

MAJOR ROADWORKS PLANNED FOR CITY CENTRE

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Chichester BID has received notification that SSE is embarking on a £1.5million project to upgrade the city's electrical network this year, in order to 'future proof' the city.

The work aims to increase the load capacity within the city centre via a number of sub-stations that have suffered repeated faults due to excessive loads.

Proposed plans include having a 1000kVA unit substation at the Crooked 'S' substation to the rear of M&S and six cables laid into and along East Street via St. Martin's Street. Additionally surface link boxes will be installed at individual locations along North Street to enable further reconfiguration and enhancement of the local network.

The work is anticipated to commence from September and to be completed by early November. Initial work for the project has already been completed at substations outside of the city centre.

We've been informed that the

forthcoming upgrade will increase the voltage and improve the reliability of the network thus preventing the blackouts that the city centre has been subject to in recent times.

While this work provides a number of benefits for businesses and residents alike in the long-term, the timing of the project is far from ideal. The BID Team believes the project should be pushed back until January 2020 in order to minimise the disruption to city centre businesses.

Do you have a view on this? If you feel that this work will have a negative impact on your business, please email Jhockley@chichesterbid.co.uk with your views by 14 June. We will then forward your responses on to SSE. Visit chichesterbid.co.uk for information and the proposed plans.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9TH JUNE

Antique Collectables and
Decorative Art Market
10.00am–4.00pm
East Street & North Street

12TH JUNE

FREE Social Media for Business
Workshop with The Chichester Social
09.30am–11.30am
Rume2, Crane Street

14TH JUNE

Festival of Chichester Window
Competition Judging

15TH JUNE–14TH JULY

Festival of Chichester

26TH JUNE

AGM & BID Social
5.30pm–8.00pm
Rume2, Crane Street

13TH JULY

Super Saturday
11.00am–3.00pm
Chichester City Centre

NEW OPENINGS



CRISPINS

This family-run café has recently re-opened under new ownership. As a way of saying hello, the new Manager Jo would like to offer a free coffee to any BID Member who brings in a copy of this newsletter.

Location: East Street, Chichester
[Facebook.com/crispinscafe](https://www.facebook.com/crispinscafe)



THE HOLE IN THE WALL

The pub has been refurbished and re-opened under a new brewery company. Following a successful launch last month, it is now serving a delicious array of homemade food alongside a wide selection of cask ales.

Location: St Martin's St, Chichester
[Facebook.com/holeinthewallchichester/](https://www.facebook.com/holeinthewallchichester/)

HAVE YOUR SAY IN A NEW EVENTS PROGRAMME!

Chichester District Council is developing a new events strategy, which aims to provide a year round programme of events to entertain, educate and inspire residents and visitors across the district. To help shape this work, the council is asking residents and businesses to take part in a short survey. The consultation ends at midnight on 29th July 2019. Visit chichester.gov.uk/letstalkevents to have your say.

LOVE LOCAL, SHOP LOCAL SUMMER CAMPAIGN

FLYING START!

Our summer campaign has got off to a flying start, since the new flag designs have been approved and will be installed in early June.

We have teamed up with Chichester Observer on a weekly feature that shines a spotlight on businesses within the city. Each week the article focuses on a different sector within the city, you may have already read the interviews with Zig Zag, Little London Boutique and Dartagnan Menswear. If you missed these, visit our website to read the full articles.

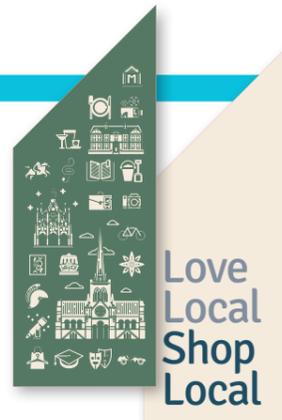
Our Independents' Shopping Guide is also being finalised, ready for distribution to over 20,000 residents and businesses. Distribution is expected to take place from the week commencing 10th June – keep your eyes peeled for these!

