

CROOKHAM VILLAGE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Welcome to the 32nd Edition of Your Parish Newsletter!

A new year brings a fresh start and a fresh new look for the Crookham Village Parish Newsletter! We've redesigned this edition to make it clearer, more engaging, and easier to navigate. We hope you enjoy the updated style and find the information helpful as we head into 2026.

As we welcome the New Year, we also continue to welcome many new residents, particularly in the growing communities of Hareshill and Albany Park. It's wonderful to see our parish thriving, with new families and neighbours becoming part of the wider village community.

From all of us at Crookham Village Parish Council, we wish you a very Happy New Year and look forward to another year of working together to support and celebrate our wonderful parish.

Want to help keep
Fleet and the surrounding area safe?



Join Fleet & District Neighbourhood Watch and support your community.
Visit their website: fleetnhw.co.uk
for more information and to sign up.

Councillor Vacancy

Crookham Village Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to fill a vacant councillor position. If you're interested in local issues and want to help make a positive difference in the community, we'd love to hear from you! No experience is needed and training will be provided.

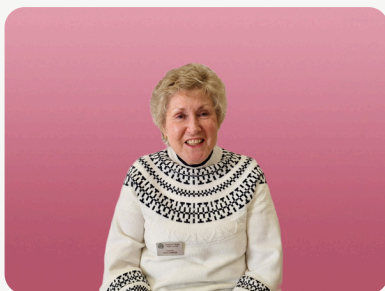
Interested? Email clerk@crookhamvillage-pc.gov.uk



Your Parish Councillors



Andrew Friend
Vice Chair of the Parish



Julia Ambler
Chair of the Finance & HR
Committee



Indra Sinka



David Jackson
Chair of the Planning
Committee



Philip Ashton



Peter Bradley

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- * February 2, 2026
- * March 2, 2026
- * April 7, 2026
- * May 5, 2026
- * June 1, 2026
- * July 6, 2026



Councillor Feature

Councillor Simon Ambler

In this new feature, we'll be introducing one of your Parish Councillors in each edition, giving you a chance to get to know the people who help make things happen in Crookham Village.

To start us off, we're talking to Cllr Simon Ambler, our current Chairman, who shares a few fun facts about himself and life in the parish.

Q: Your favourite local walk or hidden spot?

A: Across footpath 1 taking in the magnificent views from the brow of the hill, then along footpaths 6 and 7b for lunch at the Queens Head.

Q: What do you enjoy most about living in Crookham Village?

A: Easy access to shops and transport links whilst being on the edge of the Countryside

Q: Describe Crookham Village in three words.

A: Green, historic, friendly.

Q: What's one thing most people don't know about you?

A: I ride a vintage motorcycle that I have spent many years restoring.



Residents Engagement Afternoon

In May 2025, Crookham Village Parish Council held its Annual Residents' Meeting – this year in an updated, more interactive format. The event was well attended and brought together local residents, the Community Safety Team, and representatives from various community groups and charities. The afternoon offered a fantastic opportunity for residents to share their views, ask questions, and learn more about the projects and services happening across the parish. We were delighted with the level of engagement and the constructive feedback received, which will help shape our priorities moving forward. Thank you to everyone who joined us and contributed to such a positive and productive evening. We look forward to welcoming even more of you again this year!

RESIDENTS ENGAGEMENT AFTERNOON 2026

- * May 16, 2026
Hareshill Community Centre
More details to follow soon!



Grants Awarded

Each year, Crookham Village Parish Council sets aside funding to support local charities, organisations and community projects that make a positive difference to parish life and beyond. These grants help to strengthen our community by supporting initiatives that bring people together, provide vital services, and promote wellbeing across all ages.

In 2025 the Parish Council has awarded grants to:

Fleet Phoenix – to support their Open Door Project, offering advice and support to young people and families in need.

Fleet Spurs Football Club – to assist with the development of local grassroots sport and opportunities for young players.

Citizens Advice Bureau – helping to ensure continued access to free, confidential advice for residents.

Fleet and Crookham Poppy Appeal – in support of the Royal British Legion's annual remembrance efforts.

VE Day Community Celebrations – contributing towards local events commemorating this historic occasion.

In addition to financial grants, the Parish Council also supports local groups through free or reduced-cost hall hire at our community centres. This has recently included enabling sessions for youth organisations such as the Scouts, helping them continue to thrive and offer opportunities for young people in our parish. We are always pleased to assist community groups wherever possible to ensure activities remain accessible, inclusive, and well supported across Crookham Village.

How to apply for grant

If you would like to apply for a grant, you can download our [Grant Application Form](#) directly from our website or email clerk@crookhamvillage-pc.gov.



Community Centre Feature

Hareshill Community Centre



We are delighted to share that Hareshill Community Centre in Millpond Avenue, Crookham Village, is now fully up and running, and already finding its rhythm in the community. Bright and welcoming, the venue boasts a main hall, kitchen, meeting room and toddler play area, with free on-site parking for hirers.

Current classes and activities include:

- Pilates
- Crookham Village Scouts Group
- Yoga
- Fitness / Aerobic Class
- Kids Dance Classes

Hall Hire Availability

The centre is also available for hire throughout the week, in the evenings and at weekends. Hirers can make use of the main hall (with full kitchen adjacent) and meeting room, which share a sound-proof partition if required.

How to Find Out More

For the full class timetable and to check availability for your event or activity, visit the website hareshillcentre.org or call the Centre Manager on 01252 615003.

We look forward to seeing more of our community making use of this excellent facility, whether to attend a class, hold a meeting or celebrate a milestone.



Zebon Community Centre

Our Zebon Community Centre is also available for hire and runs a variety of different classes and activities daily.

Visit zeboncentre.org for more information and classes timetable.

Get Involved!

We'd love to hear from you! If you have ideas, feedback, or suggestions for future editions of the Parish Newsletter, please get in touch. Whether it's a community story, a local achievement, an event to promote, or something you think other residents would find useful - we welcome your contributions.

This is your parish and your newsletter, so help us make it as informative and community-focused as possible. Drop us a note anytime via the Parish Clerk: clerk@crookhamvillage-pc.gov.uk or via our website. We look forward to hearing from you!

