

# WGRA Westgate Residents' Association

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



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The WGRA Committee wishes you all a happy and healthy 2024.

**Southern Access Road (SAR)** Miller Vistry's proposals for the SAR will be debated with the rest of their proposals for White House Farm (WHF) Phase 2 at the meeting of Chichester District Council's (CDC) Planning Committee next week, on Wednesday 10 January 2024 at 9.30 am. You can attend in person should you wish to do so. Otherwise, you can watch the proceedings live on CDC's website or watch a recording at a later time.

Please click on the following which will take you to the Meeting Agenda and Webcast link:

<https://chichester.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=1748&Ver=4>

As far as your committee is concerned, we have no issues at all with plans to build more houses on WHF. That issue is 'done and dusted', to coin a phrase. We do take issue however with the proposals for the SAR where it meets the junction of Westgate with Sherborne Road. We do not believe that the issues of road safety, capacity at this junction, and likely congestion have been addressed sufficiently nor the issue of pollution.

Speakers will be addressing these issues on Wednesday morning.

**Christmas Carols 2023** We had another very enjoyable evening of carols and readings at the Chichester City Arts Centre. Accompanied by Alan Thurlow on the organ, residents and friends lifted the roof of the former St. Bartholomew's Church along with the rousing descants lead by Melissa Smith. Thank you very much to the Social Committee of Fiona, Annette, Nikki, Noel and Helen for organizing the event and providing the delicious mulled wine and mince pies.



**Westgate Advent Windows** Thank you to all who decorated your windows for the 24 days of Advent. Jane Hart has again photographed them all and has prepared a lovely collage which you can see at the end of this Bulletin. Thank you Jane!

**Temporary closure of Westgate from 8th to 12th January 2024** Another reminder that Westgate will be temporarily closed to through traffic for a 15metre section between the junction with Parklands Road and the Westgate/Sherborne Road roundabout. The closure will commence on 8th January and is estimated to be completed on 12th January and is required for the safety of the public and workforce during the disconnection of a gas service. The restriction will be in place 24hrs/day and signs for an alternative route will be in place. Access will be maintained for residents and pedestrians.



**A Reminder from our Treasurer** Thank you to all those members who have already paid their **£10 subscriptions** for 2024. If you haven't already done so, the easiest way is by BACS transfer to the account below. You can also set up a standing order with your bank. You can still pay by cash or cheque (payable to Westgate Residents Association) in an envelope with your name and address and put it through the door at 72 Westgate, PO19 3HH or alternatively at 44 Westgate or 6 Tannery Close.

Account Name: Westgate Residents Association

Bank Sort Code: 30-90-28

Account No: 69382160

Ref: Your name and address

**Chichester City Council Five Year Plan.** The draft City Plan for 2024-2029 has now been published for public consultation. The Plan sets out the draft aims and objectives for the City Council for the next five years and it is important that you, the residents of and visitors to the city, help the Council to guide these future plans so we can all work together to make Chichester a place where everyone can thrive. To view the draft plan and comment on it, please go to: [https://chichestercity.gov.uk/city\\_plan/](https://chichestercity.gov.uk/city_plan/)



Note that the Chichester Local Plan for the wider District is still under development by Chichester District Council and there will be a separate consultation on it later. For more information go to: <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/35375/Chichester-Local-Plan-2021-2039>

**Chichester City Arts Centre** You may be aware that the Centre requested planning permission to fell a number of trees in the churchyard area in front of the former St. Bartholomew's Church. The owners of the Centre have asked me to include a letter from them in the Bulletin which is copied below. We look forward to the new planting.

*"Dear All,*

*As you are aware, our Tree Works Application at Chichester City Arts Centre has been approved. We are required to plant 5 new small trees or shrubs to offset the removal of the overgrown trees. We would be grateful for any suggestions for new trees or shrubs. They would need to be compact, easily maintained and enhance the gardens.*

*We have worked hard and self-funded the purchase and renovation of this beautiful but previously neglected building. It is now a usable and welcoming space for everyone to enjoy. This has improved the general amenity of the area by stopping the anti-social behaviour and vandalism that had occurred (although we still get rubbish thrown over the boundary walls, mainly bottles, cans and vaping paraphernalia!).*

*We already have two squirrels and a fox which frequents the gardens. To encourage more wildlife in the gardens, we would be happy for the local residents to supply and put up bird boxes, bat boxes or any other suggestions to attract wildlife.*

*In the front garden we have made a new border along the west boundary wall. If anyone has any spare bulbs or cuttings, they would be gratefully received.*

*Also, if you have any ideas for events or activities you would like to see at The Centre, please email us on [info@chichestercityartscentre.com](mailto:info@chichestercityartscentre.com) with your suggestions.*

*We thank you for your continued support as we strive to be sympathetic custodians of this beautiful building.*

*Happy New Year to you all.*

*Jenny, Ian and Rose  
Chichester City Arts Centre"*

**WSSC Recycling Centre at Westhampnett** The WSSC booking system is to be extended to include the Chichester site at Westhampnett from 12 February 2024.



Visits have to be pre-booked and will be restricted to 5 per month for each household. Bookings may be made on the day of the visit if there is still space. For full details:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-waste-prevention/recycling-centres/book-to-recycle-booking-system/>

