

REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS MAY 2022

CDC has received thousands of enquiries about the £150 Council tax rebate for properties in the A-D bands. There is a video to explain more about the scheme at www.chichester.gov.uk/energybillsrebate2022.

More copies of Supporting You, our general leaflet on help with finances, can be obtained by emailing publicrelations@chichester.gov.uk. Also see 'Help with Finances' on CDC's website.

Planning

CDC is working with other Councils on a study regarding water neutrality issues for new developments. It is a complex subject and involves a variety of agencies and once completed will enable the Council to complete the Habitat Regulations Assessment which will provide solutions to allow new homes to be built to the best outcome for the district.

All but very small developments will also have to demonstrate how they will improve the value for wildlife of their site by 10%. CDC has been working with the Sussex Nature Partnership, which focuses on ecological and policy, regarding development and wildlife issues.

Chichester Roman Week

This takes place 28 May – 1 June. Events are available on www.thenovium.org/romanweek but the main event is on Wed 1 June in Priory Park where Legio Secunda Augusta (one of Europe's leading Roman re-enactment groups) will head a spectacular display. Time: 11 a.m – 4 p.m.

Novium

The Novium's new exhibition commemorating its 10th anniversary opened on 7 May. The exhibition will run to the museum's celebrations in conjunction with Culture Spark in July.

Carnival of Lights

Culture Spark is organising a Carnival of Lights procession on 10 June. This will be a lantern procession through Chichester with a party at the Canal Basin. Other events connected are 12 June when Petworth House will be open free of entry. Culture Spark events are listed on www.thegreatsussexway.org/culture-spark-2022.

Heart Smart Week

9 – 15 May is HeartSmart Week, containing a programme of 10 walks. Please see www.chichester.gov.uk/heartsmart for details of walks between May and September.

Contract Services

Two electric refuse collection vehicles are on order and will be delivered in December 2022 and March 2023.

Initiatives

Please sign up to the monthly email newsletter 'Initiatives' for the latest updates at www.chichester.gov.uk/newsalerts.

Ukraine

Worthy of note is that more visas to fleeing Ukrainians have been granted in the Chichester district (ratio of visa/population) than anywhere else in the country, according to the Times. WSCC are coordinating the response and CDC are working with them.

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