

Chichester City Community Warden report for June 2025

Its been an exciting 5 months working in and around the City. I have still lots to learn and people to meet but I will get to you if I haven't already, I promise.

I have submitted several pieces of intelligence around drug dealing in the city, if you see any activity of this nature, I urge you to report it to the police, you do not have to give your name and you can report any crime anonymously via Crimestoppers if you do not want to report it to the police in the traditional way. Once reported feel free to make me aware. I cant report things on your behalf but I can monitor the area and make further reports myself if I see anything that warrants it.

I continue to work with WSCC on urging them to remove offensive graffiti from their buildings as quickly as possible. I have also removed graffiti from council owned land and have requested its removal and will monitor these areas to prevent it becoming an issue



I continue to engage the street community around the city and Eastgate square visitors, shops and residents will be spoken to at regular intervals to make them aware of the steps we are trying to take around ASB in this area, I am also working with licensing as well as the local police on this matter.

I am also trying to tackle illegal parking in the pedestrian area of the city. We have a persistent offender who is using false plates to avoid paying the parking tickets issued. I have submitted several pieces of intelligence

on him and will continue to monitor this issue alongside our police colleagues. I am also liaising with BID staff and our parking enforcement colleagues on this. This has resulted in us finding the correct index for a particular vehicle and the owner, he has now been sent a letter requesting payment of his outstanding tickets. You can report any activity of this nature either via 101 online or operation crackdown. If you can obtain a picture of an offending vehicle, please do so but do not put yourself at risk doing so.

I am also working with other agencies and colleagues to combat disorder and ASB on the railways and around our train stations in the area. This operation will be happening 3-4 times a year.

I am looking to set up and hold a bi-annual road safety event in the city and around the district, these road safety events will be used to educate young people and parents about the dangers of the road. This event will be held alongside partner agencies such as the police, fire&rescue, ambulance and highways officers.

I am also working with other agencies and departments such as estates, schools and WSFR around ASB related vandalism in the parks. This has resulted in 3 pupils being spoken to and identified by a local school. After consultation with police and the estates department all 3 were asked to assist the parks and estates officers in the park with litter picking as part of a community resolution. We have installed additional CCTV as a temporary measure. I'm also working with BID ambassadors, other wardens and the ASB officer to ensure we can cover the park during the hours we have had the reported problems.



Shoplifting is still an issue in the city and I will look to engage with the businesses affected regularly. Over the last few months we have had a number of commercial burglaries I have visited some of the businesses affected and provided some reassurance as well as some basic crime prevention advice.

I am working my way around all of the business premises and have invited 4 of them to sign up to our ChiBac system and given lone worker advice to 2 other businesses they have predominantly lone workers many of whom are also female so I've suggested a system similar to the one we use in the city.

We also have an issue of youths on the roofs of buildings at night. I am liaising with WSFR , management companies and the landlords affected to make them aware whilst trying to prevent access by removing objects or putting in measures to make access harder. This is an ongoing process and will also involve onsite meetings with landlords and statutory agencies to discuss the issues, this is not an issue that will not be solved quickly.



Buskers have caused a few issues over the last few months , I have had to speak to them three times which was once in April and twice in May over sound and noise, all complied with the guidance given.

I am actively working with other wardens in the city and beyond to further widen my knowledge of the area and support them in their patrols, this will be reciprocated with joint patrols in the city. This also helps me identify problem individuals who live outside the city but cause problems in the city.

Community Wardens Report

Chichester East and South

May 2025

Fly tipping continues to be an issue with lots of small quantities of timber, vehicle parts, oil, fencing etc some of it is possibly trade waste.

Graffiti is at its usual levels and has become unsightly in some places.

Several Travellers gained access to the Graylingwell green. Legal action was sort and they were quickly removed.

Extra patrols are being conducted (as requested) in two areas of Arundel Park, Graylingwell, Swanfield Park. This is largely due to reports of ASB. So, we are spread a little thin at the moment.

