



# Crofton

## Residents Association

Welcome to the Spring 2026 edition of the CRA newsletter

### CRA Annual General Meeting

7.30pm Friday 17th April, St Paul's Church Hall



Please join us for our AGM which will include:

- Report on CRA activities
  - Agreement for Oregon Park RA to amalgamate with CRA
  - Treasurer's report (See page 11)
  - Q&A session with Gareth Bacon MP, Thomas Turrell AM and our local ward councillors
- Followed by refreshments and an opportunity to socialise and meet the committee and our guest speakers.

### Local Council Elections

Thursday 7 May

On Thursday 7th May local elections will be taking place for Bromley Council in which 58 councillors will be elected to represent the 22 wards across the borough. Our ward (Farnborough & Crofton) has three councillors. Our two longest serving councillors, Bob Evans and Charles Joel, will not be standing again and we wish them well in their retirement. We also understand that Christopher Marlow will not be standing again in our ward, so we have the opportunity to elect three completely new councillors.

The CRA committee have found the current councillors are not very responsive to issues in our local area and are hoping that the new councillors (from whatever party they may be) are more willing to engage with CRA and with residents directly.

Please note that if you need to apply (or reapply) for a postal vote the deadline is 21st April and that voter ID will need to be shown at polling stations. There is further information about the election process at:

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/elections-voting/local-elections>

Check our Facebook page for more info of what's going on in Crofton!

[CRA Facebook Page](#)

[CRA Website](#)



## Chairman's Letter

Dear Residents, welcome to your Spring 2026 CRA Newsletter.

Spring has arrived, the daffodils are in flower, and it is lovely to get out and enjoy the walks in our lovely surroundings.

My fellow committee members report further on their activities, and I hope you will enjoy reading about the work we undertake on your behalf. We welcome any feedback which helps us effectively represent your interests.



Our immediate focus is the upcoming **CRA AGM on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April** when we will be joined by our local MP, Mr **Gareth Bacon**, **Thomas Turrell** our Assembly Member for the GLA, our local **Councillors** and representatives from our local **Police Force**.

We hope you can join us at St Pauls Church Hall commencing at 7.30pm. After the main AGM business there will be an opportunity to socialise with our speakers and fellow residents over refreshments.

Preparations to welcome Oregon Park Residents Association (OPRA) within CRA have progressed to plan and we will be seeking CRA member endorsement at our AGM to expand our reach and strengthen our community.

For our local Councillors this will be their last AGM as none are standing for Farnborough and Crofton at the May 7<sup>th</sup> elections and I hope you will join me in thanking them for their many years of service to F&C and LBB.

We are mindful of improving our communications to our fellow residents and besides our Facebook Page and this Newsletter we have begun to make improvements to our website.

Why not look at <https://croftonra.org.uk/> and let us know what you think? Please bear in mind the content is still being developed, but we would welcome feedback on what you would like to see included.

I would also like to thank our army of Road Stewards who work very hard to deliver this newsletter through your door. As with any volunteer organisation its success relies on some who give up their time for the benefit of others. If you would like to know more or can help, please get in touch at [info@croftonra.org.uk](mailto:info@croftonra.org.uk)

In closing I would like to thank you as residents for supporting CRA with your contributions which is much appreciated and

I personally wish you and your families a Happy Easter.

*Christopher Ford, Chairman.*

# Oregon Park Residents Association Focus



If potholes are driving you mad, if you despair at the amount of litter on our streets, if you've been wondering what that new mast at Tubbenden Lane is all about or if planning applications feel like a maze, you're not alone. These are the everyday frustrations that shape life in Oregon Park – and they're exactly the issues that Crofton Residents Association are used to tackling.

There's also the filming for TV and film in our area. It sounds incredibly glamorous but less so when you have crews setting up on your doorstep in the early hours. This needs careful oversight so the Crofton team try to work with production companies to protect access, parking and peace for residents.

So here's the good news:

**We're about to join forces with the Crofton Residents' Association**, who bring a wealth of experience, resources and established processes for dealing with exactly these kinds of issues. They're excellent at navigating planning, infrastructure, council engagement and community concerns — and joining them means Oregon Park residents will have stronger representation and a louder voice.

This also includes connecting with our local MP Gareth Bacon – who will be joining us at the AGM on 17 April - ensuring residents have a clear route to escalate any concerns. If you'd like to hear more about what the transition means for you — **join us for the AGM** when members will be voting on the merger. It's the perfect chance to understand the benefits, ask questions and help shape our next chapter.

*Alexandra Lewis*, OPRA Editor and Resident.

