

CDC REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS SEPTEMBER 2021

Afghanistan Crisis

The District Council has pledged to work with WSCC to support the national effort to resettle Afghan families within the district, identifying suitable housing. CDC was already one of the first councils to offer accommodation to locally employed Afghan workers, i.e. those who worked with our troops, and the aim is to continue this work.

How to Rent – The checklist for renting in England (publishing.service.gov.uk)

This is a new Government on-line guide aimed at tenants and landlords in the private rented sector. It provides general advice on what to look out for before renting, what happens at the end of the tenancy and what to do when things go wrong.

Rampion Wind Farm

A second public consultation is currently underway on the proposals to extend Rampion 2. The proposal is to generate electricity for over 1 million homes and offset 1.8 million tonnes of CO2 every year, this in addition to the existing output. www.rampion2.com/consultation.

Tree Chichester District

Applications are open for residents, community groups, landowners, schools, parish councils and businesses to apply for bundles of trees. The trees can be planted on their own land or that of someone else who gives permission.

www.chichester.gov.uk/treescheme

Green Home Grants

This has been extended and is open to all eligible homeowners (and park home owners) to effect energy efficiency in the home.

Please see www.chichester.gov.uk/article/35124/Chichester-District-residents-to-benefit-from-free-grants-for-energy-efficient-home-improvements.

Midhurst Vision

CDC has approved funding for Midhurst Vision Partnership to help develop the first phase of their strategy which is to articulate a strong and coherent sense of place.

Business Vacancy Rates

Chichester 11.7%

Midhurst 8.3%

Petworth 4.3%

(National figure is 14.5, the number of empty shops has increased for the past 3 years.)

In the district 71 new businesses started up in July this year, 42 less than June and 11 less than in the same month last year. Most new businesses were in Chichester central. However there has been pick-up in the hospitality trade throughout the district as social life starts to return to normal.

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