Swanfield Park has reported some very concerning Fire setting. Also some damage to shrubbery and some brickwork in the skatepark area.

Graylingwell has had damage to one of the Café's and a broken window at the Chapel.

Arundel park: Charles Ave, ASB emanating from an address and suspicious activities elsewhere in the immediate area.

Arundel park: Chatsworth Road, A resident has cut the grass and marked out a football pitch and placed two sets of goalposts on a small parcel of land. One goal is in line with a resident's front door. The resident is quite vulnerable and raised a dispute with the neighbour who allegedly became abusive. The goals have caused considerable upset to this resident and their property has suffered damage due to the football striking the property. The resident has claimed to have been taunted and received threatening and abusive behaviour. We spoke to the children playing football there and gave words of advice. The Police and the ASB co-ordinator have visited the Resident that created the football pitch, several times, who has at various times since refused to remove the goals. Other complaints have been received, including a ball hitting another resident on the head with 'Full force'. Not being able to establish ownership of the land has been the reason given for action not being taken. West Sussex County Council, Hyde, Clarion, CDC all said it wasn't their land. Carol and I have tracked down the grounds maintenance company, Grasstex, who have been maintaining the land for well over 12yrs who are, in turn, sub contracted by West Sussex County Council to cut the grass on this parcel of land. This was relayed back to WSCC who do not wish to take

ownership. It has been very difficult to get a resolution to this situation and the reports of ASB continue on this patch of 'no mans land'.

The Community Hub in Charles Ave has been refurbished and we were given a guided tour by Clarions area manager. WiFi is being installed and it will be used as a venue for meeting Residents and various other uses including helping people back into to work.

A resident has given permission for their Allotment to be used by 'Sanctuary' for Refugees to use as a way of helping them integrate into the Community.

Whyke: We have had a report from a resident complaining that their house is being frequented by two cats. The cats are coming in and attacking the resident's cat. They are also spraying the residents' rooms including bedding etc. The warm weather has meant the resident needs to keep windows open to air the property, and allow her own cat to come and go, unfortunately this means the cats keep coming in. Advice has been given.

Whyke Estate: We had a report about a Road rage incident outside Kingsham school. The female complainant parked her car on the road just east of Kingsham school, when a man came up to her car shouting and screaming at her saying she can't park there as it was his space (a public road and not the perpetrators space). He banged on the car and shouted and swore at the female driver who had her 2yr old in the car seat. He was very aggressive and foul mouthed, the lady and the small child were naturally very upset and her child was crying. The lady did recognise the man as a parent from Kingsham but was too afraid to name him for fear of repercussions. The lady was advised to call the police to report the incident, which she did.

Thank you for your continued support, Carol and Jon

Chichester Council Report June 2025

Chichester West

Here is a brief overview of the past few months:

- It has been a busy Easter/Spring period helping out with various Resident Association fundraising events.
- The number of scams continues and I continue to give regular talks and give advice on what to look out for and how to avoid them.
- Serious issues with an isolated, empty property at the end of a lane being accessed by youths. The garage has been burned down and the management consultancy erected fences and blocked up windows in the main building. A colleague and I have been checking on it and the fencing has been torn down and youths have gained access once again. It is a listed building and I have reported it again as dangerous and insecure.
- UK Harvest events regularly attended that help reduce food waste and also deliver inexpensive bags of foodstuffs to struggling households.
- The elderly lady I was helping with applying for Attendance Allowance has now successfully had her claim accepted. This is making a huge difference to enable her to live independently and be able to afford help when needed. I am in the process of assisting a fifth resident with her claim form. Also help and advice given on what to do and who to speak to about Pension Credit advice.
- Completed Loan Shark training and also a refresher course on Emergency First Aid at Work .
- Fly tipping and abandoned lorry removed. Issues around parking and a van/caravan with no MOT or tax. Reported overflowing dog waste bin in children's play park. Liaised with Hyde Housing to find solutions to these issues as all in the same area.
- Problems with children/youths using catapults to shoot birds and squirrels. This has been an issue in a lot of areas and Police involved.
- 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 we had a Fire Awareness Day. Officers and engine came from WSF&R and residents really enjoyed their visit.
- Visits to Sage House Dementia Hub in Parklands where I met with staff and local residents. I have also arranged for them to make contact with Manor Barn to get together for joint events.
- Organised some help for a resident who had very overgrown grass and bushes outside her bungalow. This has now been cut back making it easier for her to access her back gate.
- Dayburning faulty street lights reported.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sue Long

