

## **Update from Chichester District Council March 2026 for Fernhurst Ward**

### **Food Waste Collections**

This service is just about to be rolled out -caddies will be delivered to individual houses from the second week in March to the end of May. 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.

### **Leisure Centres**

CDC has approved a major £8 million investment in its three leisure centres as part of a new 15-year contract, which will begin on 1 May 2026. The contract has been awarded to More Leisure Community Trust, who will manage the centres in Chichester, Southbourne and Midhurst. Between now and 1 May CDC will be working with Everyone Active - the current leisure provider - and More Leisure - the new contractor - to ensure a smooth handover. All existing staff will transfer to the new provider under current terms, and leisure memberships will automatically move across. Improvements at Midhurst include a new mezzanine gym and additional studios.

### **A few other bits and bobs**

- Planning permission has been given for a new pump track in Petworth.
- West Sussex County Council elections will go ahead in May.
- Please do continue to contact West Sussex about replacing any damaged bollards [Make an enquiry or report a problem with a road or pavement - West Sussex County Council](#)  
You can also use this to report pot holes, flooding and fly tipping.

### **Contacting your District Councillors**

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