



# Worth Parish Council

*Community-Environment-Youth-Security-Village Centres*

## **New Year 2025 Newsletter Copthorne Village**

***"Worth Parish Council would like to wish all the residents of  
Copthorne and Crawley Down a happy and healthy 2025"***

### **WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

We'd like to welcome our new Chief Officer, Leanne Bannister, to the role. Leanne has been working for Worth Parish Council, as our Responsible Finance Officer, and until recently she was Clerk at Turners Hill Parish Council. We're delighted to have her on board, and we wish her all the very best in this new position. With a number of projects currently in progress, 2025 promises to be an exciting year for all of us.

The UK government is planning to restructure local authorities into Unitary Authorities, which are single tier local authorities that combine the functions of District and County Councils. What this will mean for us and Sussex more widely remains unclear at the time of going to print. No decisions have yet been made in this locale concerning the shape of future entities or likely implementation timescales.

What we do know is that Worth Parish Council, and Parish Councils everywhere, remain outside the scope of the restructuring plans.

Whether over time the changes envisaged lead towards us at WPC assuming more responsibility for local services, or how local considerations will still be fully reflected within a larger single Council plans are still some ways from our understanding. We will keep our community informed in a timely manner. Meantime it is very much wait and see - Councillor Tony Dorey, Chairman, Worth Parish Council

### **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](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.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Stephen.oconnell@sussex.pnn.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)

### **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](mailto:enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk), or call 01342 713 407

## ALLOTMENTS

Worth Parish Council 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](mailto:astclerk@worth-pc.gov.uk). Plots in various sizes are available.

**We welcome organised visits to view the allotments, but we politely request that we are notified of such visits in advance.**

## YOUTH CLUBS

Our Youth Clubs in both Copthorne and Crawley Down continue on a weekly basis, and there were several extra activities to enjoy over the Christmas and New Year period. These included outreach sessions in both villages. Drew from the Youth Team also hosted Christmas parties at both Copthorne Youth Club and the Youth Club in Crawley Down.

We're also highly delighted to welcome our new Youth Assistant, Victoria Cadwallader.

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**

**Wednesday 4-6pm at The Pavilion in Copthorne**

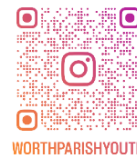
**For Years 5 and up. They are completely FREE!**

Please book your children into the club using the IPAL booking system so Drew 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.



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## COPTHORNE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

As always, we would like to extend our appreciation to Julie Etheridge and Kara Hopkins and all the volunteers for their litter picking efforts in Copthorne. The next Clean Up is likely to be in February, and will be confirmed on social media and on our website. 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](mailto:enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk)

**We are particularly keen to find a volunteer co-ordinator who can help to share the workload. Volunteer duties would include collecting and returning equipment to and from the Parish Hub (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, please message us at [enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk) or call 01342 713 407.**

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To assist compliance with data protection, any email contact regarding Council matters should be made via the email addresses listed below:

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## 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](http://www.worth-pc.gov.uk) and click on Council Meetings.

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## 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.

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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