Community Warden for Chichester West

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Chichester City Ambassador Operational Report - May 2025

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

Key stats from 31st March 2025 to 25th May2025

- **711** x high visibility patrols conducted in the individual shops / locations
- **249** direct business interactions – introductions or support
- Attendance or support at **10** shoplifting incidents
- Attendance or support at **9** Anti-Social behaviour incidents
- Gave Assistance to the Public through advice or help **38** times
- Welfare checks on shop staff post shop lifting incidents – **10**
- DISC reports submitted – **15**
- Attended other miscellaneous incidents - **179**

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 new shift pattern has been worked into the 2025/26 Chichester BID budget.
- Ambassadors are now regular attendees at the Chichester District Council JAG meetings.
- Ambassadors have attended security walk throughs to inform and understand key hotspots in the city with other stakeholders.
- Building a relationship with ChiBAC and its members has been a key activity over the past 4 weeks. Encouraging businesses to sign up to ChiBAC is important and helping them then understand how they can get the best out of their membership.

Examples of type of support given during this period:

1. Attending sites where beggar harassment has been an issue and referring individuals to Stone Pillow.
2. Administering First Aid to pavement fall injuries.
3. Illegal traffic redirection in the precinct.
4. Support during city events like Chichester Pride / Screen on the Green.
5. Recovery of stolen goods from retail theft.
6. Supporting shops with gangs of intimidating behaviour from local young people.
7. 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.
8. Replenishing of 42 car park map dispensers regularly.

Helen Marshall
Chair / CEO Chichester BID
May 2025

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Report for Community Affairs Committee from Friends of Chartres

This is the first report to the Committee since our Annual General Meeting held on 27th March 2025 when I was re-elected as Chair of the Association for the year 2025/26.

As I mentioned in my report for the meeting of the committee on 3rd March the highlight of our year is the annual exchange visit. This year it was the turn of the Chartrains to visit us and we were pleased to welcome a group of twenty seven.

They arrived on an unseasonably warm Friday afternoon 2nd May having taken a coach from Chartres and crossing the channel from Dieppe to Newhaven. Having travelled all day they were pleased to enjoy the hospitality of their English hosts on the first evening.

On the Saturday morning members of the committees of the French and English associations held a joint meeting to discuss matters of mutual interest and to agree the dates of our visit to Chartres next year which will be from 30th April to 4th May.

After the meeting we were all pleased to be received by the Mayor, Councillor Sarah Quail in the Council Chamber. Among the guests as well as members of the travelling party, their hosts and other members of the association were Jess Brown-Fuller MP for Chichester and Dr Edward Dowler, the Dean of Chichester.

The Mayor took the opportunity of speaking about the importance to the Council of the twinning with Chartres which was signed in 1959. She welcomed M. Patrick Geroudet who is the adjoint (Deputy Mayor) of Chartres with responsibility for twinning matters and President of Chartres International and presented him with a small gift from the City. M. Geroudet brought greetings from M. Jean-Pierre Gorges the Mayor of Chartres and reminded the assembled company that he had first visited Chichester in 1964 underlining the long standing friendships which have been established over years through the twinning.

In the afternoon there were guided tours of the City or of the cathedral taking in a climb to the lantern at the base of the spire with stunning views from the Downs to Portsmouth and the Isle-of-Wight.

The Dean then welcomed the group to the cathedral and we joined the congregation for choral evensong at which the choir sang with their usual brilliance.

