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Copthorne Village
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WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

I'm writing this in the aftermath of the Copthorne Carnival, and I'd like to start by saying a huge thank you to the organisers and volunteers who yet again helped to make the event such a successful one. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time, and as an added bonus the weather was absolutely glorious. The Carnival gives us all a timely reminder of the importance of community celebrations, and I extend my good wishes to everyone involved in the upcoming Gig on the Green in Crawley Down, as well as the Crawley Down Village Fayre later in the year. I'm sure I speak for everyone in our villages when I say how thankful I am for everyone's efforts.

Also, please let me say how proud I am to have been elected as Chairman of the Council for the coming 12 months. It gives me great pleasure to serve the people of the Parish in this way.

Tony Dorey, Chairman, Worth Parish Council

YOUTH CLUBS – NEW TEEN HANG OUT SESSIONS

Our recently introduced Teen Hang Out Sessions in both Copthorne and Crawley Down have already proved to be a big success. Activities include pool, darts, air hockey, table tennis, gaming, table football and arts & crafts. There's also a chill-out zone for relaxation. Sessions are for 11-15 year olds on Tuesdays in Copthorne and Thursdays in Crawley Down during term times.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2027

Parish council elections will be held next May, and we are keen to encourage residents to consider standing. Being a Parish Councillor is a rewarding opportunity to have a direct input into local decisions, help shape the future of our area and represent the views of the community. You don't need any special qualifications, just an interest in your community, its people and its services. If you'd like to find out more about what the role involves, please get in touch—we'd be delighted to have an informal, no obligation chat and answer any questions you may have.

CCTV

CCTV cameras have been installed in both Copthorne and Crawley Down, and they have proved useful to police investigations in recent weeks. By the end of April, 14 incidents in Copthorne and 37 in Crawley Down have been monitored by the relevant police department. Worth Parish Council will continue to support the authorities and will report crimes and anti-social behaviour where appropriate.

VOLUNTEERING IN THE COMMUNITY

There are a number of volunteering opportunities in both Copthorne and Crawley Down at the moment. They include the likes of Community Speedwatch, litter picking, village working parties and more. Do you want to get involved? If so, please get in touch with the team at Worth Parish Council. There are also many organisations within the parish that are looking for help and support. Lots of people told us in our Business Plan consultation that they would be willing to volunteer, so now is the perfect time to do so.

COPTHORNE RECREATION GROUND REJUVENATION PROJECT

At the time of writing, construction is well underway for the new playground, car park and MUGA. Warwick Landscaping have worked hard to complete the work on schedule, and have prepared the ground for Proludic to start the playground installation in early July. We can't wait to see how the site develops over the coming months. Keep your eyes peeled for the opening date, which we will be able to share in the coming weeks.

FACEBOOK – MORE FOLLOWERS HAVE JOINED US

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. Recently, we were delighted to announce that we have more than 1,100 followers in Copthorne, Crawley Down and beyond already, so why not come and join us?

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

PLANNING

Here's an update on recent large planning applications in the parish:

DM/25/3020 Land to the West of Courthouse Farm Copthorne - Outline planning application of an extra care retirement community - Amended application received 08.04.2026 Worth Parish Council have previously objected to this application. As of the 30.04.2026 this application is still pending consideration by MSDC.

DM/25/3021 Land West of Courthouse Farm Copthorne - Outline planning application for the erection of residential dwellings. Amended application received on the 25th of March 2026. Worth Parish Council objects to this application. As of the 30.04.2026 this application is still pending consideration by MSDC.

DM/26/0577 Land West of Turners Hill Road and North of Huntsland Crawley Down, amended application received 24/04/2026 for erection of up to 230 dwellings - Worth Parish Council's response: Defer to the opinion of the Officer. This development is an allocated site within the MSDC District plan. As of the 30.04.2026 this application is still pending consideration by MSDC.

2025/1376 and **DM/26/0303** Land north of Borers Arms Road, east of Copthorne Bank & south of Clay Hall Lane, Copthorne. Outline for up to 260 dwellings. Worth Parish Council objected to this application. As of the 30.04.2026 this application is still pending consideration by MSDC and Tandridge District Council.

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 than that it 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.

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

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.

YOUTH CLUBS

Our Youth Club team has been working together to offer a great range of activities at the Youth Club in Crawley Down on Mondays and Copthorne Youth Club on Wednesdays. The team – Gemma, Lauren, Victoria and Kate – have a number of exciting plans in the pipeline, so be sure to watch out for updates on Facebook and Instagram.

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 4 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/

It's important to note we have a limit on numbers at each Youth Club due to adult/child ratios. So be sure to 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. Details of future litter picks will be posted on our website and our Facebook page. 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



FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

You can view the dates, venues 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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