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CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER



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Community Engagement

● New Mailing List

In order to become more accessible to our residents, we have created a mailing list for you to subscribe to. This will give you regular updates on what's happening in and around your community. Use the QR code below to subscribe.

● Social Media

We also now have Instagram, so if that's your preferred social media channel, then please do give us a follow at @church_crookham_parish_council to receive regular updates on the local community and @churchcrookhamcommunitycentre to find out what's happening at your community centre



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Christmas Bauble Competition Winner

Thank you for all of your amazing bauble entries at our Christmas event back in November!
We loved looking at them all throughout December.
CONGRATULATIONS to all of our Winners!!

Group 1-3 Years
Willow, age 3



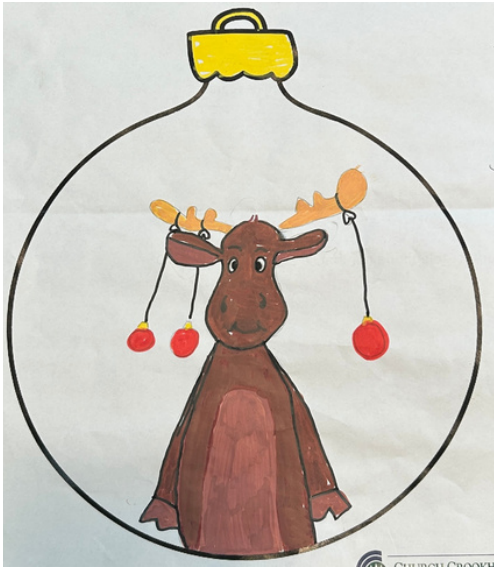
Group 4-6 Years
Sophie, age 6



Group 7-9 Years
Max, age 9



Group 10-12 Years
Gracie, age 11



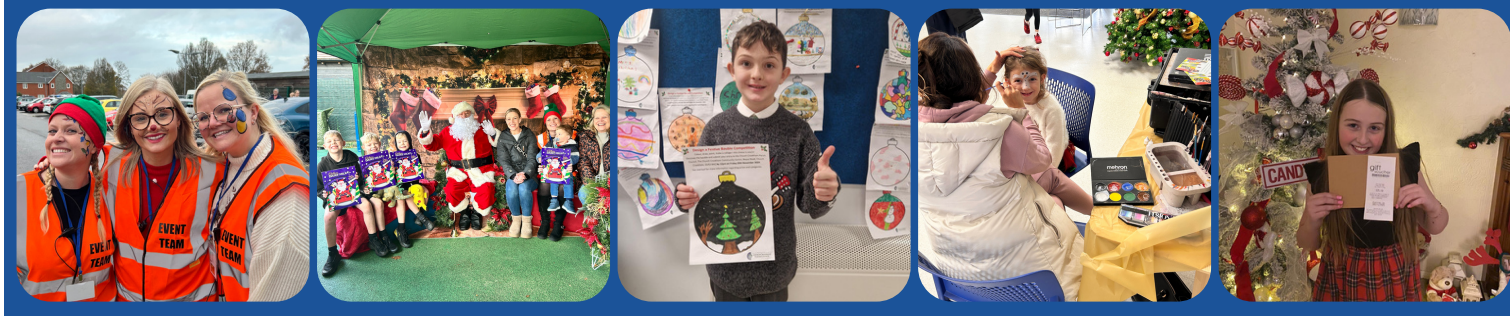
These two baubles were very highly commended too



Digby,
age 3



Delilah,
age 3





Community Events



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FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 17th May
12pm to 4pm

at
CROOKHAM PARK, CHURCH CROOKHAM

Interested in holding a stall? use this link to register





Community Events

Thank you to everyone that came along to our community litter pick on Thursday 20th February. The weather was not on our side, but 25 wonderful helpers still showed up to help clean up our open spaces. We had lots of children having fun while learning about the importance of keeping our community clean. They all went away happy with their own bag of sweet treats as a thank you. A very special thank you to the volunteers from our friends at Heckfield Estates too!



April's Litter Pick Save The Date

Community Litter
Pick Day

Save the Date

THURSDAY 10TH APRIL

9:30am



Join us for a community litter pick day followed by
Cake at the Community Centre.

