



**CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL**

# NEWSLETTER

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## THE PARISH COUNCIL LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

In July the Parish Council looked to the future with a workshop led by Mrs Anne Bott of the Surrey County Association of Parish and Town Councils.

Following this the Council agreed its vision statement:-

**“CRANLEIGH IS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, A VIBRANT PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY.”**

The Council then went on to identify its aims and how it was going to achieve them.

### What we want to promote to achieve our vision statement

### How we are going to achieve our vision statement.

#### **Strengthen partnerships**

Continue to work proactively wherever possible to strengthen and improve working relationships with our partners; Cranleigh Initiative, statutory bodies/organisations, local businesses and voluntary groups.

#### **Communication at all levels**

Encourage partners to approach the Parish Council with clear, well thought out constructive ideas which will benefit all sections of the community and on which there can be joint working.

Publicise the work of the Parish Council through its website, newsletters and press releases.

Give the public the opportunity to ask questions at all of its public meetings.

Have a clear method in which the public can give feedback, both positive comments and ideas for development, to the Council.

#### **Managing the Council's resources wisely**

Manage the Council's resources to ensure that they are spent on the needs of the community.

Focus resources on what matters to our community.

Attain maximum benefit from management of the Council's assets.

#### **A sustainable community**

Acknowledge the diversity of what heritage means to Cranleigh, and seek to maintain this through active engagement in ongoing reviews of the Cranleigh Design Statement and the Planning Committee.

Encourage ways in which our community can improve our environment and promote building resilience for the future.

Work to encourage balancing the current needs of people, the economy and the Environment, without compromising the future. Be sensitive to our environment and contribute to a high quality of life.

Promote safety and inclusion, opportunities and good services for all.

Work wherever possible with the business community to sustain economic vibrancy.

# PLAY PARK NEWS



## PLAY FOR ALL AGES.....

Three pieces of outdoor fitness equipment have been successfully installed at Snoxhall Playing Fields, off Knowle Lane in Cranleigh, as a result of a successful grant application made by the Parish Council to the Surrey Hills Leader fund.

The provision of an air skier, seated chest press and self-weighted rower at a cost of £4,578, and sited on the piece of land adjacent to the Youth Shelter, continues the Parish Council's commitment to provide enhanced recreational facilities at Snoxhall Fields for the whole community regardless of age or ability.



The new fitness equipment encourages everyone to enjoy exercising free of charge and in the open air allowing them to enjoy and appreciate the beautiful surrounding countryside.

The Parish Council has worked in collaboration with several organisations to realize the continued improvements to Snoxhall. These include Waverley Borough Council, Cranleigh Initiative, Glebelands, Action for Cranleigh Play Park, The Rotary Club of Cranleigh, Cranleigh Youth Club, Cranleigh Baptist Church, Kompan, Notcutts and the Probation Services, Woking.

The Surrey Hills Leader fund is supported by Defra and EU financial contributions, and it aims to support projects that strengthen rural communities in Surrey to secure a healthy future. It is hoped that this project will encourage people to use the facilities that Snoxhall provides to improve their health and lifestyle, and to promote Snoxhall as a community space. As this will be one of the few facilities of its kind in this vicinity, it is also hoped that visitors from our surrounding area will be encouraged to come to Cranleigh and enjoy visiting the independent retailers which are part of Cranleigh's charm and which make it a vibrant place to work, rest and play.

The Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) is funded by Defra and the EU. The European Agricultural Fund for Rural development (EAFRD): Europe investing in rural areas.



BLOQX was developed with the cooperation of youngsters and some of the world's best climbers. Designed to be "A place for all levels of skill or ability" is like being on a stage - from here you can see and be seen, meet with your friends, be active, train and perform.

Young people in Cranleigh led a successful grant application to secure funding for a piece of climbing equipment called Bloqz for Snoxhall Play Park. Bloqz is a sculptural piece of equipment designed to challenge and to provide a place to gather. The unique design allows the climbing grips situated on each face of the equipment to be moved periodically, so that the challenges of climbing up and along the surfaces remain over a long period of time. The full cost of the equipment was funded by the Surrey County Council Youth Opportunities Fund and the Parish Council provided money for the groundworks surrounding it. The equipment will be open to the public later in 2009.

Snoxhall Play Park was shortlisted in the Environmental Enhancement category of the Waverley Design awards. Whilst the newly extended Play Park did not win, it only narrowly lost out to a piazza at Godalming College. The Play Park, which is being constructed in phases, and has been running for just one year, requires only one piece of equipment for it to be completed. Funding opportunities are constantly being sought and it is hoped that sufficient money will be found for the final piece of equipment to be installed in 2010. The Chairman of the Council, Brian Ellis, recorded his delight at witnessing the enjoyment of large numbers of the community on his many visits to the Play Park over the summer, at the September Parish Council Meeting.

