

# WGRA Westgate Residents' Association

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



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### SAR Proposals – and ANPR

We learned at the end of December 2022 that National Highways (NH) have dropped their opposition to the Southern Access Route (SAR) proposals insofar as they affect the A27, but NH are assuming that works will be undertaken on the A27 at the Fishbourne Roundabout to enable traffic to move more speedily through this junction. We need to assimilate this information, but it should not make any difference to our considerable reservations, expressed already about the proposed SAR route as it will affect our communities in Chichester West.

In the meantime, the Safer Traffic Action Group (STAG) has met - and in the circumstances, their recent meeting was timely. It is clearly necessary now to publicise more widely the considerable merits of an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) scheme not only for Westgate but for other neighbouring streets. To this end, on the advice of District Councillor Richard Plowman, a question will be asked by one of the group at a forthcoming District Council meeting and efforts will be made to publicise the scheme in the *Chichester Observer*.

*Sarah Quail*

Thank you very much to the many of you who have already sent in objections to the SAR proposal. Only mass objections will count in terms of opposing the developer's plans and there are still many safety issues to be overcome with the current design, so it is not a done deal. There is still time to lodge your objections so please, if you haven't already done so, take the time to write a short email and please encourage friends and neighbours to do the same.

- either send an email to [dcplanning@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:dcplanning@chichester.gov.uk) quoting planning application 22/01485/OUTEIA. Don't forget to include your full name and address with your email

- or 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 the covering email.

### Christmas carols and Dinner

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for the carol singalong on 14 December at the beautiful Chichester Arts Centre. It was a wonderful community festive celebration, and it was lovely to enjoy time with friends and neighbours.

Special thanks to Sarah Quail who led the service; Alexander Solly who sang the first verse of Once in Royal David's City so beautifully; Brian Raincock, Penny Tomlinson and Anthony Quail, whose readings reflected the different aspects of Christmas; and our organist, Alan Thurlow.

Some of us continued celebrating with a Christmas dinner at the Crate and Apple.

Finally, I'd also like to thank the hardworking Social Committee - Nikki, Noel, Fiona, Annette and Helen - for organising another wonderful community event!

*Kathryn Kellagher*

## Chichester City Arts Centre

The centre tells us that they have spare capacity for other classes and events (the hall is free Monday-Thursday mornings until 3pm, Saturday evenings and all-day Sunday for new events) and they wondered if WGRA members would like to suggest some activities that they would enjoy in the New Year. If you have any ideas please contact Belette at [sec.wgra@gmail.com](mailto:sec.wgra@gmail.com) or email them direct at [info@chichestercityartscentre.com](mailto:info@chichestercityartscentre.com)

## Westgate Advent Windows

Thank you to all the households who created an Advent window along Westgate for the enjoyment of all passers-by. Jane Hart has again photographed each window and assembled another beautiful collage which is printed on the last page of this Bulletin. Enjoy!

## WRGA Coffee morning

Our next coffee morning will be on Saturday 4 February, 10am at the Crate and Apple.



**SIXTY FOUR**  
RESTAURANT & BAR

Some of our members may be unaware of the fully licensed training restaurant at Chichester College called **64 Restaurant and Bar**. All meals are prepared and served by the students while being supervised by their lecturers. The restaurant is open to the public for lunch on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, whilst dinner service takes place on Thursday events. For more information please click on <https://www.chichester.ac.uk/college-life/facilities/64-restaurant-and-bar> It gets very busy, so advance booking is essential!



## Free things to do this winter in West Sussex

Take a look at [Experience West Sussex](https://www.experiencwestsussex.com) (<https://www.experiencwestsussex.com>) to find free things to do in West Sussex this winter. The website is run by West Sussex Country Council and whether it's a [bracing walk](#) along the coast or in the countryside, getting up close to nature, or visiting some of our parks and museums, there's an easy way to find dozens of free things to do.

Here's how: under Things To Do choose one of the options – which include [art and culture](#), [heritage and gardens](#) and [nature and wildlife](#) – and choose 'budget'. Then you can pick the 'free' button and you will see all the things under that category that you can do for free.

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