

Appendix A - Update from Chichester District Council November 2025 for Fernhurst Ward

LGR. Just by way of update, we have not received any further updates on Local Government Reorganisation. However, CDC are expecting the formal consultation to be launched by the government in November.

Food Waste Collections. Food waste collections are coming soon! Preparations are well underway for the introduction of weekly food waste collections across the district, which are scheduled to begin in Spring 2026 for residential households.

The winter edition of Initiatives magazine will feature a double page food waste article, providing detailed information about how the service operates, what can be recycled, and the environmental benefits of separating food waste. FAQs will be included to address common queries and if you have any questions please go to www.chichester.gov.uk/food-waste

Please do consider downloading the Chichester District Council app to stay informed as we approach the launch of the new food waste collection service (and remind you of which week to put your recycling/landfill waste out). We are attending a pre-council Member briefing which will be held on Tuesday 18 November 2025 at 4.30pm so I will know more after that and there will also be a presentation on this at the February 2026 All Parishes meeting to provide further information on the service roll out.

Tree planting. CDC are inviting residents, community groups, organisations, farmers and parish councils to apply for free trees and support materials to help deliver new tree planting projects across the Chichester District this winter. As part of our Tree Chichester District scheme, the council has secured funding from the Tree Council's and Defra's 'Trees Outside Woodland Fund', which will be used to support individuals and groups who are embarking on tree planting projects in the district. The scheme is open to a wide range of applicants — including farmers, landowners, parish councils, community groups, schools, and individuals — provided they own the land or have landowner permission, and the site is suitable for tree planting.

Applicants must plant their trees outside of existing woodlands and demonstrate that the project will have a public or community benefit — this could include planting in publicly accessible or viewable locations or involving local communities in the planting process. The scheme is open until 17 November 2025, and application forms can be requested by emailing: treescheme@chichester.gov.uk. Each proposed planting site will be assessed by the council's Tree Project Officer. Trees will be allocated to suitable projects on a first come, first served basis, and successful applicants must complete their planting projects by 16 February 2026.

Christmas events in Chichester. Chichester District Council's Festive Programme starts in November:

- Installation of a large, illuminated willow Christmas bauble sculpture outside the Guildhall in Priory Park will take place the week of 17 to 21 November to make sure it's ready for the city Chichester Christmas Lights switch on celebrations.
- FREE Live Performance Trail – Sounds of Home is taking place on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 November between 4pm and 7pm. Starting from the Guildhall, this is a trail with a multi-cultural tapestry of the contemporary voices of the city with over 20 fabulous performers in nine iconic locations across the city. The day will include craft making and a silent disco at the Guildhall.
- Silent discos in the Guildhall will be on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 November, 8pm to 10pm.
- Children's Festive Magic Show and Disco in the Guildhall on Sunday 30 November 10am and 1pm. 'Adam the Magic Man' will delight the children with a 45-minute magic show followed by the chance for everyone, including parents, to show off their best dances and have a lot of fun!
- Under 5s Storytelling • A Relaxing Sound Bath • The Priory Park Christmas Panto – over two weekends • A Jazz Café • La Diva Carol performance • Beatz & Bass for our emerging, young DJs aged 11 - 14yrs

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