



# Worth Parish Council

Community-Environment-Youth-Security-Village Centres

## Summer 2023 Newsletter Crawley Down Village

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been an absolute pleasure serving as Chair of the Council for the last two years, although it can sometimes be a thankless task! I am so proud of the progress we have made as a Council in this term and sincerely hope the progress continues into the next term and beyond. In this term we have expanded our team of officers to widen our skill set and improve capacity. This in turn has allowed us to progress projects such as the CCTV provision and Bowers Place parking which were delayed due to COVID and the proposed Council split. These are now progressing to a conclusion in the near future and other projects such as the Copthorne Rec and the Crawley Down shop fronts are starting to gain momentum. We have employed a Youth Worker who is a vital addition to our team and has been instrumental in us setting up Youth Clubs in both villages – this was an extremely important goal for the Council in this term. We have also promoted a Grounds Supervisor who is putting together a plan for how we maintain and improve our 'estate' going forward. I am 100% confident this will lead to big changes in maintenance around the villages that will be pleasing to all our eyes.

Looking forward into the next term, I would like to take this opportunity to urge ALL residents to get more involved with the Council. Know who your local Councillors are, interact with them to understand what the Council is doing and how it works for you. Get involved with either the CDRA (Crawley Down Residents Association) in Crawley Down or the CCG (Copthorne Community Group) in Copthorne to ensure that the Council is acting in everyone's interests, not just a few. But more than anything, please understand that ALL your local Councillors are residents like yourself and volunteer their time – evenings and during the days – to work for our villages. Your support will make this all the easier and more pleasurable. We all want the same things, I promise you.

So now I will hang up my chains and keep my fingers crossed that I will be present at the Annual Council Meeting on 15 May where a new set of committees and Chairs will be elected to start work on the next 4-year plan. I will finish by thanking all my fellow Councillors and especially the staff of Worth Parish Council for their help and support during this last term.

Kind Regards

**Tony Dorey**  
**Worth Parish Councillor**

### CRAWLEY DOWN ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING PARTY

The Parish Council has been busy in Crawley Down during the last few months. As the experience with the **Youth Club** in Copthorne suggested that the 10 to 13 age group were the most likely to get involved, Drew, our Youth Worker in Charge, has now started a club for 10-13 year olds at The Haven Centre on Tuesday evenings.

We were very pleased with the response by older children to the cooking experience events run at both Copthorne and Crawley Down at the Glebe Centre so we will be arranging more of these. In the meantime on 28 July we have arranged a "**Chef on the Farm**" away-day for 13-16 year olds. There is more information on the [Council website](#).

You may have noticed the green electricity supply cabinet by the park on the village green. This is part of our project to install an **electricity supply on the green** to support local events.

The litter pick in March attracted 8 volunteers and produced 8 sacks of rubbish. If you feel that litter is a problem in the village and wish to find out more or join our volunteers, [further information can be found on our website](#)

Our **next litter pick will be on Saturday 17 June**. We hope you will be able to join us.

**The Haven Centre Food Festival and Funfair** on Sunday 7 May was an outstanding success and crowds flocked to enjoy a wide variety of activities and foods both to buy and to eat from oysters to chocolate, speciality gin to cheese. For a change, the weather was good, and the younger children enjoyed the funfair rides and the children's games area. The day, organised by a small group led by new Councillor, Thérèse Wilson, showcased The Haven Centre and the facilities there. It culminated in a lively curry night and disco.

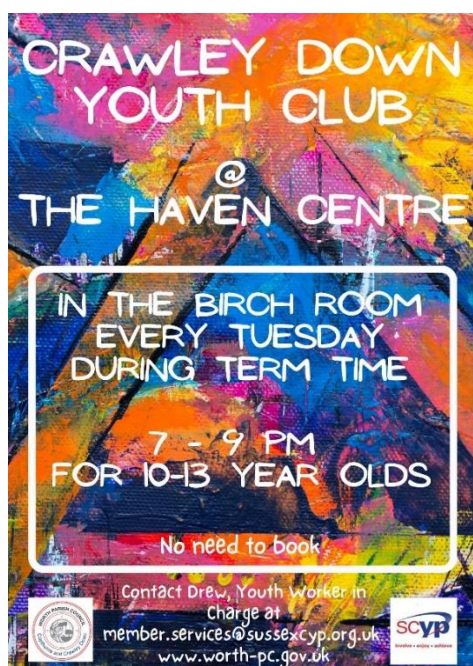
The Council is also supporting the CDRA who are running the Gig on the Green on 29 July and the Crawley Down Village Fayre on the 9 September.

The **Bowers Place Parking Solution** is ongoing, and we are waiting on appropriate licencing to move forward with this project. We will provide an update in the next newsletter. You can also follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/worthparishcouncil> for updates.

The **project to install CCTV in Crawley Down and Cophorne** is underway and this will help to reduce criminal and anti-social activity in The Parish. The cameras will be monitored by Sussex Police so that they can respond quickly and effectively to any suspicious activities. We stress that this is not 'active surveillance' as such but augmentation of the regular PCSO presence in the area to gain evidence in the event of any follow up police action.

Parish and District Council Elections were held on 4 May. We say goodbye and thanks to Roger Webb, John Hitchcock and Chris Mayor and welcome Thérèse Wilson, Peter Bingle and Sue Kipps. We congratulate our District Councillors John Hitchcock and Ian Gibson who were elected to Mid Sussex District Council. We look forward to even better support there.

## CRAWLEY DOWN YOUTH CLUB



We are thrilled that **Crawley Down Youth Club** started at The Haven Centre in May and we hope it goes from strength to strength.

It runs every Tuesday in term time, from 7-9pm for 10-13 year olds.

There is no need to book.

If you have any questions about the Youth Club, please contact Drew, our Youth Worker at [member.services@sussexcyp.org.uk](mailto:member.services@sussexcyp.org.uk)

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL PCSO's

There has been an increased number of reports of antisocial parking in the villages within the Worth Parish. The reports suggest the issues are taking place at all times of the day particularly around the schools and shops in the area. Please can I remind all those who park in the villages to do so in a considerate manner and remember that pedestrians need to be able to use the pathways, driveways must be kept clear and to avoid parking on grass verges. Thank you

**PCSO Lizzy Whitmore**  
**Sussex Police**

## FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

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

## 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](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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