

Agenda Item 4

Chichester Community Arts Forum Update

At the recent Chichester Community Arts Forum meeting (14 November), members discussed challenges faced by local arts and community groups, particularly around the high cost of space in the city and the need for affordable, temporary and multipurpose spaces and storage. To address these barriers, there was a proposal to transition the Arts Forum into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Establishing the Forum as a CIO, under the name "Chichester Community Arts Forum," would provide additional benefits, including tax reliefs and reduced business rates, making it more affordable for groups to rent space. A CIO structure would also enable the Forum to apply for more grant opportunities, such as those from Arts Council England and the National Lottery, with increased chances of success.

The next steps will involve consulting with Selsey Arts Dream CIO, a similar organization in Selsey, to learn from their successful model. Following this, a broader discussion will take place regarding trustee roles and community management for a future CIO structure.

Councillor R Chant,

19/11/2024



Chichester City Council

Voluntary Sector Support Working Group Report

Members: Councillor J. Kondabeka, S. Loxton, J. Gershater, S Knight and R Chant

Citizens Advice Worker

The working group was asked by the Full Council to explore the best approach to offering support and advice to members of the public in response to the results of the business plan survey. Safeguarding practices and procedures were also considered. The working group recommended to the Full Council that the best approach would be to commission a Citizens Advice Worker, who would use the front office to see members of the public. Since the beginning of August 2024 two CA Workers have been employed as a job share to make up a full-time post.

Chichester City Outreach Impact Report

	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24
Client Seen (Total)	20	18	18
New Clients	20	18	14
Ongoing Clients	0	0	4
Total Issues	44	33	40
Issue Breakdown			
Charitable Support, Food Banks & Other	0	0	2
Benefits & tax credits	8	10	11
Benefits Universal Credit	1	2	2
Debt	0	1	2
Utilities & communications	0	0	0
Housing	1	8	1
Financial services & capability	7	2	5
Health & community care	6	1	7
Employment	3	4	0
Relationships & family	10	2	1
Immigration & asylum	0	0	0
Legal	2	0	6
Tax	0	0	0
Consumer goods & services	5	3	0
Travel & transport	0	0	2
Education	1	0	0
GVA & Hate Crime	0	0	0
Outcomes			
Financial Total	£8,243.00	£22,965.00	£0.00
Benefit/tax credit gain - a new or increased award	£7,993.00	£3,965.00	£0.00
financial body challenged - successful	£250.00	£0.00	£0.00
Will/probate outcome - successful	£0.00	£19,000.00	£0.00
Non Financial Total	14	18	33



Chichester City Council

Improved health/capacity to manage	14	16	32
Improved Skills	0	1	0
Improved Knowledge	0	0	0
Benefit/tax credit award - maintained	0	1	0
Rehoused	0	0	1

It is important to note that some of the CA Workers weekly hours are spent on casework once they have had their initial meeting with a client.

Charity Forum

To support the Local Charities in the City the working group agreed to holding quarterly meetings to provide training, network opportunities, a space to hear what charities need and inform them of City Council initiatives and events e.g. grants, parish meeting etc. Three forums have been held, the first one informed the sector about Clío3, which is a WSCC online information platform, the second one provided training on measuring impact and the third one training on marketing. Around 18 to 20 charities attend.

One of the major findings from the charity forum is around the need for a community space. JB came to the last meeting to consult with organisations so he could start analysing what the needs of the groups were and add these findings to his feasibility report.

Community Hub

Sarah Adams the Operations Manager from Chichester District Foodbank came to one of the working group meetings to make a presentation and propose the City Council and Foodbank run a pilot Community hub where members of the public could drop in and receive help from local organisations e.g. Southern Water, Citizens Advice, Supporting You, Home Start and so on.

The event happened on the 24th September and was led by the Foodbank in the Assembly Room. 18 organisations attended. Unfortunately, despite advertising the event, footfall was lower than hoped, 20 people dropped in. A survey showed that the people who attended found the event very valuable.

