

**Report to Chichester City Council by Sarah Sharp, County Councillor for Chichester South  
February 2025**

- 1) Government consultation on Sussex Devolution has been launched: [Sussex and Brighton devolution - GOV.UK](#). Deadline is 13<sup>th</sup> April.
- 2) A TRO for yellow lines on one side of Langdale Avenue was turned down due to lack of evidence of community support. The street was leafleted with a survey to try and elicit residents' views. The replies were not conclusive with a split between those in favour (21 households) and those against (13 households). This split makes it difficult to proceed as objections would make it difficult for a TRO to go through. Visits have been made to the Care Home and the Free School to raise the issue of parking. Officers are working out if there is space for a fire engine/ambulance to get through with the double parking that there is currently. Although there was some support for permit parking this would need to be over the whole area and not just one street.
- 3) Request to link the Free School to the villages of Hunston and North Mundham has been received. Work in progress to discuss the Travel Plan as the County doesn't consider it adequate and to try and create either a PROW or a pavement on the road link. This would create a useful link for Chichester residents to get to the countryside or the villages south of the A27.
- 4) Ground penetrating radar survey carried out in the city centre to aid the planning of the pavement renewal works. This is evidenced by all the markings on the pavements.
- 5) Consultation on the Flood Risk Management strategy  
[yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/west-sussex-draft-local-flood-risk-management-strategy-consultation-2025-2030](https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/west-sussex-draft-local-flood-risk-management-strategy-consultation-2025-2030)  
This is open until 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
- 6) West Sussex County Council is reminding local businesses about funding available to train staff and new learners. Any business based in West Sussex can apply for the funding to help upskill their current workforce or bring in an apprentice. Applications can be submitted at any time of the year. An apprenticeship is a genuine paid job with an accompanying skills development programme leading to a nationally recognised qualification. Apprentices gain the technical knowledge, practical experience and wider skills they need for their immediate job and future career. The county council is part of the government's apprenticeship levy fund scheme and can transfer up to 50% of its own funding to other employers.  
Since the apprenticeship levy was introduced to support local businesses in 2017, the council has transferred and invested just over £1.5 million in funding.  
Funding has been agreed for 478 apprenticeships in West Sussex to help build a sustainable and prosperous economy across West Sussex, one of the county council's priorities its Council Plan.  
Businesses can find out more and apply for funding by visiting [Apprenticeship levy transfers - West Sussex County Council](#) : <https://schools.westsussex.gov.uk/Page/3517>
- 7) Flooding on junction of Stockbridge Road and Terminus Road  
Flooding instances to both the carriageway and footway at the junction of Terminus Road and Stockbridge Road has been ongoing following prolonged periods of heavy precipitation for some time. The continual flooding was despite many cleansing and jetting operations to the drainage assets. However, during the last jetting works it was

identified there was a hidden cover in the verge. The cover was located and turned out to be a soak-away which had been missed from the previous cleansing operations, therefore preventing the drainage system to operate as designed. The Soakaway has now been cleansed along with connecting pipes/weep holes.

Hopefully, this will help in preventing any further flooding. The site will continue to be monitored to confirm the operation of the drainage system is ok. Should the flooding persist, there may be a need to install a larger soakaway or connection to a positive system.

8) Bognor Road Scheme

Community Highways Scheme (CHS) application for Pedestrian crossing improvements on Bognor Road has been approved for inclusion into the county's works programme and progressed to feasibility and design, which will be carried out across the financial year 2025/26.

Responsibility for progressing this proposal now sits with the Highways Improvements team. The design / feasibility is due to take 3 to 4 months. Construction however cannot be guaranteed due to potential financial pressures.

9) Survey on pharmacy services open until 3<sup>rd</sup> March: [Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Public Survey 2025 | Your Voice West Sussex](#)