The evening gave an opportunity for informal socialising at the Fishbourne church hall while enjoying traditional fish and chips.

On Sunday we boarded the french coach and visited the D-Day Museum in Southsea which again illustrated our shared history and afterwards Gunwharf Quays provided retail opportunities for some.

Monday was a chance for our guests to spend time with their hosts with visits to a number of local places of interest.

We are always looking for opportunities to strengthen the ties between various groups in the two cities and I joined some people interested to visiting Chartres on a choir singing exchange which will hopefully be a project for next year.

The formal part of the weekend was brought to a suitable gastronomic close with a dinner at the Inglenook Restaurant in Pagham.

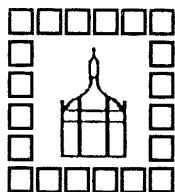
I hope this gives flavour of what happens on a typical exchange weekend and we are looking forward to our visit to Chartres next year where we know we will enjoy a warm welcome.

In the meantime to keep the association working well and to try to make it better known we are continuing with our programme of activities with further events being planned for later in the year. With the other twinning associations we are participating in Gala Day and in the Festival of Chichester with a lecture on the European perspective of the exploration of space by Dr John Mason.

We will be continuing our two monthly language circle groups which have attracted some new members over the past few months.

In conclusion I am pleased to report that the Association is thriving and we are always keen to recruit new members, although we do find that the decline in language teaching in schools does not help when it comes to finding younger ones.

Michael Bevis Chair Friends of Chartres



FRIENDS OF RAVENNA

CHICHESTER

Friends of Ravenna Report for the Chichester Community Affairs Committee on Wednesday 4 June 2025

Programme of Events 2024 - 2025

We have enjoyed visiting speakers who have brought fascinating insights on the following subjects:

- how the Medici family bankrolled the Renaissance
- the making of the famous Stradivarius violins
- the very curious man, Leonardo da Vinci!

On the 17th June we have an evening booked at Chichester Cinema @ New Park with a talk 'A Precious Moment' about Neo-Realism in Italian films. This will be followed by a film entitled 'Umberto D', described as one of the most poignant and moving stories ever told on film.

The Ravennati visit in 2025 will take place 25-29 June. There will be 16 visitors and we have a rather full programme which will include outings to Jane Austen's house museum and Osborne House on the IOW as well as a city tour, time spent at the Chichester Gala and a visit to Philip Jackson's studio, a concert and a visit to see the Dante sculpture in Midhurst.

The Civic Reception will take place at 1pm on 25th June and the Bailiff Anne Scicluna will be in attendance as the Mayor and his Deputy are not available.

Music Exchange 2025

Following the visit by Chichester students to Ravenna in 2024, a reciprocal visit has been organised and *Duo Elisir* will perform one concert as part of the Chichester Arts Festival on Friday 27th June at Chichester University (tickets from the Novium) and another for members of Friends of Ravenna on Saturday 28th June (tickets from our Treasurer) to which Friends of the other associations have been invited.

Programme of Events 2025-2026

Our new year will begin with the AGM on Monday 22nd September followed by a talk by one of our members, Alastair Alexander, entitled "10 Italian scientists". A new Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected. In the following months we have these talks planned:

Thursday, 16th October: Philip Jackson ('Italian influence in my sculpture')

Thursday 13th November: Lucy Whittaker ('Painted Love: Renaissance Marriage Portraits')

Thursday 11 December: A Christmas Party with the Chichester University Big Band

Partnership with Chichester Cinema @ New Park

Each association passed on to their members the offer of a discount on a year's membership at the cinema.

The 4 twinning associations working together

Progress is being made with 3 schools in Speyer interested in a relationship. Although the Chichester schools have not responded, there is some interest from Midhurst Rother College. We hope to pursue the possibility of a Photography competition, a link with scout groups and ways to publicise our work locally.

We are looking forward to the Four Cities Evening Event on 7th July with the talk 'Europe Blasts off into Space' by Dr. John Mason of the Chichester Planetarium

Membership of Friends of Ravenna

We now have 197 members.

