

WGRA Westgate Residents' Association

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



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Sending the very best wishes to all our members for a happy, safe, and healthy New Year!

Coffee Morning

Please note that our January coffee morning at the Crate & Apple will be held on **8th January 2022** instead of the 1st which is of course a public holiday.

Westgate Advent Windows

Thank you to all the households who created the pretty advent windows that have brought so much cheer to the street. One of our members, Jane Hart, has kindly photographed each window and put them together in a colourful collage printed on the last page of this bulletin.

Fouling on Westgate Pavements

Sadly, the unpleasant incidences continue to happen and there were three more just before Christmas. As we mentioned in our last email, if you do witness anything that might help stop this problem, please report it to: Simon Ballard at SBallard@chichester.gov.uk (01243 534694) and please copy me in at sec.wgra@gmail.com so we can keep a record as well.

Use this link to request the council to clean up any mess:

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/30351/Report-street-cleaning-problem-form>

Friends of Centurion Way (FoCW) New Year's Day Walk 1st January 2022

FoCW are organising their Annual New Year's Day Walk and Bike Ride up Centurion Way on Monday. **Meet at the beginning of Centurion Way by the Tesco Footbridge (next to Bishop Luffa School) at 12:00 noon.** Participants will walk or cycle up to the Amphitheatre (by the Railwaymen sculptures) to show community support for maintaining and extending good local walking and cycling routes. Some FoCW members plan to continue cycling from the Amphitheatre up to West Dean, but others will return to Chichester. For more information see http://centurionway.org.uk/join-the-new-year-walk-and-cycle-on-centurion-way?fbclid=IwAR0Ij6cNUCGRH8ptGWL-2SbwKa1N_OB22uBE6wscBS-vnzgaqiY6yXrYX_Y

Photo call!

Before the Centurion Way Walk and Bike Ride, a group led by local cycling action group, Chi Cycle are inviting concerned residents to meet at the Westgate and Sherborne Road mini roundabout **at 11.30am** for a press release photograph. This group is campaigning against the proposed WHF Phase 1 s.106 plans to route cyclists onto the pavements round this mini roundabout. One of Chi Cycle's members is mounting a legal challenge on this. Further information is on this link: <http://chicycle.co.uk/category/westgate-shared-use-pavement-scheme>

When we were consulted earlier in 2021, WGRA agreed reluctantly to WSCC's plans for this roundabout, but we prefaced our comments with the proviso that this did not mean that we approved of any further 'mixed use' of Westgate's pavements. We continue to be concerned about the safety aspects of this scheme and we shall be meeting next week – on Zoom – to discuss the subject in the light of Chi Cycle's legal challenge. We shall keep you posted!

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner 2022-23 policing priorities and precept survey

To determine local policing priorities and future budgets, the Commissioner has compiled a short survey regarding community safety issues which you might be interested in filling out. The link is: <https://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/about/transparency-complaints/what-we-spend-how-we-spend-it/police-funding/latest-precept-information-202223/sussex-pcc-2022-23-policing-priorities-and-precept-survey/> Note that the survey closes on **9th January 2022**.

Chichester Men's Shed

Chichester Men's Shed, supported by the Rotary Club of Chichester, will be holding its first Open Meeting on Monday, 10th January 2022 at Chichester Boys' Club, 34A Little London, Chichester, PO19 1PL starting at 10 am. Subsequent meetings will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Chichester Men's Shed is a place for anyone aged over 18 to make stuff, make friends, learn, and share skills, socialize in safe and friendly surroundings, and have fun. The Trustees are actively searching for permanent premises to establish a workshop and social space but in the meantime meetings to plan and to chat over tea and biscuits will be held fortnightly at the Boys' Club.

The Men's Shed movement started in Australia as a result of Government concern about men's health especially among the retired, bereaved, or unemployed. Spreading worldwide there are now nearly 600 Sheds in the UK.

For further information contact Chairman, Tim Rixon, on 07764 368932 or by email to tim_rixon@hotmail.com

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. The next ones are on **8th January and 5th February**

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!

Bavardage au Pub

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

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

