

Welcome to initiatives+



Your monthly news update from Chichester District Council

Welcome to the August issue of initiatives+ (Re-issued due to problems with the links)

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.

Shaping West Sussex

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The future of local
government in *West Sussex*

Local government reorganisation

The Government has announced a further delay to its decision on local government reorganisation in West Sussex. A preferred option has not yet been selected and a decision is now expected by October. [Find out more](#)

Help shape the future of your area

We're starting work on a new local plan for the Chichester plan area. From 7 August to 25 September, we want to hear your thoughts on the opportunities and challenges facing the area. Your views will help shape the new plan, which will guide development to 2045. [Find out more](#)



Housing advice coming to you!

Our Housing Matters Roadshow continues this summer. Come along and meet members of our Housing Team to find out about the range of housing support on offer. Our next stop is the Emergency Services Family Day in Oaklands Park, Chichester, on 2 August. [Find out more](#)

Last chance to see Elmer!

Take advantage of the Government's child and family ticket VAT reductions, which run until 1 September, and make sure you pop along to see the Elmer and Friends exhibition at The Novium Museum. [Find out more](#)





Support for heating oil users

If you rely on heating oil to heat your home then you may be eligible for a new £9,000 grant to upgrade to a heat pump aimed at protecting your energy bill from price spikes. [Find out more](#)

New Shippam's display

By popular demand, The Novium Museum has launched a new display celebrating Shippam's advertising heritage, following the success of it's exhibition earlier this year. [Find out more](#)



Fully accessible toilets

Did you know there are several fully accessible toilets across the district for people with additional needs and their carers? Also known as Changing Places facilities, the toilets have more space and equipment to help support dignity and independence. Find your nearest [Changing Places facility](#)

Local nature recovery strategy

The first Local Nature Recovery Strategy for West Sussex has now been published. It aims to help create, enhance and connect habitats and support species across our area. [Find out more](#)



Community food hub

If you're looking for low-cost healthy food then head to your nearest UKHarvest community food hub. The hubs aim to help people get the support they need while helping to cut food waste. [Find dates](#) at venues across the Chichester District.

Culture Spark - Symphony in Art

See and hear work produced by students from two of our district's secondary schools. This is part of an artistic collaboration involving the Culture Spark initiative. [Find out more](#)





Save the date - popular skatepark event is returning!

Our popular 'Skate, Scoot and Bike' event will be back on Sunday 6 September, 11am-4pm. Enjoy free fun for all ages, wheels and abilities at Chichester Skatepark, situated behind Westgate Leisure Centre, Chichester. Thrills, spills and more! [Find out more](#)



Summer fun across the Chichester District!

Don't forget that you can find out what's happening across the district by heading to our What's On pages. From family friendly activities to community days, talks, concerts, exhibitions and festivals, there's so much happening on our doorsteps this summer! [Find out more](#)

Other local news

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

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