Feedback from the organisations suggested The Assemble Rooms was not the right venue due to accessibility as users found it daunting and overwhelming to enter, but a quarterly event in alternative venues would work.

Further feedback from organisations was that we should consider running an outdoor street market, but for charities rather than for businesses. This was also picked up in the High Sheriffs community meetings with local organisations. This is something the working group would like to investigate alongside a coffee and cake support drop in hosted in the portico when the weather improves.

Agenda Item 5a

Chichester Council Report Chichester West November 2024

Here is a brief overview of the past few months:

- A busy time of year for various Christmas events/fundraising activities in the community – Residents Association, local churches, community quizzes and fairs etc.
- Pleased and relieved to say a long running housing/ASB issue has now been resolved.
- UK Harvest events attended giving advice, help and support to struggling households. Help with cost of living advice and signposting to various agencies which is needed more than ever as so many have lost their Winter Fuel Allowance.
- UK Harvest have now changed from weekly to fortnightly, the Residents Association and I trialled a drop in until the end of Sept, but have now discontinued it due to lack of numbers.
- Talks and advice given on the latest scams, particularly the texts supposedly from Royal Mail/Evri about undelivered parcels and wanting bank details. There's also a new one saying they are a single mother with children and have no food, pulling at heartstrings and asking for money.
- Elderly resident aged 94 almost scammed of £300 by a man saying her guttering needed replacing. Quick action by neighbours resulted in him running off and driving the wrong way down a one way street to escape. Reported to police, advice and welfare checks carried out. I also delivered window/door stickers about cold callers for everyone in the street.
- Cyclists and electric scooters continue to be a problem in pedestrian areas of Chichester and through Parklands. I stopped a man on a scooter riding on the pavement with a small child balanced on the front. He didn't appreciate my advice on regulations and safety of either his child or pedestrians.
- Visited the older people's club to talk about the 'Message in a Bottle' scheme which is run by the Lions Club. Gave out 15 bottles. I have also been urging residents to check whether they are eligible for Pension Credit.
- Very pleased to say that the elderly lady I helped to complete an extremely long and complex Attendance Allowance form has now had her application accepted. This will make a considerable difference to her so she can afford to take taxis and get help around the house as she has been struggling both physically and financially.
- I have been helping with cover for Bracklesham and East/West Wittering until the new Warden starts there imminently. I have also done some patrols in the City Centre since our Senior Warden sadly passed away suddenly. Helped one lady who had fallen in East St and waited with her until the ambulance arrived. Also advice given in a charity shop when a man who seemed to be under the influence had fallen asleep and staff couldn't move him on.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sue Long

Community Warden for Chichester West

Agenda Item 5b



Chichester City Ambassador Operational Report November 2024

Please find below an overview of the Chichester Ambassador service level performance.

Key stats from 26TH August 2024 to 24th November 2024

- **363** x high visibility patrols conducted in the individual shops / locations
- **251** direct business interactions – introductions or support
- Attendance or support at **34** shoplifting incidents
- Attendance or support at **22** Anti-Social behaviour incidents
- Gave Assistance to the Public through advice or help **37** times
- Welfare checks on shop staff post shop lifting incidents – **26**
- DISC reports submitted – **8**
- Attended other miscellaneous incidents - **21**

Key points

- Ambassadors are now out in the city for 5 x 6 hour shifts a week, as opposed to 3 shifts a week. This has been funded from the UK SPF fund and Chichester BID revenue budget. This change to the work pattern commenced 11th November 2024 and will continue until the end of March 2025. Budgets will be reviewed again at this point to see if this extended service can be continued, as there is a definite need for this increased coverage.
- In October, a meeting was held with Sergeant Ebou Faal to discuss local issues and how we can improve communication with the police. This meeting is to be scheduled regularly, hopefully every 3 months.
- A meeting between the Ambassadors and ChiBAC is to be set up for early December, to discuss how they can be more effective in bridging the gap with retailers and how we can help in supporting the retailers to increase their crime reporting rate.

