



NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS AND MORE ENGAGEMENT WITH RESIDENTS!



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New committee: Community Engagement & Events

YOUR OPINION

MATTERS

We want to make it easier for you to know what's happening in our community and have your say. To keep you informed and connected, we have formed a new '**Community Engagement & Events**' committee.

With local government reorganisation on the horizon, staying connected with you, our residents, is more important than ever!

Help shape what's next

Two-way communication:

We want to listen, not just talk!

Tell us what you think:

We'd love to know how you want to hear from us and how we are currently doing.

Help us to help you:

Knowing what works best for you helps us engage with more of our residents.

Have your say:

Please take our quick 5 question survey to help us improve.

Choose how to feedback

Scan the QR code:



Drop off the page overleaf at one of the following locations:



Church Crookham Community Centre



Poppy's Cafe on Northfield Road



Kevin Horn Butchers on The Verne

Email the Parish Clerk with your responses:



clerk@churchcrookham.org.uk



Community Engagement Survey



A Overall Satisfaction

Overall, how satisfied are you with how the Parish Council communicates and engages with you?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Somewhat dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

D Opportunities to Participate

How likely are you to contact the Parish Council and share your opinions?

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Likely
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unlikely
- ☐ Very unlikely

B Information Channels

How do you currently receive and/or obtain information about the Parish Council?

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Noticeboard @ Sandy Lane war memorial hall
- ☐ Noticeboard @ The Verne
- ☐ Noticeboard @ Community Centre
- ☐ Parish Council Meetings
- ☐ Parish Council Website
- ☐ Parish Council Events
- ☐ Connections through other community groups
- ☐ Mens Shed
- ☐ Fleet Phoenix
- ☐ Allotment association
- ☐ Customer of Community Centre
- ☐ Customer of Sporting facilities
- ☐ Any Other – Please state

E Qualitative Feedback

In one or two sentences, how could the Parish Council improve the way it communicates and engages with you?

C Relevance and Clarity

To what extent do you agree that the information that the Parish Council provides is clear, useful, and relevant to you?

- ☐ Very clear, relevant
- ☐ Somewhat clear, relevant
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat unclear, irrelevant
- ☐ Very unclear, irrelevant





Remembrance Sunday Event

This event always gives the opportunity to come together as a community to remember and honour all those who served, sacrificed and gave their lives for our freedom.

This year's memorial event will take place on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November at 11am, at the war memorial on Gally Hill Road. Additional access will be made for wheelchair users who are advised to arrive a little earlier to ensure visibility of the event.

"We will remember them."



Summer Maintenance at Peter Driver

The hot dry weather over the summer has made it harder for our pitches to recover following our seasonal maintenance work. As we head into autumn, we'd really appreciate your help in giving the grass the best chance to regrow.



Give the grass a chance!

Rain and new growth need a little time to heal the ground - please give it space to recover!

Go easy on the goal mouths!

High-wear spots like goal mouths take the biggest hit and need extra care right now.

Please play fair!

Local teams book and pay to use these grass pitches - let's keep them in great shape! Concessions start from **£3.00**.

A little help goes a long way!

We want brilliant pitches for competitive football and all users to enjoy this season. Thank you for your support!

Want to hire?

- 1. Ask first:** Contact us before you run any organised training on the site.
- 2. Fees apply:** Charges are in place for training sessions.
- 3. Right spot:** We need to track demand to put you in the best area.





Summer Fun with Fleet Phoenix



This edition we shine the spotlight on local grant recipient, youth charity, **Fleet Phoenix**. This incredible organisation ran their 'Summer Project' every Friday evening during the summer holidays on the grounds outside our community centre. Managing director, Charlotte Tickner, had the following to say about this amazing community event:

"We can't believe another Fleet Phoenix Summer Project is over – and the team have had an absolute blast! The weather has certainly been in our favour this year, helping us make the most of the sunshine and enjoy some fantastic days out in the community. It has been another brilliant summer of bringing young people and families together through free, fun and accessible community events."



"It was a much-appreciated free event for local families, giving young people the chance to have fun, meet friends and get involved, while giving parents and carers a chance to relax, catch up and enjoy some time together. For some young people, having somewhere safe to go during the holidays and adults they know they can talk to is incredibly important. With the rising cost of living, free community events like this also give families the opportunity to enjoy time together without worrying about the cost".



"Our Summer Projects are about much more than keeping young people busy. They provide safe spaces where young people can build confidence, develop friendships and resilience, try new things and build trusted relationships with our youth workers."



"We are incredibly grateful to Church Crookham Parish Council for supporting our work and recognising the importance of investing in local young people."