## NEW FACES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Vivienne Dawes was co-opted to the Parish Council as an independent member in June 2009 to fill a vacant seat and she has chosen to be a member of the Planning Committee. Vivienne is a public health physician. She and her husband David lived in Australia for many years before returning to England permanently in 2008. They chose to settle in Cranleigh, partly because of having relatives nearby and also as they believe it is a wonderful place to live. She has a keen interest in all aspects of the environment, but particularly in safety and sustainability and in maintaining/improving village facilities and the quality of life of the community.

The Assistant Clerk, Mrs Anne Scully retired from the Parish Council after 20 years service in July. The occasion was marked by a small gathering of friends and colleagues who thanked Mrs Scully for her commitment and loyalty to the Parish Council and toasted her retirement. Mrs Scully received a gift of a gas barbeque.

The new Assistant Clerk Mrs Vivien Edwards, joined the Parish Council on 27<sup>th</sup> July. Mr Mark Godfrey became part of the grounds team in late May. He will work mainly at Snoxhall Fields and assist the Grounds Manager in continuing to provide an excellent recreation service to Cranleigh

Cllr Vivienne Dawes



## GRANTS AND DONATIONS

The Parish Council has recently supported two local causes which found themselves short of funds for valuable services.

Cranfold Job Seekers Club found themselves faced with difficulties when changing technology and streamlining of the working practices of the Job Centre meant they were no longer able to receive hard copies of job details to display locally. The only way they could retain the fantastic service they provide to local people, was to buy another computer. Being faced with this they approached the Parish Council who was able to give £300 towards the new purchase.

Cranfold Job Seekers Club is situated in the CAB Offices on Village Way in Cranleigh and is open from 9am to 5pm every Wednesday and Friday.

The Cranleigh Initiative runs a 100 Club throughout the year to raise funds for the Christmas lights which are a regular and welcome addition to the High Street over the festive season. The Initiative wanted to extend the spectacle of the lights for Christmas 2009 to outside the Post Office but they faced the dilemma of either putting in extra lights, or reducing the entertainment at the annual switch on. The Parish Council recognize what a fantastic event the Christmas light switch on is for their community, and how it also attracts people from the surrounding villages, so the Parish Council stepped in and gave £1,000 from its annual grant allocation for this good cause. The lights will be an investment as they will give pleasure for several years. The annual Christmas lights switch on will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. More details of this *must see* event will be posted on the Village notice board in Fountain Square as they are available.

### WAR MEMORIAL

Over the last few years the Parish Council has worked to gain funding for essential repairs to the wall surrounding the War Memorial on Cranleigh High Street.

The War Memorials Trust has pledged £2,500 towards the £6,087 cost of undertaking the repairs and has given their expertise on how the repair should be undertaken. Further funding was secured from the Surrey County Councillor for Cranleigh, Jonathan Lord, who has given £2,000 of his Councillors' allowance towards the project. The shortfall will come from a fund held by the Parish Council which is made up of donations from the local community. The work was completed by mid September in readiness for Remembrance Day.

### THANK YOU

The Parish Council would like to thank Cranleigh Lions who have worked with a local family to provide a seat adjacent to the Children's Section at the Cemetery in Dewlands Lane.

In 2000, as part of the millennium celebrations, the Lions agreed to place 2 benches in the parish. However, only one was eventually placed, therefore this bench completes that pledge. The stone effect seat will have an inscription suggested by Canon Nigel Nicholson, which comes from St. Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 19: 'Let the children come to me, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these'.

## YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT

Contact any of the Parish Councillors listed in this newsletter with your views on items in this edition of the newsletter or on local issues bothering you, or write to The Clerk, Cranleigh Parish Council, Village Way, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8AF.

For more information please visit [www.cranleighpc.org](http://www.cranleighpc.org) which is linked to the Cranleigh Village website.

## SNOXHALL FIELDS

The Parish Council and Cranleigh Football Club have worked together successfully to secure £3,878 towards replacing the fence around the Senior Football Pitch at Snoxhall Fields. The original fencing, which was constructed from scaffold poles, had been damaged in places and was no longer fit for purpose. Cranleigh Football Club approached the Surrey Community Foundation Grass Roots fund and was awarded with the full amount for the project. The grant covered fencing and construction materials. The Parish Council worked with the Surrey Probation Services to secure the services of the Young Offenders Team who are installing the fencing free of charge. The Probation Services team has installed other fencing around Parish Council grounds saving the Council over £15,000 in labour costs. The groups are fully supervised and are proud to be associated with the work undertaken at Snoxhall Fields.



