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| Your monthly news update from Chichester District Council |

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| Welcome to the December 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 stack of chocolate bars with candy canes  Description automatically generated |

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| Chichester Christmas marketThe Chichester [Christmas Cheer Market](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=e1655b56a5&e=7869a9c6dd) takes place on 9,10, 16 and 17 December. Enjoy the festive atmosphere and enjoy shopping for gifts and treats from a variety of food and craft stalls. Takes place in East Street and North Street, Chichester. Runs 9am - 6pm on 9 and 16 and 10am - 4pm on 10 and 17.   |

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| A toy car in the snow  Description automatically generated |

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| Parking offers Don’t forget that we are running some [parking offers](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=aad6f39bee&e=7869a9c6dd) this Christmas to help support our high street. On weekends in December, you can get a third hour free when you select two hours using the MiPermit app in most district council run car parks. We are also offering free parking on Sundays in the Avenue De Chartres car park during December.  |

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| A group of people walking with lanterns  Description automatically generated |

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| Chichester Starlight TrailOn Thursday 7 December Join Chichester’s [Starlight Trail](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=2be7b5aa8a&e=7869a9c6dd) for a festive evening of craft activities from 4pm until 7pm. Collect your Starlight Trail from The Novium Museum, Pallant House Gallery or Chichester Library to create a star lantern and take part in festive crafts and activities, collecting stamps along the way. Those who collect three stamps or more will be entered into a prize draw to win a £30 Chichester gift card, kindly donated by Chichester BID. £6.50 per child, advance booking only.  |

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| A close-up of snowflakes  Description automatically generated |

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| Winter wonderland crafts Get crafting at a series of [winter wonderland creative sessions](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=4a69a97751&e=7869a9c6dd) organised as part of the Culture Spark programme. Sessions take place on 9 and 16 December, 10am until 4pm, in Priory Park’s beautiful Guildhall. There will also be the opportunity to join a scratch choir on 9 December, while on 16 December there will be puppets and storytelling. All ages welcome – guarantee a workshop space and pre-book for just £2 per person.  |

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| A building with a glass door  Description automatically generated |

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| Council closure - Christmas  Don’t forget that our council will be closed for Christmas from Friday 22 December 2023 until Tuesday 2 January 2024. You’ll still be able to access a wide variety of our services on [our website.](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=2e021390c7&e=7869a9c6dd)   |

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| A logo for a charity  Description automatically generated |

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| TreecyclingSt Wilfrid’s Hospice are offering their Christmas tree recycling scheme again this year.  [Sign up](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=509e51823a&e=7869a9c6dd) and hospice volunteers will collect and recycle your real tree in return for a donation to the hospice and its vital work.   |

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| A family with solar panels on their roof  Description automatically generated |

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| Energy grantsThe government has just launched the Great British Insulation Scheme, through which low-income households could be eligible for free insulation, and households not on a low income can get insultation at a reduced cost. There are a range of other grants available to help residents [improve the energy efficiency](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=325ecc7521&e=7869a9c6dd) of their homes, cut their carbon footprint, and reduce their bills. |

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| A blurry image of a christmas tree  Description automatically generated |

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| Chichester Farmers' MarketThe last two Chichester [farmers' markets](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=f0f6a95e03&e=7869a9c6dd) take place on 1 December and 15 December in East Street and North Street, Chichester. The markets run 9am - 2pm and there will be some local artisan traders on these dates.  |

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| A person and person dressed as santa and elf  Description automatically generated |
| Visit Father Christmas at The Novium MuseumFather Christmas will be back in his festive grotto at The Novium Museum on Saturday 9 and Sunday 17 December! £8 per child, including a gift. [Booking](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=3bbf8afdbb&e=7869a9c6dd) is essential.  |

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| A wood burning stove next to a basket  Description automatically generated |
| Could you be burning better?Stoves and open fires produce tiny, harmful particles that are damaging to health, but there are some simple steps you can take to help reduce this risk: get it checked regularly, have it swept at least once a year by a professional, and feed it the right fuel. Visit the government’s website for more [information and advice](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=ea5b4b9742&e=7869a9c6dd) |

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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=e294054804&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=b5ca85ce7e&e=7869a9c6dd) |

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