



The official newsletter of Cranleigh Parish Council.

CRANLEIGH – A QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

Cranleigh Parish Council is very proud to have been awarded Quality Parish Status. The certificate of achievement was presented to the Council at its Annual Parish Meeting in Cranleigh Village Hall on 23rd May.

The concept of Quality Parish Councils was introduced by the Government in the Rural White Paper in 2000 and was officially launched on 1 July 2003. Alun Michael MP, the Minister responsible for Local Government Issues, said of the Scheme that it provides "confirmation and assurance that those awarded with Quality status are representative, competent, well managed, and able to take an enhanced role". Cranleigh is the first parish in Waverley to achieve Quality status and only the sixth Council in Surrey to achieve this accreditation.

In order to meet the requirements of The Quality Parish Council Scheme, the Council passed a number of specified Quality Tests. These included:

- The publication of an Annual Report
- The preparation of accounts in line with Accounts and Audit Regulations
- Having an effective communication channel via a website www.cranleighpc.org which features information about the Councillors, a calendar of meetings, agendas and minutes of meetings and information on the Council's facilities. The Parish Council has also published four newsletters which are available on the website.
- Electoral mandate requirements which were met in the May 2003 and May 2007 local elections.
- Qualifications of the Parish Clerk. Pauline Whitehead achieved the Certificate in Local Council Administration, which accompanied the Quality Status Scheme.
- The adoption of a Code of Conduct for Councillors which all Councillors at the Council have adhered to
- The number of Council meetings held and the involvement of the public through the Open Forum

Cranleigh will benefit from the Quality Scheme as Quality Parish Councils play an enhanced role in their communities and in partnership with principal authorities. They also are an integral part of all relevant consultation and co-ordination arrangements set up by principal authorities and other service providers on how services are delivered in the parish council area. Quality Parishes are equipped to manage and deliver services which parish councils may carry out either on behalf of the principal authority, or by using their existing powers; they also are positively working with partners on the provision of access points to information on services of principal authorities and other service providers.

County and District Councils are to be strongly encouraged to enter into agreement with Quality Parish Councils and approaches have already been made to Waverley Borough Council for involvement in their strategic partnerships which will ultimately give Cranleigh a greater influence over its own issues.

Benefits to the community can also be gained by Quality Parishes working with other parishes in the area to share expertise, knowledge and resources. The Clerks of, Alfold, Bramley, Cranleigh, Dunsfold, Ewhurst, Hascombe and Womersley have been working together to address common issues faced by each parish. The group is investigating how the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Act can be implemented and enforced throughout the area and is working together to try to lobby Waverley Borough Council to assist Parishes with the persistent problem of litter, graffiti and abandoned shopping trolleys

CELEBRATING THE VOLUNTEERS AND THOSE WHO WORK FOR THEIR COMMUNITY.

On Sunday 15th April Cranleigh Parish Council held its first Civic Service at St Nicolas Church to celebrate the work of the volunteers within our community whose dedication and commitment enhance the lives of many who live within Cranleigh. Canon Nigel Nicholson conducted the service and there was a presentation from Cllr Brian Ellis, the Chairman of the Council and readings by the Vice Chairman, Cllr Brian Cheesman and Cora McManus, a representative from the Girl Guides. Around 140 people attended the service which was also attended by the Mayor of Waverley and the Mayors of Haslemere and Godalming..

During the service the Chairman was presented with a calfskin scroll illustrating the Cranleigh Coat of Arms and which incorporated three wax seals on ribbons. Cllr Ellis declared that the Coat of Arms was 'for the people of Cranleigh'. There has already been a great deal of positive interest in the Coat of Arms and the Parish Council has agreed that any community groups who wish to use the Coat of Arms may do so free of charge, however they may wish to give an undisclosed voluntary donation to St Nicolas Church in recognition of the commitment and community involvement of Canon Nicholson to this project.

Useful contacts

The Clerk – Pauline Whitehead.
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Surrey Police
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Website: www.surrey.police.uk-
Waverley Borough Council Locality Office
Leisure Centre, Village Way, Cranleigh
Telephone - 01483 268057
Surrey County Council,
General Enquiries, Telephone - 08456 009009
Website:- www.surreycc.gov.uk
Graffiti Hotline
Telephone 01483 523425
Website:- GraffitiHotline.co.uk

Cranleigh Parish Councillors

NAME	TELEPHONE	WARD
Cllr B Arendell	01483 273204	Rural
Cllr Cyril Baily FCA	01483 278471	Elmbridge
Cllr John Bainbridge FCA	01483 275949	West
Cllr Brian Cheesman	01483 273293	East
Cllr Mrs Jean E Dodd	01483 278184	East
Cllr Mrs Patricia Ellis	01483 272929	West
Cllr Brian A Ellis	01483 272929	West
Cllr Mary Foryszewski	01483 273020	North
Cllr David Gallacher	01483 275328	East
Cllr Mrs Rosemary Hurtley	01483 272052	East
Cllr Ken T Reed	01483 271896	East
Cllr Stewart Stennett	01483 275038	West

WORKING SMART – WORKING TOGETHER

The Parish Council has sought to work with other agencies over the past months to provide facilities for Cranleigh. Here are two examples:-

IT'S YOUR COUNCIL

Lighting at Snoxhall.

Over the past two years the Parish Council has worked in partnership with Surrey County Council to fund two new lighting columns at Snoxhall, and with the Co-operative Community Fund and Surrey Foundation to provide a new 8metre lighting column opposite the Youth Shelter at Snoxhall. The Parish Council had been advised by members of the community that they were concerned about the lack of light at Snoxhall and took action.

Goal Posts for Snoxhall Fields

The Parish Council has worked with the Cranleigh Youth Football Club to secure grants from the Football Foundation and Surrey Community Foundation to provide three new sets of goalposts for Snoxhall. Recent changes in legislation meant that the goalposts at Snoxhall did not comply to the new regulations, however, by forging a productive working partnership, the two bodies have worked together to provide a facility that can be enjoyed by all of those who use Snoxhall for football during the football season.

TELL COUNCILLORS WHAT YOU THINK

Contact any of the Parish Councillors shown in the listing with your views on the items in this edition of the Cranleigh newsletter or on local issues bothering you, or write to the Council at

**Village Way, Cranleigh, Surrey,
GU6 8AF**

For more information about the council please contact www.cranleighpc.org which is linked to the Cranleigh Village website.

Parish Council Meetings are held in the Council Offices, in Village Way on the third Thursday of every month with the exception of August. Meetings start promptly at 7.00pm with the first fifteen minutes available for members of the public with a legitimate interest in the Parish to pose questions to the councillors.

The next Parish Council meetings are scheduled for: **Thu 21st June 2007 and Thu 19th July 2007**

The next Planning meeting is scheduled for : **Monday 4th June 2007**

Agendas and minutes are available on our website at : **www.cranleighpc.org**

For Advanced notice of all meetings check the Parish Notice Board behind the Village Hall or contact the Parish Council office on 01483 272311.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME AT
ALL PARISH COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**