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Chichester City Council

Chichester Community Groups Networking Event - 5 December 2023

We are holding a Chichester Community Groups Networking Event in the Assembly Room on Tuesday 5 December 2023. We are hoping to bring together local community groups within the city for a networking and information event. Objectives of the day will include identifying common goals, explore how local voluntary sector groups could work together to achieve these, build awareness of what services are available locally and build connections among groups.

As well as this, Jo Moeller from West Sussex Library Service will be giving an introduction and presentation on CLIO3. Jo will be on hand to answer any questions and sign up any groups which are interested.

A timetable of the day is as follows.

9.00 to 9.30 - Arrival, refreshments, and registration

9.30 – Introduction

9.40 – 10.40 – CLIO – Overview and questions session

10.40 - Break for refreshments

11.00 – Breakout sessions to explore key issues and potential partnership projects

12.00 – Summary of discussions and agreement of next steps

12.15 – Close and thanks

12.30 – Event ends

Katie Coffey

Communities Officer

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Community Warden City report November 2023

As we begin to roll into Christmas, we are starting to get an increase in the footfall which will be good to see and gives a nice festive feeling to the city. I have noticed an increase in begging in the city which is typical for this time of year. I have made a point to highlight this with the police at JAG (Joint Action Group) as well as our Rough Sleeping Outreach team in order to ensure we can nip it in the bud, as the majority of this group are accommodated and are supported by Stonepillow and the council to get both accommodation and their benefits. We have had success with a group who were being brought into the city to professionally beg and I highlighted them to the police, and they were eventually issued with Community Protection Warnings (CPW's) after being caught with signs and begging numerous times by the police, this has seemed to have stopped this in its tracks.

We are going to be patrolling the ADC more regularly along with the police as ASB seems to be on the increase as well as a lot of criminal damage, the police will be involved with this as well.

Eastgate Square had become an issue over the summer period, as our street community were gathering here and drinking significantly, which in turn was causing a lot of ASB and generating a lot of complaints from local businesses and residents. We put numerous things into place, we got WSCC to cut back the trees as it was providing a cover for the seating area to the stage where you could barely see under them and was also blocking out CCTV coverage. I increased my patrols significantly, engaging the group sitting there and reminding them about their behaviour if it started to become rowdy. I also pop into the local businesses everyday to show support and they have my contact number in case any issues occur. The police have also raised their profile in this area as well. So, with all this in play plus the help of the cold wet weather this seems to put a dampener on this sort of behaviour.

Graffiti is ongoing in the city as it seems that a couple of individuals come into Chichester in the early hours of the morning and tag all over the city, which generates a huge amount of work to remove this. Our graffiti company can only remove certain tags on brick work in the right weather, so in winter it takes a bit longer to remove, but we endeavour to try and remove these tags as quickly as we can.

We have also had issues with youths causing ASB in the city, with them harassing and attempting to steal both in shops and the cathedral, the police and I have started to identify individuals, which will now be followed up by police with probably home visits. Youngsters have also broken into the House of Fraser site and have broken loads of windows. After a lot of phone calls to many individuals we have managed to get hold of the owners for the site who will be boarding up the building to stop any future breaches to the premises.

Shoplifting is a constant and I continue to support the shops by deterring would be shoplifters and actively disturbing their free shopping by being a visible presence. I have noticed that a few stores are either utilising more staff to be involved more on the shop floor which deters would be shoplifters, or employing security guards which seems to have

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made quite a difference in shop theft. Operation Tinsel will be up and running soon and I will be working with the police to deal with shoplifters and pickpockets over the festive period.

I have had to deal with a couple of cases where female staff in shops have been made to feel uncomfortable by males who go into the store, not as a customer all the time making the staff feel uneasy. After early interventions by me either involving police or speaking to the individual myself so far, it seems to have had a positive effect.