Oregon Park in Spring:



## Badminton Anyone?

Hello all! I'm a badminton enthusiast who hasn't played in a while and would love to get back on court. I'm looking to put together a friendly group of players of all levels – whether you're playing for fitness, fun, or just to try something new Darrick Wood School likely to be Monday after 8pm. Email me if you'd like to join in!

[Surendrapanda1@gmail.com](mailto:Surendrapanda1@gmail.com)

*Surendra*, CRA resident.

# Crofton Residents Golf Day

Friday 24th July at High Elms Golf Course

The cost of the day is £48 – this includes a coffee & rolls on arrival, the golf, a light lunch and prizes. Residents who are members at High Elms GC. will pay a reduced amount (not yet known). Buggies available at a discount. The day starts at 9am.

We welcome players of all golfing abilities, enjoying a meet up with fellow Crofton residents for a competitive and fun day.

To make communication easier a WhatsApp page has been setup. (CRA – Golf Community).

To be included, please send me your phone and email details.

Join in! Send your phone and email details to:

Ted Fenwick: [lordo27@btinternet.com](mailto:lordo27@btinternet.com)

mobile: 07840791767

home: 01689 855752

## Crofton Heath Filming

Crofton remains a popular venue for location film shoots. These activities are managed in conjunction with the Bromley Film Fixer Office (FF). Poplar Avenue remains the location of choice but there have also been activities in Highwood Drive/Bluebell Close. Resulting from these activities we have worked with residents, FF and the LBB Officer to strengthen and develop our existing Filming Code of Conduct documentation. Residents of Poplar Avenue may recall that Baby Cow Productions (BC) arranged filming for the Alan Carr “Changing Ends” programme which took place between the 25<sup>th</sup> June and the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025. This was a large-scale production involving several properties with road closures and external shoots and normally results in a contribution to CRA. When we realised the promised donation had not been paid we contacted BC but were informed that as the resident association had registered numerous complaints, some of which were untrue and resulted in additional operating costs, BC withdrew the contribution.

After a protracted investigation we found that the complaints were from a fraudulent imposter email address. As a result we have highlighted improvements to the CRA Filming Code of Conduct - which is currently in hand.

At the end of January, we were contacted by a worried resident of Highwood Drive who had been notified of a film shoot involving a stunt actor who would be set alight and filmed exiting from the local footpath.

We discussed the concerns with the Location Manager and FF and I am pleased to report we were able to resolve the issue by accommodating the filming in nearby Bluebell Close. Should any residents have comments regarding filming please let us know at [info@croftonra.org.uk](mailto:info@croftonra.org.uk)

*Christopher Ford.*

# Friends of Tugmutton Common

## inc. Farnborough Recreation Ground

By way of enhancing the bio-diversity area found adjacent to Lovibonds Avenue we were able to liaise with both LBB and idverde and around 25 whips of native British trees were planted recently with the help of the Friends. Whilst they are quite small at present hopefully, within two years, they will be well established and complement the area. Plans are also in place to install natural barriers in the gaps that have been made by people forcing their way from Lovibonds Avenue via breakages in the hedgerow.

During our latest workday we went round and cleared the accumulated grass, mud and acorns that had built up beneath the memorial and picnic benches. We are sure that people using these facilities will appreciate the effort and enjoy them all the more. It was noticed that the round-a-bout is still not usable and the repaired little seesaw appears to have been removed by way of the large coil spring being sawn through. This has been reported to idverde for action. It is good to see that the outdoor gymnasium is popular and used on a regular basis.

Unfortunately, despite numerous emails and "Fix My Street" applications, the state of the drainage ditches is still unsatisfactory. There are leaves from autumn, together with natural growth and debris, to be seen in them. We are chasing the relevant parties and have expressed our dissatisfaction at the situation. Residents of Grasmere Avenue are particularly affected as the risk of flooding is possible.



It is very gratifying to see that the results of our bulb planting over the past 17 years ( approx. 14,000 bulbs) look so beautiful and are enjoyed by many residents. We are already planning next years location and a suggestion from one of our members is under consideration.

As usual, should anyone have thoughts as to how we can improve/enhance the area, any suggestions would be welcome and considered by the committee.

Mike Titheridge, Chairman Friends of Tugmutton

Contact us via email: [tugmuttonfriends@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tugmuttonfriends@yahoo.co.uk)

# Mobile Phone Masts Set to Grow!

...Certainly in size and maybe in number if the recent monstrosity at the junction of Tile Farm Road and Tubbenden Lane is anything to go by.



The erection of a 20 metre mast was completed only days before I attended The LBB Annual Planning Seminar meeting at Bromley Civic Centre, which gave me the opportunity to raise the concern of a few residents who were vocal on the Crofton forum of 'Nextdoor'.

