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CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER



Lest we forget

Thank you to everyone involved in this year's memorial services

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The annual memorial service in Church Crookham took place on Sunday 9th November at the war memorial on Gally Hill Road. It was a touching service to remember and celebrate those who have fought to protect our country. Thank you to everyone involved in making this year another success.



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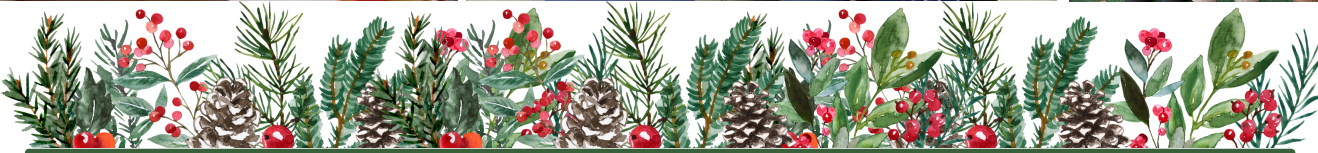
Christmas event 2025

We want to say a huge thank you to all of the volunteers, stall holders, fundraisers and suppliers for helping to create our best Christmas event yet!!

Father Christmas saw 200 children this year and many more adults came to enjoy the festivities too.

Crafts were made, photos were taken, sweet treats were eaten, and fun was had by all.

We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did and are looking forward to next year already!





Christmas card competition winners

Thank you for all of your amazing Christmas card entries which were all displayed at our Christmas event on 29th November! We loved looking at them all and Father Christmas found it very difficult to judge the winners!! They have now all been sent on to the lucky residents of Bourley Grange Care Home.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our winners!!

Group 1-3 Years
Myla, age 3



Group 4-6 Years
Samuel, age 6



Group 7-9 Years
Kaleb, age 9



Group 10-12 Years
Evie, age 10



The amount of christmas cards we recieved and the standard of them was incredible. Thank you to everyone that put such love & effort into creating them.





2026 Events save the dates

Community Litter
pick Day

Save the Date

THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Meet at 10am at Church Crookham Community Centre



Join us for a community litter pick day in Crookham Park the surrounding area followed by Cake. Litter Pickers & bag loops available to borrow. Sweet treat for all Child participants



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COMMUNITY GARDENING DAY

Be a part of keeping our community sensory garden thriving
Join us for a Gardening Day in March, date TBC – keep an eye on our social media pages or sign up for our volunteers list to be the first to hear.

March 2026

Sensory Garden, Church Crookham Community Centre, GU52 8AQ

Cake & light refreshments available throughout the day for all budgets. Please let us know if you are coming via email on events@churchcrookham.org.uk so we know how much cake to get

Volunteers' list

If you want to be more involved in your local area and be the first to hear about our community/ volunteer days, send an email with your name, telephone number and email address, to Christie at:

events@churchcrookham.org.uk

You will then be added to our local volunteers' list and be contacted first when community days are planned.

Stay up to date & follow our social media pages

If you want to stay up-to-date with the latest news and events happening in, and around, Church Crookham, sign up to our brand-new mailing list and follow our social media accounts. All links are below.



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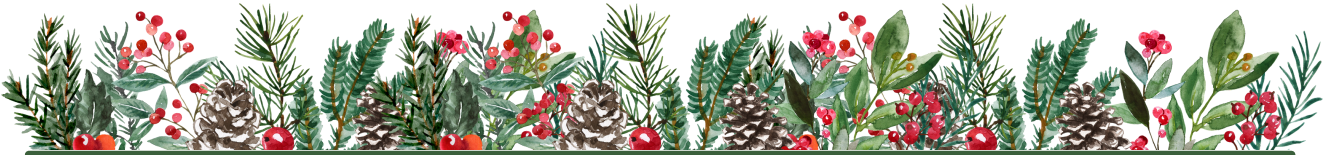
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Tree's in Church Crookham

As part of ongoing discussions with Crookham Park developers we have raised the issue that trees planted some ten plus years ago are now reaching a level of maturity and require some maintenance. The Parish Council has requested that implementation of a maintenance plan takes place. Furthermore, we are seeking to cover the young trees within the development with a Tree Preservation Order to protect them in the future. We were made aware of two trees being felled which formed part of the original planting scheme as the development was built. If you have any concerns over trees near your property please ensure that you check with the local planning authority over their protection status and feel free to contact the Parish Council if you feel that a tree needs some maintenance.





Hart Food Bank drop-off point

This time of year is a stretch for most families financially, so the food bank needs more donations. If you would like to donate any unopened, in date food, we have a drop off point here in the foyer of Church Crookham Community Centre.