Examples of type of support given

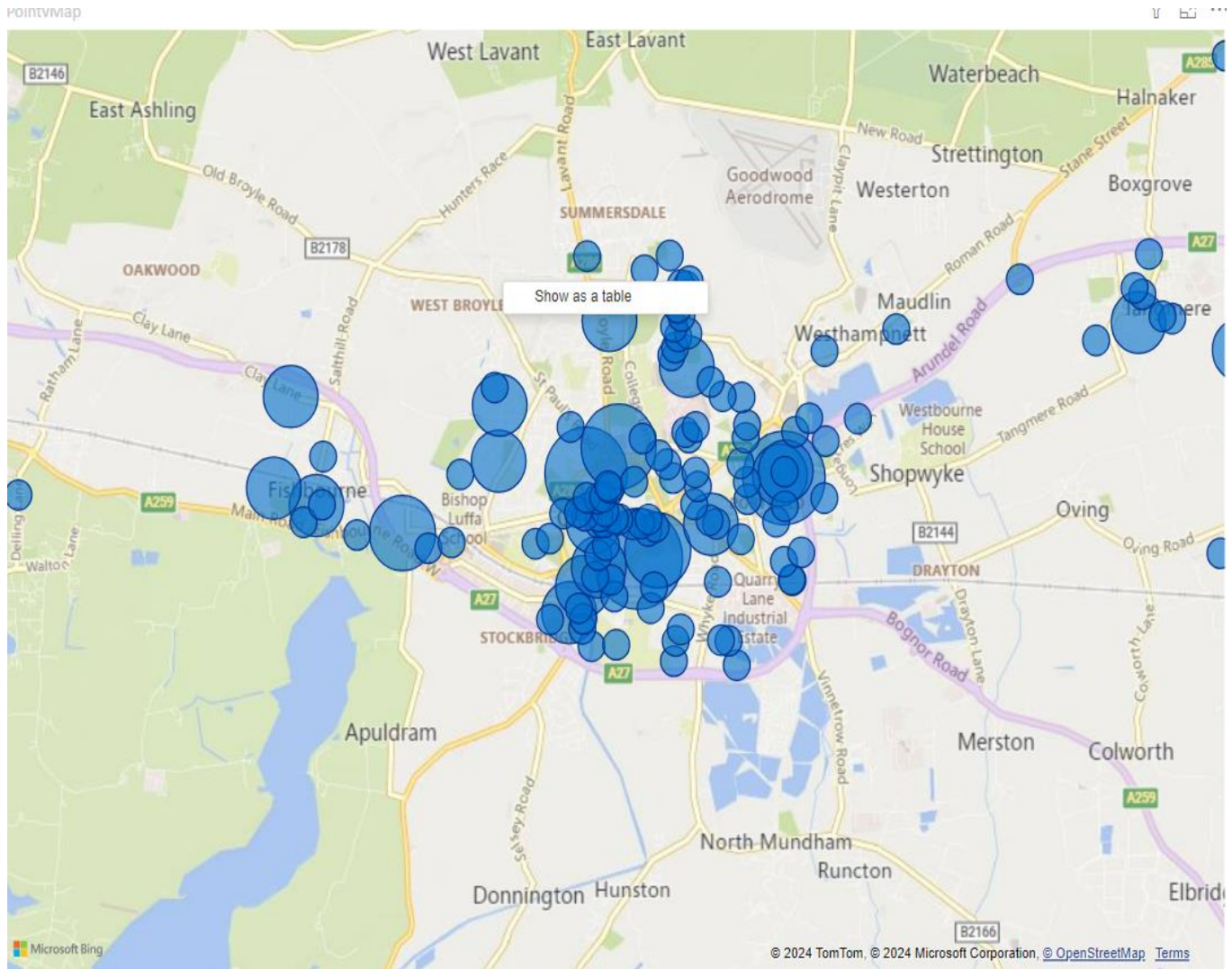
1. Regular patrols at regular hot spots – for example Cathedral Green
2. Continued regular attendance at key theft and ASB hot spots - Co Op East Street, TKMaxx, M and S (both sites), Tesco Express, Sports Direct, H and M, New Look and Eastgate Square.
3. Supporting Chichester BID's and the wider city's Christmas activities
4. Replenishing of 45 car park map dispensers regularly

