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CCDT NEWS

JANUARY 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We have a massive year ahead in 2024 with so much new positive news to kick off the year. January sees the building work at the Chichester Shed nearing completion; we will be sharing opening details soon!

February will mark the opening of the long-awaited Chichester Bike Project. We cannot wait to show you around our new facility at Shopwyke Lakes!

As if that wasn't enough, we are thrilled that our hard work writing bids in the summer, paid off. We have received a first-round pass for a development grant from the Heritage Fund to support the planning and development stages of the Studios Project.

2024 is set to be the year of community, celebrating 10 years of community asset ownership for CCDT. It is the year when we open all our (15) doors, projects, and programs for you to access as we continue to make space for the community.

Best wishes,
Clare



TASTER DAY AT THE PAVILION

To add to the excitement in the Park we are also hosting our annual Taster day at The Pavilion on Feb 24th. We are offering classes in the studio, talks, counselling, electrolysis, reflexology, hearing tests, kinesiology and more, all for FREE. As spaces will be limited it's essential that you book in advance. The Coffee Spot will be offering 20% off all food and drinks on the day. Sign up to our newsletter on our website or follow us on social media for more information.

> thepavilionchichester.com



THE COMMUNITY CHEST

January is a tough month to get through and our Community Fridge, known as The Community Chest, is here to help! Stocked with food that would otherwise be sent to landfill and donated by large supermarkets, you are helping the environment by helping yourself to a little free food. With deliveries usually arriving at the weekend, often including a great deal of bread, be sure to take a look at the shelves. The Community Chest is located at the end of the entrance corridor to Graylingwell Chapel. If you would like to help keep shelves stocked by volunteering for food collections, please email info@chichestercdt.org.uk



PARK PLAY

After a year of planning and organising we're finally ready to welcome the amazing ParkPlay project to Chichester. The aim is to build happier, healthier communities through the life-changing power of play. On February 24th (10am-12) we'll be launching our first Park Play session in Havenstoke park (just in front of the Pavilion) and people of all ages are invited to get involved. This is the 1st ParkPlay to launch in our area and we're hoping to bring people from the local community together outdoors for two hours of free, informal games and activity, every Saturday morning. ParkPlay is run by the local community for the local community. Everyone's invited! ParkPlay is FREE to attend, we just ask you register your place, at park-play.com/parks/chichester. Head to the Chichester ParkPlay Facebook Page to find out more and like the page to keep up to date with news about Chichester ParkPlay.

> park-play.com



EXCITING TIMES AT THE CHAPEL THIS SPRING!

From lively Barn Dances to hilarious Comedy nights and engaging Youth events, a diverse line-up, including fantastic collaborations with the University of Chichester, can always be found at The Chapel. There truly is something for everyone! For more details on upcoming events, visit our website or check out the CCDT app. If you're planning an event for 2024, consider The Chapel; a versatile space perfect for anything from birthday parties to business meetings. Get in touch to discover how we can make your event truly special!

> graylingwellchapel.com



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Are you interested in gardening or keen to learn? The CCDT Community Garden at Keepers Green is about more than just growing plants - it's about growing community, connections and shared endeavours... as well as shared vegetables! Thanks to the sterling efforts of our very committed volunteers, the garden is open to all residents of Roussillon Park, Graylingwell Park and Keepers Green, as well as neighbouring community groups. Using methods that are low maintenance, organic and eco-friendly, the garden is fun for all ages and levels of ability. Membership is £15 per household per year and we can speak to groups about joint membership. Register your interest to join the Community Garden Committee and help our new community garden flourish and prosper by emailing angie@chichestercdt.org.uk

GOOD NEWS!!!

We have received initial development funding of £138,920 allowing CCDT to advance our plans to renovate the Old Marchwell Stables and prepare for a full grant application later in the year. This support reflects a commitment to the growth of the local community and the promotion of creative activities in the region. The Marchwell Studios project aims to make a meaningful impact on the local economy and the lives of those involved in the creative sector.

> chichestercdt.org.uk/our-work/the-studios

THE WILD SPACE

Our recently constructed outdoor shelter for children and adults, located on Havenstoke Park. A stunning space for the whole community, it has been used by forest schools, Dangerous Dads, adult outdoor wellbeing sessions, birthday parties and outdoor education sessions as well as by local nurseries, schools and teen group sessions. CCDT is looking for a group or individual interested in taking on a lease to further develop this great asset and ensure it's full use is realized. If you're interested in hearing more, please contact us at partnerships@chichestercdt.org.uk



LITTLE LEARNERS

A small and nurturing 30 place nursery open 50 weeks of the year for children aged 2-4 years. They are a busy bunch offering a wide range of fun and stimulating activities. They open full, and half day sessions, filling now for September 2025.

