



Crowthorne PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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SUMMER 2021

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP) ADOPTED

The Crowthorne Neighbourhood Plan has finally been adopted following a positive result at Referendum. 1185 residents voted 'yes' which was 84.6% of those who voted on 6 May in response to the question: Do you want BFC to use the NP for Crowthorne Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

This is a very positive result for Crowthorne following all the hard work undertaken by the NP working group and Council over the last 5 years.

The NP seeks to ensure that any development is positive and sustainable. There is a clear focus on safeguarding Crowthorne's attractive character. It proposes the establishment of a Green Infrastructure Network and wherever practicable, proposals will contribute to, increase and enhance the natural environment, including tree management; cycle routes; new public rights of way and improvements in air quality.

CROWTHORNE MARKET

The Crowthorne Market has grown substantially over the past few months and has gone from strength to strength. The full market safely returned in mid April with non-essential traders re-joining the food vendors. The market is held at the Morgan Recreation Ground car park every Friday and Sunday. Regular traders include: artisan bread, pies, pastries, quality fresh fruit and veg; fresh coffee; fresh fish/shellfish; pork products; pet food; sweets; homebakes, flowers; garden plants and ornaments; candles; street food; hand made jewellery/crafts and much more. Local charity organisations are invited to have a free charity pitch once a year. Further information about the market can be found on our website:

[Crowthorne Market \(crowthornepc.org.uk\)](http://Crowthorne Market (crowthornepc.org.uk))



CLLR JIM FINNIE RIP

Cllr Jim Finnie passed away on 2 January 2021. Jim served as a parish and borough councillor for over 40 years. He was the Borough Mayor for 3 years and became a Freeman of the Borough in 2000. Locally, he was involved in many activities including Broadmoor Hospital, the Scouts, Crowthorne Carnival and he very much championed the voluntary sector.



To honour Jim, CPC requested that the square outside Crowthorne Library is named after him. BFC has confirmed, with support from Jim's family, that the square will be named 'Jim Finnie Square'. It is also intended to place a small plaque in the area with information about Cllr Finnie's life and community works in Crowthorne.

A memorial service will be arranged by BFC for later in the year and it is proposed that the place name and plaque for Jim are unveiled on the same day.

ANNUAL GRANTS 2021

Each year the Parish Council considers requests for grants to assist organisations that work for the benefit of local residents or who are involved in delivering valued services to the Crowthorne Parish community. This year CPC supported 23 organisations by awarding £11,850 in grant funding. A further £6,640 was set aside for Covid recovery purposes for which local organisations can submit an application. Application forms are available on the Parish Council website or by emailing: administration@crowthorne-pc.gov.uk. See below for grants already awarded under this scheme.

COVID RECOVERY GRANTS

CPC is pleased to be supporting CATS, by means of a grant plus free use of outdoor facilities, with their outdoor Pop up Panto events taking place on the Morgan Rec on the weekends of 3 & 4 and 10 & 11 July 2021. These fun performances will surely have a positive impact on all who attend as the community recovers from the pandemic.

CPC is also pleased to support the First Responders with funds towards the cost of consumables and the annual safety checks on community defibrillators sited at Edgbarrow, Crowthorne C of E and Wildmoor Heath Schools, thereby making sure the equipment is in good working order in the event it is required for a life saving emergency.



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POST COVID HIGH STREET, RETAIL AND EMPLOYMENT REGENERATION

CPC has costed a range of schemes (including hanging baskets, planted benches, market advertising boards and banners, social media campaigns, video advertising and leaflet drops) and a bid has been submitted to BFC for a grant under the government's 'Welcome Back' scheme, of which BFC has been awarded £108K by the government to help with projects such as improving the appearance of shopping areas and promoting Crowthorne via a web campaign and on social media as a 'small market town' to aid the recovery of the economic areas as the community emerges from the Covid pandemic.

CROW LITTERPICKS

Good progress continues to be made towards awarding Crowthorne 'litter free status'.



CROW held a community litter pick starting at the market on 23 May with appropriate Covid security measures in place. 56.6kg of litter was collected. 1st Crowthorne Scouts also assisted with the collection for one of their awards. Crowthorne Beavers held 2 evenings of litter picking at the Morgan Recreation Ground in May for one of their badges and are intending to book further dates.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Sadly, anti-social behaviour has continued in Crowthorne and surrounding areas with drug use, underage drinking, vandalism, criminal damage, nitrous oxide canisters, smashed glass bottles, extensive littering and noise being regular occurrences reported by affected residents. As a result, enhanced security measures including additional higher grade CCTV, security fencing, ASBO patrol cameras, number plate recognition and a new entry barrier have been approved to ensure that CPC can protect its buildings and open spaces from further damage. All incidents are reported to the Police together with any CCTV footage. Further to this a Neighbourhood Action Group has been formed to tackle and follow up on ASB matters.

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3 YEAR STRATEGY PLAN 2021-2024 - Have your say

CPC is in the process of developing a Strategy Plan with a green focus that will inform our policy framework over the next three years. Climate change is at the forefront of our lives and this Strategy Plan will seek to address how we carry out Council activities and services whilst mitigating damage to our environment. To steer the new 3 Year Strategy Plan, a community questionnaire has been launched, which residents and local businesses are strongly encouraged to complete. It is available online or as a hard copy by request.

<https://crowthorneparish.typeform.com/to/EWoWeR3T>

COMMUNITY HUB AT BUCKLER'S PARK

Discussions are currently underway concerning the management of Buckler's Park Community Hub. Following the withdrawal of 2 years funding support by CALA Homes (which was a critical element in CPC taking over the running of the community hub), CPC has appointed a consultant to report and advise on the viability of CPC running the Hub and costed business modelling. Councillors and staff visited the new facilities in June to see the range of facilities on offer. Updates on the project are given monthly at CPC's meetings which the public are able to join.

LATERAL FLOW TESTING AT MORGAN CENTRE



The Morgan Centre was used as a lateral flow testing centre by BFC from 1 February to 13 May 2021. Since then the lateral flow testing service has set up a stall at the weekly Friday market for testing residents and handing out home testing kits.

PARISH OFFICE AND ONLINE COUNCIL MEETINGS

It is anticipated that once all Covid restrictions are lifted, Parish Office staff will return to the office at the Morgan Centre. Parish Council meetings have continued to be held online on MS Teams with members of the public able to join virtually by following the link provided. As restrictions ease it is anticipated that meetings will once again resume in the Morgan Centre on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

VENUES FOR HIRE

Are you looking for a venue to hire to run a regular exercise class? If so the Morgan Centre and Parish Hall may be ideal for you. For more information email: administration@crowthorne-pc.gov.uk



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