



# **CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Annual Report**

**2024 – 2025**

## Introduction

This Annual Report has been prepared by Cranleigh Parish Council and we hope you will find it gives an informative overview into our business and other activities over the past year.

The publication includes a report from the Council Chairman, together with reports from the Parish Council's Committee Chairmen. The report further provides detailed information and statistics. The report includes our unaudited accounts for 2024/25 which will be made available to the public for inspection from Tuesday 03 June 2025 to Monday 14 July 2025. We expect to publish the audited Annual Return on our website in September 2025.

This year the Annual Parish Meeting was held on 06 March 2025 and was open to electors to hear presentations from Surrey County Council about the High Street Improvements Scheme, Cranleigh BID ran a survey on public WIFI, Cranleigh Heritage Trust provided an update on the cottage hospital restoration and Cranleigh Health and Wellbeing gave an update on their community connections project and asked members of the public to participate through a survey. The meeting also enabled electors to have their say on any matters of particular interest or to raise any local issues, relevant to the County, Borough or Parish Councils.

The Parish Council has had another busy yet and is moving steadily ahead with key priorities as set out in our Business Plan 2023 – 2027:

<https://www.cranleigh-pc.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Policies%20and%20Other%20Documents/Cranleigh%20Parish%20Council%20Business%20Plan%202023%20FINAL.pdf>

We are very proud of our Youth Council who set their own agenda to explore links with community organisations, campaigns and attend civic events.

We continue to keep our website up to date ensuring we comply with accessibility requirements and share news and information through our social media channels for Cranleigh Parish Council, Cranleigh Village Hall and Cranleigh Youth Council.

If you have any queries relating to the contents of this Annual Report, then please contact the Parish Council at: Council Office, Village Way, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8AF

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Kind Regards

Beverley Bell FSLCC MIET IEng

Parish Clerk



## Chairman's Report

I am honoured to write this Cranleigh Parish Council Chairman's report for 2024/25.

This is my third year as Chairman of Cranleigh Parish Council and I am grateful for the support of my fellow Councillors and in particular to my Vice Chairman Clive Walker for their hard work and community spirit.

Our Council has a solid foundation built on civility and respect for accountability and good governance. Members have embraced the Civility and Respect pledge and work in harmony with Council staff and other community organisations to deliver outstanding public facilities in Cranleigh.

The stand out moment of the year must be the grand opening of Cranleigh Village Hall, funded from the Community Ownership Fund. Former Parish Councillor Nigel Sanctuary guided the Council and community through the grant application process leading focus groups to find out what the community wanted from the refurbishment through to writing a comprehensive business plan for the Village Hall to obtaining substantial grant funding of £307,754.

I must make mention of the Council staff who deliver our community services with enthusiasm and compassion, managing our open spaces, play park, cemetery, allotments, village hall, community centre and public toilets.

We are at turning point in local government with the reorganisation of Surrey County Council and the eleven District and Borough Councils into unitary authorities. The Parish Council is keeping abreast of reorganisation progress over what will be a very interesting year ahead.

I have reached out into the community and can often be found late morning in Alpher Coffee meeting representatives from community organisations and talking to members of the public.

The Council has achieved a lot in the last year, but still has so much more to do. The Council welcomes members of the public to get involved with the work of the Council and its Committees through participation in the public sessions at Council meetings, keeping up to date with our work through our social media, participating in online survey consultations and joining in civic events.

If there is something that you would like the Council to consider as a future project or have a concern about something in the village, please do contact me to see if the Parish Council can be of assistance.

