

Welcome to the November issue of initiatives+

This newsletter is issued every month with the latest news and events in our area, details of schemes and projects that will benefit our residents and businesses, as well as relevant national and local updates.



Local government reorganisation

This week the Government announced a further delay to it's decision on local government reorganisation in West Sussex. A decision is now expected in early 2027. All new authorities are expected to hold shadow elections in 2028, with

the new councils coming into effect in April 2029. Find out more

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Free tree applications open



You can now apply for free trees and support materials for tree planting projects in the Chichester District this winter. Application forms can be requested by emailing us and you can find eligibility criteria and more information on our Tree Chichester District web page

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Housing Matters roadshow

Our Housing team will be at UKHarvest's Midhurst Food Hub on Monday 9 November as part of our Housing Matters Roadshow, bringing housing advice directly to you. Find full details of the events we're attending plus free downloadable housing guides.

Festive parking offers



If you're visiting the Christmas lights switch-on event in Chichester city centre, you can park for free at Avenue De Chartres car park from 4pm-6pm on 21 November. In addition, when you

select two hours' parking using MiPermit at Avenue De Chartres car park, you'll get the third hour free on 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13 December.
Find out more



'ChichestHER' exhibition now open

A fascinating exhibition telling the stories of notable women from the Chichester District - both past and present - is now open at The Novium Museum in Chichester. 'ChichestHER' is the culmination of a three-year project made possible thanks to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Discover a smarter way to travel this autumn



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Book-a-Bus is helping connect rural communities in the areas surrounding Chichester, Barnham, Midhurst and Petworth. Designed for places with limited or no access to regular bus services, the on-demand service provides convenient links to town centres, rail stations, and onward bus connections. Book through the app, website, or call centre.



Free business sustainability events

Chichester District businesses are being invited to two free events - on 4 November and 18 November. These events offer practical sustainability support to help organisations save money, reduce energy use and build resilience for the future. Find out more and book your free place.

Dog control rules approved

Minor changes to the council's Public Space Protection Order for dog control rules in the Chichester District have been approved by leading councillors, following a recent public consultation. You can find out more here





Christmas events for all ages!

Get into the festive spirit with our Christmas Festivities programme, featuring a variety of seasonal events and activities for all ages. At the heart of the celebrations will be The Guildhall in Priory Park, Chichester, which will be beautifully decorated with a stunning woven willow sculpture to welcome visitors.

Our festive programme has been designed to bring people together, support local businesses, and encourage visitors to enjoy everything that Chichester has to offer this Christmas. Find out more and book tickets

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Take part in free Carbon Literacy training this month

We're inviting residents and community groups to take part in a free climate education training day to mark this year's Carbon Literacy Action Day on 9 November.

Designed to help people identify practical changes they can make to reduce

their carbon footprint, the training will take place at The Novium Museum, Chichester. Find out more and book your place through Eventbrite

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Other local news

Keep up-to-date on all the latest council news: www.chichester.gov.uk/latestnews

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