

CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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Parish Council Updates

Pond

Thank you to all who helped with the pond clear up on 26 November. In the cold periods the pond is frequently frozen over. Please do not walk on the ice or throw items on the ice

Playground Warden

We are looking for help with the playground – this involves such things as routine playground inspections and alerting the parish council of any repairs that might need actioning. Please email clerk.crawley@parish.hants.gov.uk for more information.

Email database

If you are not already on the parish email database and would like to be added please email clerk.crawley@parish.hants.gov.uk

Biodiversity

Crawley Parish Council continues to promote biodiversity in the communal spaces it is responsible for managing - the playing fields, burial ground, church yard and pond. We also appreciate that local residents also 'do their bit' in their gardens.

Following a talk by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT) at last year's annual parish meeting, a number of residents expressed an interest in doing more to support biodiversity and wildlife in our local area. We have spoken to HIWWT to find out how people can get more directly involved when it comes to improving biodiversity and mitigating climate change. The charity says establishing a local group is a good first step in making a difference.

HIWWT supports a number of 'Team Wilder' groups across the county. **#TeamWilder**, is a growing national movement led by UK Wildlife Trusts to help tip the scales back in nature's favour. More detailed information can be found at: <https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/team-wilder>

These groups, set-up and run by community volunteers, take action to promote biodiversity in their neighbourhood. In Hampshire, initiatives have included running nature competitions, funding a meadow restoration, monitoring species and even creating a hedgehog highway.

If you are interested in setting-up or being part of a biodiversity/nature group for Crawley, please let the Parish Council know and we will help promote the initiative.

Walking in Hampshire

Walking in Hampshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/hants> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

Hampshire Highways

Hampshire Highways are extremely stretched due to weather-related problems. Please report any defects using the County Council's online reporting system and be aware that it is taking more time to deal with the demand.

To report potholes: [Report a pothole | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk/report-a-pothole)

The latest traffic situation can be viewed via the ROMANSE map <https://romanse.org.uk/>

M3 Junction 9

You can follow updates on M3 motorway repairs and closures or sign up for alerts here <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-east/m3-junctions-9-to-14-smart-motorway/>

Village library

Next dates: Friday 3 February and Friday 3 March – opening 3pm.

Police and Neighbourhood Watch

If you are new to the village and want to join our active Neighbourhood watch scheme - please contact Alison Carey; Email alisonmc96@yahoo.com

You will receive a welcome pack and be added to the email circulation list for updates/news/scam information etc

We are well supported by Police from the Winchester Rural North Team. PC Emma Hoskins and PCSOs Kerry Croutear and Michelle Wilkinson.

There are, at the time of writing, quite a lot of non-dwelling burglaries in the area. Beware! If you require security advice the Police can provide it.

Flytipping

There is now a dedicated Flytipping Officer at Winchester City Council. Details of how to report flytipping are in the following link:

[Fly-Tipping - Winchester City Council](#)

Aluminium Recycling Bin

This new bin is located in the village hall garden and is for the Air Ambulance charity.

Contacts and Diary Dates

City and County Councillors

Caroline Horrill: email CHorrill@winchester.gov.uk or telephone 01962 776844.

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Meetings

Dates for the Parish Council Meetings in 2023:

Monday 7.30 pm 20 March, 15 May, 17 July, 18 September, 20 November. The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Monday 24 April at 7pm.

Members of the Parish Council and their responsibilities

Cllr Tim Anderson	Chair, Trees	07799663928	tim@crawley-hampshire.org.uk
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