

Bulletin - February 2026

Hi All,

As we head into the spring months and the days get lighter and hopefully this never-ending rain clears up, I am reminded that change is constant and all around us. Therefore, as a Parish Council - that is fundamentally here to help our community - we also need to adapt and keep striving for progress and improvement.

We are still looking for two new councillors to join us. They will hopefully give us some new blood, bringing their own fresh thoughts and ideas on how we can benefit our community and ultimately improve and progress. We would love to have a range of people from the village on the Parish Council to ensure that we are considering the whole community and making fair and neutral decisions regarding the village's future.

On that note – we want to hear from you! We have published our biennial village survey and we want your thoughts! Please do complete the survey as we really want to hear about what you want from your Parish Council and any feedback is gratefully appreciated. On the subject of progression, we have modernised and now have a swanky QR code for you to use! Please just scan on your phone and it should take you right to the survey!

We are in the process of setting up a letter box on The Institute so if you did want to contact us the “old fashioned” way, we will have somewhere local for members of the public to post their communications with us.

We would like to thank Oli Rose and team, who have been doing some maintenance on the trees in Kilpin Green and also Nixey's Walk – these areas are both maintained by the Parish Council, as well as other green areas in the village. If you do spot something that needs addressing, please do let us know. We have worked with Oli and his team on various projects in the village and they always do an excellent job.

As the treasurer of the FONS (Friends of North Crawley School) I just thought I would give them a shout out. We are holding a brilliant Easter Event this year: 'North Crawley's Grand Easter Egg Hunt 2026' and it is an open event for all to join. It is being held on Good Friday, which is the 3rd of April this year. Tickets are on sale now and we hope many of you will attend!

Arrangements for this year's Fun Day are in progress, so please do save the date! It is taking place on the August Bank Holiday, which is Monday 31st this year. This is a free community wide event hosted by the Parish Council, which not only is lots of fun but supports various local causes. If anyone is interested in having a stall or holding a small presentation at our fun day, please do contact me at laurabutterworth@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk.

Don't forget the Parish Council subsidy scheme for hiring out the Institute - any resident of our Parish can hire the Institute for zero cost (up to a limit) and no deposit is required, providing it is a function to which the whole Parish is invited. We have been able to host a variety of such

functions during 2025 including: wreath making, yoga, dance classes, fund raising events, the Historical Society and even the Winter Ball. Ask Teresa when you're booking and she can check if your function is eligible.

Young Fun Draw: This free-to-enter monthly draw is now in its third month. If you know of any children who live in North Crawley between the ages of 5 and 16, who are not already entered, please send their details to clerk@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk . Their name, date-of-birth and address is all that's needed, along with their prize choice of either a £30 book token or a £30 Cineworld voucher.

As I close this bulletin, I would like to say that as much as change is important, it can feel overwhelming and constant - especially in the current world. Something that grounds me and draws me back to a stable place, is looking out for the spring bulbs as they begin to flower. Every year, they reappear and bring so much colour to our village! We went on a daffodil walk today to see how many we could spot, and my boys greatly enjoyed pointing out; not only the daffodils but also the snowdrops and crocuses too. If, at any time you're feeling low, overwhelmed or just in need of respite from the hustle and bustle of life, I greatly encourage stepping out of your front door and exploring our beautiful village.