Thank you for helping us make another summer one to remember!"





Speed Watch Returns to Church Crookham

Community Speed Watch teams are back out on the main roads of Church Crookham and Crookham Village, monitoring traffic speeds with the help of local volunteers.



New pedestrian crossing on Sandy Lane

Volunteers are actively monitoring vehicle speeds on key routes through Church Crookham.

New road crossings are now implemented on Reading Road South, campaigned for by your parish, district and county councillors and paid for by Crookham Park developer funds.

School safety improved with the new Sandy Lane crossing built, as championed for by the parish council, helping local children get to school safely.

Volunteer Opportunities

Get Involved

Speed Watch was Hart Voluntary Action's 'Volunteer opportunity of the month' for August.



Low Time

Commitment
Just 1 to 2 hours a month or bi-monthly makes a big difference.



Full Support

Receive complete training and support from the parish council and fellow volunteers.



Interested?

Contact admin@churchcrookham.org.uk or call us on 01252 939452

Home-Start



Could you offer a little time to support a family in Church Crookham?

Family life with young children can be wonderfully rewarding, but it can also bring moments that feel hard to manage. Whether parents are coping with broken sleep, loneliness, health worries, mental health challenges, twins or triplets, or simply the day-to-day demands of raising a family, it is very normal to need some extra encouragement.

Home-Start Hampshire is here to help. As a community-based charity, our work is rooted in the belief that families can be strengthened when local people come alongside them. We carefully link trained, caring volunteers with parents who are facing a challenging time, providing free, confidential and non-judgemental support at home.

Make a difference! A regular visit, a listening ear, a reassuring conversation over a cup of tea, or practical help for a couple of hours can make a real difference to a parent's confidence and sense of connection.

Scan the QR code or visit www.home-starthampshire.org.uk for more information about how to get involved.





Welcome to new councillor Ann Linwood



Councillor Ann Linwood



CHURCH CROOKHAM
PARISH COUNCIL

I joined Church Crookham Parish Council in July 2026 to learn more about my community, contribute to its future and become more involved in parish life.

I currently serve on the Planning Committee and look forward to learning more about the Council and supporting residents.

Community involvement has always been important to me.

Before moving to Church Crookham in 2021, I was actively involved in Crondall, where I remain involved with the Crondall & Ewshot Village Pump. I also volunteer as a Neighbourcare driver and support the Mill Lane residents' group.

Before retiring, I was a Senior Veterinary Officer with the former Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF), working with a wide range of organisations and supporting junior staff. I enjoy teamwork and finding practical solutions to problems.

I have been impressed by Church Crookham's strong community spirit, green spaces, local businesses and bus services. As a new councillor, I am still learning about the issues that matter most to residents. I will work constructively and respectfully with others, while standing up for what I believe is right and pursuing issues with determination.

Upcoming Parish Council Events

CHURCH CROOKHAM
PARISH COUNCIL

Community Litter Pick Day

THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER

Join us for a community litter pick day at the Peter Driver Sports Ground, followed by refreshments, cake & treats!

Litter pickers & bag loops available to borrow

Sweet treat for all child participants

10am - 11:30am
at Peter Driver Sports Ground, Church Crookham GU52 8DF

CHURCH CROOKHAM
PARISH COUNCIL

An afternoon of festive fun for all the family!

JOIN US FOR

CHRISTMAS IN CHURCH CROOKHAM

Saturday 28th November
12pm - 4pm

Craft and charity stalls
Food and drinks
Face Painting
Games
Santa's Grotto
And much more!

Church Crookham Community Centre, GU52 8AQ



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



CHURCH CROOKHAM
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01252 626793 www.churchcrookham.org.uk

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



CHURCH CROOKHAM
PARISH COUNCIL

Key Diary Dates..

Planning committee meetings

- 12th & 26th October
- 9th & 23rd November
- 14th December

Full council meetings

- 26th October
- 23rd November

Finance & policy meetings

- 26th October

Community Events

- 29th Oct Community Litter Pick
- 8th Nov Remembrance Sunday
- 28th Nov Christmas in Church Crookham

Contact Us

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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
Ann Linwood – Cllr
Ed Molyneux – Cllr
Kate Stewart – Cllr
Gill Thomas – Cllr

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*Regular Weekday
Evening Hirers*

A bright, modern and versatile space for your group or community activities.

PRICE FROM

£16

PER HOUR

SUITABLE FOR



PT sessions



Weight management groups



Mother and baby groups



Craft and hobby sessions



Drama and music



Religious and spiritual gatherings



Adult education



Youth clubs



Self-care/mental health groups

And much more!



AVAILABLE NOW

CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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