



Worth Parish Council

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Newsletter CRAWLEY DOWN 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

A BIG THANK YOU!

It's always nice for us to highlight people who make an effort on behalf of the local community, and two Crawley Down residents deserve a special mention at this time.

- Les Flanagan has worked tirelessly to attempt to tidy the area around Crawley Down shops including the car park, frontage and residential areas. His persistence is paying off with seven fridges having been removed from the car park, and plans in place to clear the remainder. Thank you so much, Les.
- Also, a big thank you to young resident Oliver Burke, who has planted a tree in Crawley Down. Oliver had written in his journal earlier this year that he wanted to do this, and in October, along with his Dad, he turned his wish into a reality. What a wonderful thing to have done. Thank you both for giving the village a gift that will last for many, many years!

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!

CCTV

Work has been taking place to draft legal wayleaves agreements for CCTV to be installed and then serviced/maintained at 2 village shops on Station Road in Crawley Down. We hope to have these agreements finalised and signed by early November, at which point installation dates will be confirmed. All being well it is envisaged that this work should be completed by the end of 2025.

Following the completion of this first phase of the project, we will be carrying out a project review with a view to informing decisions about possible future phases of the project. Thank you for those who took the time to let us know their 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.worthpc.gov.uk/Progress%20Reports%20and%20Key%20Projects%2047690.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 Crawley Down and Copthorne already, so why not come and join us?

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

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 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

BOWERS PLACE CAR PARKING

As part of our plans to improve the village, we are intending to create 18 new parking spaces on Bowers Place, east of the Village Green. This is a project that has been ongoing for several years, so you have most likely seen details before. Following ongoing discussions with West Sussex County Council about the technical details of our proposal, we have made some necessary changes and are now reapplying for planning permission. While we wait for the planning application to be decided, we are applying to Highways for approval for the scheme to take place, and preparing to contact contractors for quotes for the construction. We hope that work will be taking place in the New Year, and we will provide an update when dates have been set.

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.

DEFIBRILATOR

The defibrillator at Crawley Down shops has now been replaced and is working normally once again.

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

Please be aware that the Youth Club in Crawley Down is now open to Year 4 children as well those in Years 5 and upwards.

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 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/>

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.



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 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

You can also find out more here 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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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 and click on Council Meetings.

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