

# WGRA Westgate Residents' Association

Westgate, Henty Gardens, Mount Lane, St. Bartholomew's Close, Tannery Close

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## Annual General Meeting – Saturday 20 November at 10am

This year we look forward to welcoming you back to St. Wilfrid's Church Community Hall. You will receive the agenda and all the relevant AGM papers at the beginning of November but meanwhile you will find a nomination form for the committee at the end of this Bulletin. Officers and committee members are elected at the AGM for one year at the end of which they all retire but are eligible for re-election for a further year. Those standing for re-election are Sarah Quail (Chair), Bebette Jones (Secretary), Vince Waldron (Treasurer) and the following for committee positions: Julia Smith, Brian Raincock, Richard Staughton and Kathryn Kellagher. If you are interested in serving on the committee, we should be delighted to hear from you.

We are very grateful indeed to those households which contributed to running costs in 2020-21. A new financial year begins at the AGM and the Treasurer will be delighted to receive your £10 notes or cheques (payable to Westgate Residents' Association) on the day of the AGM.

### Coffee, tea, and cake after the meeting.....

Hopefully you will all stay for a chat and a cup of coffee or tea and a slice of cake after the business meeting. If anyone would like to bring along a cake, that would be much appreciated as would any offer of help with preparations and tidying up afterwards. Please let Bebette know at [sec.wgra@gmail.com](mailto:sec.wgra@gmail.com)

## Christmas Celebrations – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December



The Beaux Belles are still working on this event which is proving quite difficult on locations for the carols and readings, and then the availability of our organist, Alan Thurlow who has kindly agreed to play for us again. So please earmark both dates and by the next Bulletin, we will have firmed up the arrangements. The outline will be the same as previous years with Carols and Readings at 6.30pm followed by Christmas dinner in the Crate & Apple from 7.30pm. The price and further details will hopefully be sorted out soon so check for details in the November Bulletin

Plans are already in hand for the **Westgate Platinum Jubilee Street Party on Sunday 5 June 2022** so be sure to make a note in your diaries for this event as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend!

*Brian Raincock*

## Anti-Social Behaviour

Residents have reported an unwelcome increase in dog / human fouling on the pavements at the eastern end of Westgate. If you see any excrement on the street, please could you report it by calling Sussex Police on 101 or by emailing PCSO Larbey at [mac.larbey@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:mac.larbey@sussex.pnn.police.uk) This will help the police to build up a picture of the behaviour. We also have some posters for residents to put up in their windows and some for the bollards. If you would like a copy of the poster seen here, please contact Kathryn on [kellagher@fastmail.co.uk](mailto:kellagher@fastmail.co.uk)



**No dog  
fouling**

It is an offence not to  
clean up after your dog

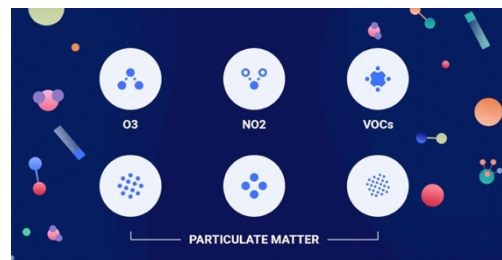
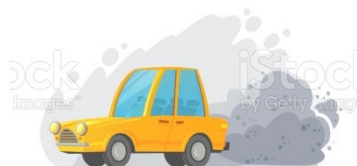
## Westgate Advent Windows 2021

On a rather more cheerful note, we are hoping to repeat last year's very successful Advent Windows at the eastern end of Westgate. The idea is that a household is allocated a date in December, and on that day "unveils" its Advent Window. Here is a reminder of some of last year's beautiful windows. If you would like to take part, please email Kathryn on [kellagher@fastmail.co.uk](mailto:kellagher@fastmail.co.uk) or telephone her on 01243 776415 and she will allocate you a number!



## Air Quality Monitor

WGRA has bought a portable air quality monitor with a view to measuring levels of pollution along Westgate. Whilst our levels may not be as bad as other roads in Chichester, it certainly builds up in rush hour periods. We hope by regular testing we can compare our figures with neighbouring roads as well as with official figures for the city.



## Community Speedwatch

More volunteers are always welcome to join our group of dedicated radar speed gun operators. Training is not difficult but does involve some internet tests and help is on hand for those who need it. For more information go to the website [www.communityspeedwatch.org](http://www.communityspeedwatch.org) or contact David Thornley by email at: [david@thethornleys.net](mailto:david@thethornleys.net)



Interestingly after a Freedom of Information request to the Sussex Police, we learned that there have been no prosecutions for speeding on Westgate in the past 2 years.

## Autumn colour

For lots of ideas of where to go and what to do this autumn, visit [www.experiencesussex.com](http://www.experiencesussex.com) which is a very useful website run by West Sussex County Council



## The Cross Market and More – Sunday 7 November

A new quality street market featuring local designers and producers will be coming to Chichester city centre on Sunday 7 November.

One of the main features of this market will be to showcase the 'traders of tomorrow'. The council has teamed up with Chichester and Brinsbury Colleges to offer students an opportunity to showcase and sell their products.

People will be able to browse a variety of different stalls, from textiles and jewellery to homemade food, prints and other arts and crafts, as well as enjoying street food and children's entertainment including a carousel and bubble display.



The market will be held in North Street and East Street, Chichester from 10am-3pm. You can find out more and keep up to date with events in the Chichester District on the council's new Chichester District Events and Markets Facebook page.

## The Chichester vaccination service has relocated

The vaccination centre at Westgate Leisure Centre has now moved to a new purpose-built centre in Northgate car park and is open for appointments and walk-ins. More information about the relocation can be found at: <https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/news/Chichesters-COVID-19-vaccination-service-is-moving/494960>

The Covid testing site will continue to be located in Northgate car park. People with Covid symptoms should book appointments at the test centre by going to: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

### Test, test – and test again

Lateral Flow Tests can be ordered at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> to be delivered to your home or picked up at selected pharmacies.

## WGRA Regular Social Events

### Coffee Morning

Held on the first Saturday of each month at the Crate & Apple at 10pm so come along and meet up with neighbours, old and new, and catch up with the latest Westgate news.

### Knitting & Social Group

Held every Monday at the Crate & Apple from 10am – 12 noon. Knitter or not, please come along for coffee or tea and a chat! **Note that the Crate will be closed on Monday 11 October**

### Bavardage au Pub

Our French speakers continue to meet on the last Monday of the month at the Crate & Apple at 6.30pm.



# NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE AGM 20 NOVEMBER 2021

Name: .....(Print)

Address: .....

Email: .....Telephone.....

To serve as Chairman – Secretary – Treasurer – Committee Member (Circle)

PROPOSED BY:

Name: .....(Print)

Address: .....

SECONDED BY:

Name: .....

Address: .....

ACCEPTANCE OF CANDIDATE: I agree to my name being proposed for election to the committee of the Westgate Residents Association.

Signed: .....Date: .....

Please return this form by 13 November to Bebette Jones, WGRA Secretary, 6 Tannery Close, PO19 3EY or scan and email to [sec.wgra@gmail.com](mailto:sec.wgra@gmail.com)

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*If you do not wish to receive further communications from the WGRA, please contact the Secretary, Bebette Jones at 6 Tannery Close or email [sec.wgra@gmail.com](mailto:sec.wgra@gmail.com)*