



Crowthorne PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



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WINTER 2020

CHRISTMAS NEWS

Due to Covid restrictions this year's Festive Lights Switch On event is unable to proceed. The High Street will however still be lit up with the usual festive lights supported by a grant from Crowthorne Parish Council (CPC). Crowthorne Churches Together have agreed to take on responsibility for the Christmas lights display including the installation, removal, upkeep and storage of the lights towards which CPC has awarded £1,500 from its grants budget.

This year's Christmas tree has been very kindly donated by the RBFRS and will take pride of place in its usual spot in front of the newly built Fire Station.

Please show your support to our High Street in the run up to Christmas and shop locally.



Wear a face covering



Maintain social distancing



Wash your hands

Shop Crowthorne
Protect our borough



CROWTHORNE MARKET

The new market launched by CPC in July is growing and has gone from strength to strength. The market is held at the Morgan Recreation Ground car park every Friday and Sunday. We now have regular market traders selling a large variety of products: artisan bread, pies, pastries, quality fresh fruit and veg; fresh coffee; olives; fresh fish; pork products; sweets; hand made jewellery/crafts and much more. Christmas trees will be available from early December.



Unfortunately during this lockdown period only essential goods are permitted to trade at the market. A full market is expected to return once the current restrictions are lifted.

Market Days over Christmas:

Friday 18 and Sunday 20 December and
Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 December 2020
The market will then return on Friday 8 January 2021.



PARISH OFFICE AND ONLINE COUNCIL MEETINGS

At this current time the Parish Office remains closed and all officers are working from home. This is in accordance with the government directive that those who can work from home should continue to do so. Grounds and caretaking staff continue to look after the CPC sites.

All Parish Council meetings continue to be held online on MS Teams. Advisory bodies and government advice remains that council meetings should take place virtually. Members of the public are welcome to join the online meetings by following the link that is provided on our website. Where possible, agendas continue to be displayed on the High Street noticeboard of impending meetings.

The Parish Hall and Morgan Centre had reopened to those groups who were able to return. Strict Covid-safe rules were implemented in order to make the halls as safe as possible to all hirers. Positive feedback from hirers has been received on the measures in place. We look forward to welcoming our hirers back once again when current restrictions are eased.

CHANGES TO WASTE COLLECTION

BFC's planned waste collection changes were delayed to March 2021 due to the Covid pandemic.

Information on the planned changes will be presented by BFC to Crowthorne residents via a virtual meeting on MS Teams on Tuesday 1 December at 6.45pm. At this meeting residents will be able to ask any questions and speak to BFC Officers about the upcoming changes. The link to this meeting will be shared on our website and on social media on the run up to the event.

In the meantime, more information regarding the changes, can be found on: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/food-waste-collection>



Visit our website www.crowthornepc.org.uk



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

The Crowthorne Neighbourhood Plan is ready and pending referendum. This would have taken place in May 2020 but due to the current suspension of public polls has been postponed until at least May 2021.

Fortunately, the Crowthorne NP as it currently stands carries significant weight in planning terms. So despite the NP not formally being 'made' or deriving the enhanced CIL funding at this stage, BFC's planners will still very much have to take it into account when considering and determining planning applications.

POST OFFICE

The outreach Post Office at the Parish Hall opened on 30 September 2020 with CPC agreeing to host this facility free of charge on Wednesday mornings, as a service to the community. Unfortunately during these current restrictions the Post Office is only able to operate from permanent branches until further notice. We look forward to welcoming this valuable service back once restrictions are eased.



RESURFACING OF CAR PARK

The car park at the Morgan Centre has been resurfaced and parking bays remarked, numbered and sized according to current standards. Sunken drains have also been raised. This is a significant improvement to the facility as a whole and has been funded by Community Infrastructure Levy funds (CIL). CIL is paid by developers of new housing to help fund infrastructure, facilities and services locally.

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. Applications for funding must be received by Friday 11 December 2020. Applicants will be notified in February 2021 whether they have been successful in their application. Application forms are available on the Parish Council website or by emailing: administration@crowthorne-pc.gov.uk



CROW LITTERPICKS

CROW organised and ran a two week long community litterpick facilitated by CPC and WWPC over the summer. This led to a lot of very positive publicity on social media channels locally and helped to clean up the excessive littering that has been a feature of lockdown. This event also helped to respond to one of the concerns raised by local residents at the Have Your Say meetings.

CROW also ran a litterpick on Sunday 18 October from the Sunday market at the Morgan Centre car park. 55 adults & 55 children litterpicked over the 4 hours, some coming back multiple times with bags. In total 60 bags were collected, weighing 200.7kg in total! Thank you to the amazing people of Crowthorne.



PROJECTS AND EVENTS OFFICER

Marianna Pentek joins the Parish Council as a fixed term Projects and Events Officer in order to assist existing officers with the planning, costing, organisation and delivery of projects and events within the parish. Marianna's hours of work are spread over 2 days; Mondays and Wednesdays.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Crowthorne has continued to experience a growing problem with anti-social behaviour (drug use, underage drinking, vandalism, criminal damage, attempted break in, smashed glass bottles, noise complaints and fights) culminating in various Orders being imposed by the local Police and an increased Police presence in Crowthorne. A costed proposal for enhanced security measures including ASBO patrol cameras, number plate recognition and a new entry barrier are being reviewed to ensure that CPC can protect its buildings, equipment and open spaces from further damage. All incidents are reported to the Police together with any CCTV footage.

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Monthly surgeries are currently suspended however you can still contact your local Councillors on the above numbers to discuss any issues you may be concerned about.

*The Councillors and Staff of Crowthorne Parish
Council wish Crowthorne residents
a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*



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. We have implemented Covid safe measures in both venues to ensure all our hirers are safe. For more information email: administration@crowthorne-pc.gov.uk



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