



Worth Parish Council

Community-Environment-Youth-Security-Village Centres

Autumn 2023 Newsletter Crawley Down Village

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Worth Parish Council is back in full swing now we say goodbye to the Summer and hello to Autumn.

We have also said another goodbye, as Tracy Cruickshank, our Deputy Clerk, has moved on to a new post. Tracy has been with Worth Parish Council for four years and was an invaluable part of the team. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

We have lots of exciting projects underway but first I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers, and everyone involved in making our village events the success they are.

Copthorne Carnival at the end of June saw another imaginative procession through Copthorne Village with many of you enjoying the daytime events as well as enjoying the incredible music acts in the evening.

The CDRA Gig on The Green had a great turn out and offered an incredible day of music with lots of dancing and singing. And we have also seen the return of the popular Crawley Down Village Fayre.

Our Youth Worker, Drew, was at both the Carnival and Fayre taking part in a basketball shoot out with many residents. And as a former player for Solent Stars, he was pleased to show off his skills.

We are very fortunate to live in villages where residents offer a lot of their time to make these events happen.

The project to refurb Copthorne Recreation Ground is underway and we are entering the consultation phase. By the time you have read this, our Youth Worker would have been busy liaising with schools to get the views of local children. [You can view the plans here.](#)

All paperwork for creating additional parking spaces along Bowers Place has been submitted to West Sussex County Council and our plan for installing CCTV in both villages is progressing well. We hope to bring you a more detailed update on these projects in the next newsletter. Or [follow us on Facebook](#) for the latest news.

And before I wish you a pleasant Autumn, I would like to politely remind residents, that now bird nesting season has finished, to trim back any hedges that are overgrowing on to public footpaths.

I hope you all have a pleasant Autumn, and I will provide another update in our winter newsletter.

Tony Dorey
Chairman

CRAWLEY DOWN WORKING PARTY

It's been an interesting summer for our **youth provision**. As the school term ended our youth provider, SCYP, closed. As a Parish Council we worked quickly to remedy the situation and our Youth Worker, Drew, agreed to join the Parish Council. Drew has risen to the new challenge admirably and as a result was able to run our Youth Club in Crawley Down throughout August as well attend local Play Days.

Now the holidays are over, we are busy planning how our **Youth Club in Crawley Down** moves forward. We also can share the exciting news that we have secured a mobile youth bus. Look out for updates in the next newsletter or [follow us on Facebook](#)



A hot June and horribly wet July may have made it a difficult summer for some of us, but Crawley Down's allotment gardeners have clearly been making the most of it! Our **Annual Allotment Shield** awards took place in early August. Judged by Councillor Kerry Scott and Councillor Clare Pointer, it was a very close affair. The winner was Barry and Marg with Plot 87 and John with Plot 65 as a very close runner up.

If you are interested in **renting an allotment** in Crawley Down, several plots have become available and will be ready from the 1 October. [You can find out more here](#) or contact the office at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk

or on 01342 713407.

The Crawley Down Working Party would also like to **extend our gratitude to the CDRA** and volunteers who work endlessly to give our village events such as The Gig on the Green and the Village Fayre. Worth Parish Council were able to support both events by offering a grant as well as organising a community litter pick after The Gig on The Green helping in the speedy return of the green to its usual state.

As the clocks go back and autumn light becomes a little gloomier, the village should see some new colour through the introduction of some **new planters**. Positioned by the shops and war memorial, the plan is to add some cheer to lighten up our village centre. We are also negotiating with the owners of some of the properties opposite the Royal Oak to try to make their frontages more welcoming and at the same time updating the notice boards. We are aware that many residents have concerns about the deteriorating state of the **Royal Oak pub** building. We share those worries and are exploring possible options to deal with the problems. The Parish Council does not own the property and so has limited powers to act.

Earlier this year Worth Parish Council raised concerns about some families in the village living in flats that were suffering from **damp and mould**. We complained both to Mid Sussex District Council and Clarion Homes. We do not think it is acceptable that residents in our village should be living with these problems. We are sorry to hear that the problems are continuing and will be asking again for action to be taken.

YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

The Youth Club in Crawley Down is now running every other Friday at The Haven Centre in Crawley Down from 4-6pm for 10-15 year olds. There is no need to book. The Fridays it will be running are:

22 September
6 October
20 October
3 November
17 November
1 December
15 December

[Follow us on Facebook](#) for all the latest news. Or you can contact Drew, our Youth Support Worker direct at youth@worth-pc.gov.uk

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY ON THE GREEN



The electricity cabinets on both village greens – Copthorne and Crawley Down are now certified and ready to support all the wonderful community events that happen in both villages.

We would like to thank Creative Spark for the advice and invaluable help to get this up and running.

Creative Spark 01342 457220, info@creative-spark.co.uk, www.creative-spark.co.uk

LITTER PICKING EQUIPMENT DONATION



everybody matters

Worth Parish Council would like to thank [OnSite Support](#) for the generous donation of litter picking equipment. Our Community Litter Picks are gathering momentum, and this additional equipment will allow more volunteers to take part and help keep our villages clean and tidy.

SUSSEX POLICE: PCSO UPDATE

Have your say! Come and meet your local PCSO's on

Monday 13 November 8-9pm at The Haven Centre in Crawley Down.

This is an opportunity for you to come and discuss the local issues that are important to you. You can also visit www.sussex.police.uk to contact your local officer or PCSO.

FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

You can view the agendas for all forthcoming meetings and the minutes of meetings that have already been held [here](#).

Monday 2 October	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 16 October	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 30 October	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 13 November	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 27 November	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 11 December	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee

HIRE OF THE SOUTH ROOM @ THE PARISH HUB IN COPTHORNE

Our bright and spacious South Room is available to hire for a range of events such as birthday parties, meetings, or exercise classes. If you would like to make a booking please call us on 01342 713407 or [take a look at our website](#).



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USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS

[Anti-social Behaviour](#) Report anti-social behaviour to Sussex Police online or by calling 101. If it's an emergency or someone is in immediate danger call 999.

[Anti-social driving and abandoned vehicles](#) Report any anti-social driving or abandoned vehicles to Operation Crackdown.

[Noise Issues](#) You can report a noise issue contact the Environmental Protection Team at Mid Sussex District Council 01444 477292 or at pollution@midsussex.gov.uk

[One Network](#) Find out about roadworks in your area

[Planning](#) Visit the West Sussex County Council website to find, comment on or submit a planning application.

[Report a Problem with a Road or Pavement](#)

[Streetlights](#) Street lighting in Worth Parish is partly the responsibility of Worth Parish Council and partly of West Sussex County Council. Any Worth Parish Council streetlighting faults should be reported to the Council office on 01342 713407 or at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk. You can find a list of all Worth Parish Council owned streetlights at the link above.

[Sussex Safer Roads Partnership](#)



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