Worth Parish Council

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Copthorne Village
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WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

By the time you read this, Worth Parish Council will have completed two major projects, the Bowers Place Parking Solution and Phase One of the Copthorne Recreation Ground Rejuvenation. Achieving completion has been extremely pleasing, in part because, like all such projects, there are always going to be bumps along the road. A great deal of hard work has gone into getting us to this stage, and I would like to say a big thank you, on behalf of the whole community, to everyone involved.

Now, as the days get shorter and the temperatures start to drop, we all look forward to a number of local events that always make the winter months so special. These include the switching on of Christmas lights in Copthorne and Crawley Down, as well as several other feel-good celebrations. We wish everyone involved the best of success with each of them.

Along with the rest of the community, we have heard about the closure of the Copthorne Hotel. We will be contacting the owners of the Hotel to find out their future plans, and hope that this becomes an amenity of the parish again soon.

Of course, November is also a time of remembrance. On Sunday November 8th, people from both villages commemorated those who lost their lives in service to their country. As always, everyone at Worth Parish Council remembers those who made such a huge sacrifice in past conflicts.

Tony Dorey, Chairman, Worth Parish Council

YOUTH CLUBS – LATEST NEWS

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.

The children in our younger and older sessions all enjoyed some fun at Halloween. Our youth team held a spooky Halloween movie night during the October half-term.

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 has now been installed on Copthorne Recreation Ground and went live in time for the opening of the play area and carpark on 17th September. These cameras are operated on our behalf by Sussex Police. If you have any questions about this, please check out our Frequently Asked Questions and CCTV Policy on our website.

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

Our application for further Section 106 funding (those contributions made by developers) to cover the increases in costs surrounding the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) has now been approved. At the time of writing, we are liaising with Warwick Landscaping Ltd to see when they can come back to the site to complete the final phase of works for the MUGA. As soon as their timetable and associated arrangements agreed, we will publish these on our website and on social media.

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 1,300 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

2026 ALLOTMENT AWARDS

A big thank you to all our allotment holders for another successful year. In October, Councillor Thérèse Wilson was on hand to present trophies to our annual award winners. Pictured is Thérèse with our overall winner Malcolm Lee, while the second image shows our runners-up Marg and Jason Reilly. Congratulations!

We still have some allotments available if you're thinking of renting. Please contact the office on 01342 713 407 or drop us a line at admin@worth-pc.gov.uk





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

The children in our younger and older sessions all enjoyed some Halloween fun in October. The youth workers also held a spooky Halloween movie night in the October half term. If you would like to find out more about our youth sessions please, contact Gemma at youth@worth-pc.gov.uk

We're still actively looking for volunteers to help support our sessions. This could be someone looking to get involved with the community or perhaps someone who's keen to augment their teamwork, communication, leadership and organisational skills. Commitment to the community, reliability and the ability to support young people can enhance future employability and strengthen a CV. Please contact enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk for more information.





Our youth provision runs on the following days
Monday - Crawley Down at the Haven Centre 3.30-5.30pm School Years 4,5 and 6
Tuesday - Copthorne at the Parish Hub South Room 3.45-5.45pm School Years 7,8 and 9
Wednesday Copthorne at the Pavilion 4-6pm School years 5 and 6.
Thursday - The Glebe Centre Crawley Down 3.45-5.45pm School Years 7,8 and 9

All our sessions are free and run during term time only; during school holidays to find out more please contact Gemma our youth supervisor on youth@worth-pc.gov.uk
To register your child for our younger session please use https://worthparishyouth.ipalbookings.com/
Teen sessions are drop in with no need to register.

Please ensure your child also has a drink and any snacks provided must be nut-free.

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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