This appeared to come as a surprise to some Councillors who were not aware of the changes to Planning Permissions which were revealed by the Planning Investigation Committee in so far as if there was already a smaller mast in place (10 metres), then Planning Permission was NOT required to replace it with a 20 metre mast.

I understand that only the local shopkeepers were advised of the reason for yet more road works outside their premises, but not nearby local residents. One or two Councillors picked up the cudgel and challenged this development on the basis of its' mass, bulk and considered as being dangerous and very close to the road, which only has a very low kerb and situated at the junction. As we go to print another mast has been erected at the junction of Poplar Avenue and Crofton Road.



The Planning Seminar also covered 3 key issues:

- Proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Consultation started.
- The introduction of the concept of 'grey belt' which is poor quality green belt. Cllrs said that they regarded all Bromley's green belt as green, not grey, but this is likely to come under pressure. As such green belt designation is now possibly less protective than Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) protection.
- The Council is waiting for housing targets from the London Mayor which will then enable the completion of the draft New Local Plan which will replace the existing one,

The Assistant Director summarised that all these proposed changes will result in controversial decisions made by the council.

*Peter Bridges, CRA Planning.*

# Biggin Hill Airport Update

We have continued to engage with Biggin Hill Airport (BHA) to represent residents' interests as members of the Biggin Hill Airport Consultative Committee (BHACC) and the Airport Residents Noise Action Forum (ARNAF).

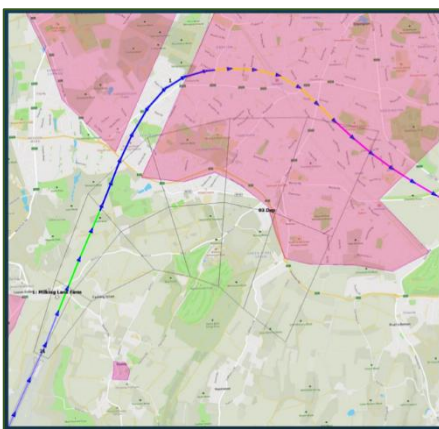
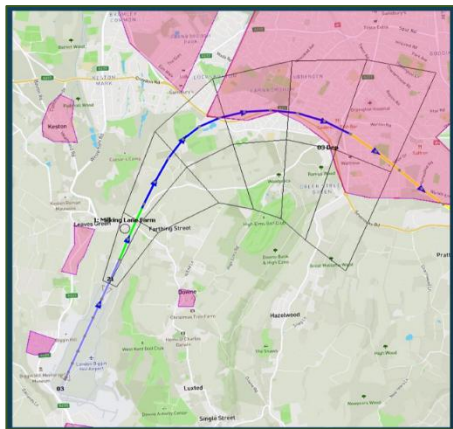
The activities of the BHACC are detailed here:

<https://bigginhillairport.com/community/airport-consultative-committee/> which includes reports from the Chief Operating Officer and the key activities at the airport, the Noise Safety Sub-Committee (NSSC) report and the ARNAF update.

A Noise Action Forum page has been added to the BHA website and residents can review minutes and presentations of the discussions at:

<https://bigginhillairport.com/community/noise/noise-action-forum/>

One aspect of concern for residents to the North of CRA is controlling the Noise Preferential Routes of departing aircraft. The picture to the left below shows the Noise Sensitive Area (NSA) in pink with a superimposed cone or Track Violation Limit (TVL) upon it. The aircraft departing is shown by a blue line and is an acceptable departure. The picture on the right shows a different departing aircraft which has ventured too far into the NSA and is outside of the TVL. This is a recognised incursion and warrants a complaint.



A further issue of concern for residents is what is termed “a circling approach” whereby the arriving aircraft breaks off the normal instrument approach, traverses above one or more NSAs to land at the far end of the runway. This is viewed by BHA as compliant flight. Following discussions investigations are underway to incorporate a “Not Turn Before Point’ to control the descending aircraft away from the NSAs. The airport has reported that this should not require an airspace change (CAA to confirm), and we will report on this as the process develops.

If you have any questions or comments, please let us know at [info@croftonra.org.uk](mailto:info@croftonra.org.uk)

# Friends of Crofton and Sparrow Woods (FoCSW)

## Sundial Project - Crowdfunding needed

FoCSW are leading a project to replace the old stone sundial in Petts Wood (Eynsford Close) Recreation Ground with a more modern and child-friendly version. The sundial will be in thermoplastic paint, and in an easy to find location between the pavilion and the playground. There will be a panel explaining where to stand so that your shadow shows the correct time – winter or summer. This is part of a bigger project to revitalise the Crofton Woods Circular Trail.

