

## Chichester Council Report

### Chichester West March 2025

Here is a brief overview of the past few months:

- I was busy over the Christmas period with many events/fundraising activities in the community. Secured extra supermarket vouchers from the Rotary Club for 15 residents in need.
- The number of various scams has risen, by text, email and calls. I have raised awareness at several community groups. A recent one involved a cold caller selling cleaning products etc door to door and resident's bank card was charged double the agreed amount.
- 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 and cost of living has risen. I spent time helping another lady applying for Attendance Allowance (not yet heard if it was successful, but fingers crossed). Also help and advice given on what to do and who to speak to about Pension Credit and tax advice.
- Completed Prevent training on Extremism and have organised a session on Loan Shark training in March.
- Fly tipping and an abandoned lorry reported for removal. Advice to parents/vehicles parked illegally in front of school gates. Neighbour dispute around anti-social parking obstructing a dropped kerb.
- A colleague has set up a project for cycle lights to improve safety on the roads and I have distributed numerous lights to youngsters in my area.
- Electric bikes and scooters continue to be a problem everywhere – in pedestrian areas and weaving in and out of traffic.
- Visit to Manor Barn nursing home where I met the residents and arranged to attend a community day in March.
- We are pleased to welcome a new member of the team for the City Centre, and we are also celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Community Warden service. That 20 years of my life has gone by very quickly!!

Thank you for your continued support.

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