Kind Regards

Marc Scully

Chairman

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## Parish Council Responsibilities

Amlets Lane Allotments	Beryl Harvey Allotments	Elmbridge Allotments
Beryl Harvey Field	Bruce McKenzie Field	Snoxhall Field
Dewlands Lane Cemetery	Centenary Garden	Snoxhall Play Park
Snoxhall Community Centre	Snoxhall Pavilion	Cranleigh Village Hall
Snoxhall Public Toilets	The Common Public Toilets	Village Way Public Toilets





## Cranleigh Parish Councillors



Cllr Marc Scully - Chairman



Cllr Clive Walker – Vice Chairman



Cllr Claire Bennett



Cllr Rosemary Burbridge



Cllr Trevor Cobby



Cllr Alan Morrison



Cllr Hannah Nicholson



Cllr Dave Nicholas



Cllr Liz Townsend



Cllr Rowena Tyler



Cllr Mark West

Vacancy

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	Marc Scully	07850 742805	<a href="mailto:Marc.scully@cranleigh-pc.gov.uk">Marc.scully@cranleigh-pc.gov.uk</a>
	Liz Townsend	07703 308253	<a href="mailto:liz.townsend@cranleigh-pc.gov.uk">liz.townsend@cranleigh-pc.gov.uk</a>
	Clive Walker	07973 405477	<a href="mailto:clive.walker@cranleigh-pc.gov.uk">clive.walker@cranleigh-pc.gov.uk</a>
	Vacancy		

## Committee Membership 2024 – 2025

\*Chairman

\*\*Vice Chairman

### Finance Committee

Dave Nicholas\*\*  
Marc Scully  
Rowena Tyler  
Liz Townsend  
Clive Walker\*  
Mark West  
Vacancy

### Personnel Committee

Rosemary Burbridge  
Hannah Nicholson  
Marc Scully  
Rowena Tyler  
Mark West\*

### Planning Committee

Claire Bennett  
Rosemary Burbridge\*\*  
Dave Nicholas  
Hannah Nicholson  
Marc Scully  
Rowena Tyler\*  
Clive Walker

### Property & Asset Committee

Rosemary Burbridge  
Trevor Cobby  
Alan Morrison  
Dave Nicholas\*  
Marc Scully  
Clive Walker



## Representatives on Outside Bodies

Acute Treatment Centre	Vacancy
Chamber of Commerce	M Scully
Climate Change Lead	M West
Cranleigh Arts Centre	M Scully
Cranleigh Brick and Tile Liaison Group	D Nicholas
Cranleigh Community Fund	R Burbridge
Cranleigh Flood Forum	M Scully, E Townsend
Cranleigh Health and Wellbeing	M Scully
Cranleigh Heritage Trust	R Burbridge
Cranleigh Library	R Burbridge
Cranleigh Networking Group	E Townsend, R Tyler
Cranleigh Vallendar Club	M Scully
Cranleigh Neighbourhood Watch	D Nicholas
Dementia Friendly Cranleigh	H Nicholson
Destination Cranleigh	D Nicholas
Draft Business Plan	D Nicholas, E Townsend, C Walker
Dunsfold Advisory Group	Vacancy
Gatwick - CAGNE	Vacancy
High Street SCC Working Party	C Walker
Internal Audit	D Nicholas, C Walker
Knowle Park	R Burbridge, H Nicholson
Leisure Centre	C Walker
Older Persons Network	R Burbridge
Recreation Users Group	D Nicholas, E Townsend
Remembrance Day	M Scully
Rowleys	R Burbridge
SALC	M Scully, C Walker
SCC Wayfinding Working Party	R Burbridge
Surrey Police	Clerk
Town and Parish Council meeting (Waverley) 1 Cllr plus Clerk to attend	R Burbridge
VE Day	T Cobby, R Burbridge, D Nicholas, H Nicholson, M Scully
Waverley Cycle Forum	D Nicholas
WBC Economic Development Strategy	M Scully, M West
WBC Town and Parish Planning Forum	M Scully, vacancy, vacancy, vacancy
Wey & Arun Canal	R Burbridge
Youth Council	B Bell, R Burbridge, H Nicholson, A Morrison, M Scully, E Townsend, R Tyler
Youth Lead	B Bell
Henry Smith Charity - 2 Councillors + 3 independent members	R Burbridge, C Walker Brian Cheesman, Roy Glasper, Cathy Gould