The project is being supported by CRA, Petts Wood RA and Crofton Schools. A Crowdfunder page has been launched to raise £3,000.

This is a really worthwhile project and we encourage CRA residents to give it their support by donating on the Crowdfunder page:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/circular-walk-with-fun-sun-dial-for-children>

## Children's Easter Quiz Nature Trail - Saturday 4 April

Come along for a morning of Easter adventure from 10am to 12.30pm on Easter Saturday 4 April starting at Petts Wood Recreation Ground car park.

For just £3, pick up your question sheet and set off on a fun, family-friendly trail through the recreation ground and surrounding woodland. Follow the short route, solve the clues, and answer the questions as you go. Every completed sheet earns a delicious Easter egg prize. Perfect for children (with a little help from a grown-up), this interactive trail is a fantastic way to explore nature and discover more about the wildlife and plants in our local area while enjoying some fresh spring air.

John Perkins &

Jane Andrews

Chair, Friends of Crofton & Sparrow Woods.

Website: [www.friendsofcroftonandsparrowwoods.com](http://www.friendsofcroftonandsparrowwoods.com)



## Bromley Council and Bromley FC team up to help fans stay match-fit

Bromley Council and Bromley FC teaming up to help fans “stay match-fit” by encouraging eligible residents (aged 40–74) to take up a health check via:

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/health-wellbeing/nhs-health-checks>

and quit smoking: <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/stopsmoking>

Mick Livesey, Chief Revenue Officer at Bromley FC said, “Our supporters are the heartbeat of this club. We’re proud to team up with Bromley Council to share messages that can help fans and the local community stay well. Whether it’s booking an NHS Health Check, getting help to quit smoking, or using tools to cut down on drinking alcohol, we want people to feel supported and to keep enjoying football for years to come.”



An NHS Health Check is designed to spot early signs of serious but often preventable conditions, including heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, type 2 diabetes, and dementia.

If you are aged 40 to 74 and have not already been diagnosed with certain long-term conditions, you may be eligible for an NHS Health Check.

For more information and local support, visit: <http://www.bromley.gov.uk/health>

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## 2026 Subscriptions are now due!

You can pay online using the below details

**OR** via the payment envelope and slip  
(on the back page).

CRA subs remains at **£1** per house.

Donations are very welcome.

On-line payment details:



Sort code: **20-14-33**

Account number: **80302848**



**Account name:** Crofton Residents Association

**Ref:** <Your Name and Road>

# Safer Neighbourhood Team

Met Engage platform: <https://www.metengage.co.uk/>

[Farnborough&Crofton@contact.metengage.co.uk](mailto:Farnborough&Crofton@contact.metengage.co.uk)



## Local Priority Issues

### Priority

### Action taken

Reduce violent offences on the ward including, ASB with violence.

hi visibility patrols, identify individuals with a view to deter

Issued 15 January 2026

Actioned 16 April 2026

Tackle prolific shoplifters across the ward

work with shopkeepers on reporting crime, work to identify individuals and deter from offending

Issued 15 January 2026

Actioned 16 January 2026

To reduce the use of off road bikes and quads in the ward's parks and open spaces, especially Darrick and Newstead Woods, and Farnborough Church Fields and other locations. By means of pro-active and plain clothes operations, and by encouraging the public to report with full descriptions to enable us to identify repeat offenders, issue Section 59 warnings and seize bikes where appropriate.

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Actioned 16 April 2026

Inspector: Stuart Baker

Sergeant: Alice Hammick-Smith

Constable: Ben Cross

Constable: Harry Wilcox



Neighbourhood Watch is a grassroots charitable movement. It is the largest crime prevention voluntary movement in England and Wales and has 2.3 million members. Schemes are run by volunteers across England and Wales supported by local Neighbourhood Watch Associations, and by Neighbourhood Watch Network, the national umbrella organisation for the movement.

For more info and to join in: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

## Beware of Parking in Bus Stops

TfL have been installing cameras to enforce against people who are caught parking in bus stops. Initially thought to cover only Petts Wood station – catching people who pickup and drop off at the station, there have also been reports of tickets issued at bus stops and 'controlled areas' in Orpington High Street.

