

Church Crookham Parish Council

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Hello from your councillors



Gareth Saunders

Hello Residents It has been a busy time for our staff. While there are plenty of visible signs of their work (see inside) so much more happens in the background for which I, my fellow councillors, and I am sure the majority of residents are grateful. From dealing with the many issues the Esso pipeline installation has given us all (we are aware that there is still much to be done to reinstate areas like the SANGS), to working with many other authorities and organisations - both locally and nationally - ensuring you have an input on matters from flying to flooding, planning to planting, and beyond.

Since the last newsletter, we have seen work take place on the installation of our Sensory Garden and a makeover for our basketball courts on Crookham Park (the latter in association with our friends from Fleet Flyers), the installation of CCTV in Azalea Park is under way, and the all-weather surface in the “cage” within Peter Driver has been replaced.

Staff and councillors worked to put on our first sports event to (finally) mark the opening of the running track last month. We hope this will provide a suitable venue for runners of all ages and abilities to exercise - can we please ask that dog walkers do not use this area to exercise their dogs. Thank you.

You may have seen we made changes to how our open spaces are managed. New Government legislation means we need to have a different approach to just ‘cut all the grass short’. We joined in with ‘No Mow May’, have increased areas being sown with wildflowers, and intend to do more than just replace dead or dying trees across our area.

I would like to personally thank Mike Thorne for his time on the Parish Council. We hope to fill the vacancy as soon as possible - if you are interested, please see inside for further details.

Finally, our new website, put together and maintained by our own wonderful staff, was launched last year and continues to evolve. There is hopefully much more to come.

Best wishes *Gareth*

Key Dates

- Parish Council Meeting Dates**
- Meetings held at the community centre
- JUNE 26th - Planning Committee Meeting at 7.30pm followed by Full Council Meeting from 7.45pm
- JULY 10th - Planning Committee Meeting at 7.30pm followed by Finance and Policy Meeting from 7.45pm
- JULY 31st - Planning Committee Meeting at 7.30pm followed by Full Council Meeting from 7.45pm
- AUGUST 14th - Planning Committee Meeting at 7.30pm
- THERE IS NO FULL COUNCIL MEETING IN AUGUST

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Family Sports Fest 2023

Thank you to everyone that came along to our **Family Sports Fest** event on 20th May. The weather was kind to us and we were so pleased to see so many of you there. Special thanks to Fleet and Crookham Athletics Club, Fleet Flyers Basketball Club, Little Kickers, Team Extreme and Get Fit and Tone for all the demos, coaching and making it such a memorable day. Plans have already started for next years event and we will keep you updated.



Church Crookham Sports Fest 2023



Photo credit: B Radio, Serving Hampshire & Surrey on 106.5fm and DAB & Smart Speaker

Anti Social Behaviour

Over the summer months, we may experience a rise in anti social behaviour in Church Crookham.

You can report ASB online at:
www.hampshire.police.uk



PCSO Sam will be back in Church Crookham with her regular beat surgeries, at the Church Crookham Community Centre, on the following dates:

Tuesday 18th July from 1.30pm to 7pm

Tuesday 15th August from 1.30pm to 7pm

Do pop in to say Hi, get crime prevention advice or to discuss any concerns that you may have.

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

Commemorative Benches

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III we have installed two community benches, around our commemorative trees, off Byrne Avenue and Gregory Drive. Thank you to Hart District Council for part funding them. We hope you enjoy sitting on them for many years to come.



A Vacancy for Parish Councillor



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Following the resignation of Councillor Mike Thorne, there is now a vacancy in the Queen Elizabeth Ward of Church Crookham. You may have seen our advert for a new councillor on our website and Facebook pages.

If you think you may want to get involved as a parish councillor, please feel free to contact the Deputy Clerk, Sally du Gay, by emailing deputyclerk@churchcrookham.org.uk or calling 01252 626793. Deadline for applications is Friday 23rd June 2023 by 5pm.

Outdoor Sports Facilities in Church Crookham

We were thrilled to be able to present the new running track and the refurbished basketball courts on Crookham Park at our Family Sports Fest event on 20th May. The Athletics track, as well as being freely available to the general public will also be a new home base for Fleet and Crookham Athletics Club. We continue to work with them as they aim to create a brand new building to base themselves from. If you are interested in making use of this facility, feel free to contact the parish council.

The 3G pitch (The Cage) at the Peter Driver Sports Ground has had a new Astro turf laid. All facilities are open to the public all year around and are free to use. It has been great to see so many residents using these facilities over half-term week.

