

Hello from your councillors



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Hello Residents I hope you have had a great summer! As a parish councillor representing Church Crookham East, I have served on the parish council since 2010 and am the longest serving member on the council. Until recently, I was a trustee with responsibility for the Crookham War Memorial halls for many years. This issue will bring you news of what we have been working on and includes some community news.

Our most recent police report is showing that there is no anti-social behaviour happening in Church Crookham. Perhaps this is due to a lack of reporting, so ensure that you make the police aware if you experience this. Details of how to do so can be found on **page 4**.

Councillors and council staff have met with ESSO regarding the pipeline remedial works which will continue across Church Crookham areas and we are assured by them that works will have begun by the end of the summer on the Naishes Wood SANG.

The new sensory garden on Crookham Park continues to evolve with some lovely benches that were recently delivered and installed. Do visit and take a rest in the garden and enjoy it, it is looking very beautiful with all the planting now establishing itself.

The parish council will be looking to plant upwards of 35 trees across Church Crookham this Autumn. These will replace trees that have been removed.

Finally, a plea from us - please place all of your litter and dog waste in the many bins provided around the parish. If you find a bin is full, please place it in an alternative bin or take it home with you. Do not leave it lying outside the bin where it becomes subject to the weather and animals disturbing it and distributing it further.

Regards *Michael*

Key Dates

Parish Council Meeting Dates

Meetings held at the Church Crookham Community Centre

11th September - Planning Committee Meeting at 7.30pm

25th September - Planning Committee Meeting at 7.30pm, followed by Full Council Meeting from 7.45pm

9th October - Planning Committee Meeting at 7.30pm

23rd October - Planning Meeting at 7.30pm, followed by Full Council Meeting from 7.45pm

13th November - Planning Committee Meeting at 7.30pm

27th November - Planning Committee Meeting at 7.30pm, followed By Full Council Meeting from 7.45pm

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Community Corner– The Mens Shed

Based in Church Crookham, the Mens Shed is a charity that combats social isolation and loneliness by offering opportunities to socialise and forge new relationships for men locally. The shed in Church Crookham was officially opened back in 2019 and has gone from strength to strength with a growing membership. So much so, that a second facility has now been opened in the Fleet area. Working in conjunction with Berkeley St. Edward, a Mens Shed is now open and operating from Building 505, The Training Hub on Hartland Village and this is a great opportunity to reduce the waiting list to become active members and in time expand membership. Tools and machinery will enable 'shedders' to continue with community projects and help local residents with commissions.

An official opening ceremony took place in May and was well attended by shed members, developer Berkeley St. Edward, Hart and Parish Councillors and local residents.

If you are interested in meeting like-minded people, having fun and sharing your skills and knowledge then visit: www.ccandfmensshed.org.uk for more information.



The official opening of the Mens Shed at Hartland Village



Broadband Roll Out

The parish council has been made aware that a new broadband provider has plans to rollout “full-fibre to premise” broadband to the Church Crookham and Fleet areas.

Please be aware that the organisation will be applying to the local planning authority, Hart District Council, for permitted development rights for any infrastructure that may be required to deliver their plans. This may include street furniture such as active fibre cabinets and lamp posts, although the use of existing infrastructure will be maximised.

The parish council has requested regular updates so that we can keep our residents in the loop, so please stay in touch via our website and Facebook pages.

As a resident you may also be contacted by the organisation to inform you of their plans on your street so please look out for any such communication as this will be your limited opportunity to comment on the planned installs.

Open Spaces Policy

The parish council owns and manages a number of facilities and open spaces in Church Crookham, including Peter Driver Sports Ground, Azalea Park and the green spaces on Crookham Park amongst others. The parish council has implemented a policy on the use of all its facilities and open spaces in Church Crookham and this can be found on our website at: www.churchcrookham.org.uk/policies

Whilst we encourage the safe and fun use of these facilities and green spaces by residents, you will need to make us aware if you are planning to use them for a organised activity or an event. Residents and organisations wishing to use these spaces for regular activities should also make the council aware. We encourage you to read our policy in case this affects you or a group that you attend at one of our sites.

Don't be a Litter Bug!

Through the summer months our outdoor facilities are more widely used and this is great. However, it does also mean that we have a lot more littering. Please place your rubbish in the bins provided and if they are full, please find an alternative bin or take your rubbish home with you.