I could go on and on about what is going on in the city, as there is so much that happens, which keeps me very busy. Last week my pedometer informed me I averaged 20 000 steps a day I suppose it will one way to walk off my festive gains next year.

Declan Moody

Senior Community Warden

20/11/2023

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Chichester West November 2023

Here is a brief overview of the past couple of months:

- Various community events attended – Halloween, charity quiz nights.
- Ongoing litter/rubbish/flytipping accumulating outside a particular address and waste bins not being used properly causing overflowing rubbish spilling onto pavement and road. Environmental Protection now liaising with landlord and tenant.
- Assistance and advice given to resident around a neighbour's drug use.
- UK Harvest events attended weekly. Advice, help and support given to struggling households, homeless persons.
- Numerous talks to local groups around personal safety and scams in run up to Christmas. Also information given about edible cannabis.
- Five faulty streetlights (dayburning) reported.
- Two incidents of flytipping reported to Hyde for removal.
- Assistance and advice given around two different neighbour disputes - noise nuisance/verbal abuse/damage. I have liaised with Housing Association about these situations.
- Reunited a bank card with resident who had misplaced it at an event.
- ASB and older lady harassed/verbal abuse, advice given on how to report to Police (and why it's important to get it recorded).
- Welfare visits to elderly residents who have been in hospital/waiting for operations. Arranged for heating to be put on intermittently at one resident's house to avoid damp whilst she is in hospital (no central heating).
- Support and advice given to two separate residents who are struggling with relationship breakdowns.
- I have had a few calls from out of my area (Westbourne, Southbourne, even the Isle of Wight!). As much as I'd like a trip to the island, I am unable to attend these areas in person but have given help and advice as to what to do/who to contact in their local areas.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Sue Long

Community Warden for Chichester West

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Chichester South and East

ASB and Behaviour

A wet half term kept the ASB down to a low level in our area. Although we have had reports of ASB on Whyke Marsh, regular group of 10- and 11-year-olds, some parents spoken to yet again.

South Bank and the area around the canal basin had some reported problems with ASB. Eggs thrown at 2 properties and knocking on doors and running off. Elderly residents quite upset by this, no descriptions of perpetrators so far, possibly trick or treaters going too far, we have upped patrols of the area.

A fight between 2 very young girls from Kingsham school, both sets of parents and school aware, bullying and name calling the cause, hopefully sorted now.

Several complaints from a resident re riding a scooter on the path.

We have had some information that very young children are being seen smoking cannabis, no names to go with these reports yet, but we are monitoring and hoping to catch some of these youngsters.

General and Welfare

Parking problems at Kingsham school yet again

There is a definite rise in graffiti all over both areas, nothing much racist and obscene but still looks terrible. It is very difficult to get the property owners to clear. The CDC Depot are very helpful when it comes to offensive graffiti and clean as soon as they can.

We have been helping a young mum with a small child get help as her ceiling collapsed and she was very distressed, with water coming through her roof, she is now being assessed and will be moved into temporary accommodation while her flat is being fixed.

We are keeping an eye out for any rough sleepers as the weather is getting worse and will report to our outreach team.

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Julie at Florence Park Cafe is trying to source fresh fruit and veg to give away for free every Wednesday to anyone in need.

We attended the Warm Hub in Swanfield Community Centre to help attendees with the WSCC community Safety survey. About 10 elderly residents were there having tea, cake and chatting, a lovely place for them to get some company in the warm, they were arranging a Christmas lunch for the group, and in good spirits, if only we could get all the single elderly to attend something like this.

Swanfield Park Financial & Wellbeing event this week, Jon attended to speak to residents, a small amount of people came to this event, but it may have been due to the rain. The one earlier in the year was well attended though.

General patrols continue.

Thankyou for the continued support and if you need to contact us, please don't hesitate.

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Friends of Valletta

Report to Community Affairs Committee



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Past Events

The Annual Dinner was held on Thursday 7 September to celebrate Malta Day at the Chichester Park Hotel when members enjoyed an excellent meal.

