

WGRA Westgate Residents' Association

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



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Roadworks Update

Current Mitigation Roadworks being carried out by Minerva Heights developers are progressing at the mini roundabout on Sherborne Road and we are advised by the construction team that:

"Night works on the mini roundabout are due to start Monday 30/10/23 and last for 4 nights. The roundabout will be fully closed for the safety of the workforce between the hours of 20:00 & 06:00 with a suitable diversion route established. During these closures, we'll be cold milling and relaying the surfacing on the roundabout and painting the new road markings. Access will be maintained to properties on Sherbourne road and Westgate Road, and we will have teams working up and down each road installing new signs & cycle defenders. There will be no through access between Sherbourne to Westgate & the link to the A259 and the diversion route must be followed".

Repair work to the brick pavements at the central and eastern end will then follow with work on the new Dutch style roundabout at Westgate/Orchard Street expected to begin next month. A plan of this roundabout is attached on page 3 of this Bulletin. For more information click on: www.wocs278.co.uk

AGM – Saturday 18 November at 2pm at Chichester City Arts Centre.

Please join us at our annual meeting which will be followed by coffee, tea and cakes.

£10 Subscriptions to WGRA

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. The easiest way to renew is by BACS transfer to:

A/C name: Westgate Residents' Association

Sort code: 309028

A/C No: 69382160

Ref: Your surname and address

Payment and 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 or call me on 07791 237502. **New** members who have joined after August this year do not need to pay for next year.

Christmas Carols Tuesday 19 December 2023 from 6-7.30pm at the Chichester City Arts Centre

Make a note of the date and come and join friends and neighbours for carols and readings, mulled wine and mince pies. Alan Thurlow will accompany us on the newly restored organ. We will be collecting donations towards buying a defibrillator to be installed on Westgate as the only one currently available 24/7 is at the Co-op in Parklands and it would be a huge benefit to have one closer.



Westgate Advent Windows 2023 While we're still on the subject of Christmas, we hope you will join in again to add some festive cheer along the narrow section of Westgate. If you would like to decorate a window for a day in Advent, please get in touch with Kathryn at kellagher@fastmail.co.uk



Window Boxes It's lovely to see so many colourful window boxes and plant pots appearing along Westgate. They have added a cheerful new dimension to our street. More please! but please make sure they are carefully placed so as not to block the pavement in any way.

Dog poo Please, please, please make sure that those of you, as responsible dog owners, pick up after your dog and encourage others to do the same. Thank you 👍



WGRA Monthly Coffee Morning – the next one is on **Saturday 4 November** 10-11am at the Crate!
See you there!

Westgate Historical Archives Are you able to help Richard Brownfield in his efforts to create this archive? Here is a note from him:

Dear Westgate Resident,

Now the evenings are drawing in I am planning to return to a project I started earlier in the year of creating a Westgate historical archive. This is based on the fascinating series of articles Colin Hicks has put on the WGRA website: <http://www.westgatera.org.uk/> which he has very kindly helped me to access. I also have some more information and would like to collect anything else that is available. I want to make it as durable as possible (all the information on the website will disappear if it is not paid for) so intend to try and produce some paper copies, which can be purchased at cost of printing. There will also be an electronic copy available and possibly a new internet presence.

- 1. If you have any information about houses, people or events in Westgate, since the Romans were here, which you would be prepared to share, I should be most grateful.*
- 1. Have you looked into the history of your house: when was it built? Has it been altered? Who lived there?*
- 2. It would also be interesting if someone with a decent camera or phone could take some photos of Westgate today. Preferably without too much traffic. Perhaps before they alter the roundabout.*

All offerings gratefully received - I shall edit them so don't promise to use everything. Please send to me at westgate2@uwclub.net in Microsoft Word with pictures as .jpg. I gather it is fairly easy for people with Macs and iPhones to convert them to Word, but I can't cope with Apple formats.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Richard Brownfield



Spirit of Sussex Don't miss the excellent exhibition of art and architecture by our very talented Westgate resident, Neil Holland. The exhibition is on now and runs until 4pm on Sunday 29 October at the Oxmarket Contemporary Gallery.
<https://www.oxmarket.org/exhibitions>

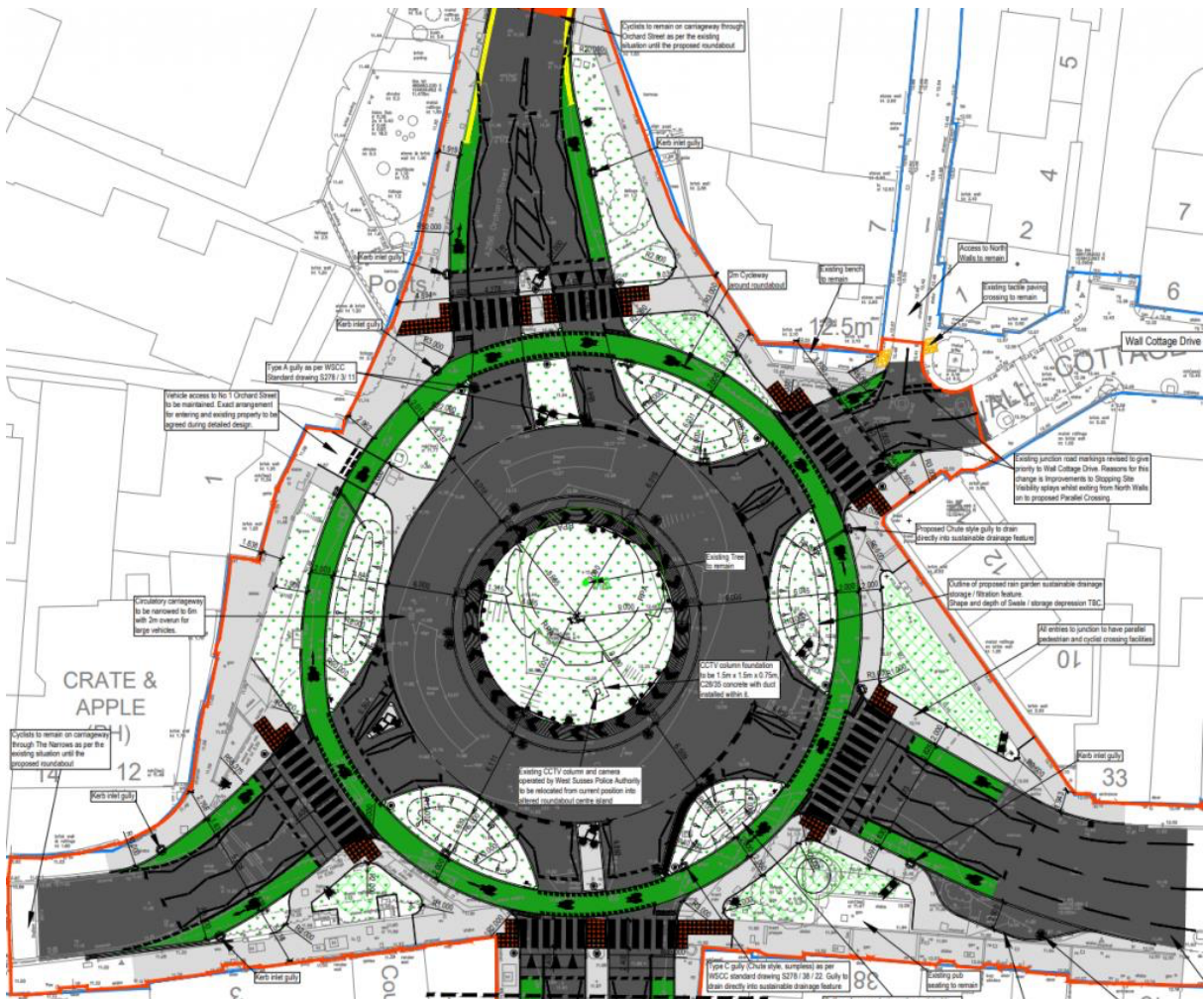


West Sussex Record Office Open Day To celebrate their 50th Anniversary, the Record Office is



holding an Open Day on **Saturday 25th November**. Come and see behind the scenes, including a strong room and the conservation studio. Old cine films of West Sussex from the collections of Screen Archive Southeast, will be running all day on a big screen. Staff will be on hand to advise on resources available at the Record Office to trace your family tree, study the history of your local area, or discover the history of your house. Tours of the Record Office are at 10.30am, 11.30am and 2.30pm. Limited places; booking essential on 01243 753602

The Westgate Dutch Style Roundabout Work will start next month to replace the existing roundabout at the eastern end of Westgate. A Dutch style roundabout has a separate cycle lane (marked in green) and pedestrian zebra crossings on each arm which will give pedestrians and cyclists priority over motorists, both approaching and exiting the roundabout.



If you do not wish to receive further communications from the WGRA, please contact the Secretary, Bebette Jones at 6 Tannery Close or email sec.wgra@gmail.co