

## Chichester Harbour Conservancy Welcomes 2018 Patrol Team

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*The Chichester Harbour Patrol team*

Chichester Harbour Conservancy has welcomed its new team of seasonal staff, who will be working in the Harbour for the season. Three newly appointed team members – Fran Sprules, Jae Wilkes and Joe Watts - will join returning team members work around the Harbour seven days a week to support Chichester Harbour Conservancy's core team during the busy summer season.

For the first time, the team will be working with hand-held tablets to enable electronic payments to be taken quickly and more conveniently. Harbour dues, visitor dues, mooring and launching fees will all be managed by the team, who will also use the technology, alongside existing methods, to keep abreast of local activity, weather conditions and any incidents which may impact Harbour users.

The seasonal team's duties will include responding to incidents, offering safety advice, enforcing byelaws, collecting harbour dues and supporting the emergency services to help ensure the safety of both navigation and Harbour users.

Phil Walker, Deputy Harbour Master comments: "As we approach the season we see the number of visitors grow as local residents, visiting boaters and holidaymakers enjoy all the Harbour has to offer. With a dramatic increase in traffic on the water our seasonal staff members allow us to maintain safety in the Harbour during this naturally busy period, and help to ensure that everyone has a great time on the water."

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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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