## Councillor Attendance

Full Council	03.06.2024	02.07.24	18.07.24	02.09.24	19.09.24	17.10.24	21.11.24	21.11.24	12.12.24	16.01.25	20.02.25	06.03.25	20.03.25	27.03.25	17.04.25
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Claire Bennett											Y	Y	CAN	A	Y
Rosemary Burbridge	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	CAN	Y	Y
Trevor Cobby														Y	Y
Alan Morrison	A	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y		CAN	Y	Y
Dave Nicholas	A	A	A	Y	Y	A	A	A	Y	A	Y	Y	CAN	Y	Y
Hannah Nicholson	A	A	Y	NR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	CAN	Y	A
Nigel Sanctuary	A	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Marc Scully	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	CAN	Y	Y
Laura Talmage	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y							
Liz Townsend	A	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	CAN	Y	A
Rowena Tyler	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NR	A	Y	Y	CAN	Y	Y
Clive Walker	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	CAN	A	Y
Mark West	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	CAN	Y	Y
George Worthington	A	NR	A	Y	Y	A	NR	Y	NR	Y	A		CAN	A	NR

Finance Committee	22.07.24	14.11.24	13.02.25	06.05.25
Rosemary Burbridge	Y	Y		
Dave Nicholas	A	Y	Y	
Nigel Sanctuary	A	A		
Marc Scully			Y	
Liz Townsend	A	Y	Y	
Rowena Tyler			NR	
Clive Walker	Y	Y	Y	
Marc West	Y	Y	Y	
George Worthington	A	NR	NR	

Personnel Committee	22.07.24	14.11.24	13.02.25	08.05.25
Rosemary Burbridge	Y	Y	Y	
Hannah Nicholson				
Nigel Sanctuary	A	A		
Marc Scully	Y	Y	Y	
Rowena Tyler	A	A	NR	
Mark West	Y	Y	Y	

Planning Committee	03.06.24	24.06.24	01.07.24	15.07.24	05.07.24	02.09.24	09.09.24	30.09.24	21.10.24	11.11.24	18.11.24	02.12.24	16.12.24	06.01.25	27.01.25	17.02.25	10.03.25	31.03.25	22.04.25	12.05.25
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Claire Bennett																	Y	Y	Y	
Rosemary Burbridge	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Dave Nicholas	NR	C	A	NR	NR	Y	NR	NR	NR	C	NR	NR	A	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
Hannah Nicholson	NR	C	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Y	NR	C	NR	A	Y	A	A	A	NR	Y		
Laura Talmage	Y	C	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	A								
Rowena Tyler	A	C	A	A	A	Y	A	A	A	C	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Marc Scully	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Clive Walker	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	A	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	
George Worthington	NR	C	NR	NR	NR	A	A	NR	NR	C	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	

Property & Asset Committee	11.07.24	10.10.24	09.01.25	13.03.25
Rosemary Burbridge	Y	NR	Y	Y
Alan Morrison	Y	Y	Y	A
Dave Nicholas	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marc Scully	Y	Y	Y	Y
Laura Talmage	A	A		
Clive Walker	Y	A	Y	A
George Worthington	Y	Y	Y	Y



## Consultations

The Council has been active on behalf of the community responding to consultations that may have an impact on the lives of our residents:

- Surrey County Council High Street Improvements
- WBC Street Trading Consent for Bodrum Kebab Van
- WBC Street Trading Consent for West Sussex Whippy
- WBC Street Trading Consent for Bring and Braii
- WBC Street Trading Consent Joanna's Boutique Tearoom
- WBC Street Trading Consent Cromwell's Brasserie
- WBC Street Trading Consent Il Forno
- WBC Street Trading Consent Yangaz
- WBC Street Trading Consent Vine and Vale
- WBC statement of gambling policy
- WBC heritage features consultation
- The safety of electric-powered micromobility vehicles and lithium batteries bill
- SCC prohibition of heavy goods vehicles in waverley and guildford consultation
- Regional energy strategic policy framework consultation
- National planning policy framework consultation
- Safety improvements b2130 Dunsfold Road
- Surrey hills national landscape (AONB) boundary variation project
- Law commission consultation on burial and cremation
- SCC pedestrian wayfinding scheme
- DHCLG public consultation remote meetings and proxy voting
- Waste crime consultation
- Local government pension scheme consultation
- Right to buy consultation
- SCC rights of way improvement plan
- Draft transport strategy
- Land use in England consultation
- SCC public footpath diversion consultation
- Surrey hills national landscape
- WBC polling station review
- Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England consultation
- Local audit reform: a strategy for overhauling the local audit system in England consultation
- Knowle lane speed limit order consultation