Sad news

We received the sad news from Ben Tordoff of his father's, Harvey Tordoff's, death. He did a great job in bringing to completion the Dante sculpture project. Ben let us know that there will, in all probability, be a celebration of Harvey's life in August. Harvey was Chair of The Midhurst Society for 6 years and was presented with the President's Award by Philip Jackson in June 2022 in recognition of his service.

Jacky Storey

Chair Friends of Ravenna

21 May 2025



Friends of Speyer

Chichester's German Twinning Association



Report on recent activities within the Friends of Speyer group.

Craig J.L. Gershater 28May25

The Executive Committee have been engaged in discussing/planning the following issues.

Reports from members of the Exec. Committee have reported that there were approximately 93 members of the Friends group although some needed to have their status with respect to fully paid up members needs to be clarified.

The treasurer reported approximately £3000 in the bank, a substantial part of which will be needed for the upcoming visit by the Friends of Chichester in August.

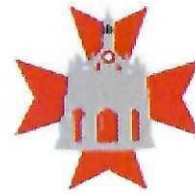
The Publicity Report has identified a number of events that will be considered and organised for the autumn. These include a German Cinema evening at New Park, and a quiz night to include a fish-n-chip supper possibly to be held in a local pub.

German language teaching is available at Chichester College and conversation classes/group are being considered.

The Friends of Speyer will host approximately 40 members of the Friends of Chichester when they visit over the August Bank Holiday weekend. As well as a wine tasting reception for the visitors, visits to the Cathedral as well as Pallant House gallery, West Dean Gardens and Bosham Harbour are being considered. The visitors will continue their trip after Chichester with an overnight stay in Rochester en route to Cambridge for a one day visit to be guided by Craig Gershater.

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Past Events

On Thursday 13 March at 7 pm Barry Lane gave a most interesting talk in at the Council Chamber on The Royal Sussex Regiment and the role it played during the time it spent in Malta.

We had a Zoom talk on Wednesday 9 April by Joseph Falzon on Alabare, a Charity organisation supporting Veterans by involving them in major projects in various countries where they were able to learn new skills.

A group of 6 members enjoyed a most interesting visit to Valletta for a week from 21 May.

Future Events in 2025

The Malta High Commissioner, HE Stephen Montforte and his wife have arranged to visit Chichester on Thursday 19 June and later he will be giving a talk in the Council Chamber entitled "A Medics View of the Ties between Chichester and Valletta" at 7 pm.

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. which will be held in the Assembly Room.

On Thursday 16 September David Vassallo will be giving a talk entitled "The Great Siege of 1565" at 7 pm in the Council Chamber.

The Annual Diner will be held at the College on Thursday 23 October at 6 for 6 30 pm.

The film "Mata Story" will be shown at New Parks in November. Date to be confirmed.

The AGM of Friends of Valletta will be held at a date to be confirmed in December.

Membership

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

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 is always keen to receive new material.

Graham Pound

Chairman Friends of Valletta



Report to: Chichester City Council - Community Affairs
for its Meeting on Wednesday 4th June 2025

From: Paula Chatfield, Chair of Chichester Tree Wardens

Date: 26th May 2025

Since we last reported (23rd February), Chichester Tree Wardens' volunteer activities to promote trees and encourage protection of and planting trees include:

