

Update from Chichester District Council February 2026 for Fernhurst Ward

Food Waste Collections

In February, CDC will be placing information directly on people's bin handles – explaining what residents can expect when the service launches in spring 2026.

Once the service begins, residents will simply need to place food waste — such as plate scrapings, peelings and tea bags — into their kitchen caddy. When full, the contents should be emptied into the outdoor food waste recycling bin ready for weekly collection. Food waste includes uneaten food and plate scrapings, dairy products such as cheese and eggs, bread, cakes, pastries, raw meat, cooked meat and bones. It also includes tea bags, coffee grounds, cooked vegetables, peelings, fish, pasta, rice and beans. Once collected, food waste will be recycled at an anaerobic digestion facility in Horsham where it will be used to generate natural forms of energy, such as biogas and bio fertilisers. This is a much more efficient and environmentally friendly way of processing 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).

Local Government Reorganisation

We're expecting to hear back from central government at the end of March following the government's consultation on Local Government Reorganisation.

Laser Light Show

The shows will take place at the Chichester Canal Basin on Friday 20 and Saturday 21 February - providing an exciting finish to the half-term holidays. This year's events will feature lasers only, and there will be an additional show each night, so spectators will be able to enjoy three different themed shows each evening choreographed to music. Shows will take place at 6pm, 7pm and 8pm, with each one lasting around 20 minutes. There will be plenty of food and drink options available around the Canal Basin, before and after the shows, along with illuminated entertainers and a children's carousel ride. We're also encouraging people to visit the city before and after the event.

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