SUPER SATURDAY

Mark your diaries for our Super Saturday event on 13th July. Chichester Mayor, Richard Plowman will open the day-long celebration of Chichester that aims to encourage visitors and shoppers to explore the city centre and stay longer. Spirit FM will be broadcasting live from Chichester from 11am–3pm to talk about all the city has to offer, chatting to local businesses as well as shoppers.

GET INVOLVED IN OUR LOVE LOCAL, SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN

Tell us your plans and be part of the business buzz this summer. Whether it is a competition, event or any other ideas you have, contact Jhockley@chichesterbid.co.uk to get involved.



We will be running FREE giveaways throughout the day and would love to hear from you if you are happy to donate prizes for a free raffle. We already have a number of amazing prizes that have been generously donated by businesses but we need more. The raffle and prizes will be promoted on Spirit FM on the day and leading up to the event. Which will help raise awareness of your business and will also create a buzz amongst shoppers.

We would also love to hear from you about any fun events or competitions you can run on the day which Spirit FM could take part in. This could include mini tasting sessions, dance offs or fancy dress competitions - be as creative as you like!

Please do get in touch with Jhockley@chichesterbid.co.uk if you can help with the below prizes – we will also need descriptions and values:

- Prizes with a minimum value of £100
- Low value prizes for a children's lucky dip

We need your support to make this day a success and to create engaging and fun content for Spirit FM to help capture the attention of listeners and entice them into the city. Let's make the most of having Spirit FM here!

#LOVECHICHESTER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

We're excited to announce that we are launching a photography competition on social media this month. The aim of this is to showcase Chichester as the beautiful destination it is and promote all the fantastic activities that are taking place during the summer, to encourage people to visit and discover what's on offer here.

To enter, participants simply need to post their photos of Chichester on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter with the hashtag **#LoveChichester**.

We've teamed up with Chichester camera shop, Whitby's to help us judge the winning entries at the

end of our summer campaign. Not only this but Whitby's has kindly donated a couple of brilliant prizes for the competition too. The prize for first place is a Panasonic Camera (worth £149.99), second place prize is a pre-loaded Chichester Gift Card (worth £100) and the winner of the third prize will receive a telescope and tripod (worth RRP £70.00). Thank you to Whitby's for your generous contributions!

Help us shout about this competition, visit chichesterbid.co.uk to download a graphic to share on your social media channels and help spread the word.



FREE SOCIAL MEDIA FOR BUSINESS WORKSHOP

THE CHICHESTER SOCIAL

Chichester BID has teamed up with Debbie Ford from The Chichester Social on a free workshop for BID members on Wednesday 12th June between 09.30am–11.30am.

If you've ever struggled with social media for your business, then this workshop is for you. From understanding channels to content creation, this free introductory workshop will provide all the tools that you need to improve how you use platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. This workshop is FREE and for BID Levy Payers only but spaces are limited, please contact Jhockley@chichesterbid.co.uk to book your space.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A reminder that the Chichester BID AGM will take place on Wednesday 26th June between 5.30pm – 8.00pm at Rume2, Crane Street.

One of the purposes of this meeting is to appoint Directors who will form the Chichester BID Body. If you are a BID Levy Payer and would like to vote, then you need to register with the BID Team beforehand and/or bring a levy invoice on the day.

As well as the elections, there will be a presentation by Chichester BID Chair, Colin Hicks followed by a BID social, which will be a great opportunity for us all to relax and meet other Members.

For more information on our AGM and to register to vote visit chichesterbid.co.uk/

NEW OPENINGS



BEAR BOY BAKERY

New to Draper's Yard, Bear Boy Bakery is a grocery serving delicious homemade food and locally sourced produce. Browse an amazing array of fresh, local and organic produce from bread and cakes to fish, meat, milk and vegetables.

Location: Draper's Yard, Chichester [Facebook.com/BearandBoyBakery](https://www.facebook.com/BearandBoyBakery)



WOODIES

Newly refurbished, Woodies Brasserie & Bar has now re-opened under new management. Offering delightful menus, carefully crafted cocktails and entertainment, there really is something for everyone.