**** Location to be confirmed ****

Litter Pickers & bag loops available to borrow
- Sweet treat for all Child participants



More info to follow on our Website & Social Media Channels

Litter picks are community events that we hold every other month, usually in line with the school holidays, so our smaller helpers can come along too. Keep an eye out on our community notice boards, social media channels, E-Newsletter & website for more information on future events.



Community Gardening Day Friday 28th March

Are you a keen gardener?
Do you love gardening but don't have a garden of your own?
Or would you just like to do something fun and wonderful within the community?

Join us for our Volunteer Gardening Day to breathe new life into our community sensory garden! Cake & tea will be available in the community centre throughout the day.

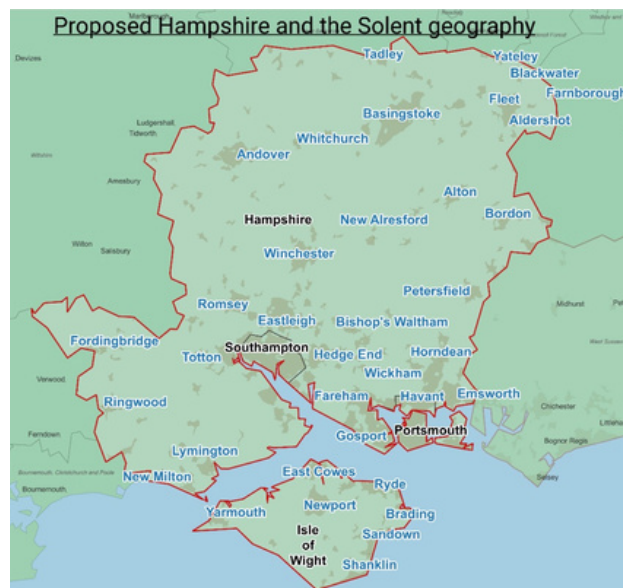


Your chance to share your views on a new authority for Hampshire and the Solent

A Government consultation has been launched to find out what you think about proposals to form a combined county authority, led by a Mayor, for Hampshire and the Solent.

You have until 13th April 2025 to share your views.

The new authority would represent the interests of the local government areas covered by Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council and the Isle of Wight Council. The councils submitted a joint bid to the Government in January and they have been invited to provide further details. It is anticipated that the new authority would be established in May 2026.



The four councils also want to reorganise local council services, probably by 2028, but that is not part of the current consultation. In our area this would mean that Hampshire County Council and Hart District Council would be replaced by a new organisation that would be responsible for all the services you receive. Most commentators have suggested that this unitary authority would probably combine Hart, Rushmoor and Basingstoke and Deane.

We are glad to say that the Government recognises the important role that parish councils play and we will continue to represent your interests. In fact, we may have an even greater say in local issues.

The consultation asks you to say to what degree you feel the new authority will:

- **deliver benefits to the area**
- **support the economy of the area**
- **improve social outcomes in the area**
- **improve local government services in the area**
- **improve the local natural environment and overall national environment**
- **support the interests and needs of local communities and reflect local identities**

You are also asked to say what you think of the proposed governance arrangements for the new authority and you have the chance to explain your answers.

If you have access to the Internet, you can search for 'Hampshire and the Solent devolution consultation'. If you are not on the internet, you can pick up a copy of the consultation document at Church Crookham Community Centre.





New Team Members at Church Crookham Community Centre

2024 saw two of the four team members at Church Crookham Parish Council retire & one move on to pastures new.

Claire Inglis is our clerk.

Sam Rowe joined the team as Finance Officer & Deputy Clerk in July 2024.

Elise Hancox joined the team as Facilities Officer, also in July 2024.

Christie Haslett joined the team as Community Centre & Events Officer in January 2025.

They have all settled in nicely & are bringing some new ideas, enjoying being part of a new team & getting involved in the wider community.



Left to right Claire, Sam, Elise, Christie

Budget 2025/26 Church Crookham Parish Council

Band D Precept (Council Tax CCPC portion)

£62.54 per year / £1.20 per week
(Prior year £59.85 per year / £1.15 per week)



Budget planning for the upcoming new financial year has been ongoing for a number of months now, and at the January Parish Council meeting the new budget was agreed.