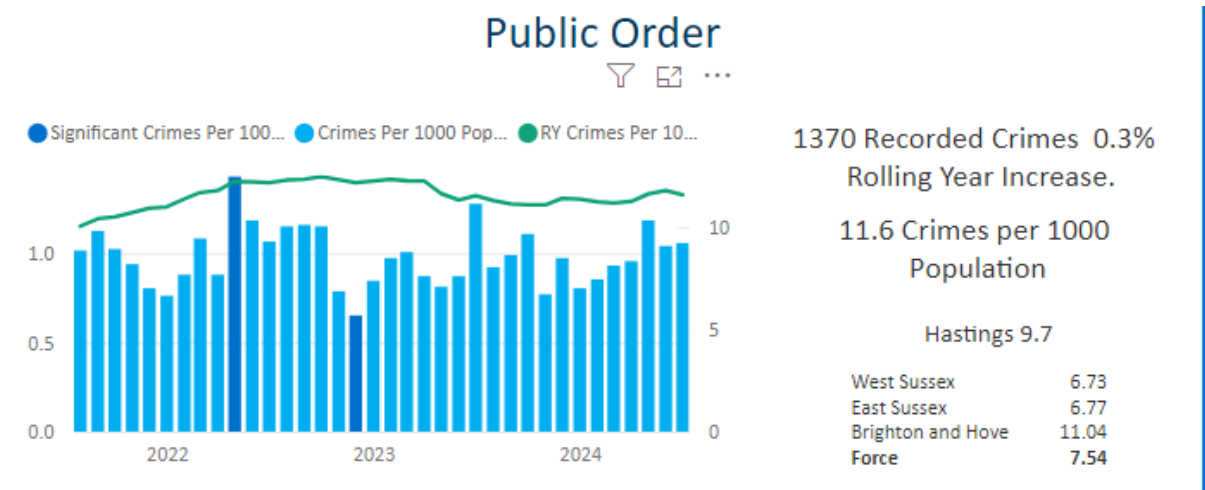
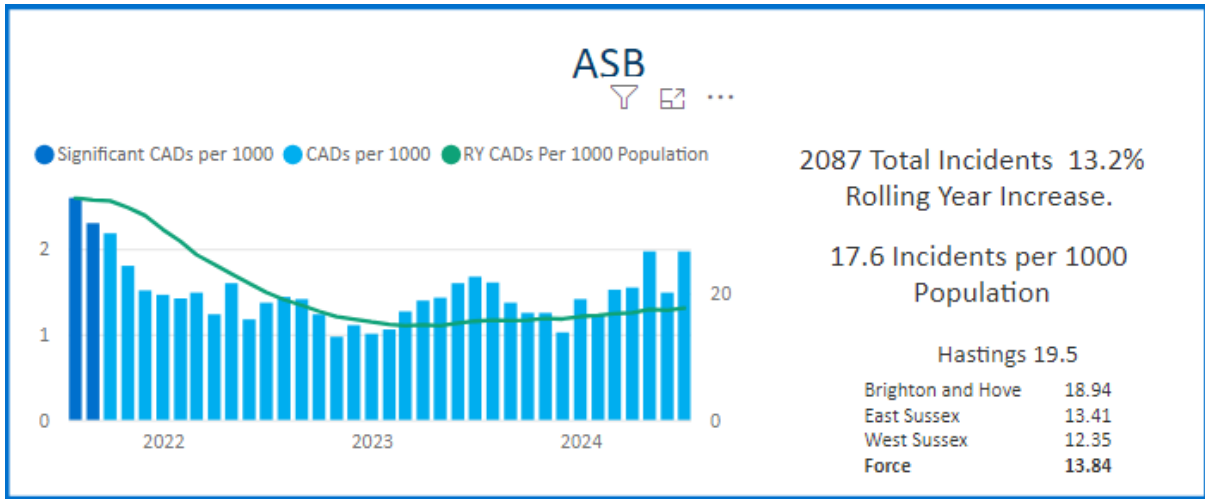
Helen Marshall
Chair / CEO Chichester BID
November 2024