- Completing our **hedge planting project** beside the bunds at the western end of the greenspace at the top of Sherborne Road. (Apologies that I misreported the number of baby trees as "almost 1,600" in my last report: we requested and received almost 600, 570 to be precise.) This represents a fantastic team effort, with Beaver Tool Hire lending us a turf stripper and CCC Property team the manpower to transport and use it; WSCC's West Sussex Tree Warden Co-Ordinator sense-checking our planning (including supplying records of underground cables/pipes); 10 volunteers turning up to plant over 3 different days in week ending 15th March (equivalent to about 40 volunteer hours) using donated canes and tree guards (leftover stock from CDC). Finally another WSCC tree officer introduced us to a tree surgeon who delivered free mulch on 10th April, all of which was used/distributed by 13th April. We were very fortunate to plant into wet soil, just as the current dry spell set in, and to get the mulch in place to retain moisture when we did. Nearby residents are keeping an eye on the young trees, and willing to water if need be (the site is naturally wet, and the young trees had been expected to thrive without). 272 baby trees were planted in all, with the remainder being looked after in a Chichester garden for now. Current thinking is that they will be used by Chichester Community Development Trust for a new hedgerow at Keepers Green, intended to be planted (and watered) this summer. I feel incredibly lucky that this project went so smoothly and it stands us in good stead for delivering similar projects in future.
- Ray Carter attended, alongside Geoff King, the first **Junior Mayor tree planting** organised by CCC following Geoff's retirement from tree wardening. We look forward to continuing to support this long-running CCC initiative.
- Promoting the **importance of watering young trees** has taken on a new urgency with lack of rainfall since the end of February and extremely drying weather. We have updated our [Tree Watering Alert](#) on our website and our Tree Watering handout, and hope to see an article published shortly in the Chichester Observer. Our Whyke Tree Warden team once again took the timely tree watering message to Whyke Residents' Association's AGM. We understand WSCC is working on other ways to encourage watering of young street trees, although not all trees will be safely accessible (such as the one planted in the roundabout at the north end of New Park Road). Parklands Residents' Association continues to co-ordinate weekly watering of trees planted in March 2024 on Sherborne Road Recreation Ground and we hope to encourage a similarly collaborative (and therefore resilient) effort for CDC-planted trees at Florence Park.
- Drought stress adds to other avoidable stresses for all trees. One of these is **soil compaction**, such as will have occurred due to the highway works compound on the Prebendal School playing field. The air naturally found in soils is important to the organisms active there, how water can penetrate, what nutrients are available and the plants that can grow. Tree roots can only grow in soils with a bulk density (the mass of soil in a given volume) of less than 1.5 g/cm³ to at least 0.5 m depth; it only takes 6 passes in a vehicle to create a bulk density that impacts root growth (tree health can also suffer in high footfall areas). Whilst occasional soil compaction can be alleviated

naturally by existing soil organisms, their activity is inhibited in significantly damaged soils (and the impact on tree health is not always immediately visible). The Woodland Trust has [Practical Guidance](#) for considering the protection of trees when planning events, such as the Gala in Priory Park. In an effort to encourage future better practice (and soil remedial works to the Prebendal School field), we have put the Whitehouse Farm developers in touch with WSCC's County Arboriculturist.

- The **Festival of Chichester** calendar and bookings are now live and our detailed preparations continue. Please see links for further details.
 - Wednesday 25th June: [Day of Discovery at Brandy Hole Copse](#) (event by the Friends of Brandy Hole Copse, supported by Ray and me);
 - Wednesday 9th July: [Explore Trees at Jubilee Gardens](#) (sponsored by Chichester Quakers);
 - Tuesday 15th July: [Discover Community Orchards](#), at Oaklands Park (joint event with Transition Town Chichester).

Do come along to one or more, if you can.

- We have made contact with the managing agents for Whitehouse Farm with regard to the planning intention that one of their new allotments, due to be ready in June, should be used as a **community tree nursery** and/or community orchard. They were not previously aware of this, the details being buried in the documents on which planning consent was based. We wait to learn if we will be awarded the plot designated for this use.

A reminder that **WSCC's donate-a-tree scheme** continues, with orders for trees to be planted in the public highway needing to be confirmed by the end of July for planting this winter (starting the process asap would be wise, to allow time for any difficulties to be resolved). The required contribution remains at £257 per tree, we understand representing less than half of the cost to WSCC.