Please remind your youngsters to respect these facilities following significant investment in them. Remember to remove your rubbish when you leave and, if the bins are full, please take your rubbish home with you or deposit it in the nearest bin with capacity. The parish council will be responsible for these facilities and their upkeep and ongoing maintenance. We hope that you enjoy them!



The refurbished basketball courts, on Crookham Park, have one full pitch and two half pitches



Peter Driver's 3G pitch has had a makeover with new Astro Turf



The athletic track, on Crookham Park, is now ready for use

Sensory Garden - A Labour of Love

The sensory garden, situated next to the community centre, on Crookham Park is nearing completion. A huge thank you to our volunteers who formed the original working group to help visualise and design the garden and to the lovely people that came along and volunteered their time, helping us plant the huge amount of plants last month. This project was heavily delayed by the pandemic, so we are really proud that we have been able to come together as a community to get the project completed. If you are interested in helping to maintain the garden on a regular basis, as part of a group, do get in touch by emailing: events@churchcrookham.org.uk or call us for a chat on 01252 626793. The garden is for everyone, so we hope you enjoy sitting in it, seeing it blossom and grow.



The Church Crookham Sensory Garden—a place for everyone



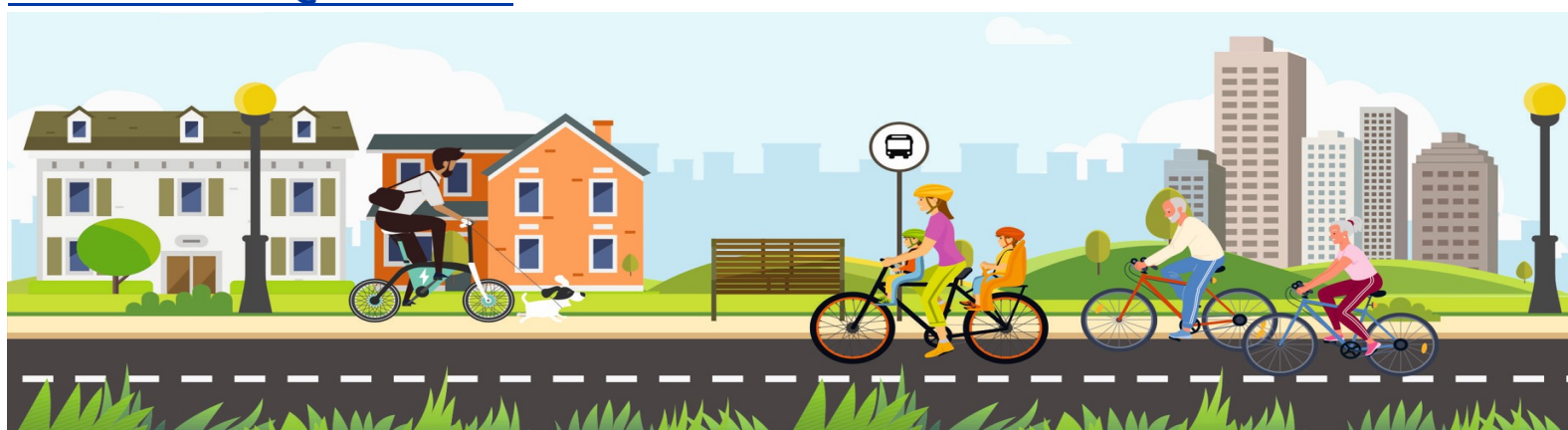
Personalised Travel Planning on Crookham Park

Did you know that Crookham Park has a travel plan? It includes a range of measures to encourage sustainable travel for all residents. This means walking, cycling and using public transport whenever you can.

To help achieve this, the Travel Plan Coordinator at Stantec is available to provide you with personalised travel planning advice. Everyone's circumstances are different, and adjusting the way we travel can be a challenge. However, by working with the co-ordinator, they can help to identify where changes can be made, and provide any additional supporting information for you too.

To do this, they need to understand your daily travel patterns to work out where you may be able to swap out the car for a sustainable mode that fits in with your day and is within your budget. You may find that some short everyday journeys can be easily replaced with a different transport mode that you had not considered before - turning a car trip into a quick walk, cycle, or bus journey!

If you are interested in receiving personalised travel planning advice, or require any other information relating to travel and transport, then please contact the Travel Plan Coordinator at CrookhamParkTPC@stantec.com



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