Location: St Pancras, Chichester [Facebook.com/woodiesbrasseriebar](https://www.facebook.com/woodiesbrasseriebar)



FESTIVAL OF CHICHESTER WINDOW COMPETITION

We're very excited to announce that on the judging panel for this year's competition will be actor and star of Cold Feet, James Nesbitt. James is currently performing in Chichester Festival Theatre's production of *This Is My Family* but will be lending a hand to judge entries on Friday 14th June.

So we couldn't be more pleased to say that we've already had six businesses confirm entry for this year's window competition.

If you would like to take part, please contact Jhockley@chichesterbid.co.uk for an entry form or visit chichesterbid.co.uk

Week 14 (Monday 1 April 2019)
to Week 18 (Sunday 5 May 2019)

CHICHESTER IN NUMBERS

The past five weeks have proven to be difficult for Chichester. The footfall camera on East Street showing that Easter failed to bring the numbers seen previously, and indeed elsewhere in the UK. The unusually good weather may have played a significant role here, given temptation of local beaches and the disruption this brings.

Latest property figures for Chichester reflect the recent closures of several stores, some of whom appear to have existed for only a short time. A few vacancies have been taken up – ‘vape’ shops in particular – at least keeping the vacant rate below same period last year.

Footfall (East Street near the Cross)

Weekly Total	Week 14 1 Apr – 7 Apr	Week 15 8 Apr – 14 Apr	Week 16 15 Apr – 21 Apr	Week 17 22 Apr – 28 Apr	Week 18 29 Apr – 5 May
Chi - East St	141,501	156,408	160,190	153,389	166,233

Year on Year	Week 14	Week 15	Week 16	Week 17	Week 18
Chi - East St	▼ 22 %	▼ 12 %	▼ 10 %	▼ 14 %	▼ 7 %
South East	▼ 7 %	▼ 4 %	▼ 3 %	▼ 1 %	▼ 3 %
Market Towns	▼ 6 %	▼ 3 %	▼ 7 %	▼ 2 %	▼ 7 %
UK	▼ 5 %	▲ 2 %	▼ 1 %	▼ 3 %	▼ 6 %

Year to Date	Week 14	Week 15	Week 16	Week 17	Week 18
Chi - East St	▼ 7 %	▼ 7 %	▼ 7 %	▼ 8 %	▼ 8 %
South East	▼ 2 %	▼ 2 %	▼ 2 %	▼ 2 %	▼ 2 %
Market Towns	▼ 1 %	▼ 1 %	▼ 1 %	▼ 1 %	▼ 2 %
UK	0 %	▲ 1 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

Weather

	Week 14	Week 15	Week 16	Week 17	Week 18
Conditions					
Max. Temp. °C	14	13	24	20	16

Sales

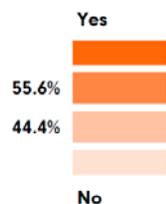
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Year on Year	Week 14	Week 15	Week 16	Week 17	Week 18
Chichester	▼ 10 %	▼ 1 %	▼ 12 %	▼ 17 %	0 %
UK	▲ 1 %	▲ 3 %	▲ 4 %	▲ 1 %	▲ 1 %

Retailer Survey

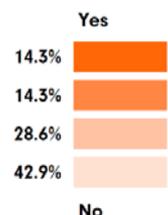
We asked you to rate this statement

Sales in May will be up on last year



We asked you to rate this statement

Footfall is down in my store yet sales are growing



Property

Vacancy Rate	Apr '18	Jul '18	Oct '18	Jan '19	Apr '19
Chichester	8.5 %	6.3 %	6.5 %	6.3 %	8.2 %
South East	8.2 %	8.1 %	8.0 %	8.0 %	TBC
UK	9.2 %	9.9 %	10.1 %	10.4 %	TBC

Vacancy figures are collected quarterly based on retail properties in the BID area.

April 2019 benchmarks are expected end of May.

Sales figures are collected Sun-Sat.

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