Unfortunately the meeting on 12 October when Francis Dickinson was due to give a talk on the submarine HMS Urge was cancelled by him for personal reasons.

A group of members travelled to Valletta on 16 October for a most enjoyable visit. Among the places we visited were Ta' Qali Craft Village to see the crafts and potteries, and were updated on the progress being made with the restoration of the Villa Frere gardens. We also saw a performance of the musical "Grease" at the Manoel theatre.

Bishop Martin suggested that during our visit we contact St Paul's Anglican Cathedral and St John's Co Cathedral to explore the possibility of establishing ecclesiastical links between the Cathedrals in Valletta and Chichester, similar to those in place with Chartres. Anne Scicluna and I had discussions with both cathedrals, and each expressed a keen interest in setting up such links.

Future Programme

The AGM will be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 7 December at 7 pm.

A Christmas Social evening will be held in the Sherbourne Room at the Bishops Palace on Wednesday 13 December at 6.30 pm when David Nason will talk about the history of the room. Wine and nibbles will be served.

Programme for 2024

Zoom talks are being planned for the start of 2024 on topics to include Update on Villa Frere Garden, British schools in Malta, The Craft Village Pottery making, and British Military Heritage in Malta.

General

Anne prepares 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.

Graham Pound
Chairman, Friends of Valletta.

PLANS TO RESTORE THE GATEWAY ARCH ON CENTURION WAY

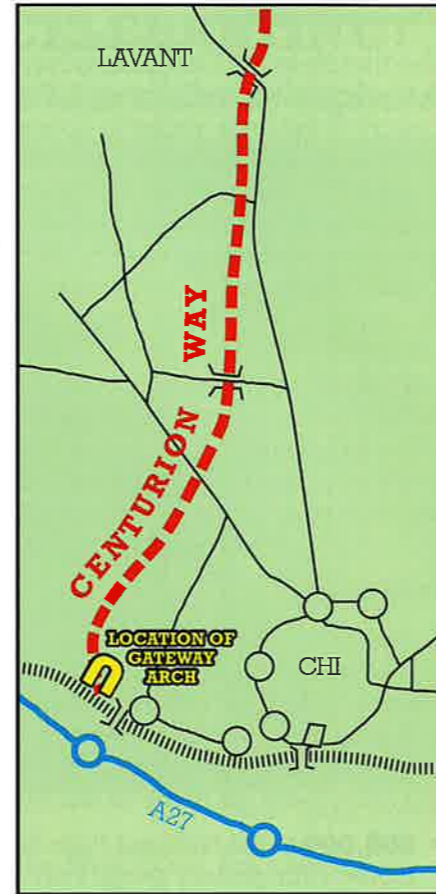
The Friends of Centurion Way tell the story so far

It will help readers to know the circumstances leading to the current situation. Most people are aware that Centurion Way – a name invented by a student at Bishop Luffa School – was previously a railway line from Chichester to Midhurst. Operations were shut down over several years and finally ended in 1991. Perhaps few of us know that new life as a pathway into the South Downs began in September 1995, nearly 30 years ago, and that users now annually exceed 300,000. This change was managed by cycling charity Sustrans. The opening was celebrated by commissioning several public artworks, one being the Gateway Arch located at the southern end next to Bishop Luffa School. Although impressive, see illustration below, the Gateway Arch was removed in 2015 because it partially collapsed and was taken to the County Highways Drayton depot near Oving, where it has rested for eight years, unloved. This is why the Friends of Centurion Way (FOCW) are campaigning to return an impressive public sculpture to its original location.

Gateway Arch

The Arch has its own story and we are grateful to its sculptor Richard Farrington who told us:

- The curved timbered archway originally came from the rib of an old minesweeper found in Langstone Harbour. It was being broken up at Pounds Yard in Portsmouth Harbour and when found the timbers were in remarkably good condition, for these laminated pieces were formed over 80 years.
- Figures on top of the archway were made from galvanised steel plate and represent a collection of characters found in Romano-British mosaics at Fishbourne Roman Palace and elsewhere - a gathering of people, gods and creatures, even a magic mushroom!



