



# Worth Parish Council

Community-Environment-Youth-Security-Village Centres

## New Year 2024 Newsletter Crawley Down Village

***"Worth Parish Council would like to wish all the residents of Copthorne and Crawley Down a happy and healthy 2024"***

### WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

#### Parish Council Staff Retiring

At the end of the year, the Council said goodbye to two long serving members of staff. John Smith, our groundsman, was a familiar sight to residents as he helped keep both villages tidy, and the Crawley Down allotment site maintained. John has been with the Council for nearly 30 years, so will be missed by many.

Ellen Smith our Finance Officer also left the Council after ten years in post. Many did not realise that she is John's wife, so we hope that they will enjoy their retirement together.

#### Allotment Gate Code Has Changed

The Crawley Down Allotment gate code was changed on Monday 8 January 2024. All allotment tenants in Crawley Down and Copthorne will have been notified with the new code.

#### CCTV

Work is currently taking place to prepare for the installation of CCTV cameras in the Parish. It is proposed that four CCTV cameras are fitted initially – two in Copthorne and two in Crawley Down. In Copthorne they will be located by the Recreation Ground and the Village Green; and in Crawley Down, by the Play Area and on the corner of Burleigh Way.

Once installed, these cameras will be monitored in the Control Room of Sussex Police to support the prevention, investigation and detection of crime, the apprehension and prosecution of offenders, the maintenance of public order and the reduction of vandalism.

Make sure you [follow us on Facebook](#) for all the latest news.

### CRAWLEY DOWN WORKING PARTY NEWS

We have had a busy start to 2024 with plans to enhance the village high on the agenda.

We are keen to sort out the **car park behind the village shops** and have asked Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) to take action to remove the dumped rubbish. We are also appalled by the recent spate of **fly tipping**. This should be immediately reported to [MSDC here](#)

Sadly, the glass from the **bus shelter** had to be removed due to vandalism and will not be replaced. One culprit has been identified and we are seeking remedies for reparation.

On a positive note, our **memorial bench** will soon appear on the grass next to the Royal Oak. Our ageing **noticeboards** are set to be replaced; we are seeking something that is a more eye-catching and robust.

With spring cleaning in mind, we are looking for lots of volunteers to join our **litterpick** on Saturday 23 March from 10-12pm. If you would like to join us, please meet in the car park opposite the shops at 10am.

The scheme for more parking in **Bowers Place** continues to move forward. Meetings have been held to try to resolve the issues with West Sussex County Council (WSSC) which have caused delays.

Now this is underway we are hoping to improve and extend the **village green playground**. This will be partly financed by dedicated Section 106 money given by developers to the village, and we also hope to attract financial support from other community funds. Look out for a competition asking our local children for their suggestions and ideas.

It is great to see the improvements to the **village pond**. Councillor Sue Kipps has been putting the pressure on WSSC, which owns it, to restore this much-loved feature to its attractive past. WSSC says the assessment for the silting issues is still work in progress.

Finally, we would like to thank our nominations for this year's **Parish Awards** scheme. Our mystery post box knitter, John Sullivan from the Christmas Lights Committee and Andrew Metcalfe from Crawley Down Residents Association have all being put forward for recognition of their hard work and contribution to village life.

## MORE ABOUT US AND WHAT WE DO

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**Worth Parish Council** - we are your local Council and we make decisions on behalf of the people who live and work in The Parish – the villages of Copthorne and Crawley Down.



*“Our priority is to ensure a true village feel and that Copthorne and Crawley Down are safe, attractive and enjoyable places for our existing and future residents to live”*



- Allotments
- Car Parks (Burleigh Way & Memorial car parks, Crawley Down)
- Copthorne Trim Trail
- Copthorne Recreation Ground
- Copthorne Village Green
- Community Grants
- Crawley Down Playground
- Crawley Down Village Green



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- Litter Picks
- Noticeboards
- Rubbish removal
- Skate Park (Copthorne & Crawley Down)
- South Room hire
- Speed Indicator Device
- Streetlights (Worth Parish Council labels)
- Westway Playground
- Youth Support Initiatives

- Benefits
- Bins and Litter
- Council Tax
- District Parks
- Environmental Health



### Mid Sussex District Council

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### West Sussex County Council

[www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk)

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- Libraries
- Potholes
- Schools/Education
- Social Services
- Streetlights
- Young Carers

## YOUTH CLUB UPDATE



I'm Drew, and I am your local Youth Support Worker. I run both Youth Clubs in Copthorne and Crawley Down along with my colleague Orson.

I grew up in New York City and had the privilege of playing professional and international basketball for England. I'm good at motivating young people and connecting with them through sport.

The best part of my job is watching young people come to safe space to have fun and achieve the best possible outcomes. Why not come along to one of the Youth Clubs and find out what is it all about?

- **Monday 3.30-5.30pm at The Haven Centre in Crawley Down**
- **Wednesday 4-6pm at The Pavilion in Copthorne**

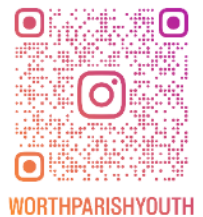
**For Years 5 and up. They are completely FREE and there is no need to book!**

I look forward to meeting you!

You can now join our Facebook Community Groups solely dedicated to all things Youth.

[Copthorne Youth Club Community Group](#)

[The Youth Club in Crawley Down Community Group](#)



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## REPORTING PARKING PROBLEMS

Did you know that you can contact Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) if you see a vehicle parked where you think it should not be? For example, if a vehicle is parked on a yellow line, or parking all day in a place where it is only meant to stay one or more hours.

When MSDC receives a report a Civil Enforcement Officer (CEO) will be asked to go and assess the situation. If a vehicle is parked where it should not be then a Penalty Charge Notice may be issued.

### How to report a parking problem

If you see a vehicle parked where you think it should not be, you can report it: By phone on 01444-477212 and select option 2. This is a 24-hour answer phone service so please leave a message. MSDC aim to attend within one hour of receiving the complaint between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

For problems that do not need a response within one hour, please use our parking problem online reporting form here <https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/forms/?form=42248&w=1>

The online form should not be used to report vehicles that are parked on an unmarked road. That means it is an unrestricted area and the Council has no powers to enforce.

## FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

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

Monday 4 March 2024	Finance & General Purposes, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 18 March 2024	Full Council, followed by Amenities and Assets Committee
Monday 8 April 2024	Finance & General Purposes, 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](#).



## COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

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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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk)**. You can find a list of all Worth Parish Council owned streetlights at the link above.

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