



# Worth Parish Council

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## New Year 2025 Newsletter Crawley Down 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

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### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

As usual the village twinkled throughout the twelve festive days and longer due to a wonderful Christmas lights display. This was the first year the CDRA took over the responsibility from the Christmas lights committee (who retired last year). A big thank you to the CDRA both for ensuring the village centre looked the Christmas part and for a fun event when the lights were switched on.

### THE HAVEN CENTRE

The Haven Centre bar is about to undergo a refit as part of the campaign to save the community centre and modernise it. The Haven is looking for volunteers to help with the project both in terms of lending a hand and through voluntary financial contributions. A GoFundMe page has already been set up ( <https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-us-save-the-haven-centre> ). Many villagers have already made generous donations, and it would be wonderful if more are able to do so.

### WATES

The public consultation regarding the 350 new houses between Huntsland and Rowfant has now ended. A planning application is expected to be submitted to MSDC shortly. The council will be meeting with representatives of Wates to highlight concerns raised by residents. These include traffic flow on Turners Hill Road, flooding and the vehicle exit by Wychwood.

## CLARION

There have been some issues in the village with Clarion including overgrown hedges, falling tree boughs and black mould in flats. After discussions at the Crawley Down Working Party it was decided a meeting should be held with Clarion representatives to go through the many issues. A WPC officer, Councillors Kipps and Williams had a very constructive meeting with members of the Clarion team and we hope this will facilitate better communication in the future.

## CDRA GALA DINNER

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March is an important date for your diaries. The Haven Centre will be the venue for the CDRA Gala Dinner 2025, a celebration of the village, the people and the community in general. It promises to be an exciting evening, so come along and join in the fun. Tickets are available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/jbmrwezvvxan>

## 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.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)

## 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 the 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**

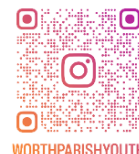
**For Years 5 and up. They are completely FREE!**

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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## 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.

**The next Crawley Down Community Clean Up will take place in March.**

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.

## 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.

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## HIRE OF THE SOUTH ROOM @ THE PARISH HUB IN 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)

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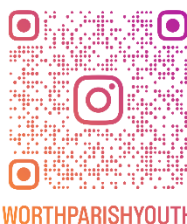


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