



Worth Parish Council

Newsletter

COPTHORNE VILLAGE

Autumn 2025

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

It's been a wonderful summer in the parish, with a number of highly successful events taking place. And as a very welcome bonus, the weather was pretty kind on the whole. Now we look forward to a new season for all of us in Crawley Down and Copthorne. We'd like to say congratulations to everyone involved with the Gig on the Green in July (where the rain did sadly make an appearance) and the Crawley Down Village Fayre in September. Both of these occasions, along with several other smaller events in the parish, were highly enjoyable and extremely well supported.

On a more sombre note, anti-social behaviour can be extremely upsetting for all of us, so it's important to know how to report it. Sussex Police operates a user-friendly web page (details below) that makes reporting as easy as can be, and we encourage all our local residents to use it as and when necessary. By building up an accurate picture of potential hotspots, the authorities can then respond in an appropriate manner.

Tony Dorey, Chairman, Worth Parish Council

SAFER STREETS

An important message from Sussex Alerts: Help us to tackle anti social behaviour.

We are actively patrolling hotspot areas, but we need your eyes and ears. If you witness anti-social behaviour you can report it here: <https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

Reports help us to target areas and discourage behaviour that makes communities feel unsafe.

By reporting issues as and when they occur, you'll be helping the Police to build a greater understanding of potential hot spots, and this can then assist with allocating resources in the future. Remember: posting details of an incident on Facebook or other social media platform is not the same as reporting via the correct channels.

COPTHORNE RECREATION GROUND REJUVENATION PROJECT

We are currently still awaiting the outcome of two Section 106 applications for money allocated by local developers for formal sports. If successful, there will be a further £150,000 required to fully fund the project, but there are actions planned to help close that gap. We're carrying out work behind the scenes to get ready to apply for a Public Works Loan and to go out to local businesses for their support with donations or sponsoring particular items, from playground equipment to litterbins, benches, cycle racks and more. As soon as we hear the outcome of our S106 applications, we'll update our website and share the details on our Facebook page. To keep up-to-date with our progress and hear more about how you can get involved, follow us here: <https://www.facebook.com/worthparishcouncil> or visit our website.

FACEBOOK

Did you know that Worth Parish Council has a very active Facebook page? It offers information about a wide range of subjects, including roadworks, events, Council meetings, police matters, litter picks, allotments and much, much more. We have well over 700 followers in Copthorne and Crawley Down already, so why not come and join us?

You can find our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/worthparishcouncil>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The Local Government Review which will see Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council merged into one new unitary authority is currently underway. As part of this process, Worth Parish Council is actively engaging with the review to understand what any proposed changes could mean for the community. The Council is currently gathering information, considering the potential impacts and working to ensure the voices of local residents are represented. Once clearer details are available, Worth Parish Council will share updates with the community to keep everyone informed and involved in the process.

COUNCIL DROP-IN SESSIONS

Would you like to come and meet your local Council Officers? Worth Parish Council hosted two drop-in sessions recently, one at Oliver's in Copthorne and the other outside the shops in Crawley Down. We were joined by Lizzy, our local PCSO, and a representative of Age UK. We'll keep you posted about future sessions via social media.

SOUTH ROOM, THE PARISH HUB, COPTHORNE



Our bright and spacious South Room is available to hire for one-off events or for longer term/regular bookings.

The room is suitable for a wide range of uses, including art classes, business meetings, activity sessions, workshops and so much more. It has free Internet access, excellent audio-visual equipment, access to a small kitchen and plenty of chairs and tables.

If you would like to come and take a look at the room to see if it meets your needs, please email us at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk

You can also find out more here https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/The_South_Room_42763.aspx

SPEEDING WITHIN THE VILLAGE

The Copthorne Village Community Speedwatch are still in desperate need of volunteers and are appealing for more to come forward. Being a volunteer can involve as little as one hour every two or three weeks, although if you'd like to do more that would be welcomed. For more information, please go to communityspeedwatch.co.uk and click on Register/Join an Existing Group. Alternatively, you can email Steve O'Connell of Sussex Police at stephen.oconnell@sussex.police.uk

They now have 2,500 volunteers across Sussex, with 190 Parish Councils and 15 Wardens carrying out Community Speedwatch initiatives. They issue 5,000 letters per month to drivers for speeding; from this they only have a repeat offender rate of less than 5% out of the 60,000 or so letters sent over the year, which means drivers really do take notice.

