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CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER



**Be the
voice
in your
community
become a
Councillor**

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Councillor Recruitment

- Make a difference in your local community
- Share your passion for the local area
- Work with like-minded people

Common myths about Parish Councillors:

MYTH: You have to be political

REALITY: Parish Councils are completely apolitical, we focus purely on local issues

MYTH: It's "not for people like me"

REALITY: If you live in Church Crookham & care about the community, it absolutely is!

MYTH: It's a full time job

REALITY: It's a voluntary role. There's typically 1 meeting per month

More details on page 2 about how you can get involved.

Below image of one of our Parish Council meetings.



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 @church_crookham_parish_council

 @ChurchCrookhamPC



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Councillor Recruitment

Interested in Becoming a Parish Councillor?

Church Crookham Parish Council is nearing the end of its current four-year term. Existing councillors will stand down from their position, creating 10 vacancies. Whilst some may apply to stand again, we welcome all residents, that are interested in getting involved, to get in touch.

The Parish Council is made up of 10 Church Crookham residents who volunteer their time to serve the community. It is entirely apolitical, focusing solely on local matters and the wellbeing of our community. Our councillors come from a range of backgrounds and bring different skills, experiences and interests. All united by a shared commitment to making a positive difference locally.

We are encouraging residents to get involved. If you would like to take a more active role in shaping decisions about your community, share your passions, and represent the views of local people, we would be delighted to hear from you. The application process will begin in earnest in March.

If you would like to find out more about what is involved and how to apply, please contact the Parish Council office. Contact details can be found on page 8. We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Please see visuals of the types of things you could get involved in below:

Parish Council Responsibilities



Grants



War Memorial



Sensory Garden



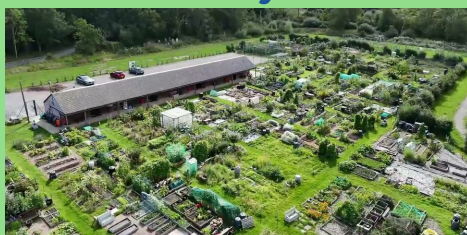
Community Events



Flowers



Trees



Allotments



Athletics Track



Peter Driver



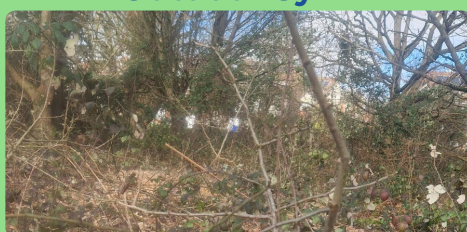
Outdoor Gym



Community Centre



Parks



Woodland



Tennis & Basketball Courts



Skate Park





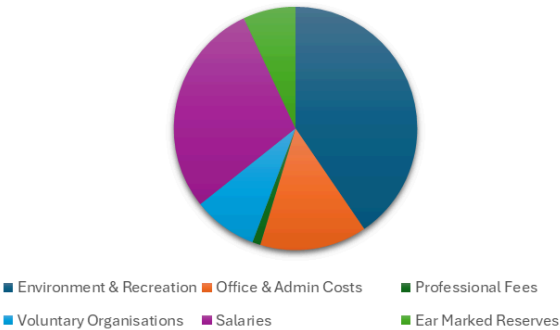
Budget & Precept

Church Crookham Parish Council Budget 2026/27

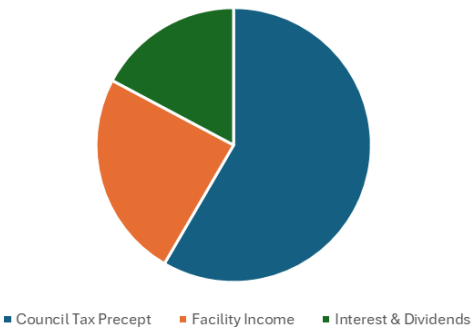
B and D Council Tax 2026/2027 £67.10 (2025/26 £62.22) -an increase of less than 10p per week.
The budget setting process has taken place, and the 2026/27 budget was approved at the January Full Council meeting. We believe that the increase to the CCPC portion of the council tax this year still represents good value for residents.

If you have an interest in how this public money is managed and come from a financial background maybe consider joining the parish council as suggested in this newsletter. By joining the Finance & Policy Committee you can help advise and ensure financial probity through the effective management of all resources that the Parish Council is responsible for.

Budgeted Expenditure 2026/27



Budgeted Income 2026/27



Play Parks Update

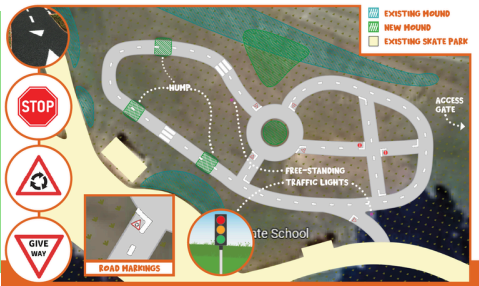


Exciting Upgrades to Our Play Parks!

We're delighted to share the improvements to our local play parks. These exciting upgrades are designed to make the space safer, more inclusive, and even more fun. They are part of our ongoing commitment to creating welcoming outdoor spaces where families can connect, play, and enjoy the fresh air together.

New Scooter Track Coming Soon

We're excited to announce that a brand-new scooter track is on the way! Next to our popular Skate Park. Work is scheduled to start in mid April and last approximately two weeks.





