

## REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS FOR APRIL 2022

### Ukrainian Refugees

CDC have a web page about the various ways people can offer support to Ukrainian refugees. Please see [www.chichester.gov.uk/supportingukrainerefugees](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/supportingukrainerefugees).

There is also a government website 'Homes for Ukraine' for people who wish to offer accommodation to refugees, whether there are family connections or not. Please see [www.homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk](http://www.homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk). WSCC Refugee Resettlement Team are planning to include Ukraine refugees in their work and this will be rolled out to district and borough councils.

### Culture Spark 2022

All events to do with the above celebration are listed at [www.thegreatsussexway.org/culture-spark-2022/](http://www.thegreatsussexway.org/culture-spark-2022/) and events are planned throughout until October.

The Art of Chichester: 60 years of Creativity will open at the Novium in June and runs until February 2023. The exhibition explores arts, culture and heritage of Chichester city and the district from 1962 – when the Festival Theatre opened - to the present day, to include professional and amateur work in all art forms.

Also at the Novium, Chichester Canal Trust's exhibition, celebrating 200 years of the canal, opened recently. Please see [www.thenovium.org/canal200](http://www.thenovium.org/canal200).

Roman Week is back. The headline event, Roman Re-enactment will take place in Priory Park on 1 June.

### Virtual High Street Platform update

Meetings with business associations and individual businesses have been held, with 17 businesses in Midhurst registering for the scheme.

### Energy Bills Rebate

Preparations to administer the rebate scheme for properties in tax bands A-D are underway. Priority is given to those who pay by direct debit. Paying by direct debit can be done easily by following this link: [£150 energy bills rebate 2022:Chichester District Council](#)

Financial help, debt management advice and other services to aid those in financial difficulties can be accessed by <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/helpwithfinances>.

### Environment - Nutrient Neutrality

Natural England have recently published advice on water quality and nutrient neutrality for 27 habitat sites, including the Solent. This can be seen on CDC's [Nutrient Neutrality](#) webpage.

DEFRA have a consultation period until May for long-term environmental targets following the Environment Act 2021. Subjects include biodiversity on land and sea, water quality and availability, woodland cover, resource efficiency and waste reduction and air quality. See [Consultation on environmental targets – Defra – Citizen Space](#).

