District Report October 2021

CENTRAL WINCHESTER REGENERATION - ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

Winchester is one of the oldest settlements in England and if you're curious to know what secrets lie below today's streets, then come along to our Archaeology Day in the Central Winchester Regeneration site on Wednesday 6 October.

From 10am – Midday (Winchester Bus Station)

You can drop in to the session to chat to the team working on site and learn about the tools of the trade. Keith Wilkinson from the geo-archaeological specialists, ARCA, from University of Winchester, will be on site to welcome you at the Bus Station, behind the site of the old Friarsgate Medical Centre.

Online session: 2pm-4pm (MS Teams)

Can't make it in person? No problem - there will be a presentation hosted online highlighting some of the findings so far, and a Q&A session with the Central Winchester Regeneration Archaeology Advisory Panel. Email CWRegen@winchester.gov.uk if you'd like to join the session. You can submit your questions by email in advance, or ask them on the day - click here for more information.

BURGLARIES: WHAT WE CAN DO

Winchester Police have issued a warning after a spate of burglaries across our district in the past week. There were nine reported break-ins, in the city centre, Colden Common, Alresford, and Durley, Power tools, jewellery and cash were taken.

As the nights draw in Police Officers are conducting extra patrols to ensure your safety. To help them prevent crimes, please ensure your windows and doors are kept locked, and keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours and their properties.

Please report any suspicious vehicles or activity to 101, or if you think a crime is occurring, please dial 999. For more information and advice on crime prevention, <u>click here</u>.

WASTE COLLECTION CALENDARS -ON THE WAY!

Your new waste collection calendars will be hitting doormats next week! We've also made the calendar's available online - check your collection date online here.

COMMUNITY FUNDING - HOW CAN WE HELP?

If you run or know of a district based organisation who would like to improve their fundraising techniques, then head online on Thursday 21 October 9.30am - 12.30pm for our special workshop: How to Improve the Success Rate of your Funding Applications.

This online training session is designed to help representatives of Winchester district's charitable and not-for-profit organisations to gain insights on succeeding with funding applications in the shortest possible time.

Sign up and find out more.

SUPPORTING OUR RECOVERY

You may have spotted that we've been busy creating graphics to support the recovery of our district.

River Park Leisure Centre and No.158, High Street now sport large scale posters designed to encourage people to respect, protect and enjoy the district and visit high streets across the district to support our businesses recovery.

Within a day of these being installed, local people have sent us feedback asking us for more of the same – we hear you, and we are working with partners including Winchester BID to develop more of these.

HELP MAKE OUR DISTRICT GREENER

You could get up to £4,000 for your big idea to help make the Winchester district greener! We're working hard to ensure our district's environment is protected for generations to come – but we need everyone to do their bit...

We're keen to work with non-profit organisations as well as small businesses to collaborate on their big ideas and make a greener Winchester a reality. Match funded grants are available for projects that address issues such as transport, energy consumption and inspire positive behaviour shifts.

You can apply here.

THE MAYORS CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Mayor of Winchester warmly invites you to enjoy a special cinema screening of The Greatest Showman on 9 October. Just bring a camping chair and be ready to sing your heart out!

All the funds raised will go to the Mayor's chosen charities. Click here to book.

Cllr Laming, Warwick and Williams