> littlelearnerschichester.co.uk

THE COMMUNITY HALL

If you're looking for a space for a new class, a meeting or workshop or new community group to meet then this is a big contender. The Community Hall at Roussillon Park is a perfect light and airy blank canvas for you. Whether this is a one off event, or a weekly thing, do take a look online at our new website to find out how to book and see more.

> chichestercdt.org.uk/venues-for-hire/community-hall/



THE COFFEE SPOT

A warm greeting and friendly chat awaits you with their attentive team! Enjoy the stunning view and relax. Their extensive range of drinks, delicious cakes and savouries will tempt you we are sure. Vegan and Gluten free options available as well.

> thecoffeespotchichester.com

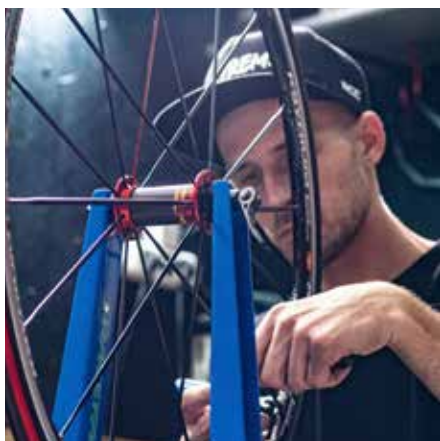
FRIENDS OF HAVENSTOKE PARK

Friends of Havenstoke Park is a volunteer group dedicated to taking part in light gardening activities within the park. The group gathers regularly for group gardening sessions and has access to our tools for accomplishing various small seasonal tasks on an ad hoc basis. For more information please email: info@chichestercdt.org.uk

WHAT'S ON?



Scan this QR code to find all of the activities and events happening in your community buildings. Art, comedy, music and more...



THE CHICHESTER BIKE PROJECT

CCDT's Chichester Bike Project is more than just a bike initiative; it's a community-driven force promoting sustainability, accessibility, and a love for cycling. Our dedicated team, fuelled by passion, is gearing up to bring this unique project to the heart of Shopwhyke Lakes. From bike refurbishments to community workshops, we're creating a hub for bike enthusiasts and novices alike through our after-school bikes, earn-a-bike and fix-a-bike initiatives. This project is an inclusive space to learn, connect, and ride. We're looking for volunteers, enthusiasts, and anyone passionate about bikes to join us on this incredible journey. To volunteer, or for more information email hello@chichesterbikeproject.com or visit the website.

> chichesterbikeproject.com

NEW WEBSITE

We have a new website! Discover user-friendly navigation, streamlined content, connection, collaboration, and shared experiences. From interactive features to being able to book our community spaces online the new website is there to show you how we are making space for community.

> chichestercdt.org.uk



THE SHED

The Shed is our newly built space on Keepers Green. An informal, and versatile space where people can connect, learn and experience new activities. With an after-school focus on young people, the space will be a haven for all ages and backgrounds, with many exciting activities already booked in. Want to hire The Shed? Email info@chichestercdt.org.uk

BECOME A SHEDDER

The Chichester Shed is a workshop where people can come together. With a focus on young people for out of school activities, and for older people during the day, we hope that all members of the community will feel inspired to come together to learn, connect, carry out individual or group projects and share skills. All the involved shedders help shape how the Shed operates and we want to be a friendly, sociable place. For more info, email info@chichestercdt.org.uk

HIRE THE WATER TOWER

Newly refurbished for 2024, our iconic Water Tower office offers an evening or weekend venue for meetings, work, or other events. With desk space for 6 upstairs and a large table downstairs that can take eight. With a small kitchenette and superfast broadband, along with unusual architectural features this is really a unique space. Email bookings@chichestercdt.org.uk for more information.

> chichestercdt.org.uk/venues-for-hire/the-water-tower

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The Lodge and the Chapel: Blomfield Drive, Graylingwell Park, Chichester, PO19 6PQ
The Community Hall & the Green: Donegal Avenue, Roussillon Park, Chichester, PO19 6DF