CROOKHAM VILLAGE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Crookham Village Parish Council

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Welcome

Welcome to the September edition of your Parish Newsletter. After an extraordinary summer and one of the driest periods we have experienced, our green spaces and gardens have certainly felt the effects of the prolonged hot and dry weather.

As autumn approaches, no doubt many of us are now looking forward to some much needed rain and cooler days, which will hopefully arrive with the changing season and bring some welcome relief to our local environment.

From all of us at Crookham Village Parish Council, we hope you have enjoyed the summer months. As we head into autumn, we look forward to continuing our work across the parish and keeping you updated on local projects, events and initiatives.

Save the Date!



Crookham Village Parish Council's Annual Residents' Meeting will take place on **Thursday 8 April 2027** at 7.00pm at Hareshill Community Centre. We look forward to welcoming residents for an evening of updates, discussion and community engagement. Keep an eye on our website and social media for further details nearer the time.

Have a suggestion or a topic you would like to be covered during this meeting? Email it to:
clerk@crookhamvillage-pc.gov.uk

Your Parish Councillors



Simon Ambler
Chair of the Parish



Julia Ambler
Chair of the Finance & HR Committee



Indra Sinka
Lead Member for Community Engagement



David Jackson
Chair of the Planning Committee



Andrew Friend
Vice Chair



Peter Bradley



Kathleen Theobald

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- October 12, 2026
- November 2, 2026
- December 7, 2026



Councillor Feature

Councillor Mark O'Sullivan

In this issue, we're featuring another one of your Crookham Village Parish Councillors, giving you a chance to get to know the people who help make things happen in our parish.

This time, we speak to one of our newest Members, Cllr Mark O'Sullivan, who shares a few fun facts about himself and life in the parish of Crookham Village.

Q: What do you enjoy most about being a councillor?

A: I've lived in the area for a while and really enjoy being part of the community. I fancied getting more involved, meeting more local people and doing my bit to help make an already great place even better

Q: What do you think makes Crookham Village Parish unique?

A: I'd like to see us build an even stronger and more connected community, where people feel listened to and want to get involved. Whether that's through better local facilities, community events or looking after our green spaces, it's about making the parish an even better place to live, while keeping the character that makes it special.

Q: What do you like to do in your spare time outside council work?

A: For me, it has to be the Basingstoke Canal. It's a great place for a walk, to switch off and enjoy the scenery, and it really shows off the peaceful, countryside feel that makes Crookham Village such a lovely place to live.



Recap of Residents' Open Day 2026

In May 2026, Crookham Village Parish Council welcomed residents to its annual Residents' Open Day at Hareshill Community Centre. The event was well attended and provided a valuable opportunity for residents to meet their local councillors, learn about parish projects, and share their views on local issues.

Feedback from those attending highlighted speeding, dog fouling, and uncertainty about where to report different issues as key concerns. In response to residents' concerns about traffic speeds, Parish Council has acquired a Speed Indicator Device (SID), which will be deployed at various locations around the parish to help monitor vehicle speeds.

The issue of dog fouling was raised primarily in relation to Hareshill, with residents requesting additional dog waste bins. Unfortunately, the estate's Management Company has not agreed to support the installation of these bins at this time.

To help residents report issues more easily, the Parish Council has also compiled details of the organisations responsible for a range of local services. You can find this information on the back page of this newsletter.



Crookham Unplugged Music Event

Sadly, the Crookham Unplugged music event scheduled for 29 August had to be cancelled due to bad weather conditions. The organisers are hoping to bring the event back in 2027, and we look forward to sharing further details when available.

Zebon Play Area Survey

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent survey on inclusive junior play equipment at Zebon Play Area. The results showed that swings and sensory play equipment were the most popular choices, followed by musical play equipment and additional seating.

Your feedback will help inform future plans for the play area. Watch this space for further updates!



ZCRA Summer Fete 2026

The Zebon Copse Residents Association once again brought the community together for its annual Summer Fete in July. The event provided a great family day out, with plenty to see and do, including local stalls, live music, children's activities, a funfair, bouncy slide, face painting, food and refreshments.

Unfortunately, due to the exceptionally high temperatures, the planned Fun Dog Show had to be cancelled, but there was still plenty of entertainment for visitors of all ages to enjoy throughout the afternoon.

Crookham Village Parish Council was pleased to support the event by sponsoring the children's workshops. We would like to thank ZCRA and everyone involved in organising another fantastic community event, as well as all the residents who came along and supported the day.

Future Hampshire

A new Future Hampshire website has launched, providing a central place for residents to learn about Local Government Reorganisation across Hampshire. Find out about the proposals, follow the latest developments and learn what the changes could mean for Hampshire and Hart.
Visit: **futurehampshire.gov.uk**



Other News

Useful Contact Information

Hampshire County Council 0300 5551375 hants.gov.uk

- Adults & children services
- Bus Permits
- Blue Badges
- Street Lighting
- Recycling
- Education
- Highways & pavements
- Trading Standards
- Waste
- Transport

Hart DISTRICT COUNCIL 01252 622122 hart.gov.uk

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Bin Collections & Fly Tipping
- Council Tax
- Street Cleaning
- Car Parks & Parking Fines
- Electoral Registration
- Environmental Health
- Housing
- Planning consent & Building Control
- Hart Leisure Centre

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- Hareshill & Zebon Community Centres
- Play Parks at Zebon Centre, Lea Green & Hareshill
- Community Grants
- Local Footpaths
- Football Pitches at Zebon Centre
- Planning Consultation
- Neighbourhood Planning
- Noticeboards
- Communication with Residents & Local Authorities

VIVID

Affordable & Shared Ownership Housing Contacts

Abri

Residents living in affordable or shared ownership homes at Hareshill may have either Abri or VIVID as their housing provider, depending on the property and phase of the development. For tenancy matters, repairs, service charges or other issues relating to your home, please contact your housing provider directly.

Abri
Telephone: 0300 123 1567
Email: hello@abri.co.uk
VIVID
Telephone: 0800 652 0898
WhatsApp: 07401 329880

Email for Shared Ownership enquiries: **sales@vividhomes.co.uk**

For residents of Albany Park, the housing association for affordable rented and shared ownership homes is VIVID. Residents should use the VIVID contact details above for enquiries relating to their home.



Safe Parks & Open Spaces

Crookham Village Parish Council would like to remind residents that electric and motorised vehicles are not permitted on Parish Council land, including our parks, playing fields and open spaces.

This includes e-scooters, electric bikes, motorcycles, scramblers and quad bikes. New signs are being installed around the parish to reinforce this message. Please help us keep our parks and open spaces safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Could You Help a Local Family?

HOME START Hampshire

Home-Start Hampshire supports local families going through difficult times by matching them with trained volunteers who can offer a friendly ear, practical support and a little extra help when it is needed most.

The charity is looking for volunteers in Crookham Village and across the Hart area. No formal qualifications are needed, just kindness, life experience and around 2–3 hours to spare each week or fortnight. Full training and ongoing support are provided.

Interested? Contact 0330 124 2095 or email familysupport@hshants.org.uk.