

Appendix 1.2 Art, Culture & Entertainment

Cranleigh Neighbourhood Plan Report – Appendix prepared by S Dennison 04.03.15

1 Introduction

There is a wealth of art, culture and entertainment within a 10-mile radius of Cranleigh. This section of the Cranleigh Neighbourhood Plan is mindful of the choice available in paragraph 2 above (and see the Surrey Advertiser any week) but is focused on the facilities currently available within the parish boundary, which are easily accessible to the public or local clubs and societies, either by public or private transport, and which either offer their own programme of entertainment or who make space available to local clubs and societies whose members enjoy what they wish.

For example, the U3A (University of the Third Age) has around 1000 members in Cranleigh with diverse interests using a variety of locations.

Cranleigh Decorative and Fine Arts Society (CDFAS) have around 300 members who meet at the Arts Centre.

Since the focus of the neighbourhood plan is on land use and the effect of additional housing on the community we wish to answer the questions

- What is the demand for arts, culture and entertainment facilities in Cranleigh?
- Is the provision of arts, culture and entertainment publicly accessible?
- Is demand met by current facilities or promoters/clubs/societies?
- If the population of Cranleigh increased by x or y% would the facilities be sufficient in terms of
 - Capacity
 - Facilities/equipment
- If housing were developed at Dunsfold, would that turn to Godalming, Cranleigh or Guildford for its arts, culture and entertainment?
- Is there a major gap in arts, culture and entertainment provision for the growing population of Cranleigh which might be filled by cost effective provision of new facilities related to possible housing developments?

2 Functional coverage for Neighbourhood Plan

- Art exhibition
 - Visual arts (painting, photography etc.)
 - 3D arts (sculpture, pottery etc.)
- Live music
 - Classical
 - Recital
 - Orchestral
 - R&B
 - Jazz
 - Folk
 - Opera
- Film
 - Mainstream Hollywood
 - Specialist genres
 - Children
- Theatre
 - Professional
 - Amateur
 - Children

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- Visual and 3D art classes
 - Adult
 - Children
- Dance classes
 - Bollywood, ballet, street dance
- Art/Music/Film Societies
 - Local and Surrey wide?
- Wellbeing classes
 - Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates
- Other public entertainment
 - Cranleigh Show
 - Cranleigh Bonfire night (Lions)
 - Classic Car Show (Lions)
 - Craft shows
 - Cranleigh Carnival

3 Existing facilities, which offer the public either activity or room space to the arts above (excluding in-school art activities)

- Within Cranleigh
 - Cranleigh Arts Centre
 - Village Hall
 - Band Room
 - Cranleigh Village Sports and Social Club
- In the villages
 - Ewhurst : Ewhurst Players
 - Shere: Shere Village Cinema
 - Peaslake: Peaslake Players
 - Loxwood: Loxwood Jazz Club
 - Rudgwick: Rudgwick Steam Fair
- Within a 10 mile “drive-to” area
 - Guildford
 - G Live
 - Electric Theatre
 - Yvonne Arnaud Theatre
 - Odeon Multiplex
 - The Boiler Room
 - Horsham
 - The Capitol
 - Dorking
 - Dorking Halls
 - National Trust Hatchlands
 - National Trust Clandon Park
 - Godalming
 - Museum
 - Film Club

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4 Cranleigh Arts Centre

(Source: Centre Manager)

The Arts Centre is the only fully operational, professionally equipped art, music, film, theatre performance and arts participation facility in Cranleigh.

It is housed in the former village school, a heritage building owned by Waverley Borough Council, and covers a wide range of indoor activity five days a week.

The Arts Centre is a fully compliant licenced place for public entertainment.

It is largely manned by volunteers and funded from ticket sales, hires and donations. There is no public or local authority grant. Waverley BC service level agreement provides c £19,500 pa (c8% of Arts Centre income) in return for provision of a range of arts and wellbeing related services, for the disadvantaged, provided at the arts Centre. The Centre has an Arts Tea House open five days a week and kitchen facilities for outside caterers

The Arts Centre provides community access to facilities for youth development, community arts and community wellbeing activities. The Centre welcomed more than 36,000 people through its doors in 2014. It welcomes all ages and is fully open access.

