

WESTGATE HELPERS NEWS

A newsletter brought to you during the Covid-19 crisis

ISSUE 18

22ND DECEMBER 2020

Top stories in this newsletter



Centurion Way extension



Recycle your Xmas tree



Community Speedwatch update



UK Harvest charity update



Advent Calendar Windows

Westgate Helpers - 07731 198693 – westgatehelp2020@gmail.com

Dear Westgate Residents

We are so sad that we can't report on all sorts of lovely events planned for you this Christmas. We have talked ourselves round in circles trying to find ways to bring some cheer to the street but it is proving impossible to do more than arrange the Advent calendar windows, produce this newsletter and to simply be there for you.

The longed-for relief of the Christmas holiday is to be denied us, but that doesn't mean that the community is not here for you still. There is much sadness from those who can't now see loved ones, but the sacrifices that everyone is quietly making and the careful consideration of risk that everyone is making on a daily basis will, hopefully, keep our region in Tier 2 and, therefore, with a degree of the new 'normal' to life.

Whilst some of you may now have got the hang of shopping, and have your support for that in place, we know that many of you may be facing a holiday on your own and this might be very difficult. If you would like someone to check on you over the Christmas period, to have a doorstep chat, or even just a phone call, please do contact the Westgate Helpers and we can make sure this happens.

PARKLANDS NATIVITY TRAIL

CHRISTMAS EVE 2020

ANYTIME BETWEEN 1.00 & 3.00PM

START AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Follow the Christmas story with a short and safe socially-distanced walk through our community with real sheep and donkeys.

Don't miss it!

Please check in using the NHS Track & Trace system provided, and follow the one way system. Ensure children are with a responsible adult at all times. Please do not attend if you have Covid-19 symptoms.

cbc **s.wilfrid's**
Living Faith in Parklands

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any help whatsoever, from shopping and collecting medicines to walking your dog or having a chat.

The Top Christmas Jokes



1. What is Dominic Cummings' favourite Christmas song?
Driving Home for Christmas.
2. Did you hear that production was down at Santa's workshop?
Many of his workers have had to Elf isolate!
3. Why didn't Mary and Joseph make it to Bethlehem?
All Virgin flights were cancelled.
4. Why are Santa's reindeer allowed to travel on Christmas Eve?
They have herd immunity.
5. Why did the pirates have to go into lockdown?
Because the "Arrrr!" rate had risen.
6. Why is it best to think of 2020 like a panto?
Because eventually, it's behind you.
7. Why couldn't Mary and Joseph join their work conference call?
Because there was no Zoom at the inn.
8. Why can't Boris Johnson make his Christmas cake until the last minute?
He doesn't know how many tiers it should have.
9. What do the Trumps do for Christmas dinner?
They put on a super spread.
10. Which Christmas film was 30 years ahead of its time?
Home Alone.
11. How do you play Dominic Cummings Monopoly?
Ignore the rules, move anywhere on the board you like, and never Go To Jail.
12. Why won't Santa lose any presents this year?
He's downloaded Sack and Trace.
13. How is the pandemic like my stomach after Christmas?
It'll take ages to flatten the curve.
14. Which Government scheme supports Christmas dinner?
Eat Sprout To Help Out.
15. How can you get out of talking to your boss at this year's staff Christmas party?
Put him on mute.
16. How does Santa keep track of all the fireplaces he's visited?
He keeps a logbook.
17. Who dresses in red and gives to the children this Christmas?
Marcus Rashford.
18. Why did Mary and Joseph have to travel to Bethlehem?
Because they couldn't book a home delivery.

Waste Collection Dates over Christmas

As usual, our waste and recycling collection dates will be altering slightly over the festive period. Below, you will find a handy table, showing all of the collection changes during December and January. Please don't forget, that you can also view your personal collection calendar on the Council's website by visiting www.chichester.gov.uk/wastecollectioncalendar

Normal Collection Day	Pre-Christmas week	Christmas week	New Year week	Post-New Year week 1	Post-New Year week 2	Return to Normal Collection Day
Monday	Mon 14 Dec	Mon 21 Dec	Wed 30 Dec	Wed 6 Jan	Tue 12 Jan	Mon 18 Jan
Tuesday	Tue 15 Dec	Tue 22 Dec	Thurs 31 Dec	Thurs 7 Jan	Wed 13 Jan	Tue 19 Jan
Wednesday	Wed 16 Dec	Wed 23 Dec	Sat 2 Jan	Fri 8 Jan	Thurs 14 Jan	Wed 20 Jan
Thursday	Thurs 17 Dec	Thurs 24 Dec	Mon 4 Jan	Sat 9 Jan	Fri 15 Jan	Thurs 21 Jan
Friday	Fri 18 Dec	Tue 29 Dec	Tue 5 Jan	Mon 11 Jan	Sat 16 Jan	Fri 22 Jan

Collection days will return to normal from 18 January 2021.



Recycle your XmasTree

If you don't have a green bin, you can sign up for **St Wilfrid's Hospice Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme**. The hospice's team of volunteers will collect your tree and recycle it for you from **6 to 26 January 2021**, in return for a donation to the hospice. This is a great way to ensure your Christmas tree is recycled whilst supporting the hospice charity.

Visit stwh.co.uk/christmastrees or call **01243 755 184** to find out more.

If your postcode begins **PO19 3..** the collection dates are
 Tuesday 12th January
 Monday 25th January
 (but always check with St Wilfrid's Hospice for latest details)

Advent Calendar windows

Here are some photos of the pretty advent windows created by local residents. We are so grateful for the cheer they have brought to the street.

