

WGRA Westgate Residents' Association

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



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AGM — Saturday 19 November 2022

10am at St. Wilfrid's Community Hall

We're looking forward to seeing many of our members at the meeting which will be followed by coffee, tea and cakes and a chance to chat. All the relevant papers will be emailed to you shortly. If you would like to join us on the WGRA committee, please get in touch with our Chair, Sarah Quail, or the Secretary, Bebette Jones. You will also find a Nomination form at the end of this Bulletin

Southern Access Road (SAR)

In August we noted that National Highways had instructed Chichester District Council (CDC) not to consider the latest Phase 2 planning application for 3 months until 26 October while they discussed issues with the developers. National Highways have now extended this holding recommendation by another 3 months to 26 January 2023 as "they have not received any further information from the applicant."

So there is still more time to object to the proposals for the SAR either by:

- email to dcplanning@chichester.gov.uk quoting planning application 22/01485/OUTEIA. Don't forget to include your full name and address with your email
- via Chichester District Council's planning portal at <https://publicaccess.chichester.gov.uk/online-applications>

A summary of points you may like to consider in your response is attached with this email.

ChiCycle Public Exhibition

Well over one hundred people, members of ChiCycle, who organised the event, with the Westgate, Parklands, East Broyle, and West Walls Residents Associations, met in the Scout Hut at the bottom of Sherborne Road on Sunday afternoon, 23 October, to review the plans and discuss their concerns about Miller Vistry's proposed scheme for the Southern Access Road (SAR) of the White House Farm development. The West of Chichester housing developers are now seeking approval for Phase 2 of their housing scheme. The plans include a SAR linking traffic from 1600 new homes directly onto Westgate and Sherborne Road.

As currently drafted, the plans for the new road will badly compromise visibility for motorists at the staggered junction that will replace the existing mini roundabout at Westgate and Sherborne Road and will also compromise access to Bishop Luffa School and to Centurion Way and the many cyclists who use this route to get to school and to work.

Individuals were quick to point out that pedestrians and cyclists do not mix happily on pavements and this scheme is predicated on commuter cyclists being redirected onto pavements to make way for increased volumes of motor traffic. None of the proposed cycle crossings meet national design standards and visibility at the proposed crossings will be extremely poor.



There is also a serious risk, as others pointed out, that the SAR will become Chichester's western bypass for traffic heading north from the Fishbourne roundabout - to the detriment of the lives of those living on the new estate – and that Sherborne Road, equally, will become another north/south route from and to the A27 for rat runners, as will Westgate for motor vehicles wishing to access or depart the city centre.

There was anger about these Phase 2 proposals. Despite protests after the initial online consultation two years ago, very little has changed and the developers have failed entirely in the view of local residents - who know these roads - to address issues relating to the capacity of the Westgate and Sherborne Road junction, likely congestion, pollution issues, and, most importantly, road safety.

WGRA Christmas Celebrations 2022 – Wednesday 14 December



If you're planning on coming to the Carol Singing and also to the Christmas dinner at the Crate & Apple, please don't forget to hand in your booking slips to Nikki Clarke at 42 Westgate. Final orders for the dinner must be in by 5 December. Please email sec.wgra@gmail.com if you need another copy of the flyer.



Westgate Advent Windows 2022

Christmas is fast approaching and we're now planning the Christmas Advent Windows 2022 to add some festive cheer along 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. Kerry McNally has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the volunteers this year, so if you would like to take part, please contact her via email ktsmcnally@gmail.com or telephone her on 07796 914312 and she will allocate you a date and give you a gold number!

Saturday 5 November

Monthly coffee morning – come along to the Crate at 10am for coffee and a chat.

Westgate Planters – And afterwards (weather permitting!) do join the working party which will be working its way westwards tidying up the planters on Westgate. There will be morning and afternoon shifts!! One group will begin at the planter and flower bed outside The Priory, opposite the Crate and Apple, at roughly 11.00 am. The afternoon shift will meet at No. 72A at 14.00 hours.

Remembrance Sunday

The annual Service of Remembrance will be held at Litten Gardens at 11am on Sunday 13 November.

Chichester Christmas Lights Switch On – Saturday 26 November at 5pm at The Cross

Chichester BID has lots of festive experiences planned to get everyone in the Christmas Spirit including the Christmas Market from Saturday 3 – Friday 23 December and a Festive Shopping Day on Saturday 17 November with a full line up of music and entertainment. For more information click on:

<https://chichesterbid.co.uk/christmas-plans-unveiled/>

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

**NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE
AGM 19 NOVEMBER 2022**

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 12 November to Bebette Jones, WGRA Secretary,
6 Tannery Close, PO19 3EY or scan and email to sec.wgra@gmail.com