Chichester BID Limited Company no. 10689870 VAT reg no. 271771785

BID Office: First Floor, 82 North Street, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1LQ
T. 01243 773263 **E.** office@chichesterbid.co.uk **W.** www.chichesterbid.co.uk

Agenda Item 5c





7 Day Volume

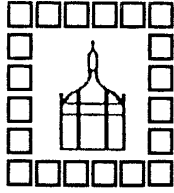
Parish or Ward	District	Volume
Chichester East District Ward	Chichester	16
East Wittering	Chichester	2
Fishbourne	Chichester	1
Funtington	Chichester	1
Hunston	Chichester	1
Lurgashall	Chichester	1
Midhurst	Chichester	1
Petworth	Chichester	1
Sidlesham	Chichester	1
Southbourne	Chichester	2
Tangmere	Chichester	2
Westbourne	Chichester	1
Total		30

7 Day Increase

Parish or Ward	District	Increase
Chichester East District Ward	Chichester	-1
East Wittering	Chichester	2
Fishbourne	Chichester	0
Funtington	Chichester	1
Hunston	Chichester	1
Lurgashall	Chichester	1
Midhurst	Chichester	0
Petworth	Chichester	1
Plaistow	Chichester	-1
Selsey North	Chichester	-3
Sidlesham	Chichester	-1
Southbourne	Chichester	-2
Stopham	Chichester	-1
Tangmere	Chichester	2
Trotton with Chithurst	Chichester	-1
West Wittering	Chichester	-1
Westbourne	Chichester	0
Westhampnett	Chichester	-1
Total		-4

7 Day Percentage Increase

Parish or Ward	District	% Increase
East Wittering	Chichester	200.0%
Tangmere	Chichester	200.0%
Funtington	Chichester	100.0%
Hunston	Chichester	100.0%
Lurgashall	Chichester	100.0%
Petworth	Chichester	100.0%
Fishbourne	Chichester	0.0%
Midhurst	Chichester	0.0%
Westbourne	Chichester	0.0%
Chichester East District Ward	Chichester	-5.9%
Sidlesham	Chichester	-50.0%
Southbourne	Chichester	-50.0%
Plaistow	Chichester	-100.0%
Selsey North	Chichester	-100.0%
Stopham	Chichester	-100.0%
Trotton with Chithurst	Chichester	-100.0%
West Wittering	Chichester	-100.0%
Westhampnett	Chichester	-100.0%
Total		-11.8%



FRIENDS OF RAVENNA

CHICHESTER

Friends of Ravenna Report for the Chichester Community Affairs meeting on Monday, 2nd December 2024

Programme of Events 2024-2025

Our programme began in September with talks from 3 of our members. Brenda Gay gave us an excellent introduction to the work of artist Piero della Francesca. Afterwards, Julie and Andrew Wyatt shared what they have learned about the Lunigiana valley located in the far North Western corner of Tuscany where they have owned a home for some years.

In October we were very fortunate to have David Nason as our visiting speaker. His entertaining and comprehensive overview of Verdi's life and work and the importance of Verona in the Italian opera tradition kept us enthralled.

The November meeting featured Sarah Quill, who worked as the stills photographer during the filming of *Room with a View*, a dramatisation set in Florence based on the book by E M Forster. A record 95 people attended - possibly the advertising in partnership with Cinema @ New Park contributed to this?

For our Christmas celebration, Bertie Pearce will be visiting to give an illustrated talk about *Commedia dell'arte: the magic of improvised Italian theatre*.

The Installation of Philip Jackson's sculpture of Dante

Held on Wednesday, 11 September this very special and significant event was well attended by local people in Midhurst and some special visitors, amongst them, Hugh Bonneville and a representative of The Italian Cultural Institute of London. Thanks were expressed to the Friends of Ravenna who contributed some money towards the cost of the sculpture's installation. The event has been reported in local, national and European press. This wonderful sculpture will surely be a draw for UK visitors as well as our European neighbours and is a good contribution towards our "5 Cities - facing Europe" vision.

