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CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER



**Community
comes
together for
spectacular
spring
festival
event!**

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Spring Festival Community Event



On the 9th May we held our 4th annual Spring Festival! With record number of participants and attendees, and a very lucky day with the weather, we couldn't be happier with the success of the event! Thank you to everyone that took part and made the day such a hit! We have had fabulous feedback and are already planning next year's festival!

This event takes lots of organising to ensure that it runs smoothly and safely so a special thanks goes to all of the volunteers and councillors that came along to help on the day! The 101st Church Crookham and Odiham scout groups were in attendance running archery and tomahawk throwing, as well as some lovely volunteers from the Vine Church running the craft table and sports day races! There was lots on offer from fairground rides and inflatables, stall holders from a wide variety of local businesses as well as tasty treats and refreshments to keep us going throughout the day! A guest appearance from ponies Patches and Zorro was also a highlight!

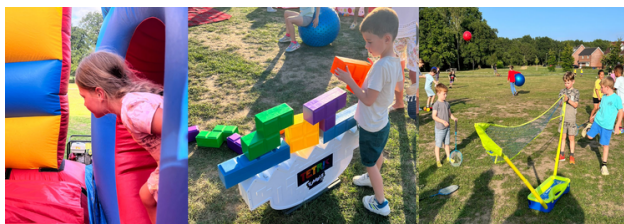
A special mention also to all of the class providers that gave their time to offer free-of-charge taster classes, throughout the event too: Sam from Scootability, Little Kickers, Revive Tai Chi, Avondale tennis club, Soulful Sound, Fleet Flyers and Fleet & Crookham Athletics. Thank you for giving your time and resources to help support this community event!

We hope you all had a wonderful time!





Get involved – Upcoming events



The Church Crookham summer project offers **FREE** inflatables, team games, problem solving and youth issue related workshops and experiences.

This is one of our junior summer projects and is for young people up to 14 years old (please note that parents **MUST** stay if your child is under 8 years old).

Burn off energy!

Have Fun!

Learn new skills!

FRIDAYS

Green open space behind Church Crookham Community Centre, Boyce Road, GU52 8AQ
6 - 7:30pm
Under 14's

Fleet Phoenix's 2026 Church Crookham Summer Project starts on **Friday 24th of July** and runs until **Friday 28th of August**

For more information please contact
lucy@fleetphoenix.co.uk

fleetphoenix.co.uk
Reg'd Charity: 1144057

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Weekly chats at home.

Whatever your age, if you have mobility difficulties, start conversations with our friendly volunteers by calling **07795 931062** or emailing us at **callsandvisits@gmail.com**

Find us on

www.callsandvisits.org.uk



Part of the Good Neighbours Network
Charity No. 1145162

Supported by:
Fleet Town Council
Church Crookham Parish Council
Hampshire County Council
DWF

Get ready for an action-packed summer with the return of the hugely popular 'Summer Project' by Fleet Phoenix, sponsored by Church Crookham Parish Council.

Running every Friday throughout the holidays, this would be a perfect opportunity for youngsters to make friends, burn some energy and enjoy some summer evenings outdoors!

This event is completely free and suitable for children up to age 14.

Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Community Litter Pick Day

Save the Date

THURSDAY 30th JULY

10am - 11:30am - Peter Driver



Join us for a community litter pick day at Peter Driver Sports Ground, followed by Cake & treats

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



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Litter picks are community events that we hold 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, & website for more information on these events.





How You Can Help

How do we deal with graffiti?

When we are informed of graffiti on our assets the Parish Council looks to respond as quickly as possible as we believe this helps in the prevention of spread. We have in-house expertise to remove most graffiti or we use outside expertise when needed. This obviously comes at a cost, so responsive reporting is relied upon. Speak to your youngsters about this issue explaining how this impacts our open spaces, e.g. play parks intended for our younger children daubed with offensive images or words, the cost of removal and about respecting public property.

We are happy to hear from you about any graffiti issues in Church Crookham. We rely on our residents to be vigilant, so here is a helpful guide on how to report:

Hart.fixmystreet.com If you see something in the Hart area that needs attention visit this website and report with as much information and a picture if possible.

Hart will always contact Church Crookham Parish Council if the issue relates to one of our assets.

If you witness any graffiti happening report to the Police as this is a crime.

