

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

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Chichester Harbour Conservancy to Hold an Open Day at Itchenor

Event to Include Free Boat Trips, Wildlife Sessions and Range of Family Activities



Chichester Harbour Conservancy has announced it will hold an Open Day on Thursday 31st May 2018. The free event, which is open to all, has been organised to showcase the full range of activities and services involved in running a busy leisure harbour that is also an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Conservancy's vessels and RIBs will be out in force, free trips on *Solar Heritage* will be on offer and engineering work will be demonstrated on the moorings barge. Onshore there will be the chance to meet the Patrol and Rangers teams, experience a photography workshop with Paul Gonella, take part in a wildlife walk or glimpse the sun using a special solar telescope.

Itchenor Sailing Club will be open for lunch and refreshments, where visitors can take in the spectacular views from the Buttery. The Sailing Club will also stage an art display showcasing work by local artists, and host some children's activities. As visitors explore the different activities they can collect stamps which they can exchange for a free reusable water bottle aimed at reducing the quantity of single use plastic around the Harbour.

Richard Craven, Director and Harbour Master commented: "A number of our visitors and staff have suggested that we hold an Open Day to share all that the Harbour has to offer, and it has been exciting to arrange such an

interesting day for all the family. We'll hopefully show how this busy Harbour and beautiful landscape has something to offer everyone and look forward to welcoming the public so they can see first-hand the breadth of work undertaken by the Conservancy to maintain and improve this fabulous local resource."

All activities will take place in and around the Conservancy's Harbour Office and the hard at Itchenor from 11am to 3pm. Parking is available at the public car park in Itchenor (next to The Ship pub) which is pay and display, or payment via the MiPermit app.

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Notes to editors

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

Chichester Harbour Conservancy is the statutory authority for Chichester Harbour and, as a team, manages the Harbour and surrounding areas. The Conservancy focuses on recreation and leisure, conservation and landscape protection, making it a destination for visitors to enjoy. It also runs an annual programme of events and an Education Service for families and schools.

National and International Designations

Chichester Harbour is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The Conservancy and the National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (NAAONB) work closely with the Government, landowners, environment organisations and local communities to ensure the Harbour is conserved and cared for. The intertidal areas across Chichester Harbour are also designated at national (Site of Special Scientific Interest), European (SPA, SAC) and international level (Ramsar site) in order to protect the diverse and fragile range of habitats.

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