# Worth Parish Council

*Community-Environment-Youth-Security-Village Centres*

## Newsletter
## Copthorne Village
## Summer 2026

## WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

2026 is already proving to be a busy – and positive – year for Worth Parish Council. The Annual Parish Awards were held in March and were a big success. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone who was nominated, and to say a big thank you to them all on behalf of our community for all their hard work.

In the coming weeks and months, the Copthorne Recreation Ground Project and the Bowers Place Parking Solution will be coming to fruition, and we look forward to more projects making progress during the summer. I'm also pleased that our successful Youth Clubs in both Crawley Down and Copthorne will be expanding to cover more age ranges. More details are included in this newsletter.

It won't be long before the Copthorne Carnival and Crawley Down's Gig on the Green will be taking place. As always, I'd like to give a special mention to all those organisers who help to make these wonderful village events such a success. Thank you for all you do.

Tony Dorey, Chairman, Worth Parish Council

## YOUTH CLUBS – NEW TEEN HANG OUT SESSIONS

Our Youth Team has recently introduced new Teen Hang Out Sessions in both Copthorne and Crawley Down, and they have 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 AWARDS 2026

The Parish Awards evening in late March was a wonderful occasion, and a chance to say thank you to a wide range of worthy individuals and organisations. The winners were Paul Eaton (Copthorne) and Molly & Peter Tavani (Crawley Down), while both Ken Luttman and Kay & Roger Webb were given lifetime awards.

In addition, a special award was given to Councillor Phillip Coote, in recognition of his many years of service to the local community. Councillor Coote was also awarded the Freedom of the Parish.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in April at the Parish Hub in Copthorne. Council Chairman Tony Dorey gave a speech highlighting the various projects that the Council has been involved in of late and celebrating all the wonderful volunteers that make life in Copthorne and Crawley Down so much better.

A highlight of the evening was a CPR demonstration given by Andrew Latham from the Crawley Community First Responder Group.

## 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

Warwick Landscaping Limited began work on Monday 27 April on the civil engineering package. This phase includes drainage, the car park, paths and construction of the playground base and is programmed to take approximately ten weeks.

Proludic Limited is scheduled to commence the playground installation on Monday 6 July. The installation of equipment and safety surfacing is planned to be completed and certified as ready for use by Friday 14 August.

A contract for the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at the rear of the site is currently being finalised. Work is expected to start at the beginning of September so that construction can be completed ahead of winter.

The playground layout has been reduced very slightly on the western edge and the revised playground layout is attached. This will enable the playground to be completed and brought into use before the MUGA is constructed as lorry access to the rear of the site will still be possible.

## FACEBOOK – A LANDMARK NUMBER OF FOLLOWERS!

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 1,000 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 and Victoria – 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.

We'd like to welcome our new addition to the team, **Kateryna Artsybasheva**, who has taken on the role of Youth Support Worker recently.

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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