



# **Worth Parish Council**

## **Newsletter**

### **CRAWLEY DOWN 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. 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 are currently awaiting confirmation of installation dates for the new CCTV column and 3 cameras (1 pan tilt zoom and 2 fixed cameras) to be installed on Station Road in Crawley Down and for the CCTV signs to be put up. For more information and the latest news please see our website, where you can also see 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)

## **SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE**

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 of course 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)

## 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**.

## 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/Crawley\\_Down\\_Neighbourhood\\_Plan\\_29488.aspx](https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/Crawley_Down_Neighbourhood_Plan_29488.aspx) and the works of Worth Parish Council at <https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/>

## 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.**

## KERBSIDE DRAINS

Kerbside drains in the road should only have clean water or snowmelt enter them. Anything else contaminates the local stream and pond. Over the years the pond and stream have been white or cloudy on numerous occasions due to substances being put down the drains. On walks around the village there are plenty of drains where there is evidence of something being poured down the drain that should not have been, so please look after the local environment as it's here for all to enjoy.

Our shared green open spaces are a much-valued part of our community. However, there is an increase of local garden waste being fly-tipped in these areas. Examples include by the stream in Brookside, Rowan Walk and Hazel Way.

Lawn cuttings, moss, shrub cuttings and soil are detrimental to the natural fauna and can upset the soil balance by killing native plants; they can also introduce non-native plant species that disrupt habitats, potentially endangering wildlife. In addition, it is antisocial and illegal. It also costs the council money to remove the debris.

Most residents want to live in areas that have green spaces so please look after what we have.

## 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. We are also still recruiting for two more part-time Youth Workers. 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](mailto:enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk)

Our Youth Clubs in Crawley Down have been continuing in Crawley Down on a weekly basis, but will be taking a break during the school summer holidays.

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.



## **CRAWLEY DOWN COMMUNITY CLEAN UP**

Have you ever thought about getting more involved in your local community, and taking part in an activity that makes a genuine difference to life in Crawley Down?

Many people already come along and take part in litter-picks, and we would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in becoming one of the co-ordinators of future Community Clean-Ups in the village, which are currently held approximately 4-6 times per year.

Volunteer co-ordinator duties would include collecting and returning equipment (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, or indeed if you'd like to be added to our expanding list of volunteer litter-pickers, please message us at [enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk) or call 01342 713 407.

## **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)

## Worth Parish Council Office

The Council Offices are open to the public 9:30 am to 12 noon Monday – Friday  
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[www.worth-pc.gov.uk](http://www.worth-pc.gov.uk)

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## FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

You can view future meetings 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.

## PARISH COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

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