

Worth Parish Council

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Newsletter Crawley Down Village Summer 2025

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

There are so many reasons to be happy at the moment in our parish. The villages are looking lovely again now that the winter season is firmly behind us, and we're looking forward to a number of enjoyable events in the coming months. We're particularly delighted to be hosting our first Parish Awards evening at the Haven Centre on June 6th, where we'll be celebrating the efforts of many of our very own local heroes.

It's also pleasing to see our local roads working well again after a number of important roadworks that have taken place in both Copthorne and Crawley Down. While these projects were a necessity, I think it's fair to say we're all glad they're now finished!

Finally, I would like to welcome Carl Wilson, our new Youth Supervisor. Together with Youth Worker Victoria Cadwallader, the team will be working hard to expand and improve our Youth provisions across the Parish.

Enjoy the sunshine! - Tony Dorey, Chairman, Worth Parish Council

EVENTS

A big thank you to the Crawley Down Residents Association for another successful Easter Egg Hunt this year. The children of the village had a wonderful time. Local residents also enjoyed a superb VE Day celebration at the Haven Centre in early May. Community events such as these are what makes village life so pleasurable.

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: insert link to CCTV page where they can access CCTV Policy & FAQs.

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

PARISH AWARDS

Our very first Parish Awards are taking place at the Haven Centre, Crawley Down on Friday, June 6th. The countdown is on for what will be an extremely enjoyable community event, so why not come along and help us celebrate all the nominees and winners? It's open to all Copthorne and Crawley Down residents.

Parish Officers and Councillors will be in attendance on the night, so you'll be able to find out more about what we've been up to over the past year. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEWS

Worth Parish Council is currently in the process of reviewing the Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan. A consultation was recently undertaken with residents, businesses, organisations and other stakeholders in the village which asked questions on how effective each policy is. We are now undertaking a Housing Survey to gain an up-to-date understanding of the demographic and what current needs exist in the village around housing. It follows a Housing Survey which was undertaken in 2019. The output of this consultation will enable us to consider how the plan can be used to address local needs. The survey will be available in a paper copy as well as an online form.

You can find out more about the previous neighbourhood plan by clicking the link here 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/default.aspx

ALLOTMENTS

Worth Parish Council still has a number 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. **Please note we have only five left now, so time is of the essence!**

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 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.

Our Youth Clubs in both Copthorne and Crawley Down continue on a weekly basis.

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.



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 Worth Parish Council, First Floor, The Parish Hub, Borers Arms Rd, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3ZQ

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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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