Spring Festival 2026 – Save the Date



CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

SPRING FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 9th May
12pm to 4pm
at CROOKHAM PARK, CHURCH CROOKHAM

Interested in holding a stall? use this link to register



Christmas Card Recipients

The 2025 Christmas event was a great success. We asked children in the area to create Christmas cards and enter them into our competition to be in with a chance of winning a gift voucher. One winner per age group was chosen by Father Christmas when he visited at the event. We then wrote each card out to a resident of Bourley Grange Care home and took them over to hand out. The cards were greatly received with joy and festive spirit. Here are some pictures they wanted us to share with you. Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry.





Community Events & How to Get Involved

Bobby in the Lobby

Hart South Police have launched a Bobby in the Lobby initiative, so that people can talk to them face-to-face at least once a week. They are held in the Hart District Council offices in Fleet on Thursdays from 9am-5pm and every fourth Saturday from 9am-2pm.

"We've discussed everything from pavement parking and antisocial behaviour to crime prevention advice and spam emails/calls" says Police Community Support Officer Sam.

"People have given us valuable information, so that we can direct our patrols, and let us know about suspicious behaviour. Pop in and see us on Thursdays or at our next Saturday event on 28 March."

The team are also planning more of their popular bicycle marking sessions.

Stay up-to-date with all their local community events by visiting: <https://orlo.uk/Hpwi0>



PCSO Sam and PC Terry pictured at a recent Bobby in the Lobby event.



Community Gardening Day

Join us for our Volunteer Gardening Day to breathe new life into our community sensory garden!

Tea & cake will be available in the community centre throughout the day. Date in April, to be confirmed, keep an eye on our social media channels for more info.

February Litter Pick

Thank you to everyone that came along to our community litter pick on Thursday 19th February.

A very special thank you to the volunteers from our friends at Heckfield Estates too!



April Litter Pick

Community Litter
Pick Day

Save the Date

THURSDAY 9TH APRIL

10am - 11:30am Location TBC

More info to follow on our Website & Social Media Channels

Litter picks are community events that we hold in most school breaks. Keep an eye out on our social media to find out more info.





School Run Parking & Safety Measures

School run car park pressures.

As we approach the partial closure of Sandy Lane for the ongoing gas works it will be more important than ever to allow plenty of time, to ensure a safe and pleasant school run. We all know that the pressure of getting the little ones out of the door and to school is a tricky time, let alone the onward journey to work etc. but if we all allow that extra bit of time we can make this a safer and happier journey. Closure date to be confirmed.



The Memorial hall car park will still be accessible during the works and is made available for the school run with plenty of capacity. Likewise the Church Crookham Community Centre car park including the overflow section at the rear is also available for use during the school run and we invite you to use this facility. We just politely request that you only use the Disabled bays if you are a blue badge holder. This provides a short, pleasant and safe walk to the Tweseldown Infants along Everest Walk.

The car park that services the local shops within Crookham Park should be avoided due to its low capacity and parking restrictions. Also on behalf of residents please do not block or use resident parking bays.



The Parish Council have been working closely with the schools, other councillors, Scotia Gas Network (SGN) and the Memorial hall on a communications strategy for parents and other residents during the sandy lane closure.

This is just one of the images produced by Councillor Annette Whibley.





Winter Preparation



Residents to be prepared. Spring may be on the horizon but we may still be subject to a cold winter spell.

Hampshire County Council list the priority roads that are gritted in advance of predicted bad weather. You can find these at www.hants.gov.uk/highwayssaltroutes. Not many Church Crookham roads feature on this list.

During the last cold spell the Parish Council received messages about lack of gritting. Within Crookham Park, roads remain unadopted by the County Council but these roads are highly unlikely to be included on any future priority list. It is therefore best for all of us to be prepared, for example, holding a small supply of grit. The "salt routes" listed on the Hampshire website identify the location of salt bins. Please note that within Crookham Park grit bins were not regularly serviced and have recently been removed from the site by the developer.

Annual Parish Meeting

Church Crookham Parish Council warmly invites all residents to the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting will take place in the Acorn hall at Church Crookham Community Centre on Monday 1st June at 7pm.

This is a relaxed and welcoming opportunity to meet your newly elected Parish Councillors, enjoy light refreshments, and connect with others from across our community. The Annual Parish Meeting is your chance to hear about local initiatives, share your ideas for the future of Church Crookham, raise any concerns, and take part in open discussion about the issues that matter most to residents.

We hope you will join us and play a part in shaping our local area. Everyone is very welcome.

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED

GRANTS

Monday 1st June, 7pm
Church Crookham Community Centre

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY





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



CHURCH CROOKHAM
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Key Diary Dates..

Planning committee meetings

- 23rd March
- 13th & 27th April
- 11th & 18th May

Full council meetings

- 23rd March
- 27th April
- 18th May

Finance & policy meetings

- 13th April

Community Events

- tbc April Community gardening day
- 9th April Community litter pick day
- 9th May Spring Festival
- 1st June Annual residents meeting

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Your Parish Councillors below:

Gareth Saunders – Chair

Annette Whibley – Vice Chair

Bruce Bulgin – Cllr

Michael Burford – Cllr

John Ford – Cllr

Dan Hill – Cllr

Debbie Moss – Cllr

Kate Stewart – Cllr

Gill Thomas – Cllr

Vacancy – Cllr

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 £10 per hour.

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



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