The Arts Centre offers five spaces covering:

- 2D and 3D visual arts exhibition area (weekly and monthly exhibitions for local and visiting artists)
- Jack Wagg auditorium which can accommodate 130 cinema-style in raked seating and up to 300 standing and sitting for music events
- A pottery for classes and workshops
- Studio with polished floor and mirrored wall used for dance and other art workshops
- A multipurpose room for societies or businesses to hire for meetings and workshops and social functions (Wedding, funeral, parties)

The Arts Centre has a directly offered annual programme of:

- Film both Hollywood and documentary with HD projection
- Event cinema (live streaming) of performances from Royal Opera, National Theatre etc
- Live small-scale theatre for adults and children
- Modern music including R&B and acoustic
- Classical chamber music
- Comedy
- Short festivals related to literature, food, crafts, fashion

The Arts Centre hosts a number of local arts and wellbeing related village societies including:

- Cranleigh Decorative and Fine Arts Society
- U3A classes
- Surrey and Waverley funded youth theatre and youth arts programmes
- Tai Chi and Pilates classes
- Creative Response
- Cranleigh Community Choir
- Just Jhoom!
- Yogabody
- Friday Art Group

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In 2014 Cranleigh Arts Centre

- Offered 62 arts and culture programmed events
- Showed 46 films
- Sold over 11,400 tickets for paid arts and culture events
- Welcomed over 200 musicians, performers, actors, entertainers
- Hosted 750 hours of artistic workshops including dance, choir, writing, painting, drawing
- Supported 31 different companies and individuals providing hired space
- Offered opportunities to showcase the work of over 133 local visual artists
- Provided 10 children's theatre shows attended by 780 young people
- Facilitated over 500 hours of commercial hires in the Centre

In 2015 The Arts Centre started to offer “live streaming” of national and international music and theatre performances (including National Theatre, Branagh Theatre, Royal Opera, Royal Ballet and others). This will mean that this modern format of performance distribution is available to residents of Cranleigh who will no longer have to drive to and park in towns more than 10 miles away.

In October 2015 the Arts Centre welcomed more than 1000 local people of all ages to its food and music festival, with events spread along the whole High Street.

5 Cranleigh Village Hall

(Source: Assistant Parish Clerk)

The Village Hall, in Village Way, is the largest facility in Cranleigh with seated capacity of 255 (in theatre and balcony) and a dinner/dance capacity of 120 seated at tables. There is a theatre stage. The facility is offered for hire only with no managed services; all bring your own refreshments.

The Village Hall hosts:

- U3A classes regularly
- Arts and Crafts week once a year
- Market day crafts and antiques on Thursdays
- Choir performances occasionally
- Fashion fairs occasionally
- Soroptimists Christmas Fair
- Flea market
- Rotary Club carols
- Monthly blood donors
- Some Glebelands School events

6 The Band Room

(Source: Chairman: Norman Every)

The Band Room, in Village Way, was built in 1984 when the population of Cranleigh suddenly grew with new housing. It was built for the Cranleigh Youth Band, now extinct.

The building is owned by the Cranleigh Band Room Charitable Trust.

The hall, with a carpeted floor, is available for public hire. It seats 80 and has two side rooms seating 12 each. In 2015, it is planned to upgrade its kitchen facilities to required hygiene standards.

There are no staff and no services offered. Parties are not allowed.

The room is about 80% utilised by regular weekly or monthly hirers including:

- Rock bands
- Women's Institute
- Country market
- Cranleigh Film Club
- Muslim prayers
- The Cranleigh Vallendar Friendship Club

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7 Cranleigh Village Sports and Social Club. (Source: Chairman: Barry Baker)

The CVSSC (Formerly the British Legion Club) Parsonage Road is close to Glebelands School on land leased from Surrey CC. Formerly in central Cranleigh, it moved to its new building in 1996. The CVSSC is an independent club governed by a management committee. Admittance is to members (aged over 18) and their guests only, but membership is open to all at £20 pa. It receives no public funding. There are c 400 members in 2015; the club has a notional capacity for 1000 members. The Club is open as required; currently three evenings a week, some daytimes, and all weekends. The Club has franchised professional catering facilities and function rooms for hire. The club offers sports and social and entertainment activities. Sports include:

- Bowls (independently through the local bowling club)
- Petanque
- Snooker (the only snooker table in Cranleigh)
- Darts
- Skittles

Entertainment includes:

- Large screen television
- Weekly live bands (Saturdays)
- Dancing
- Bingo

8 Other facilities for hire or ad hoc entertainment

- St Nicholas Church rooms
- Baptist Church Rooms
- Methodist Church rooms
- Snoxhall Youth Centre
- Rowleys Community Centre
- Cranleigh Showground
- Pubs

9 Schools

- Cranleigh School
 - An annual public music programme for subscribers
 - Access for Cranleigh Choral Society
- Glebelands School
 - School hall for internal use only
- Godalming College
 - High quality modern performing arts centre occasionally used for events with public access

10 Village events

- Cranleigh Carnival
- Cranleigh Fireworks
- Cranleigh in Bloom
- Cranleigh Agricultural Show
- Cranleigh Christmas Lantern Parade and Lights Festival