Visit to Ravenna 2024

This year 15 of us visited the city of Ravenna between 18-22 September. Unfortunately this coincided with serious flooding in eastern Europe; the area of Emilia Romagna was also badly affected. Some plans had to be quickly changed. However, this did not spoil the enjoyment of the trip for either the guests or the hosts! Work-arounds were found and visits rearranged but it will remain a very memorable trip!

Music Exchange 2025

After the very successful and much valued music exchange when several students from Chichester University went to perform in Ravenna during the

summer, a reciprocal exchange is being planned for 2025. Final details are being ironed out but it is very much hoped that the Ravennati trip here as well as a visit by 2 Italian musicians can all take place in Chichester in June 2025, coinciding with the Chichester Festival.

Membership

We now have 181 members.

Jacky Storey

Chair Friends of Ravenna



Agenda Item 6

Friends of Speyer

Report for City Council Community Affairs Committee December 2024 meeting

Although writing this report in advance of the event, the major activity for the Friends of Speyer (FoS) will be their visit to Speyer from Friday 29th November to Monday, 2nd December.

31 FoS members will be in attendance including both the Mayor and the young family of one our members. I will report on detail to the next Community Affairs Committee, although I suspect the Mayor will beat me to it at the Committee's December meeting.

It will be recalled that, in July, along with the other twinning organisations, FoS had a presence at both the Chichester Gala and the Four Cities event held in the Assembly Room. On the back of these events, we arranged for a full length feature article to appear in the Chichester Observer about FoS. It was our expectation that this combined effort would see an upswing in recruiting. Sadly, this has not been the case and we have seen only a handful of new members, bringing the total membership to 87 (accounting for some who have decided not to renew membership). This is disappointing as I had set FoS a target of hitting a membership total of 100. I felt that if each member recruited two people this target would be more than achievable. FoS need to have a discussion on this topic.

That said, post return from Speyer, our next activity will be developing a social and cultural programme from as happens in the other twinning organisations. Hopefully, this will see an upswing in both an interest in FoS and membership across all age groups.

Other activity is ticking along nicely. Chichester College German classes have been well supported. There is a Beginners and 'Advanced Beginners' Classes on Tuesday evenings and an Intermediate Class on Monday evenings (see chichester.ac.uk/adult).

One of our members is pursuing links with Speyer ex servicemen and women, linking a bond of friendship with the Chichester based service organisations.

The Rotarians are meeting when we are in Speyer and one item of business will be a sponsored student exchange.

Seasons Greetings to you all.

Rodney Duggua
Chairman,
Friends of Speyer



Past Events

The Annual Dinner was held at the College restaurant on the 24 October and was enjoyed by 20 members and guests.

Committee

Owing to personal reasons Lindy Purchase has resigned, and also has Rhys Chant the Council representative. However, we were pleased to welcome Canon David Nason to the Committee, and also Alex Saunders who has taken on the role of Webmaster.

Future Programme for 2024

The AGM will be held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 3 December 2024 at 7 pm. This year we will not have a speaker after the AGM, but have a social evening with wine and nibbles, and a rolling slide show which Anne will organise.

On Saturday 7 December at 3 pm in the Council Chamber, Jo Tyndale-Biscoe will give a talk on the latest update on the restoration of the Villa Frere Garden, and as with all talks it will be recorded and put onto the website.

Future Programme for 2025

On Monday 20 January 2025 at 7 pm Susan Hudson, who has written several books on the subject, will give a Zoom talk on Wartime Bomb Disposal in Malta. Donations will go to the Felix Fund (bomb disposal charity).

The programme for other meetings and events in 2025 is currently being prepared and will be included in the next Report.

The Friends, together with the other three twinning associations, will be present at the Festival Gala event on Saturday 28 June in Priory Park.

Dr John Mason, Principal Lecturer at the South Downs Planetarium in Chichester, will be our guest speaker at the Four Cities evening in support of the Festival of Chichester on Monday 7 July at 7.30 pm.