We have had reports of problems with dog fouling, especially in the Naishes Lane SANGS area. Please follow the countryside code when using this area - www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/visit/before-you-go/countryside-code

If you would like to get involved with litter picking we have lots of shiny new litter pickers at our HQ waiting for new homes. If you can adopt one by committing to regular litter picks locally, then please drop by our office at the community centre to pick one up.

New Facilities In Church Crookham

You may have seen that the new outdoor gym equipment has been installed on Crookham Park and fenced off along with the trim trail next to the allotments. We appreciate that it is frustrating that access is temporarily denied to these facilities and we are working hard to address this with the developer and for them to resolve the issues raised following independent safety checks. The developer is also waiting on planning permissions at which point the facilities will come into parish council ownership.

As soon as this is all in place and the facilities are deemed safe to use, they will be opened up to residents.



Hall Hire in Church Crookham

Did you know that there is hall hire available at the Church Crookham Community Centre?

Based within Crookham Park, the modern community centre has two bright large halls to run your classes, groups or hold private events. There is plenty of free, on-site parking and the facilities are fully accessible. A smaller meeting room provides the perfect space for local meetings or a quiet workspace. Competitive hire charges from just £7.66 per hour.

Contact Rebecca on 01252 626793 (option 3) or email events@churchcrookham.org.uk for more information or visit our website at: www.churchcrookham.org.uk/hall-hire

****Regular Saturday morning hire now available****

The meeting room caters for up to 10 delegates



Acorn and Oak Halls



Fleet Connect (formally Fleet Link) is a door-to-door community transport scheme supported by Church Crookham Parish Council and run by Rushmoor Voluntary Service. The bus is specially adapted with handrails, low steps and wheelchair lifts and is ideal for anyone that finds using the ordinary bus services difficult. You do not have to be registered disabled to use this service.

You can book up to six days in advance by calling **01252 398451** Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

You must register for this service before you can use it.



Your service name is changing!

 **connect**
Linking communities
in Hampshire

Welcome to Fleet Connect
formerly Fleet Link

Connect is a unified network of our Community Transport and Taxis services across the County, creating a valuable link for passengers to access their local community in Hampshire.

www.hants.gov.uk/connect
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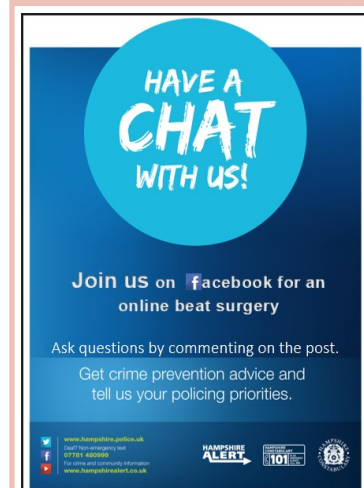
ESSO Pipeline Works—remedial works

You may have noticed that the new Esso pipeline has finally been laid underground throughout Church Crookham and the local roads are back to some version of normal.

The project teams have an obligation to reinstate the land through which they have travelled, dug up, laid pipe and backfilled back to its original condition. As you can imagine this is no minor undertaking and the parish council is heavily invested in ensuring that the land under its direct ownership is reinstated to a high standard. Furthermore the parish council is also ensuring all other locations within its parish, which have been impacted, such as the Naishes SANG and the roads and compounds that the ESSO teams worked from are also returned to their prior condition.

The parish council continues to hold regular meetings with the ESSO team, to ensure the high expectations are met and have requested a detailed remediation programme to hold the project team to account. As you can imagine some of the remediation work is subject to seasonal restrictions, for example replanting of hedges that were removed. This may result in a location looking half finished and abandoned but there may be a different team involved to follow at a different time of year to fully reinstate an area.

PCSO Beat Surgeries in Church Crookham



**HAVE A
CHAT
WITH US!**

Join us on  **facebook** for an online beat surgery

Ask questions by commenting on the post.
Get crime prevention advice and tell us your policing priorities.

www.hampshire.police.uk
Hampshire ALERT 101

PCSO Sam will be running virtual beat surgeries over the next few months and will be available on the following dates on the Hart South Police Facebook page:

- **Tuesday 12th September 2023 from 1.30pm to 7pm**
- **Tuesday 10th October 2023 from 1.30pm to 7pm**

Sam offers crime prevention advice and you can chat to her about any concerns that you may have. Please report anti-social behaviour at: www.hampshire.police.uk

All Hampshire Police's events and community engagements can be found by visiting:

www.hampshire.police.uk/area/your-area/hampshire/hart/fleet/about-us/top-reported-crimes-in-this-area