## Youth Council

The Youth Council has a membership of 12 young people aged from 10 – 17 years old. They meet every month on a Thursday after school/college. Every Youth Councillor has the opportunity to attain the recognised qualification the Duke of Cornwall Community Safety Award.

This year our Youth Council has:

- VE Day Event
- Learned about Animals that served in the war – released racing pigeons
- Visit to Rowleys Centre for the Community
- Village Hall Theatre lights and sound system training
- Helped at the Village Hall Grand Opening
- Met Cranleigh Arts Centre Artistic Director
- Learned Basic First Aid training
- Met young entrepreneur Alpher Coffee
- Took part in Remembrance Sunday
- Installed a bleed control kit in the High Street as part of #Charlie's Promise and had an article published in 'The Clerk' magazine, the journal of the professional body The Society of Local Council Clerks



## Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets quarterly to review income and expenditure against budget, prepare the Financial Plan for the next four years to inform the Council's budget and precept setting.

The precept for financial year 01/04/24 – 31/03/25 was £539,388 which equates to £86.49 per annum for a Band D property and an increase of 7.93% from the previous financial year. The Council has faced increased expenditure for energy and fuel bills for its properties and grounds maintenance equipment coupled with rising fees for buying materials and paying contractors.

The Council has an internal audit twice a year by an independent contractor observed by two Parish Councillors who report to the Council on the scope and effectiveness of the internal audit. The external audit to the Councillor PKF Littlejohn will be considering the Annual Governance and Accountability Return over the summer, a copy of the unaudited accounts is available on our website now and the conclusion of the external audit should be available on our website some time during September.

The Council has been able to make the following grant payments:

### Grants Awarded 01/04/24 - 31/03/2025

Date	Recipient	Purpose	Time Period	Amount
23/05/2024	Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance	Running costs	01/04/24 - 31/03/25	£500
21/11/2024	Challengers	Running costs	01/04/24 - 31/03/25	£500
21/11/2024	Cranleigh Sub-Aqua	Running costs	01/04/24 - 31/03/25	£500
21/11/2024	Hoppa Community Transport	Running costs	01/04/24 - 31/03/25	£500

The Council provides detailed financial data in accordance with the Local Government Transparency Act 2015 on its website at [www.cranleigh-pc.gov.uk](http://www.cranleigh-pc.gov.uk)

The Council is the sole managing trustee for two charities:

- The Henry Smith Charity provides grants to communities at a time of need to bring about positive change. The charity provides grant funding to the Cranleigh Community Fund of £6,970 to help individuals in need, £830 to Cranleigh Food Bank and £500 to Rowleys Centre for the Community.
- The Snoxhall Field Charity is for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Cranleigh for recreation. It is based on the eastern side of Snoxhall Fields. The charity is operating under a service level agreement with the Parish Council. All income generated from the Snoxhall Fields car park is given directly to the charity to fund improvements to the eastern side of Snoxhall Fields. This year it has provided for the replacement of the electrical distribution board at Snoxhall Community Centre, contributed to the new path through the play park and sandpit.

