

Report from Chichester District Council for Chichester City Council

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1) Rubbish at Christmas Time

Recycling and waste collection dates will alter slightly over the Christmas period. We can view our personal collection dates online through the Chichester District Council website: www.chichester.gov.uk/checkyourbinday or through the Council's app. [Chichester District Council mobile app - Chichester District Council](#)

Many festive items can be recycled including foil food trays, drinks bottles, wrapping paper and much more. People can use the CDC app to easily check what materials can and cannot be recycled, during the busy Christmas period.

Any extra waste will be picked up by collection crews on the first collection after Christmas. If residents have any extra recycling, they need to ensure that it is kept dry in a loosely tied black sack and placed next to their recycling bin on collection day.

Residents are also asked to remember to flatten and fold down excess cardboard or cut it down to a manageable size for a single crew member to handle. Residents should ensure that the bin lid can close easily. Recycling needs to be clean, dry, and loose, so it is important to keep the lid closed to stop rain getting in. All polystyrene packaging, foam and plastic wrapping and film should be removed and placed in the waste bin as this cannot be recycled.

2) Recycling

CDC has partnered with Anglo Recycling to offer free doorstep collections of textiles, small electrical items, bric-a-brac and more. Items collected are either reused or recycled.

For more information visit www.chichester.gov.uk/more-ways-to-recycle or [We are Partnered with Chichester District Council!](#) for Anglo Recycling booking

3) Food Waste Recycling

Food waste will be introduced weekly to households in the spring of 2026. Residents in flats/shared blocks will be starting later in the year.

Residents will be receiving a caddy for the kitchen and a larger container for placing outside houthese prior to the scheme starting up.

There is full information here: [Food waste - Chichester District Council](#). The app will give the most up to date information especially about starting dates as they are rolled out. In Chichester District, around a third of what is put in the average general waste bin is food waste.

When collected separately, food waste can be treated via anaerobic digestion. This is a much more efficient and environmentally friendly way of processing. Anaerobic digestion provides higher value end products in the form of biogas and fertiliser. Householders will also start to see the amount of food waste they are throwing away and begin to change their behaviour. Saving food from going to waste is not only

good for the environment but can also save you money. On average this adds up to around £20 per person, per month.

For tips on how to reduce your food waste please see [Fight against food waste - West Sussex County Council](#)

4) Electric Vehicle Charging Points

CDC already has a number of Electric Vehicle charging bays across our car parks. There are currently 20 bays across nine car parks in the district. Officers have been working with Connected Kerb to determine which car parks in the district are the most feasible for the addition of further EV charge points, at no cost to CDC. The plan is for a further six car parks to have Electric Vehicle charging bays added:

- Cattle Market - Chichester – 12 bays
- Florence Road – Chichester – 4 bays
- Little London – Chichester – 6 bays
- South Pallant – Chichester - 4 bays
- St Cyriac's – Chichester - 4 bays

In addition, Connected Kerb will be adopting the existing EV assets, which will mean all of the charge points are on the same back-office system.

5) Pavement Licences

Under the Business and Planning Act 2020 (as amended), CDC is responsible for administering and enforcing Pavement Licences. These licences allow holders to place removable furniture—such as tables, chairs, benches, umbrellas, counters, and barriers—on certain highways for the outdoor consumption of food or drink. This includes pavements maintained by West Sussex County Council. An application fee, set on a cost-recovery basis, applies to licences issued on or after 1 October 2025. To support operators, the Council offers both 1-year and 2-year licences, and to date, sixteen licences have been granted, each for two years. CDC has worked closely with premises operators to encourage and assist applications where furniture is placed on the highway. Soon, officers will begin visiting premises where furniture appears to be placed without permission and will require owners/operators to obtain a licence.

www.chichester.gov.uk/pavementlicence

6) Household Support Fund is administered by West Sussex County Council

£100k has been allocated to Chichester District Council as follows: -

- £10,000 for school clothing (A campaign has been run by Supporting You). Delivered via Charis vouchers at £30 per child per household.
- £10,000 on heating the home and/or person. This will be delivered via Charis
- £70,000 preventing a crisis (white goods, furniture, etc.) again provided through Charis.

In an emergency food (supermarket) vouchers can be provided via this fund, this should be in exceptional circumstances where other options such as the WSCC Hub are not able to provide support in a short time frame.

- £10,000 for rent arrears or assistance with housing costs where other funding schemes cannot be used.

The West Sussex County Council Community Hub will continue to provide and manage the application-based route for the fund, offering short-term support to meet immediate

needs. This is a one-off support offer to alleviate the risk of dependency, accompanied by signposting which is specifically targeted to help the customer access long term support. A referral is not required for this, and WSCC encourages those in need of support to self-refer where possible using the online form <https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/gwdcCPMAxCKBqG1TzfMixa10K?domain=westsussex-self.achieveservice.com>.

Those who are unable to access online services or require support to do so, can visit their local West Sussex Library for digital support.

To apply for the application-based element of the scheme, applicants will be required to submit documentation to support their application such as: • proof of ID, photographic or official letter • a recent bill or official letter as proof of address and residence in West Sussex • evidence of benefits, including any discounts or reductions • other relevant evidence of your household's current hardship.

Successful applicants will be awarded the supermarket voucher values below, depending on the size of their household.

- Households with one or more adults: £50
- Households with one child: £50
- Households with two or more children: £75

7) Health

CDC offers health and wellbeing support for example:

Weight Better Life is a 12-week programme focusing on healthy eating, nutrition and exercise. These workshops cover a wide variety of topics from challenging the myths about diets, blood sugar balance, snacks and treats, exercise and how stress and lack of sleep may affect appetite and food cravings.

- Monday 12 January 1pm, Online - Microsoft Teams
- Tuesday 13 January 6.30pm, Westgate Leisure Centre, Chichester
- Thursday 15 January 9.30am, Westgate Leisure Centre, Chichester

Eligibility: BMI between 25 and 40

To register your interest in the courses, please complete an online registration form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Kb3odV0Lt0Cy7UN4DnFKhfd_jW2T7vNlRcMJKFvwETRUE9XVzZFMFZIN0RSOVhBUTczTEEyN05IQi4u

For more information call 01243 521041 or email wellbeing@chichester.gov.uk for help for reducing alcohol consumption and increasing exercise levels for example.