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| Your monthly news update from Chichester District Council |

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| **Welcome to the April 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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| **Don't miss our Good Food For All 'Feastival' tomorrow**Join us in Chichester city centre tomorrow (Saturday 29 March) between 10am and 6pm, for our new [‘Good Food For All Feastival’](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=a1f994866d&e=7869a9c6dd), delivered in partnership with the Goodwood Estate and UKHarvest. Look forward to a series of short demonstrations, presentations and talks from local chefs between 11am and 4pm. Celebrity chef, Jameson Stocks, will also be giving a demonstration from 3.15pm until 4pm! |

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| A map of the united kingdom with a drawing of a castle  AI-generated content may be incorrect. |

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| **Devolution - have your say**We’re encouraging people to have their say about the Government’s devolution plans to create a new Strategic Authority for the wider region of West Sussex, East Sussex and Brighton & Hove. Its [consultation](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=52c9aa6e2b&e=7869a9c6dd) runs until 11.59pm on 13 April 2025. Find out more on our dedicated [web pages](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=7f726bedda&e=7869a9c6dd) |

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| **Local Government reorganisation**Councils across West Sussex have submitted their draft interim plan for Local Government Reorganisation to the Minister for Local Government and English Devolution, Jim McMahon. This outlines their progress and seeks guidance on several critical issues to ensure a successful final submission in September 2025. [Find out more](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=274a0bc839&e=7869a9c6dd)[and refer to our FAQs](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=99e14b02e7&e=7869a9c6dd) |

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| **Play areas - last chance to comment**We’re asking for your views on the exciting schemes being put forward to refurbish several play areas in the city — take part in our [quick survey](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=2665158fca&e=7869a9c6dd) before it closes at 5pm on Monday 31 March. For more information and FAQ answers, visit our [consultation hub](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=a9aeb8c8ff&e=7869a9c6dd). |

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| **Florence Road play area refurb**Our children’s play area at Florence Road Park in Chichester has re-opened following refurbishment. Some equipment has been replaced like-for-like, there are also new pieces and some inclusive equipment so that all children can enjoy the area. [Find out more](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=9566a7fdfb&e=7869a9c6dd)  |

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| A lobster being held by a plastic bag  AI-generated content may be incorrect. |

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| **Farmers' Market**Don't forget to enjoy local and seasonal food from our Chichester Farmers' Market, which runs on 4 and 18 April. A wide range of stalls will be there selling fruit and vegetables, meat, cheese, fish, honey, eggs and more! Head to East Street and North Street in Chichester city centre. You can find out more on our [events and markets Facebook page](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=f834293c17&e=7869a9c6dd)  |

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| **Changes to Avenue de Chartres car park**From 1 April, [this car park is changing to a pay and display system](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=3412de7d6b&e=7869a9c6dd). The pay on foot barriers and system will be removed and you will need to pay for your stay before leaving the car park. You can use coins or card at a payment machine or pay on your phone using [MiPermit](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=4e49daa45a&e=7869a9c6dd). We hope that the system change, along with the introduction to MiPermit digital payment options, will be welcomed as an improvement for all car park users.  |

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| A red heart and a stethoscope  AI-generated content may be incorrect. |

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| **Weigh better life**The 12-week ‘Weigh Better Life’ course run by [Chichester Wellbeing](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=8ab9af0e94&e=7869a9c6dd) re-starts later this month. It focuses on healthy eating, nutrition, and exercise and covers topics including diet myths, blood sugar balance, snacks and treats. To register your interest [please complete this online registration form.](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=3630d5aa95&e=7869a9c6dd) For more details, email us |

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| A group of people at a flea market  AI-generated content may be incorrect. |

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| **Vintage market returns**Chichester Antiques, Vintage & Decorative Arts’ street market returns to Chichester city centre on Monday 21 April, 10am- 4pm in East Street and North Street. Find a range of homeware, photographs, retro art and prints, vinyl records, jewellery, vintage and retro plus more! [Find out more](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=ee857cda93&e=7869a9c6dd) |

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| **New housing register service**We’re currently moving to a [new online housing system](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=b0877a27e1&e=7869a9c6dd), which will make applying for our housing register quicker and easier, and will make it simpler for people to contact us for advice and support. If you’re already on our housing register, we’ll be in touch soon to make sure your details and requirements are up-to-date. If you have an existing housing advice or homelessness application with us, this will be moved to the new system — you don’t need to take any action. |

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| **Get screened - it could save your life**If you're aged 50-71 and registered as female with a GP, you are being encouraged to take up the offer of [breast screening](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=b8ad36f1bb&e=7869a9c6dd) when you're invited. Screenings are offered every three years and you will receive a letter in the post so save the date. Breast screening aims to detect thousands of cancers earlier and saves around 1,300 lives each year in the UK.     |

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| A rainbow colored paper with stars and pom poms  AI-generated content may be incorrect. |
| **Easter fun at The Novium Museum!**This Easter, The Novium Museum is packed with family-friendly activities to keep everyone entertained.Hop in for a fun-filled 80s Cel-egg-brity Easter Egg Hunt from Friday 4 April to Saturday 19 April - pick up a trail sheet for £1.50 and win an egg-citing prize!For craft lovers, our Make an Easter Train workshop on Wednesday 9 April lets children create a colourful train to take home (£7 per child). Thanks to Railway 200 funding, families who travel by train can take part for free - just book as normal and show your ticket on the day for a refund!On Wednesday 16 April, children can also Make Your Own Pride Flag (£3 per child), exploring LGBTQ+ Pride flags before designing their own. [Find out more about all of these activities and book](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=226b060e8b&e=7869a9c6dd)  |

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| A person wearing a safety vest and helmet  AI-generated content may be incorrect. |
| **Spring offer - Bulky Bag service**This spring, we’re running a special discount for online orders of our [Bulky Bag service](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=4cd5f55712&e=7869a9c6dd). The service is available across most of the district for home clearances or clearing garden waste. Choose from three convenient sizes of bags which can be delivered straight to your address or, collect direct from our depot in Westhampnett. Use the code SPRING15 to get 15% off - applies to orders booked online between April and the end of May 2025.  |

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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=871181494f&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=fad26836cf&e=7869a9c6dd) |

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