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| **Welcome to the October 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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| **Aged under 25? We need your views!**If you’re aged under 25 then we need your views on how you use or don’t use Chichester city centre between 5pm and 5am. Please fill in our [short survey](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=ef21618f2d&e=7869a9c6dd) as part of our work to ensure that the city centre offers something for all age groups and audiences. The deadline to respond is 18 October  |

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| **Help keep a rare Saxon find local**The Novium Museum wants your help to save a rare and local Anglo-Saxon treasure. They’ve set up a new [crowd funding campaign](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=487023c6f1&e=7869a9c6dd) to raise £9,000 so that the Saxon gold and garnet pyramidical sword mount, discovered in 2022, stays in the district. It dates back to AD 600-700 and is only the second of its kind to be found in West Sussex. The deadline to donate is 21 November.  |

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| **Need help with business waste and recycling?**Businesses will be required to meet new waste and recycling legislation. If you need support to help ensure you are fully compliant then speak to our Business Waste and Recycling Service for various tailored waste solutions. For more information, visit their website, email or call 01243 534617.   |

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| **Local Plan update**A series of public hearings to examine Chichester District Council's Local Plan will start on 1 October, running until 13 November 2024.  The Chichester Local Plan 2021-2039 was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration in May of this year. It is now being independently examined by two appointed Planning Inspectors. [Find out more](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=2b5acbcd1f&e=7869a9c6dd)  |

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| **Funding for Christmas in Priory Park**Councillors have given the green light to fund a nine-day programme of Christmas events in Chichester’s Priory Park. The events will coincide with the Chichester Christmas Market which will run between 7 and 15 December, which the council is supporting. [Find out more](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=ffbb33e698&e=7869a9c6dd)  |

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| **Walking with poles - tasters!**Chichester Wellbeing has organised a series of free 'Walking With Poles' taster sessions aimed at people currently doing less than 150 minutes of exercise a week. [Find out more details](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=93808fe3af&e=7869a9c6dd) about the sessions or call 01243 521041 with any questions. |

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| **Eligible for Pension Credit?**We’re encouraging pensioners in the district to check they are eligible for Pension Credit. If you are, then this means you will still receive the Winter Fuel Payment. The deadline to apply for Pension Credit is 21 December – [apply now](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=890aa03ac1&e=7869a9c6dd) – or if you need help and advice please contact our [Supporting You Team](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=4e1cb720d1&e=7869a9c6dd) |

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| **Last chance to visit dinosaur exhibition**The Novium Museum’s [popular exhibition ‘Dinosaurs: Hungry Hatchlings’](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=867d51e5ba&e=7869a9c6dd) closes on 9 November, so don't miss out on following iconic dinosaurs such as Tyrannosaurus rex, Triceratops, and Diplodocus on their perilous journey from egg to adult.  |

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| **Half term - build a dinosaur**Build and decorate your very own 3D wooden dinosaur at The Novium Museum, inspired by their 'Dinosaurs: Hungry Hatchlings' exhibition on Tuesday 29 October. Sessions at 10am and 11.15am. £5 per child. [Book now](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=3faaefdc41&e=7869a9c6dd) |

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| **Apply now! Could you be eligible for free home-energy?**We’re urging residents to [check whether they could be eligible](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=026e1a5917&e=7869a9c6dd) for free insultation, solar panels or energy efficient heating systems through the Home Upgrade scheme. If you’re eligible, make sure you apply before 31 October as funding is limited! [Find out more](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=f8fe83af59&e=7869a9c6dd), email or call (freephone) 0800 038 5737.  |

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| **Calling local businesses! Housing survey for local employers**We know how important it is to attract the right staff to your business, and this is why we’re seeking your views on the possible housing issues that you think may affect your employees. The feedback you provide will help us develop our new Housing, Homeless and Rough Sleeping Strategy, which aims to improve the quality, supply and affordability of new homes in the district. Take our [quick survey](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=94d8fd3f5e&e=7869a9c6dd) before 5pm on 1 November 2024 — thank you!  |

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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=081a5c4300&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=8519682be7&e=7869a9c6dd) |

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