Also, please keep your eyes peeled for **Oak Processionary Moth** [now](#). The Forestry Commission has a [public information leaflet](#) to help. We continue to remain in the Buffer Zone where movement of oak trees is restricted (see [map](#)). Please discourage anyone from transporting young oak trees, that they may have grown from acorns, to other locations. The nearest confirmed infestation was found last year near Dunsfold.

Do let us know if you're curious about local trees and if there's anything tree-related that you think we may be able to help with.

With best wishes,

Paula

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

Photo (right): hedgerow planting day 2

Once the hedge is established, we will work with Hyde on a management plan, including future hedgelaying.



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May 2025

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Spring has Sprung!

Last month we held several Easter-themed family events: one in Chichester Bishops Palace Gardens – a secret gem, right in the heart of the city—and another to support the families in the north of the district. We were blessed with gorgeous, sunny weather and around 40 people attended each time.

For families who are anxious and rarely take their children outside, our events are a low-key, friendly way of introducing them to new areas and socialising with our staff, volunteers, and other families. It's a really positive first step in getting them out the house, into green spaces and building their own supportive social network.



A family from Zimbabwe, who had been facing a difficult period marked by racism and police involvement, attended the Easter event with their volunteer. This challenging time had left them feeling unsafe in their own home and isolated in a country where they know few people. However, they had a wonderful experience at our Chichester event with their little boy running around joyfully searching for the eggs! We are very grateful to the **Chichester Rotary Club** for donating the Easter eggs for our various events.

What's new?

We also have several **new volunteers** starting this month, following their period of training. The volunteers are trained by our Manager, Lois Rowlands, during a 7-week preparation course. It's interactive and enjoyable: one volunteer described it as 'life-changing'. The training encourages the volunteers to think deeply about other people's situations and the helping relationship they're about to embark upon. Our dedicated volunteers are the lifeblood of Home-Start Chichester & District, and we are so thankful to them.



We are also delighted to welcome our new Play Leader, Ruby Cartwright, to the team this month. She brings energy and enthusiasm to the role and she's already settling in nicely.

Our parenting course 'Understanding Your Child,' has just started. This course follows the Solihull Approach which is an evidence-based programme that encourages parents to reflect on their own, often challenging, childhood experiences to understand how these might influence their interactions with their children. By learning to observe their child, they can better understand their needs. This understanding helps create empathy, reduces the likelihood of harm, and fosters healthy, secure attachments, building happier families.

The course would not be possible without the creche, which is currently being run by our volunteers, one of whom is qualified in Level 3 Early Years Childcare. This is fantastic but in order for this to be sustainable long-term, we will need to secure funding for a dedicated external creche organisation.

We look forward to sharing our summer newsletter with you. In the meantime, thank you to all our supporters. We couldn't help vulnerable families in Chichester District to thrive without you.

home-startchichester.org.uk
Charity No. 1123768

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS (SMALL & LARGE GRANTS) 2025/2026

APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE 2025

Organisation	Total of Grant Requested	Estimated Total Cost of Project	Application Details	Financial Details
Chichester Macular Group	£840.00	£1,666.94	We support up to nine people with Macular with a minibus each person is picked up at their home, this can take a while. We are charged per mile so our cost varies each month on average £70 a month. I am looking for £70 per month which is a grant of £840. This would secure the continued support to the group for their transport.	Income and expenditure figures provided. Total income received £2,4016 expenditure £1,667 Balance £748.
Chichester Women's History Group – Madge Turner Statue Appeal	£3,000.00	£3,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Website to promote projects/ documents research/ fundraising for statue 2. Run 9 professional artist led workshops with 3 charities, Stonepillow/ My sisters House and Lifecentre, to create a handmade side of a flag reading "Women's Freedom League" to be exhibited at the Novium Museum alongside Sanctuary flag separately funded 2nd side. 	Charity status is awaiting outcome.

