

CDC REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS JANUARY 2022

Help with Finances during Cold Weather

Winter draws on. CDC have introduced the Warm Homes initiative for residents on low income living in a property with poor energy efficiency. This initiative can contribute towards the installation of an efficient heating system as well as loft and wall insulation. If you know of anyone who might benefit, please ask them to contact the delivery partners at <https://arunchichestercab.org.uk/contact-us/energy-2021> or call 01243 974063.

The above website can also advise on reducing energy consumption.

If you are worried about the imminent hike in energy prices and are on a low income, the Warm Home Discount could save £140 off your electric bill. You need to check with your electricity supplier to see if you are eligible. More information is available on <https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme-2021>.

CDC continues to support WSCC Community Hub scheme to assist with people who are struggling to access food, medicine and essential supplies. Contact the team on 033-0222-7980.

CDC has a finances web page for those struggling to pay rent/bills at this time of the year. www.chichester.gov.uk/helpwithfinances. There is also a free benefits calculator www.entitledto.co.uk/benefits-calculator.

Planning

Current planning applications are being reviewed, following CDC's publication of a 5 Year Housing Land Supply. See www.chichester.gov.uk/article/24661/housing-land-supply.

Waste Collection

Staff sickness absences have created problems with the service. If your bin is not collected when it is due, please leave at the collection point and it will be collected at the earliest opportunity.

The Novium

The museum began a nationally recognised exhibition of LEGO called Brick Wonders in December. It will run until June.

Markets

Cross Market & More, a market event in November, was very successful and 3 more will be announced in March, August and November, the August one to run alongside the Summer Street Party.

The CDC Farmers Market returns on 21 January in East Street. In February the market will return to the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

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