

Parish Update – November 2022

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Events

- **International White Ribbon Day** – Friday 25 November sees the launch of the annual International White Ribbon campaign and 16 days of action, raising awareness with the aim of ending violence against women and girls. Winchester Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum, supported by Winchester Community Safety Partnership will be supporting this year's campaign. Locally we use this as an opportunity to highlight all forms of domestic abuse such as coercive control, financial abuse and relationship abuse. Local organisations have pulled together a programme of activities which aim to raise awareness of White Ribbon and promote support services locally.
- **Winchester Christmas Market** – The hugely popular Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market is now open. Information on opening times, traders and other seasonal activities can be found on the Winchester Cathedral website: [Winchester Cathedral | Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market \(winchester-cathedral.org.uk\)](https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)
- **Coronation Street Parties** – Get your applications in quickly if you want to close a road for a Coronation street party! Due to the significant number of submissions we're expecting, applications for Coronation Party road closures are invited to begin now and they need to be submitted at least 12 weeks in advance so we can be confident of getting the legal process completed in time for the event, therefore the final date for submissions is Friday 3rd February 2023. Applications after this date will be accepted, but we cannot guarantee being able to process them in time. See: [Temporary road closure for events - Winchester City Council](#)

News

- **Draft Local Plan** – Consultation on draft Local Plan is now open. The Plan covers key themes for Winchester including the climate emergency, affordable homes, and protecting and enhancing our natural environment. The Plan is open for public consultation for 6 weeks (until midnight 14 December) and is available at [Home - Winchester District Local Plan](#)
- **Community Support for Ukraine (information and help)** – The next WCC Community Support Hub for Ukraine is on 6 December, from 10am till 12pm at the Guildhall. Our Ukrainian guests and their hosts will be able to access advice and meet in a safe environment. Our friendly support staff will be available to help with housing advice and provide general guidance on what support is available and do their best to answer any questions people might have. There will be translation support available. For more information see: [Winchester City Council pledges support for Ukraine - Winchester City Council](#)
- **Boundary Commission Consultation** – The latest (final) consultation on the new proposed parliamentary boundaries is open until 5 December. Key point for us is that the proposal includes removing the Meon Valley parliamentary constituency and merging different areas within the Meon Valley with surrounding constituencies. See: [Final consultation on revised proposals open now: Last chance to help reshape constituencies | Boundary Commission for England \(independent.gov.uk\)](#)

Funding Opportunities

- **CIL** – Time to prepare your CIL funding applications for WCC! Bids need to be submitted between January and March each year. Note: It's likely that funding will be prioritised towards WCC Objectives including Going Green Faster. For example, this could include projects that support the District Cycle and Walking Infrastructure. See: [Apply for CIL - Winchester City Council](#)
- **Small Grants Scheme** – The WCC District Small Grant Scheme provides one-off grants of up to £1,000 to local voluntary/not-for-profit groups and organisations for one-off expenditure on projects, equipment and other items to help organisations to do more, reach more people, or provide better services. They can apply at any time, with decisions made every three months. See online for details: [District Small Grants - Winchester City Council](#)
- **Rural Fund** – WCC has been allocated a grant for capital projects in the market towns, villages and rural areas of Winchester district in FY2024 & FY2025. The indicative investment plan is split between net zero/climate mitigation projects, community infrastructure projects, culture, arts & tourism development, and green spaces enhancement. See WCC November Parish Briefing for details.
- **Warm Hubs Grant** – Grants of up to £5,000 are available from Hampshire County Council to develop and host warm hubs where people can gather together this winter. See: [Hampshire groups invited to apply to Leader's Community Grant Scheme to create warm hubs this winter | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)