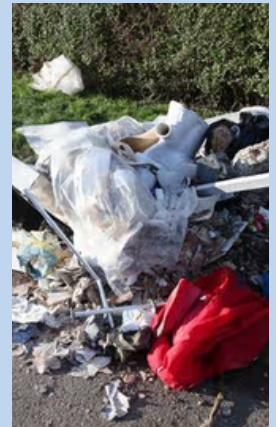
<https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/>



Fly-tipping

From abandoned furniture and household waste, to construction materials and garden rubbish, illegally dumped waste creates an eyesore, harms wildlife, and comes at a cost to parish councils.

As a community, we all have a role to play in helping keep our area clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone.



How Residents Can Help

There are several simple ways everyone can help reduce fly-tipping:

- Use local recycling centres and authorised waste disposal services
- Check that anyone removing waste on your behalf is licensed
- Avoid leaving unwanted items beside bins or in public areas
- Report incidents of fly-tipping to 'Fix My Street' as soon as possible
- Encourage neighbours and friends to dispose of waste responsibly



If you hire someone to take away rubbish, always ask to see their waste carrier licence. If your waste is illegally dumped, you could still be held responsible.

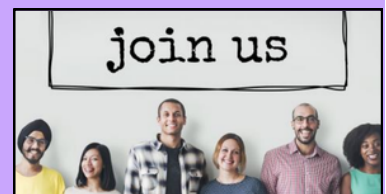
Fleet & District Neighbourhood Watch: *helping to keep our community safe*



Fleet & District Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) exists to bring communities together so they can share a sense of responsibility for where they live. The Fleet & District NHW committee works with the police to help prevent crime and reduce fear of crime. We are lucky to live in a low crime area, but it only takes moments for an opportunist to strike.

Looking after our neighbours, especially those that are vulnerable is important and keeping contact with each other whether it be to warn of a suspicious cold caller or suspicious activity is a key role.

By joining a Neighbourhood watch group, you can make a difference. You can join your local Neighbourhood Group, or you can become a coordinator by starting a new watch group in your area.



If you are interested in Neighbourhood Watch and would like further information, please either contact secretary.fleetnhw@gmail.com or visit our website at www.fleetnhw.co.uk





Parish Council updates

We were pleased to see a good number of our residents and local District and County Councillors at our Community Open Evening on Monday 1st June. This proved to be a successful evening of information sharing and effective community engagement.

Thank you for submitting your comments to our question: *"If you could improve one thing in Church Crookham, what would it be?"*

We shared our responses with the audience and these will be available on our website and they will also feature in our social media streams as well as our next newsletter.

At the event, the parish council recommitted to its Mission Statement as below:

The Parish Council is committed to communicating actively with residents and promoting community values, a healthy environment and pride in Church Crookham.

The Council's guiding principles are:

- To engage, whenever possible, in an open dialogue with residents, showing no political bias to understand their current and future needs, and to explain how the Council will address these needs within the scope of its powers.***
- To represent the interests of the people who live or work in Church Crookham.***
- To provide high standard, cost-effective services through the use of finite resources in a responsible manner.***
- To improve the quality of life for the residents through local projects or amenities, or by working together with other parishes, agencies or service providers to provide those projects.***

Welcoming our new councillors



David Hawkins has lived locally for almost forty years and has more recently moved to Church Crookham with his wife, Ann. With children and grandchildren already part of the community, he values the importance of creating a great place for all generations.

After retiring from a forty-year career in London in 2025, David is keen to use his time and experience to help improve local facilities and the environment for residents. He sees serving as a Parish Councillor as a positive way to contribute to the community. Previous voluntary roles include eight years as a governor at a state secondary school and helping at a church-run food bank.

Outside of Council life, David enjoys spending time with family, playing occasional golf, watching football — especially Manchester United — travelling, and local dog walking.



Ed Molyneux has lived in Church Crookham for 12 years with his wife and dog and enjoys exploring local green spaces such as Velmead Woods, the Long Valley, and Caesar's Camp.

Having previously worked in Westminster, Ed now works in public affairs for a countryside charity and was elected to the Parish Council in April 2026 as a Liberal Democrat. Ed is passionate about protecting local green spaces and supporting services that benefit the whole community. He serves on the Finance and Policy Committee and is involved in the revamp of the Peter Driver Sports Ground.

Outside of council life, Ed enjoys reading, gaming, watching sport, and playing cricket for Pyestock Cricket Club.





Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council are now able to fill the one remaining vacancy! If you are enthusiastic and passionate about your community then now is the time to apply! We eagerly wait to hear from you! If you'd like to know a little more about what you'll be letting yourself in for, then feel free to call **Claire, Parish Clerk** for a friendly chat on **01252 939450**.

Application form available on request or on our website.



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Farewell and thank you!

We have said farewell to Councillors Michael Burford and Annette Whibley. We thank them for their service and their commitment to making Church Crookham a better place to live. Michael was a member of the council from the very beginning and brought a wealth of knowledge that served all Councillors well. Annette served as Vice Chair, sharing her passion for her community as seen on her 'Crookham Chat' Facebook group.



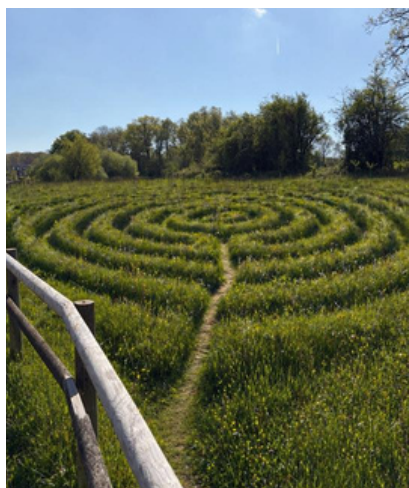
Michael Burford



Annette Whibley

Wild Flowers

We have been preparing a number of locations across Church Crookham to introduce pockets of wildflowers, helping to bring colour, and food for our wildlife in some of the open spaces. These locations include: field entrance to Azalea open space, Kukri Garden open space, Gurkha statue near the orchard, allotment site near the bee apiaries and open space within Crookham Park.



We are also looking to develop a grass maze at the rear of Nugent Close. This will become a place to visit and explore very soon as this grows!

The images provided here are for illustrative purposes.





Family Fun

It has been fantastic to see so many of our young residents using our new scooter track! Complete with traffic signs and markings it gives children the opportunity to play out some real-life road experience! This new feature has been the perfect addition to feature alongside our already popular skate park! We also had some children partaking in scootering and skateboard lessons during our spring event which were well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed!



"I love the skatepark! All my friends go there too and it's fun to go down the ramps."
Jacob, age 8



"The instructor was really nice and funny and I got to do some new things!"
Isabella, age 7



Coming Soon!
Wooden marble run, near our Crookham Park allotments, courtesy of Men's Shed!



Thames Basin Heaths are back with another Heath Week! All events are FREE to join and celebrate the magic of the Thames Basin Heaths!

Forest fun, sensory trails, family nature days, wildlife film-making and much more! Full event information will be available from the end-June at:

<https://tbhpartnership.org.uk/events/>





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 & Scooter Park
- Sensory Garden

ACORN HALL HIRE



Looking for a venue to host a regular class or meeting group?

We have regular, weeknight availability in our multi-purpose Acorn hall! Could this be the venue for you to host your next class or meeting? The Centre is a vibrant, busy community hub which is situated at the heart of Crookham Park, surrounded by beautiful green space. Access to kitchen, tables and chairs included in addition to storage options (subject to a small charge).

Hire cost from just £16.00 per hour!



Suitable for:
PT sessions
Weight-management groups
Mother & Baby groups
Craft & hobby sessions
Drama and music
Religious and spiritual gatherings
Adult education
Youth clubs
Self-care/mental health groups
and much more!



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The Church Crookham Community Centre, Boyce Road, Church Crookham, GU52 8AQ

Office Telephone: 01252 626793 **Website:** www.churchcrookham.org.uk



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Key Diary Dates..

Planning committee meetings

- 8th & 22nd June
- 13th & 27th July
- August TBC
- 14th & 28th September

Full council meetings

- 22nd June
- 27th July
- 28th Sept

Finance & policy meetings

- 13th July

Community Events

- 30th July & 27th August Community Litter Picks
- Every Friday between 24th July- 28th August Fleet Phoenix Fridays

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Your Parish Councillors below:

Gareth Saunders – Chair
Debbie Moss – Vice Chair
Bruce Bulgin – Cllr
John Ford – Cllr
David Hawkins – Cllr
Dan Hill – Cllr
Ed Molyneux – Cllr
Kate Stewart – Cllr
Gill Thomas – Cllr
Vacancy – Cllr