The newly installed fence around the Senior Football Pitch at Snoxhall Fields funded by Surrey Community Foundation.

## CALLING FOR IDEAS FOR CRANLEIGH'S RED TELEPHONE BOXES

Wacky and original ideas are being sought to transform disused red phone kiosks in Cranleigh to preserve the well-known landmarks.

Residents are being asked to come up with creative ideas to put the British icons to unusual uses which will benefit the community.

BT are giving local communities the opportunity to buy their red telephone boxes at the cost of £1, but this does not include the telephony service or any future maintenance of the box.

Five telephone boxes in Cranleigh are affected by this, those sited at Baynards, Smithwood Common, Park Mead, Barhatch Road and Horsham Road. The Parish Council is mindful that telephone boxes are not used as often as they were now that many people have mobile telephones, BUT are aware they could provide an essential lifeline in an emergency.

Despite low usage, the Parish Council felt that the telephone boxes at all but one of these sites were worth retaining. The exception was the red telephone box at Smithwood Common which had only been used twice in the last year. Members felt that this was because the box is not used by the immediate residents and as it is shielded from the road it is not immediately obvious to passing motorists.



### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We have heard of several ideas for the use of the red boxes from other areas including them being used as an art gallery, a notice board and an information booth with bus timetables, events and essential information. These boxes are often landmarks and part of our local heritage. If you have any ideas on what the box at Smithwood Common could be used for or if your community would be willing to take responsibility for one of the red telephone boxes in Cranleigh, please let the Parish Council know – they are waiting for your call.

LIST OF CONTACTS	YOUR COUNCILLORS	
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**WHO DOES WHAT IN CRANLEIGH?.....the most frequently asked questions**

<u>Cranleigh Parish Council</u>	<u>Waverley Borough Council</u>	<u>Surrey County Council</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allotments at Elmbridge Road and Beryl Harvey Field</li> <li>• Annual Parish Meeting</li> <li>• Conservation Area</li> <li>• Cranleigh Official Guide</li> <li>• Dewlands Lane Cemetery</li> <li>• Grants – local and capital grants only</li> <li>• High Street Flowerbeds</li> <li>• Notice Boards</li> <li>• Parish Council Offices</li> <li>• Snoxhall Fields</li> <li>• Snoxhall Play Park</li> <li>• Snoxhall Pavilion</li> <li>• Tennis Courts</li> <li>• Village Hall</li> <li>• War Memorial</li> </ul> <p>The Cranleigh Initiative (sponsored by Cranleigh Parish Council and Waverley Borough Council) is responsible for Christmas Lights and associated events.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abandoned Vehicles</li> <li>• Building Control</li> <li>• Bus Permits</li> <li>• Car Parks and Fines</li> <li>• Council Tax Enquiries</li> <li>• Electoral Registration</li> <li>• Gypsies and Travellers</li> <li>• Housing/ Homelessness</li> <li>• Leisure Centres</li> <li>• Licensing</li> <li>• Noise Pollution</li> <li>• Pest Control</li> <li>• Planning</li> <li>• Queensway and Lashmere Playgrounds</li> <li>• Recycling/ Refuse/ Special Collections</li> <li>• Skate Park</li> <li>• Street Cleaning/ Litter</li> <li>• Taxi/Private Hire Licensing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Environment</li> <li>• Footways</li> <li>• Highways</li> <li>• Libraries</li> <li>• Minerals</li> <li>• Street Lighting</li> <li>• Social Services</li> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Trading Standards</li> <li>• Waste Disposal</li> </ul>

## ANNUAL LITTER PICK – ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

**THE PARISH COUNCIL IS HOLDING ITS AUTUMN LITTER PICK ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 2009**

**MEET AT 9.30am IN THE CAR PARK AT SNOXHALL FIELDS. LITTER PICKERS AND BAGS ARE PROVIDED BUT YOU MAY LIKE TO BRING YOUR OWN GLOVES.**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES AFTER 10.45am.**

**..... WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.**



### CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL - AT THE HEART OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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 about the work of the Council to the councillors.

The next Parish Council meetings are scheduled for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

The next Planning meetings are scheduled for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009 and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

The next Village Hall meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009. The next cemetery meeting is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009 and the next Finance meeting is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

Agendas and minutes are available at [www.cranleighpc.org](http://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

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