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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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| A white square with colorful flowers and butterflies around it  AI-generated content may be incorrect. |

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| **Bank Holiday closure reminder**Our offices will be closing at 4pm on Friday 2 May and will re-open on Tuesday 6 May. You can still access a wide range of services online 24-hours-a-day [using our website](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=f4ecb21cc5&e=7869a9c6dd) but if you need to reach us in an emergency, please call 01243 785339. |

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| **Seasonal produce**Don’t forget that on the first and third Friday of the month Chichester Farmers’ Market has a wealth of locally grown and made produce ready to make a mouthwatering meal. Support your local producers and help the local economy too! Keep up-to-date by heading to our markets and events [Facebook page](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=6a2f40850c&e=7869a9c6dd). |

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| **Distinguished Gentleman's Ride**Dress dapper and delight in the sight of classic and vintage style motorcycles as they arrive in Chichester city centre on 18 May. This fantastic annual charity event starts in Shoreham and finishes in Chichester and raises money for men’s health. You’ll also be able to enjoy a range of street food stalls and vintage style traders. [Find out more](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=f0b6f5e7ac&e=7869a9c6dd) |

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| **Archaeology in Priory Park**An excavation of part of Chichester's Norman castle in Priory Park will be taking place from Tuesday 20 May until Monday 2 June (except Sundays). The dig is a collaboration between Chichester District Council and the Chichester & District Archaeology Society. The team will be holding a Public Day on Saturday 31 May where people will be able to learn about the team's findings.  |

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| **Barista Championship**Get espresso envy and head to the UK Barista Championship, which is holding a heat in Chichester on 28 and 29 May at The Assembly Rooms in North Street. Organised by the Specialty Coffee Association (SCA), baristas from across the area will battle it out, judged on taste, creativity, technical ability and presentation. [Find out more](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=2411e8a704&e=7869a9c6dd) |

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| **Chichester Roman Week**Chichester Roman Week will return during May half-term, complete with epic battles, ancient secrets, and hands-on fun for all ages! Led by The Novium Museum, [Roman Week](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=b05c25dd4c&e=7869a9c6dd) runs 26-31 May, and includes a live Roman Re-enactment Day, which is back by popular demand and will be taking place in Priory Park on 29 May. Watch history being brought to life thanks to Legio Secunda Augusta, one of Europe's top re-enactment groups. From 10am-4pm, there will be thrilling combat and living history displays.  |

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| **Want to reduce your drinking?**Want to change your drinking habits? Our [Chichester Wellbeing](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=024aa6c88f&e=7869a9c6dd) service can offer free and confidential 1:1 sessions with our alcohol advisors, to help support you in reducing your alcohol consumption and moving towards a healthier lifestyle. To register your interest please contact us on 01243 521041, email Chichester Wellbeing or complete our online [referral form](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=1f0f835299&e=7869a9c6dd)  |

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| **Book your MOT with us!**Book your MOT online with the council today and save during May! Head to [www.chichester.gov.uk/mot](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=e1395f8729&e=7869a9c6dd) and use discount code ‘SAVE5MOT’ to save £5 on your booking. Terms and conditions apply. |

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| **Chichester Local Plan moves to the next stage**As part of the examination process, the Planning Inspectors have recommended a series of ‘Main Modifications’ that need to be made to the Local Plan before it can be considered for adoption. To find out more and to comment on the proposed modifications in our current consultation which runs until 29 May, visit our [Local Plan web pages](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=578b17ed0a&e=7869a9c6dd). |

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| A playground with a slide and a swing  AI-generated content may be incorrect. |
| **Play area refurbishment**A key project to refurbish our council-run play areas will get underway after the May half term. We’ll be starting with Priory Park, Sherborne Road and Whyke Oval play areas in Chichester. Once these are completed we'll move on to Oaklands Park and the Amphitheatre. Thanks to everyone who responded to our consultation on the proposals - we received some really useful feedback, which has been incorporated. Work to refurbish all the play areas will be finished by the beginning of the school summer holidays.  |

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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=c870fd68c4&e=7869a9c6dd). The service is ideal for home clearances or clearing garden waste. Choose from three convenient sizes of bags that can be delivered straight to your address or collected direct from our depot in Westhampnett. Use the code SPRING15 to get 15% off - applies to orders booked online until the end of May 2025.Please note that the service is currently not available to all parts of the district. To find out if the service is available in your area, you can check your address online before buying a bulky bag.  |

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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=b73c1faa41&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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