Fleet Connect



Fleet Connect

An accessible door to door transport service for residents living in the Parishes of Fleet, Church Crookham & Crookham Village

Service runs Tuesday- Friday
Call us on 01252 398451 to discuss, register and book your journey today. (eligibility criteria apply)
or message us on WhatsApp on 07866 872781

Booking line open 09.30-12.30
Monday to Friday
01252 398451



We are very proud to continue to support the Fleet Connect initiative. A door-to-door transport service for residents living in Church Crookham and surrounding parishes.

Home library service

The home library service is an invaluable resource for anyone in Hampshire who finds it difficult to access a library due to ill-health, disability or caring responsibilities. The service, which is available from all Hampshire libraries, provides an opportunity for individuals to continue to enjoy the pleasure of reading or listening to books, even if they find it difficult to leave their homes.

The service is free and can deliver a variety of library materials including books in standard and large print, audio books in various formats and much more. Hampshire libraries also hold many resources for those living with dementia or those caring for others.

Specially recruited volunteers are matched to customers in their own communities and visit their homes each month.

If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving this service, you can enquire online via the Hampshire library website, select 'Access for All' and then select 'Home library Service', where you can fill in a simple form for yourself or on behalf of someone else. You can also ask about the service at your local library.





Road safety measures get the green light from Hampshire County Council

- No right turn signs have been installed at the Tesco Express garage at Crookham Crossroads and the exit from the Aldi and Home Bargains car park. These are backed up by traffic orders and are a legal requirement.
- There are plans to install a zebra crossing in Sandy Lane next year, probably during the summer holidays. This will be sited by the Oakwood junction and aims to make the school run much safer.
- Zebra crossings are also due to be installed in Reading Road South next year. These will be sited between Haywood Drive and Velmead Road and to the south of Florence Road.
- These measures have all been funded by money provided by the developers of Crookham Park for community improvements.
- The Parish Council is continuing to press for road safety measures at the junction of Beacon Hill Road and Bourley Road, by the Tweseldown pub. This follows more accidents and ongoing resident feedback.

Driving home for Christmas? SGN to open roads

SGN are planning to clear all the roads affected by its gas works for the festive season. The temporary plan, which will also include the Portland Drive compound, will be from 22 December to 6 January.

The works have taken longer than planned, because the team have encountered some very high voltage electricity cables lying above the 100-year-old gas pipes. And that has meant hand digging as an additional safety method.

The Parish Council has been attending weekly meetings organised by SGN for local councillors and these have proved invaluable. This has enabled us to update local residents, businesses and schools.



Our girl Dollipop

There is a lovely new school patrol crossing lady in Sandy Lane and we couldn't be more thrilled, as it is one of our Parish Councillors!

Debbie Moss is also a governor of Tweseldown Infant School, so she is absolutely perfect for the role.





HAVE YOUR SAY

Airport application takes off again after two years in a holding pattern



Farnborough Airport have submitted a new planning application and Rushmoor Borough Council want to hear your views.

The Airport have not asked for more flights than the 50,000 a year they are currently allowed. But they do want to make changes to when the flights can operate and increase the number on weekends and public holidays from 8,900 to 13,500 a year.

This is a new planning application to the one Rushmoor consulted on in November 2023, which means that they will not be able to consider any previous comments. Search for 'Farnborough Airport planning application' to comment on the consultation by 30 December 2025.

Everybody needs good neighbours, but which ones do you want?

It's the biggest change to local government in decades. The Government is asking for comments on how local councils should be reorganised into unitary authorities. These will deliver all the services we currently get from Hampshire County Council and Hart District Council. The aim is to establish the new combined councils by May 2028. The options on the table include:

- Hart and a number of other councils want to combine our local council with Rushmoor and Basingstoke and Deane. The councils already work closely with each other on a number of services, such as refuse collections, legal services and building control. That option would cover 394,648 people.
- Hampshire County Council and East Hampshire also want to combine those councils, but they also want to add East Hampshire and Winchester into the mix. Winchester disagree. That option would cover 655,528 people.

Search for 'local government review in Hampshire' to comment on the consultation by 11 January 2025.

Parish councils are not included in the reorganisation and we will continue to play a key role in our local community.

No access to the internet? You can log on for free in Fleet library. Please ask the staff there if you need any help.





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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- 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



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Key Diary Dates..

Planning committee meetings

- 12th & 26th January
- 9th & 23rd February
- 9th & 23rd March

Full council meetings

- 26th January
- 23rd February
- 23rd March

Finance & policy meetings

- 12th January

Community Events

- 19th February Community litter pick day
- March 2026 Community gardening day

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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John Ford – Cllr

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Debbie Moss – Cllr

Kate Stewart – Cllr

Gill Thomas – Cllr

Vacancy – Cllr