The impact on households will be an increase of 5 pence per week for a Band D household in the council tax bill for 2025/26. We believe that through careful budgetary management this represents good value for all our households in Church Crookham. As a parish we still have one of the lowest Band D in Hart.

We continue to plan for a time when the developer funds provided for community facilities has been utilised (expected to be 2040/41), while ensuring that the Parish Council will be able to manage all its fantastic facilities for future generations. If you want to learn more about how we manage this public money on behalf of our residents the next Finance & Policy Committee will be held on

Monday 14th April 2024.

If you want to find out more about how money was spent in the current financial year and what plans are afoot for 2025/26 then join us at our Annual Residents Meeting due to be held on: Wednesday 7th May from 7pm.

All are welcome at this informal community meeting. More details to follow.





Estate Agents Boards

The parish council regularly comes across estate agent boards that are either attached to street furniture, such as road signs, as well as planted in random areas of land across the whole parish.

Our message to the local agents is that we are happy to see the boards if they are applicable to the property, and within the demise of that property. Please note however, that some further restrictions do apply for example, within Crookham Park your lease may prevent such boards being installed. This is the case for leaseholds on blocks of flats, and land that is designated communal grounds.

The local estate agents have been made aware by not only your parish council, but also Hart District Council and the estate managers, that this is not acceptable due to the possible damage to road signs, as well as the potential to cause blind spots at junctions, making it unsafe for drivers. They have also been reminded that any boards found at locations or attached to street furniture will be removed. If you have any concerns about this issue, please feel free to contact the parish council.

Travel Plan Survey

Thursday 20th March

A travel survey is taking place in Crookham Park on Thursday 20th March 2025. This is to inform the ongoing travel plan monitoring of the development. There will be representatives from the survey company MHTC stationed at the different access points throughout Crookham Park. They will be recording how people travel to and from the site. Signage will be positioned across the site a few days before the survey to give people advanced notice and more information. MHTC appreciate your participation with these travel surveys to support the ongoing travel planning.





Which Council do I contact?



Hampshire
County Council

0300 555 1375

www.hants.gov.uk

- Adults & Childrens Services
- Education
- Waste
- Bus Permits
- Highways & pavements
- Recycling
- Blue Badges
- Libraries
- Transport
- Street Lighting
- Trading Standards



01252 622122

enquiries@hart.gov.uk

www.hart.gov.uk

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Car Parks & Parking Fines
- Housing
- Bin collection & Fly Tipping
- Electoral registration
- Planning consent & building control
- Council Tax
- Environmental Health
- Street Cleaning
- Hart Leisure Centre



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01252 626793

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- Allotments
- Athletics Track
- Basketball & Tennis Courts
- Church Crookham Community Centre
- Floral Displays
- Community Grants
- Gally Hill War Memorial
- Football Pitches
- Peter Driver
- Noticeboards
- Play Parks
- Skate Park
- Sensory Garden

HALLS TO HIRE



Looking for a venue?

With two beautiful halls & a good sized meeting room, Church Crookham Community Centre is sure to meet the needs of your event or class. The Centre is a vibrant, busy community hub which is situated at the heart of Crookham Park, surrounded by beautiful green spaces.

Prices start from just £7.66 per hour.

Contact Christie at events@churchcrookham.org.uk or call **01252 626793** for more info.



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Key Diary Dates..

Planning committee meetings

- 10th & 24th March
- 14th & 28th April
- 12th & 19th May

Full council meetings

- 24th March
- 28th April
- 19th May

Finance & policy meetings

- 14th April

Community Events

- 28th March Community gardening day
- 10th April Community litter pick day
- 7th May Annual residents meeting
- 17th May Spring Festival

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Your Parish Councillors below:

Gareth Saunders – Chair
Bruce Bulgin – Vice Chair
Alan Jones – Cllr
Debbie Moss – Cllr
Kate Stewart – Cllr
Nick Baskett – Cllr
Annette Whibley – Cllr
Michael Burford – Cllr
Gill Thomas – Cllr
John Ford – Cllr