# Unaudited Balance Sheet

03/04/2025

Cranleigh Parish Council

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

31st March 2024

31st March 2025

31st March 2024		31st March 2025	
Current Assets			
2,932	TRADE DEBTORS	8,066	
17,001	VAT CONTROL	9,859	
1,172	PREPAYMENTS	1,049	
2,129	ACCRUED INTEREST INCOME	1,217	
495,827	LLOYDS CURRENT A/C	376,440	
250	PETTY CASH FLOAT	250	
0	PAYE/NIC CONTROL	5,893	
0	S'ANN CONTROL	4,117	
519,311		406,890	
519,311	Total Assets	406,890	
Current Liabilities			
21,267	TRADE CREDITORS	3,150	
0	DEPOSITS - Village Hall	100	
0	DEPOSITS -Allotments	240	
2,602	ACCRUED EXPENSES	3,366	
5,013	RECEIPTS IN ADVANCE	5,827	
28,882		12,683	
490,429	Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	394,207	
Represented By			
189,786	GENERAL RESERVE		201,503
882	EMR WAR MEMORIAL		882
225	EMR TOWN TWINNING		225
2,763	EMR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND		13,161
8,014	EMR FORWARD MAINT PLAN		0
4,348	EMR ELECTIONS		4,348
67,737	EMR CIL		68
4,331	EMR BID		0
40	EMR AED		40
44,951	EMR REC MUGA		44,501
0	EMR REC TRACTOR		450
6,100	EMR TREES		0
9,567	EMR SNOXHALL CAR PARK		2,540
38,144	EMR REC ROAD AND PATHS		0
116	EMR SNOXHALL PITCHES		4,053
0	EMR REC SIGNS		366

03/04/2025

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**Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025**

**31st March 2024**

**31st March 2025**

10,989	EMR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	6,452
388	EMR REC PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	0
0	EMR ECOLOGY	1,803
1,082	EMR S'HALL FIELD PARKING CONTR	0
5,210	EMR CENTENARY GARDEN	5,210
64,474	EMR VH PHASE 1	3,178
0	EMR VH PHASE 2	76,828
866	EMR PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	866
2,740	EMR D-DAY	86
27,281	EMR SNOXHALL PAVILLION	27,281
251	EMR - BINS PIC - SERA	251
147	EMR - YOUTH COUNCIL	117
<u>490,429</u>		<u>394,207</u>

## Personnel Committee

The Council is an employer of seven members of staff:

- Parish Clerk
- Senior Admin Clerk
- Admin Clerk
- Grounds Manager
- Grounds Person x 2
- Sexton

Together the Council staff have an astonishing 120 years service in local government.

The Personnel Committee oversees staffing policy, procedures and finance.





## Planning Committee

The Planning Committee has met every three weeks over the last year to ensure it can respond with the allotted time to 217 planning applications. Pressure for the village to take more development continues unabated. The Parish Council has a policy for discussing planning applications with developers and held meetings in the last year with OSP Architecture to discuss the refurbishment of Stocklund Square. The biggest attendance by members of the public to our Planning Committee meeting was to discuss the demolition of one property in Avenue Road, replacement with five dwellings and removal of a badger sett.

Cranleigh Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' on 15 July 2024, this means it is now adopted policy by Waverley Borough Council and the community will receive 25% of the neighbourhood element of the Community Infrastructure Levy collected on completed development in the parish. This money is held in an earmarked reserve for expenditure on projects identified in our Business Plan under our CIL Protocol policy. Neighbourhood CIL must be spent within 5 years of receipt, or may have to be returned to the developer. Here is our current Neighbourhood CIL receipts:

Neighbourhood CIL						
Date	Amount	Received*	Spend By	Spent	Date	Balance
01/04/20 - 30/09/20	£1,970.27	10/05/2021	31/03/2026	£1,485.00	20/08/2024	£485.27
01/10/20 - 31/03/21	£16,907.44	23/04/2021	31/03/2026			
01/04/21 - 30/09/21	£26,002.58	08/11/2021	30/09/2026			
01/10/21 - 31/03/22	£345.28	09/05/2022	31/03/2027			
01/04/22 - 30/09/22	£12,031.40	24/10/2022	30/09/2027			
01/10/22 - 31/03/23	£10,480.50	20/04/2023	31/03/2028			
01/04/23 - 30/09/23	£10,639.71	27/10/2023	30/09/2028			
01/10/23 - 31/03/24	£0.00					
01/04/24 - 30/09/24	£68.07	30/10/2024	30/09/2029			
01/10/24 - 31/03/25	£21,894.77					
	<b>£100,340.02</b>					

