

# WGRA Westgate Residents' Association

Westgate, Henty Gardens, Mount Lane, St. Bartholomew's Close, Tannery Close



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### AGM - Saturday 18 November 2023 2pm at the Chichester City Arts Centre, Mount Lane

We're looking forward to seeing you at the meeting which will be followed by coffee, tea and cakes and a chance to chat. We would be very grateful for donations of cakes on the day! All the relevant AGM papers will be emailed to you shortly.



### Christmas Carols - 19 December 2023 6-7.30pm at the Chichester City Arts Centre (St. Bartholomew's)

Come and join friends and neighbours for a very special evening of carols and readings, mulled wine and mince pies. You will all receive a paper copy of the flyer through your post boxes in the next few days and a copy is also attached with this email. So we have some idea of numbers to expect, please don't forget to email Nikki at [nixclarke3@gmail.com](mailto:nixclarke3@gmail.com) if you are coming.

If you enjoy singing descants or parts to the carols and would like to stand at the back and join in singing parts/descants, then do email Julia on [stephenandjulia@hotmail.com](mailto:stephenandjulia@hotmail.com).

Nothing formal, no rehearsal, just raise the roof on the night!

**Westgate Advent Windows** - the list is nearly full but there are a few days available so please contact Kathryn at [kellagher@fastmail.co.uk](mailto:kellagher@fastmail.co.uk) if you would like to add a festive window. Keep a look out for the first ones appearing in December!

**Roadworks Update** - the nightworks on Westgate and the Sherborne Road mini roundabout should be nearing completion and we hope you haven't been too disturbed by the noise. It is still very much 'work in progress' and we await to see the final result before we can comment further.

We then expect the contractors to commence work on repairing the Westgate pavements followed by the new 'Dutch' style roundabout at the eastern end. Members have expressed their concerns about the lovely tree in the centre of the existing roundabout and we have been reassured by West Walls Residents' Association that the contractors are fully aware of the importance of the tree, and it is being protected as a key focus point on the roundabout. Details of how they will protect it conform to the relevant (and quite onerous) British Standard.

**Speed Indicating Device (otherwise known as our 'SID')** - Courtesy of the Chichester City Council, we now have a SID on Westgate and you will have noticed it indicating your speed - hopefully 20mph or below! There are two installation points: one next to 25 Westgate which faces traffic going west and the other near the BT phone box by Parklands which faces traffic going east. At the moment we share the SID with two other locations (Broyle Road and the Hornet) and the current schedule is to have the SID working in each location on Westgate for 2 weeks before it is moved on.

The machine records numbers and speeds of vehicles exceeding the speed limit which will be very useful. Individual number plates are not recorded so no letters or fines are issued. We hope that this, together with the efforts of our Westgate Community Speedwatch team with their 'speed gun', will continue to remind motorists that this is a 20mph zone.



**WGRA Monthly Coffee Morning** the next one is on Saturday 2 December 10-11am at the Crate!



**£10 Subscriptions to WGRA are due!** Our financial year runs from 1 October, so subs are now due to cover Oct 2023 to Oct 2024. You will be able to renew your subscriptions at the AGM but why not take time now to renew your membership. The cost is £10 and goes towards running costs of the Association. You may like to set up a standing order for 1 October annually or renew easily now by BACS transfer to:

A/C name: Westgate Residents' Association  
Sort code: 309028

A/C No: 69382160

Ref: Your surname and address

Payment can also be made by cash or cheque (made out to Westgate Residents' Association) and dropped into No. 72 Westgate (PO19 3HH) or 44 Westgate or 6 Tannery Close.

If anyone can't remember if they have paid or not, please contact me at [sec.wgra@gmail.com](mailto:sec.wgra@gmail.com) or call me on 07791 237502. **New** members who have joined after August this year do not need to pay for next year.

**Westgate pavements** – thank you to the residents who have helped to clear pavements of leaves and to unblock many gutters after the recent storms. To report a street cleaning problem please contact the Chichester District Council on the following link:

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/reportstreetcleaningproblem>

**Christmas lights switch-on** - **Saturday 25 November at 6.30pm at The Cross** Organised by Rotary in Chichester there will be a Light Up Chichester Parade along North Street as well as local choir performances and the blessing of the Christmas tree.



**Remembrance Sunday** - The annual Service of Remembrance will be held at Litten Gardens at 11am on Sunday 12 November.

**Cross Market and More** - Sunday 19 November 10am - 4pm

The market showcases the best designers, makers, and producers from across the district. Visitors can browse a variety of different stalls, from textiles and jewellery to homemade food, prints and other arts and crafts and much more.

Chichester District Council have partnered with Petworth Pop Up, from the north of the district to show case work from art, ceramics, fashion, skincare, candles and much more.

The market also features 'traders of tomorrow' giving students from Chichester College Group an opportunity to sell their hand made products.



### Christmas Markets

**The Rotary Club of Chichester Harbour Christmas Fair**, The Assembly Rooms, North Street  
Saturday 25 November from 9.30 to 12.30

**Draper's Yard Makers Christmas Market**, 16 the Hornet  
Saturday 2 December from 10am

**Christmas Open House & Mini Market at Edes House**, 27 West Street  
Sunday 3 December 11am - 3pm

**Vintage & Very Nice**, The Assembly Rooms, North Street  
A two-day Christmas Special on Saturday 2 December 10am-5pm  
Sunday 3 December 10am-4pm




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