The Gateway Arch when newly installed in 1995.

The benefits

- Improved signage for Centurion Way.
- Emphasize the entrance to countryside north of Chichester and the South Downs National Park.
- Highlight the links with other cycle and pedestrian routes such as Salterns Way to Chichester Harbour.
- Re-establish the meeting point and landmark for those using Centurion Way.
- Create a permanent addition to Chichester's well-established outdoor artscape.

Refurbishment of the archway will not only give much pleasure to all those who use Centurion Way today but this project is for the generations of tomorrow, as a lasting public statement about heritage, craftsmanship, community, health and well-being - the core objectives creating the original path and gifting it to the community.

How much?

Total estimates are at present around £22,000 but we know that with inflation we will have to add anything between 10-20%. At the moment £16,000 will be needed to restore and reinstate the arch. Approximately £1,500 is for planning and fees while another £4,500 could secure new signage and explanation to enhance and upgrade the route. To date the FOCW have raised £3,000 from a variety of sources. But we have a lot more to raise to reach our goal. Currently we are in discussion with Councils and developers regarding the reinstatement and planning permissions required as the original location may be unavailable due to the planned Southern Access Route to the new Minerva Heights housing development.

The Friends

Friends of Centurion Way (FOCW) are a local group of residents who volunteer their time to preserve and protect this remarkable public way. This year we are leading a fundraising campaign to repair and reinstate the Archway. Applications



A close-up of the many characters made from galvanised steel plate.

are planned to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the South Downs National Park, Vistry Homes (one of the developers of nearby Minerva Heights), and other grant-funding organisations. We're thinking about crowd funding. If reading this article you would like to know more about the campaign we invite you to email us at friends@centurionway.org.uk



The Friends of Centurion Way has over 1,000 supporters on Facebook and their website can be found at www.centurionway.org.uk

Photos not credited are courtesy of the FOCW.

RIGHT: The Gateway Arch in March 2023 on its side at WSCC Highways Drayton depot. The wood supports have rotted. Photo: Carley Sitwell



Supporters holding cardboard cutouts of characters from the absent Gateway Arch. John Grimshaw, founder of the Sustrans charity who designed Centurion Way, is standing in the middle. Photo: Mark Record

Kim Martin

From: saskia@think18.org.uk
Sent: 17 October 2023 12:20
To: Kim Martin
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: An update on the THINK18 Camping Weekend that CCC funded.

Dear Kim,

Hope this email finds you well.

I have been meaning to update you on the Camping Weekend that Chichester City Council so kindly funded in August 2023. Huge thank you for the 2.5k donation which allowed this event to take place.

As you can see from the supporting photos, it was such a success. The Young Adults really enjoyed sharing the experience with their Friends and Families and the THINK18 Team, it really did mean a huge amount to them and they were buzzing for weeks after. We were able to offer them novelty overnight accommodation in tents (for some members and their families this was their only 'holiday' of the year). There was an action-packed daytime schedule organised, from an interactive workshop from Performing Arts group Stopgap, Sound Bath Meditation, music from Rocksteady, Art and Crafts. Another highlight was the sports games hosted by the energetic duo Damien and Darius from Soul Limited in London who are passionate about physical and mental wellbeing. Guests were treated to Paella and Pizza followed by a Disco! Every one really enjoyed the feeling of connection, learning new skills, above all having fun.

We are so grateful to Chichester City Council for this Discretionary Grant. If this is something you might be able to sponsor yearly do please let us know, or do we need to continue to apply via the usual grant application channel?

