

WGRA Westgate Residents' Association

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



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AGM Report

Thank you to all the 68 members and guests who came along and supported the AGM. The Annual Report and Financial Accounts for 2020/21 (previously circulated to all members) were approved and the following members were elected unanimously to the committee:

Sarah Quail (Chair)	Julia Smith	Kathryn Kellagher (Associate member)
Vince Waldron (Treasurer)	Brian Raincock.	
Bebette Jones (Secretary)	Clare Staughton	

The main business of the meeting was the excellent presentation by Geoff Thiel on the proposal for traffic mitigation on Westgate. This was very well received. All those present were given notes on this proposal after the meeting and a copy of this Traffic Flyer is attached to the covering email.

A resolution, prompted by councillors present, was proposed and unanimously adopted that:

"This AGM authorizes the WGRA Committee to finalize the wording of a resolution to implement an Automatic Number Plate Recognition scheme for the benefit of Westgate and surrounding residential areas."

This resolution, once finalized, will be sent out to the relevant authorities for consideration, and WGRA believes that a scheme like this could be a significant step in reducing traffic volume and speeds along our road, which all residents agree are the two key issues we have to tackle.

Other Items mentioned at the meeting:

Southern Access Road (SAR)

It was noted that there has been much opposition from WGRA and residents to the initial published proposals to route the SAR which goes round the west of the WHF development into Sherborne Road not the College roundabout. We have all objected that the stream of traffic should go onto the ring road to access the A27 or the city centre, not be routed into residential areas or onto a dangerous and badly designed T-junction at the west end of Westgate.

The developers are considering this feedback and there is nothing more that can be done now. We have lobbied WSCC Highways but they will not get involved until a planning application is put in by the developers, but we continue to push hard for a road safety audit and junction modelling, which we believe makes the initial design unviable.

Christmas Carols & Dinner – Tuesday 14 December

There's another copy of the flyer attached to the covering email. Spaces for this event are going fast so please make your bookings as soon as possible. You are welcome to come for the carols and readings without staying on for dinner but please let the organizers know.



Fouling on Westgate Pavements

Please report any occurrences of fouling on the pavements to the following link:

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

It can also be reported by email to Simon Ballard, Environmental Protection Manager at Chichester District Council at SBallard@chichester.gov.uk

Gas Works on Westgate

SGN have been notified of the flattened barriers and these have been righted. We understand the work is due to be completed on 3 December.

The meeting ended with coffee, tea and biscuits – cakes hopefully back on the menu next year!

Westgate Advent Windows 2021

A huge thank you in advance to all those who have volunteered an Advent window and here is a list of which houses to look out for every day up to Christmas.



1 December	Crate & Apple	13 December	34 Westgate
2 December	44 Westgate	14 December	22 Westgate
3 December	19 Westgate	15 December	42 Westgate
4 December	15 Westgate	16 December	23 Westgate
5 December	31 Westgate	17 December	17 Westgate
6 December	9 Westgate	18 December	28 Westgate
7 December	20A Westgate	19 December	39 Westgate
8 December	11 Westgate	20 December	48 Westgate
9 December	32 Westgate	21 December	3 The Courtyard, 1 Westgate
10 December	25 Westgate	22 December	2 The Courtyard, 1 Westgate
11 December	30 Westgate	23 December	1 Henty Gardens
12 December	27 Westgate	24 December	The Cottage, 15 Westgate

A 'thank you' and reminder from our Treasurer

Firstly, a big thank you to all those Members who have already paid their £10 subscription (and more than £10 in some cases) for the year ahead.

Secondly, for all those Members who have not yet paid, may I ask them to give their £10 membership subscription as soon as possible. Our financial year runs from November 2021 to 31 October 2022, but please do not leave it until just before the next AGM.

If you have not given a subscription for some time, why not do so now and join your neighbours in giving your Residents Association financial support?

Electronic banking details are as follows:

Account Name: Westgate Residents Association
 Bank Sort Code: 30-90-28
 Account number: 69382160
 Reference: either your name or address

If you do not 'do' internet banking then you can put a £10 note or cheque made out to 'Westgate Residents Association' in an envelope with your name and address on it and put it through the door at 72 Westgate, PO19 3HH or alternatively at 44 Westgate or 6 Tannery Close. Thank you.

Chichester Christmas Festivities

<https://chichesterbid.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Merry-Bright-Events-Programme-2021.pdf>

Click on the above link to see details of the many activities and shopping promotions and competitions organized during December. This year's Twilight Shopping will take place on **2,9,16 and 23 December between 4-7pm** with fun street entertainment, live music and festive food and drinks.

Farmers market days are Friday 3rd and Friday 17 December.

Also take a look at the Novium museum website:

<https://www.thenovium.org/whatson> for details of their Christmas events including the Chichester Starlight Trail for children.



Vintage and Very Nice Market – are back with a Christmas market on **4th and 5th December 10am to 4pm** at The Assembly Rooms, North Street.

Christmas Wreaths

A local florist is making beautiful Christmas Wreaths & Bouquets for Henty Gardens and Westgate residents. Please get in touch with Alix Woods for more information.

Call 01243 774698 or 07850619851
www.instagram.com/thesweatpeaandme/



BRIGHTRIDE – Cycling without Age

Richard Turnbull and his trishaw came along to our coffee morning in November and many of our members including our Chair, Sarah Quail, went out for a ride along Westgate. 'We felt like royalty' and 'everyone waved at us' were amongst some of the comments made afterwards. If you would like to book Richard for a ride, please go to his website www.brightride.org.uk or call 07821 810552.



Quiz Night at The Crate & Apple

The last quiz will be on 12 December starting at 6.30pm. Teams of up to 8 people are welcome and please contact lisa@crateandapple.co.uk for more details or bookings.

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 one is on **4th December!**

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.

Wishing everyone a



and a happy new year

If you do not wish to receive further communications from the WGRA, please contact the Secretary, Belette Jones at 6 Tannery Close or email sec.wgra@gmail.com