The Community Infrastructure Levy is replacing s106 planning obligations funding. The Parish Council has the following s106 funding held in earmarked reserves for the projects specified in the s106 agreements:

s106 Remaining Funds						
Developer	Planning Application	Prescribed Use	Amount	Spend deadline	CPC EMR	Amount Remaining
Thakeham Homes	WA/2016/1921	Snnoxhall pitch and pavilion	£33,075	20/11/2027	398	£27,281
Crest Nicholson	WA/2017/1396	Recreational facilities	£47,417	26/05/2029	351	£44,500

The Chairman and Clerk have had six weekly meetings with the Director of Planning at Guildford and Waverley Borough Council to discuss parish issues which has been enormously helpful to keep our Planning Committee informed.

The Planning Committee will continue to meet every three weeks on a Monday evening at 7.00pm at the Council Office. Please see our website and noticeboard for meeting dates.

## **Property & Asset Committee**

Our Property and Asset Committee meets once a quarter to over the Council's extensive land and property portfolio. Maintained by our grounds maintenance team, there is always something that needs maintenance, repair or replacement. Sadly, we also have issues with anti-social behaviour and vandalism. This year, the Snoxhall public toilet was vandalised and is now out of action until the door and frame can be replaced, the grants toilet door was destroyed by a client who paid for its replacement, the road trailer was stolen from Snoxhall Fields, fires have been set at Snoxhall Fields and worst of all, someone stole the life saving defibrillator from the public toilets on the Common.

In better news, the Council had an incredibly successful year in leveraging grant funding. Most notably, £307,754 from the Community Ownership Fund for the refurbishment of Cranleigh Village Hall to provide a DDA compliant disabled toilet, new commercial kitchen, bar, replacement stage and theatre sound and lighting. For Snoxhall Fields, the Council received grant funding from the Betty Riseley Trust for Children and the Gatwick Airport Community Fund for the inclusive sandpit, which is proving to be very popular.

Councillors were able to complete one of the actions in the Council's Business Plan to install footpaths around Snoxhall Fields to provide a circular route around the eastern side of Snoxhall Fields with a new footpath from Hitherwood to Northdowns and an additional footpath on the western side linking the adult football pitch to the Beryl Harvey Field.

An independent ecologist has been appointed by the Parish Council to undertake an ecological assessment of the Beryl Harvey Field and allotments to inform a revision of the Council's Conservation Plan to guide the work of the Council's grounds staff and volunteers.

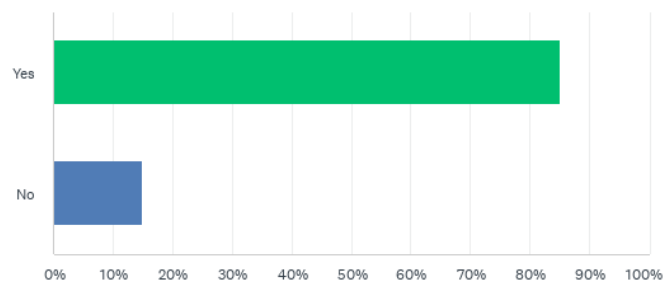
The Council has embraced composting in advance of the requirements of the Environment Act 2021 and installed composting bays at the Bruce McKenzie Field to recycle the Council's green waste. Composting bays are also available at the Amlets Lane allotments and in the Beryl Harvey Conservation Field. Unfortunately, inappropriate material has been deposited in the Amlets lane composting bays resulting in the costly removal of the waste by a contractor defeating our green initiative!

Sadly, a Multi Use Games Area for Snoxhall Fields could not be progressed as our County Councillor was unable to support our funding application to the Surrey Your Fund and the project has stalled.

The Council has been consulted by Waverley Borough Council on the Cranleigh Leisure Centre re-development project and is pleased to confirm that Waverley Borough Council has accepted the offer of the temporary use of the former tennis courts and adjoining green space during the Leisure Centre re-development project. Their use for this area has not yet been determined, but could be a storage compound or contractor parking, which will allow more spaces in the main car park to be available for residents and visitors to Cranleigh, with reinstatement at the end of the project if required by the Parish Council. No decisions have been made on the future of the tennis courts yet.