Membership

We have a total of 75 members including both Annual and Life Members.

Graham Pound
Chairman

Agenda Item 6

Chichester Council Report Chichester West November 2024

Here is a brief overview of the past few months:

- A busy time of year for various Christmas events/fundraising activities in the community – Residents Association, local churches, community quizzes and fairs etc.
- Pleased and relieved to say a long running housing/ASB issue has now been resolved.
- UK Harvest events attended giving advice, help and support to struggling households. Help with cost of living advice and signposting to various agencies which is needed more than ever as so many have lost their Winter Fuel Allowance.
- UK Harvest have now changed from weekly to fortnightly, the Residents Association and I trialled a drop in until the end of Sept, but have now discontinued it due to lack of numbers.
- Talks and advice given on the latest scams, particularly the texts supposedly from Royal Mail/Evri about undelivered parcels and wanting bank details. There's also a new one saying they are a single mother with children and have no food, pulling at heartstrings and asking for money.
- Elderly resident aged 94 almost scammed of £300 by a man saying her guttering needed replacing. Quick action by neighbours resulted in him running off and driving the wrong way down a one way street to escape. Reported to police, advice and welfare checks carried out. I also delivered window/door stickers about cold callers for everyone in the street.
- Cyclists and electric scooters continue to be a problem in pedestrian areas of Chichester and through Parklands. I stopped a man on a scooter riding on the pavement with a small child balanced on the front. He didn't appreciate my advice on regulations and safety of either his child or pedestrians.
- Visited the older people's club to talk about the 'Message in a Bottle' scheme which is run by the Lions Club. Gave out 15 bottles. I have also been urging residents to check whether they are eligible for Pension Credit.
- Very pleased to say that the elderly lady I helped to complete an extremely long and complex Attendance Allowance form has now had her application accepted. This will make a considerable difference to her so she can afford to take taxis and get help around the house as she has been struggling both physically and financially.
- I have been helping with cover for Bracklesham and East/West Wittering until the new Warden starts there imminently. I have also done some patrols in the City Centre since our Senior Warden sadly passed away suddenly. Helped one lady who had fallen in East St and waited with her until the ambulance arrived. Also advice given in a charity shop when a man who seemed to be under the influence had fallen asleep and staff couldn't move him on.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sue Long

Community Warden for Chichester West

Agenda Item 8



You can find the questionnaire here: <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/crmp-questionnaire>

It's our role as your fire and rescue service to understand and manage the risks in our communities.

This helps us to establish where we need our staff and resources, so we can respond to high-risk incidents and plan how to deliver our vital prevention and protection work to help keep communities safe.

We have a statutory duty to prepare a Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) which sets out the steps we take to try and prevent emergency situations from arising, as well as the measures we have in place to respond to an emergency situation.

Our current CRMP, which was launched in 2022 and runs until 2026, sets out five Strategic Priorities that we have committed to delivering against:

1. **Preventing fires and emergencies from happening.** Keeping people safe from vulnerable situations and helping people and communities to fulfil their potential.
2. **Protecting people, firefighters and property by making buildings as safe from fire as they can be.** Keeping people safe from vulnerable situations and help promote a sustainable and prosperous economy.
3. **Responding to fires and emergencies quickly and effectively.** Keeping people safe from vulnerable situations and helping people and communities to fulfil their potential.
4. **Have a safe and valued workforce.** This includes developing our cultural values and behaviours as well as supporting the health and wellbeing of our staff.
5. **Making best use of resources,** including our buildings and vehicles, making sure we remain up-to-date with the latest technology.

Before we begin planning our next CRMP, which will run from 2026–2030, we want to hear from you about the risks in your communities that concern you the most.

This will help us make sure that we have the greatest understanding of the risks and challenges that exist within our county and allow us to plan for the future to ensure that we have the right resources in the right place at the right time to help keep you safe.

We have prepared a short questionnaire that sets out some of the key risks within our county, and would really welcome your input to help us understand the issues that are most important to you.