



Worth Parish Council

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Newsletter Copthorne Village Winter 2025

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

While we tend to think of the winter season as a less active time than the summer, there's still plenty going on in the Parish. Copthorne and Crawley Down play host to a number of highly enjoyable activities in this period, and as always we wish all the very best to those who volunteer their time and effort to make our communities better places in which to live.

One of the most popular is the Christmas Lights Switch-On in Crawley Down. This will be taking place on Saturday November 29th in the Village Centre. Highlights include live entertainment and Santa's Grotto. In Copthorne, the village's Celebration of Christmas will also be held on the same day, in front of Copthorne Junior School. Good luck to everyone involved in the organisation of these wonderful events.

Of course, November is also a time of remembrance. On Sunday November 9th, both Copthorne and Crawley Down will be commemorating those who lost their lives in service to their country. As always, everyone at Worth Parish Council will remember them.

We are here to listen and engage with our residents. Councillors, including myself, can be contacted if you wish to discuss any local issues. You can find our details at the end of this newsletter.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. See you again in 2026!

Tony Dorey, Chairman, Worth Parish Council

COPTHORNE RECREATION GROUND REJUVENATION PROJECT

Thank you to all those of you who took part in our recent survey in which we asked for your feedback on our proposals to apply for a Public Works Loan to help fund this project. We had a good response and as a result, we have submitted an application for a loan of £150,000 over a 10-year period, which will require a small increase in the precept to ensure repayment can be made. This would represent an annual cost to the average Band D household of £3.49, based on current interest rates. We are awaiting the outcome of that and also our Section 106 application (developer contributions provided for formal sports in this area). Whilst we are doing all we can to ensure the project is fully funded, to help us close the gap and potentially reduce our Public Works Loan, we will be taking a number of further actions including applying again for a National Lottery Awards For All grant of up to £20,000. For all the information about this project, its funding and how to donate, please visit our website here: https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/Copthorne_Recreation_Ground_Rejuvenation_45823.aspx

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 800 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>

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN

Worth Parish Council is currently developing a business plan to guide our work over the next three years. To ensure this plan reflects the needs and priorities of our community, we will soon be launching a survey to gather your views. Your input will help shape the projects and initiatives we focus on—so please keep a look-out and take part!

PLANNING

The Planning & Highways Committee has had a few large planning applications to consider for Copthorne recently. We'd always recommend that if you feel strongly about a planning application, that you ensure you submit your views to Mid Sussex District Council, attend our meetings and contact your local councillors to make your views known. Whilst Worth Parish Council is not the authority responsible for making decisions on planning, we are able to represent the views and concerns of the community to MSDC, who are the local Planning Authority. As always, the earlier we are informed of concerns and issues, the more chance we have of exerting influence.

CCTV

Phase 1 of the CCTV Project has been successfully completed in Copthorne, with CCTV installed on the Village Green. Now that it's been in situ for nearly 6 months, we are planning to review the project which will help inform decisions about possible future phases of the project. Thank you to those of you who took the time to let us know your thoughts on whether or not additional CCTV should be installed in the Parish and if so why and where that should be. This information will also be included in the review. In the meantime, if you have any questions about CCTV, why not head to our CCTV project page where you'll find our CCTV Policy and Frequently Asked Questions: https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/Progress_Reports_and_Key_Projects_47690.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

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.

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/asp/asp-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 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

Congratulations go to the winners in our annual Allotment Awards:

Overall winner: Mrs Renata Adamczyck

Overall runner-up: Mr Neil Johnstone

Highly commended: Mr R Cook

Highly commended: Barry & Margaret Riley

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

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.

Worth Parish Council is currently looking to recruit a Youth Worker. This is a part-time role (6 hours per week) and is suitable for age 18 and over. Working hours are on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please contact Hannah on 01342 713 407 or at astclerk@worth-pc.gov.uk



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 December 7th. 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



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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