Tree Trail](#) resulting in the second revised online edition published through West Sussex County Council last July and we will be keeping an eye on it to ensure it stays up-to-date.

Finally, a new **concern** has become evident in the last fortnight: CityFibre is currently working in the public highway on “full fibre” installation intended to bring gigabit broadband capacity/choice to the whole of Chichester (although plans for the city centre have yet to be determined). Where it is choosing to route cabling under grass verges, its infrastructure will restrict future tree planting and, as far as we can tell, West Sussex County Council (as local highway authority) is powerless to stop it. The England Trees Action Plan 2021-2024 (published May 2021) is clear in its aim to put more trees in towns and cities, including its expectation “that streets should be tree-lined”, but has not delivered the means to do so. I am liaising with CityFibre in the hope that it can be persuaded of the business/sustainability sense in making sure it leaves space for new street trees, but ultimately Government will need to put arrangements in place to protect space for trees alongside other utility/highways infrastructure, if it is to meet its own objectives.

With best wishes,

Paula (tel. 07788 140698; email paula@parklands-chichester.org)



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REPORT FOR 2021 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.

An attempt was made to link the Mayor with the Mayor of Kursk. As well as exchanging fraternal greetings it was also intended to use the link to agree a format for future meetings. Unfortunately, we had two clashes of dates followed by a new Mayor being appointed in Kursk. This delayed everything until the new year.

Communication and exchanges of information about events in both countries was maintained with our liaison contacts in Kursk.

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 remained postponed awaiting the lifting of travel restrictions.

Our attempts to link the emergency services nationally was delayed due to the death of a Russian Minister who is yet to be replaced.

GENERAL

I have kept this report solely to 2021 matters. Obviously, events in 2022 will have a major impact on our work both emergency services and civic. We will be monitoring the situation during the coming year and consult the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office before any reappraisal of our future.

Chris Holgate
Chairman and Founding Trustee

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