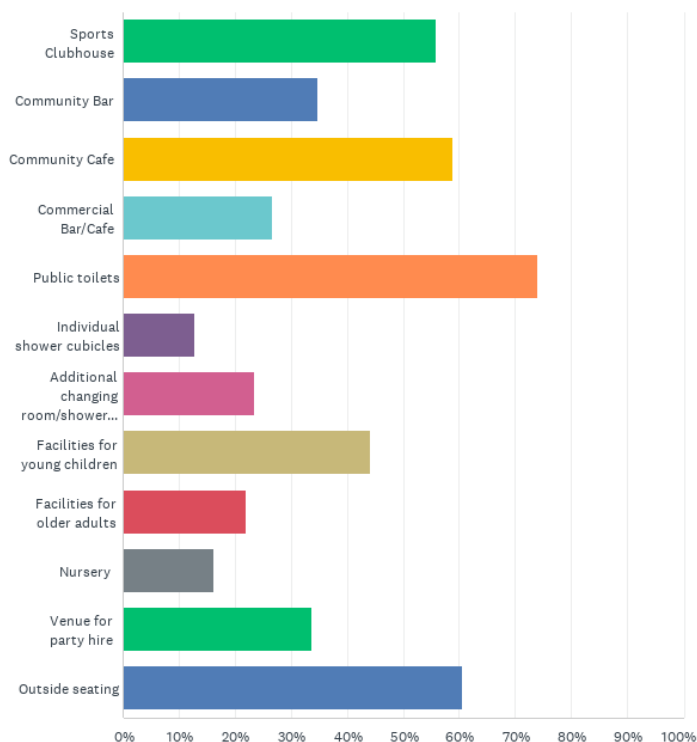
Work continues apace to apply for planning permission for a new machine shed across Snoxhall Fields in the storage compound which will unlock potential opportunity for the redevelopment of Snoxhall Pavilion and Community Centre. When we consulted the community, they overwhelmingly opted to modernise both buildings together:

**Q3 Do you think the Parish Council should refurbish Snoxhall Pavilion and Snoxhall Community Centre at the same time?**



The community gave a number of suggestions for potential uses for the combined building:

**Q1 What facilities would you like to be available at Snoxhall Pavilion? Please tick all that apply**



The Council has an extensive programme of routine maintenance for its properties including annual fire risk assessments, bi-annual legionella risk assessments and five yearly electrical safety inspections. The latest electrical safety inspection required the replacement of the distribution board in Snoxhall Community Centre. Work continues to resolve the floodlight issues at Snoxhall Fields, not helped by the access issues over the football pitch for a limited number of months of the year.

But our biggest project of the year was the refurbishment of Cranleigh Village Hall. Built in 1933 as a memorial to those that lost their lives in the great war, the Village Hall needed refurbishment to meet the needs of today's community. Former Parish Councillor Nigel Sanctuary led focus groups in the community to find out what the community would like to see improved at the village hall and potential future uses. This enabled Nigel to produce a comprehensive business plan for Cranleigh Village Hall which secured £307,754 funding from the Community Ownership Fund to provide a DDA compliant disabled toilet, new commercial kitchen and bar, replacement stage and installation of theatre lighting and sound system with acoustic treatment. The Parish Council used its own reserves to complete the modernisation with re-decoration of the main hall. The main build project was completed within the six week closure despite additional issues being discovered and overcome during the building works. On completion, the Parish Council welcomed small business start up Alpher Coffee into the Committee Room and celebrated the grant funding with a grand opening just before Christmas.

The Council is delighted to see new members of our community using the Village Hall.









## Civic Events

Parish Council Chairman Cllr Marc Scully getting ready for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day and sampling 1940's style cooking by the Girl Guides



## Cranleigh's Mark of Respect on Remembrance Sunday



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