Interestingly, Community Speedwatch compiled a report of their findings between April and June this year. They ran 12 sessions during this period and recorded more than 70 vehicles travelling over the speed limit. This resulted in 63 letters being issued by the Police. Hopefully the motorists concerned will be driving more sensibly from now on.

If you witness speeding in and around the village, you can report it via Operation Crackdown at operationcrackdown.org

COPTHORNE WORKING PARTY – HEATHY WOOD RESIDENTS

Are you a Heathy Wood resident with an interest in issues that affect the local community? Worth Parish Council is looking for volunteers to attend meetings of the Copthorne Working Party, and if you have opinions we'd like to hear them.

Meetings are held every other Wednesday at the Parish Hub next to St John's Church. They start at 10am and usually last around two hours. If you have the time and you'd like to be involved, please contact us via email at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk, or call 01342 713 407.

ALLOTMENTS

Worth Parish Council still has a handful of available allotments in Crawley Down, just off Station Road. If you're interested in renting one, please contact us on 01342 713 407 or via email at astclerk@worth-pc.gov.uk. Plots in various sizes are available.

We welcome organised visits to the view the allotments, but we politely request that we are notified of such visits in advance.

YOUTH CLUBS

Worth Parish Council's Youth Team is working together to provide excellent Youth Club sessions for children in the Parish. If you'd like to find out more, please contact the office on 01342 713 407 or via email to enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk

Our Youth Clubs in Copthorne have been continuing in the summer holidays with Play on the Green sessions. We will be returning to the usual Youth Club activities in September.

We're looking for youth club volunteers from within the community to help at either Copthorne, Crawley Down or both. Individuals will need to have a valid DBS check which the Parish Council will pay for. If you're a friendly, enthusiastic individual and can spare a few hours a week, we'd love to hear from you. Just call 01342 713 407 or email us at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk



Our Youth Clubs run:

Monday 3.30-5.30pm at The Haven Centre in Crawley Down

Wednesday 4-6pm at The Pavilion in Copthorne

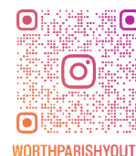
For Years 5 and up. They are completely FREE!

Please book your children into the club using the IPAL booking system so we can take registers and sign the children in and out. Please ensure your child also has a drink and any snacks provided must be nut free.
<https://worthparishyouth.ipalbookings.com/>

Please note, we have a limit on numbers at each Youth Club due to adult/child ratios. So please check there is space for your child before leaving.



You can keep up to date with everything Youth related by following us on Instagram or Facebook.



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COPTHORNE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

As always, we would like to extend our appreciation to Julie Etheridge, Kara Hopkins, Louise Whitney and all the volunteers for their litter picking efforts in Copthorne. The next Clean Up is on October 12th. It will start at The Parish Hub in Copthorne. As usual, we will provide the litter picking equipment but if you do have your own, please bring this along. If you would like to join us or register your interest, please email enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk

We are particularly keen to find a volunteer co-ordinator who can help to share the workload. Volunteer duties would include collecting and returning equipment to and from the Parish Hub (you would need a car for this), providing guidance and support to other litter-pickers and making sure safety and admin requirements are met.

Litter-picking events are great fun. They're held at weekends and are supported by individuals, couples and families. They offer a chance to get out and about in the village and provide a vital service to the local community.

If you're interested in becoming a co-ordinator, please message us at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk or call 01342 713 407.



FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

You can view the dates and agendas for all forthcoming meetings and the minutes of meetings that have already been held on our website at www.worth-pc.gov.uk and click on Council Meetings.

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