## CRA Full Accounts – Please bring to the AGM

**7.30pm Friday 17th April**

**St. Paul's Church Hall**

**Crofton Residents Association**  
**Receipts and Payments accounts for year ending 31st December 2025**

Receipts	2025	2024	Payments	2025	2024
Residents' subs and donations	£ 2,728.46	£ 2,619.00	Newsletters	£ 1,134.99	£ 1,534.09
Deposit a/c interest	£ 112.41	£ 126.59	Stationery, post, copying	£ -	£ 16.69
			AGM (Note 1)	£ 535.93	£ 614.31
			CRA Insurance policy	£ 138.57	£ 135.81
			Other Items (Note 2)	£ 170.20	£ -
<b>Total ordinary receipts</b>	<b>£ 2,840.87</b>	<b>£ 2,745.59</b>	<b>Total ordinary payments</b>	<b>£ 1,979.69</b>	<b>£ 2,300.90</b>
Project receipts and other donations. (Note 3)	£ 100.62	£ -	Project spend. (Note 4)	£ 1,989.42	£ -
Filing donations	£ 900.00	£ 970.00	CRA donations (Note 5)	£ 750.00	£ 1,000.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£ 3,841.49</b>	<b>£ 3,715.59</b>	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£ 4,719.11</b>	<b>£ 3,300.90</b>
<b>Balances</b>					
<b>Year begin</b>			<b>Year end</b>		
Current a/c	£ 5,232.89	£ 4,944.79	Current a/c	£ 4,242.86	£ 5,232.89
Deposit a/c	£ 8,541.31	£ 8,414.72	Deposit a/c	£ 8,653.72	£ 8,541.31
Assets	£ 13,774.20	£ 13,359.51	Assets	£ 12,896.58	£ 13,774.20

**Notes to 2025 Receipts and Payments accounts**

Notes refer to payments which CRA has already made or which fall due in 2025.

- Note 1 Includes £367 [hall hire + refundable deposit] for AGM in 2026.  
Hall hire for AGM April 2025 was paid in 2024.  
Refreshments etc for April 2025 AGM = £168.93
- Note 2 Mug and engraving, litter pick refreshments, photo competition vouchers
- Note 3 £100.62 Golf Day surplus; hold over to 2026.
- Note 4 Defibrillator purchase and install (£1557.99); web site development (£431.43).
- Note 5 FoDNW bench repair (£250), Bromley Borough Foodbank (£500)

*Mr Donald Benjamin* 13/3/ 2026  
Treasurer

I have examined the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Crofton Residents Association for the year ending 31st December 2025 and confirm that they represent a true and fair record of the Association's finances.

*Mr Andrew Bird* 13/3/ 2026  
Independent Examiner

**Chairman:** Chris Ford      **6 Morley Close**      07905831499  
**Treasurer:** Don Benjamin      **8 Broughton Road**      850259  
**Secretary:** Mike Lawson      **85 Crofton Road**

**Committee members:** Ted Fenwick, John Greeves, John Perkins,  
Steve Skinner, Peter Bridges.

## Thank You to Our Road Stewards

Alex Birks Agnew	12 St Thomas Drive	Nick / Betty	2 Orchard Green
Christine / Ron Bell	23 Drayton Avenue	Jennie Moreton	190 Crofton Road
Sheila Bristow	10 Hilltop Gardens	Christine McNamara	18 Clareville Road
Charles Castle	8 Highwood Close	Chris Mullender	3 Haverthwaite Rd
Isobel Clowes	22 The Ridge	Zdenka Pazderova	2 Broughton Road
Naomi Colwell	5 Monks Way	Jackie Pile	279 Crofton Road
Ray / Helen Cullern	20 Poplar Av	Jane/Adam Simons	37 Burlington Cl
Terry Easton	3 Newstead Av	Steve Skinner	59 Grange Road
Geoff Evans	28 Lansdowne Av	Jean Smith	85 The Ridge
Chris Ford	6 Morley Close	Julija Jurca	11 Stables End
Anne McIntyre	4 Oakwood Gdns	Mo / Chris Sparks	11 Munnery Way
John Greeves	16 Fairbank Av	Andy Steadman	51 Gumping Road
Ann/Brian Henderson	2 Lovibonds Av	Simon Stewart	29 Crofton Lane
Fang Li	10 Crofton Av	Kim/Keith Austin	68 Grasmere Gdns
Anthony Louis	21 Rose Dale	Allan / Clare	101 Crofton Av
Sandra Watts	7 Romany Rise	Mike Lawson	85 Crofton Road

**Please reach out to your Road Steward,  
or the Committee via phone numbers above  
or Email: [info@croftonra.org.uk](mailto:info@croftonra.org.uk)  
[Crofton RA Website](http://Crofton RA Website)**

**Can you help to support the CRA?  
Subs for 2026 are due:**

The CRA subs remains at **£1** per house.  
Voluntary donations are always welcome.



**Thank you!**

Name:

Subs:

Address:

Voluntary Amount: