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| Your monthly news update from Chichester District Council |

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| Welcome to the May issue of initiatives+This newsletter is issued every month with the latest news and events in our area, details of schemes and projects that will benefit our residents and businesses, as well as relevant national and local updates.  |

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| Roman Week this half term!The week features a packed [programme of events](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=ea39284199&e=7869a9c6dd), including ‘Romans at the Museum’ on Wednesday 29 May, featuring leading re-enactment group Legio Secunda Augusta. They will bring the Roman period to life with everything from gladiators in combat, to Roman soldiers in action. Free to attend, donations welcome. [Find out more](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=123bd1b240&e=7869a9c6dd)  |

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| Medmerry photo workshopNature enthusiasts can help capture the stunning landscapes and diverse wildlife at the RSPB Medmerry Nature Reserve, during a free ‘nature walk’ workshop on Sunday 12 May, 2pm-5pm. The event is being funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and is part of the Culture Spark initiative. Find out more information and book by email  |

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| A group of firefighters wearing protective gear  Description automatically generated |

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| Cathedral fire exerciseOn Monday 20 May, West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service will be holding a large training exercise in Chichester city centre which will include several road closures. The exercise, running from 7pm until 11pm, will simulate a major fire at Chichester Cathedral to test emergency procedures at the landmark. Residents are invited to come along and watch the exercise unfold. [Find out more](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=d4d67a9b61&e=7869a9c6dd)  |

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| A group of people walking on a path in the woods  Description automatically generated |

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| Walking for health and friendshipHeartSmart walks are arranged locally by trained volunteer walk leaders. They aim to show you routes, encourage you to keep your heart healthy and meet other people. The new May - July 2024 HeartSmart Walk programme is now available to [download](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=dba54c58ff&e=7869a9c6dd) and you can also [find out more information](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=8a7a095ca9&e=7869a9c6dd)   |

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| A group of people holding a globe  Description automatically generated |

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| Climate emergency action plan You’ll be able to contribute to a second Climate Emergency Action Plan after leading councillors approved it for a public consultation this summer. The plan was given the green light for public consultation at our Cabinet meeting last month. [Find out more](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=55effb76ec&e=7869a9c6dd)  |

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| A heart shaped bowl of fruits and vegetables  Description automatically generated |

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| Weigh Better LifeOur 12-week weight management course supports people to achieve sustainable weight loss for life and is for those with a BMI between 25 and 40 who want to make long-term changes. We have spaces available on our sessions, these include virtual as well as in-person sessions at venues across the Chichester District. To find out more and book, call 01243 521041, complete our [online registration form](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=19e24c0b42&e=7869a9c6dd) or email |

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| A sign for a restroom  Description automatically generated |

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| Public toilets refurbishmentWork to refurbish certain public toilets across the Chichester District is progressing.[Work has started](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=7fc99d702c&e=7869a9c6dd) at facilities in Chichester's Priory Park and Bosham. Once this work is completed, refurbishment will be undertaken at East Beach, Selsey and Market Road, Chichester.  |

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| A hand pressing a light switch  Description automatically generated |

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| Home energy grant schemeMany more residents across the Chichester District can now benefit from warmer homes that are cheaper to run, following a change to the eligibility criteria of the [Home Upgrade grant scheme](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=e789203ef9&e=7869a9c6dd). The scheme is open to applications until November 2024, on a first-come, first-served basis.  |

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| A row of wine glasses  Description automatically generated |
| Support to reduce your alcohol intakeDo you feel you need help to cut down your weekly alcohol intake? Then Chichester Wellbeing have a new free service. Book a confidential one-to-one session with their Specialist Alcohol Wellbeing Advisor. You’ll receive between six and eight sessions of tailored advice at times convenient to you. Open to anyone aged over 18 living in Chichester District. Emailor call 01243 521041.  |

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| A close-up of a compass  Description automatically generated |
| Support from Choose Work If you are unemployed or looking to change your job, or feel that you lack in confidence or self-esteem, then our [Choose Work](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=16a6f2f414&e=7869a9c6dd) team is here to help you move forward in your life and move into or towards employment. The team use a combination of coaching, mentoring and also organise various workshops to help you identify your next steps and will help you to work out an action plan.    |

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| **Other local news**Keep up-to-date on all the latest council news at [www.chichester.gov.uk/latestnews](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=6d145dd7a1&e=7869a9c6dd)Here you can find the latest media releases and you’ll also find the latest District Dispatch column, and previous issues of our newsletter that you may have missed. |

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| **Share this with a friend**  Please encourage your friends and family to sign up to this newsletter at: [www.chichester.gov.uk/newsalerts](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=2710ed517e&e=7869a9c6dd) |

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