



# Worth Parish Council Newsletter

## COPTHORNE VILLAGE

### Mid-Summer 2025

## WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

With the summer season well under way now, this is a good time to reflect on all the wonderful events that take place in our villages during the warmer months. Crawley Down's Gig on the Green and the Copthorne Carnival both feature prominently in the social calendar, of course, but there are many more to enjoy.

These events are organised and run by volunteers, and in early June we had the opportunity to celebrate these individuals and many more at our wonderful Parish Awards evening at the Haven Centre, Crawley Down. It was fantastic to see all the recognition their efforts deserved, and the large turnout for the evening stands as testament to everyone who was nominated. On behalf of the Parish, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to you all.

I'm delighted to say that our Youth Team will be holding a number of events for local children to enjoy during the summer holidays. Please check our Facebook page for the latest information.

In addition, it's so pleasing to see that we now have CCTV provisions in place in Copthorne and, very soon, in Crawley Down as well. We will be keeping tabs on the situation in the coming months, to see whether more cameras would be helpful in preventing and detecting crime, reducing antisocial behaviour and improving public safety

Enjoy the sunshine! – Tony Dorey, Chairman, Worth Parish Council

## 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 hundreds of followers in Crawley Down and Copthorne already, so why not come and join us?

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

## COUNCIL SURGERIES

Would you like to come and meet your local Council Officers? Worth Parish Council is holding two surgeries in the coming weeks, and we'd love to see you there. We'll be at Oliver's in Copthorne on Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> (10:30-12:30) and outside the shops in Crawley Down on Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup> (10:30-12:30). Why not come along and say hello?

## CCTV

We're pleased to confirm that CCTV is now live on Copthorne Village Green and is being monitored by Sussex Police. For more information and the latest news please see our website, where you can also find our CCTV FAQs: [https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/Progress\\_Reports\\_and\\_Key\\_Projects\\_47690.aspx](https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/Progress_Reports_and_Key_Projects_47690.aspx)

## COPTHORNE RECREATION GROUND

We have now completed the tender evaluation process for a civils package of work (which includes construction of the car park, paved areas, playground base, paths and hard landscaping) and the preferred supplier will be agreed by the Finance & General Purposes Committee at their meeting on 7th July. We are now in the process of writing a number of applications for S106 monies to help finalise funding arrangements. It is hoped that this can be completed in time for discussion at the next Full Council meeting on 21st July. Once the project budget and funding plans have been agreed by Council we will liaise with all of the contractors to agree dates that works can commence. For the latest news please head to our website: [https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/Copthorne\\_Recreation\\_Ground\\_Rejuvenation\\_45823.aspx](https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/Copthorne_Recreation_Ground_Rejuvenation_45823.aspx)

## 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](mailto:enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk)

You can also find out more here [https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/The\\_South\\_Room\\_42763.aspx](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](http://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](mailto: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.

If you witness speeding in and around the village, you can report it via Operation Crackdown at [operationcrackdown.org](http://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](mailto:enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk), or call 01342 713 407

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEWS

We'd like to thank everyone who completed the recent Neighbourhood Plan Surveys. We received several hundred responses from both Crawley Down and Copthorne, and we're very grateful to everyone who took the time to take part.

Neighbourhood plans are important because they empower local communities to directly influence the future development of their areas. These plans allow residents to shape where new housing, businesses and community facilities are located, as well as how new developments look and feel. By actively participating in the planning process, communities can ensure that development aligns with their vision and needs, ultimately creating more desirable and sustainable places to live.

You can find out more about the previous neighbourhood plan by clicking here [https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/Copthorne\\_Neighbourhood\\_Plan\\_29487.aspx](https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/Copthorne_Neighbourhood_Plan_29487.aspx) and the works of Worth Parish Council at <https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/>

## PARISH AWARDS

Our very first Parish Awards took place at the Haven Centre, Crawley Down on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The evening was a big success, and we're grateful to everyone who came along and joined in the fun. The evening was hosted by Councillor Trevor Hodson, and prizes and certificates were awarded to our wonderful nominees by Councillors Phillip Coote and Lauraine Stewart. And to top off a fabulous occasion, there was music from some of the finalists in the *Crawley Down Has the X Factor* competition.

And the winners on the night were:

Crawley Down: Winner – Dan Terry, Runner Up – Andrew Metcalfe

Copthorne: Winner – Bob Golds, Runner Up – Gwyn and Christine Cheesmur

Special Award: Anabelle Munday



Also, a big thank you to our sponsors: **Branding Box, Olive Branch Hypnotherapy and Tulleys Tea Room.**

## 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](mailto: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 has recently appointed a new Youth Supervisor. Carl Wilson, along with our Youth Worker Victoria Cadwallader, will be working together to provide excellent Youth Club sessions for children in the Parish.

Our Youth Clubs in Crawley Down continue on a weekly basis until the school summer holidays, and we plan to begin again in Copthorne 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](mailto:enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk)



Our Youth Clubs run:

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

**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.



## **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 July 27th. 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](mailto:enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk)

We'd also like to say a special thank you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Copthorne Brownies, who took part in a litter pick in June. What a wonderful effort they made for the whole community.

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**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](mailto: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](http://www.worth-pc.gov.uk) and click on Council Meetings.

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