Thanks Kim

Saskia

Liberator crash on Chichester 11th May 1944

Part of Chichester's history is that on 11th May 1944 a Liberator bomber was passing Chichester on the way back to Lavenham in Suffolk. It had been very badly shot up and was in a terrible state, almost unable to fly. The American pilot ordered the crew to bail out, and he then pointed the aircraft towards the Channel and bailed out himself. Whereupon the fire in the aircraft caused the aeroplane to turn back towards Chichester. It crashed on the laundry by the amphitheatre. It was just before 4pm. A fourteen year old girl named May Grainger, who lived at 1 Bramber Road on the Whyke Estate, was on her way from school, was killed outright. Laundress, Elizabeth Tees who ran back into the laundry for her handbag, died the following Sunday. Leonard Price, who was digging his allotment (Digging for Victory) died three months later.

A few years ago the son of the Canadian pilot – whose name was Joe Duncan - came to Chichester on his father's behalf (his father was by now more than ninety years old) and wanted to lay flowers on May's grave in Portfield cemetery. We had to find the grave, as there is no headstone. However, the flowers were laid and the son was sent home to tell his father not to continue feeling guilty, as he had done his best during wartime.

It has been put to me that it would be a nice gesture if Chichester City Council would be willing to lay a headstone on this young girl's grave. And it seems to me that 11th May next year will be the 80th anniversary of the tragedy, so that this could be an ideal time to pay tribute to one of Chichester's children.

Anne Scicluna

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REF. Area. Div. _____ H.Q. REF. CO/158/44

CRASHED AIRCRAFT REPORT

Borough ~~Chichester~~ CHICHESTER Date 11th May 1944 Time 15.55
 Exact Location Kenneth Long's Timber Yard, The Hornet, Chichester
 Map Reference 302244
 British, Allied or Enemy American Type Liberator, No. 481
 Condition of Machine Completely wrecked

CREW

Killed _____ Seriously Injured _____ Slightly Injured Two Unhurt Eight
 Not traced _____
 Disposal of Crew 1st Pilot Lt. Dupon - Eastergate Mobile Field Hospital and Bombardier
 Lt. Miller - Royal West Sussex Hospital, The remainder of crew to RAF Merston
 2nd Pilot Lt. Hood, Navigator 2nd Lt. Evans, Engineer Sgt. Marquardt, Radio Op. Sgt. Brown
 Mid-gunner Sgt. Galligan, Nose gunner Sgt. Wolyn, Waist gunner Sgt. Antee, Tail-gunner
 Sgt. Grieve.
 Which R.A.F. Station notified Tangmere
 Time and Date of notification PA District Police

Detail of Occurrence

At 15.55 hrs on Thursday, 11th May 1944, an American Liberator, No.481 from 137 Airfield crashed on the allotments south of Kenneth Long's Timber yard at MR 302244. The American crew had previously baled out. The plane was returning from operations and had been hit by flak which caused a fire in the bomb bay. There were five 1000 lb bombs on board of which two exploded scattering parts of the aircraft over a wide area. The remaining three failed to explode and were rendered safe by RAF BDS at 20.30 hrs the same day.

The City Electric Laundry in which some 50 women and girls were working, caught fire and was burning fiercely within a few minutes. Considerable damage was done by blast to many houses and premises within three to four hundred yards.

Services were quickly on the scene and rescue work carried out. St John's School which would have been used as a Rest Centre was damaged and the alternative at the Boys' High School was opened.

Casualties were as follows:- One killed: Fourteen detained in hospital: Thirteen treated at Hospital and allowed to return home: Twelve treated at P.A.P. The person killed was Miss M. Grainger, age 14 years of 1, Bramber Road, Chichester. 'B' damage to 4 houses, 'C' & 'D' damage to 700 houses.

Time and Date information received by Police Headquarters 16.05 hrs on 11th May 1944.

The official accident report completed by the Police on May 11th 1944 (courtesy West Sussex Record Office). Local newspaper reports were included in the Chichester and Southdown Observer on Saturday May 13 and Saturday May 20, this latter giving interesting details about casualties.