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

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Children's Bookfest	£3,000.00	£8,470	The funding will be put towards the purchase of new books for children participating in the Chichester BookFest (7-9 October 2025) attending state primary schools in the city of Chichester, namely Parklands, Portfield, St Richards, Kingsham, Jessie Younghusband, St Joseph's, Rumboldswyke, Chichester Free School.	Financial Statements to 31 st December 2024 show total income £85,703 (£75,532 from donations and legacies) Expenditure £58,428 Surplus £27,277. Bank bal £36,217. The budget for this year is estimated to be £62,385.
Lifecentre	£2,842.27	£2,842.27	<p>The grant will fund the delivery of 3 creative workshops for up to 30 local female survivors. To create a safe and supportive environment, this grant will enable us to pay for the sessions for our Senior therapist Debbie, who is a qualified Art therapist, to oversee the delivery of each session and work with the women in a trauma-informed therapeutic way. The workshops will be delivered from a community venue in the city centre.</p> <p>The grant will cover the senior therapist time, room costs, administration and organisation of the workshops and refreshments. Also follow up communications with the attendees.</p>	Financial Statements to 31 st March 2024 show total income £709,573 (£592,586 from donations and legacies) Expenditure £822,850 Deficit £113,277. Fund balances £798,934.

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My Sisters' House Women's Centre	£1,000	£3,000	This funding will be to support the Madge Turner Freedom League Flag project with Kate Viner. Working together with Kate Viner will provide an inclusive space to learn new skills, build connections, and contribute to a meaningful legacy for the city. For our selected clients taking part it will help in their recovery process and personal growth. Funding will be used for costs related to supporting this project, including administrative time to coordinate, select suitable participants, host workshops and plan awareness marketing campaigns.	Financial statements for year ended 29 th February 2024. Total income £734,449 expenditure £633,374 surplus £100,812. Total funds £348,530 of which £187,820 restricted funds.
Oxmarket Contemporary (Oxmarket Centre of Arts)	£2,490.00	£2,490	To support our charitable purpose of promoting the arts and appreciation of the arts, we want to provide a Schools Programme aimed at encouraging young children to take an interest and engage in art, craft and design. We are particularly keen to attract those who wouldn't normally have exposure to the visual arts, especially during their early years.	Financial statements to 31 st December 2023 show Income £112,614 Expenditure £119,707 net loss £7,093. Carried forward funds £239,341

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Parents and Carers Support Organisation (PACSO)	£10,000 – Large grant		Funding would support with charity costs that are not usually covered by other grant makers and would enable us to maintain our services for the children and families of Chichester. Core costs are an integral part of keeping a charity functioning efficiently & effectively, whilst ensuring the safety of all PACSO members, staff and volunteers. Unfortunately, with minimum wage increases, national insurance increases, rent, electricity and professional fee increases, core costs are continually rising and ever harder to find support with. We cannot run front line services without all the vital elements set out in our core costs.	Financial statements to 31 st March 2024 Total income £326,892 expenditure £342,111 net loss £15,219. Fund balances £1,279,434. Unrestricted reserves £266,884. Reserves have diminished in 2024-2025 due to lack of funding.
St. Richards of Chichester Christian Care Association (trading as Stonepillow)	£3,000	£3,000	Funds will cover staff support, travel allowances, gratitude vouchers, refreshments, and inspirational art trips. We also seek support for materials, tools, and use of our resource hub, as well as documentation of	Financial statements tp 31 st March 2024 show Income £4,749,699 Expenditure £4,919,830 net loss £170,131 Total held in unrestricted reserves £2,820,127. This includes properties £3,663,248

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4Sight Vision Support	£3,000	£3,709.20	We are requesting £3,000 towards the cost of sending our bi-monthly newsletters, in various accessible formats (whatever each client chooses) in 2025/26, to the 562 people living with sight loss that we currently support who are living in Chichester.	Financial Statements to 31 st March 2024 Total income £488,349 total expenditure £398,531 net surplus £89,818 Total amount held in reserve £760,435 - £20,710 is restricted, £100,000 is an endowment that cannot be accessed until January 2029. £455,484 is the value of the head office building.
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